

Cricklewood Junction

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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

2021: Highways works to junction
The corner buildings on 164-168 Cricklewood Broadway were demolished to make way for the A5/A407 Cricklewood Junction improvements as part of the wider Brent Cross / Cricklewood regeneration project.

2021: Temporary propping structure erected with a 5-year life span



Jun 2022: JKA appointed to develop design proposals for a pocket park
Following a feasibility study by Erect Architecture in 2021 for reviewing the site's potential as a 'pocket park', JKA were appointed to develop options for implementing LB Barnet's key aims of:

- ↳ showcasing **sustainability**
- ↳ promoting **economic development**
- ↳ designing **In dialogue**

Oct 2022: Stakeholder Engagement
JKA and LB Barnet met with the local Business Association, NW Association + Town Team to get their input on the designs and potential uses.

Autumn 2022:
Planning pre-application submitted to LB Barnet

Jun 2023:
Community Engagement

Summer 2023:
Project submitted to planning

Winter 2023-24:
Works start on site

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PROPOSED SCHEME

KEY

- (1) Masonry Arches
- (2) Masonry buttresses
- (3) Larger divisible kiosk
- (4) Smaller individual kiosk
- (5) Green roofs
- (6) Active kiosk forecourts
- (7) Public stepped seating
- (8) Public benches
- (9) 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



