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INTRODUCTION

We are excited to share the latest sketch proposals for public realm improvements at Eagle Brewery Wharf, which build on the previous work carried out by Kingston First and Kingston Council in 2020 and 2021.

Initial design themes were drawn up for the site following local engagement in 2021. We are now working with Landscape Architects Farrer Huxley to build on those themes and create proposals which are both deliverable and which align with the emerging Local Plan and the developing plan for the Kingston town centre area: 'Your Vision Our Future'.

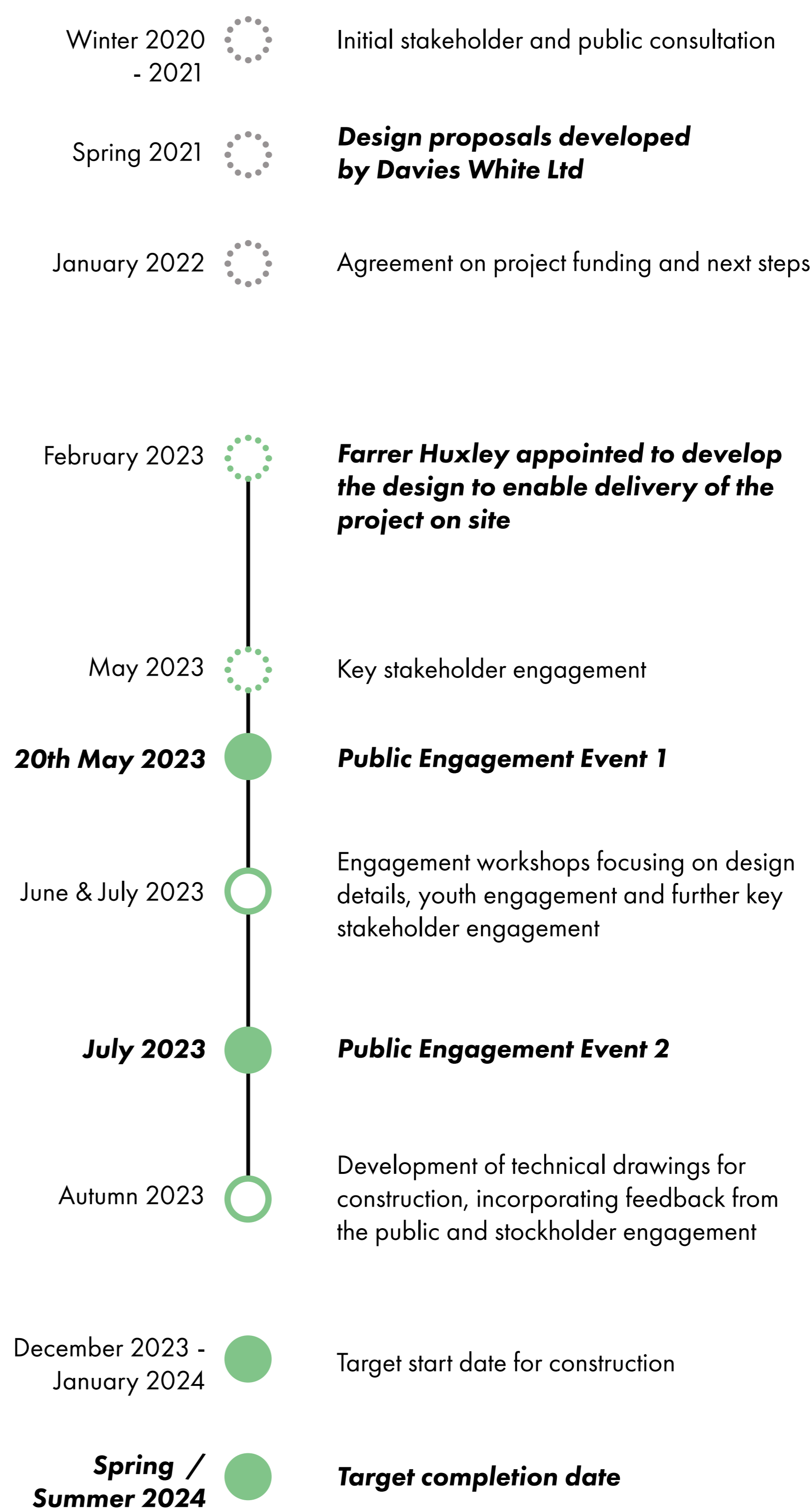
We want to make sure that the design themes for the site continue to reflect local aspirations. We are therefore especially keen to hear from groups who were under represented in the first round of engagement, such as young people.

We would now like to have your feedback on:

- The updated landscape proposals.
- Ideas relating to seating, activities and play.

The designs are still in the early stages and are an opportunity to test people's appetite for being closer to the river.

Please use the stickers provided to vote for what you like best, or complete a questionnaire online by scanning this QR code.



Farrer Huxley is an award-winning landscape architecture practice, founded upon the belief that landscape makes a fundamental difference to people's lives. Through over 25 years of practice, we have come to understand that the success of a place is dependent upon putting people at its heart. By placing communities at the centre of our design process, Farrer Huxley has built a strong reputation for engaging and empowering.



TOWN CENTRE

KEY SPACES & PROJECTS



Eagle Brewery Wharf

Initial design proposals developed in 2020 and 2021. Farrer Huxley appointed to develop further proposals in spring 2023.

To be completed on site in spring/ summer 2024.



Memorial Gardens

Initial design proposals developed in 2020 and 2021. Design team to be appointed to develop further proposals in 2023.

To be completed on site in summer 2024.



Riverside ^[1]

Public realm improvements will be delivered between John Lewis and the riverside, complementing the new community use (FUSEbox) and affordable workspace (to be completed 2023).

