

# Cricklewood Junction

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Cricklewood Junction is set to be transformed into a pocket park in the heart of Cricklewood Town Centre. Amongst a network of clustered trees, plants, and street furniture, a new propping structure will host micro-enterprise space that tie in with the existing high street.

THE SITE



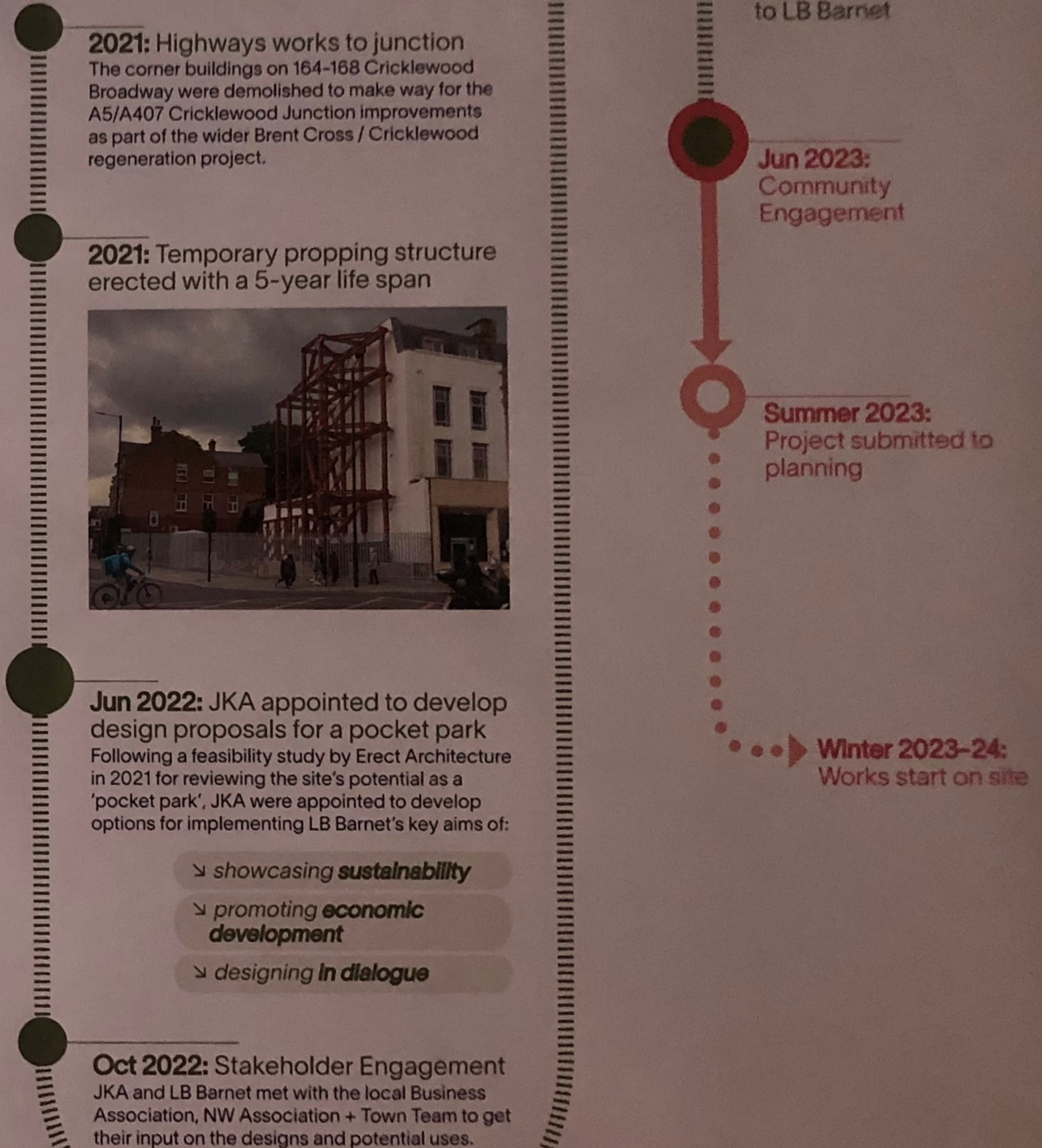
LOCATION PLAN



## PROJECT AIMS

- Create a greener and healthier environment through high quality public realm, biodiversity enhancements and sustainable infrastructure that inspires future proposals
- Promote economic development by providing an affordable foothold in Cricklewood town centre for local enterprise and diverse business models
- Design in dialogue with local stakeholders and Cricklewood's diverse communities to address existing and potential issues, ensure new proposals complement the existing offer, and instill a sense of civic pride and ownership over the new public realm

## PROJECT TIMELINE



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## PROPOSED SCHEME

### KEY

- 01 Masonry Arches
- 02 Masonry buttresses
- 03 Larger divisible kiosk
- 04 Smaller individual kiosk
- 05 Green roofs
- 06 Active kiosk forecourts
- 07 Public stepped seating
- 08 Public benches
- 09 Open public space for events / performances
- 10 SuDS + raingardens
- 11 Large trees (mix)
- 12 Planter buffer to road
- 13 Public footpath
- 14 Relocated residential access gate
- 15 Staff WC
- 16 Staff storage
- 17 Existing residential access staircase
- 18 Cycle parking