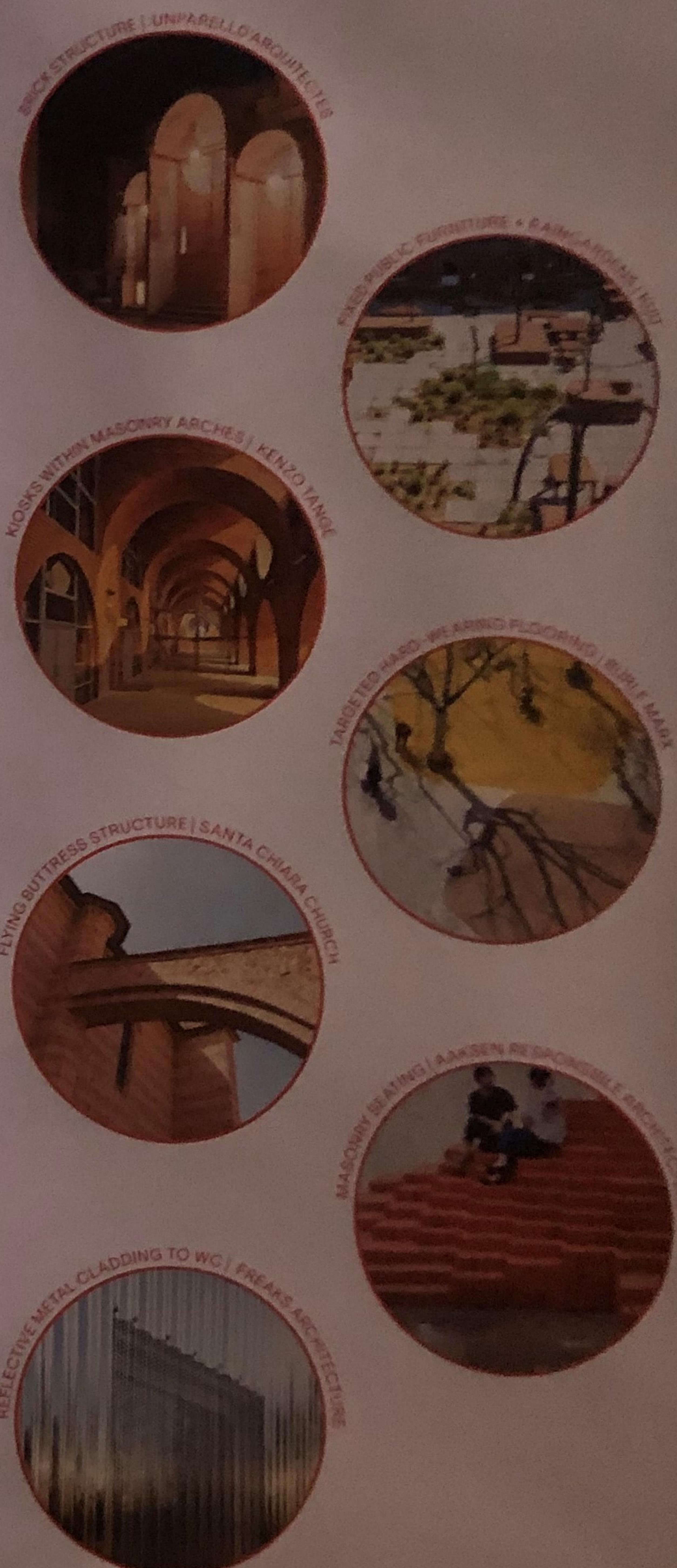
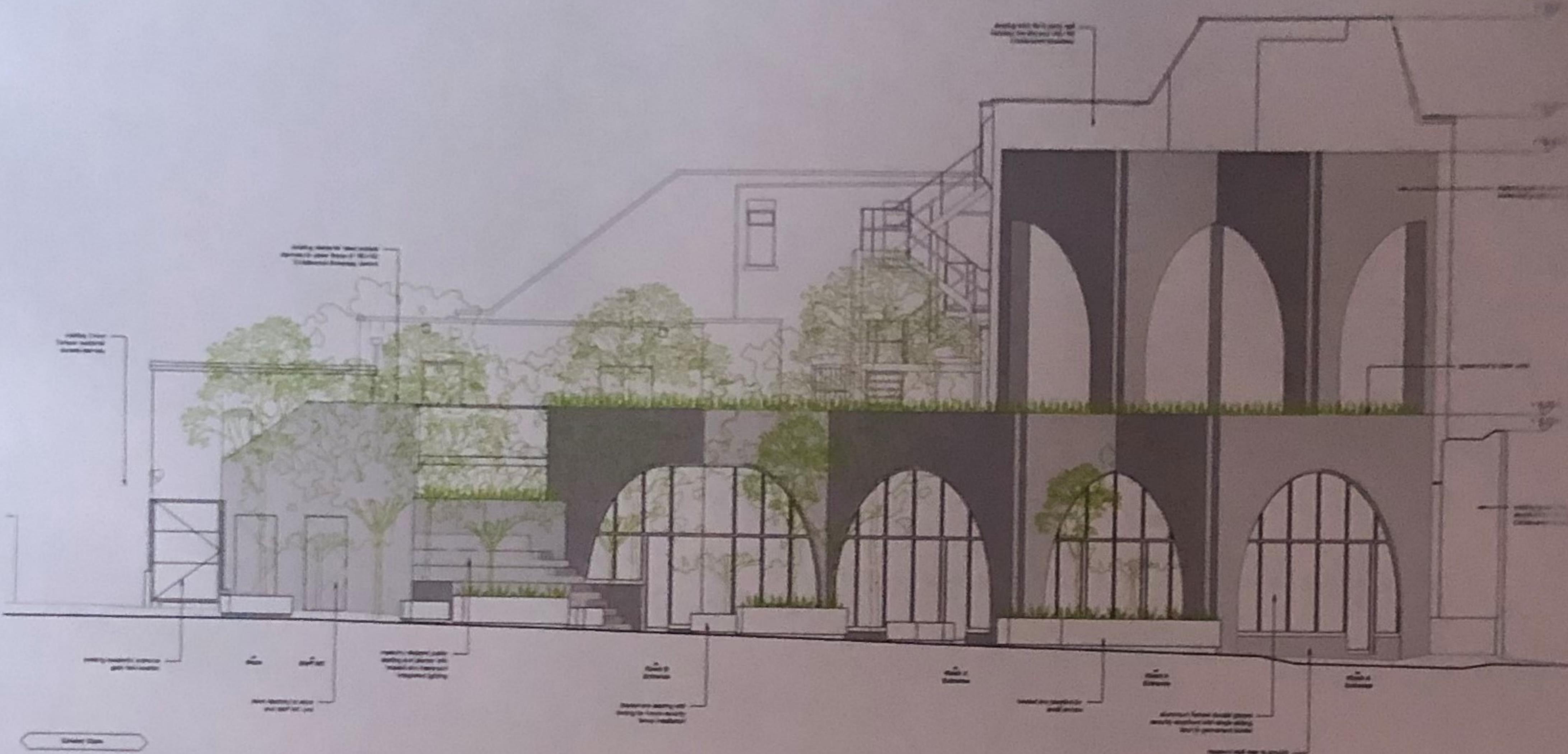
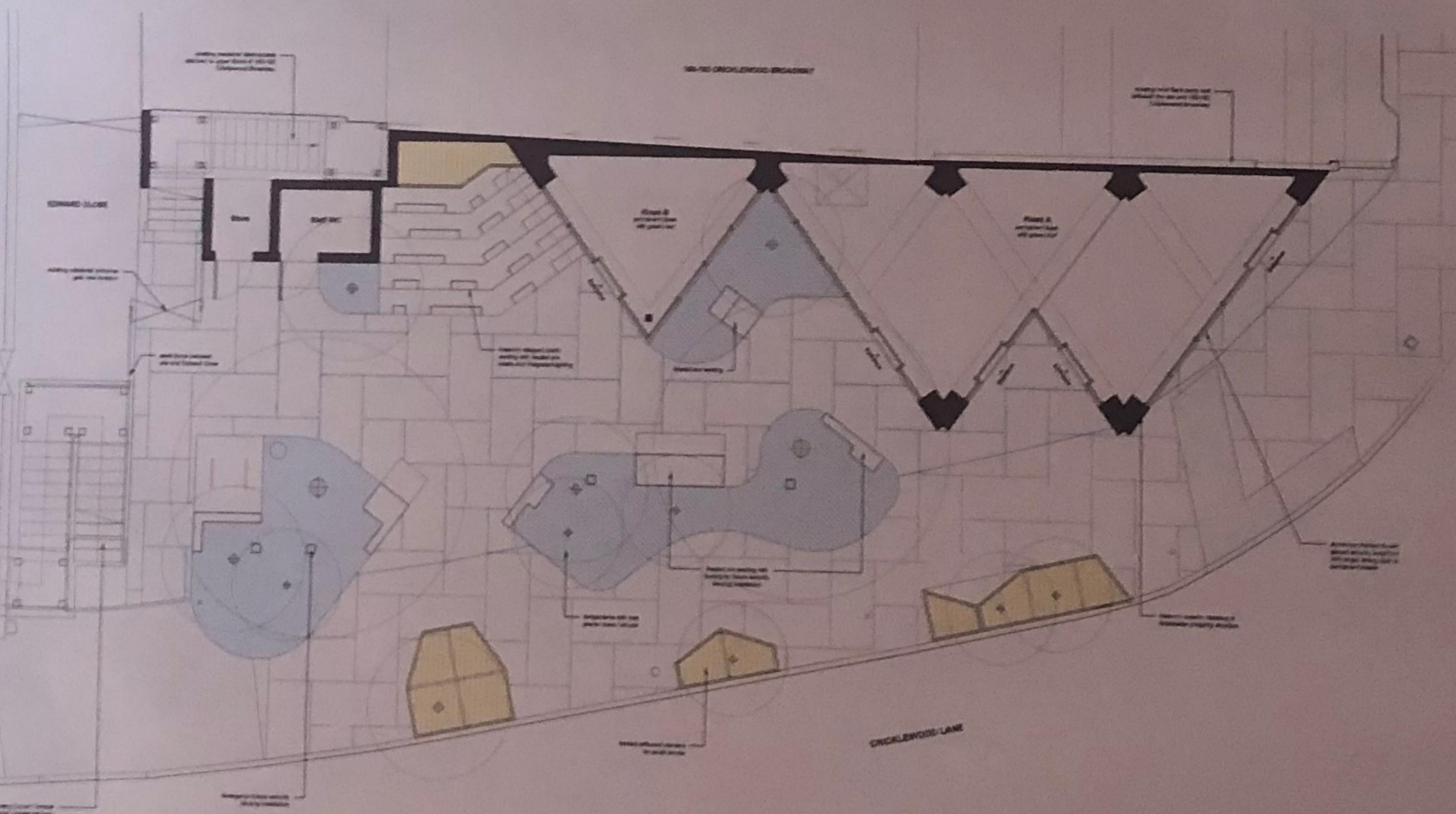
