

# Castle Gardens And Eye Of York

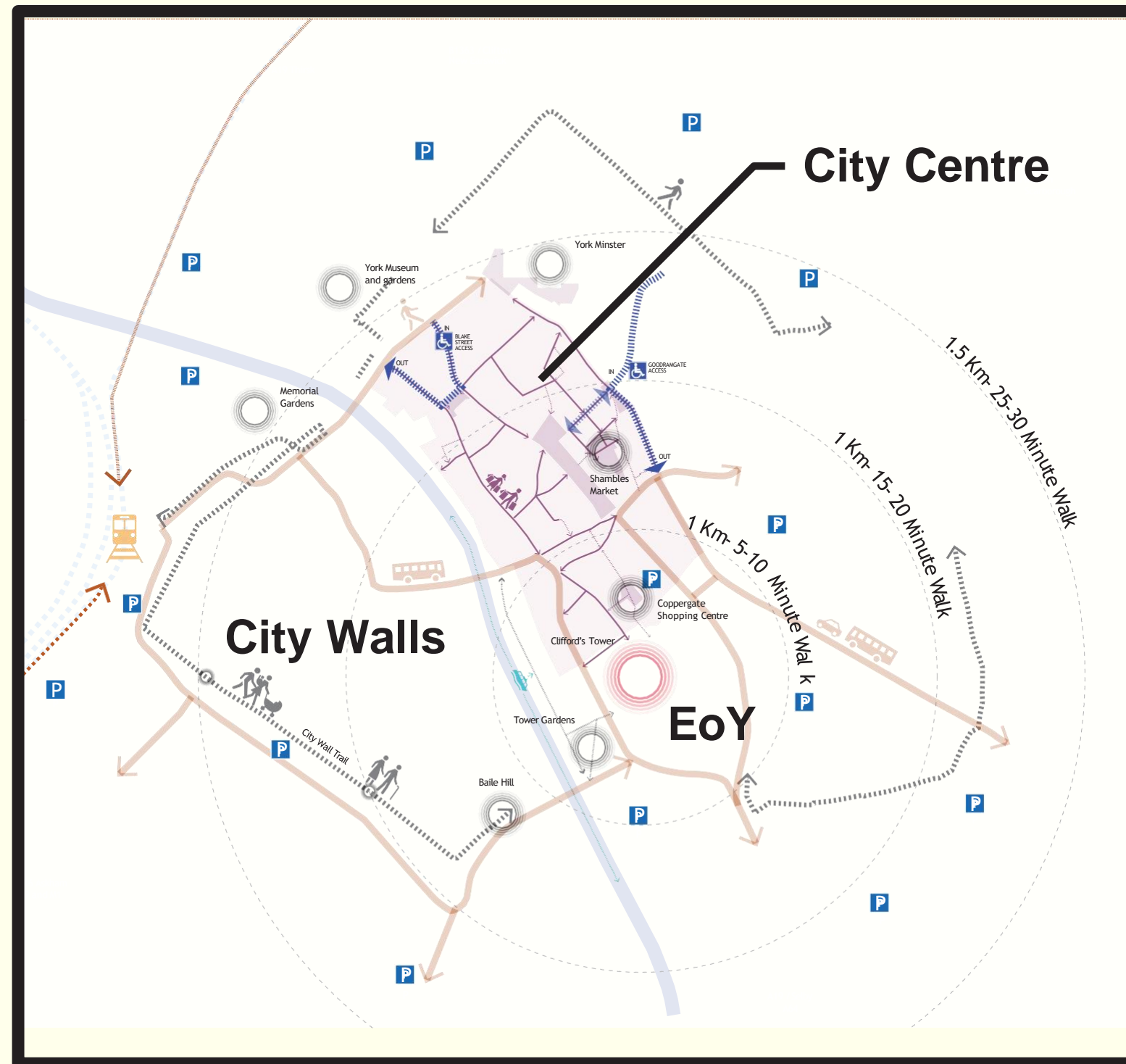
## Design Engagement

Access Forum Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025



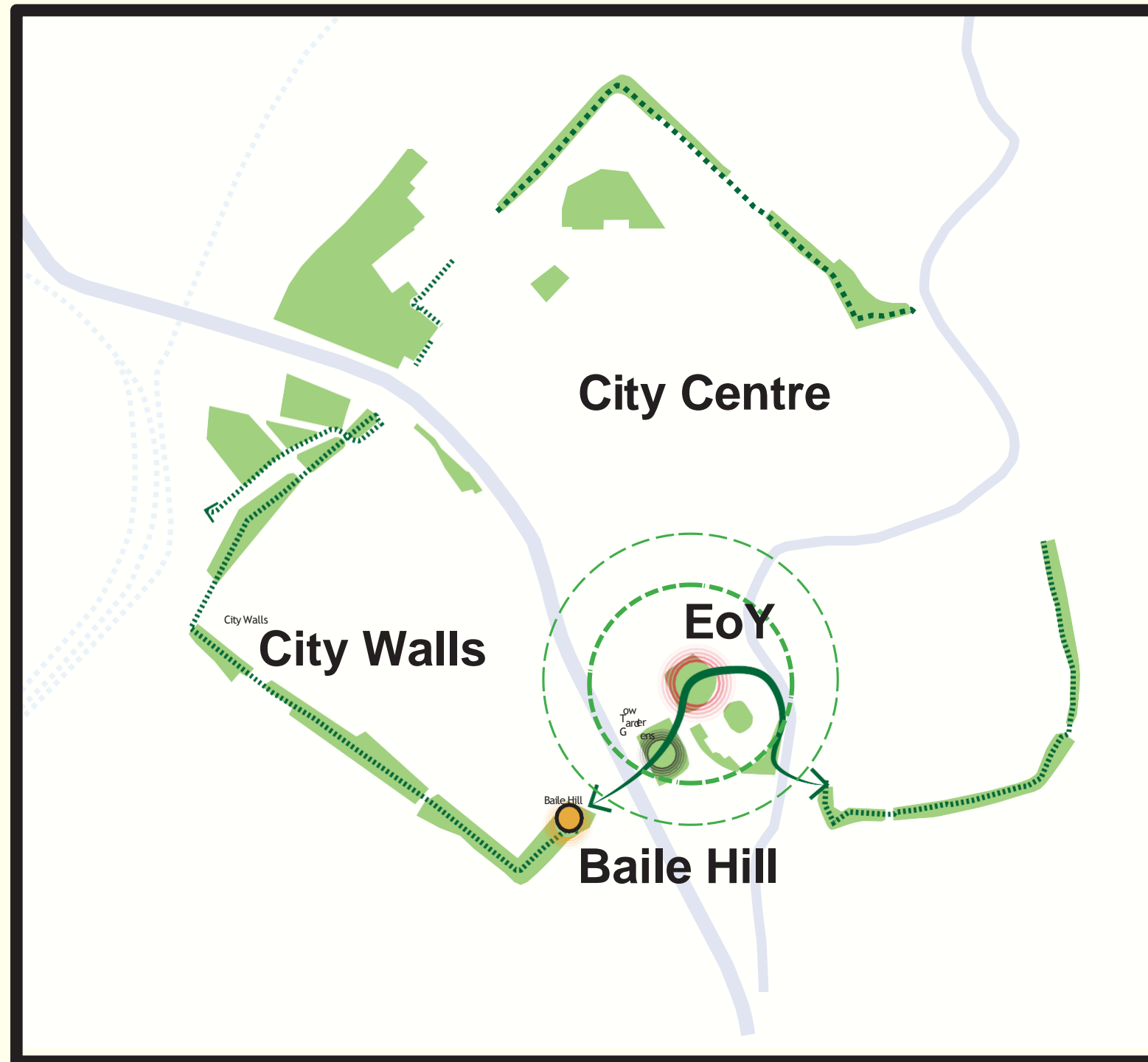
# Stage 3 - Key Themes

Accessibility is a priority



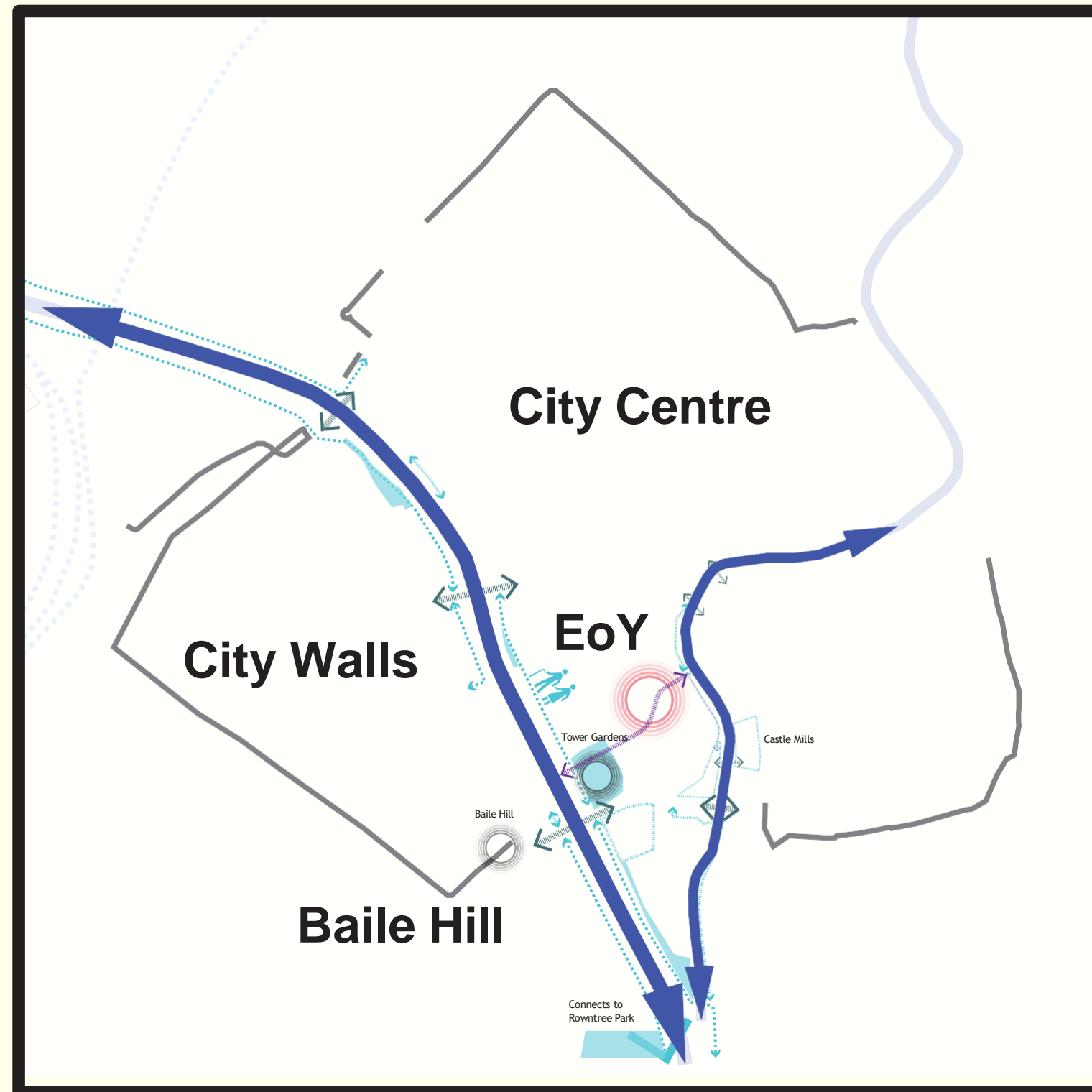
# Stage 3 - Key Themes

Creating a new greenspace for the city



