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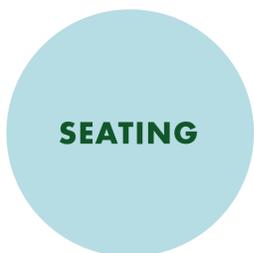


INTRODUCTION

Following the last public event in May, we are excited to share the latest proposals for the improved open space at Eagle Brewery Wharf. We would love to hear what you think before we submit a planning application in early 2024. This is a partnership project between Kingston First and Kingston Council, working with landscape architects Farrer Huxley.

The design has been developed in line with engagement feedback. Further engagement has also been carried out with young people, schools and community groups.

Some key aspects of the design are summarised below:



A variety of seating has been included to cater for different users and needs. This includes new seating along the riverfront.



Two different options for the design of the river edge are being explored, with the aim of improving views to the river. The risks and benefits of each option are being reviewed in line with an Open Water Assessment.



We are looking at options for how the riverside setting and site history could inspire planting, hard materials, play elements, signage and ecology.



New greenery and planting has been developed in collaboration with an ecologist, in order to provide a green and biodiverse landscape.

- Winter 2020 - 2021 Initial stakeholder and public consultation (businesses, community groups and residents)
- Spring 2021 **Design proposals developed by Davies White Ltd**
- January 2022 Agreement on project funding and next steps

February 2023 Farrer Huxley selected to develop the design and enable delivery of the project on site

May 2023 Key stakeholder engagement (businesses, community groups and residents)

20th May 2023 Public Engagement Event 1

June & July 2023 Engagement workshops focusing on the smaller details of the design; input from young people and key stakeholders (community groups and schools)

August - September 2023 Development of the design and further work to understand costs

October - November 2023 Development of the design, incorporating feedback from public and stakeholder engagement (businesses, community groups and residents)

**25th November 2023 Public Engagement Event 2
Online engagement open until 10th December**

December 2023 - February 2024 Development of the design for planning submission, incorporating final feedback from public and stakeholders (businesses, community groups and residents)

February 2024 - April 2024 Target planning submission

March 2024 - May 2024 Development of technical drawings for construction

October 2024 Target start date for construction

Spring 2025 Target completion date



YOUR FEEDBACK



View from the high street

YOU SAID

"Would be good to have more comfortable seating and maybe picnic type tables. Would like lots more greenery, could also be good to have covered areas."

"Would like to see community planting group getting involved too."

"There isn't enough space by the river to sit and enjoy it. Nowhere for a picnic or to sit with a coffee and a book."

"Relaxing/lounging platforms are hard to share - if one or two people sit down they take over the whole space."

"Playground for children, quiet seating area for adults, avoid large group gatherings"

"Would especially like to see colourful biodiverse planting incorporated into children's natural play"

"Having more signage on the high street for knowing where the site is, especially for people who are not local."

"Activities for broader range of ages and economic situations."

"Edge protection to river, safer for children"

"Very nice to see the proposals reflect the history and charm of the place."

WE DID

100%
WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE GREENERY AND TREES

MORE GREENERY AND TREES

- An urban forest will create a green respite from the town centre.
- Enhanced green edge and a mix of planting species across the space.

95%
WOULD LIKE THE SITE TO BE BETTER CONNECTED TO THE RIVER

BETTER CONNECTION TO THE RIVER & SEATING NEXT TO THE RIVER

- New seating along the riverfront.
- New trees will provide much needed shade in the summer.

78%
THINK THAT THE EXISTING SPACE DOES NOT OFFER A GOOD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

BETTER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

- Variety of spaces that offer different types of activity, including quiet seating, play, opportunity for board games, table tennis tables and a flexible platform for informal activities.
- Inclusion of water and power source for activities.

62%
WOULD LIKE BETTER WAYFINDING AND IMPROVED ENTRANCES

IMPROVED WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE

- Inclusion of welcoming entrance signage.
- Design details that celebrate the history and heritage of the site.

55%
THINK THAT THE EXISTING SPACE IS NOT ATTRACTIVE FOR ALL AGES

ATTRACTIVE FOR ALL AGES

- Seating with backrests and armrests.
- Seating in both quiet and more lively areas.
- Play opportunities for all ages.



ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN

- New seating and trees have been introduced to the riverfront.
- A playful platform in the centre of the space offers informal seating and invites different activities, such as busking or small open-air performances.
- Planters are used to separate private and public space.
- The existing green edge is made more biodiverse with insect and pollinator friendly planting.
- A play trail is nestled within the green edge.
- Different types of seating are provided for both quiet relaxation and more lively, social activities.
- Table tennis tables and picnic tables where board games can be played, provide opportunities for intergenerational play and activities.
- The design allows for a wide a range of uses. This will create a well-used, well-loved and safe place.



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| ① The Ram pub garden | ⑥ Power and water connection for activities | ⑩ Existing moorings |
| ② Picnic tables where board games can be played | ⑦ Quiet seating pockets bordered by planting | ⑪ Improved riverfront edge |
| ③ Table tennis table | ⑧ Green edge with play trail | ⑫ Retractable bollards (existing retained) |
| ④ Playful seating pods by the riverfront | ⑨ Swift tower | ⑬ Car park and access from High Street (existing retained) |
| ⑤ Timber platform that allows for informal activities and seating | | |

ILLUSTRATIVE VIEWS

CONNECTING EAGLE BREWERY WHARF TO THE RIVER

- A key aim of the design is to improve views to the river.
- Seating pods along the riverfront offer different seating types and direct views to the river.
- The walking route along the river draws people into the site and allows for more seating along the water's edge.
- A varied planting palette is inspired by the river setting and the history of the site.



Timber platform and quieter seating pockets along the green edge

A GREEN POCKET ON THE HIGH STREET

- Trees along the riverfront create natural shade, as well as green corridors for wildlife.
- A space that helps people to feel more connected with nature.
- Greenery creates attractive views and increases biodiversity.



A range of riverside seating options for different users and needs



Riverfront seating below tree canopies

A RANGE OF SPACES AND SEATING OPTIONS

- The design includes a range of spaces that have different characters and seating options.
- The different areas vary in scale and feel, allowing for more lively social activities or quiet relaxation.
- The space includes a range of comfortable seating with backrests and armrests.



A welcoming entrance from the high street with trees framing the view to the river

OFFERING A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

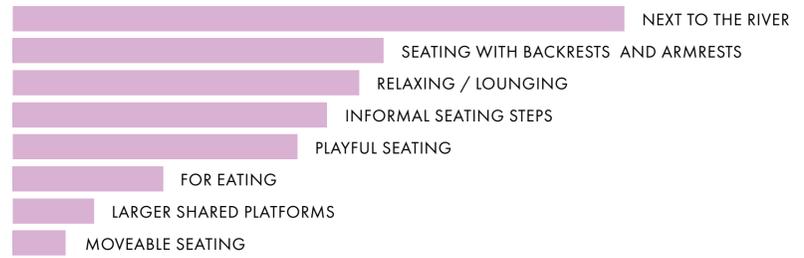
- A wide range activities will animate the space.
- The space includes a play trail for climbing, jumping, balancing and exploring.
- Activities such as board games and table tennis have been included as a response to public feedback.
- Picnic tables allow families to eat outside.
- A central platform provides space for a informal activities such as busking, small open-air performances, pop-up exhibitions / markets and community workshops.

RANGE OF SEATING

- A range of seating caters for different users, preferences and needs.
- Views, shade, proximity to play space and flexibility have all been considered in the placement of seating.

WHAT TYPE OF SEATING WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT EAGLE BREWERY WHARF?

YOUR FEEDBACK



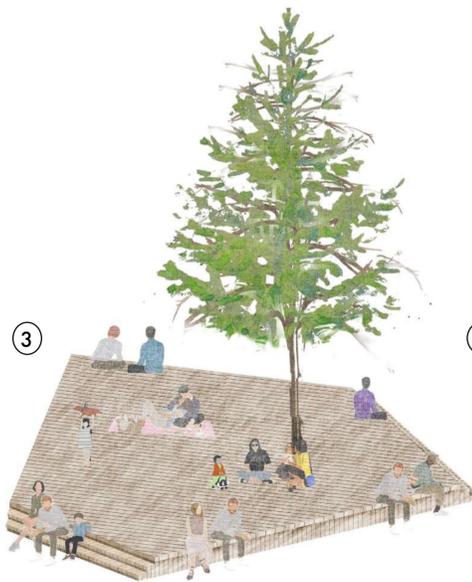
SEATING PODS ALONG RIVERFRONT

- People can sit and face in different directions.
- The arrangement allows smaller groups to sit together.
- Stretches of seating with backrests and armrests provide choice and comfort.
- Trees provide natural shade.