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Space provided by the new propping structure allows for a flexible arrangement for micro-enterprises. More than half of the site then provides opportunity for a pocket urban park, framing a permeable public space with dense clusters of trees. Delivering 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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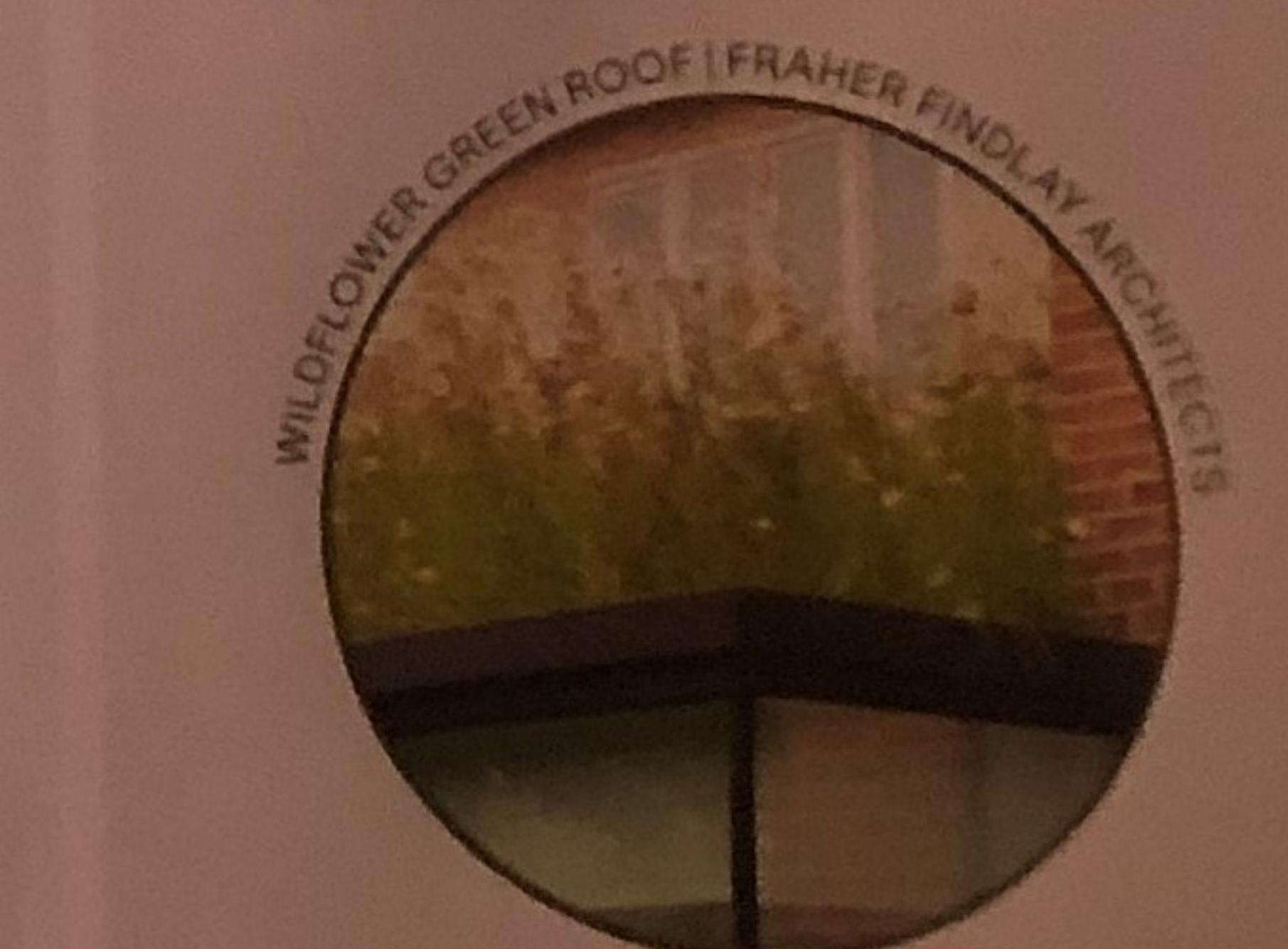
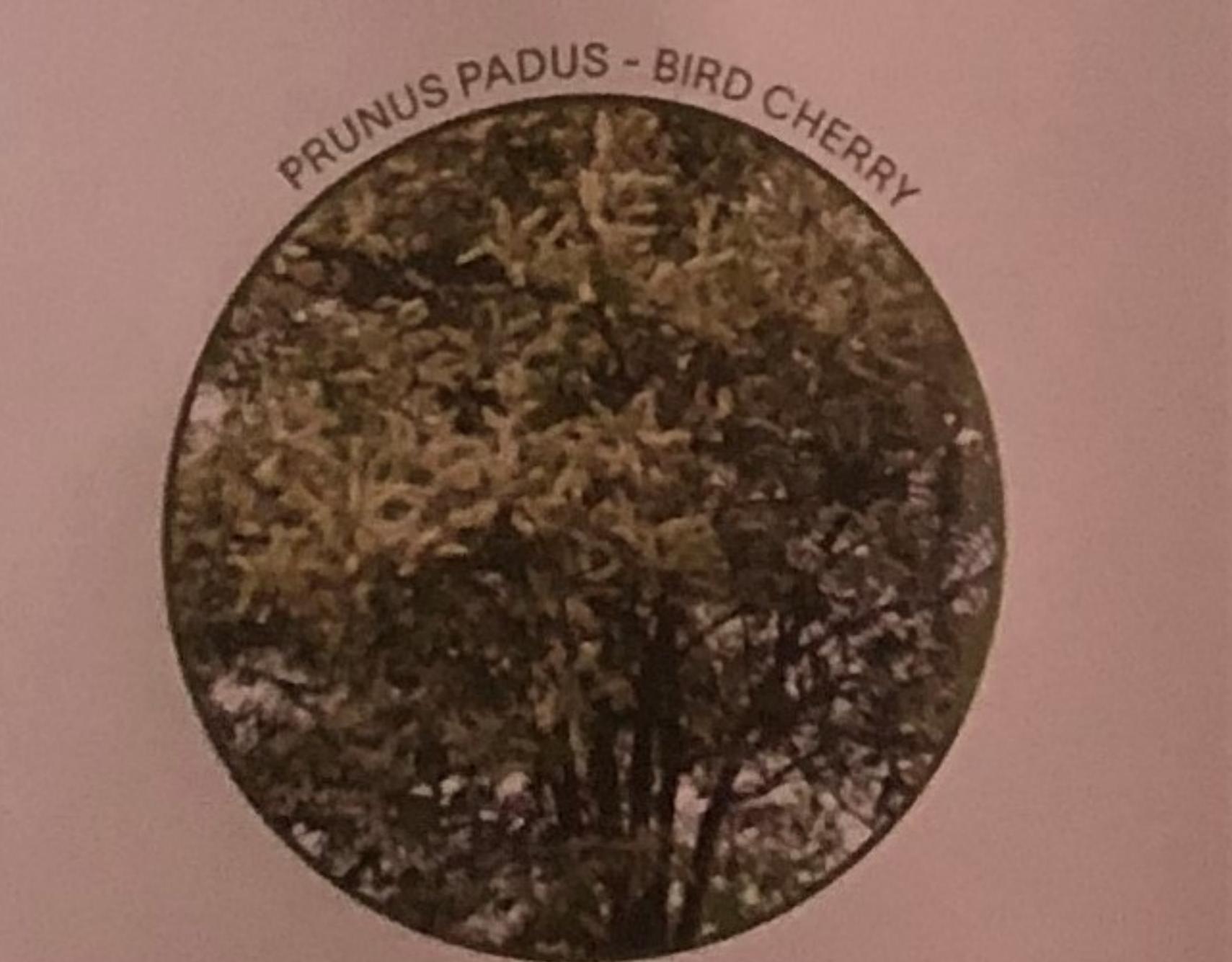
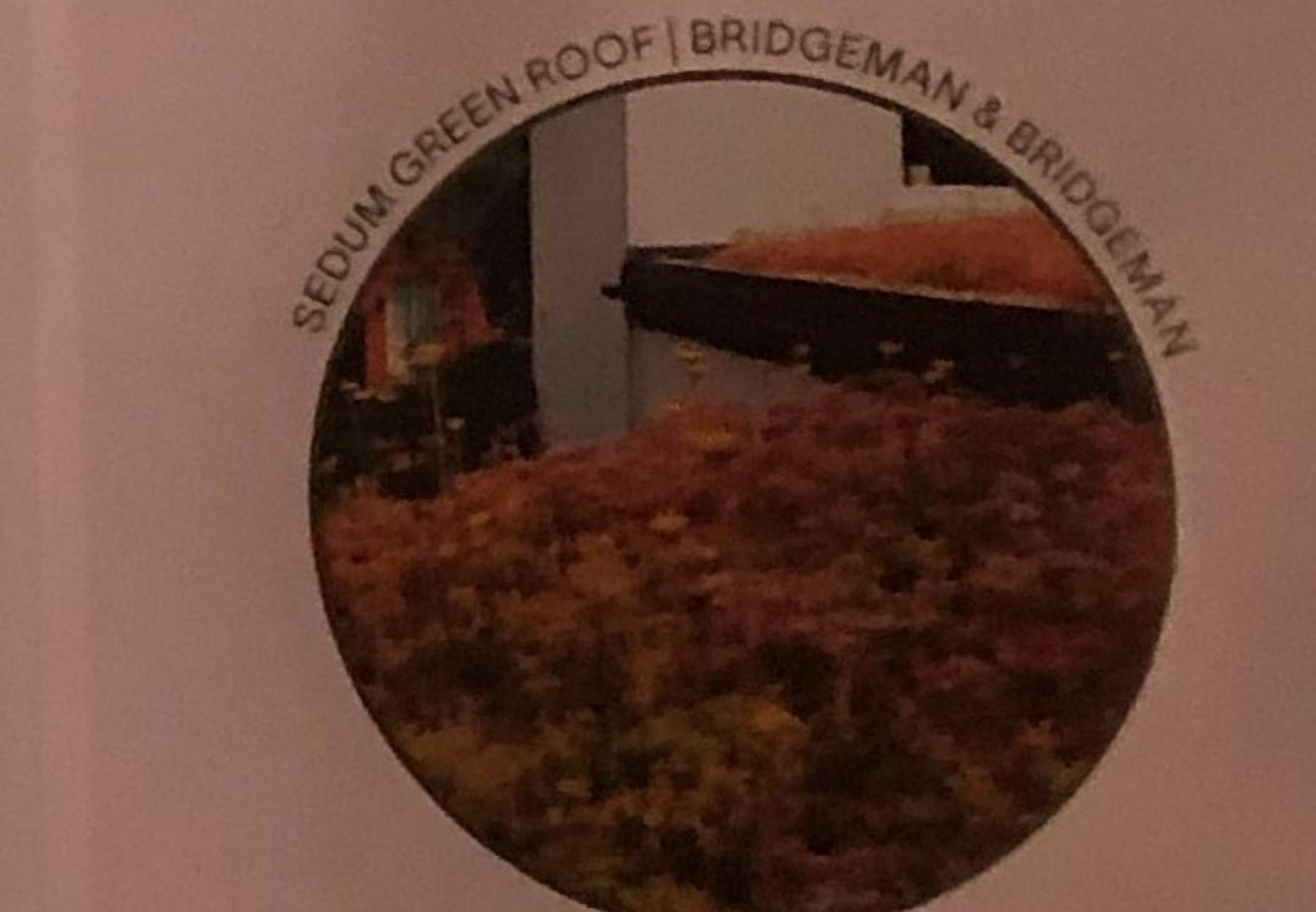
