

## Purfleet-on-Thames Regeneration Project Town Centre Design

## "YOU SAID, WE DID"

4 Oct 2022, 7:30pm

## Agenda

- Introduction from Chair, Community Design Panel 1.
- The Project 2.
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## **The Project**

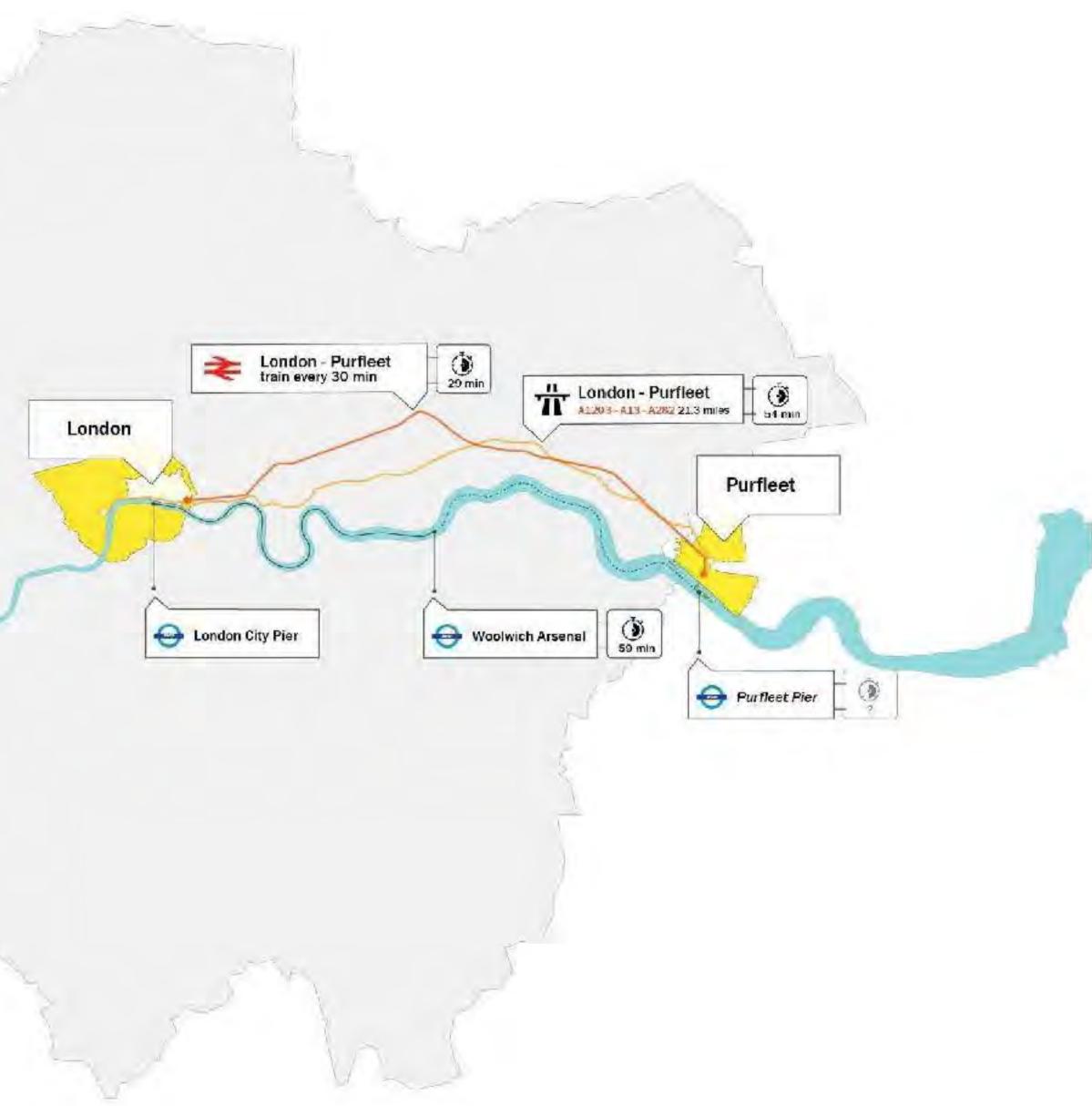


## **Purfleet-on-Thames**



Secundum tamesim quovis gentium

'Along the Thames to all the peoples of the world'

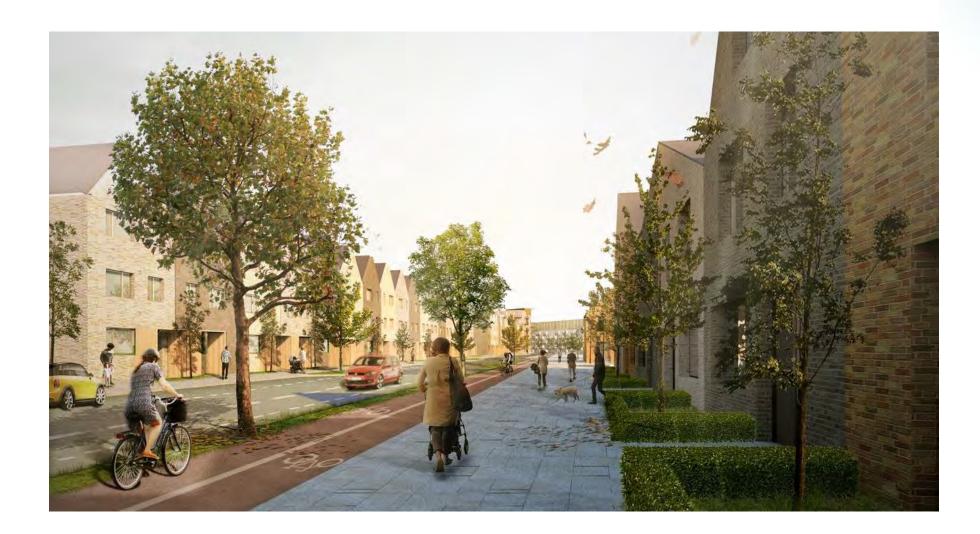


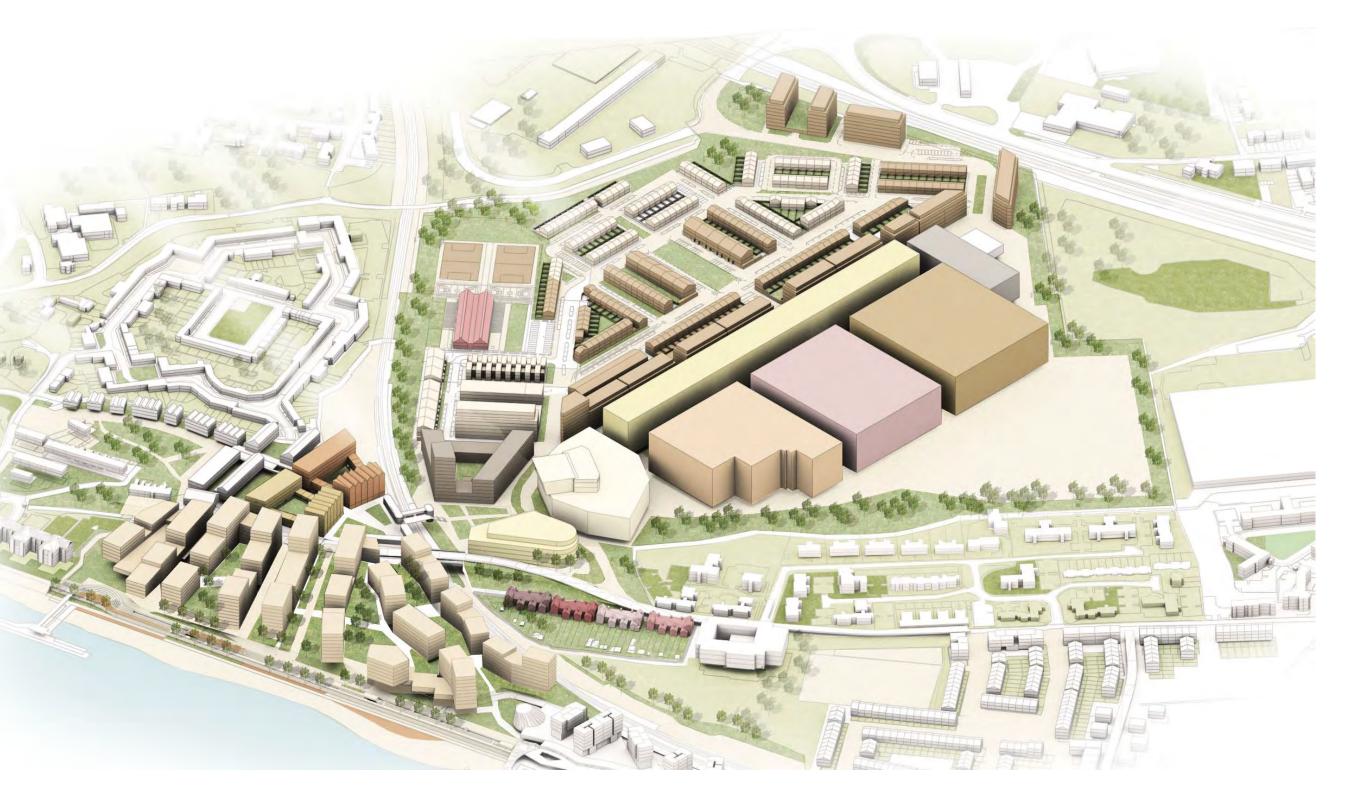
# **Our Ambition**

Creating a Purfleet-on-Thames for everyone

The Purfleet Centre Regeneration Project represents a unique opportunity to deliver a transformational development within the Thames Gateway.

We are committed to the Council's vision of delivering Purfleet-on-Thames as a new waterfront destination on the River Thames; an international creative hub and high quality new residential neighbourhoods.



