

12C. THE RIVER AVON PARK (4/5)

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PROJECT CONCEPT

Green Park adjoins the River Avon and is comprised of a park with historic boundaries and it relates strongly to the terraced Georgian townhouses. The present day layout of this space also includes an elevated triangular section of land which is separate from the park but could be integrated. Design concepts consider the change in level and the separation of these spaces from the river frontage. There is scope to change the riverside profile and create more space closer to the riverside, widen the tow path and integrate the waterside public realm with the park itself.

During 2016, a new cycle path connection has been installed linking the park entrance with the river edge. In 2017, works are underway to move the river path into the park away from the steep river edge behind a retained railing.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Enhance Functionality

Define use of spaces with distinct functions catering for recreational, play and introduce new facilities such as a cafe to provide an attraction and generate revenue

Environmental Enhancements

Provide for potential habitats for birds, pollinating insects and river species

Visual/ Intervisibility

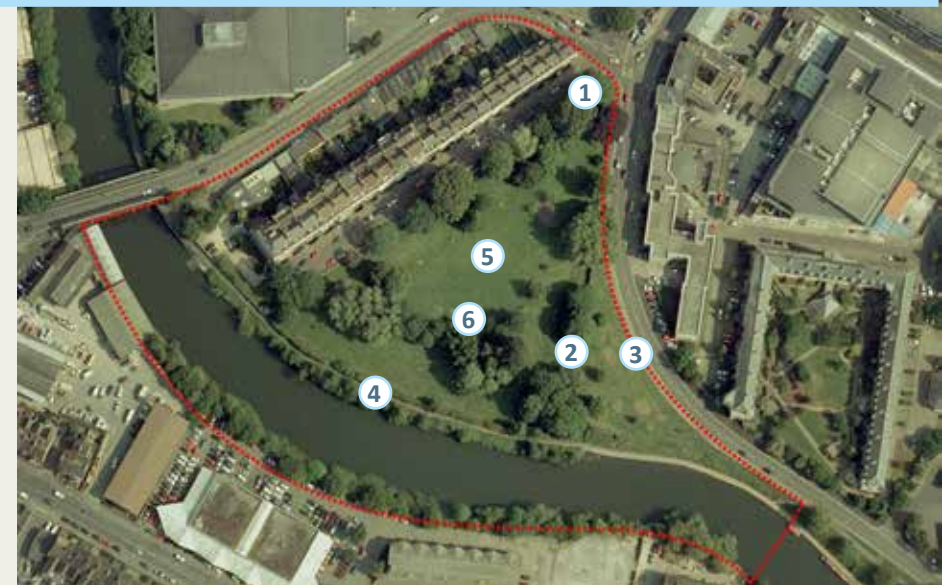
Create clear views of the river from surrounding areas to encourage movement

A sense of place

Create spaces with a distinct character and retain/enhance existing assets

OVERALL ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

- 1 Separation from the river corridor due to limited access from the city centre and steep level change of the river bank
- 2 Barrier to movement – historic boundary wall and level change dividing south-east corner from adjacent park
- 3 Exposure to A367 road negatively affects the quality of space and increases the vulnerability of the raised corner
- 4 Since the WaterSpace Study commenced the narrow riverside pathway has now been replaced with an upgraded widened path which is integrated into Green Park and a new path links this to the Park entrance.
- 5 Large open mown grass with minimal function, opportunity to review and increase meadow grass, improving biodiversity
- 6 Lack of spatial definition: seating and play features spread out



OUTLINE PROPOSALS

A

Bespoke designed cafe/ restaurant with adjacent active space



B

Waterside marginal Reedbed habitat creation



C

Terraced accessible topography with paths accessing river edge



D

Play space with distinct choice of play and bespoke detailing based on a theme

