

Town Square

Proposals for Town Square

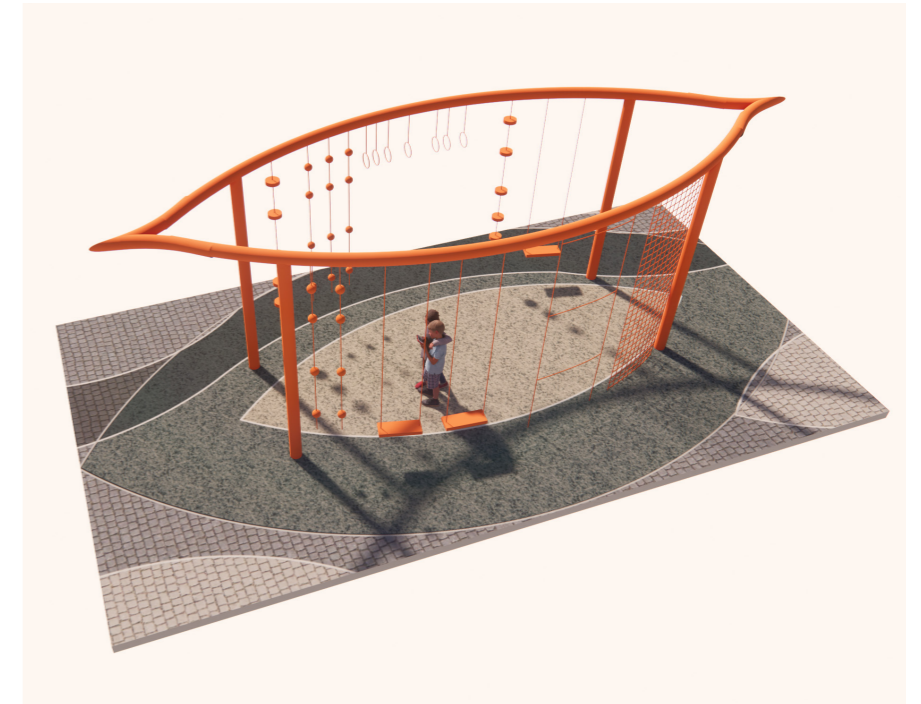
Details

The furniture of Town Square would be bespoke inspired by the meanwhile kantha patterns on the existing Aberfeldy Street buildings. The furniture would be strongly coloured metal (precise colour to be developed) with surfaces of tables and seats in timber.

The metal play structure would also be strongly coloured with the play elements suspended from it in a contrasting colour. The colour and pattern of the safety surface around the play structure would be integrated into the paving pattern.