SEATING POCKETS ALONG GREEN EDGE

- Two seating pockets set within planting.
- Backrests and armrests included for comfort.
- Trees provide shade, making this a comfortable place to sit and read.
- Somewhere quieter to sit, further away from the riverfront.
- Seating close to the play area allows children to be supervised.



CENTRAL PLATFORM

- Large platform that allows for busking, performances, exhibitions, picnics, exercise classes or seating.
- In the last engagement people asked for somewhere to lounge, made from a comfortable material and with a raised surface.
- The platform wraps around a feature tree and creates a focal point within the space.
- Power and water supply has been integrated to allow for activities.



PLANTERS

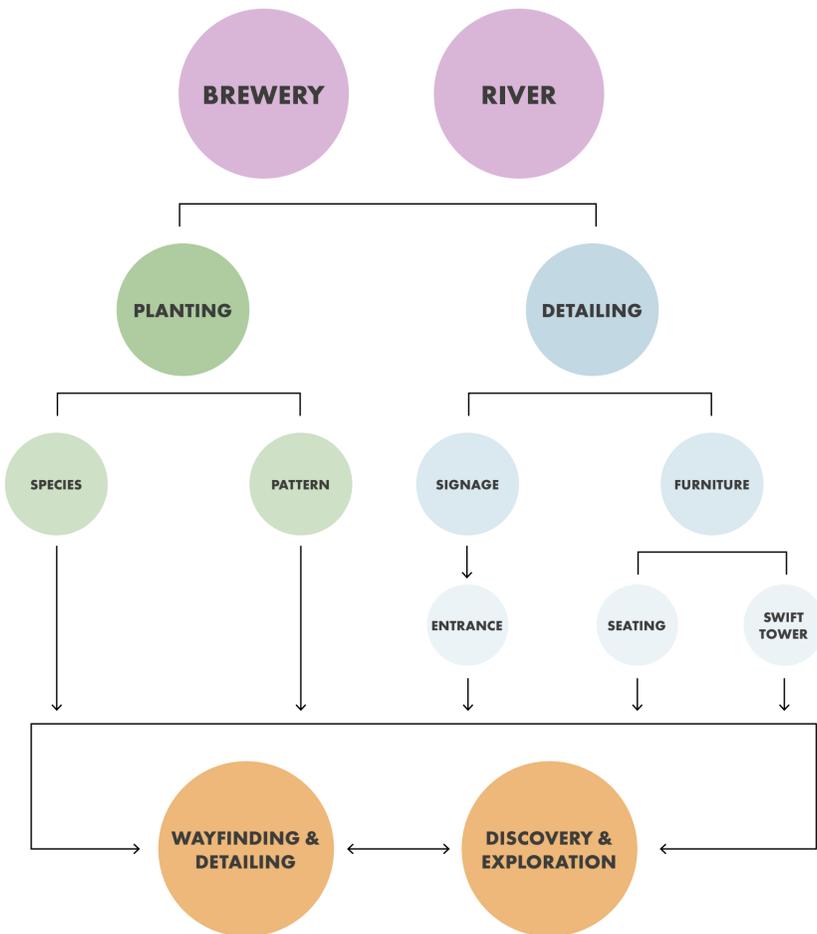
- Timber seating is built into the side of the planters beneath smaller trees.
- More informal seating without backrests and armrests.
- This seating is perfect for people watching as it faces both the middle of the space and more active areas.



View from the river

WAYFINDING & DETAILING

- People can find out about the history of the site and local area through wayfinding and detailing incorporated into furniture, surfaces and planting.
- The ideas below are inspired by the riverside setting and the historic brewery.
- Detailing will add character and texture, and it will be informative.



PLANT SELECTION INSPIRED BY THE RIVER

- The planting palette includes species that are typically found along the river, such as Meadowsweet and Red Valerian.



Red Valerian



Meadowsweet

PLANT SELECTION INSPIRED BY THE BREWERY

- Grassy species such as Barley and Hops reference the brewery that gives the space its name.