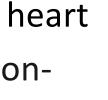


# **PCRL's Driving Principles**

- Unique opportunity to deliver a new vibrant Purfleet centre with shops, community facilities, housing and employment opportunities
- New rail station facilities and closure of the level crossing
- Raise and open riverfront to public use
- Creative employment hub building on High House Production Park and Thurrock cultural employment initiatives
- Placemaking, healthy living and sustainability at the heart of our vision for creating a new, successful Purfleet-on-Thames







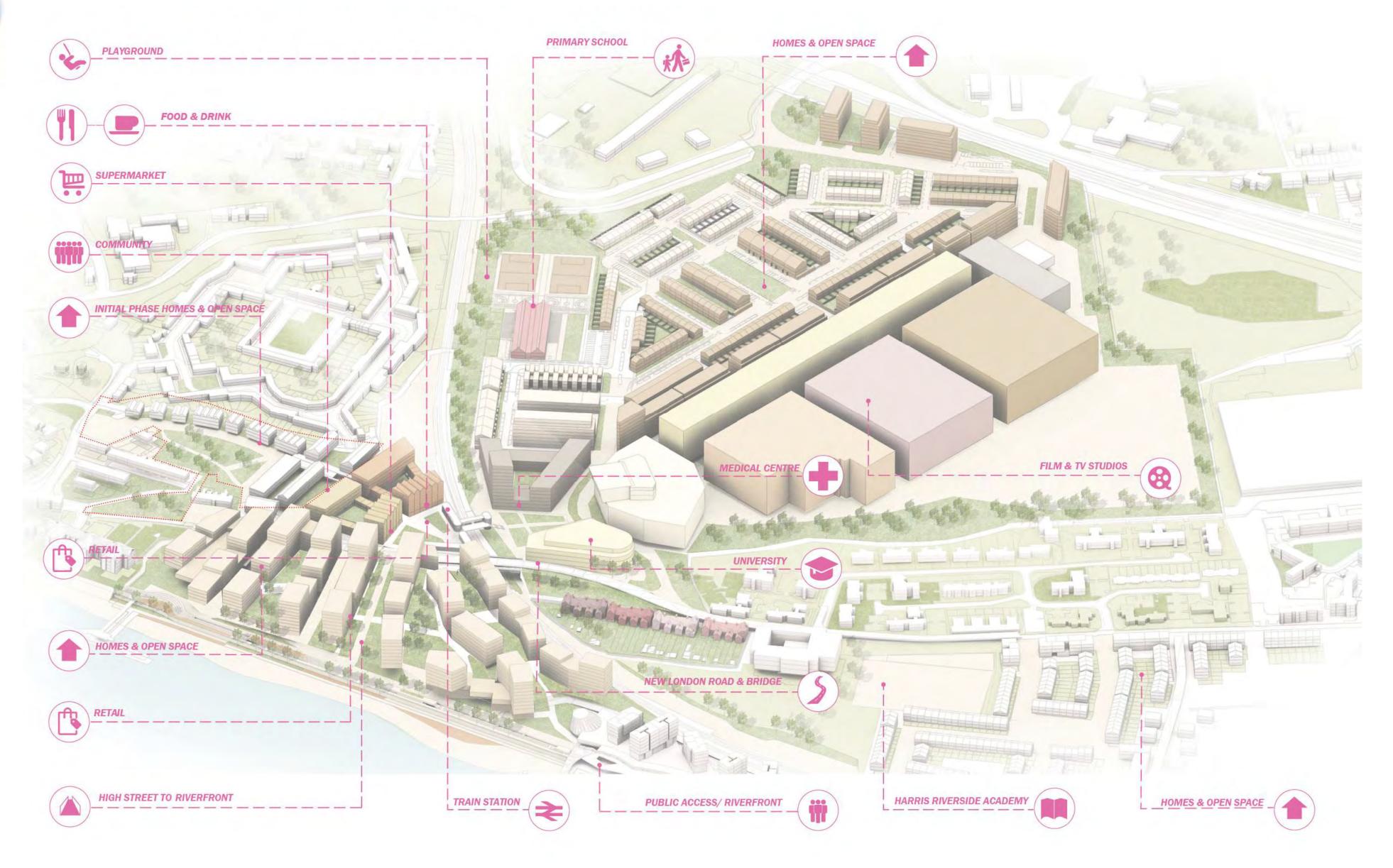


# **Key Elements**

- 1. New Town Centre and Train Station
- 2. New High Street connecting to the riverfront
- 3. Open the riverfront to public amenity and access
- 4. New Primary School
- 5. New Media Studios
- 6. New London Road and level crossing closed
- 7. 2,850 new homes integrated with commercial and community uses



## **Emerging Masterplan**



## **Creating a Purfleet on Thames for Everyone**



OUR PURFLEET





# Where are we now? Project Status

## **Project Timeline**







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# **Community Consultation**

## **Consultation Recap**

Purfleet-on-Thames Market Square

## **Defining the Brief**

Six Key Principles







A PLACE OF WELCOME A LANDMARK TO MEET AT

A PLACE TO GO + SPEND TIME







GREEN + BLUE



CREATIVE + CULTURAL

### PURFLEET-ON-THAMES



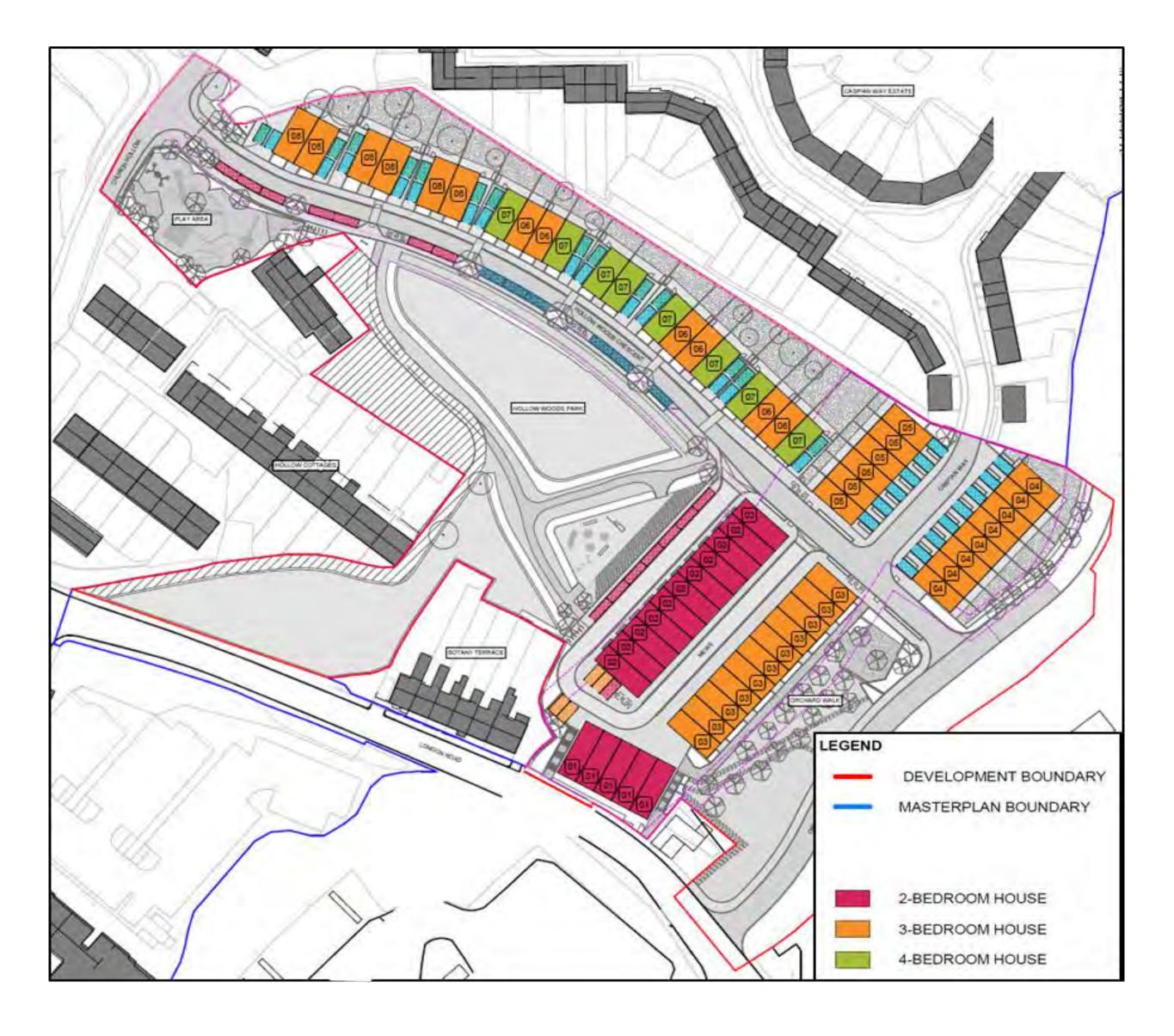
### Layout Options and Opportunities



# Where are we now? Phase 1(a) Update

## Masterplan: Sub-Phase 1A

- 61 homes, 34 of which are shared ownership
- Mix of 16 x 2, 37 x 3 and 8 x 4 bedroom houses
- New community park and play areas
- Two sub-phases one of 34 homes and one of 27 homes with different completion dates
- Larger than average homes with a contemporary look and feel

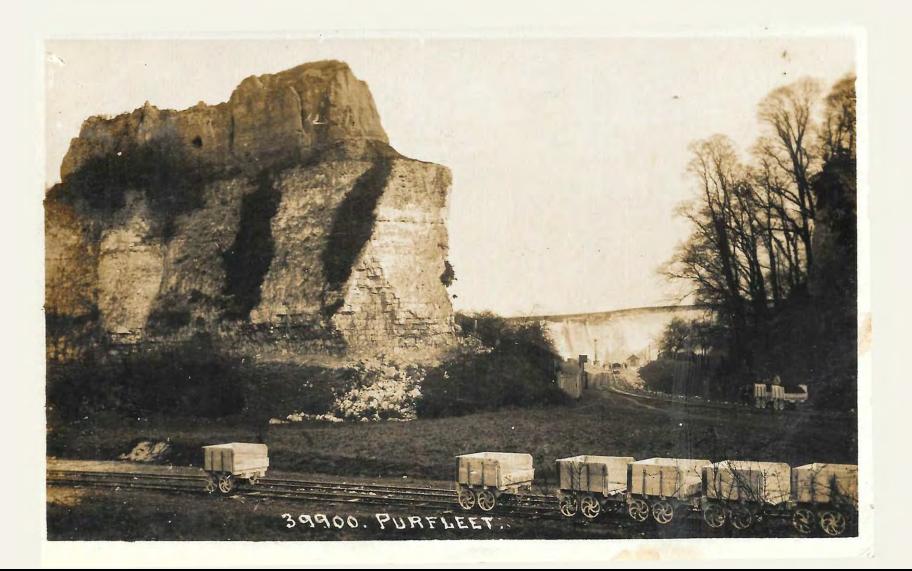


## New Homes: Sub-Phase 1A

- Sales centre and show home for the first 34 shared ownership homes open in November 2022
- These homes are due to complete in June/July 2023
- The shared ownership homes are all 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom houses
- Play area and open space open at the same time as the houses are occupied







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## **OUR PURFLEET**

'You Said/ We Did'

## **PURFLEET – A RICH HISTORY**

#### Lighthouse at Beacon Hill

Formerly situated in Beacon Hill, Purfleet, the lighthouse stood on the top, was built along with an adjoining house in 1829 by The Corporation of Trinity House in order to test various types of lamps, oils and reflectors.

It was used until about 1870, but was not demolished until 1920.

#### **Gunpowder Magazine**

In the mid-1700's, the Purfleet Royal Gunpowder Magazine was established as a location for the storage of gunpowder together with a garrison to protect it. Many ships frequented Purfleet to collect gunpowder, including Captain Cook's H.M.S Adventurer in 1772. To this day, a magazine still remains in Purfleet and is now a heritage museum and hub accessible to the public.