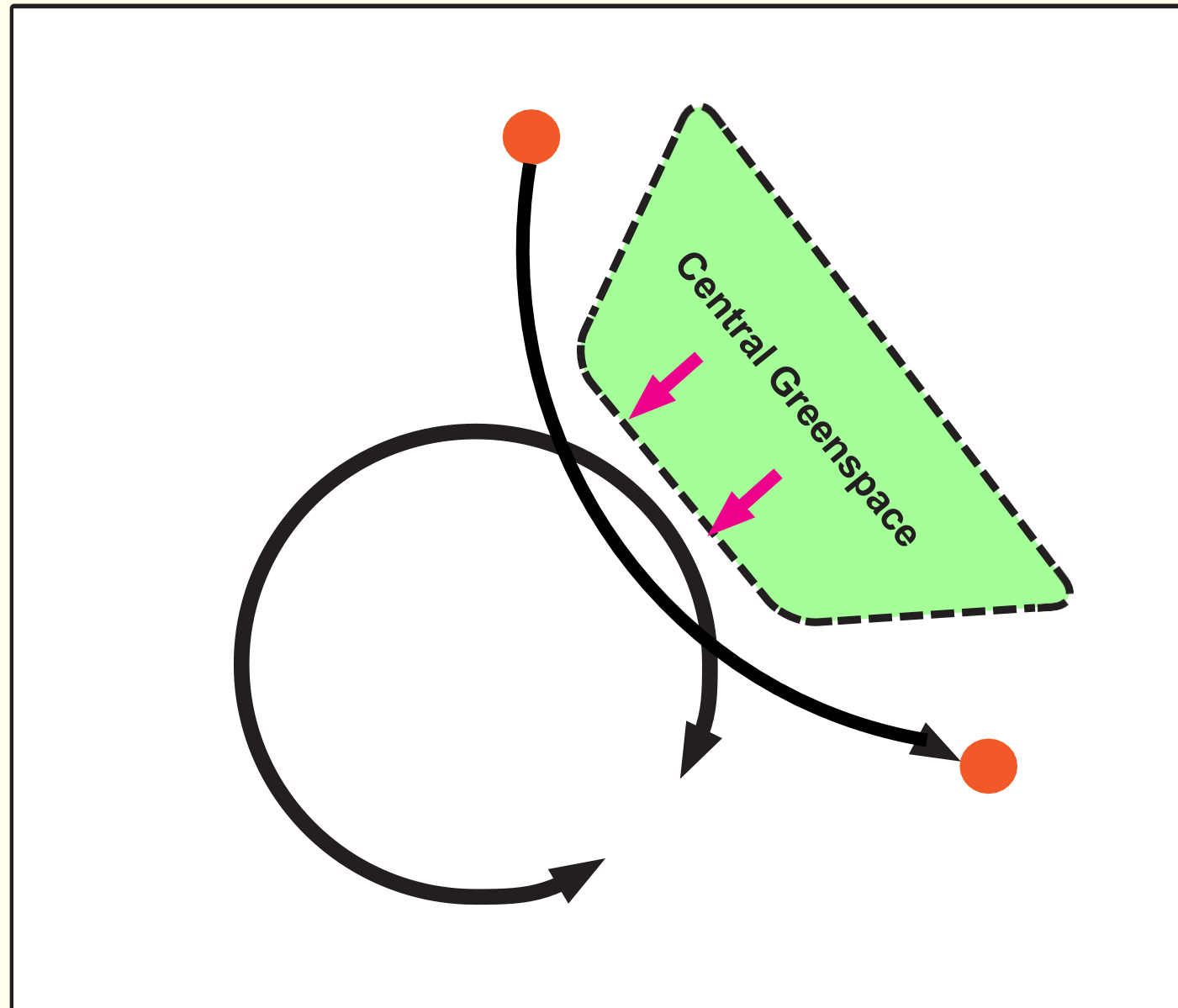
# Stage 3 - Key Themes

A place which has defined York's story



## STAGE 03 - Concept Development

**Maintaining narrative and uses, whilst creating a simplified design with a reduced construction cost**



### Stage 3 Design

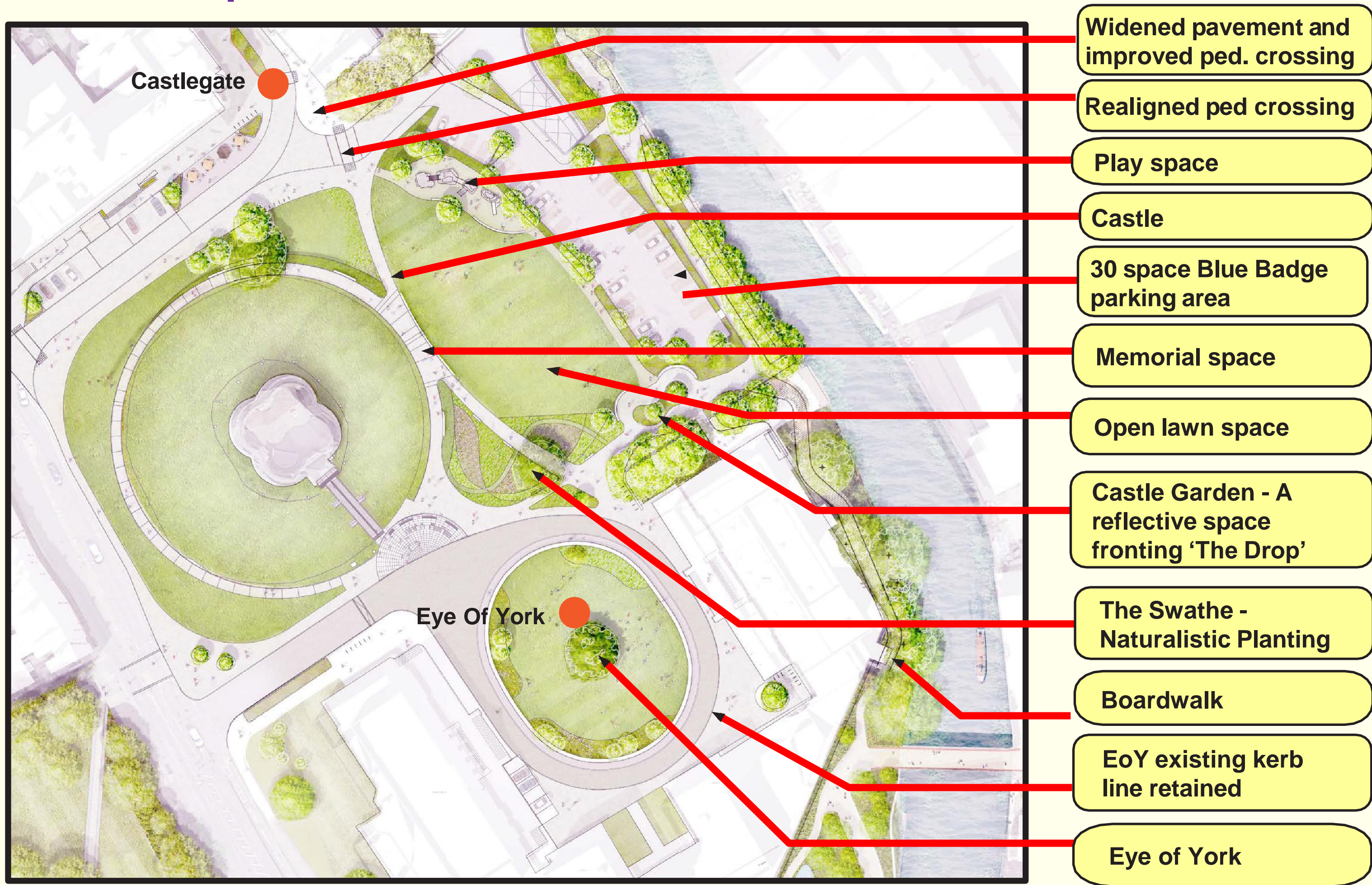