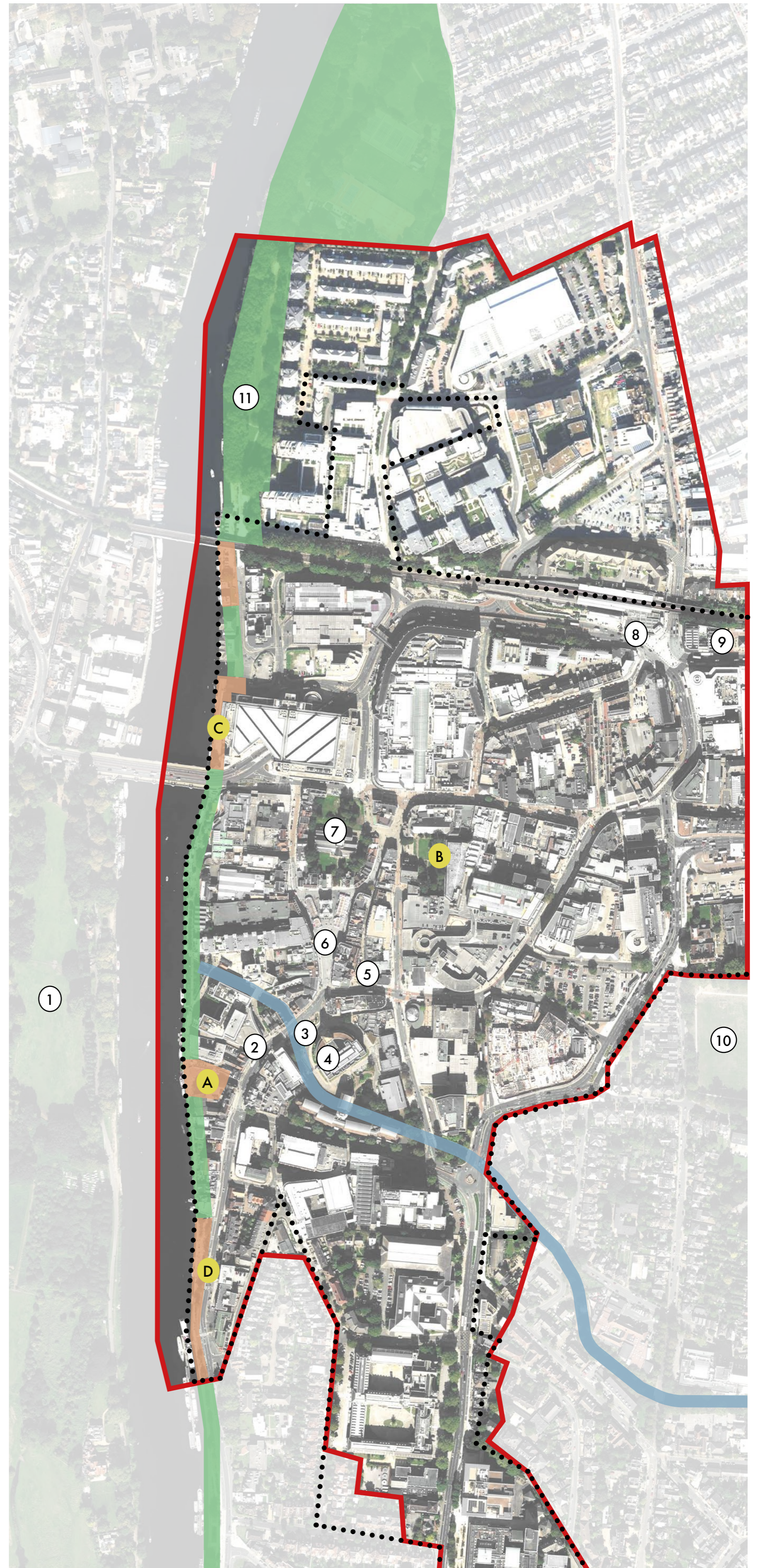


Queen's Promenade

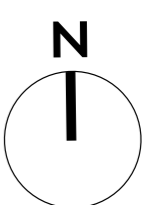
Public realm improvements to the riverfront, including a 1.6km two-way cycle track.

Completed in Spring 2017.

- ① Home Park
- ② Rose Theatre
- ③ Coronation Stone
- ④ Guildhall
- ⑤ Apple Market
- ⑥ Ancient Market Place
- ⑦ All Saints Church
- ⑧ Kingston Train Station
- ⑨ Cromwell Road Bus Station
- ⑩ Fairfield Recreation Ground
- ⑪ Canbury Gardens



- Thames Riverside Walk
- Hogsmill River
- Key Riverfront Spaces
- Key Public Realm Projects
- ⋯ Kingston BID
- Kingston Metropolitan Town Centre Boundary





DESIGN JOURNEY

Principles from design documents and guidance such as the Mayor's 'Expanding London's Public Realm - Design Guide' (2020) have been taken into account when developing the design.

We are exploring and seeking to incorporate activities that promote well-being and safety within the public realm proposals at Eagle Brewery Wharf.



Existing view of Eagle Brewery Wharf

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT



Maximising pockets of seating



Clear & inviting routes



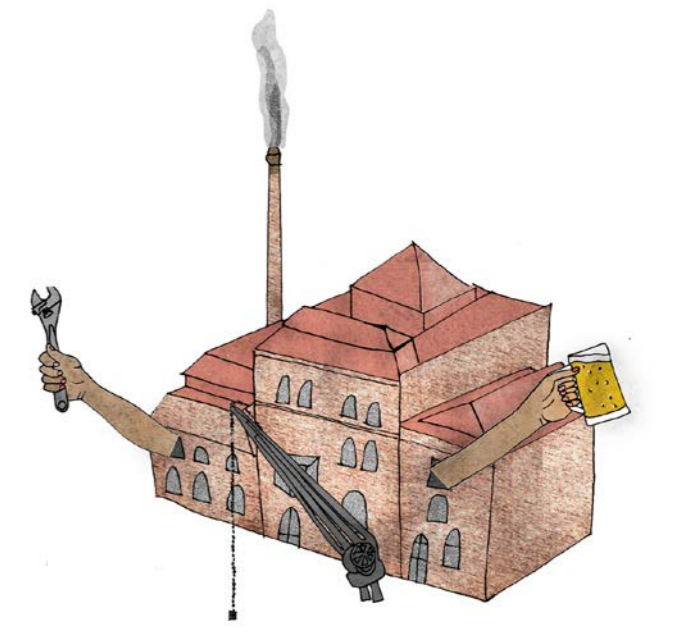
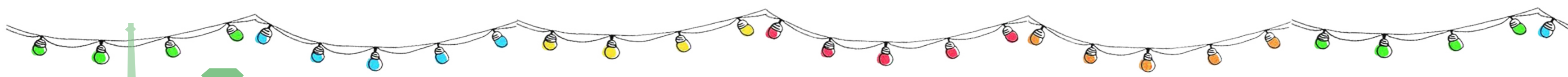
Space for small events or active recreation



Playful green edge

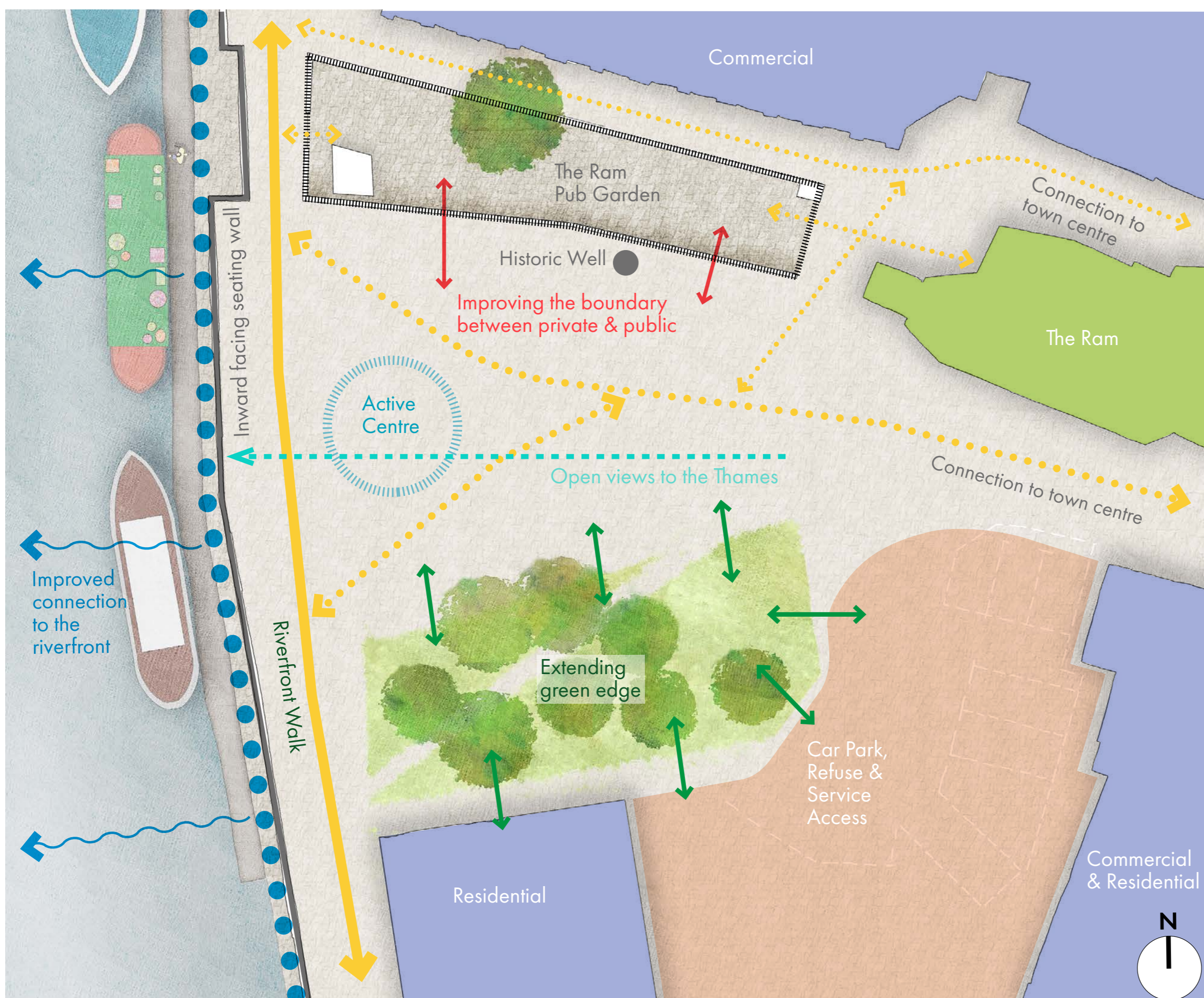
	Previous Design 2021	Design Update
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating with river views. Opportunity for play within woodland area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wider range of activities explored. Play and exploration for all ages. Space for small informal events, workshops or classes.
Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating facing river only. Little diversity proposed. All benches grouped together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different types of seating. Seating proposed in varied locations. Variety of heights and depths of seats. Shaded, sheltered and sunny positions.
River Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised river wall removed. New railing to promote views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised river wall removed. Generous balustrade with signage.
Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fence to car park at the back of green area. Area separated from rest of space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote overlooking of public open space to reduce anti social behaviour. Planting proposed instead of fence to retain views across the site.