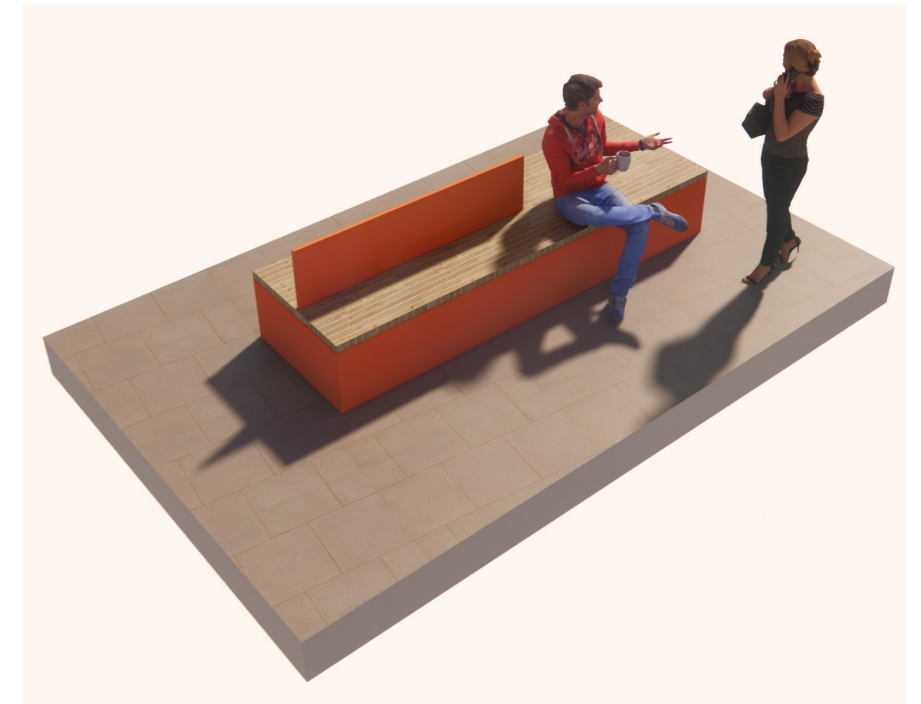
Tables and Seats



Play Structure



Raised Planters with Integrated Seating



Seating Adjacent to Town Square

The High Street – Aberfeldy Street

The Life of The High Street

Aberfeldy Street complements Town Square by bringing diverse and much needed independent retail to the neighbourhood. It will be an attractive place and will feel distinct in its character from many non-descript high streets in London as a result of its: mature trees, the plot-specific design of the shop fronts and public realm, and its opportunities for exciting creative interventions which will be encouraged and curated, such as banners from the catenary wires.

People can get to the street easily on foot, as it will be a thoroughfare connecting Aberfeldy Street to the north and the south. They can park their bike conveniently and move about the street from side to side encouraged by the permeability of the street design.

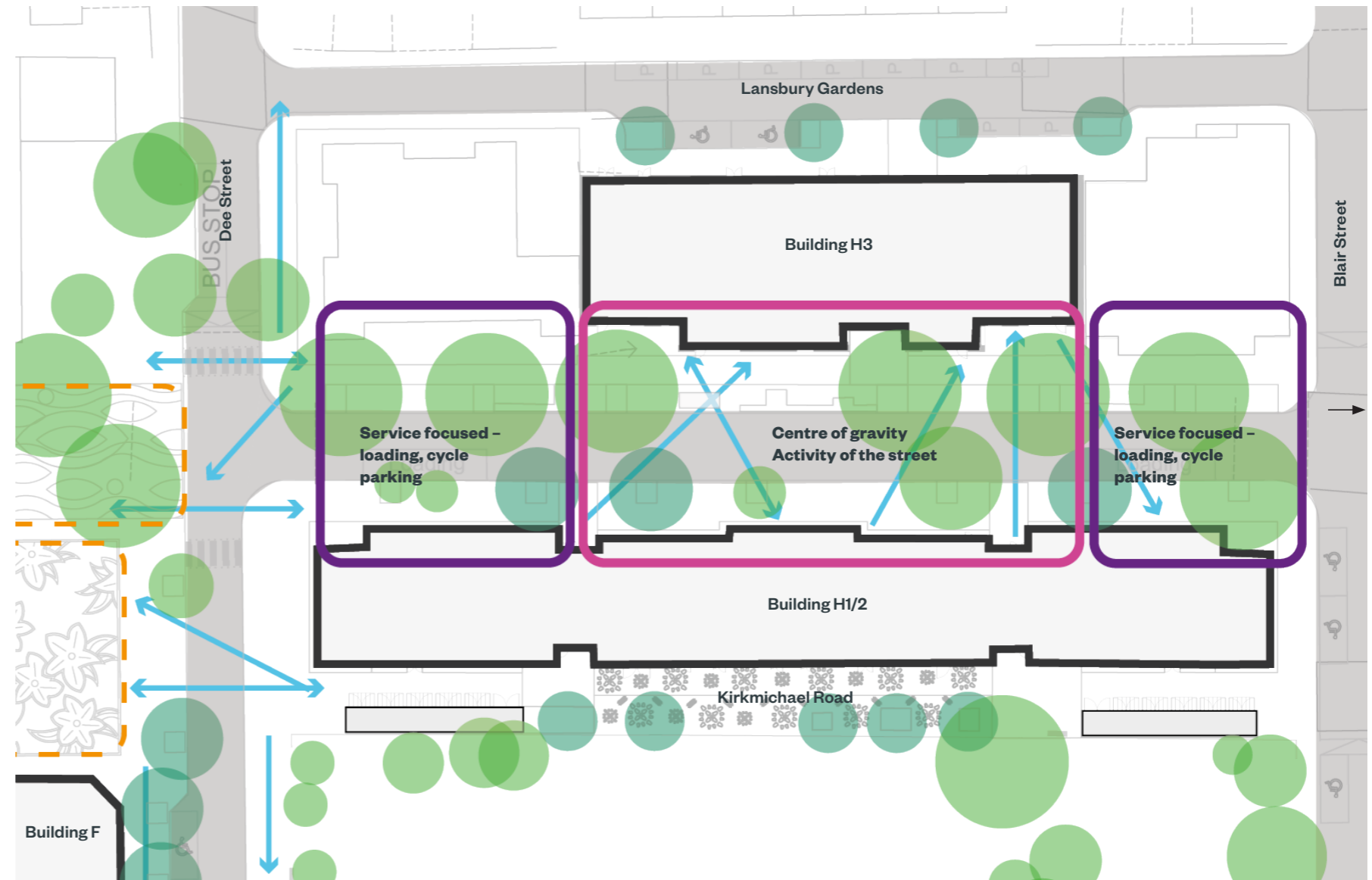
It will be at the heart of the community and become a place where people gravitate for shops but also to linger, sitting on the permanent seating under the trees or on temporary seating spilling out from shops and cafes. It is a place to meet friends or make the most of a chance encounter. The space immediately next to shop fronts will express the activity that goes on inside these businesses and be activated by narrow perch seating or through displays of wares and signage. At times part of the footway may be appropriated for small displays, exhibitions, market/ sales activity, or an extension to an event that is also hosted in Town Square.