**Curve the castle approach - to reduce duplication of pathways (cost) and increase greenspace**



- More greenspace
- Less planting & maintenance commitments
- Rationalising pathways and paved spaces



# The Masterplan





# Accessibility- Route Dimensions

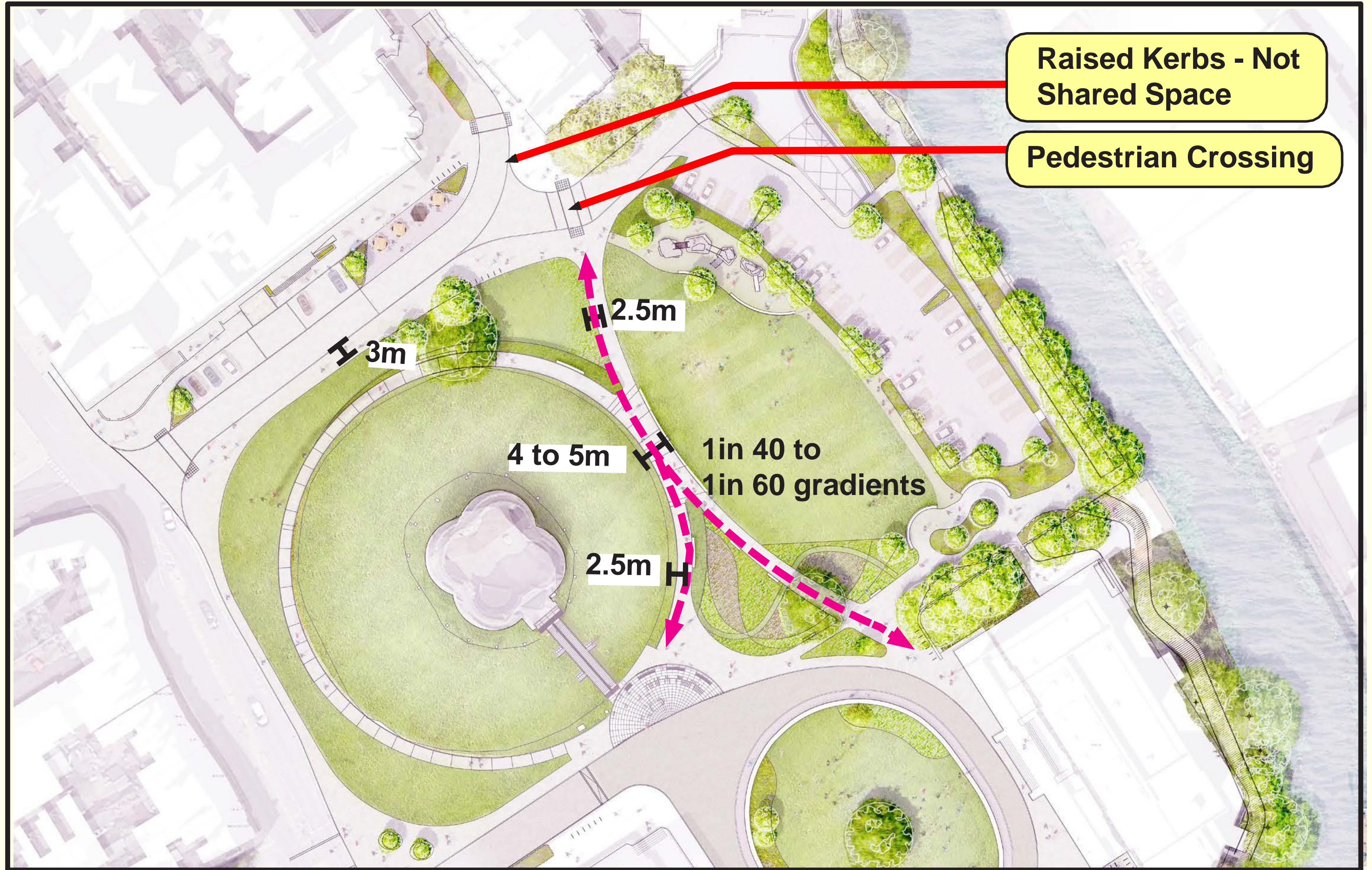


Diagram illustrating dimensions of routes. Diagram is illustrative and not to scale.



