

12B. THE RIVER AVON PARK (3/5)

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PROJECT CONCEPT

Norfolk Crescent is an elevated green space which is formal in character with a Georgian Crescent, and modern development fronting and overlooking the space. The green space is accessible from the west at the end of Nelson Place West and it is not possible to access the riverside from the elevated level of Norfolk Crescent. There is a further access point which has kissing gate arrangement, although the access point is eroded.

The project concept would access and Intervisibility between the public open space and the river corridor, in subtle and selected locations, providing glimpsed views but retaining the green lane and dark corridor for wildlife.

Proposals could include a path across the space and wayfinding at strategic locations. There is additionally the opportunity to introduce areas of species rich meadow grassland to increase biodiversity and improve the aesthetic of the green space.

ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

Enhanced Functionality – There is opportunity to increase the through movement across this space to better connect to the River Park, this site is an important gateway to the Park.

Environmental Enhancement – This could be achieved by diversifying the planting to include more marginal species and meadow grassland areas to break up the close mown appearance of the park.

Visual Intervisibility – Improve the visibility to the river in places – selectively lift and thin tree canopies and thin understorey planting whilst retaining a continuous and connected dark corridor for wildlife.

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

- 1 Dense Vegetated edge
- 2 Lack of wayfinding entering the site from the city centre
- 3 Open mown space with minimal environmental or functional value
- 4 Limited and poor access points to/from river corridor



- A Way finding with direction information
- B Stepped Ramp access to riverside edge and create visibility
- C Hard self-binding gravel path access
- D Mown grass pathway for walking use

