

12A. THE RIVER AVON PARK (2/5)

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PROJECT CONCEPT

Kelson Fields lies to the rear of residential properties which front onto nearby Locksbrook Road and Upper Bristol Road. This space has abundant established tree cover along both sides of the park and along the route of the former brook. It is south facing, enclosed and an attractive space, albeit under-used. The space could become an attractive entrance to the River Park.

The entrance to the Park from the Road is poor, and suggests it is a private space. There is potential for the park to be improved with an enhanced entrance, with a wider footpath edge, potential for riparian habitats to be enhanced and the potential for a pop-up cafe kiosk and for summer events to be held in the space.

1 Unclear connectivity with surroundings/ poorly defined entrances



2 Dense tree canopy create dark corridors but create unwelcoming daytime spaces



3 Open mown space with minimal function or biodiversity



4 Narrow river pathway



ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

Enhanced Functionality – There is opportunity to create active river frontage space and potentially encourage use of an area for riverside activities/angling access/riverside festival venue.

Improve natural surveillance – A welcoming entrance, and activities which will encourage people to linger e.g. a pop up kiosk, will increase the use of the space.

Visual Intervisibility – Improve the natural surveillance of this space with tree works to lift and thin tree canopies and selectively remove understorey planting as well as replace any tree planting which is in poor condition.

A Sense of Place – Consider ways to extend the waterside art works into the space. New works should include a coordinated material palette and site equipment should be coordinated with the wider linear park.

OUTLINE PROPOSALS

- A Visible entrance seating space and lifting canopy to increase visibility
- B Widened river pathway & events space – material to co-ordinate with wider linear park. Seating provided along path
- C Upgraded play area and boundary
- D Increased grass area to create a more gradual slope to river edge to improve safety and access
- E Potential shared surface leading to proposed entrance with wayfinding signage