# Accessibility- Arrival From Castlegate





# Central Greenspace and Parking Area



**Existing  
service yard**

**Pathway**

**Play space**

**Buffer planting**

**Access**

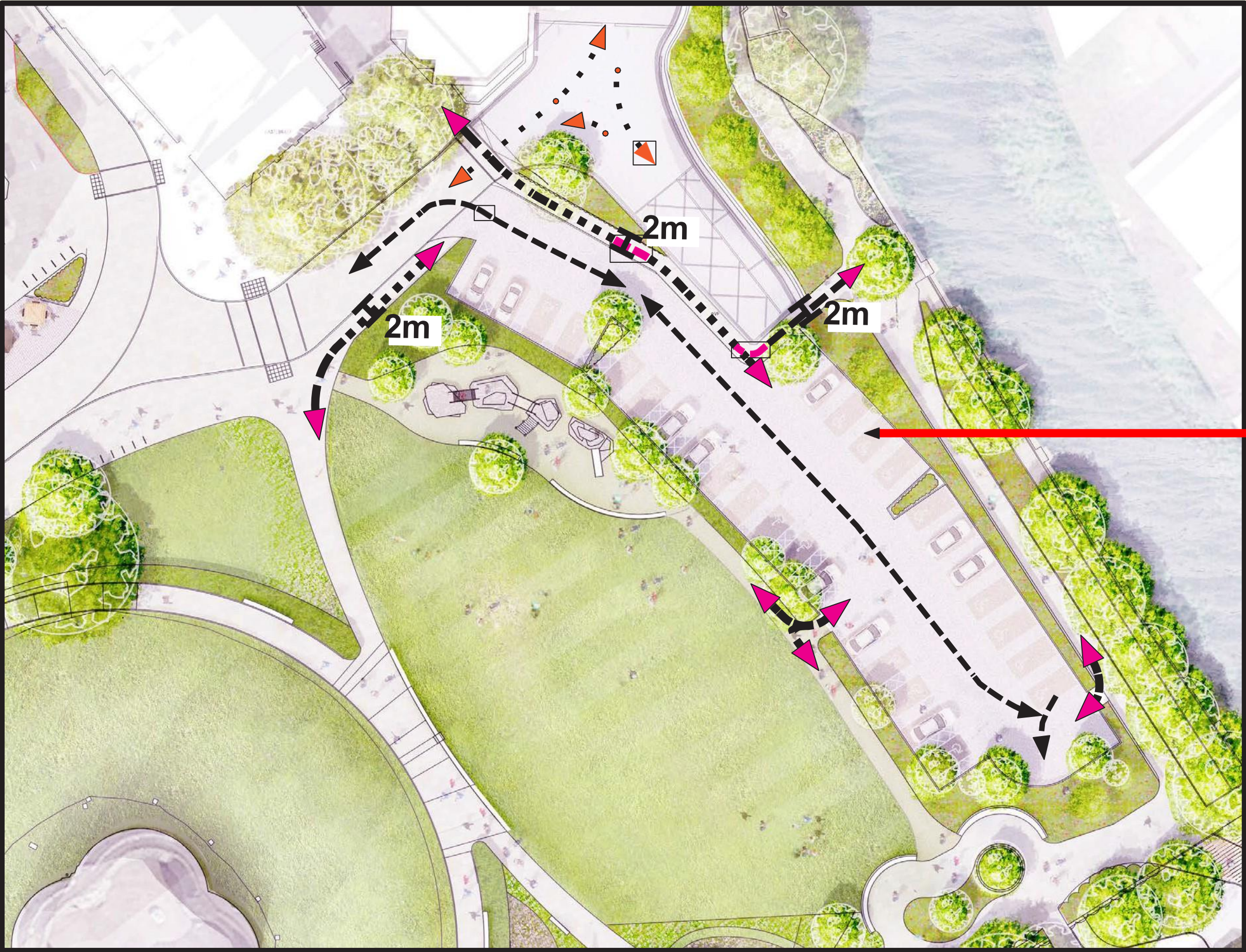
**Parking Area**

**Pathway**

**Castle  
Approach**



# Central Greenspace and Parking Area



Level Access  
Car Park

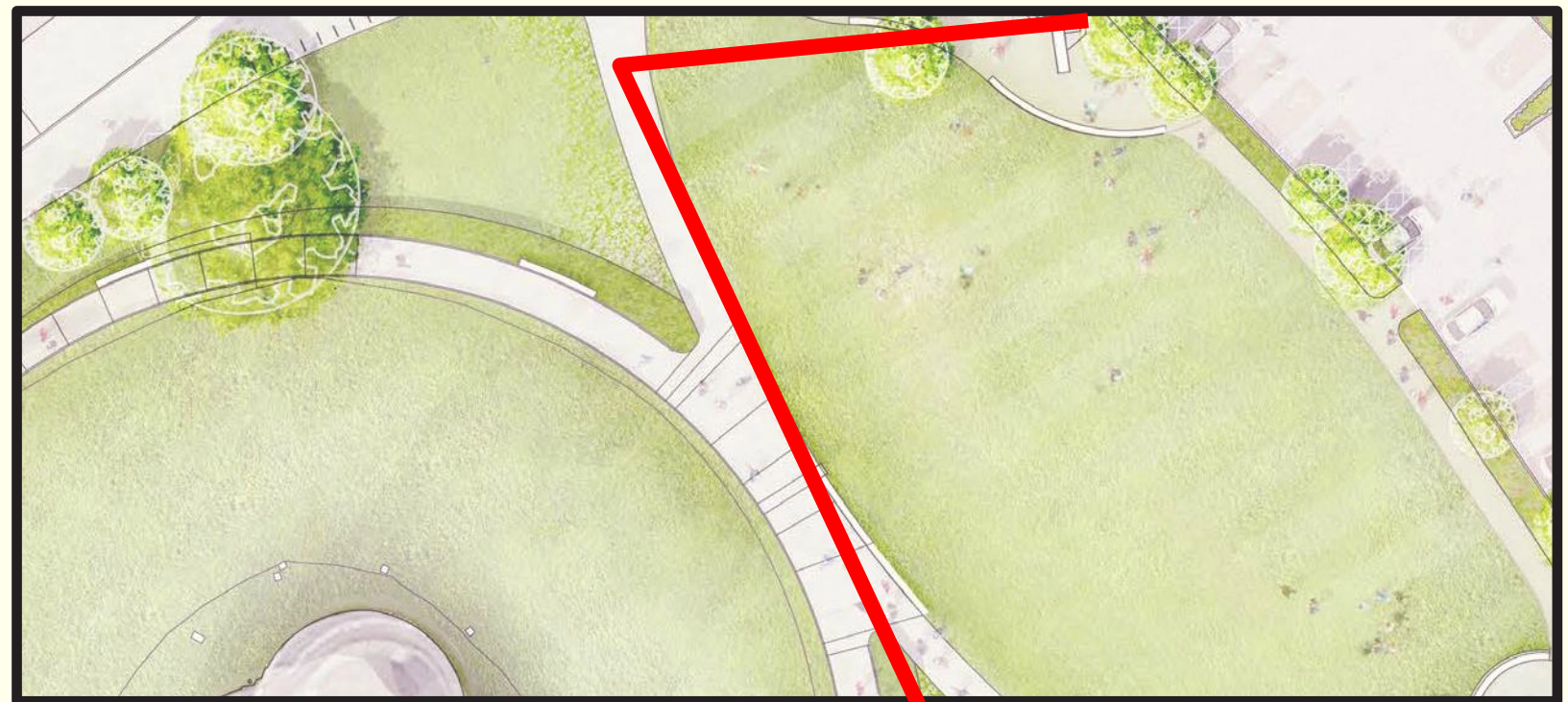
30 Blue  
Badge  
spaces

Key

- Vehicle access
- Pedestrian access
- Service access



# Central Green Space





# Play Area

- Consideration is given to wheelchair access.
- Sensory play elements will be included.
- Inclusive seating areas will be provided.