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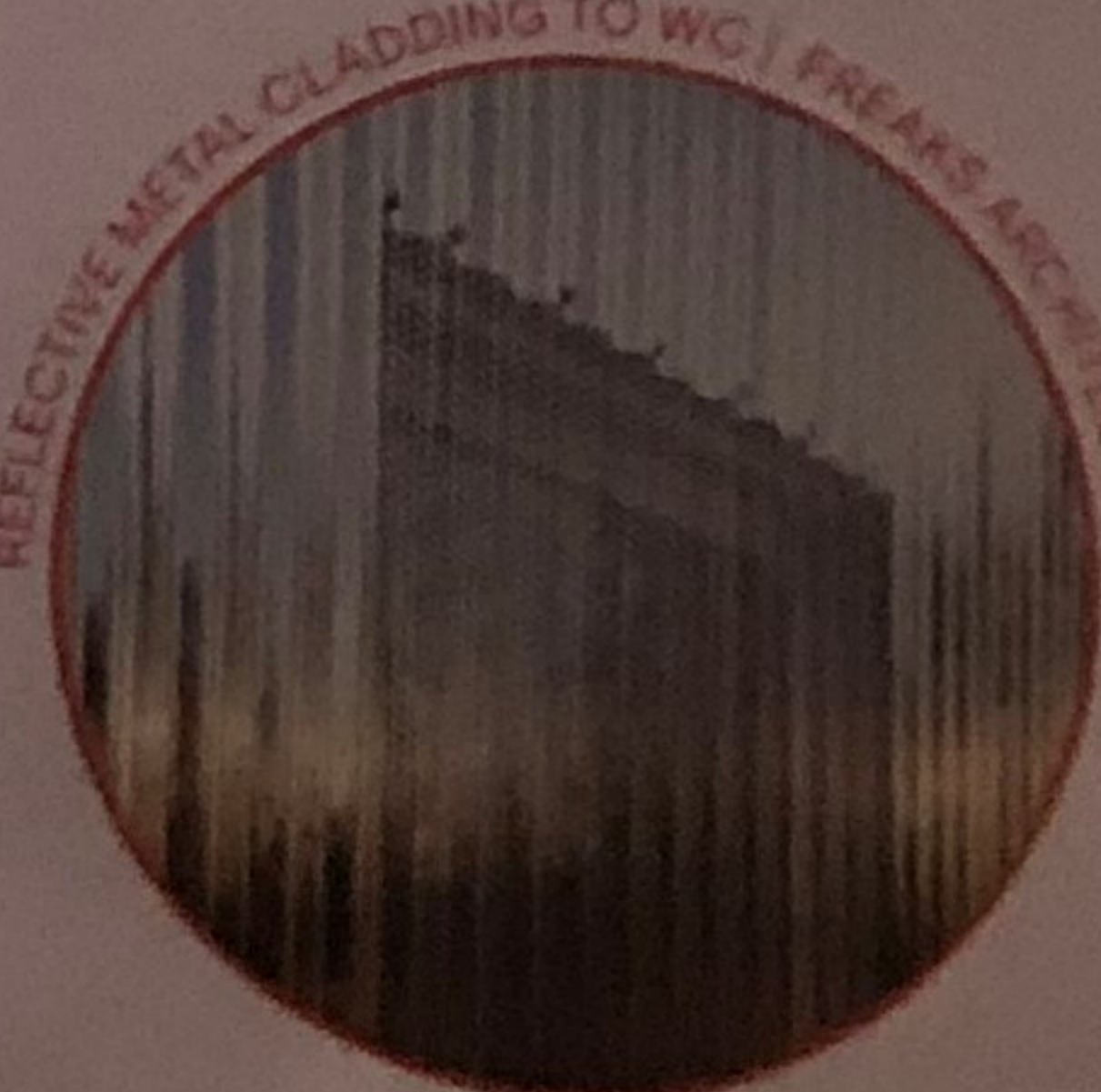
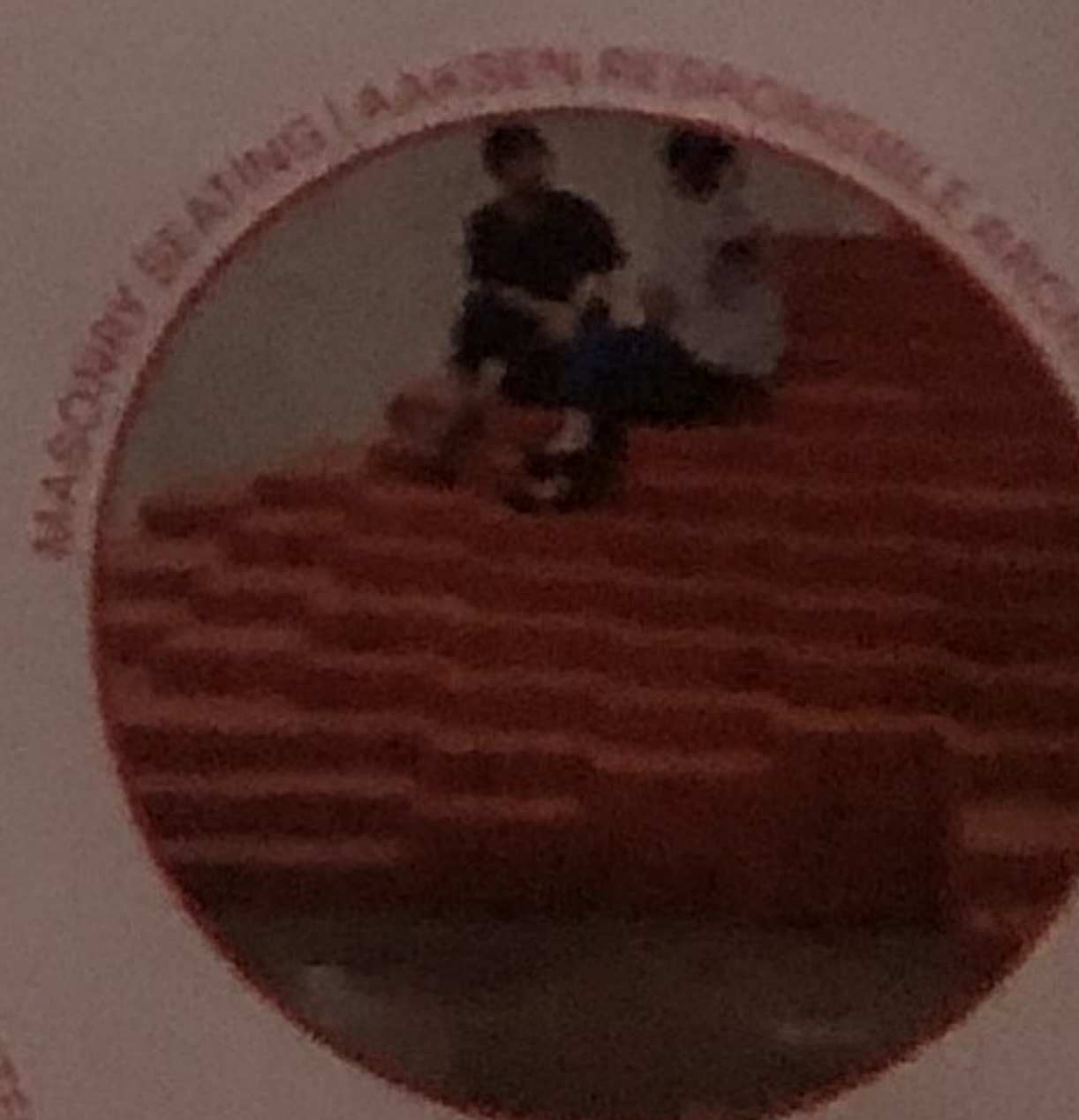
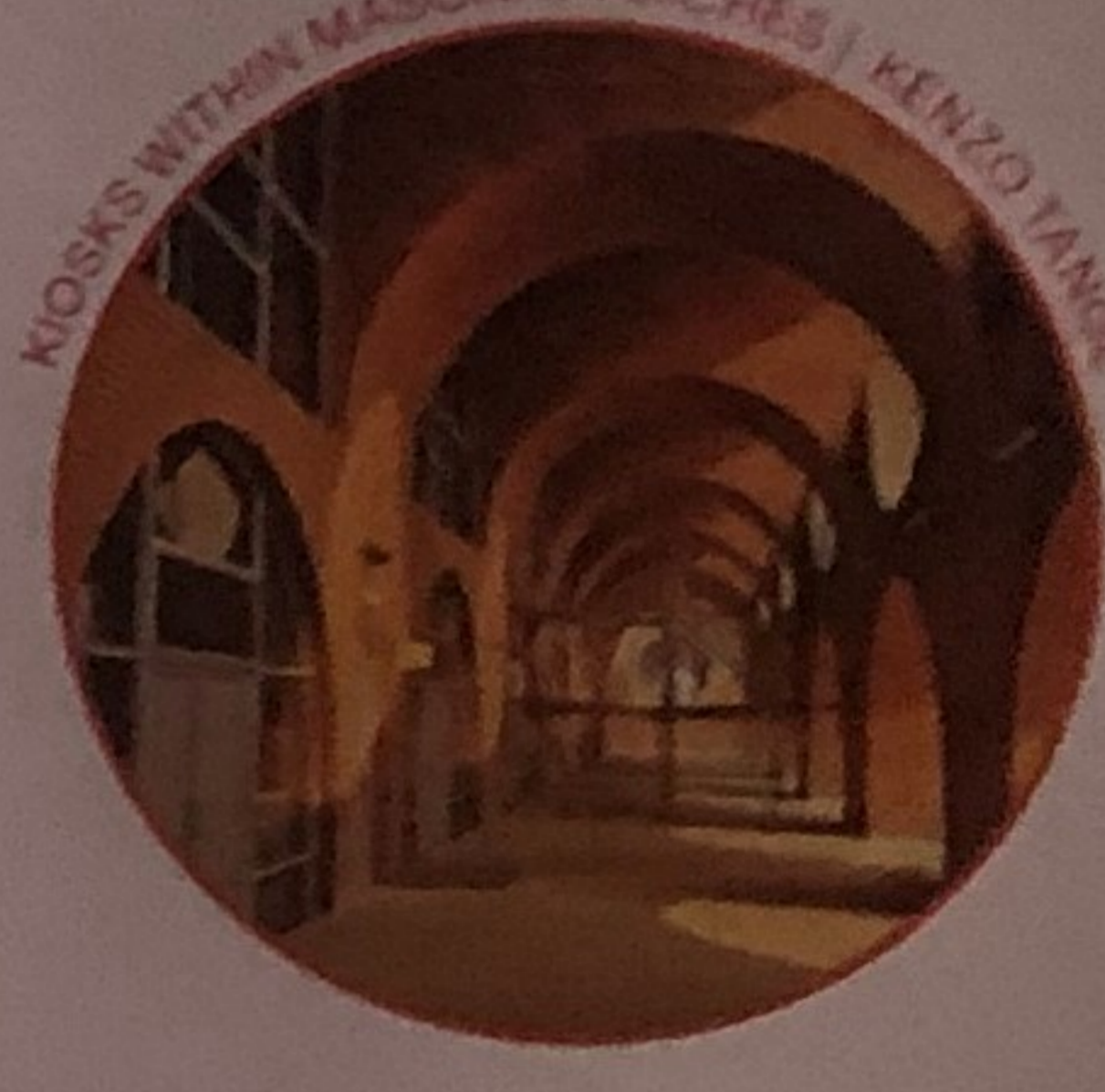
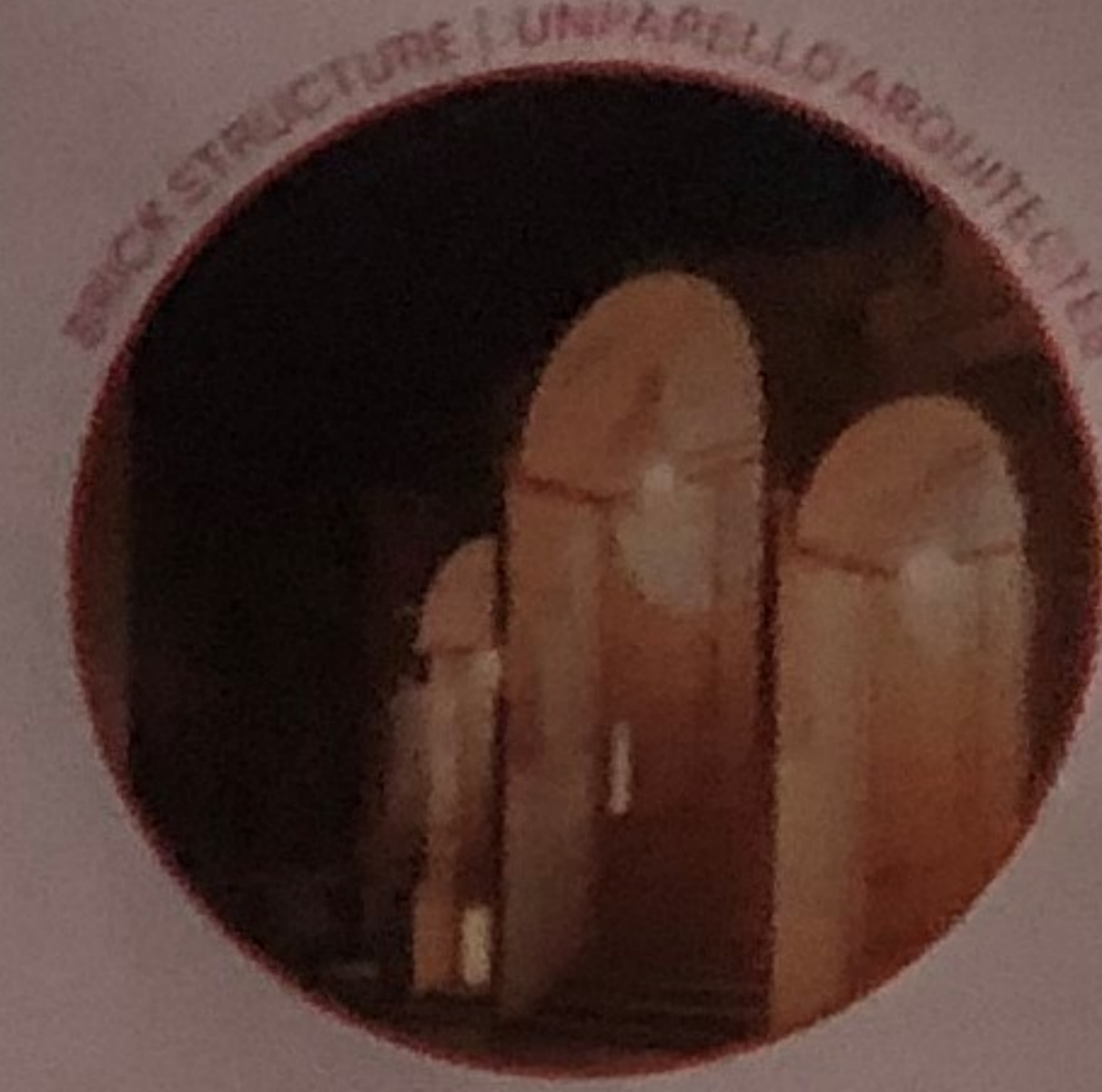
