



Front Street Phase 2 Engagement

Access Forum Meeting March 2024 v4

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Background to Phase 1

- UK Shared Prosperity Funding - specific with strict guidelines on spending deadlines (otherwise clawed back by central government). Dec 2022 allocated £395k
- Desire to enhance Acomb's economic growth
- Uneven paving and illegal parking on pavements
- Land ownership
- Maintenance/ ongoing repairs
- Future of Acomb Front Street Study 2021 – emerging ideas for next 10-15yrs



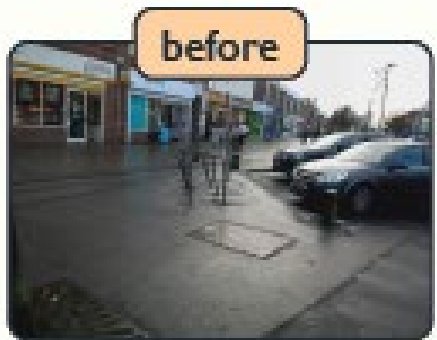
Delivered in phase 1



Accessible seating trial



Tactile crossing points



Cycle racks



Repaired pavements



Bollards to tackle illegal parking, which are being reviewed in phase 2



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Lessons learned & way forward

- Clear explanation - what is proposed and why
- Phase 2 shaped by previous experience, community petition, listening to stakeholder groups, external urban designers challenge and expertise
- Recognise this is just the **start of work**, UKSPF can't deliver everything now but has placemaking, community and FOFS Study at its core.

Phase 2 – Aims

- Placemaking - create a more family friendly and accessible destination
- Maximise impact on arrival – welcome space
- Improve pedestrian character and reduce dominance of road/ vehicles
- Improve the visitor experience and promote businesses
- Work with community

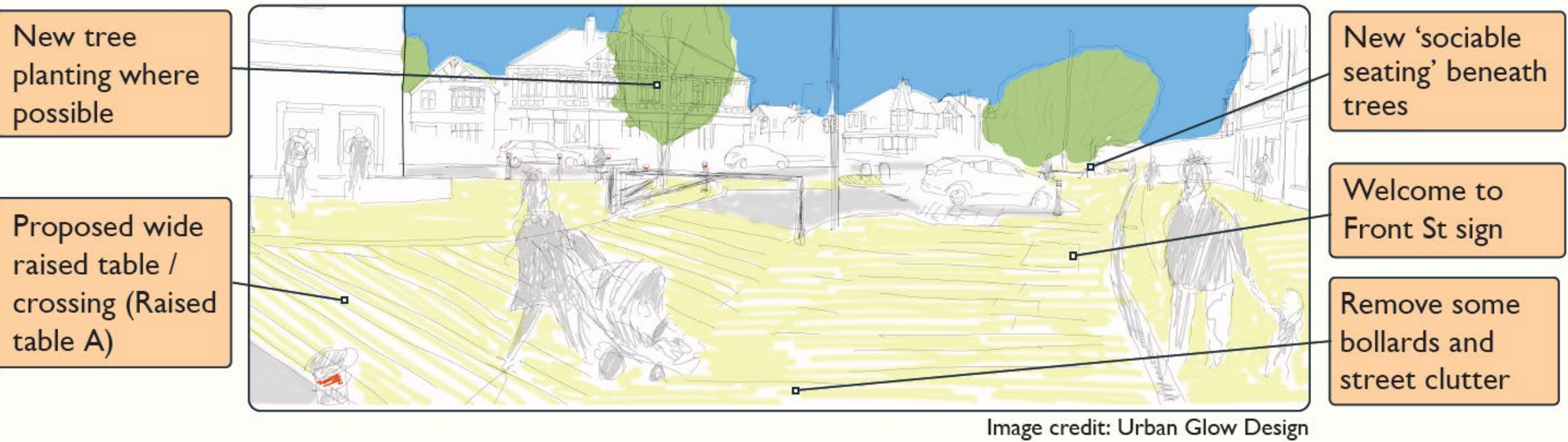


We are engaging on four key elements

1. Enhancing the high street
2. Creating a more accessible destination
3. Extending the benefits beyond the high street
4. Longer term aspirations

1. Enhancing the high street

Welcome Gateway – welcoming, inviting & sense of arrival



Welcome Gateway new pedestrian focused features

1. Replace bench with sculptural social seating
2. Retain cycle parking, new gateway sign
3. Reduce clutter, bollards
4. Retain new accessible seating, plant tree and green welcome space
5. Wide, flush pedestrian crossing
6. New features – more greenery and wayfinding
7. Improve blue badge parking