Existing condition showing the Rainham Marshes, Cherry Wood Campsite and Chalk Pit locations



Historical Map 1873 showing the position of Old Railway Station (Red dot) relative to the Old Lighthouse at Beacon Hill (Green dot)



Chalk pit circa 1900

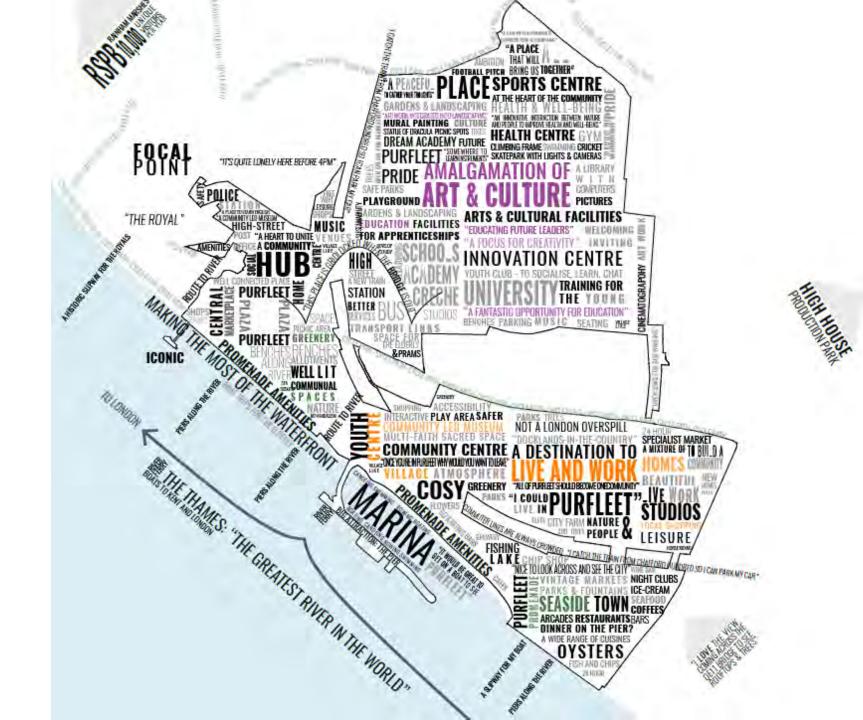


Lighthouse on Beacon Hill

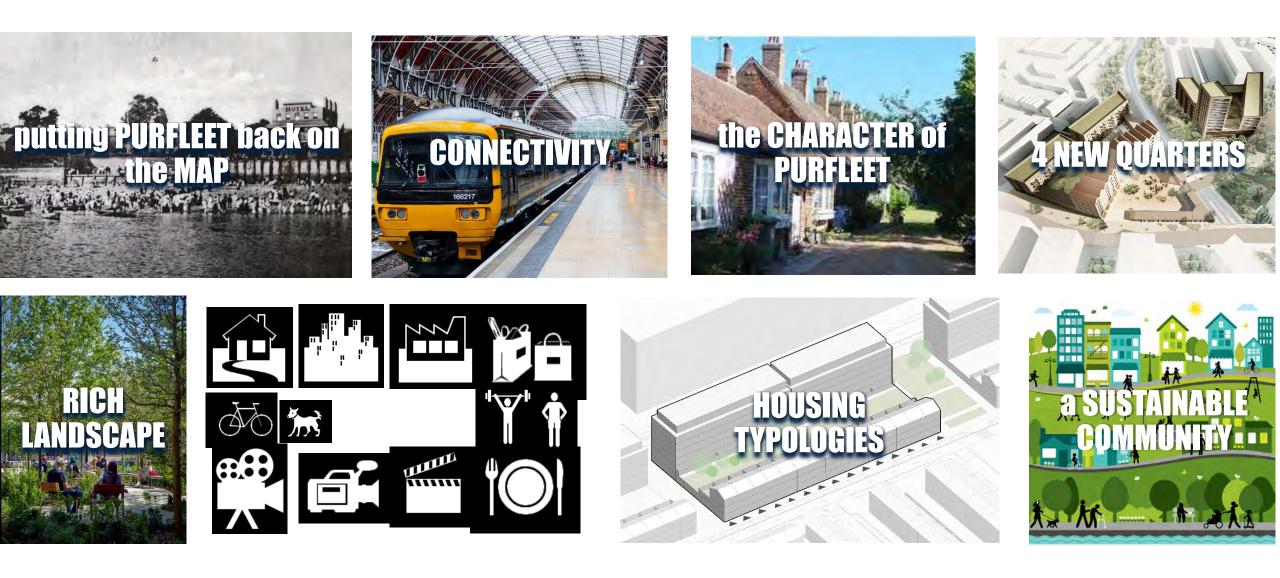


Purfleet Railway Station

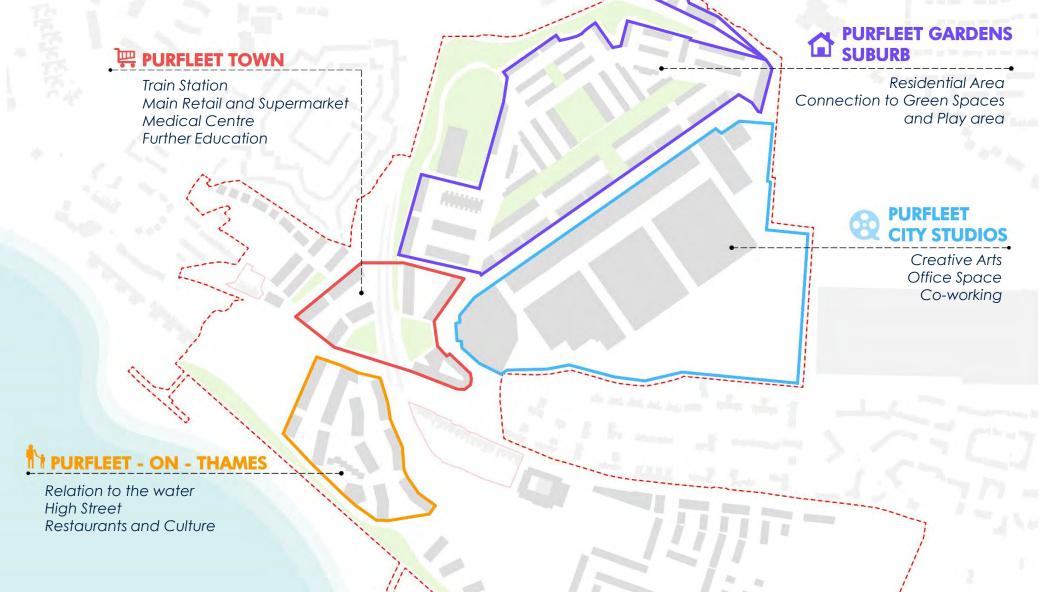
### **KEY ASPIRATIONS**



### **MASTERPLAN – DESIGN PRINCIPLES**



## FOUR NEW QUARTERS



## **EMERGING MASTERPLAN**

The details of the station has evolved in accordance with the principles established within the approved Design Code, and Zone 1 Zonal Masterplan.

#### **Residential accommodation**

Total number of residential units (Class C3): up to 2,850

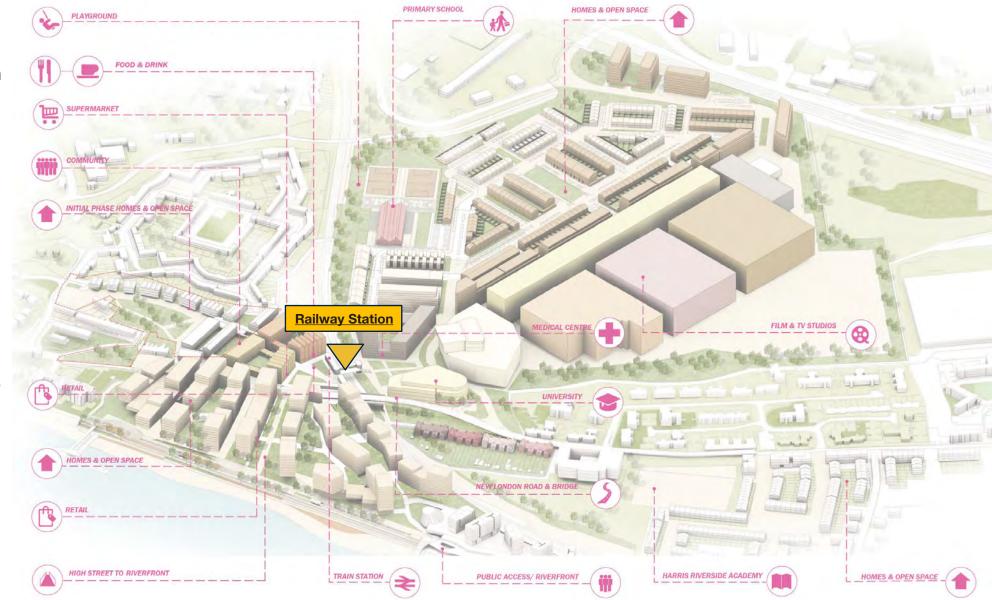
#### Non-residential uses

Flexible Commercial (classes A1-A5, D1): up to 2,440 sqm Office (Class B1a): up to 4,515 sqm Community Space (Class D1/D2): up to 790 sqm Education (Class D1): up to 4,500 sqm Energy Centre/Pumping Station up to 550

sqm New Train station (upto 550 sqm)

#### Open spaces

Strategic Landscape: 151,217 sqm Strategic Open Space: 17,294 sqm



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## THE STATION EMERGING PROPOSAL

## **SITE – WALKTHROUGH – APPROACH FROM THE EAST**



• RMA Boundary zone 1C

## **SITE – WALKTHROUGH – EXSITING TRAIN STATION APPROACH FROM THE SOUTH**



• RMA Boundary zone 1C

## THE EXISTING SITE

 RMA Application Boundary (0.8 hectares)







## **CONTEXT – WIDER VISION**

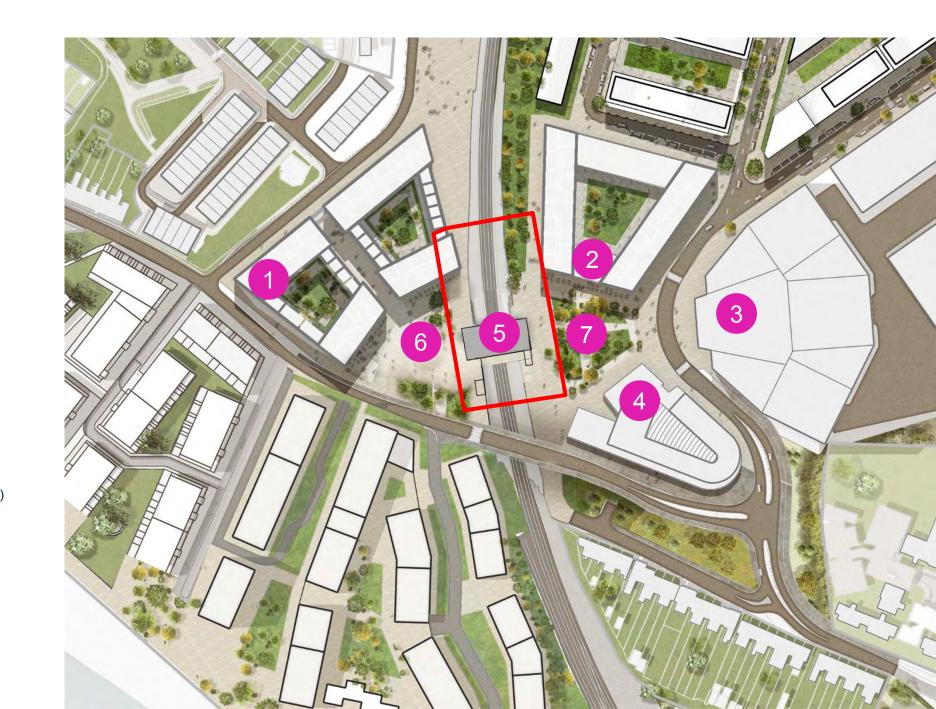




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Market Square (under design development)