Barley



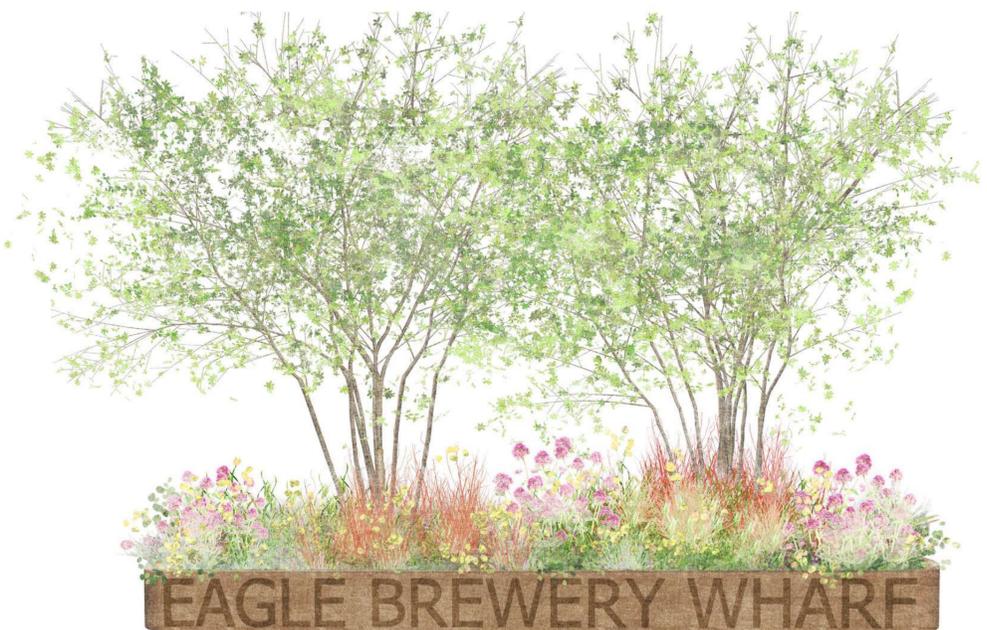
Hops

ENTRANCE SIGNAGE

- Welcoming entrance signage could be added to raised planters (in a similar way to that used at Queen's Promenade).



Existing signage at Queen's Promenade



HERITAGE AND WAYFINDING PLAQUES

- Plaques on the ground signpost landmarks and points of interest.



Existing plaque found in the Ancient Market Place



Proposed heritage plaque that refers to the site's historic use as a brewery



Proposed wayfinding plaque that signposts landmarks and points of interest



WAYFINDING & DETAILING

- The proposals may include a combination of the ideas shown on boards 6 and 7.
- The final proposals will be subject to costs.
- This will be further developed in a later stage of the project.

FURNITURE DETAILS

- You can learn about the history of the site as you sit in the space. Text on the furniture references the Fricker's Eagle Brewery, which once stood here.



A PATTERN FOR EAGLE BREWERY WHARF

- Patterns on planters and seating is being explored as a way of bringing a clear identity to the space.

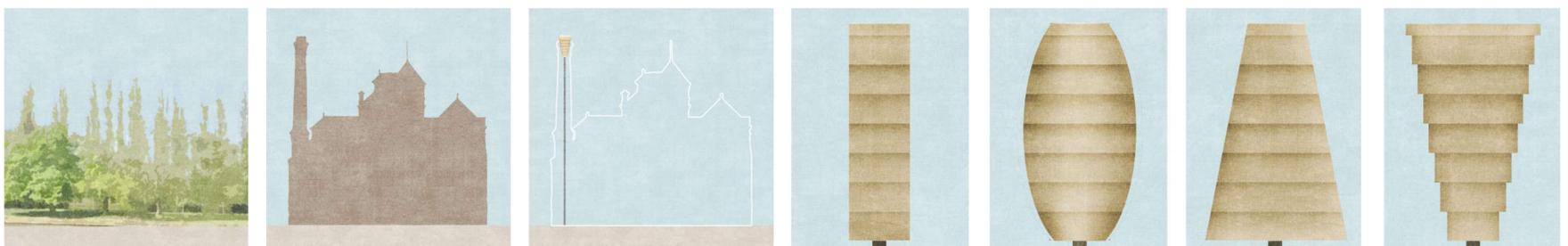


SWIFT TOWER

- A swift tower where birds can nest could be added to the space.

- This idea has been inspired by the chimney of the old brewery.

- Located where the chimney used to be, it would act as a distinctive landmark.