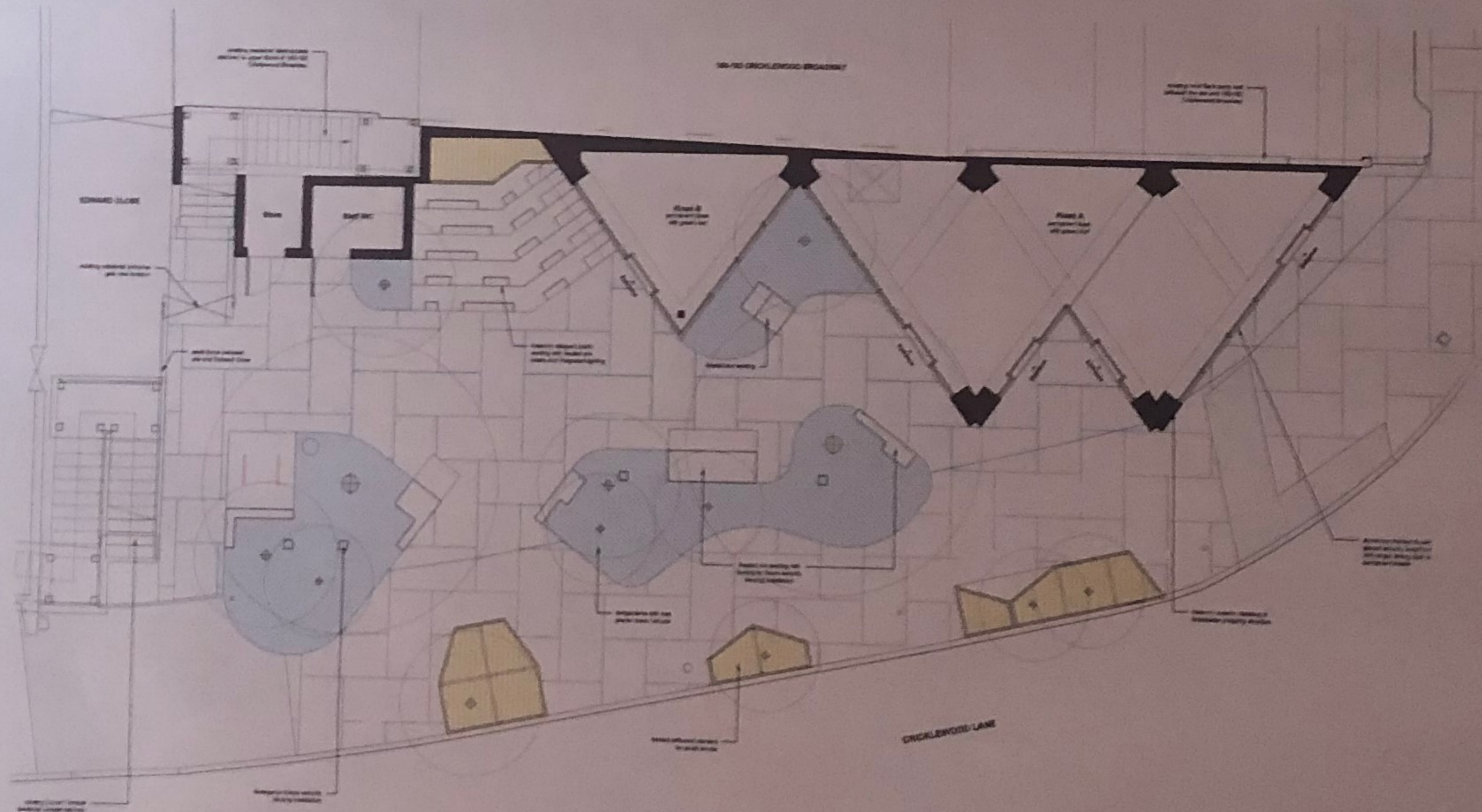
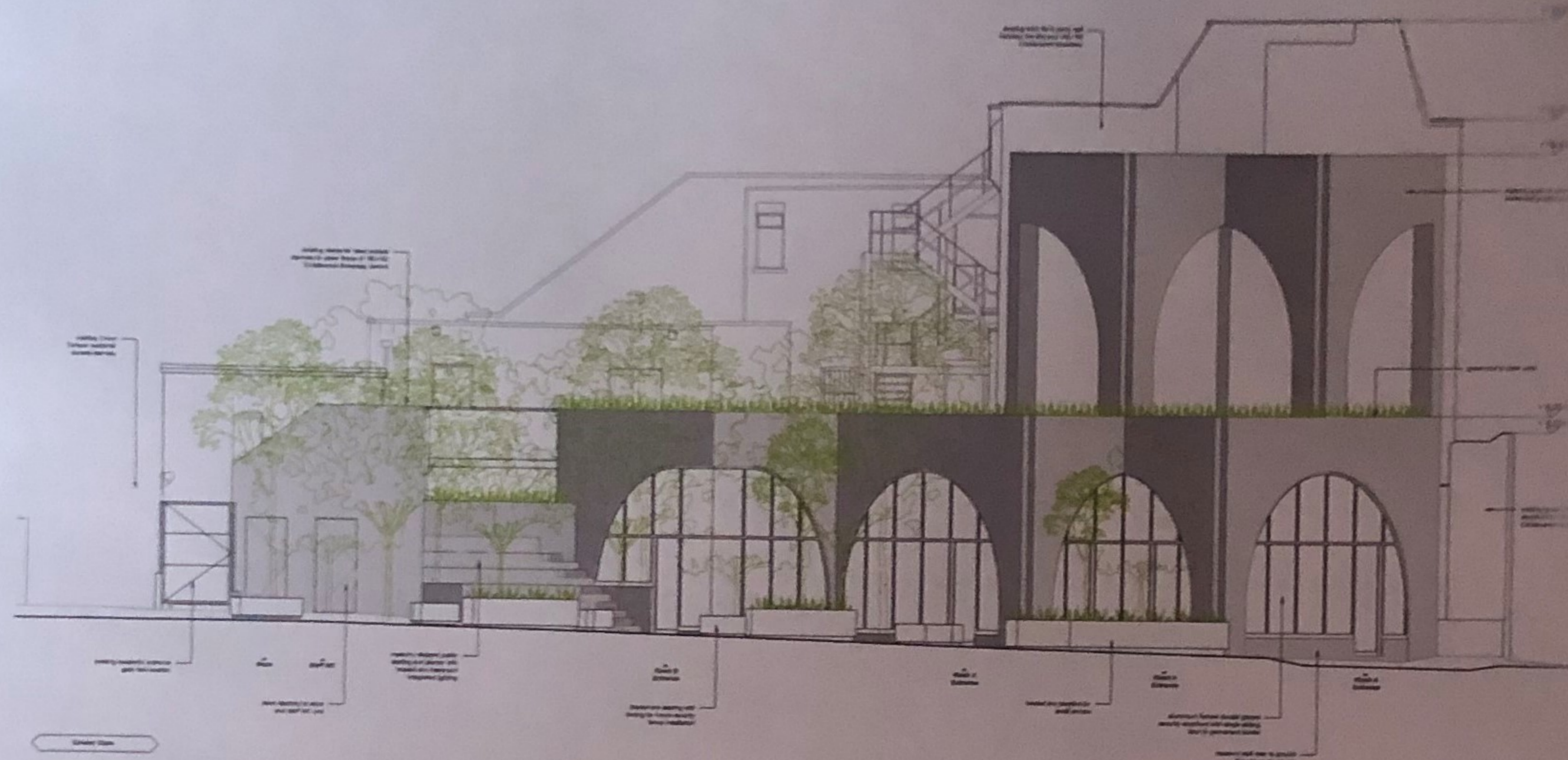
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Space provided by the new propping structure allows for a flexible arrangement for micro-enterprises. More than half of the site then provides opportunity for a pocket urban park, framing a permeable public space with dense clusters of trees. Delivering new environmental and social value to the town centre, namely:

- + **Encourage Eco-System Health:** Providing natural habitats.
- + **Establishing long-term use:** Supporting the local high street, residents and businesses.
- + **Supporting new Community Benefits + Cohesion:** Potential spaces for small cultural events, classes, gatherings.
- + **Pedestrian Permeability + Discouraging Anti-social Behaviour:** Providing active surveillance of the public realm.
- + **Creating a positive relationship with the Junction:** A permeable extension of the pavement.
- + **A Shift in Perception:** A visual sense of permanence and place-making at the heart of the town centre.



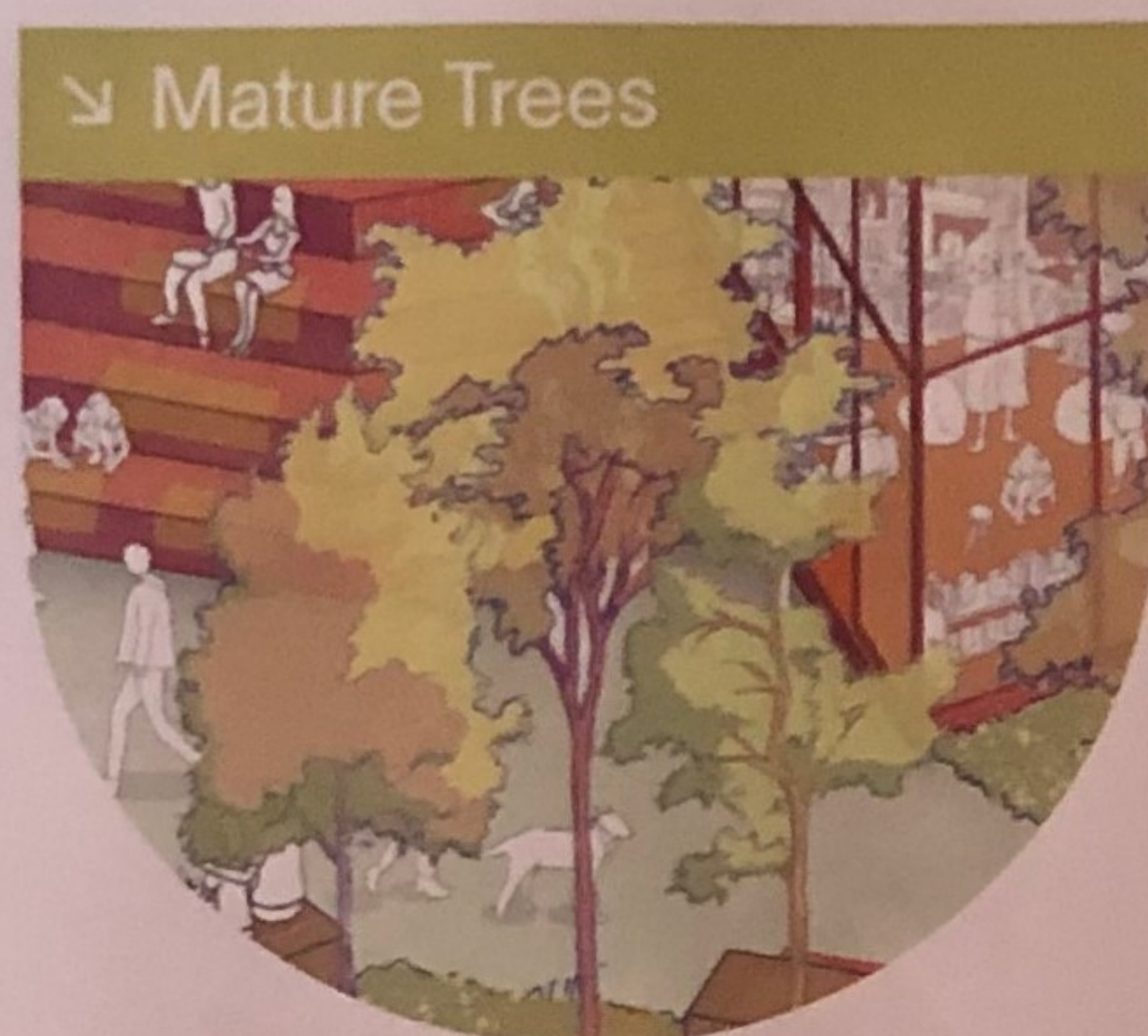
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## GREENING STRATEGY