Civic Square



### **THE EXISTING SITE**



- 1 EXISTING STATION
- 2 RAILWAY LINES
- ③ VARIED EXISTING LEVELS
- (4) EXISTNG WESTERN CAR PARK

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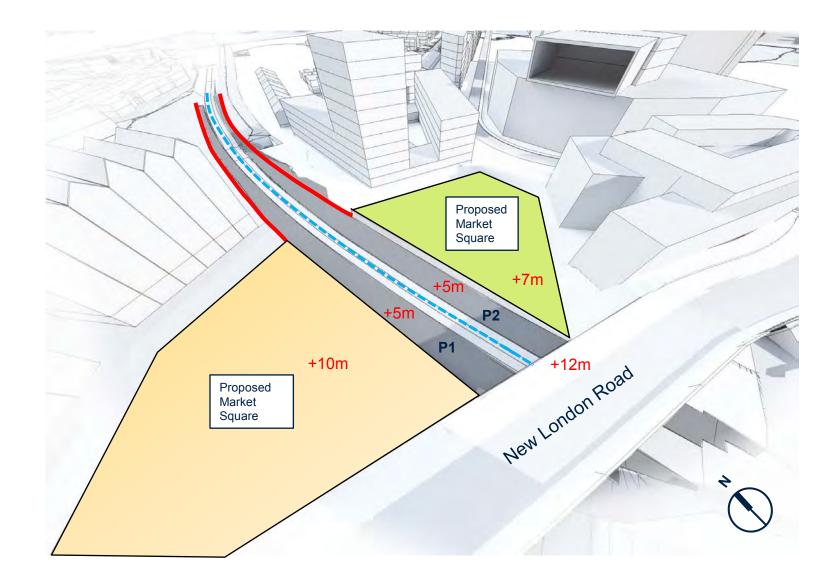
Existing station

Existing train platforms – P1 & P2, station, substation, control box and telecommunication mast

## **THE PROPOSED SITE**

- 1. Levels already set out
- 2. Bridge required to connect the squares
- 3. Connect platform and footbridge level
- 4. Address the proposed levels setout by the parameter plans
- 5. Technical requirements defined by C2C and
- 6. Network Rail optimum accommodation for the train operator
- 7. Cannot touch the platforms (minimal works)





### **TESTED OPTIONS**

NOTE: All options represent concept proposals that demonstrate a development strategy. All options are subject to Client review, Consultant input and further design development

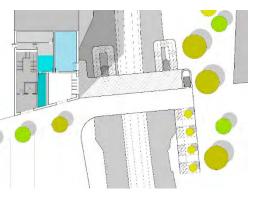
#### ACCOMMODATION

#### **C2C & Network Rail REQUIREMENTS**

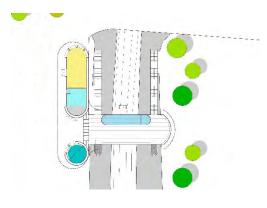
- PUBLIC FOOTBRIDGE (344 sqm)
- TICKET FACILITIES (16 sqm)
- STAFF/ OFFICE / FIRST AID (20 sqm)
- MULTI-FAITH/ BABY CHANGE (9 sqm)
- PLATFORM LIFTS ALONGSIDE STEP ACCESS - WAITING ROOM FACILITES (50 sqm)
- WCS
- AUXILARY / SUPPORT SPACES
- **POTENTIAL RETAIL SPACES** - -



**INTEGRATED STATION AND PEDESTRIAN** BRIDGE

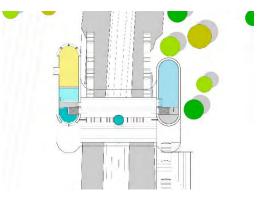


#### **OPTION 2: SEPARATE BRIDGES FOR STATION AND** PUBLIC



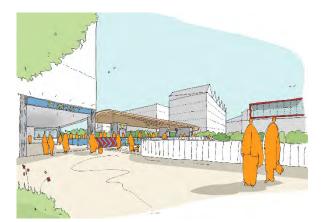
#### **OPTION 3:**

**STATION PAVILLION AND DUAL FUNCTION PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE** 

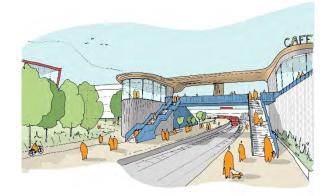




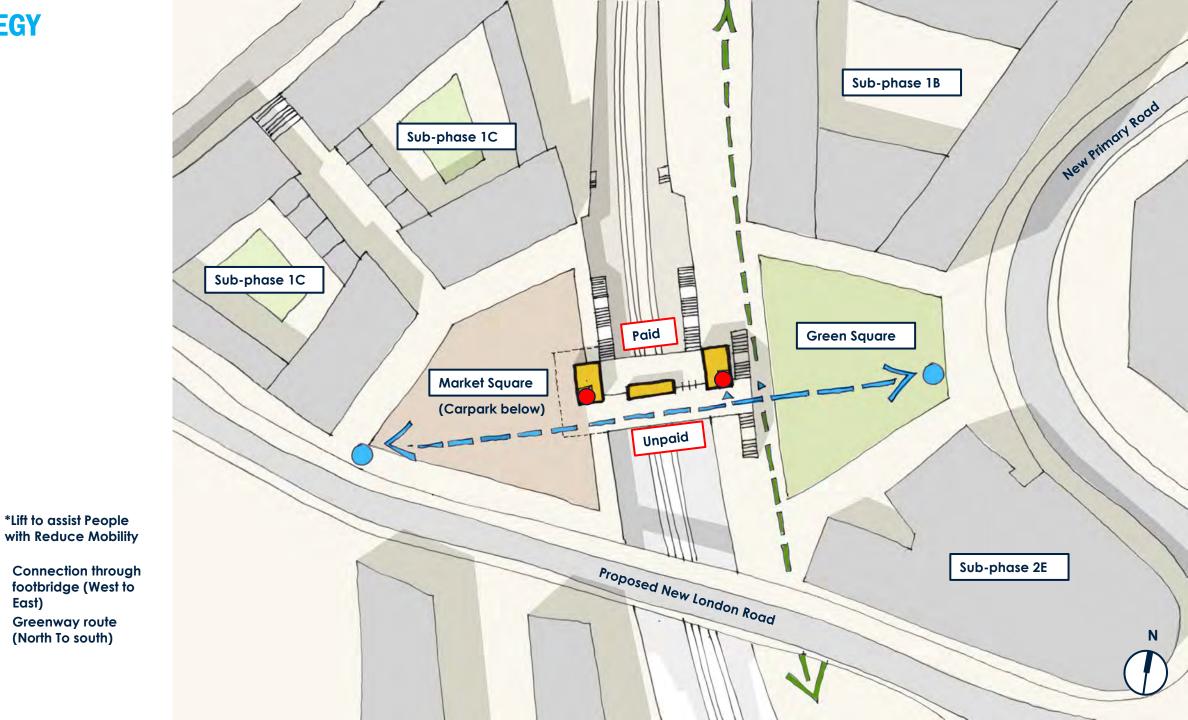








### **STRATEGY**

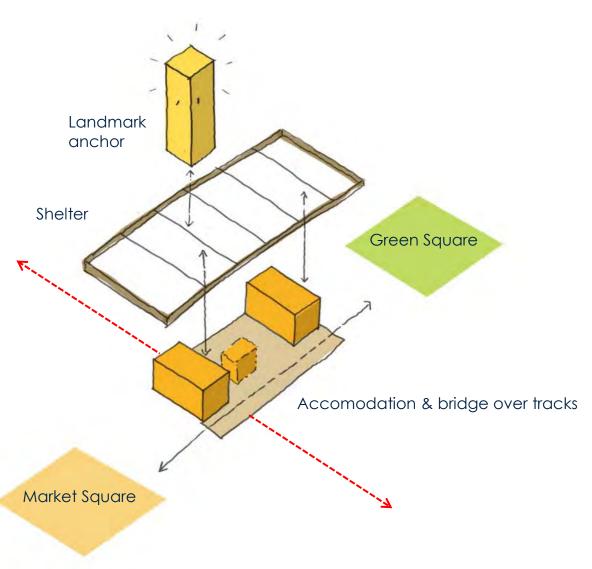


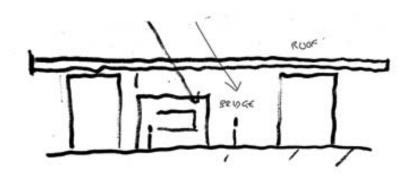
Key

**Connection through** footbridge (West to East) Greenway route (North To south)

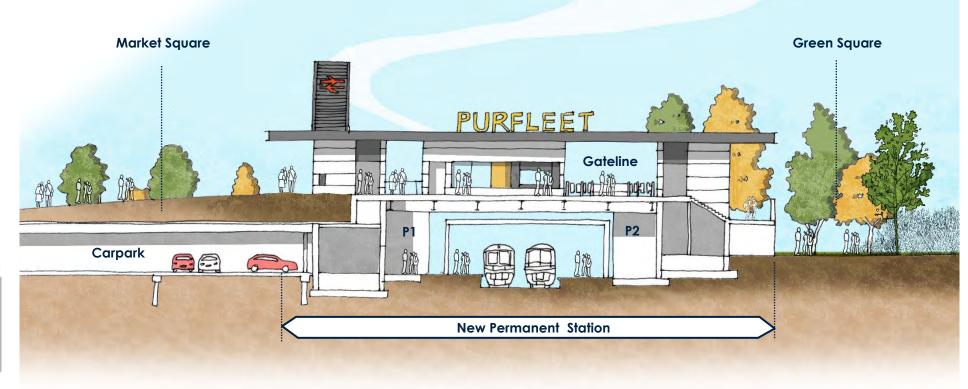
### **DESIGN OBJECTIVES**

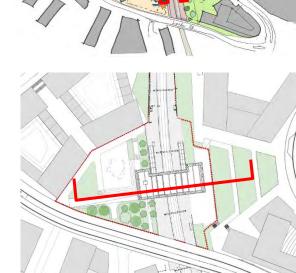
- (1) A LANDMARK AND BEACON FOR THE TOWN CENTRE
- (2) CONNECTING PURFLEET TO THE REST OF LONDON
- (3) CONNECTING THE WEST AND EAST OF PURFLEET
- (4) NEW STATION WITH UPGRADED FACILITIES TO ALIGN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
- (5) SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR USERS





## **PREVIOUS SCHEME PRESENTED**







## **MATERIAL PALETTE**

Choice of durable civic aesthetics with sustainability in mind. Re-use elements (i.e. aggregate, re-used metal) where appropriate and if possible



