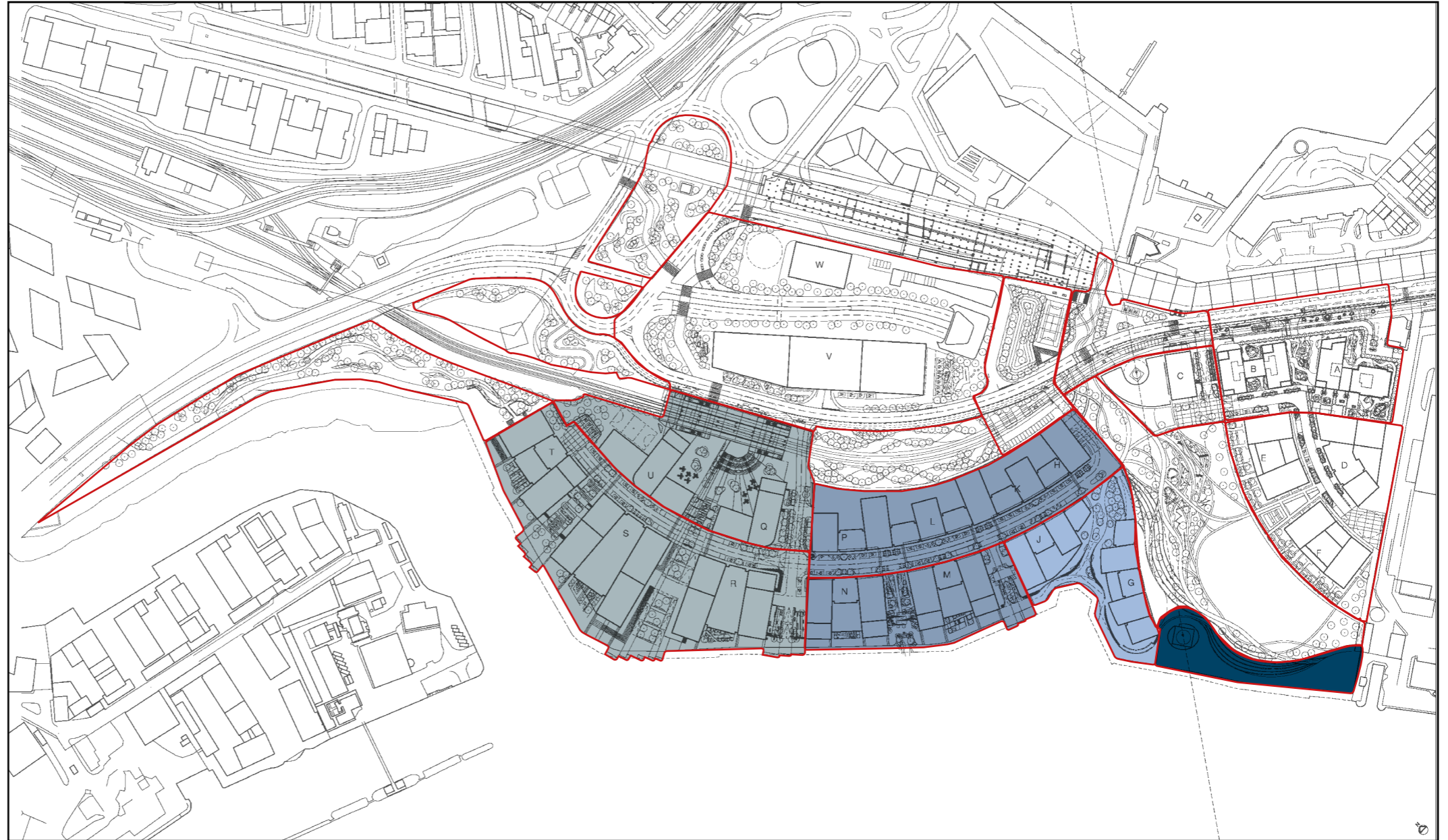


5.11 Waterfront Neighbourhoods

Public Realm

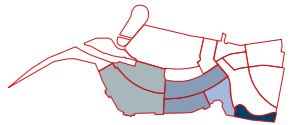
The Waterfront Neighbourhoods form the heart of the mixed use environment where the primary public gathering spaces, commercial uses, new DLR station and primary school will become important in the day to day life for residents.

The experiences and scale of the spaces will vary in size and scale to provide flexible uses. Various streets, plazas, gardens and the riverfront environment join to create the optimal setting for residents and visitors alike.



Key character areas

- Riverside Quarter + Station Plaza
- Thameside Crescent + The Quays
- Victoria Wharf
- Victoria Waterfront



The River Walk itself is defined by building frontages and a river wall, mediated by new intertidal planting terraces enhancing habitat and flood capacity for the Thames.