Designing a naturalistic planting scheme will help soften the built environment and provide more opportunities for increasing biodiversity. Choosing the right plants for the right place will ensure planting thrives, and including a wide range of species will ensure all year round interest and canopy cover.

Planting will need to work hard to provide vital green infrastructure services on a small and exposed site, but the benefits can be multiple:

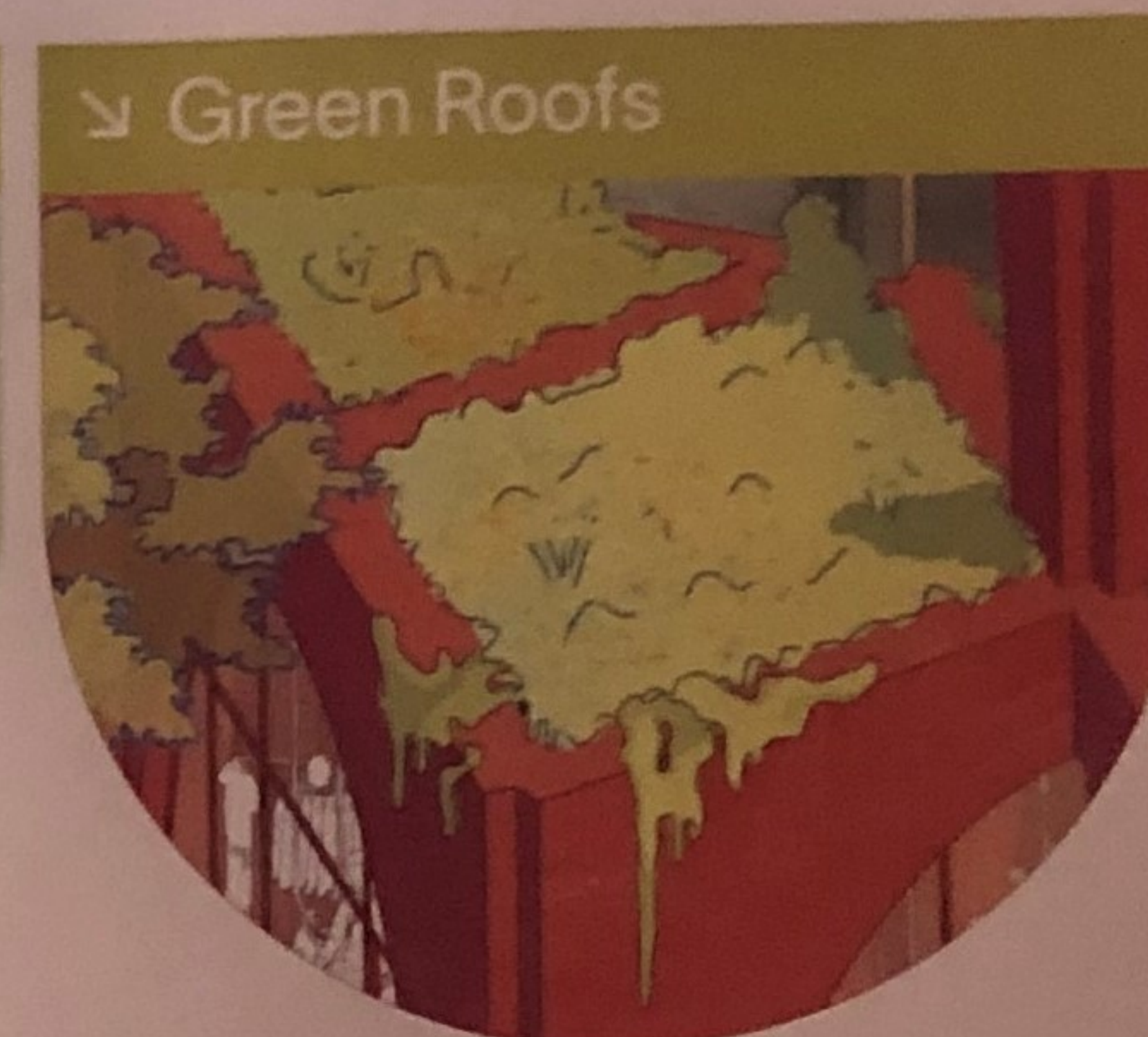
- + Increase in biodiversity and the creation of wildlife habitats;
- + Absorption of carbon dioxide and generation of oxygen;
- + Shading and cooling streets and buildings in summer, while supporting solar gain in the winter;
- + Slowing down and absorbing rainwater;
- + Reduction in airborne particulates from reaching people's lungs, by trapping them on the street tree's leaves;
- + A focus on mature trees requires lower maintenance long term with big visual and environmental impact.