Glulam beams

Coloured GRC textured concrete panels

### **TOWNSCAPE VIEWS OF THE UPDATED STATION**



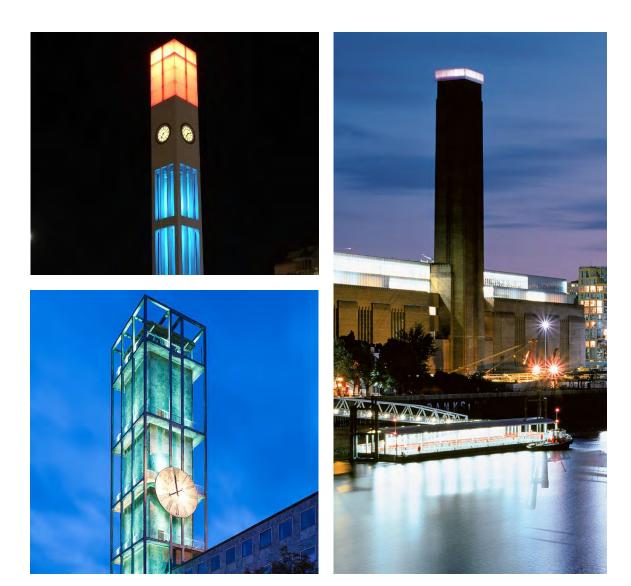
Hard paving

Beacon

## **THE BEACON/ WAYFINDING**



Means of way finding



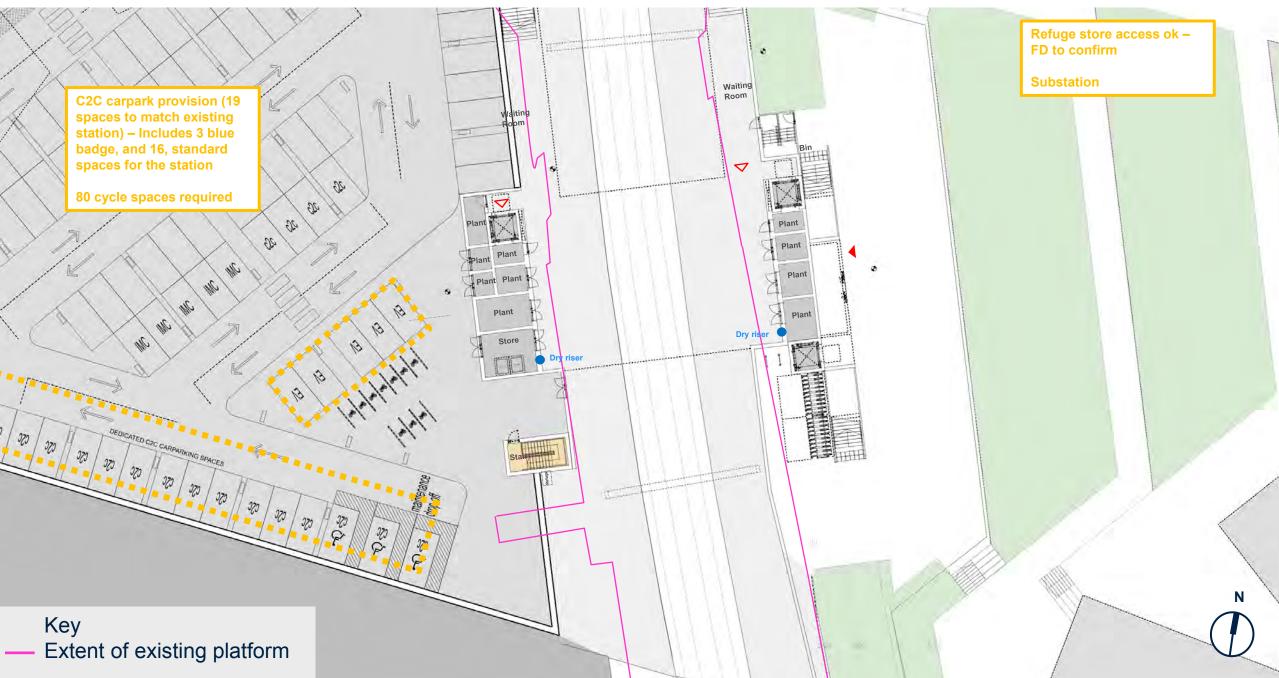
**Beacon Tower Precedents** 

## **VIEW FROM THE TICKET/ FOOTBRIDGE**

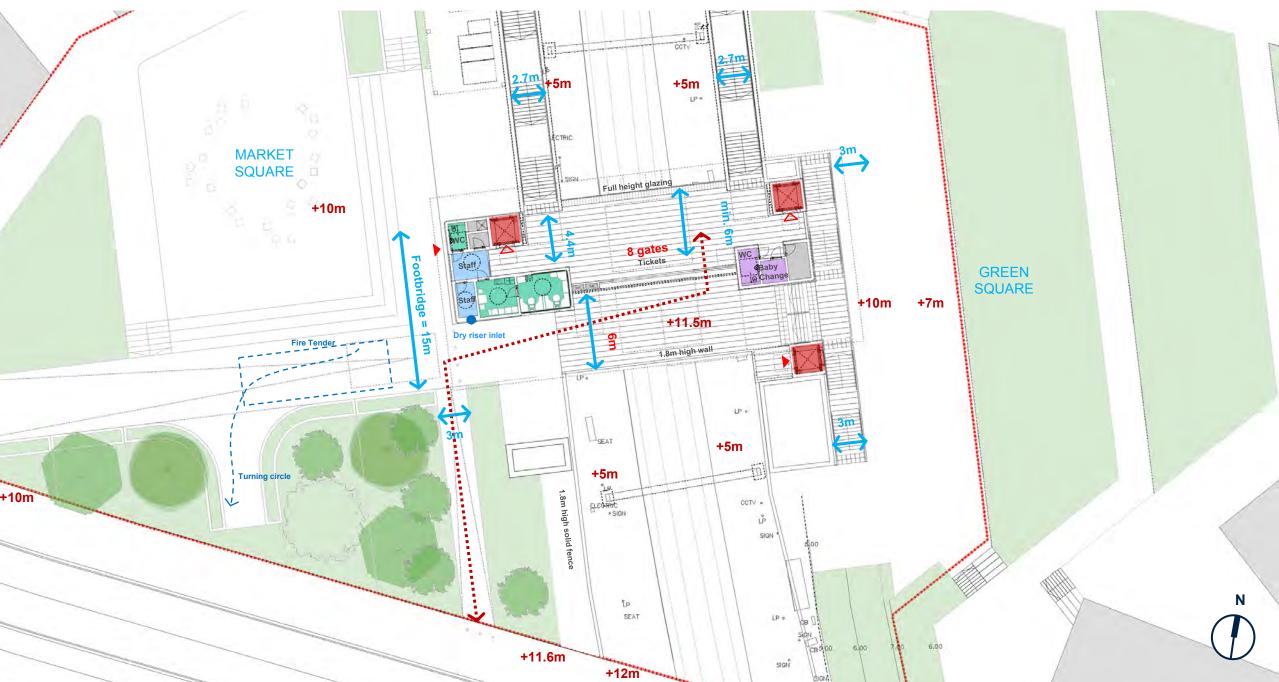




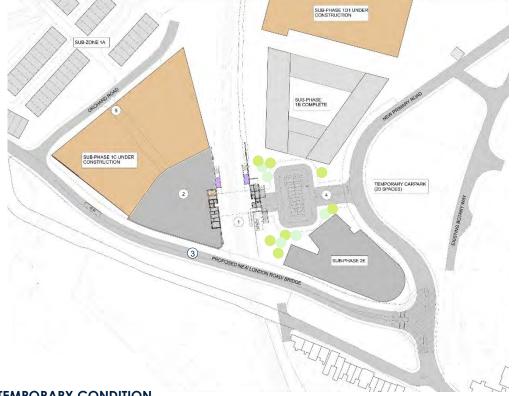
## **PLATFORM LEVEL**



## **FOOTBRIDGE LEVEL**

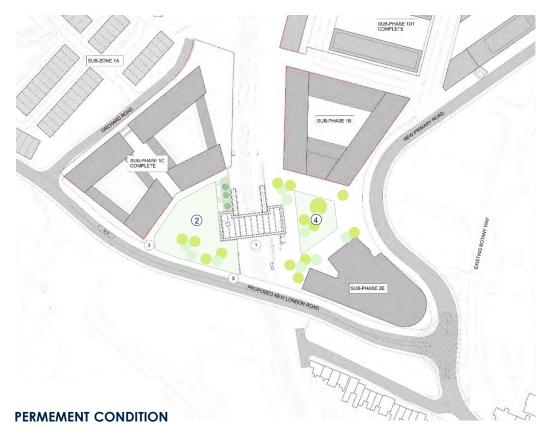


## **TOWNCENTRE - TWO STAGE PROCESS**



#### **TEMPORARY CONDITION**

- 1 TRAIN STATION
- 2 PARTIALLY BUILT CARPARK
- 3 LONDON BRIDGE
- (4) TEMPORARY CARPARK
- (5) ACCESS TO CAR PARK (UKPN ONLY)



TRAIN STATION
 FULLY BUILT CARPARK
 LONDON BRIDGE
 GREEN SQUARE
 ACCESS TO CAR PARK (UKPN ONLY)





# **Purfleet-on-Thames**

## MARKET SQUARE

October 2022



## What we are talking about today:

## Market Square

**Presentation** 

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## PURFLEET-ON-THAMES

Consultation Recap

The Final Design ...!