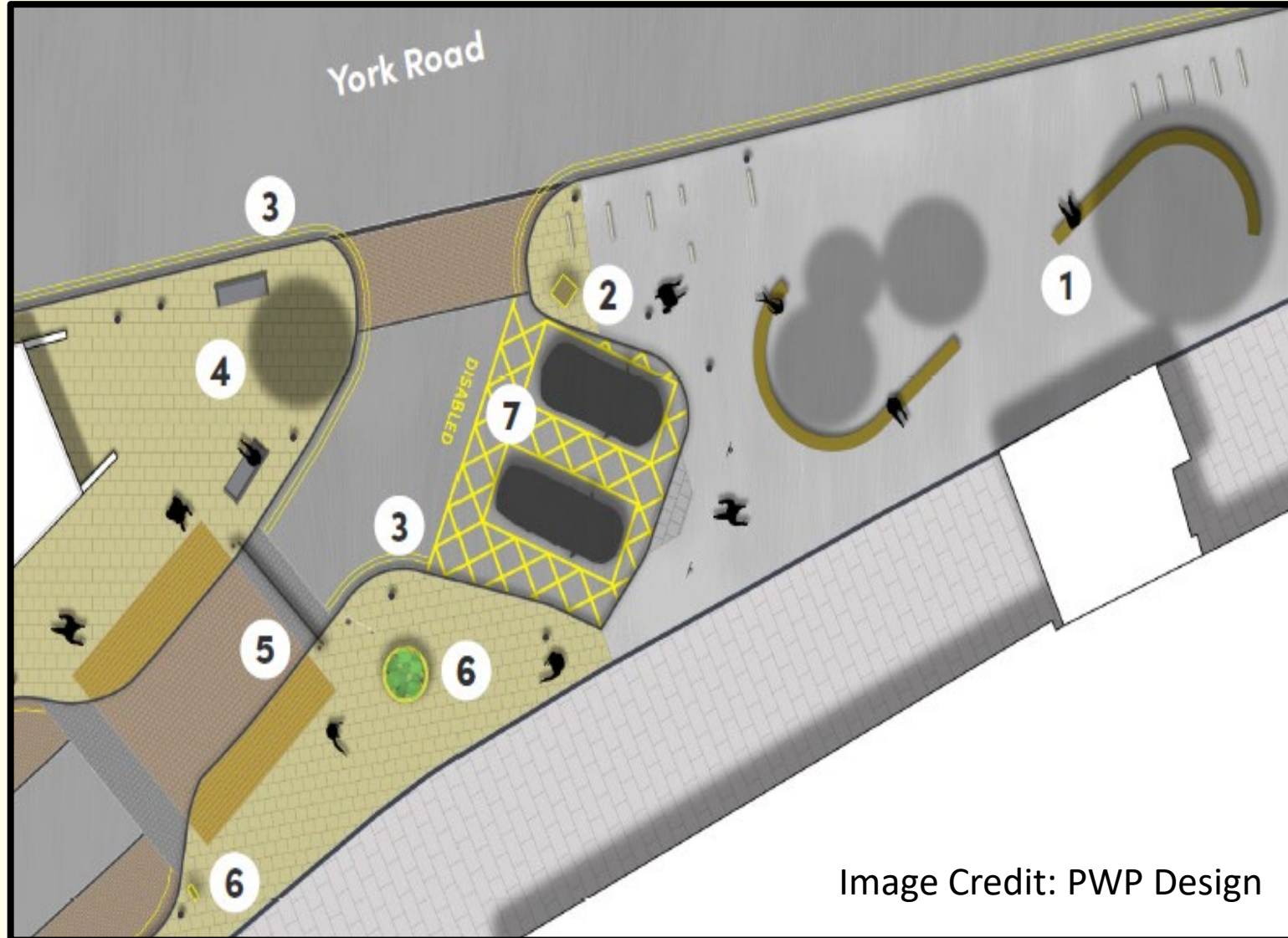
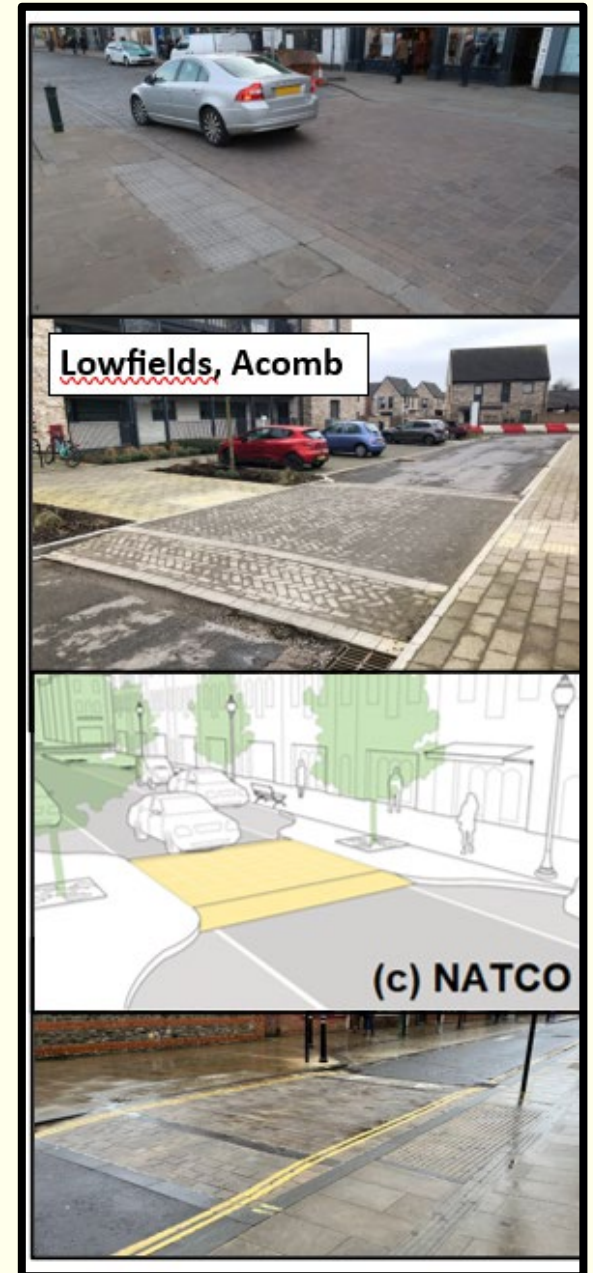


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What is a “raised table”?