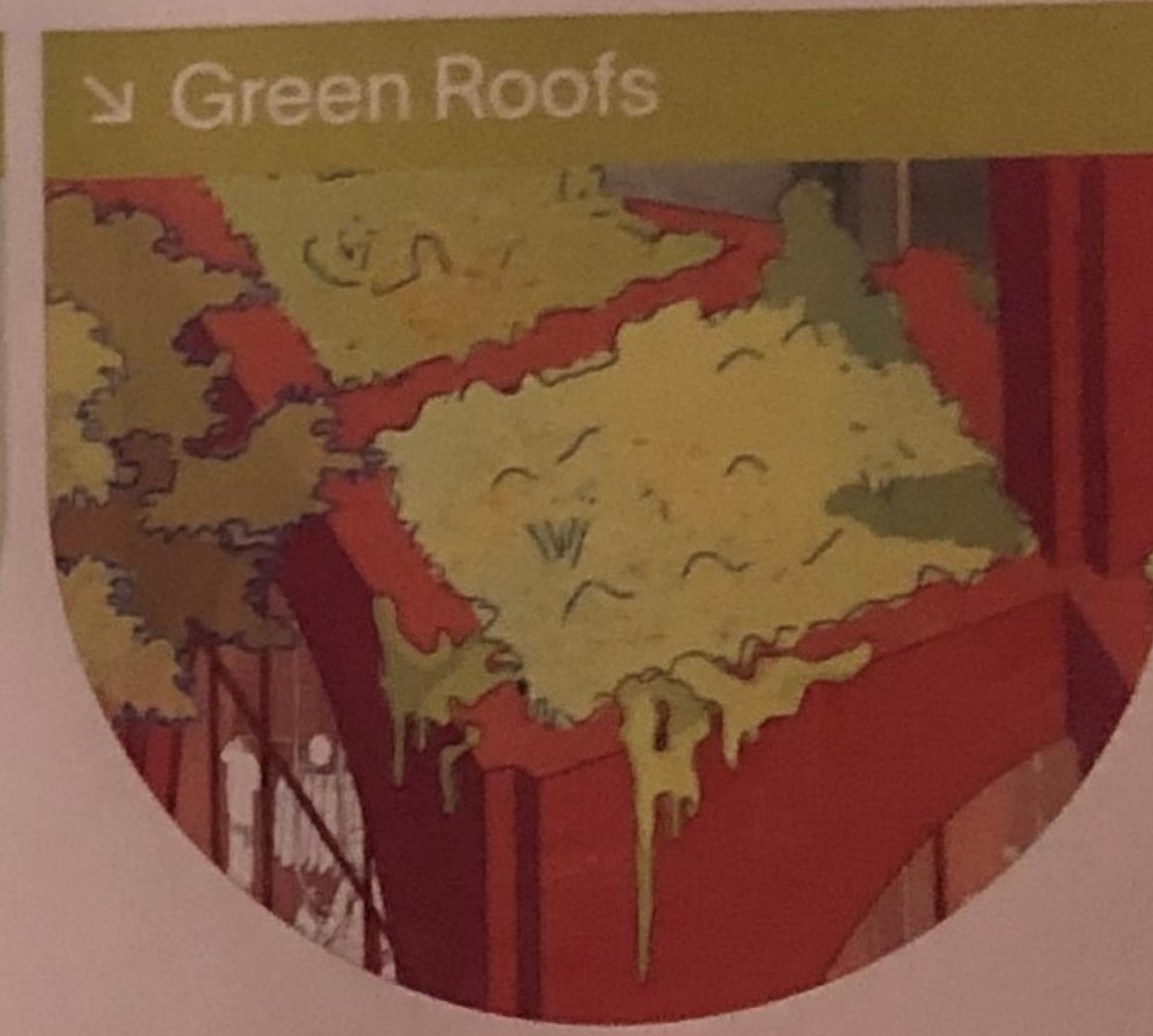
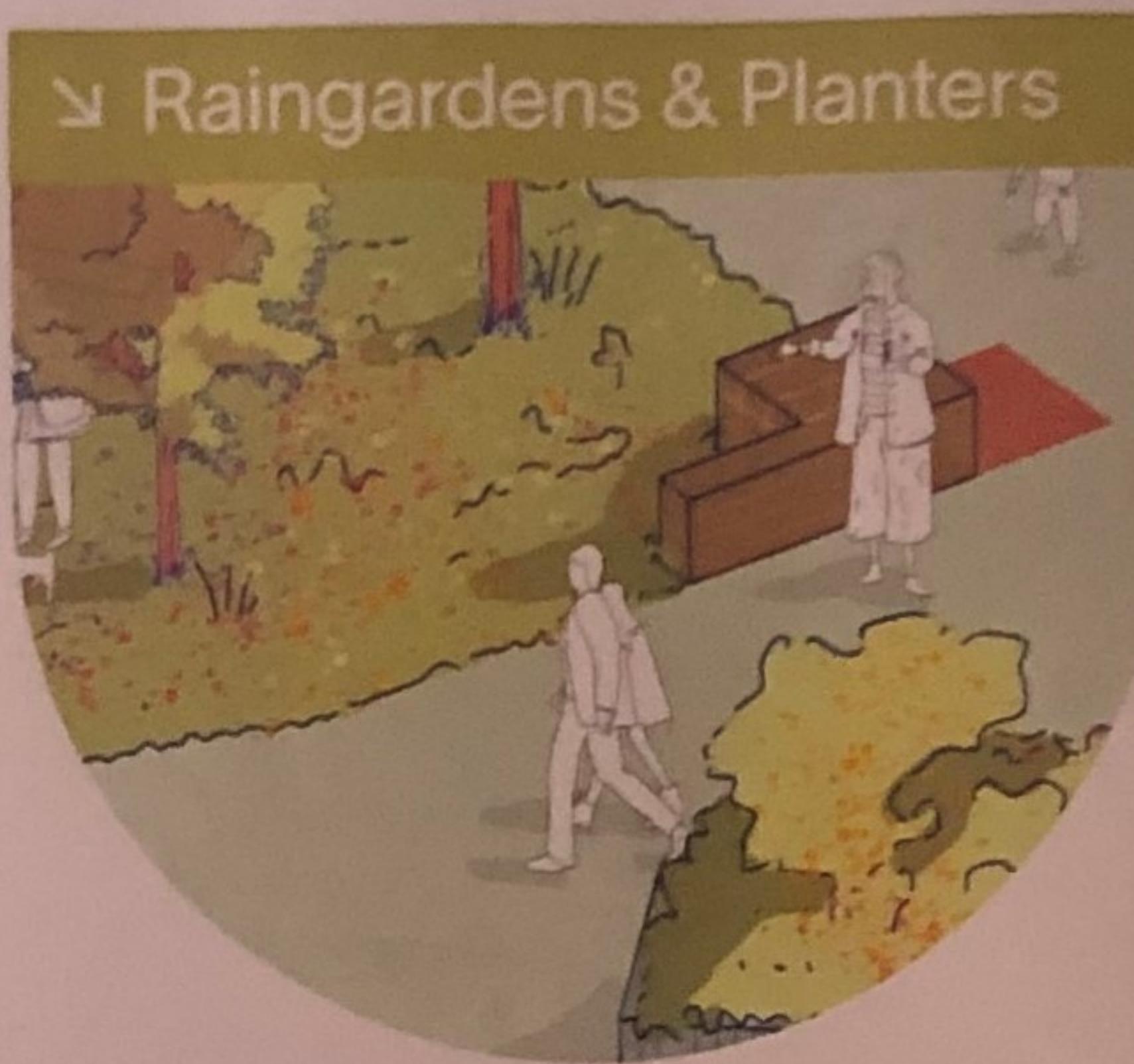
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GREENING STRATEGY

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.



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.