EXISTING SITE

CONSIDERATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



Consideration **Opportunity**



Seating facing away from Thames ^[1]



Seating facing towards Thames ^[2]



Little planting



Enhanced greenery and play ^[3]

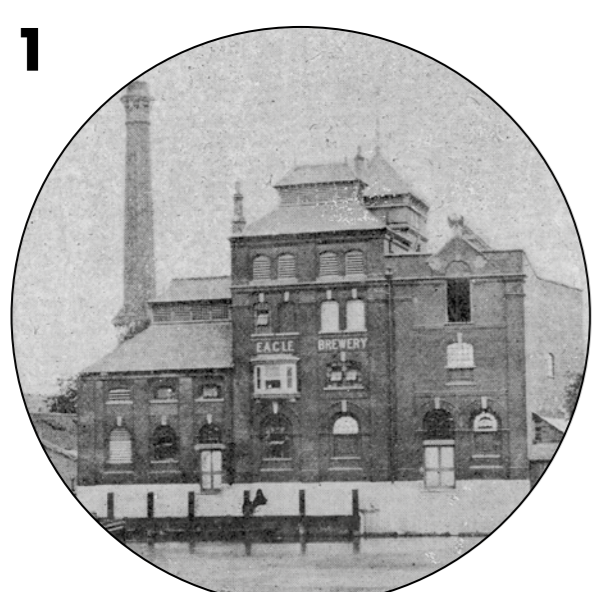


Lack of opportunity for different activities and variety of seating for visitors ^[4]



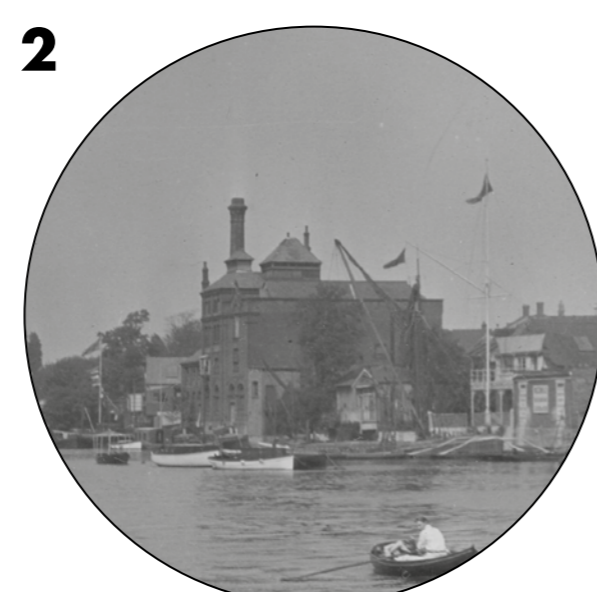
Offer a wider range of activities for all ages and abilities ^[5]

HISTORY & HERITAGE



1870 - 1923

Fricker's Eagle Brewery ^[6]



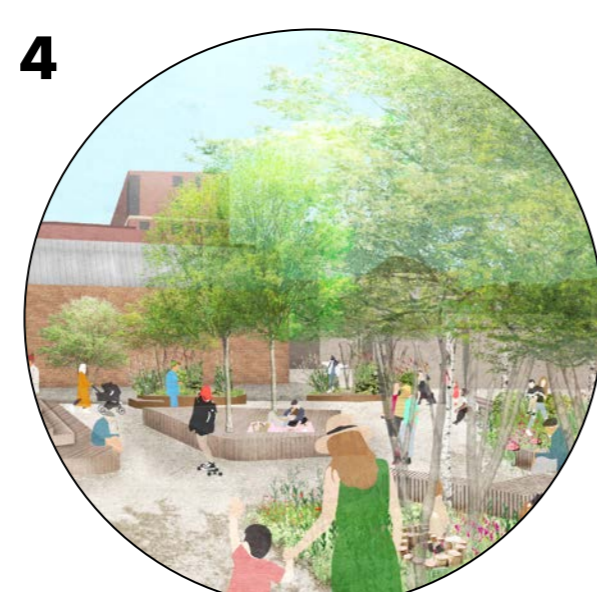
1923 - 1970

Coal Wharf ^[7]



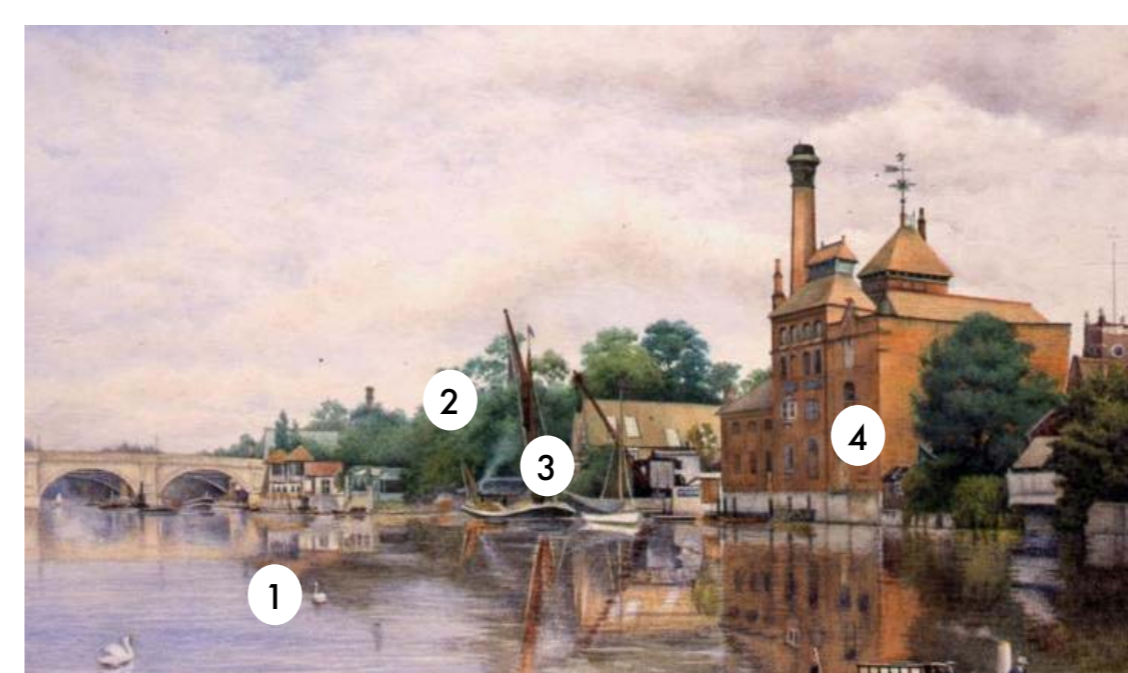
1970 - 2024

Public Open Space



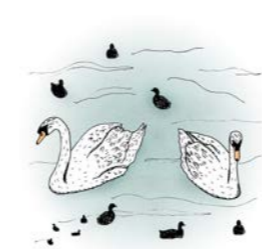
2024 +

A New Space



Painting of Eagle Brewery Wharf by CA Brindley 1910 ^[8]

1 Connection to the water



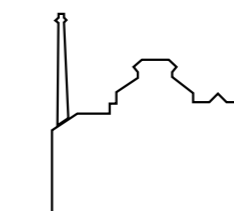
3 Working riverfront



2 Pockets of green



4 Industrial building

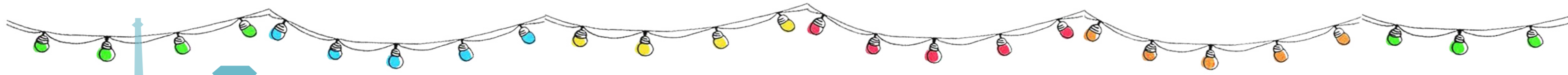


Eagle Brewery was founded by Thomas Fricker, remaining a brewery until 1914 when it was repurposed as a coal wharf. In 1970, it was bought by the council and demolished, temporarily accommodating council offices before becoming a public open space in 1988. In 2010, improvements were made to the space resulting in the site that exists today.