- A generous, wide pedestrian crossing, level with the pavement:
- **By day**, when traffic gate is closed this would create a more people friendly and accessible space
- **By night**, when traffic gate is open, would act as a traffic calming device to reduce traffic speed (20mph)



Central Space

- Wider raised crossing to create a more people “central space” and improve accessibility



Proposed wide
raised table /
crossing (Raised
table B)

Review bollards

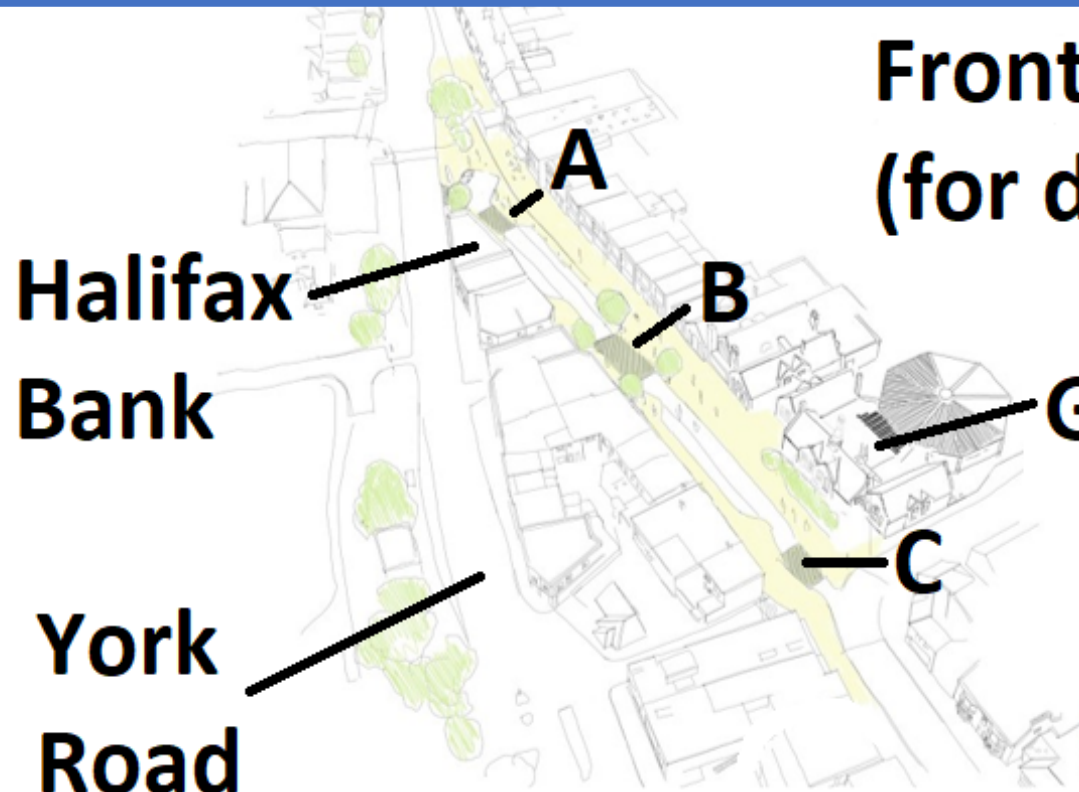


Frame new
central space
with pop-up
seating, tree/
planting where
possible.

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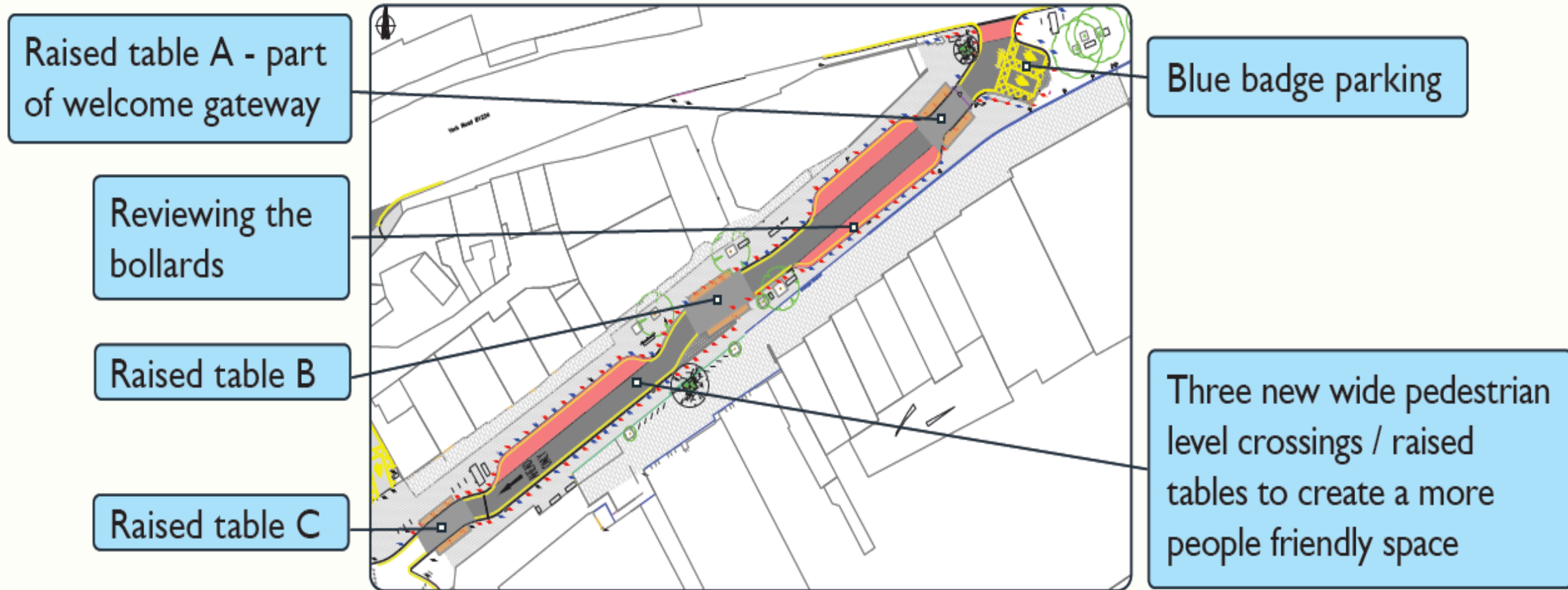
More people friendly space – wide flush crossings

**Front Street: Indicative Sky View
(for discussion purposes only)**



**The Urban Glow Design & Heritage Ltd
AG January 2024**

Front Street – more people friendly space



High street activity commences

- **Market**
- Operator approached council
- 3 - month trial
- 16 March, 20 April, 18 May



- **Toilet upgrade**
- Repairs required
- 2 Accessible unisex units
- Baby changing tables in each
- Completed by end June 24