ACTIVITY & AMENITY

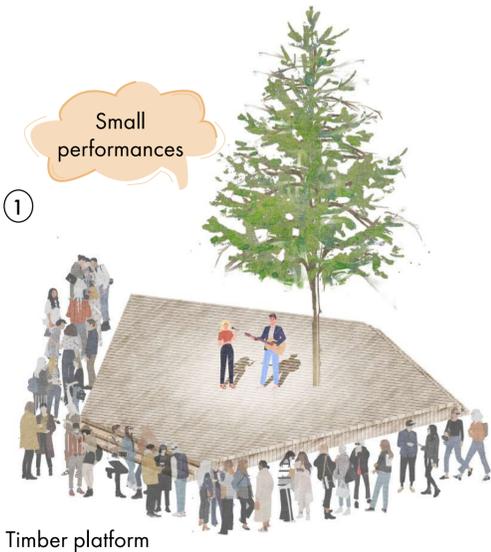
A FLEXIBLE AND FUN SPACE

- The space is flexible, allowing for different sorts of activities.
- The central platform can be used for small performances, such as busking, theatre, poetry and dance. Small pop-up exhibitions and markets can also be held in the space.
- Table tennis tables provide active recreation.
- Picnic tables can also be used as chess tables for quiet recreation.
- A play trail is found within the green edge.
- The existing timber seats could be reused by turning these into play features, such as log circles or balancing beams.

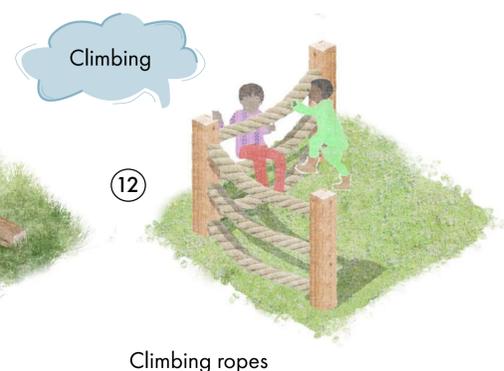
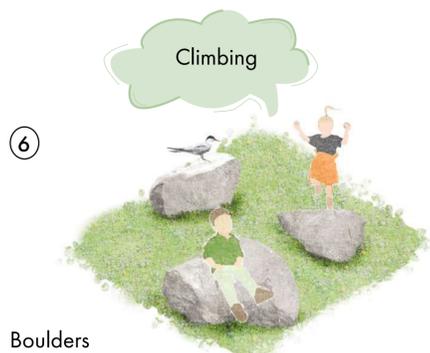
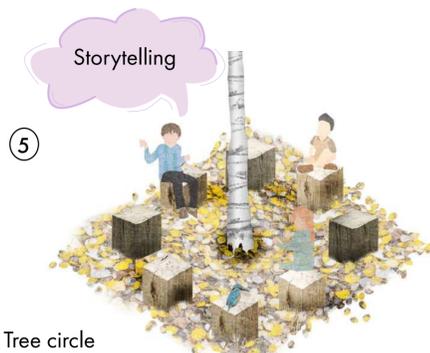


- ① Central platform
- ② Chess and picnic tables
- ③ Table tennis
- ④ Power and water connection
- ⑤ Tree circle
- ⑥ Boulders
- ⑦ Stepping stones
- ⑧ Jumping blocks
- ⑨ Rope bridge
- ⑩ Discovery paths
- ⑪ Wildlife refuge
- ⑫ Climbing ropes

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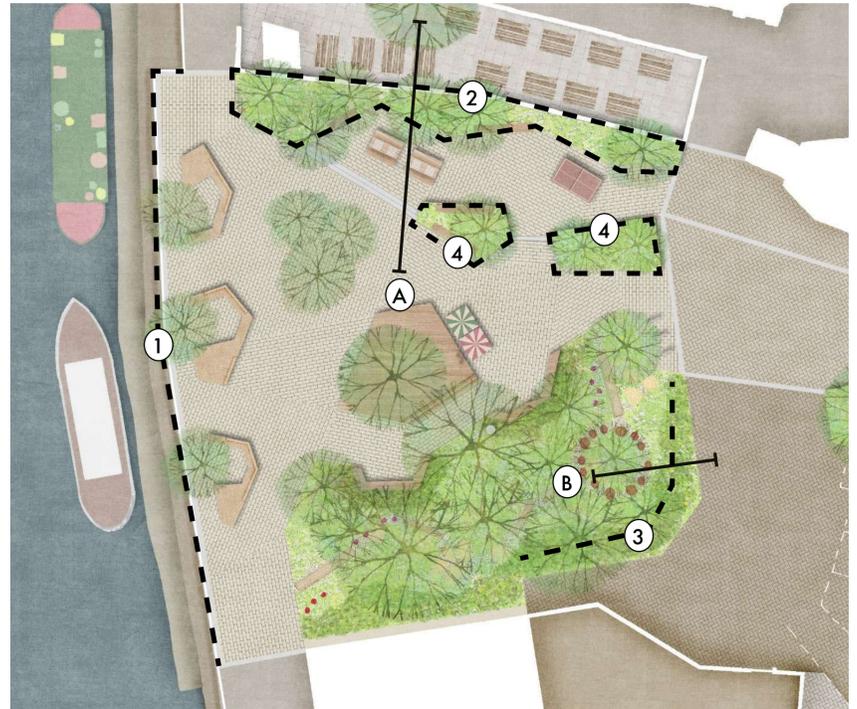
PLAY TRAIL