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AIMS & ASPIRATIONS

2. Offering a range of activities



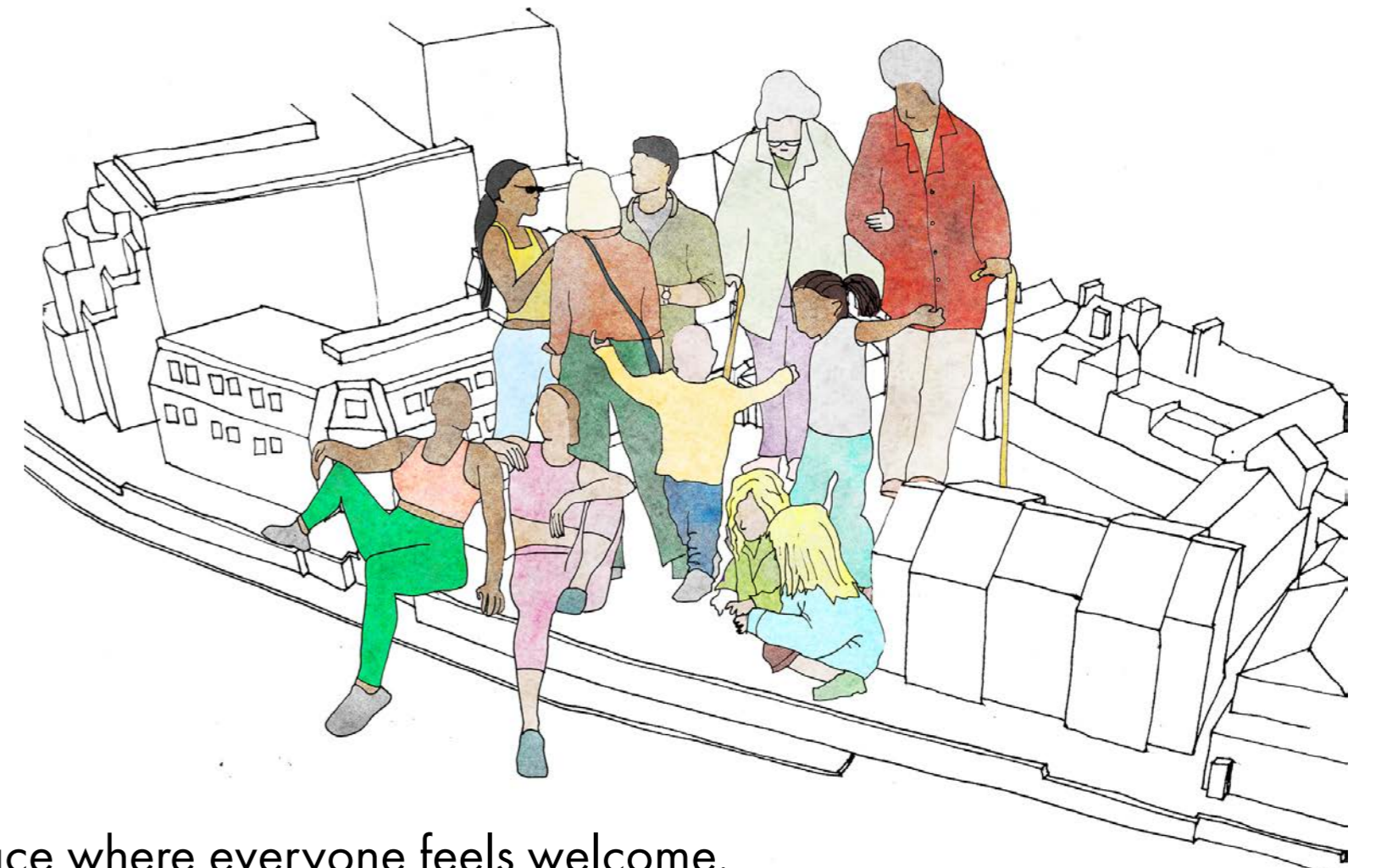
- A range of activities can be accommodated within the site, offering something to do for the whole community.

4. Connecting Eagle Brewery Wharf to the river



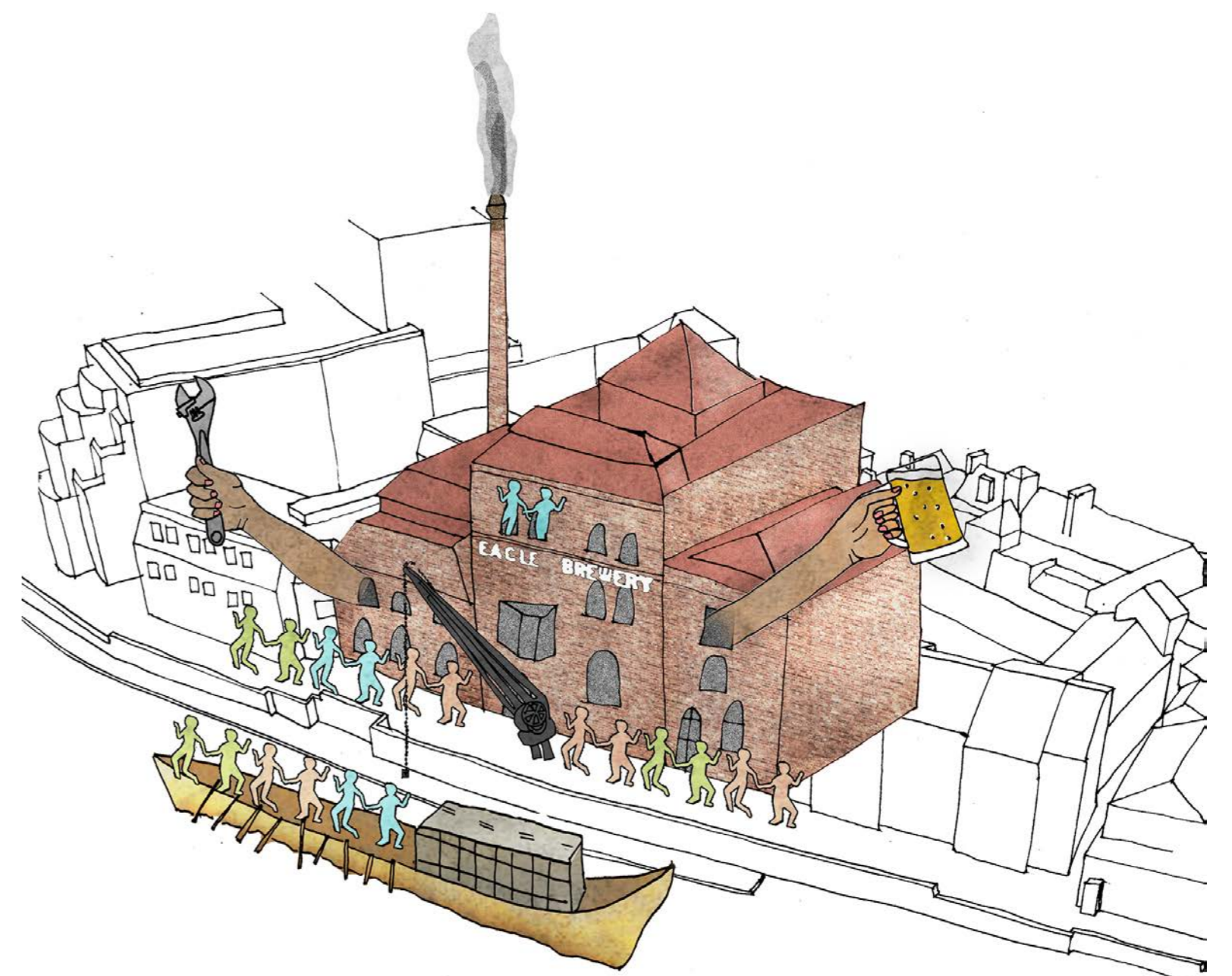
- Improving views and connecting the site to the river.
- Bringing visitors and the local community closer to the water.
- Bringing qualities of the river into the space.