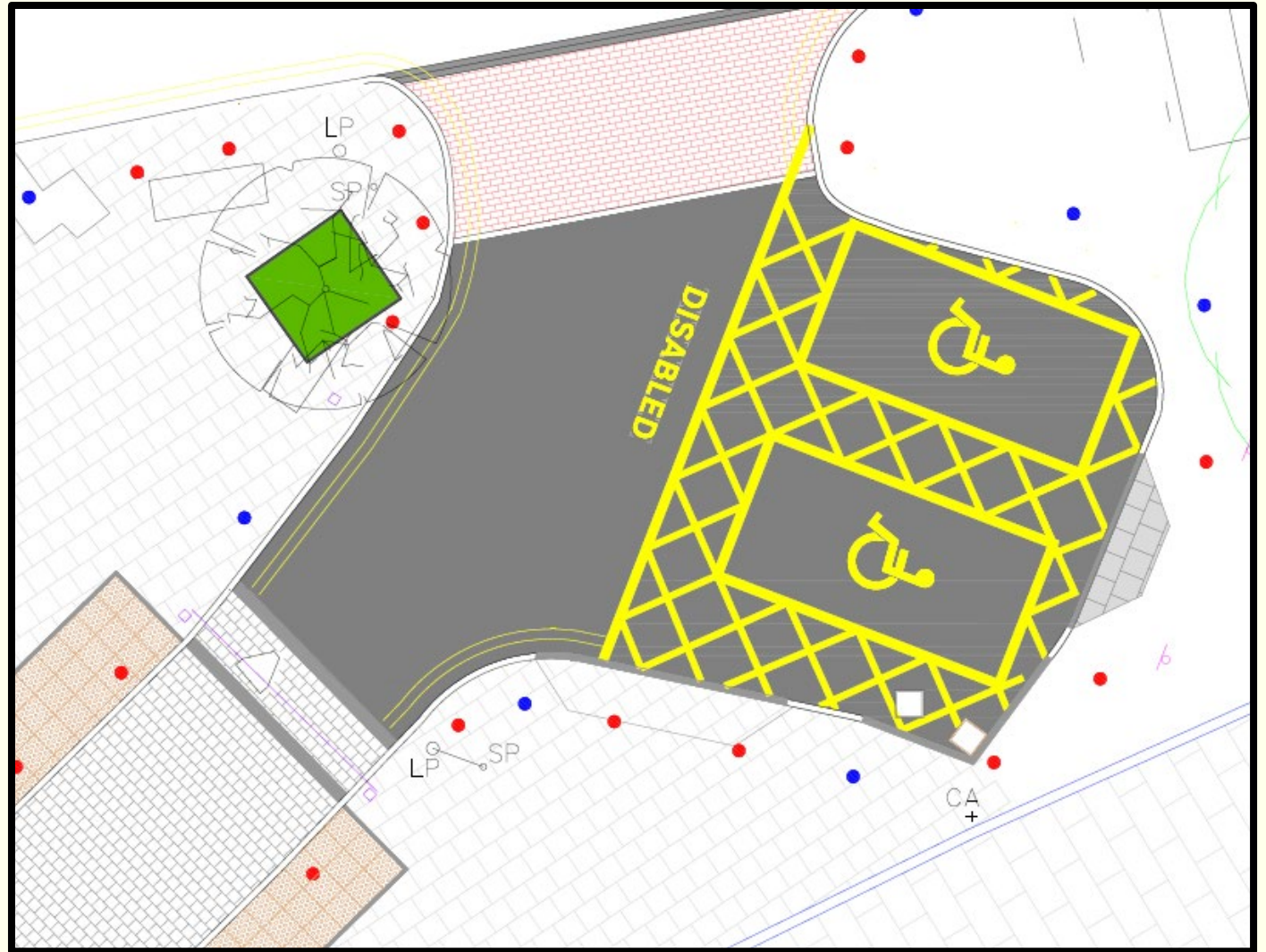


2. Creating a more accessible destination

- Current blue badge parking does not meet accessibility standards and are frequently misused by other road users.
- **Currently 7 non-compliant spaces**
- We aim to deliver compliant parking bays to Part M Building Regulations (subject to Road Safety Audit or physical restrictions)