Moving along the Walk, there are two typical characters where the building forms step towards and away from the waterfront.

Where the buildings approach the river, raised terraces and active frontages provide animation and a connection to the Thames.

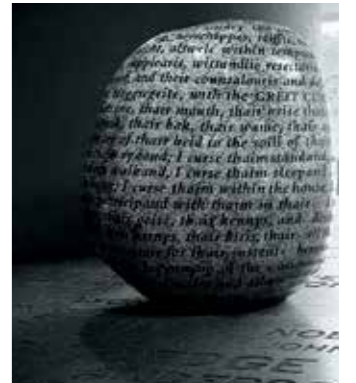
Where the buildings step back, pockets of landscape, or Trade Gardens, form places for rest and interest. These are described in more detail later in this chapter.



Cobbled paving and waterfront seating



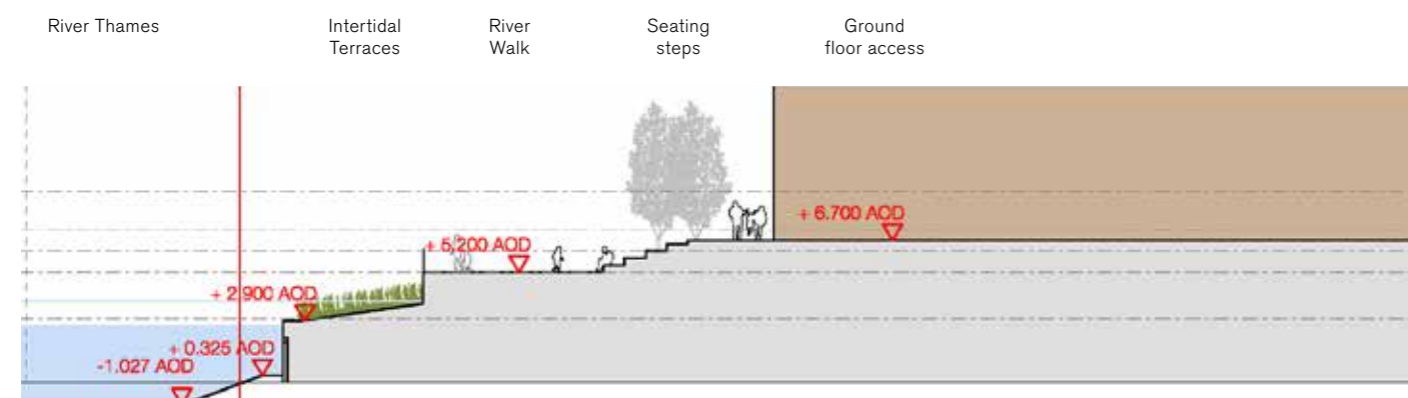
Timber decking



Sculpture and street art



Stepping back from the river: Trade Garden section



Approaching the river: Active terrace section



Livery



Intertidal reed bed planting



Livery and formal planting privacy buffers



Formal streetscapes and planting frontages



Swales



Multi-textured paving



5.12 The Riverside Quarter

Townscape Composition

The Riverside Quarter is an area which comprises of 3 Blocks - R, S, T sitting adjacent to blocks Q and U. These blocks house several retail units opposite the Station Plaza area as well as along the waterfront. Here retail, residential lobbies, amenity uses and social infrastructure all come together to activate the ground floor level of the Riverside Quarter.

A new proposed nursery is also located within the Riverside Quarter, Block T and sits opposite the proposed location for the Thameside West Primary school.

Thameside Walk in the masterplan links the new DLR Station with the riverside to create a key component of social amenity, where open terraces capitalise on key vistas on the bend of the Thames.

The Riverside Quarter is bordered by the Leaside Crescent which together with Thameside Crescent provides a central circulation route and connects the two New Parks.

Leaway park adjacent to the Riverside Quarter offers an interesting contrast to Thameside Walk offering an area of open natural habitat amenity spaces for the residents, children and local community

Townscape Composition

1. Establish Primary Routes:

The 'Riverside Quarter' is located to the northern end of the masterplan. Occupying a pivotal point as the gateway to Newham; sat on the junction of the River Lea and the Thames. It is serviced and connected via a continuation of the main central spine road: known as Leaside Crescent and provides a direct link access route from the DLR station to the waterfront. This is provided via Thameside walk. Adjacent to the riverside quarter is the nature conservation area, the masterplan has been designed with a central access and the river walk to draw pedestrians along the full length of the masterplan and enhance connections to neighbouring communities.