The High Street – Aberfeldy Street

Spatial Organisation

Aberfeldy Street has been organised to focus community activity at its heart. This is where there is a break in the trees that defines the space, there is retail on both sides of the street, and it is connected into the residential entrances. This places the service functions, such as service bays and cycle parking plus accessible parking bays to either end of the street. The street is also designed to be permeable allowing good cross movement which encourages slower more circuitous movement, interaction and lingering.



- Pedestrian route
- Centre of Aberfeldy Street
- Service focused of Aberfeldy Street
- The Square
- Existing tree
- Proposed tree



Spatial Organisation diagram

The High Street – Aberfeldy Street

Proposals for Aberfeldy Street

The space gained for the footway is located on the eastern side of The Street. This asymmetry creates enough space on the eastern side to be more useable and aligns directly to the part of Aberfeldy Street south of Blair Street. The active landscape zone between the pedestrian thoroughfare and the carriageway is surfaced with a Tegula cobble and provides a location for functional purposes such as cycle parking, signage, bins, temporary seating, and tables. It is also the location for the raised planter seating structures that characterise the space and provide a place that encourages lingering and sociability. These seating structures have a sculptural quality, bring colour to The Street, and provide incidental seating designed specifically to be playful and a suitable scale for the young, as much as adults and wheelchair users.

The paving surface for the pavement, on both sides of The Street, would be Perfecta flags providing continuity between the southern part of The Street under construction and the areas around Town Square. The Perfecta flags are also the intended footway paving for the northern part of Aberfeldy Street that will be delivered in the future phases of the masterplan.

The western side of The Street includes colourful signature benches and cube seats that enliven the streetscape.