**View of play stacks**



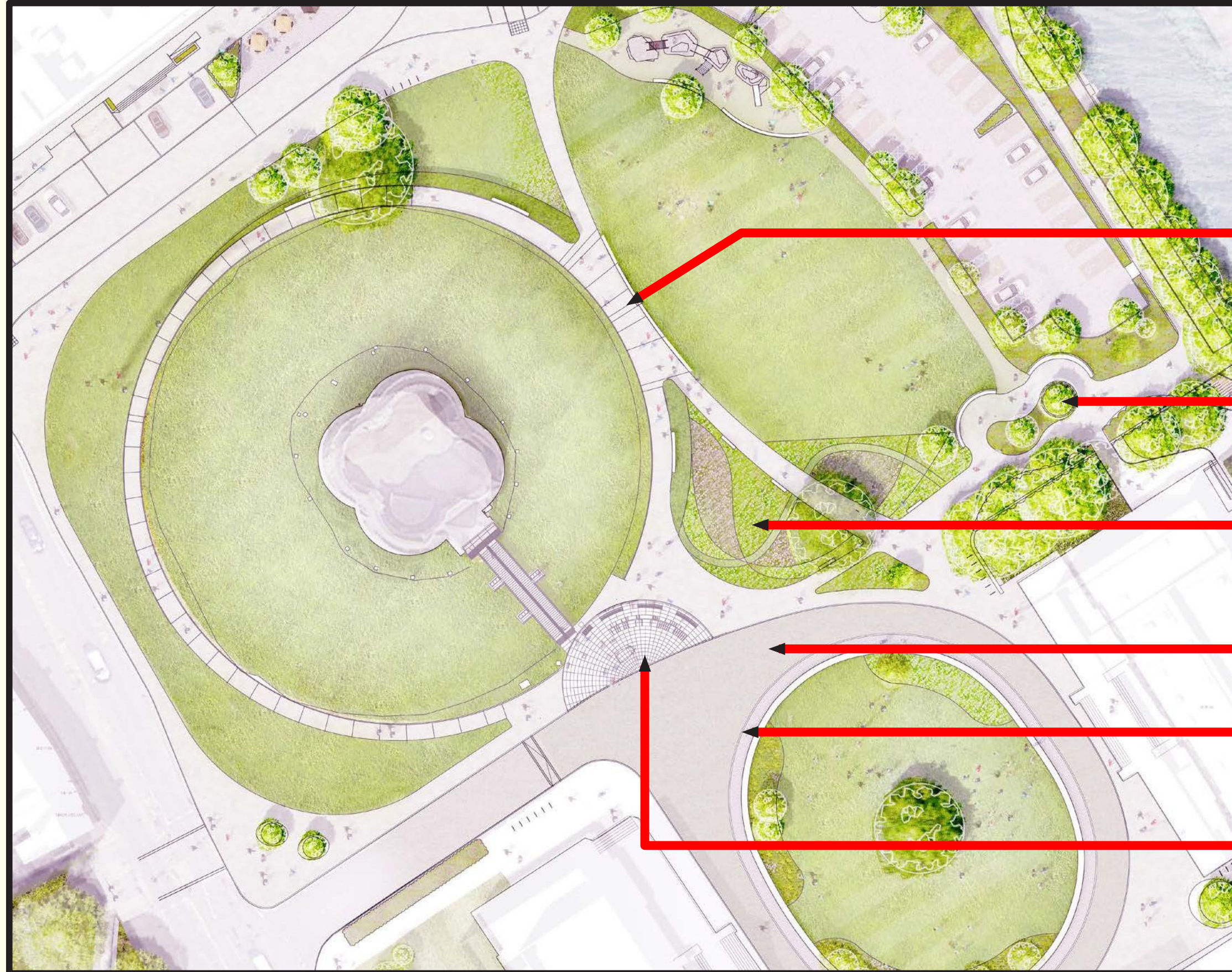
**Open lawn**

**Seating**

**Play stacks  
& sensory  
play**



# Clifford's Tower Entrance and 'The Swathe'



**Seating area & remembrance walk**

**The Drop – remembrance space**

**Swathe planting**

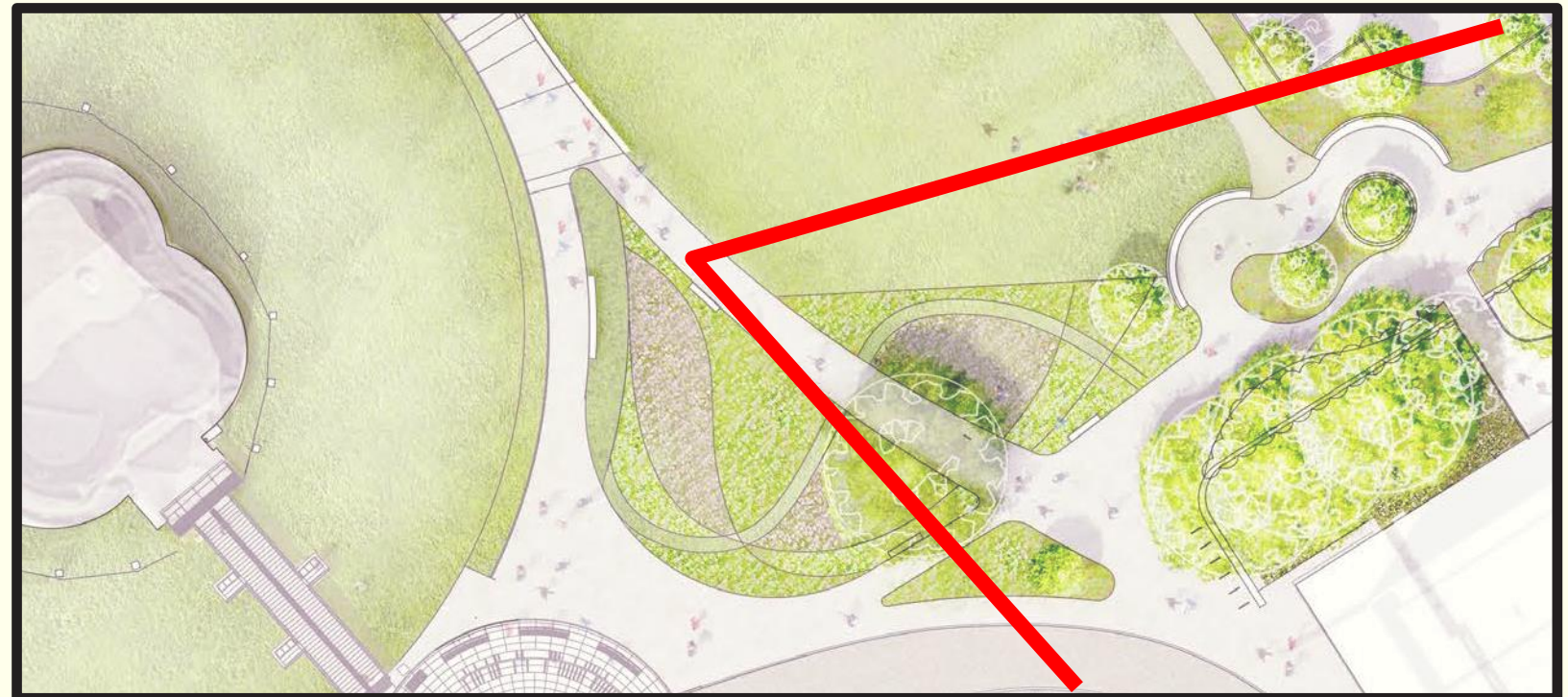
**Pedestrian crossing**

**Raise kerbs – not shared space**

**Cliffords Tower entrance area**



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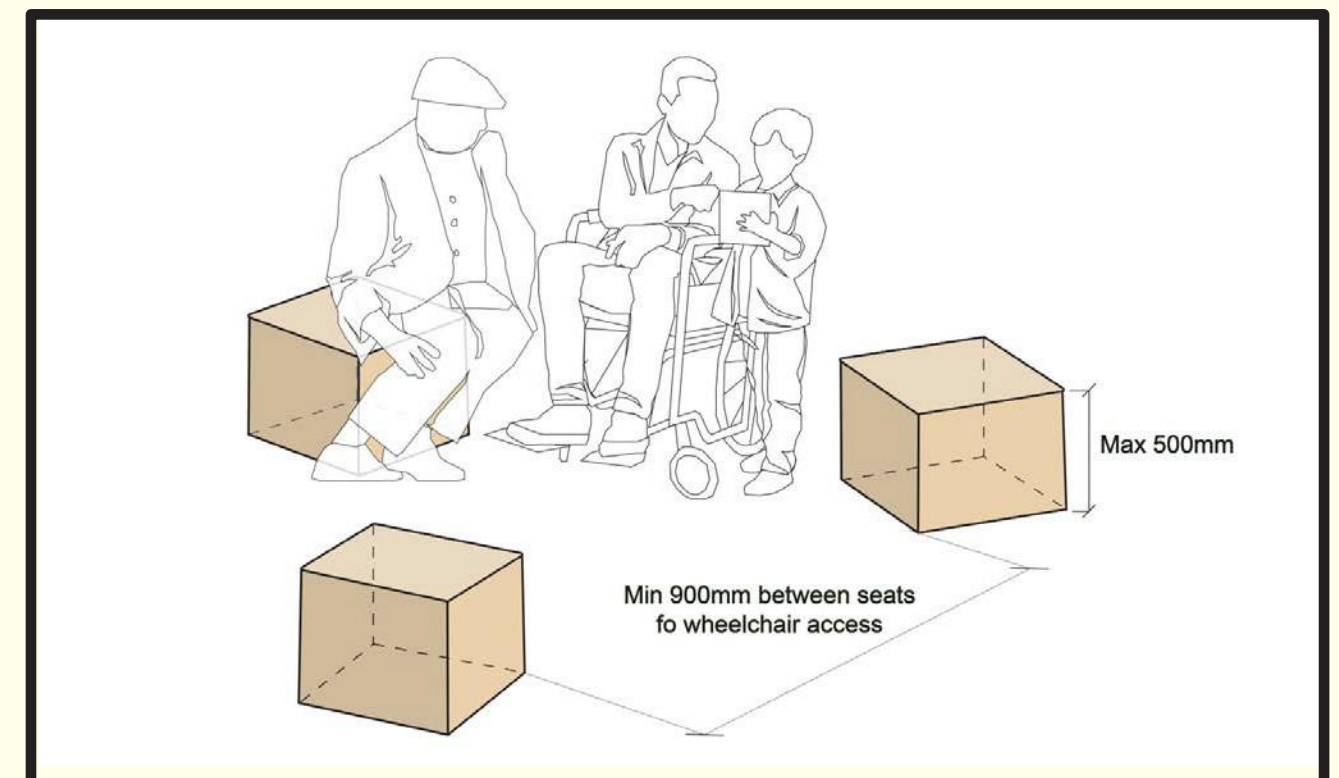