Outside Halifax / Cooplands parking

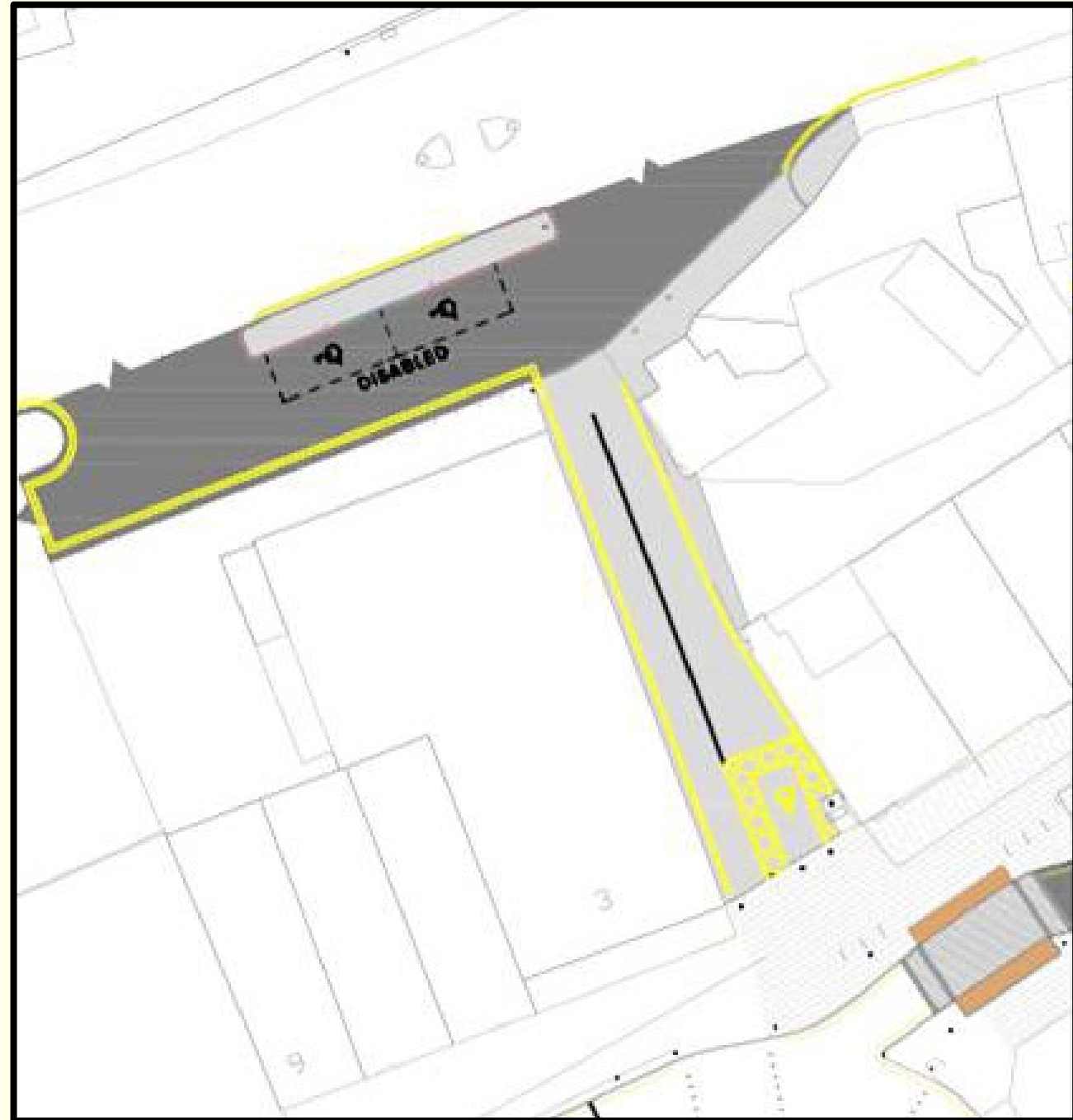
- Currently 3 spaces
- Mark up as 2 accessible spaces with dropped kerbs
- Reduced bollards
- Gate position retained – improved manoeuvrability



Cross Street

Currently two spaces, no formal pedestrian route, cycle path only.

- Formal shared pedestrian / cycle route (LTN 1.20)
- One accessible parking space with two additional accessible spaces in layby
- Extended layby island and pedestrian priority to upgraded accessible toilets



School Street

- Currently 2 non-compliant accessible spaces
- One accessible space

	Current BB Spaces	Accessible BB Spaces
Cooplands	3	2
Cross Street	2	1
Cross Street York Road	0	2
School Street	2	1
Total	7	6

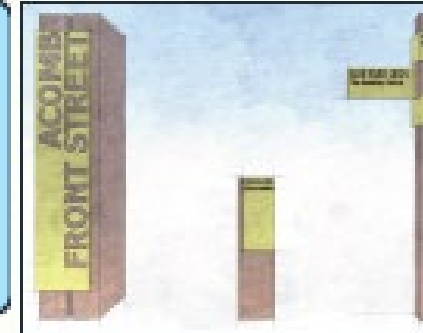


3. Extending the benefits beyond the high street



3A) Wayfinding signs

New signs to help connect amenities, such as the park/ green, toilets and library



3B) Public art/ identity

Promote Acomb's offer as a whole, and as a family friendly destination, by creating an identity for Acomb. This could include public art such as a small wall mural.



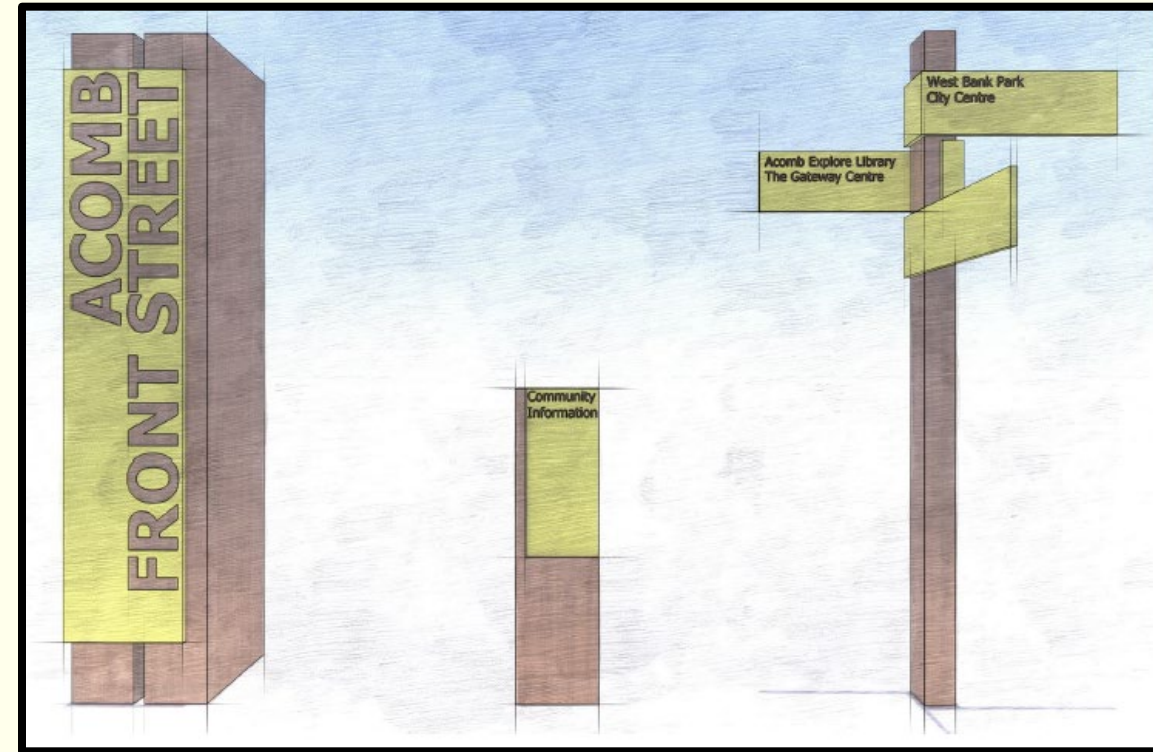
3C) New crossing and seating

New crossing near to Morrisons junction and additional seating in the area to improve the pedestrian experience.