2. Building Setting and Hierarchy.

The setting of the Riverside Quarter and The Station Plaza is split into two grains: primary and secondary. The primary Buildings (R,S,T) respond to the site's edge geometry and

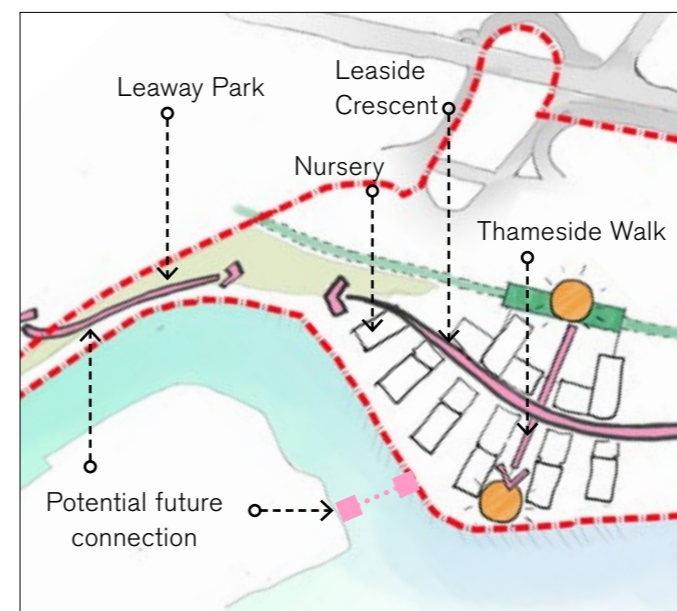
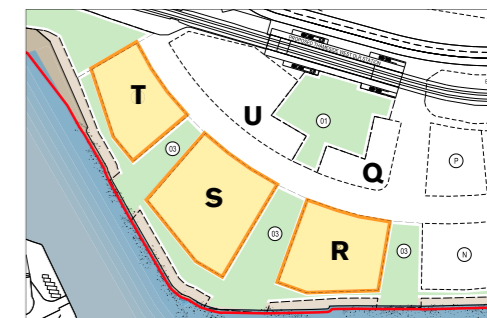
are set radially to allow buildings to evenly open up their views towards the river and Greenwich Peninsula. Taller building elements are purposefully located here acting as a marker for the entrance to Newham on a prominent bend of the Thames as well as marking a new transport node for the wider area. The Station Plaza blocks U and Q help form the secondary grain, the opening of the two blocks align directly with the opening of the primary grain, allowing maximisation of views across the river and a central route towards the river Thames. (Please refer to Station Plaza section 5.16 for further details)

3. Public Open Space.

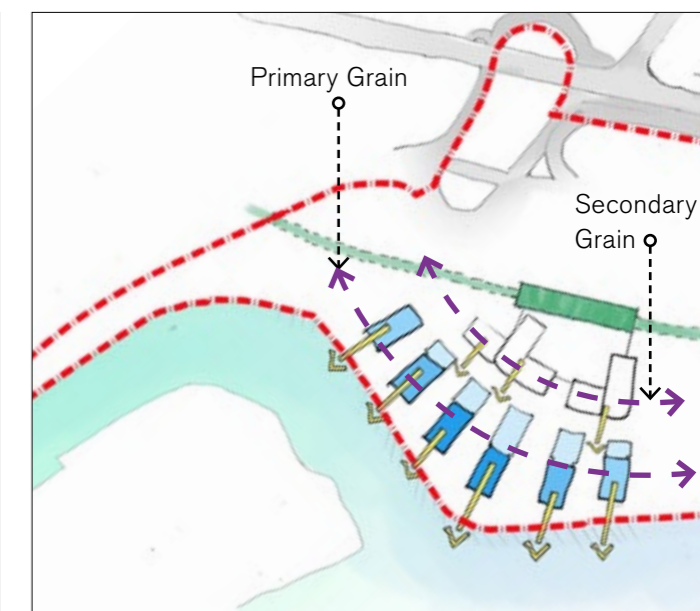
Tall buildings in the Riverside Quarter are strategically placed in clusters to open up the ground plane and deliver key public realm areas to the masterplan.

Within the primary grain private garden spaces above podium blocks provide much needed outdoor amenity space. Between blocks R, S & T, Dockside Gardens are created, offering glimpses of the river to all visitors navigating the central spine as well as maximising the opportunity to create waterfront gardens for the public realm.

Flexibility to place restaurants (A1 - A4) type uses on the riverfront is also provided in the Riverside Quarter, offering the possibility for vendors and users to utilise a new opportunity to share enjoyment of the evening sun on a sought after location on the riverfront.



1. Establish Primary Routes.



2. Building setting and Hierarchy



3. Public Open Spaces



4. Key Plan