1. A truly public space



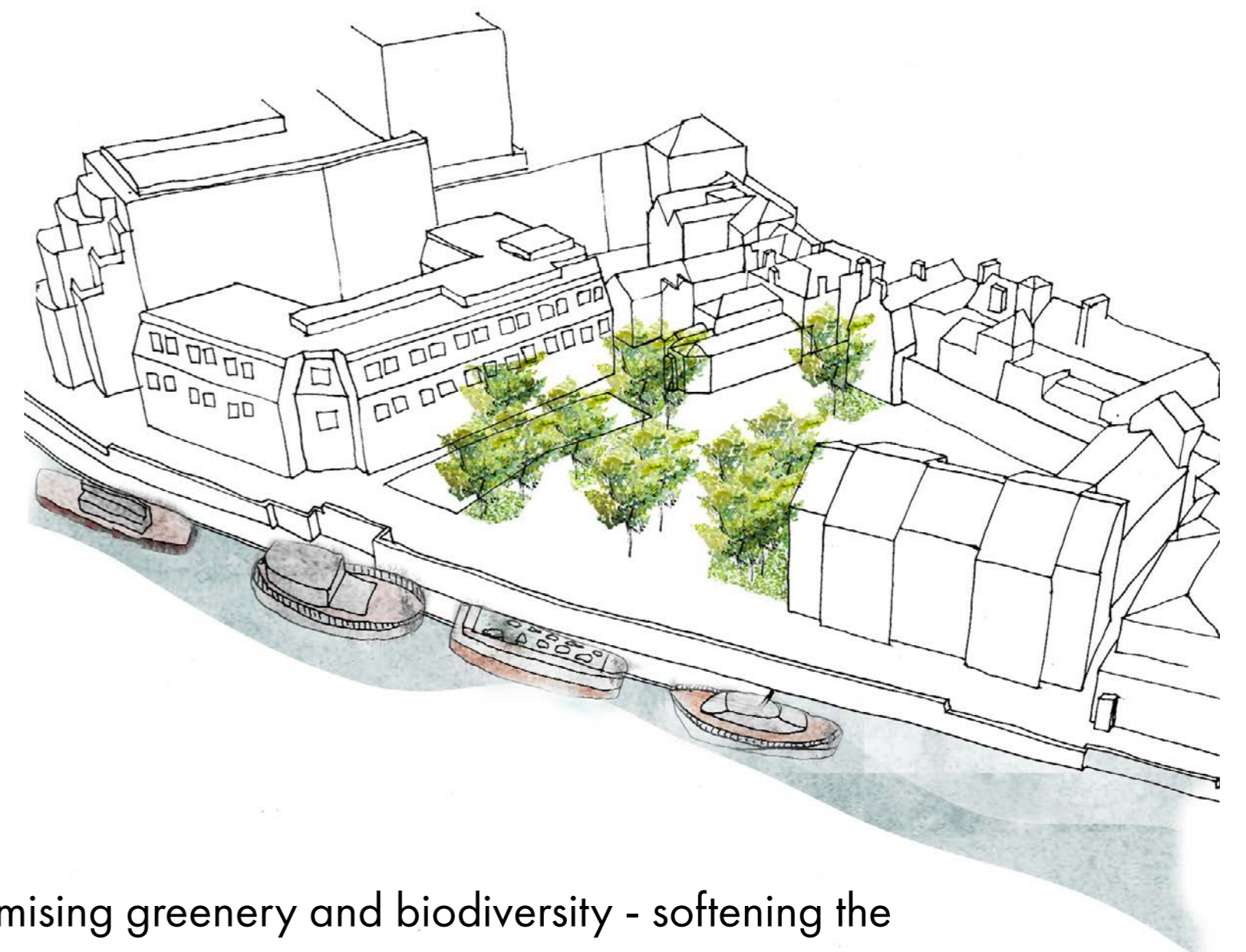
- A space where everyone feels welcome.
- An inclusive and equitable landscape without barriers and borders and with access for all.

3. Celebrating the history and heritage of the site and its surroundings



- Connecting the site to its name - adding details that link the site with its history and heritage to create a distinct and interesting place.

5. A place for nature to thrive



- Maximising greenery and biodiversity - softening the site and creating links to surrounding green space.





SKETCH PLAN

- The raised river wall is removed and replaced with a railing, improving views to the river and Hampton Court Park (Home Park).
- A pair of playful platforms are added at the heart of the space, offering informal seating close to the river.
- Planters help to define the space, sensitively and softly demarcating private and public open space.
- The existing green edge is enhanced with insect and pollinator friendly planting, introducing more biodiverse habitat.
- Playful routes through greenery to be explored.
- Different types of seating proposed to accommodate both quiet, contemplative areas and more lively, social areas.
- The design seeks to enable a range of uses for Eagle Brewery Wharf to promote an active, well-loved and safe space along the river.



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|---|---|
| ① Playful seating islands | ⑥ Potential new stepped access into pub garden
(To be further discussed and confirmed) |
| ② Green edge with natural play opportunities | ⑦ Welcoming entrance from High Street |
| ③ Potential licensed area for pubs
(Extent and desire for pubs to use area to be further explored and confirmed) | ⑧ Potential space for kiosk / coffee cart |
| ④ Riverfront walk | ⑨ Existing moorings |
| ⑤ The Ram pub garden
(As existing) | ⑩ Retractable bollards
(As existing) |
| | ⑪ New railing with timber top to river |



SKETCH VIEW

Let us know what you think of the proposals?

- What do you like?
- Is there anything you don't like?
- Is there something else you might like to see?



1. Do you like this design?

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No Ok Very much



Playful seating platforms ^[1]

2. Is the seating in the right position?

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No Sort of Yes

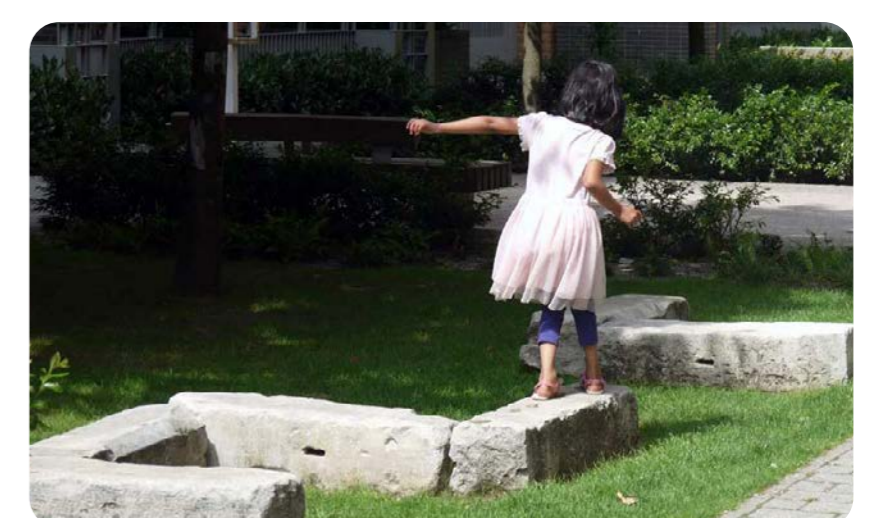


Seating nestled against planting ^[2]

3. Does the design offer a range of seating to suit a variety of users?

←-----|-----→

Could offer more Ok Yes, it has a good range



Informal play on the way ^[3]

4. Does this design provide an improved connection with the riverfront?

←-----|-----→

No Sort of Yes

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OTHER POSSIBILITIES

- An alternative option is also being explored, which takes a different approach to the river wall. This option is subject to potential funding and close collaboration with the surrounding residents, particularly those who live on boats along the river.
- The raised river wall is removed to improve views to the river and Hampton Court Park (Home Park).
- Steps with integrated timber seating are carved into the site from the river wall, maximising opportunities for facing the river whilst seated. The private jetty is preserved, as the steps don't reach all the way to water's edge.