Wayfinding & Signage

- Create bold brand and identity at entrance
- Gateway sign c. 3.2m tall 650m wide
- Bold text, branding and colour
- Reflect personality and story
 - Oak tree, patterns, textures come from this



Pop up seating

- In addition to accessible benches, new playful, sculptural features for all ages to enjoy



Freestanding planters

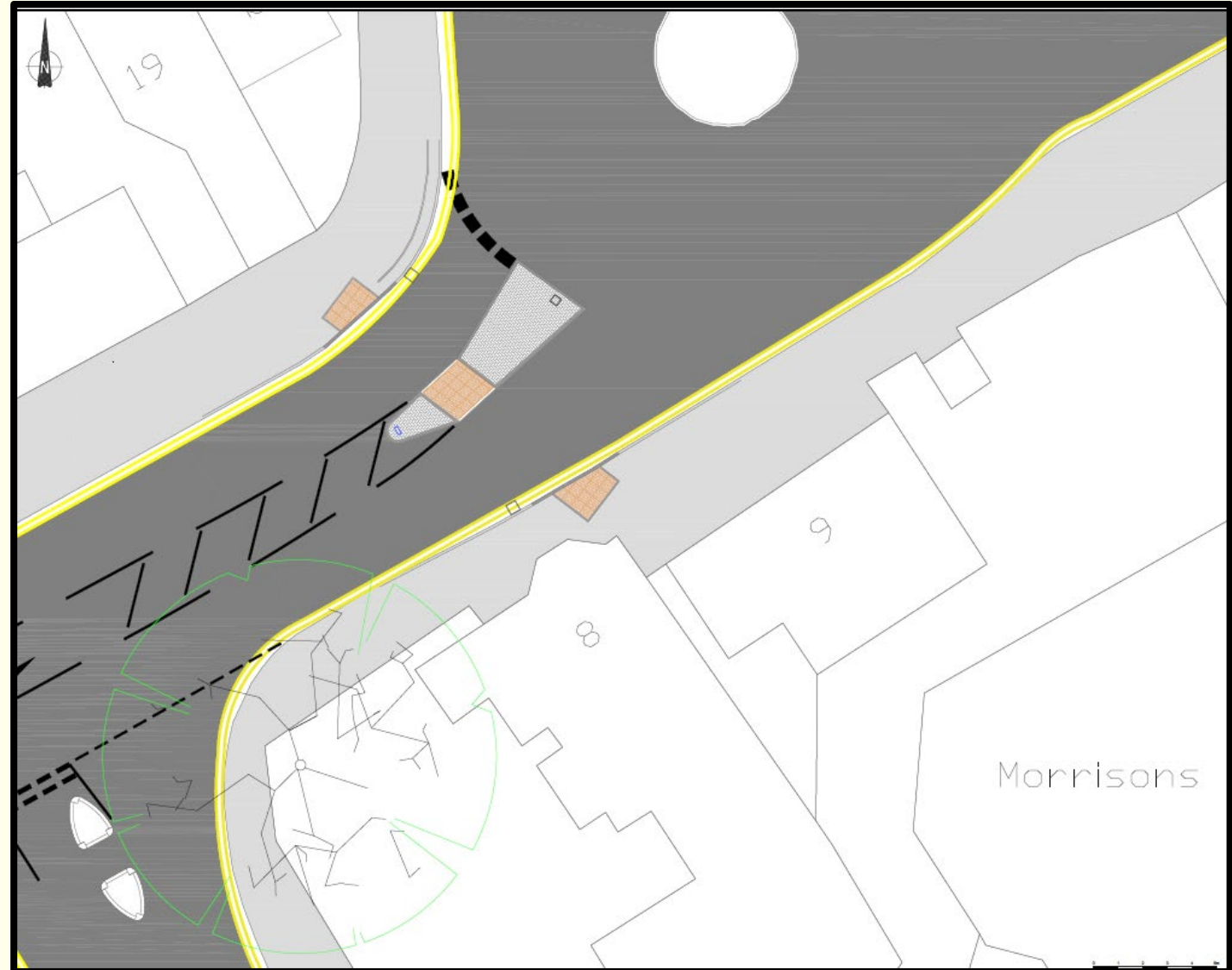
- Small planters can lack visual impact and have maintenance issues
- Bright focal points & green the street **without causing obstructions**. Maintenance needs planning