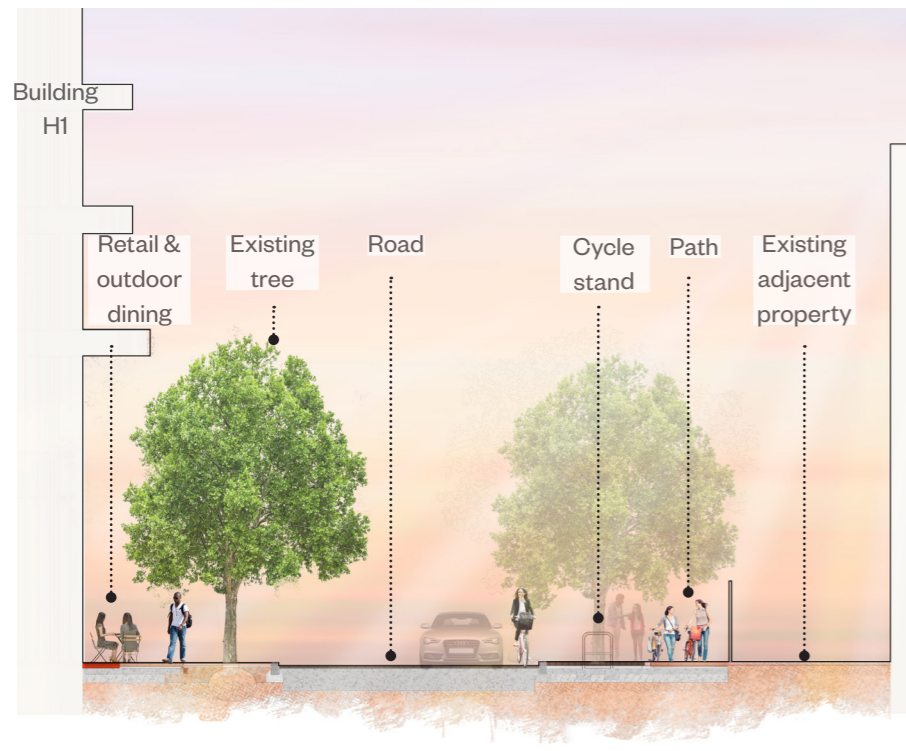
The spill out zone around the base of the building is identified as a bespoke precast concrete unit in the same red concrete and kantha pattern as the façade. This red concrete would also act as a forecourt or 'doormat' marking the entrances to the new residential entrances. This colourful concrete detail integrates building and public realm, reinforcing distinctiveness as well as further enlivening The Street scene.

Vehicle access to Aberfeldy Street would be two-way from Dee Street and Blair Street. The bus route would be adjusted to follow Dee Street with a bus stop adjacent to the church as well as one in the heart of Aberfeldy Street.