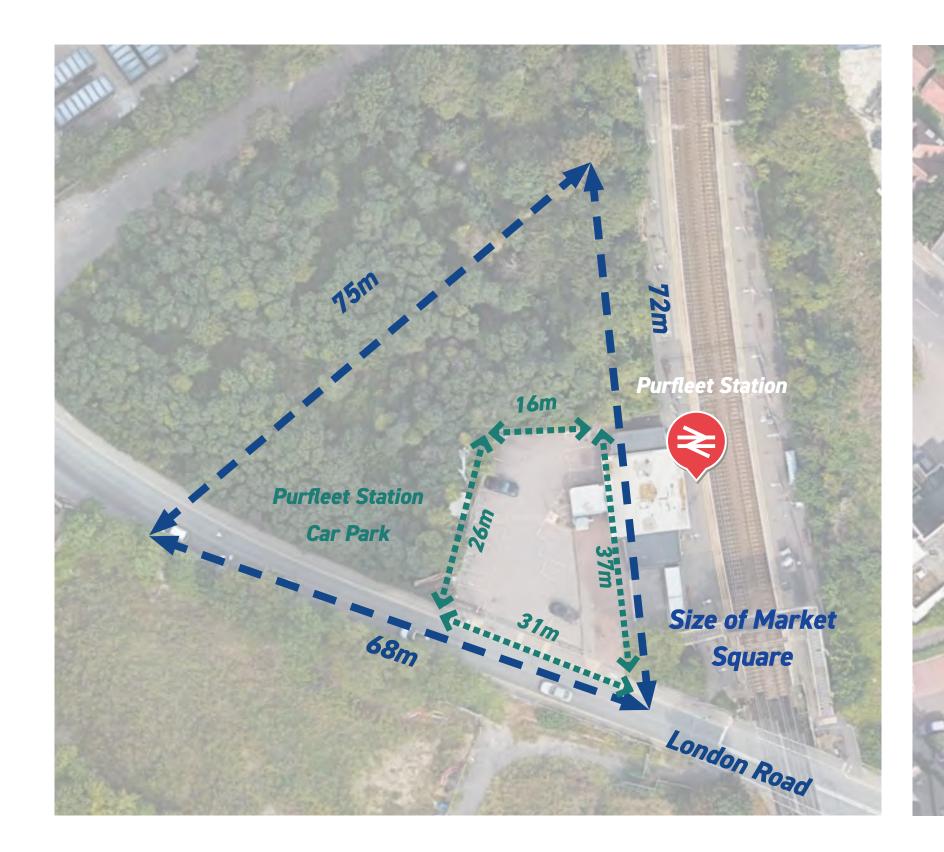


## Scale Comparison

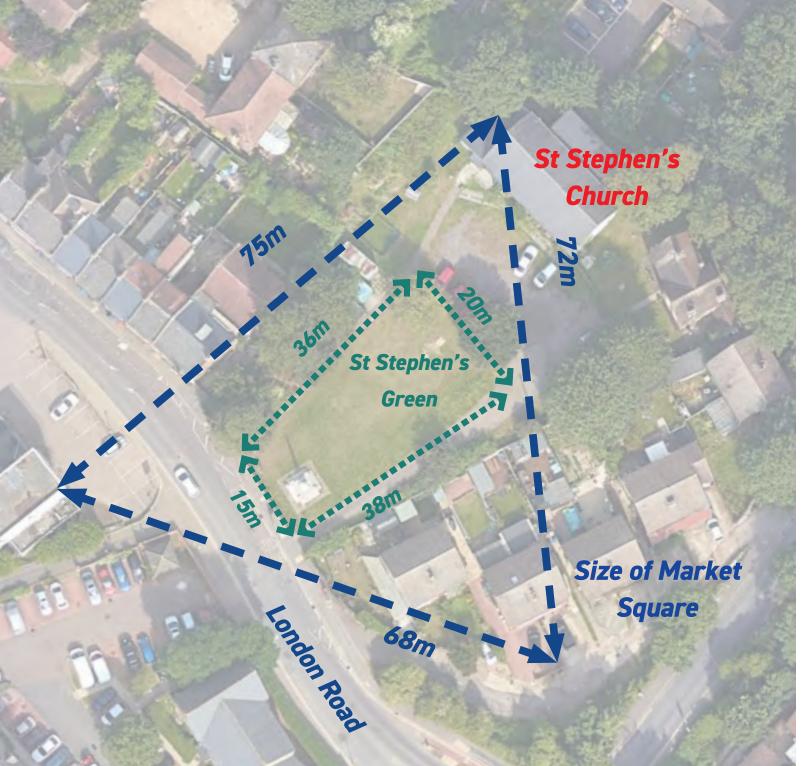


## Scale Comparison

Market Square Size Comparison



## PURFLEET-ON-THAMES



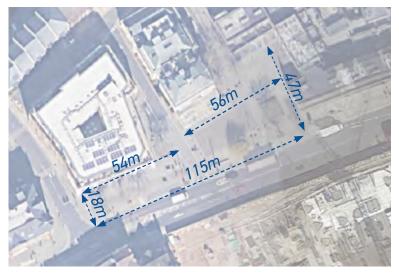


EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

## **Scale Comparison**

Market Square Size Comparison

## **1.** Brentford Market Square



Dimensions Old Town Hall frontage (main space):

18 x 54m (972m2)

Expanded square: approx. 3052 m2

Regeneration: 2013



Activation: >Pop-up markets >Playable >Flexible seating

Uniqueness and place making: >Materials & local >Pavement & seating

>Planters & seating



Character: >Open & civic >Heritage reflected >Diverse seating

## **2. Kettering Market Place**



Dimensions 63 x 53 x 71 x 16m (2206m2)

Regeneration: 2011



- Activation: Community events >Pop-up markets >Seasonal events
- >Playful

Uniqueness and place making: >Materials >Performance & canopy



Character: >Open & flexible >Heritage reflected >Bleachers

### PURFLEET-ON-THAMES



Dimensions 67 x 53m (approx. 1683m2)



- Activation:
- >Pop-up markets
- >Pedestrian & local train station
- >Spill-out areas

Uniqueness and place making: >Materials & clock tower >Materials & water fountain and Seating >Materials & local



- Character: >Historic
- >Pockets of vegetation
- >Water fountain
- >New clock tower & Wayfinder





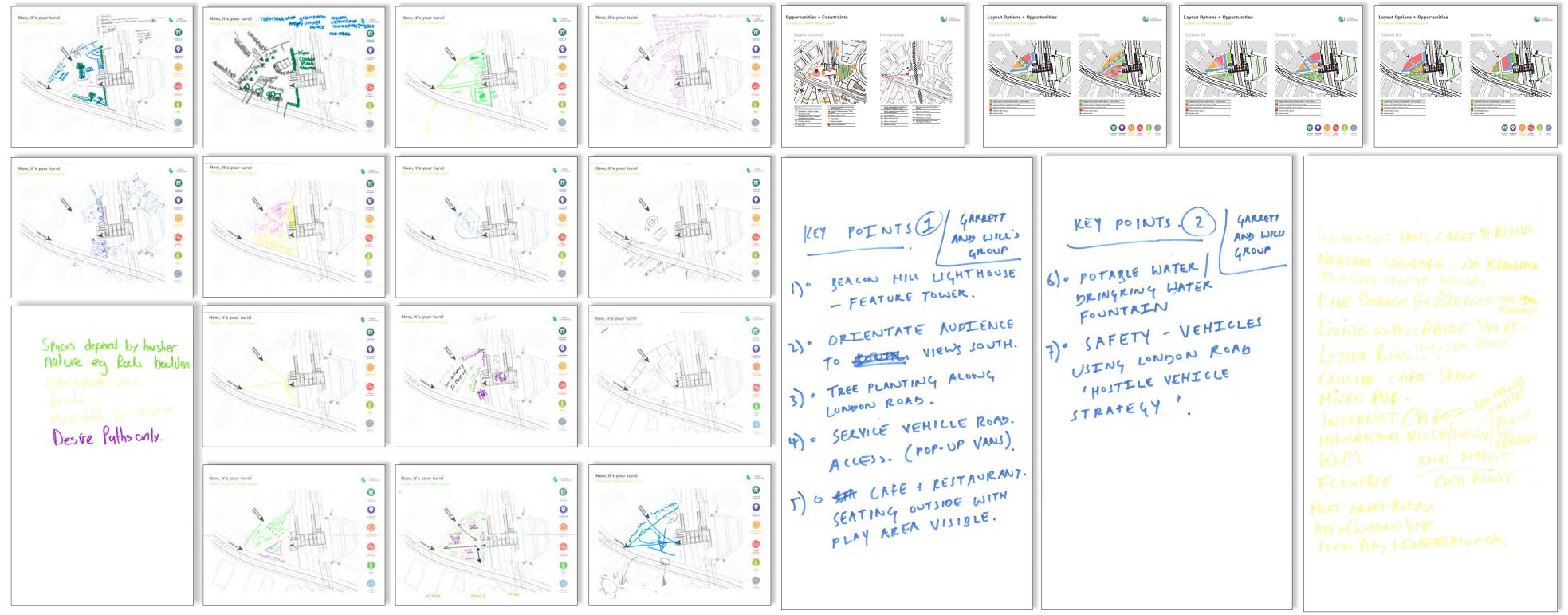
## **3.** Blue Market, Bermondsey

Regeneration: 2020



Consultation 1

## **Layout Options and Opportunities**





Consultation 1

- > Wide paths and access routes
- > Triangles of activation
- > Events to the north of the site towards the building
- > Space for projectors maybe onto the buildings?
- Chill-out area to the west of the site fountain and vegetation
- > Stage along railway edge elevated space
- > Food zone temporary / flexible
- > Places to sit and look at the sunset
- > Service access to London Road
- > Planting buffer to London Road
- > Landmark feature Experimental lighthouse / Christmas Tree
- > Play area far away from the road
- > Coffee and spill-out spaces near play area
- > Cherry trees along the road edge and as markers

- > Three main areas
- Walking lines / desire lines / direct line
  walkways
- > Flexible play and entertainment
- > Arts and cultural spaces
- > Bike storage space away from the road
- > Independent shops + spill-out space w signage
- > Tree-lined edge to the railway
- > Living walls above shops
- > 'See-through shops'
- > Flexible space Adaptive for different e performances
- > No fixed seats Maximise flexibility
- > Delineation showing walkway
- > Play areas away from buildings
- > Opportunity for flood lights

	> Space for a Christmas tree
es / defined	> Spaces for pop-ups stalls and shops
	> Amazon drop-off box
	> Coffee, laundry, bakery
	> Moveable vegetation + moveable furniture
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vith <b>neutral</b>	> Amphitheatre space for events and performances
	> Colourful planting to be used as screening
	> Coffee shops and bookshops
	> Large tree or focal point in the centre
	> Planting buffer to London Road
events and	> Skating shops and spaces for young people
	> Opportunities for workshops and learning (inside
	and outside)
	> Productive spaces
	> Outdoor spaces for workshops / flexible activation



Consultation 2

**Defining the Brief** *Six Key Principles* 





A PLACE OF WELCOME A LANDMARK TO MEET AT



A SPACE FOR EVENTS



GREEN + BLUE

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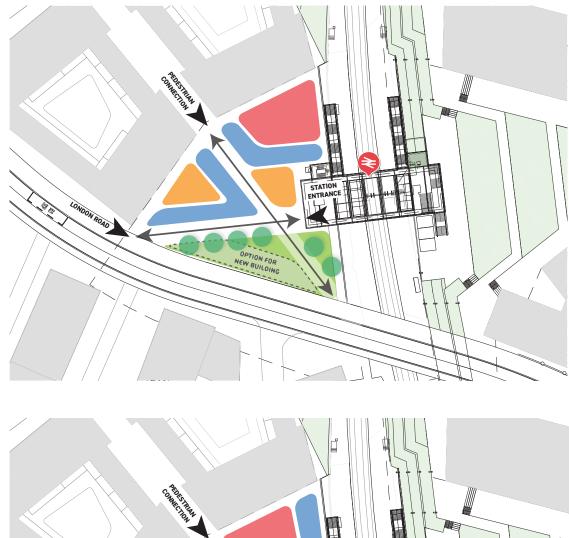
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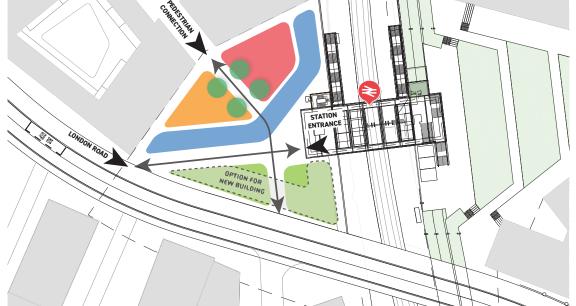