New crossing

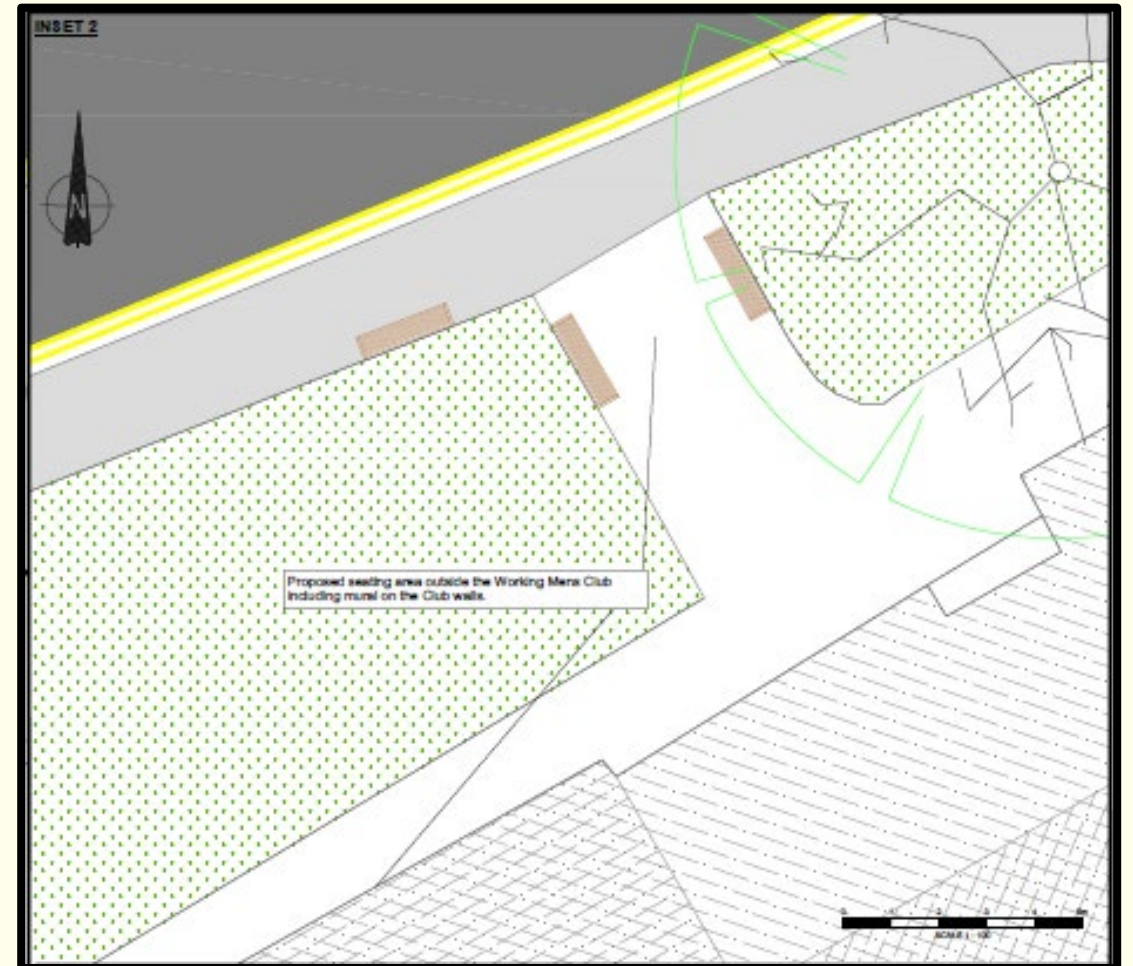
Near Morrisons

- Current desire line and used route
- Tactile paving and dropped kerb



Working Men's Club

- New additional seating to provide welcome rest points along older section of Front Street, subject to permission.



Use of the Road

Front Street shopping area currently has 'two lives' depending on the day/ time

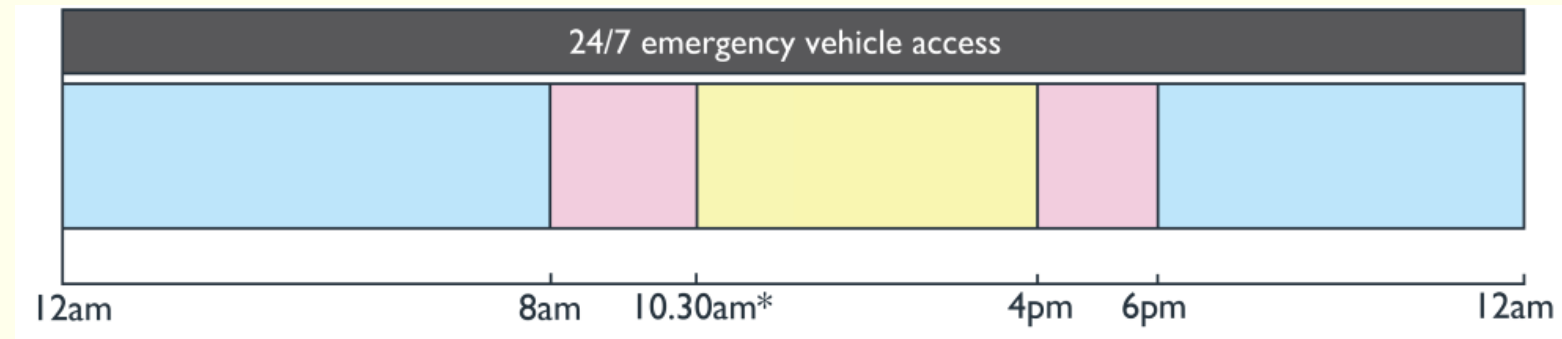
- a pedestrianised space when the gate is shut and
- a street with vehicles running through when the gate is open










Use of the Road

Phase 2 does not propose any fundamental change to arrangements – explore what longer term changes could look like

- **Feasibility study** to look at vehicle dominance/traffic impacts can be further reduced



Time of day	How can I use the road within the high street?						
24 hour timeline	Pedestrian 	Emergency Access 	Loading/unloading 	Blue badge parking 	Cycling 	All vehicles - drive through 	All vehicles - parking 
Morning 8-10:30am (Mon-Fri)* 8-9:30am (Sat)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Day 10:30am-4pm (Mon-Fri) 9:30-4pm (Sat)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Afternoon 4-6pm (Mon-Sat)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Night 6pm-8am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunday	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

4. Long term aspirations (subject to fundings and approvals)

4A) Street with priority for people

You said: Create a more people friendly space.

Proposal: Create a street with more priority for people. Any further long term proposals would be subject to the outcome of the Phase 2 feasibility study, significant engagement with businesses, and further funding.