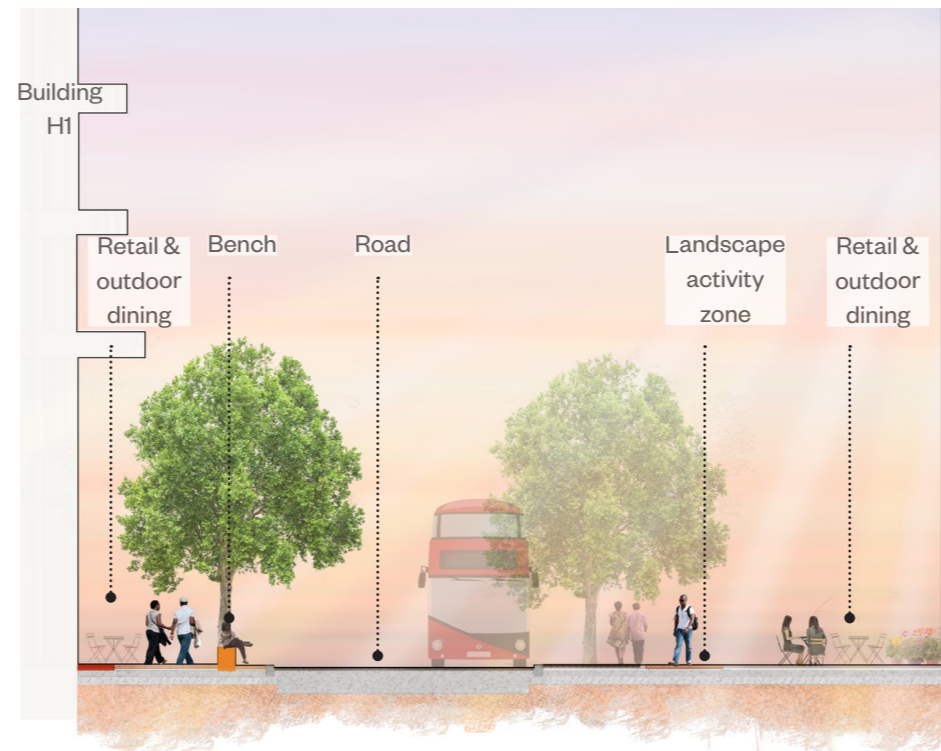


Illustrative Plan

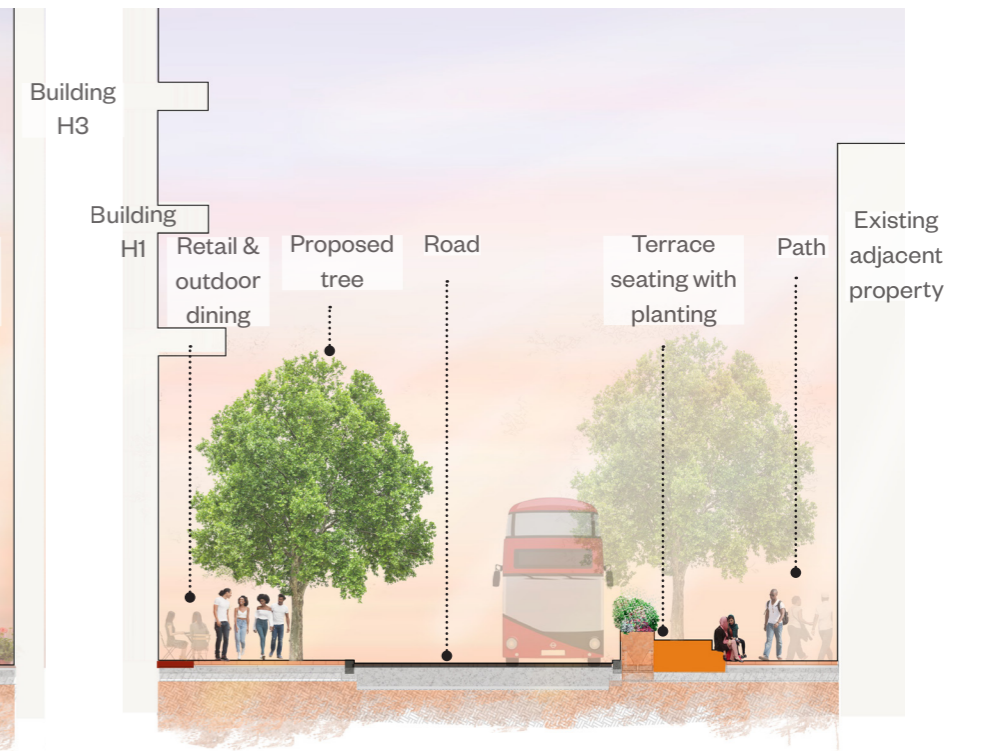
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Illustrative Cross Section 01