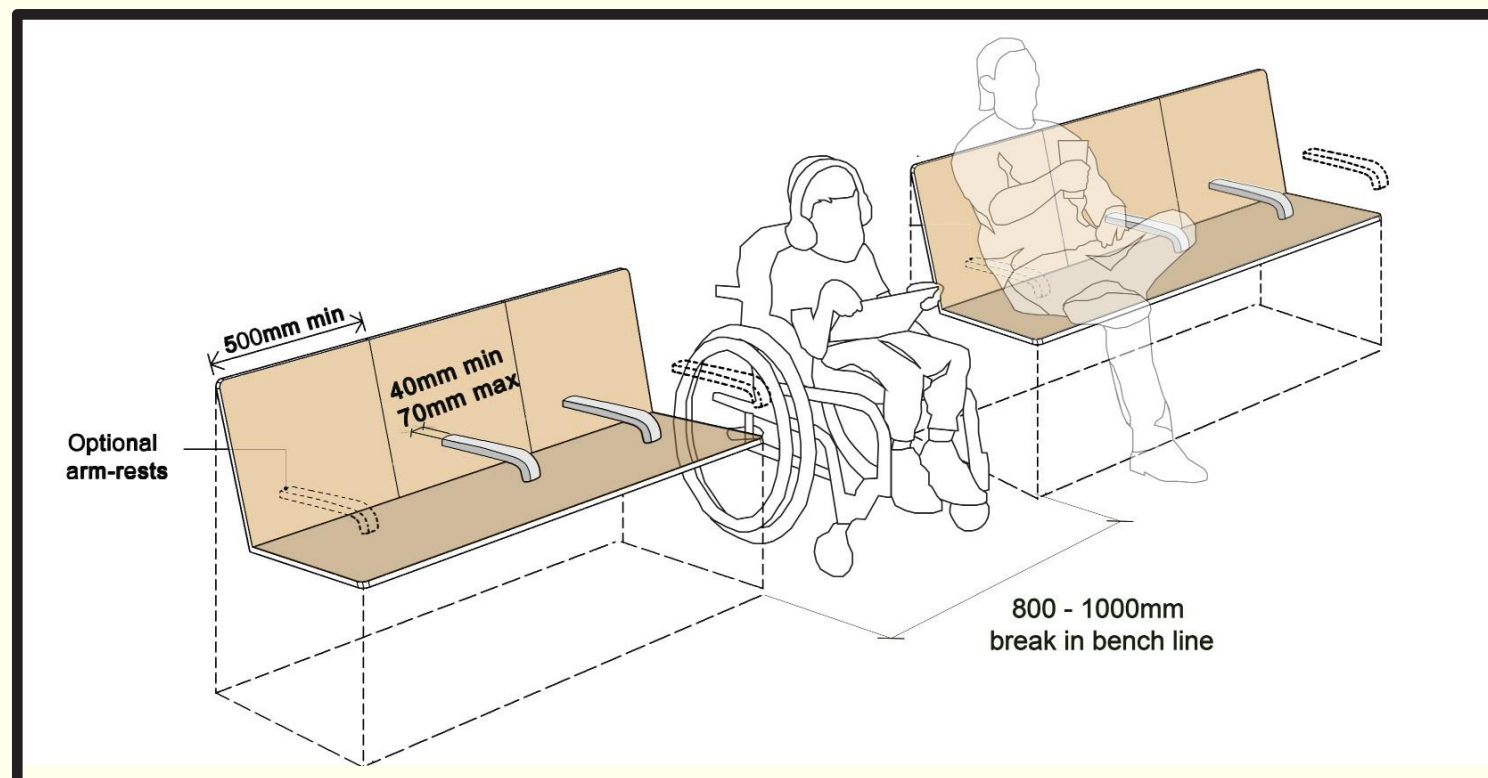


# Street Furniture- Benches

- The scheme will provide street furniture designed to best practice guidance, providing seating with both back and arm rests to the appropriate height and size to be accessible for all.
- Breaks in the line of seats will be incorporated for wheelchair accessible seating spaces
- Seating areas will be located every 40m.