BOUNDARIES & RIVERFRONT

CREATING A SAFE, INCLUSIVE SPACE

- The space has been arranged into a number of zones for different activities. This includes clear boundaries between public and private spaces.
- Different options for the riverfront are being explored. The goal is to improve views to the river through the design of the river edge, planters and tree canopies.
- Clear pathways and views through the space have been important in the design of the river edge, planters and tree canopies.
- The sunken pub garden is separated from the site by a raised planting bed. It is clear which space is public and which belongs to The Ram.
- A safe play space is created within the green edge. There is railing (set within hedges) between the play space and private car park.



- ① Riverfront edge
- ② Boundary with The Ram pub garden
- ③ Boundary with private car park
- ④ Raised planters

① OPTIONS FOR THE BOUNDARY WITH THE RIVER

NO RAILING OR WALL



The low wall along the riverfront is removed, creating clear views of the water.



SIMPLE STEEL RAILING



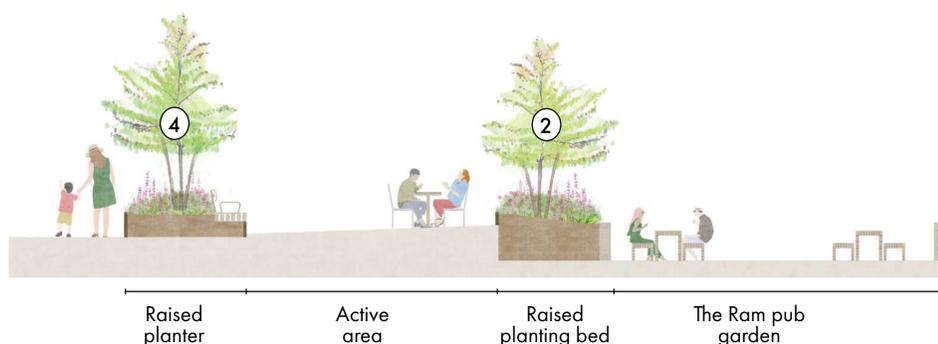
The low wall along the riverfront is removed, and a new railing is introduced.



DESIGN OF BOUNDARIES

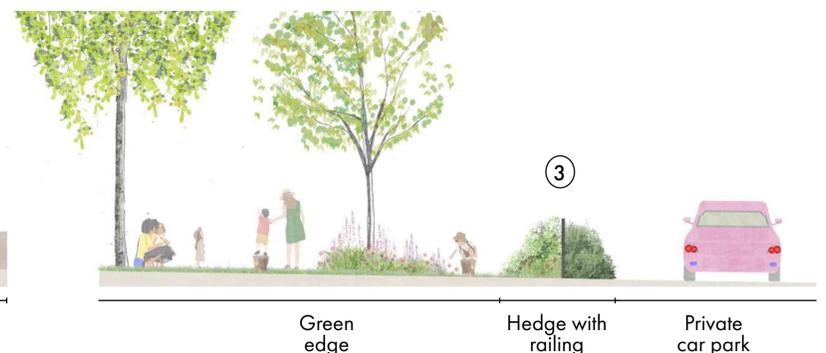
SECTION A

Area beside The Ram pub garden



SECTION B

Green boundary with car park





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HAVE YOUR SAY

NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking part. If you don't have time to stop today, you can still complete a questionnaire online. You can find all of the information on our website. The questionnaire will be open until Sunday 10th December.

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