Illustrative Cross Section 02



Illustrative Cross Section 03

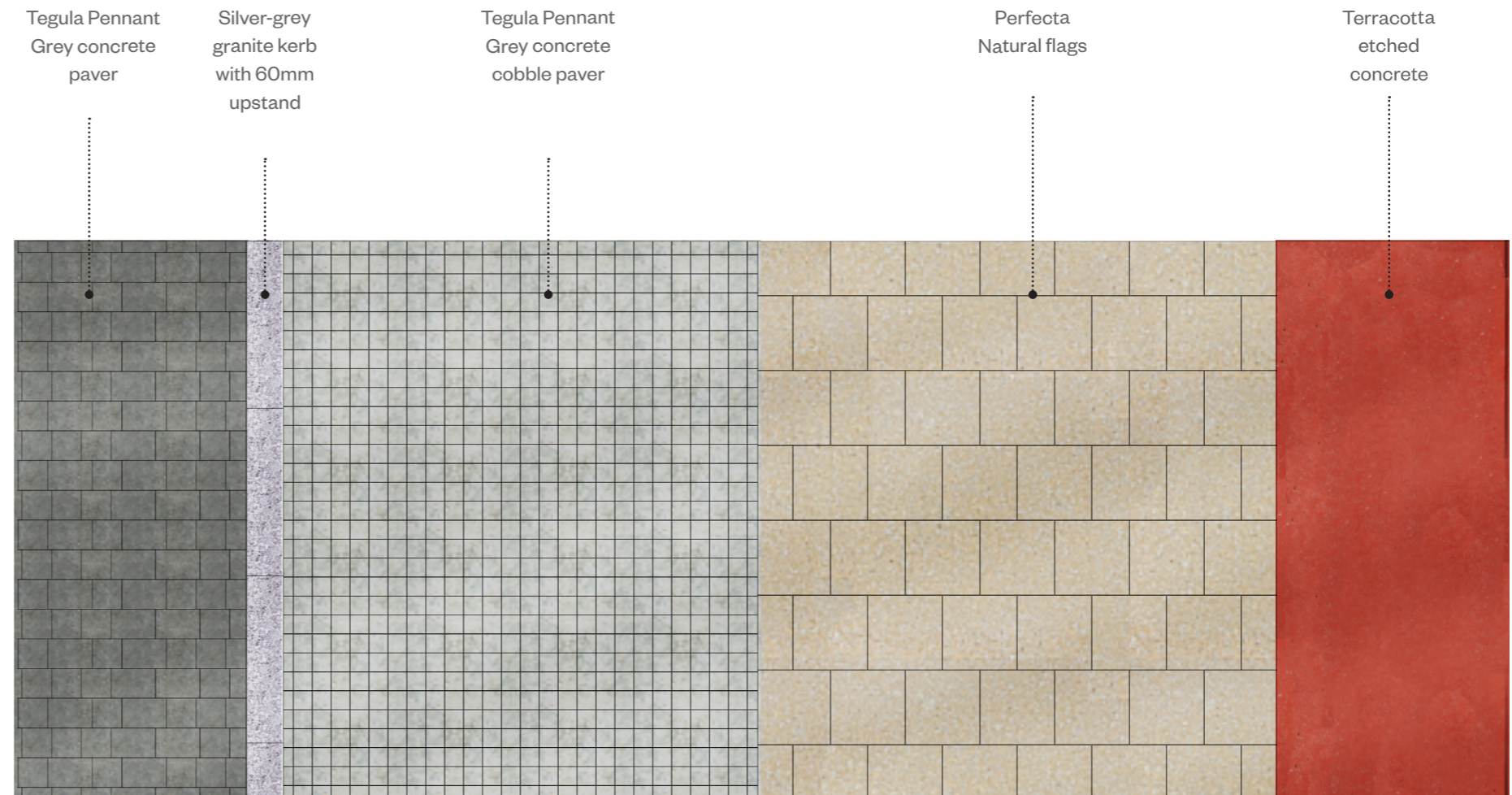


Location Plan

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The width of the road would be narrowed to 6.5m, by excluding parking, but including a bus stop and service bays located in the carriageway. The road would be surfaced with a small unit Tegula paver and have a silver-grey granite kerb with a 60mm upstand. This makes it as accessible as possible and feel part of the whole space when vehicles are not using it. Pedestrians should feel they are encouraged to cross.



Street Paving Layout diagram