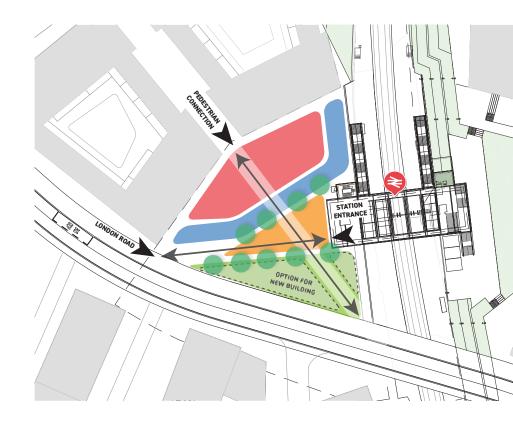
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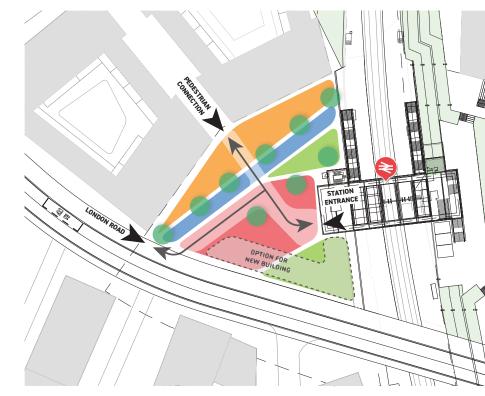


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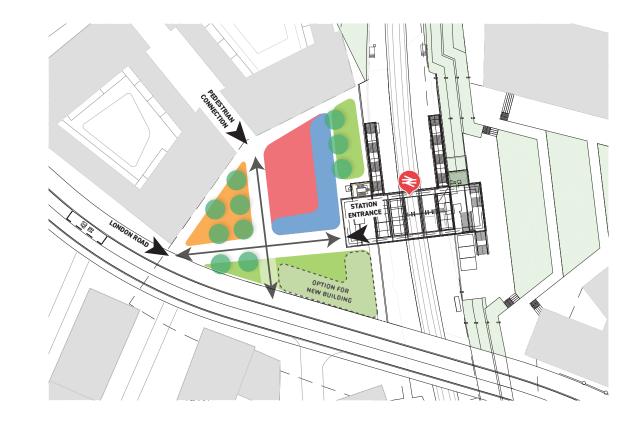








### PURFLEET-ON-THAMES



- Vegetation to buffer London Road + Train Station
- Feature seating / amphitheatre edge
- Informal seating / spill-out area
- Flexible Open Space
- Access route













A PLACE OF WELCOME

A LANDMARK A PLACE TO GO

TO MEET AT + SPEND TIME FOR EVENTS

A SPACE

CREATIVE + CULTURAL



GREEN

+ BLUE



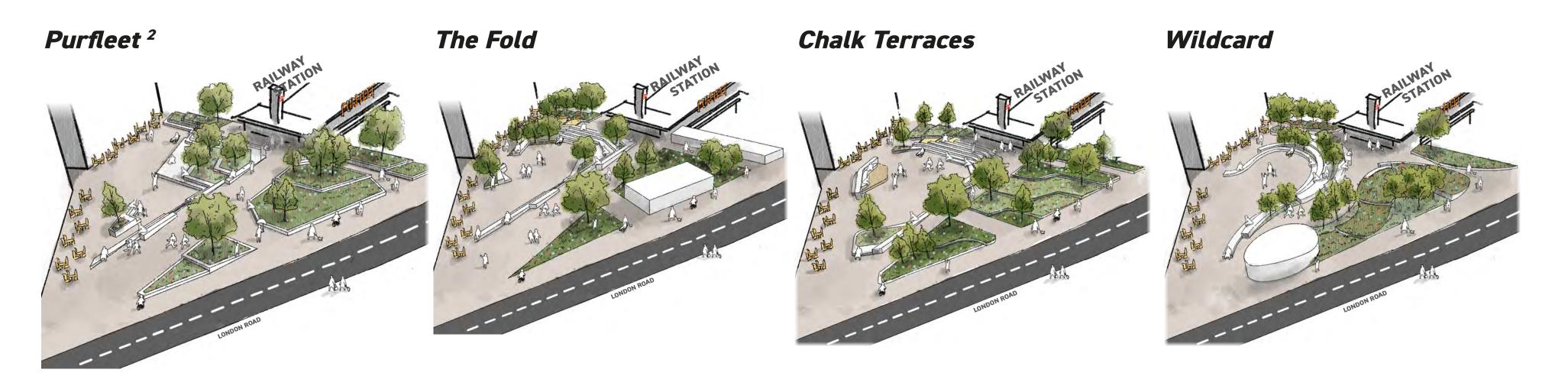
Consultation 3





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## **Sketch Views**





Consultation 3

## **Capacity Study** *Public Market / Ticketed Event*

Public Market e.g. Saturday farmers market, monthly craft fair, youth event, community club / sports sign up event

Ticketed event e.g. Street Food Festival, Beer Festival, Seafood Festival, Christmas Market, Trade Show







## **Purfleet**<sup>2</sup>



## Chalk Terraces



## PURFLEET-ON-THAMES

## The Fold





EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Consultation 3

## Capacity Study

Performance Event

Performance event e.g. Brass band, orchestra, school choir, school play, magic show, dance performance, spelling bee







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## **Capacity Study** *Pop-Up Sport / Interactive Feature*

Pop up sport / play / interactive feature e.g. Pop up ice rink, sand pit, half pipe, giant slide, inflatable castle, see-saws, igloos







## Purfleet<sup>2</sup>



## Chalk Terraces



## PURFLEET-ON-THAMES

## The Fold







## Consultation 3



### SEATING

- > Need to provide back support
- > Need to be robust, something that is hard to destroy
- > A consistency with the benches already along the Thames waterfront
- > Recycled materials plastics etc
- > Preference for concrete elements
- > Seating at different heights for different ages/uses
- > Nothing to curious/unique may be misused
- > Perhaps something underneath a shelter?



### VEGETATION

- > Colourful and structural
- > Sensory plants
- > Seasonal planters with optional community use/service level agreement
- > Some community planters for children to plant
- > Seasonal changes in colour would be great.
- > Always something flowering
- > Opportunity for wildflowers



### PLAYABLE LANDSCAPES

- > Table games
- > Think active-type play is better suited to other spaces within the town centre
- > Naturalistic play would be bettern suited in the Green Square opposite the station
- > Informal play spaces would be better playful as opposed to prescriptive
- > Need to consider childrens safety
- > Need to provide a nice space to sit nearby
- > Some play elements could be temporary



### TREES

- > A variety of colours and leaf shapes and low pollen
- > Cherry blossoms would act as an attraction to people outside of Purfleeton-Thames
- > Easily maintained
- > Something that can be climbed
- > Low pollen and minimal fruiting (messy)
- > Need to consider climate change and select adaptive species

## PURFLEET-ON-THAMES



### **SURFACES**

- > Slip resistant and wheelchar accessible
- > Avoid asphalt as this begins to look bad after a few years
- > Gravels could be a maitenance issue
- > Needs to be robust and designed for longevity



## ART + CULTURE

- > Do not want a sleek, modern, souless space art would help to personalise the space and make it uniquely Purfleet-on-Thames
- > An art installation, either permanent or temporary/changeable



## The Final Design !



Consultation 03 - Results

### The Design Language



### ... The scale and layout of The Fold

... Allows for larger events but creates an enclosed and intimate type space in the centre of the site without buildings...

### ... The design language of the Chalk Terraces

... Is 'Purfleet-on-Thames specific' and brings together froms from the surrounding natural landscape ...

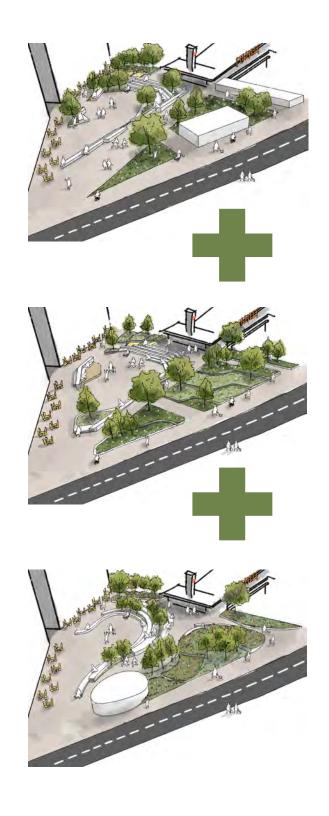
### PURFLEET-ON-THAMES

### ... The curves and buffers of the Wildcard

... Is unique, lush, and provides the opportunity for pavillion buildings/structures to come forward at a later date ...



Sketch View

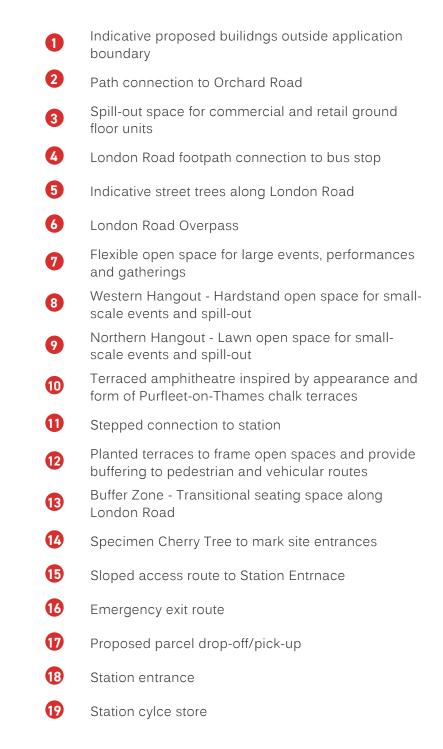






## Site Masterplan







Site Programming

Maximize programming opportunities and cater to a diverse variety of user groups Multi-generational and inclusive Flexible open space and clear movement

routes



### PERFORMANCE AND EVENTS

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS GROUPS OF 100+ PEOPLE



### OMMUNITY HANGOUTS

SMALLER ORGANISED GROUPS + GAMES GROUPS OF 20+ PEOPLE



#### PLAY AND LEISURE TEMPORARY PLAY FEATURES AND/OR SCRAMBLING ELEMENTS

GROUPS OF 10-20 PEOPLE



#### **GROUP GATHERINGS** SOCIALISING, MEETING AND PERFORMING GROUPS OF 10+ PEOPLE

**CAFE/PUB SPILL-OUT** ROUPS OF 1-6 PEOPLE

ROUPS OF 1-4 PEOPLE









CONTEMPLATION, OBSERVATION AND **RELAXATION** GROUPS OF 1-4 PEOPLE





Detailed Area - Amphitheatre + Western Hangout

Inspired by the chalk quarries and terraces of historic Purfleet-on-Thames.

The space is a cascading landscape of bleacher-type seating framed to the west by new planting and trees with a flexible open space at it's centre.





