



York Access Forum

The Square Presentation

Wednesday 22nd November
2023



Design that connects us

Welcome

Workshop Agenda - The Square

12:15 -12:20pm

Introductions by all.

12:20 – 12:40pm

Project background and design details
shared by Barton Howe.

12:40 - 1:00pm

Group review of design. Discussion and
feedback facilitated by Mima.

1:00 - 1:05pm

Thanks and close.

Project Background

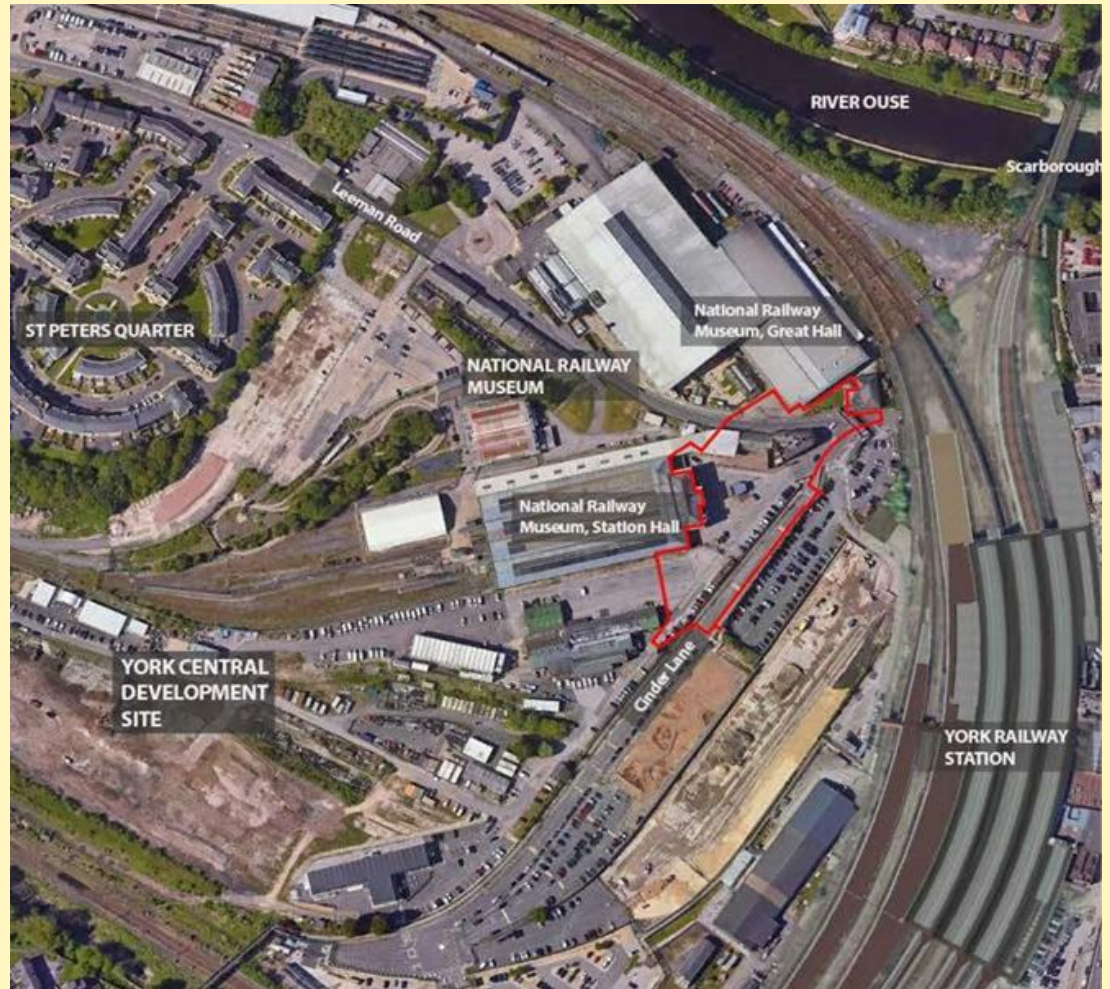
Project Background

- New public space as part of the York Central development.
- The NRM to the north, York Railway Station to the south, a cycle route to the west.
- Design brief - to be respectful to local heritage whilst also providing space for modern, accessible events.

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- Softer elements of landscaping, and seating to encourage dwell space.
- Segregated cycle route with limited shared space for pedestrians/cyclists.
- Lighting and wayfinding for a safe environment.

Project Background



Inclusive Design Development

- All gradients: 1:24 or below, and all access routes at least 1800mm clear width (apart from bollard narrowing to 1.5m/1.2m clear width).
- Contrasting seating with back & armrests will be available at 30m intervals, at 435-500mm height with lateral transfer space for wheelchair users.
- Adapted cycle spaces will be provided at 2m widths.

Inclusive Design Development

- There will be colour and tactile contrast between the pedestrian route and cycleway (with further design development ongoing).
- Lighting lux levels will be consistent. Colourful floor lights will be available for events; these will need to be carefully placed and used for partially sighted and neurodivergent visitors
- A tactile map will be available as part of the site.

Inclusive Design Development



Progress so Far

- Engagement and consultation sessions were held both in-person and online in November 2022, February and March 2023, to reach the broadest range of public participants possible.
- Pre-application engagement with the local planning authority for the last year.
- Submitted the Reserved Matters Application on 28th July.

Progress so Far

- Discussed with David Smith, Access Officer on 17th August, and booked in for this meeting.
- David Smith formally responded to the RMA on 4th September. Main issues related to bollard height and visibility, crossing point and adapted cycle racks. These elements have been amended as the design has developed.
- Aiming to go to Planning Committee early Dec.

Progress so Far



Forum Review and Discussion

What would make The Square inclusive for you and your accessibility requirements?

- Entrance and exit ways, including crossings, HVM bollards and adapted cycle parking
- Access routes and gradients
- The location and design of seats, and distance between them
- Shared space with cyclists
- Colour contrast and tactile elements
- Inclusive signage and lighting

Thank you for your Engagement



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