**8 accessible seating spaces provided, located no more than 40m apart**



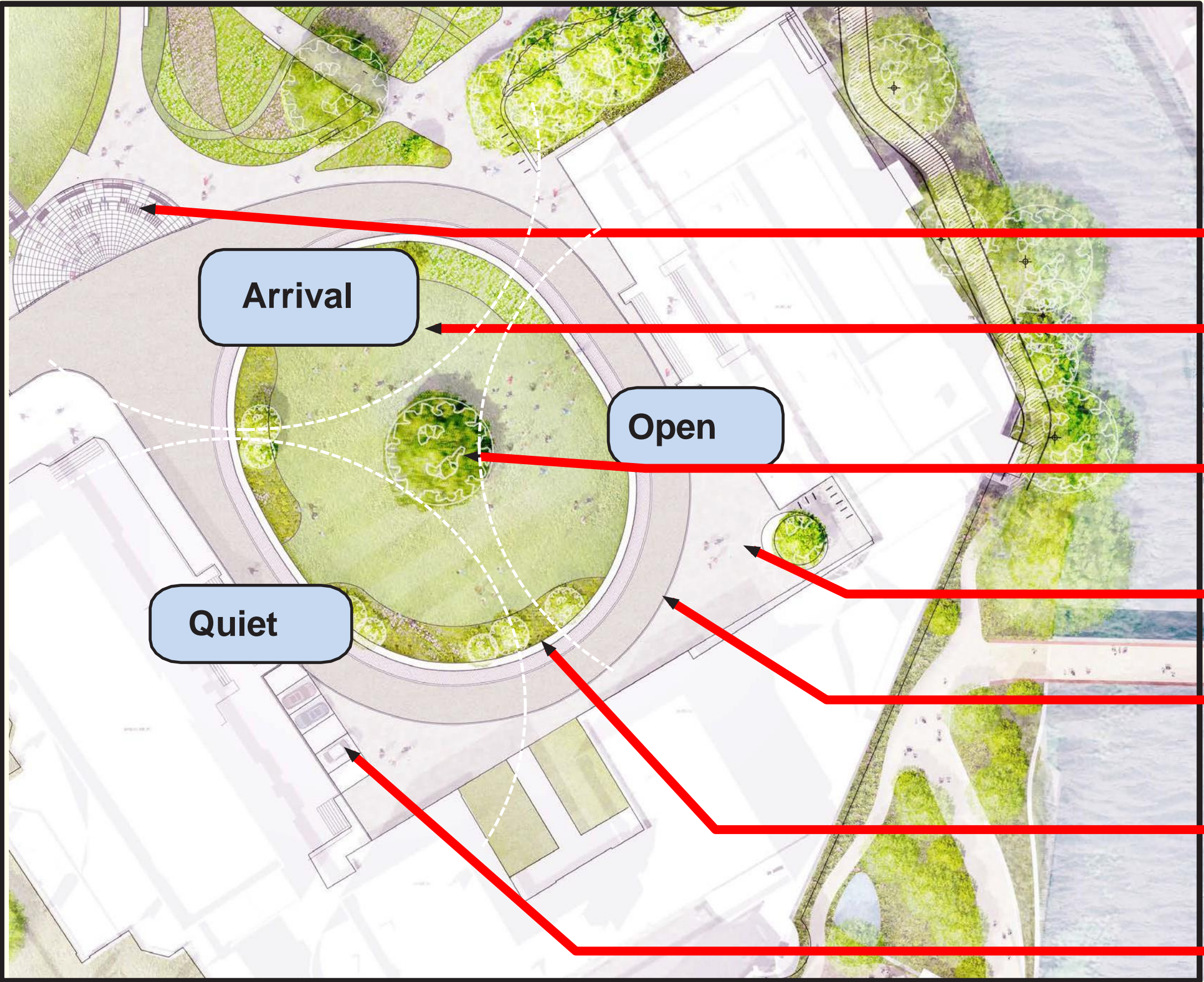


# Clifford's Tower Entrance and 'The Swathe'





# The Eye of York



Masterplan

**Raised Kerbs - Not Shared Space**

**Clifford's Tower Entrance Area**

**Lawn**

**Open Space Fronting Museum**

**Central Tree Retained**

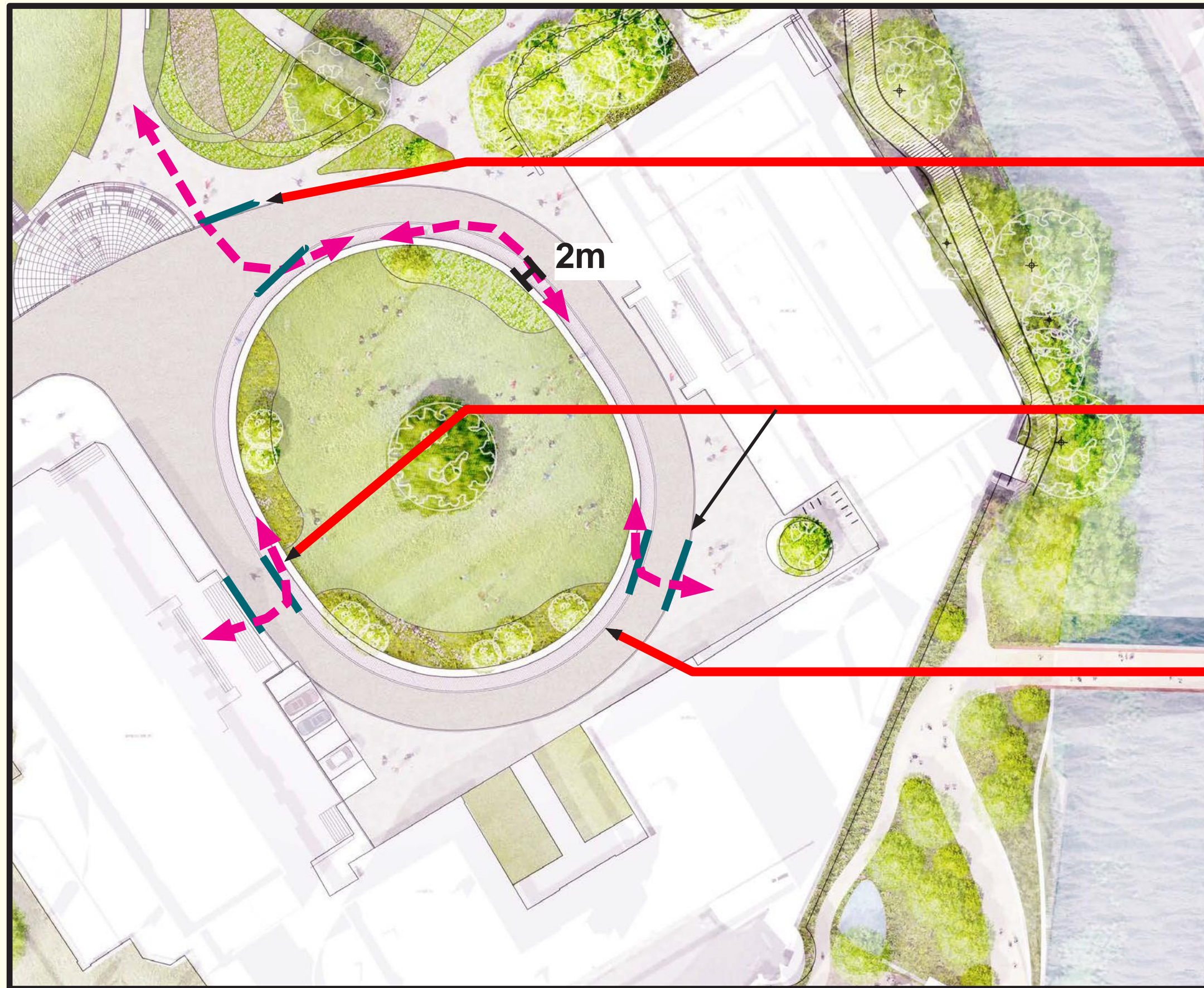
**Existing Kerbs**

**Court Parking**

**Planted Edge**



# The Eye of York



**Crossing point - Drop  
kerb with tactile**

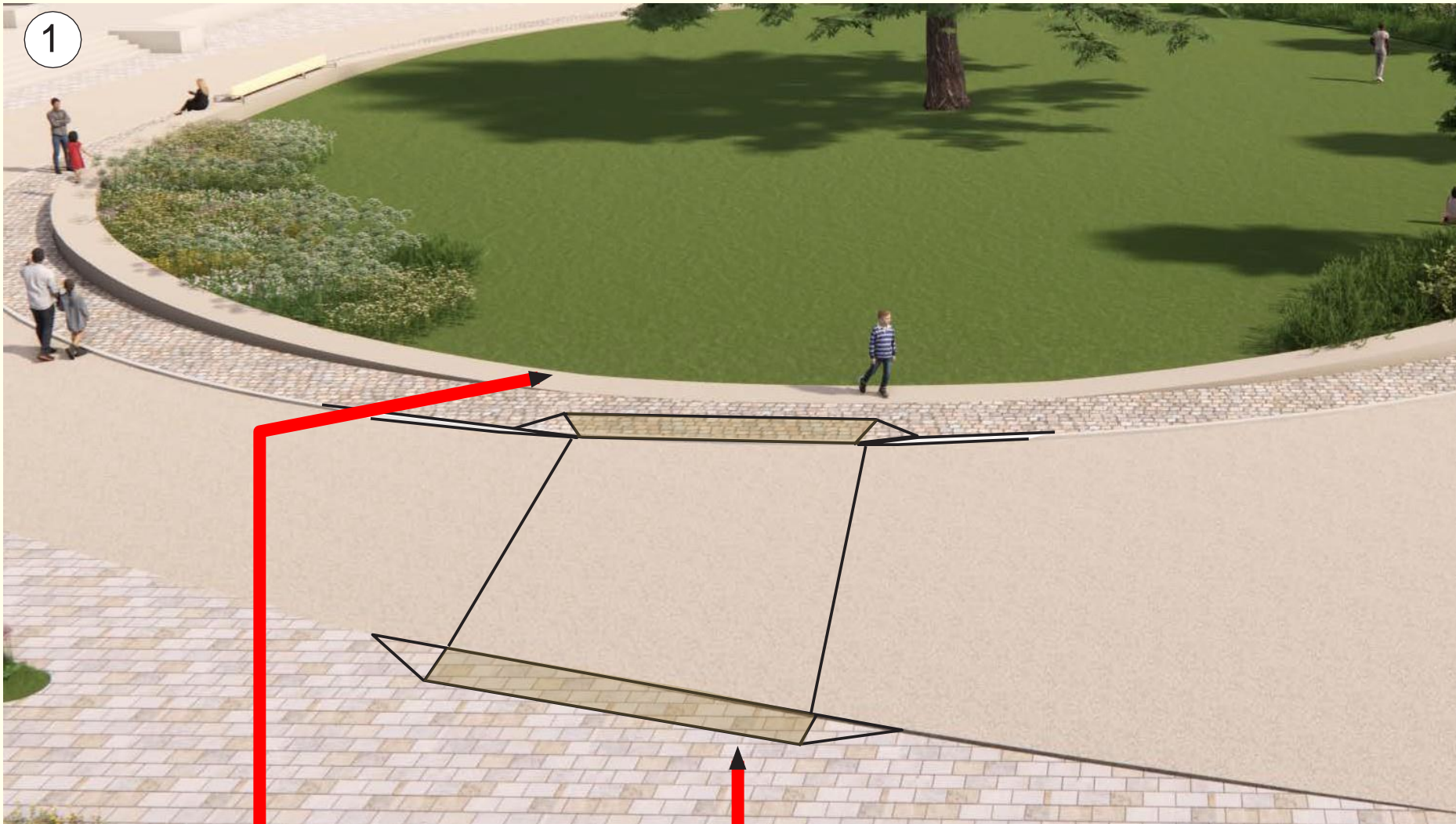
**1in 40 to  
1in 60 gradients**

**Crossing point - Drop  
kerb with tactile**

**Raised Kerbs - Not  
Shared Space**



# The Eye of York



Seating with back and arm rests



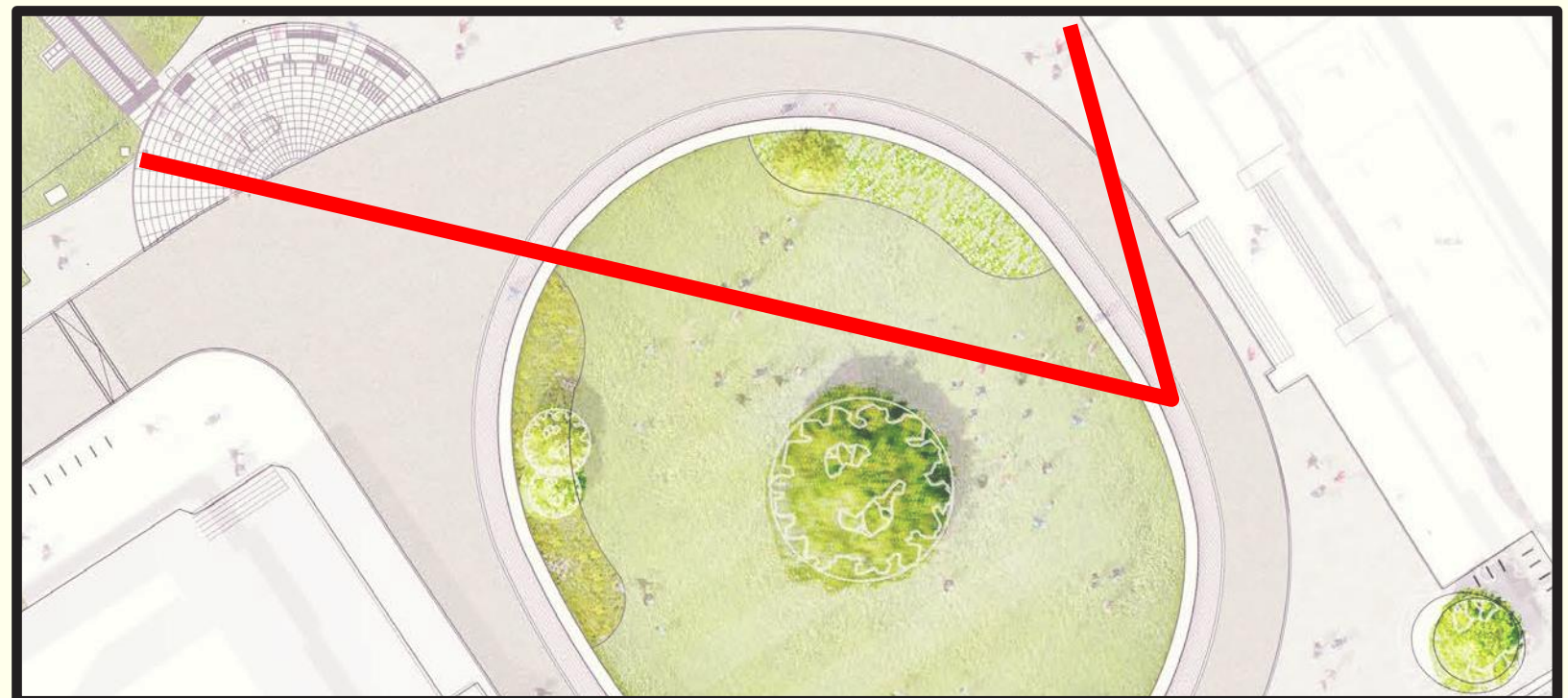
Level access onto lawn area

Crossing point - Drop kerb with tactile surfacing





# The Eye of York





# The Boardwalk



**1in 30 to  
1in 60 gradients**

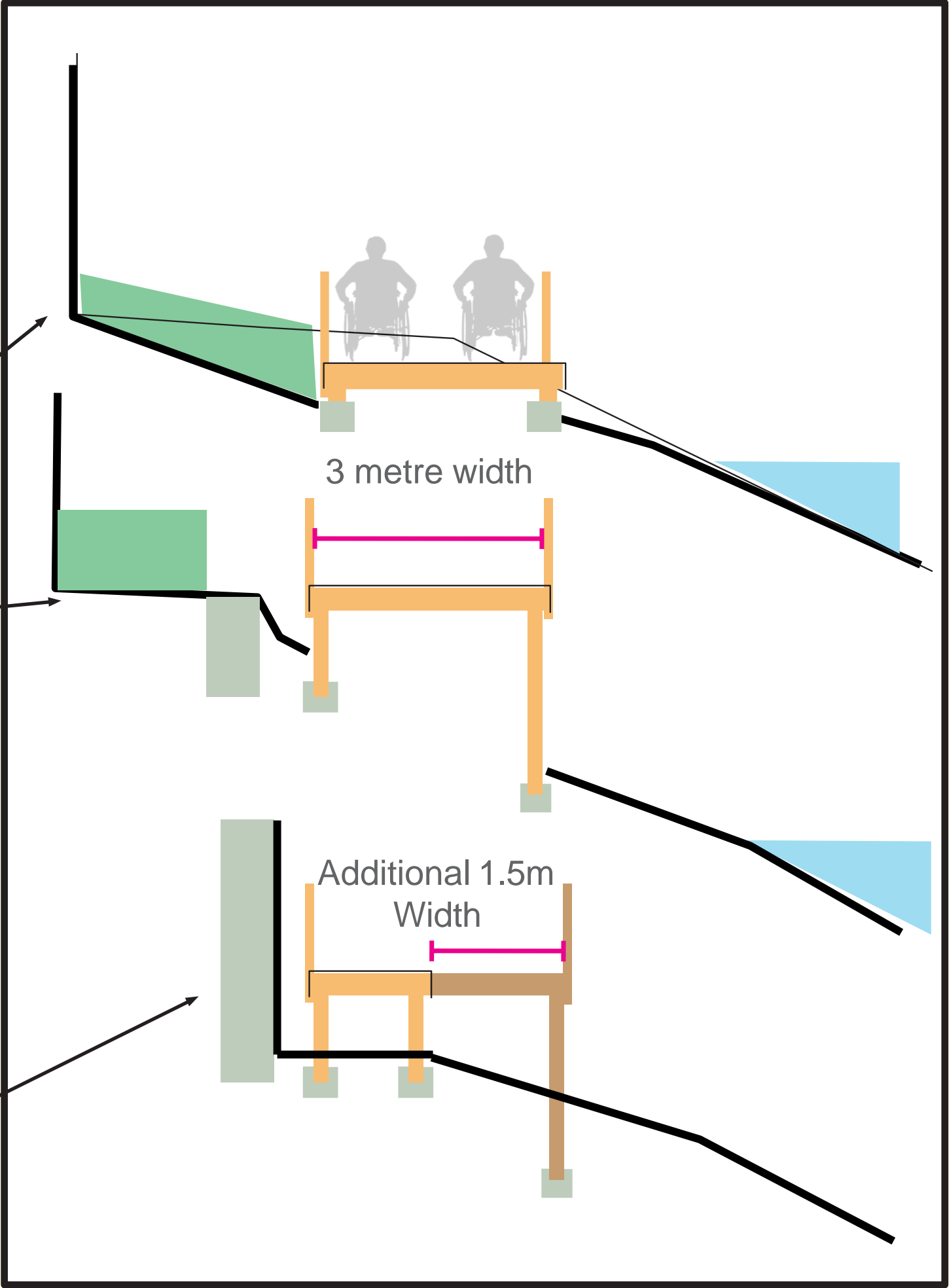
**1in 30 to  
1in 60 gradients**

**3m wide route  
to the rear of  
the Museum,  
providing a  
connection to  
the new bridge  
at Castle Mills**

**Eye Of York**



# The Boardwalk



Sections are illustrative and not to scale



# Discussion Points From The Last Meeting

## Correct use of loading bay outside Hilton Hotel.

- Engagement with the Hilton Hotel is due next month - CYC and design team to raise this issue.

## Forum advised on details of raised tabled design

- The raised table has been omitted from the scheme

## Timing of taxi access to Court and museum.

- Taxi access to the Court and Museum will likely be unrestricted, tbc - CYC highways to confirm (engagement meeting with CYC highways scheduled 23rd Jan). Taxi access to the Court and Museum will form part of our discussions with CYC Highways as part of this stage 3 design process.

## Surface of boardwalk.

- Surfacing will be defined at the next design stage, post planning, however the criteria of the surfacing can be fixed at planning stage. We will ensure low maintenance non-slip is stated as part of the planning documentation. Specified as non-slip.

## Update on accessible toilets at Coppergate.

- Structurally issues have been identified with the removal of the wall in order to improve the toilet facilities, further guidance on how we proceed is being sort.



# Discussion Points From The Last Meeting

## How safety is being included in design of BB spaces.

- The blue badge spaces will be designed to BS standards, there will be 2m wide routes to and from the parking area, with access points on all sides. Additional lighting and CCTV will be provided to cover all areas of parking.

## Further update on configuration of BB spaces e.g. is there an option 3?

- The blue badge parking area has been redesigned following public and stakeholder consultation at the end of Stage 02. However, this is still an area under design development, therefore comments are welcomed.

## Is there the opportunity for blue badge parking in the Eye Of York area?

- The Eye of York area is constrained for vehicles, particularly when factoring the access and parking requirements for the Museum and Crown Court.
- To understand this, we are undertaking vehicle tracking studies of the area and will provide these to the working group once complete.
- Further to this tracking study, if there is the opportunity to provide additional parking within this area, we will consider its location with CYC highways teams and report back to the group.