0 Indicative proposed builidngs outside application boundary Path connection to Orchard Road 3 Spill-out space for commercial and retail ground floor units 4 Flexible open space for large events, performances and gatherings 5 Western Hangout - Hardstand open space for small-scale events and spill-out Terraced amphitheatre to appearance and form of Purfleet - On- Thames chalk 6 terraces 7 Stepped connection to station Planted terraces to frame open spaces and provide buffering to pedestrian and 6 vehicular routes 9 Specimen Cherry Tree to mark site entrances







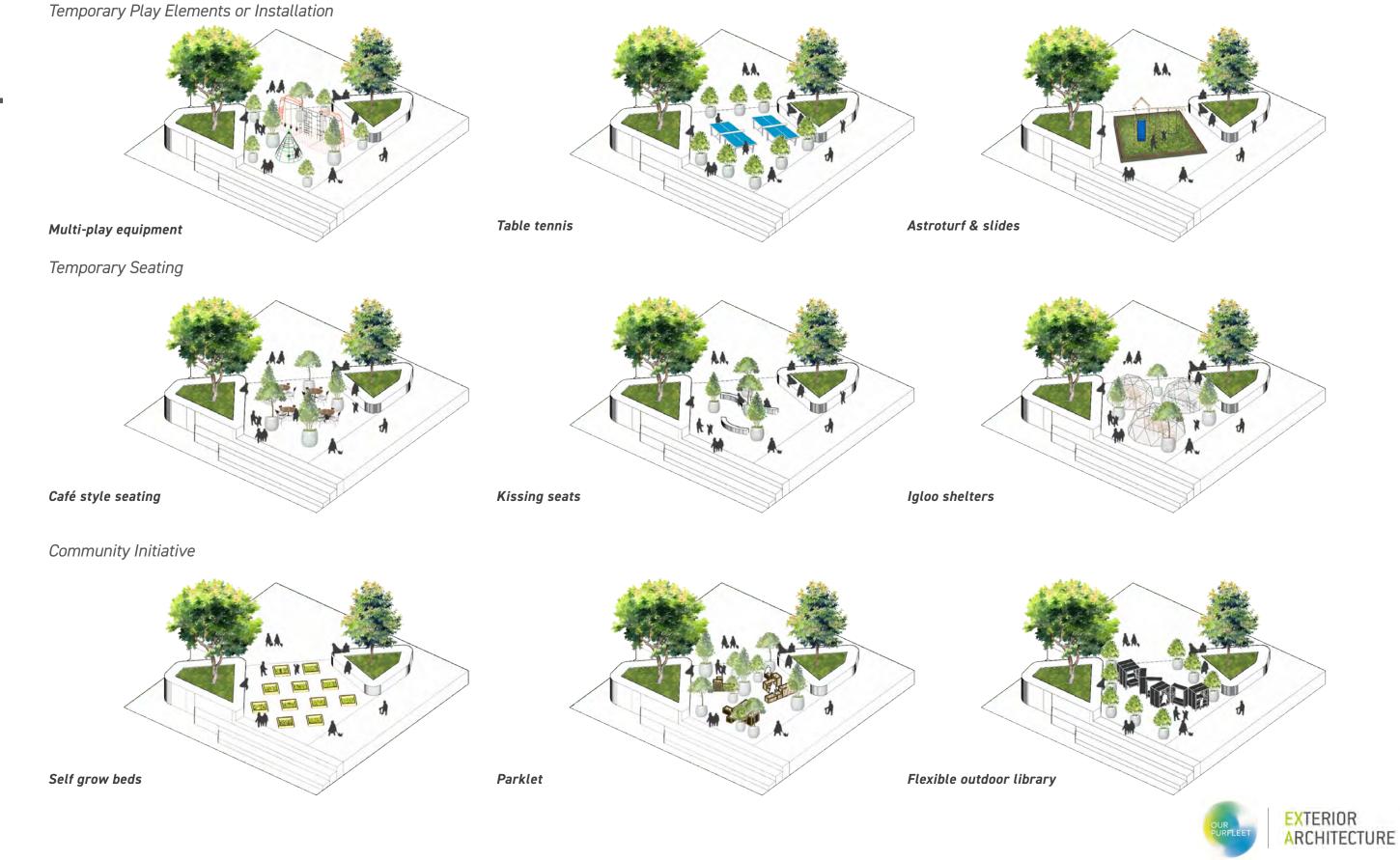


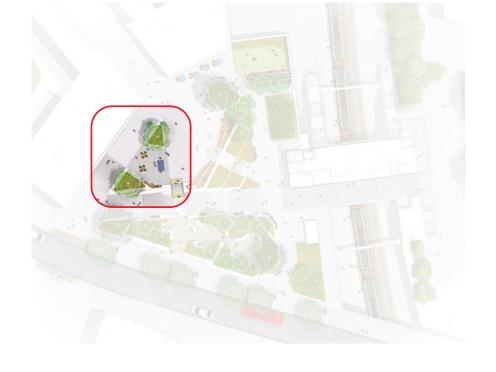


Meanwhile Uses - Western Hangout

A programmable hardstand space framed by the amphitheatre bleachers and two permanent trees.

Temporary furniture or community initiatives can be proposed depending on seasonality/need.



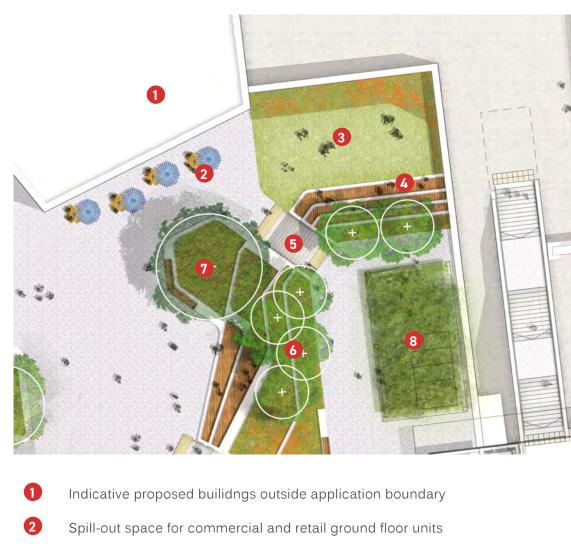


Detailed Area - Northern Hangout

# A small-scale lawn area framed by terraced seating.

The intimate alcove can be used for resting and sun-bathing, or smallscale temporary play elements can be introduced to provide a safe and semi-enclosed space for children to play.





- 3 Lawn open space for small-scale events and spill-out
- Terraced amphitheatre inspired by the appearance and form of Purfleet-On-Thames chalk terraces
- 5 Stepped connection to station
- 6 Planted terraces to frame open spaces and provide buffering to pedestrian and vehicular routes
- **7** Specimen Cherry Tree to mark site entrances
- 8 Station cylce store

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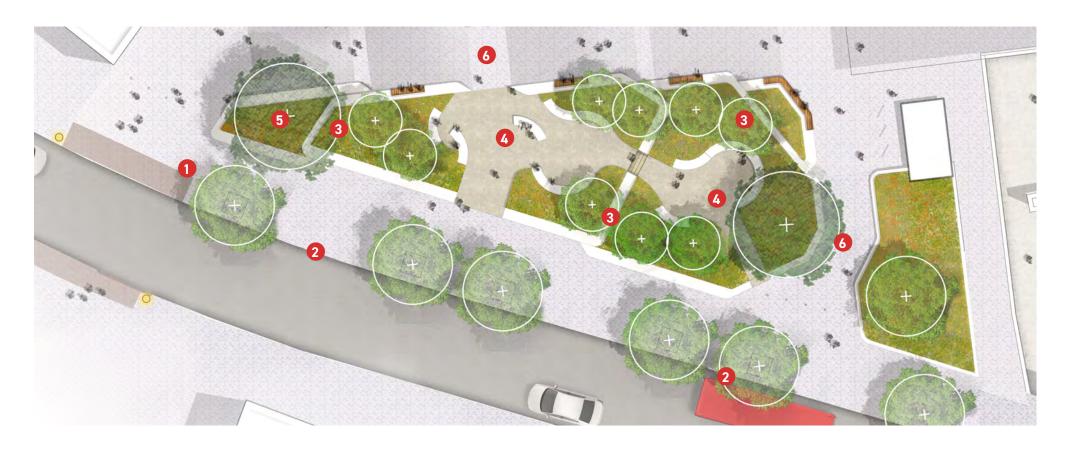
Detailed Area - Buffer Zone

## A distinctive and vegetated 'buffer' to London Road

A method to enclose the central flexible space and limit the transmission of noise and fumes from the roadway.

Semi-enclosed spaces for meeting/ waiting and 'kissing seats' which are arranged to diversify the seating experiences within the Market Square.







CONTEMPLATION, OBSERVATION AND RELAXATION



PLAY AND LEISURE



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- London Road footpath connection to 1 bus stop
- Indicative street trees along London 2 Road
- Planted terraces to frame open 3 spaces and provide buffering to pedestrian and vehicular routes
  - Buffer Zone Transitional seating space along London Road

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- Specimen Cherry Tree to mark site entrances
- Sloped access route to Station Entrnace

3 Semi-isolated

GROUP GATHERINGS

**4** Communal



GROUP GATHERINGS COMMUNITY HANGOUTS







Tree Strategy

Follows overall masterplan strategy of 'Botanical Exploration' Five character areas across masterplan,<br/>representing the native trees from 5<br/>geographical zones - Market place falls within<br/>European ZoneMixture of species for structure and screening<br/>Blossom trees for spring colour - Cherry and<br/>Judas tree



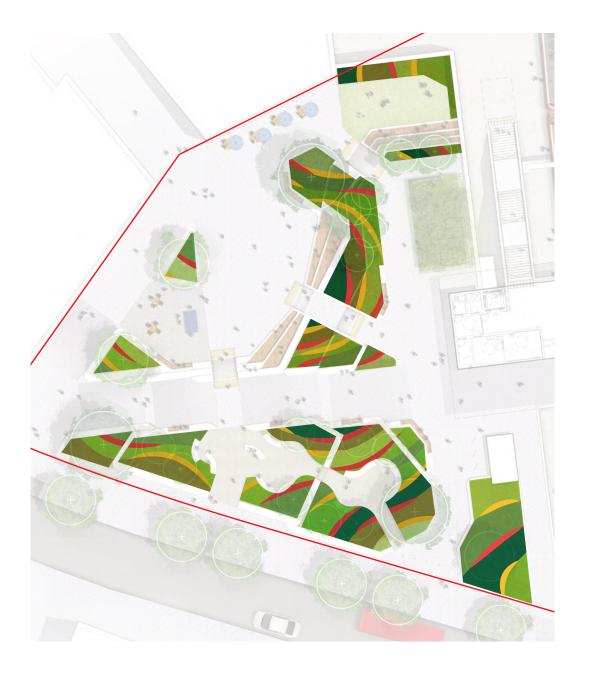






Soft Landscape Strategy

## **Replicate in planted form the** appearance and colours found regularly in local chalk landscapes.



## **Grass Swathes**

»Selection of grass species planted in large swathes »Reminiscent of the local chalk grasslands

## **Herbaceous Bands**

- »Add seasonal pops of colour to the grass swathes
- »Warm palette to echo colours used in the station building and to create an inviting vibrant space

## **Evergreen Bands**

- »Evergreen shrubs planted in amongst grass swathes and around periphery of site
- »Structure, form and screening from London Road

## **Intermingled Bulbs**

»Add seasonal interest, particularly in early spring before herbaceous species are in bloom

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Grass Swathes



Herbaceous Bands



### Evergreen Bands



Intermingled Bulbs



Lighting Strategy

A combination of light columns, bollards, tree up-lights and recessed lights to ensure safety and visibility.

Illuminate pedestrianised areas during dark hours. Safe routes are provided along key pathways to enforce a greater sense of security and personal safety.

Elegant, simple and add visual value as part of a consistent palette of materials and furniture.

Be sensitive to the existing environment and local context.



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