- 1 Stepped seating facing river (subject to cost and further conversations with the existing moorings)
- 2 Green edge with natural play opportunities
- 3 Playful seating island
- 4 Riverfront walk
- 5 The Ram pub garden (as existing)
- 6 Potential licensed area for pub use (desire from pubs for use and extent of space to be explored/confirmed)
- 7 Welcoming entrance from High Street
- 8 Space for kiosk / coffee cart
- 9 Existing moorings
- 10 Retractable bollards (As existing)
- 11 New railing with timber top to river



Seating and steps facing the river ^[1]



Informal play to be explored ^[2]



Biodiverse planting



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HAVE YOUR SAY

Place a sticker next to the image or images that describe the activities you would like to see (and think are most important) at Eagle Brewery Wharf.

ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES



Small daytime events ^[1]



Opportunity for active recreation ^[2]



Family picnics ^[3]



Kiosk ^[4]



Pop-up exhibition space ^[5]



Interpretative signage ^[6]



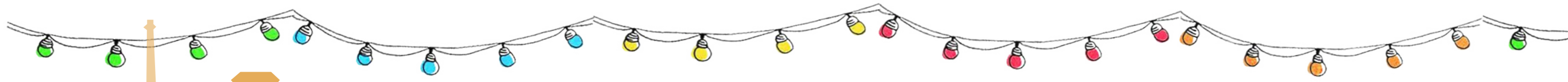
Catching up with friends ^[7]



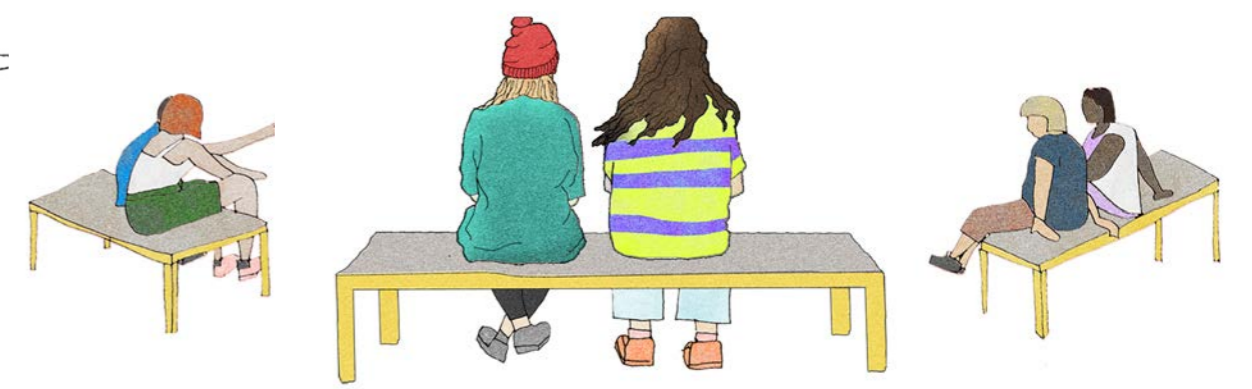
Quiet seating ^[8]



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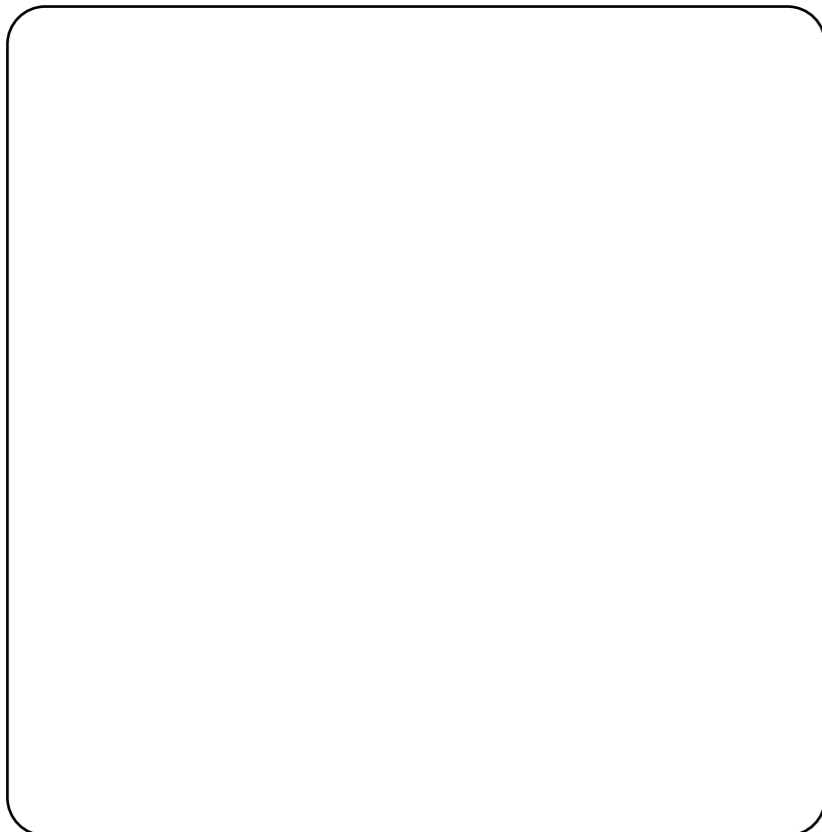
What type of seating would like to see at Eagle Brewery Wharf?

Place a sticker underneath the type of seating that you would like or let us know about another type.