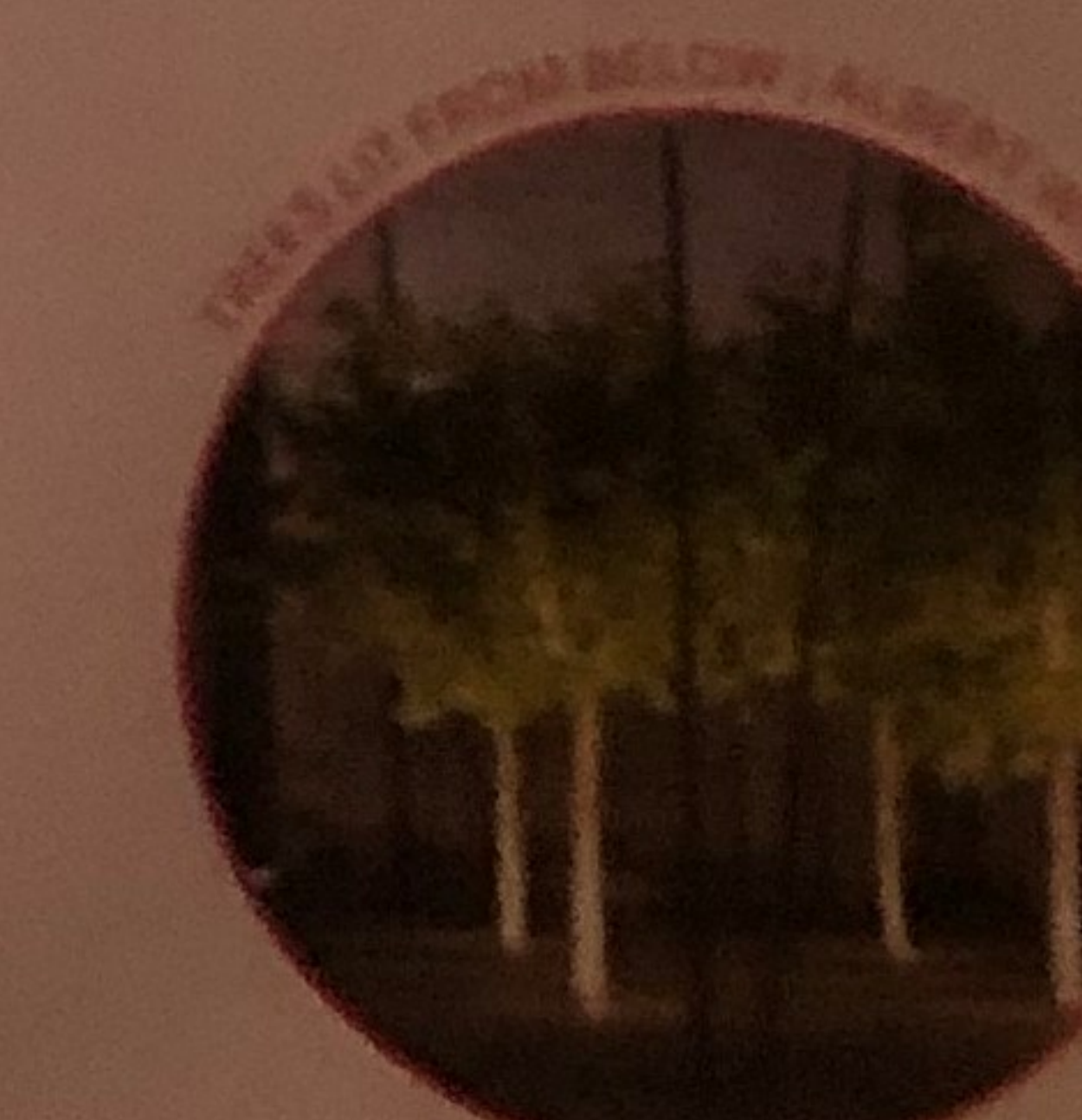
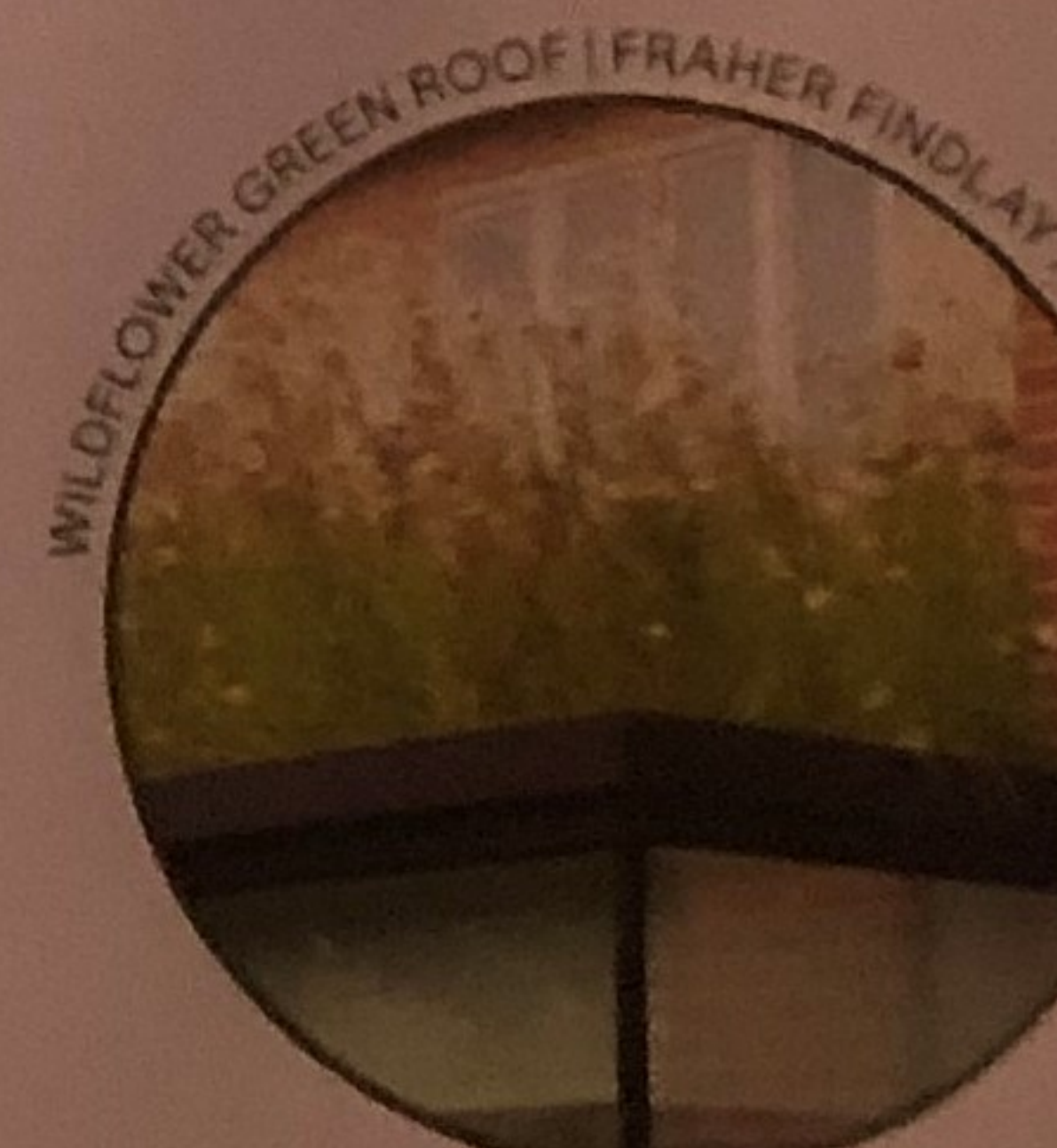
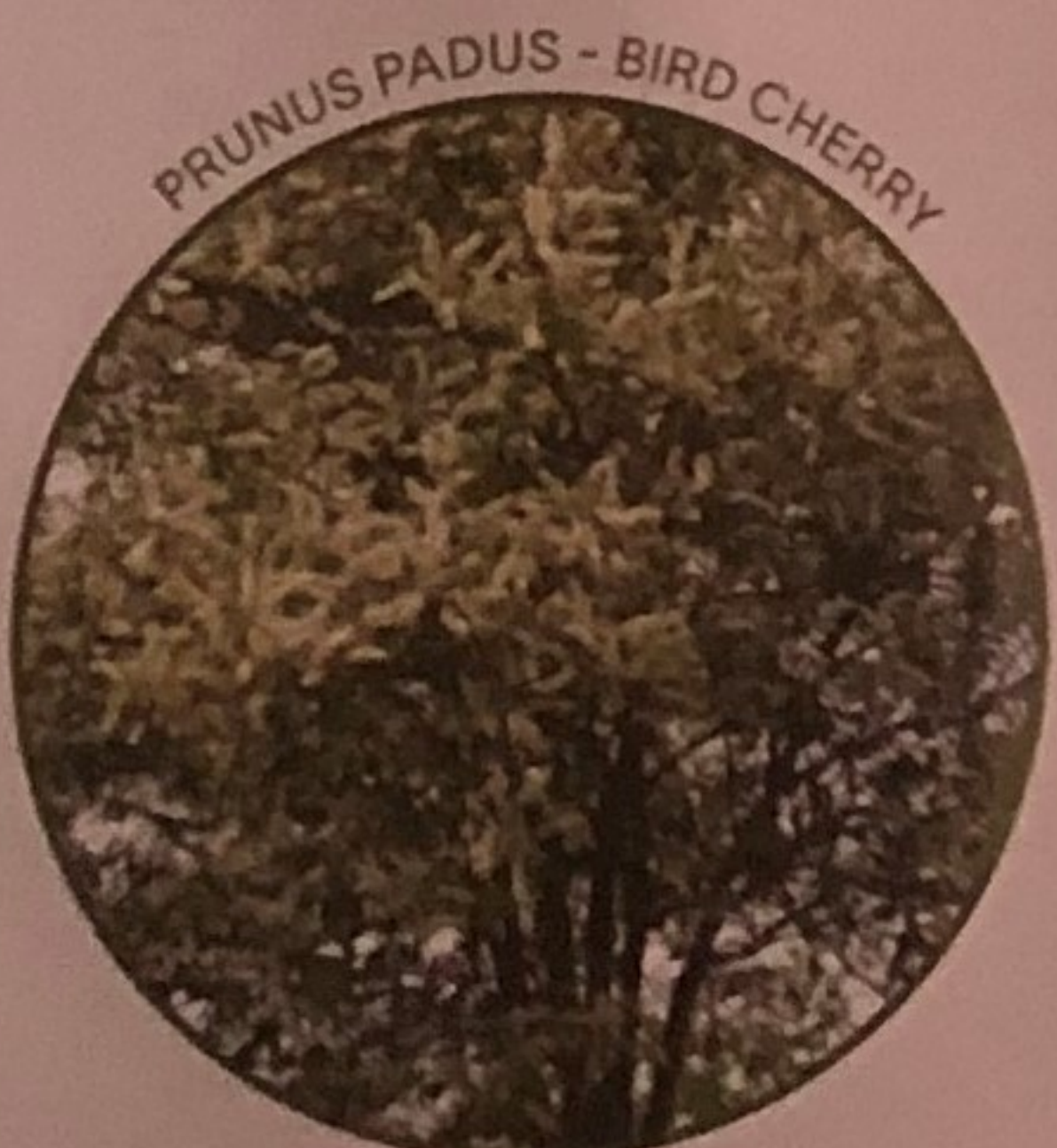
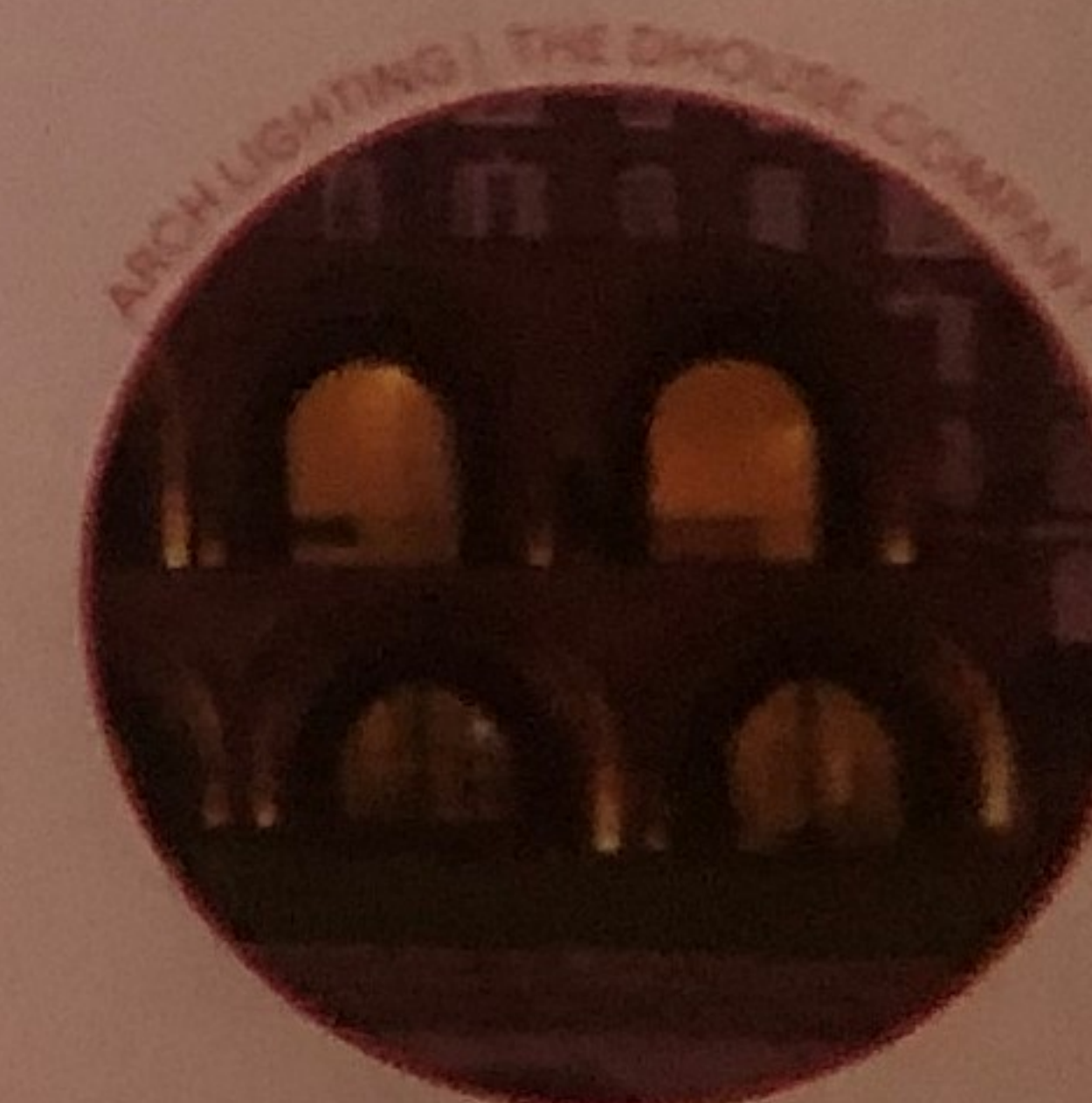
↳ Mature Trees



↳ Raingardens & Planters



↳ Green Roofs



## LIGHTING

Targeted and considered areas of public realm lighting will play a key role to the liveliness and sense of security of the new public park, providing a dynamic place and discouraging anti-social behaviour in the evening and at night, without contributing to light pollution, glare, and clutter.