4B) Adopt privately owned land

You said: Open up community space

Proposal: A substantial part of the shopping area is privately owned non-adopted highway. The council could explore adopting the area which would enable the community to use the space in a more permanent way following the pop-up trial **(1C)**. For the council to adopt this space it must be brought up to a satisfactory standard.

4C) Improve connection to Explore library

You said: Better connect the high street with older village/ Explore

Proposal: Forge stronger pedestrian links between shopping area and library, such as additional crossing points and more pedestrian priority.

Process/ Timeline

Date	Timeline
Oct 2023	£570,000 additional UK Shared Prosperity Funding agreed by council's Executive
Feb 2024	Executive decision commence public engagement Phase 2
March 2024	Public engagement
April- June 2024	Analyse feedback & use to develop detailed designs & costs
Summer 2024	Share final design/proposal with community ward committee Formal decision required by council Executive to agree final scheme and costings & approve commencement to deliver scheme
Autumn 2024 – Spring 2025	Work takes place to deliver improvements to the area. These must be completed by UKSPF deadline March 25

How to get involved.. Before 24 March

By attending one of our drop in events at:

- Drop-in, Gateway Centre, Saturday 16 March 1pm-4pm

By filling in our survey online:

We will also add project updates to www.york.gov.uk/AcombFrontStreet.



Scan for our
online survey

By completing a print copy of our survey:

These are available at Acomb Explore. Hard copies can also be taken home and returned by post by Sunday 24 March 2024 to: Front Street Acomb Regeneration, Freepost RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ CYC, West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA. Or they can be emailed to acombfrontstreet@york.gov.uk.

Sign up to our newsletter:

We invite you to sign up to Acomb Front Street email list to keep informed about the project .
To join, please email: acombfrontstreet@york.gov.uk.

Alternative formats:

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- Email us at cycaccessteam@york.gov.uk
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- Or use our BSL video relay service at: www.york.gov.uk/BSLInterpretingService (select 'switchboard' from the menu)



1A Welcome Gateway

You said: More welcoming / inviting space

Proposal: Create a welcoming arrival space, more seating, planting, sign to mark precinct entrance

Cost estimate: £40,000

1B Review bollards / protect pavement

You said: Less street clutter, remove the bollards and tackle illegal parking

Proposal: Remove any unnecessary bollards, move some street furniture to pavement edge

Cost estimate: £40,000

1C Pop-up

You said: Open up community space, more seating and places to sit and chat

Proposal: Work with landowners on a 'pop-up' (e.g. fun furniture or planters) to activate the privately owned area and test use as a community space

Cost estimate: £30,000

1D Future use of the road

You said: Street designed for people, not cars

Proposal: Feasibility study on how to reduce vehicle dominance in shopping area / explore opportunities for a more people friendly space.

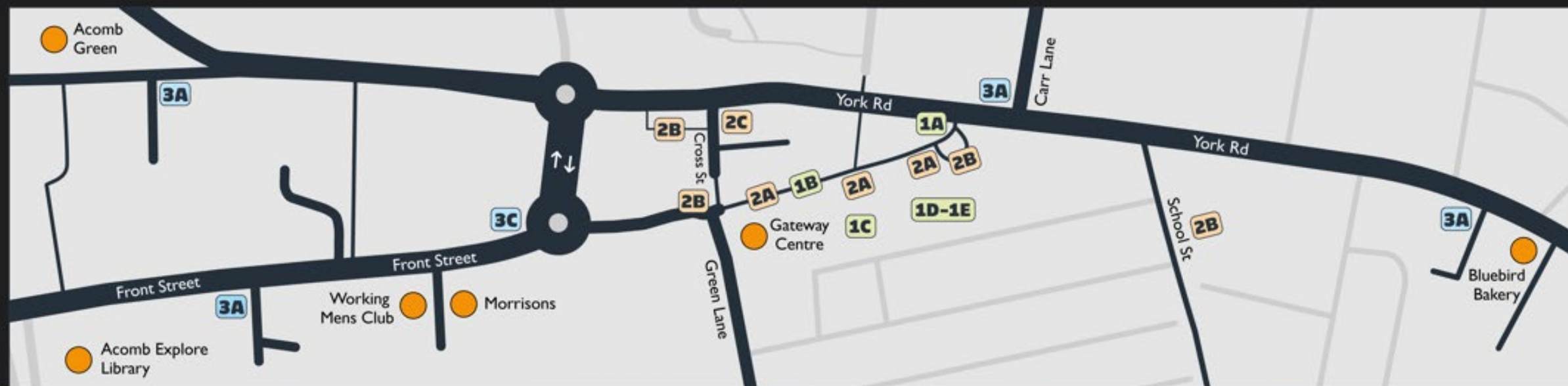
Cost estimate: £5,000

1E Market / Activities

You said: Bring back the market

Proposal: Three month trial with a new market operator starts 16th March

Cost agreed: £750 permit to enable trial



2A More level crossing space

You said: Accessible space, level pavement

Proposal: Three wide raised tables to create more level crossing space for all users, and create more people friendly feel within the precinct

Cost estimate: £150,000

2B Improve blue badge parking

You said: Misuse of blue badge parking

Proposal: Create accessible blue badge parking spaces at Cross Street, School Street and the top of Front Street (opposite Halifax).

Cost estimate: £110,000

2C Cross Street toilets

You said: Better toilets

Proposal: Upgrade existing tired toilet block to provide two accessible units.

Cost agreed: £42,500

3A Wayfinding signage

You said: Lack of signposting, link to facilities outside of the precinct too

Proposal: Wayfinding signage strategy to better connect amenities

Cost estimate: £30,000

3B Public art / identity

You said: A more cohesive identity and colourful space

Proposal: A unified place (colour/ material palette), public art (small mural or art trail)

Cost estimate: £10,000

3C New crossing and seating

You said: Traffic cuts precinct area off from older Front Street, create linkages, more seating, better connect precinct with older village/ Explore

Proposal: Introduce a new pedestrian crossing and seating near to Morrisons junction

Cost estimate: £30,000

Questions