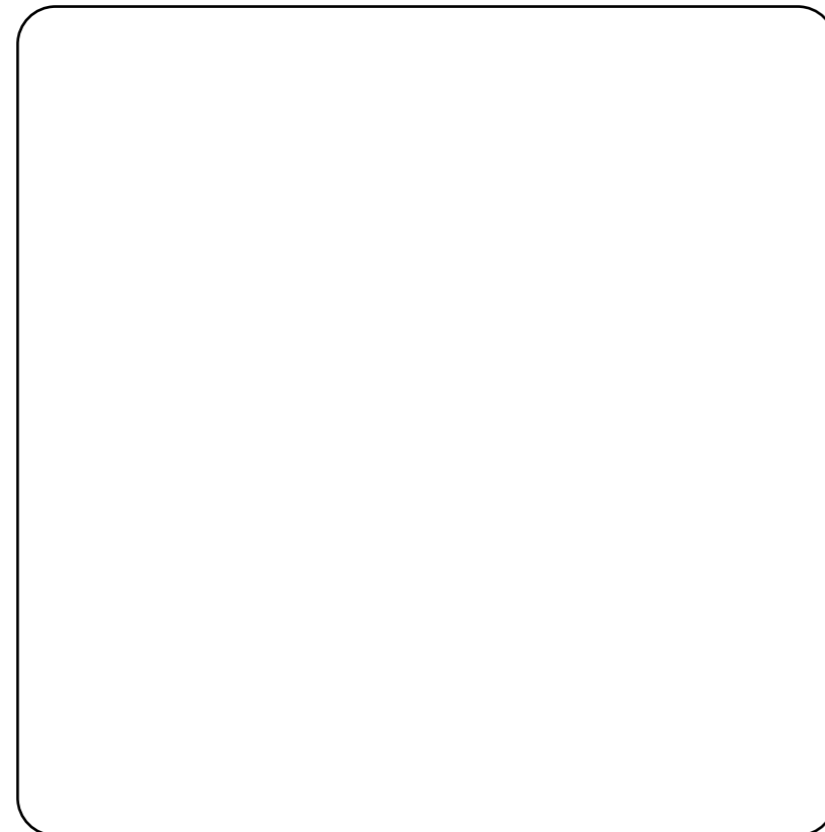
TYPES OF SEATING



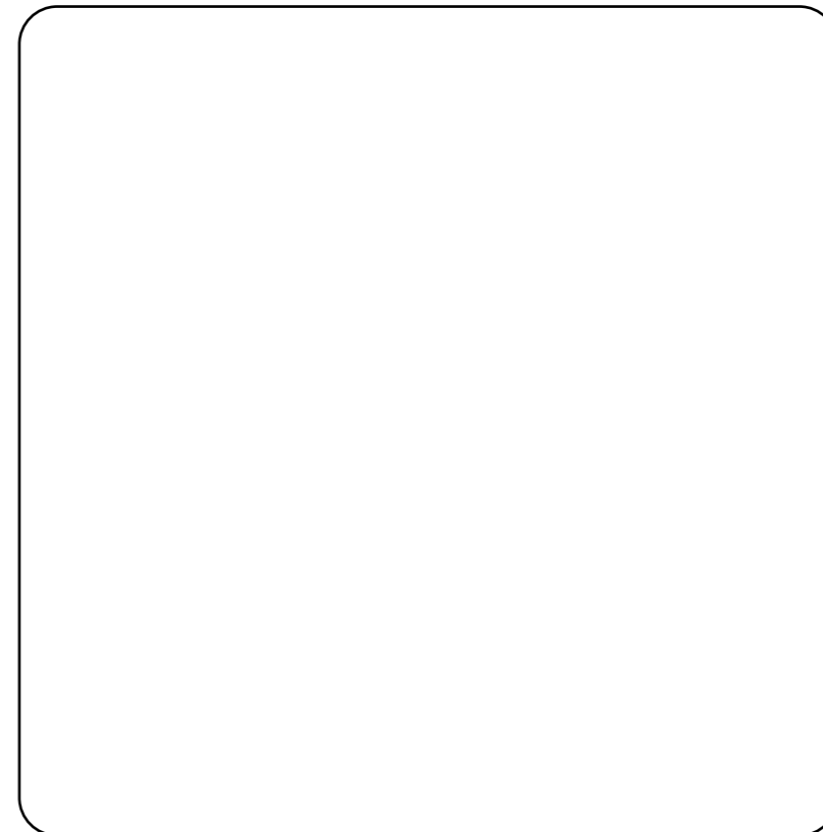
Next to the river ^[1]



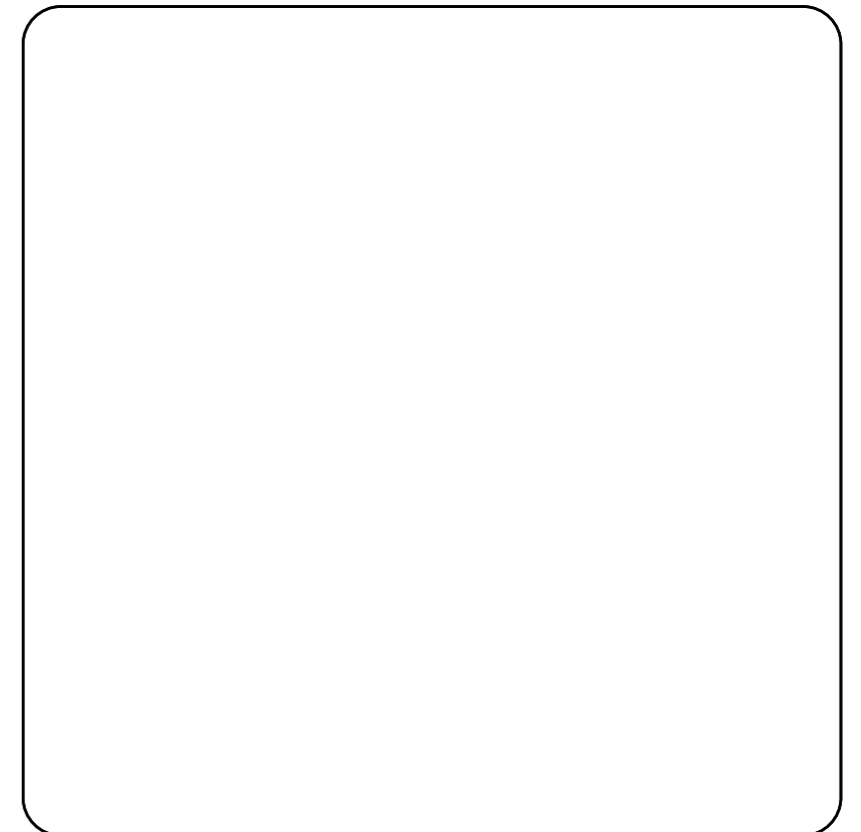
Relaxing / lounging ^[2]



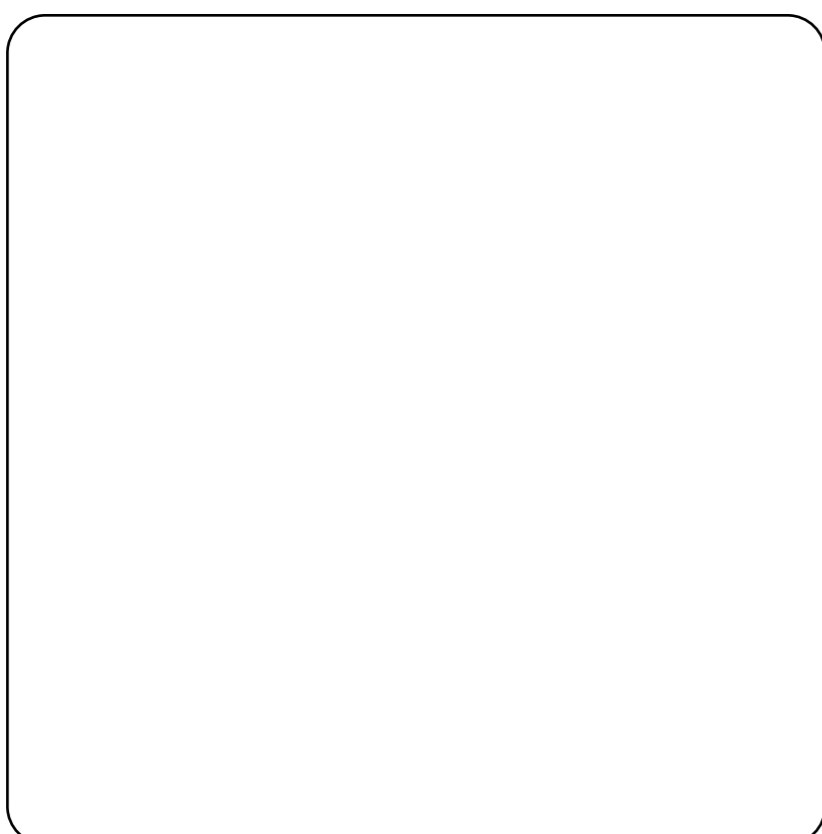
Larger shared platforms ^[3]



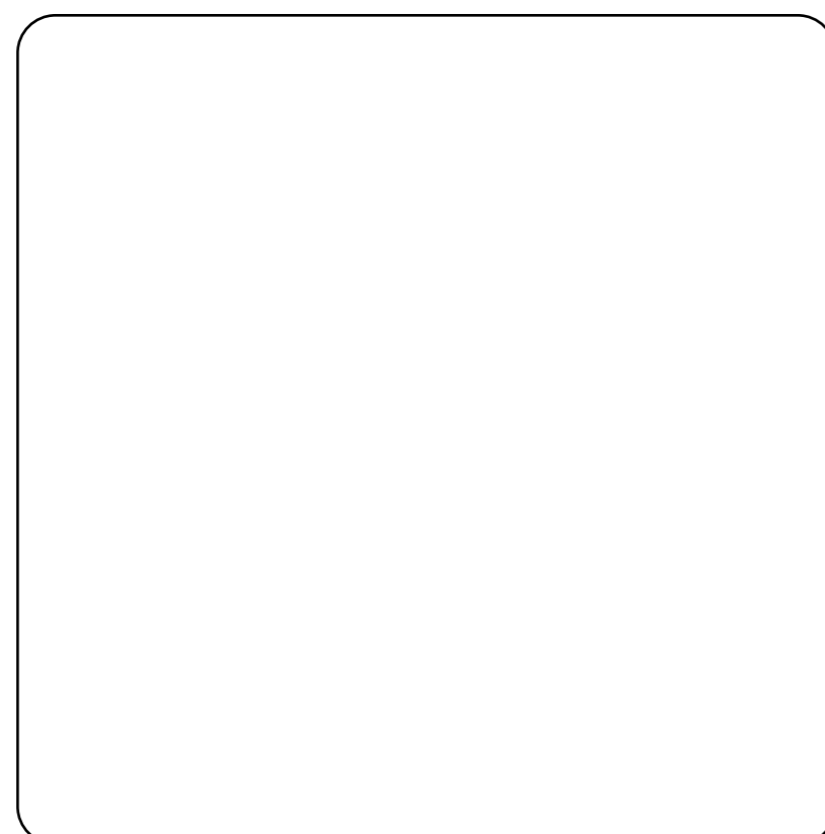
Informal seating steps ^[4]



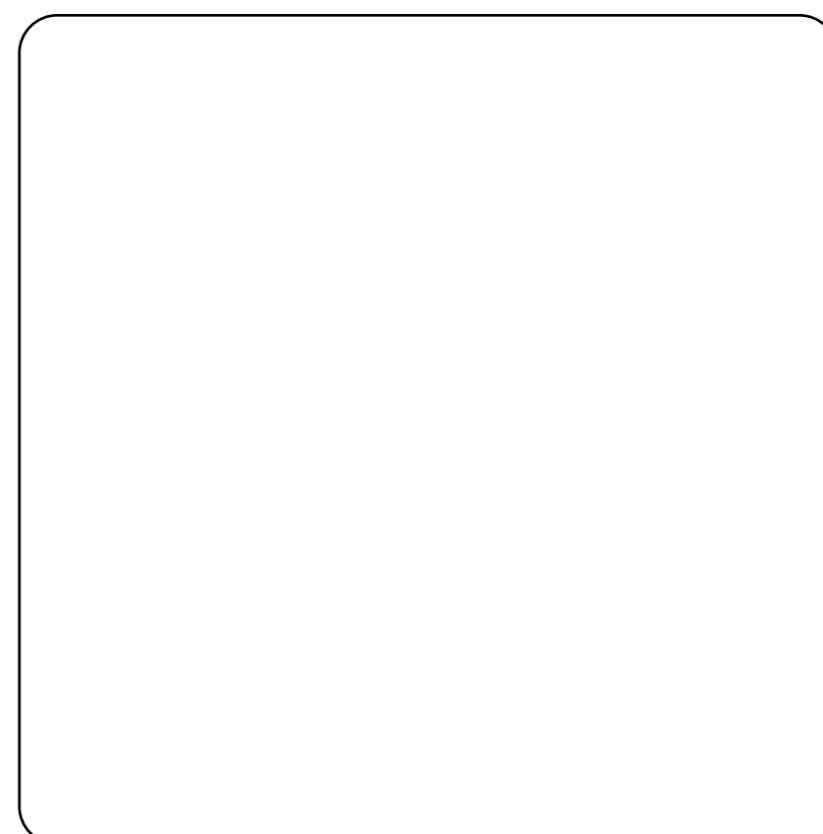
Moveable seating ^[5]



For eating ^[6]



Playful seating ^[7]



Seating with back and arm rests ^[8]

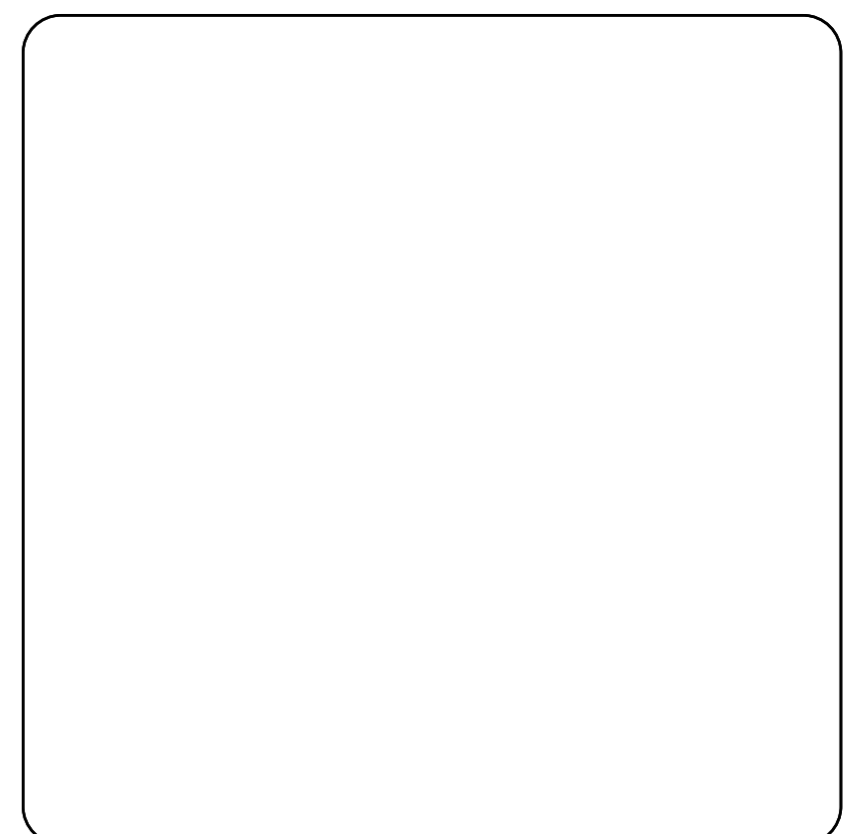


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HAVE YOUR SAY

What type of play could form part of Eagle Brewery Wharf?
Place a sticker underneath the type of play that you think suits the site or let us know about another sort.

PLAY FOR ALL



Active play ^[1]



Exploratory play ^[2]



Natural play ^[3]



Interactive and sculptural play ^[4]



Changes in levels ^[5]



Space for performance ^[6]



Informal games ^[7]

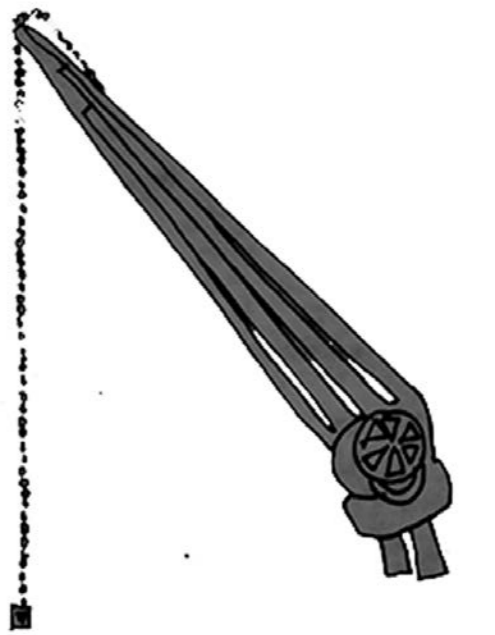


Sensory ^[8]

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HAVE YOUR SAY

NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking part. You can view the information on our website, and complete a questionnaire by Saturday 3rd June if you didn't have time to stop today.



Visit Transform Kingston for further information:
transformkingston.co.uk/eagle-brewery-wharf

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The next engagement event is planned for the middle of July, before schools break up for summer holidays.

Please leave any further comments here:

