

Dickens Square Park

Illustrative Masterplan

1 Nature Spine - Butterfly Walk

- Wall removed to improve sightlines and create more welcoming entrance. Level, paved access created with low raised beds and butterfly friendly planting and seating.
- Some scrub removed with 'woodland edge' planting to improve biodiversity.
- New perimeter planting to diversify tree stock and replace dead/dying sycamores, understorey and meadow edge.

2 Play Area

- **Toddlers Play**, with low landforms for exploratory play, and equipment for up to 4-5 years.
- **Younger children area**, equipped for 4-10 years
- **Older children's play** for 6-15 years (Landform, hills and dips, trees)

3 Dickens Square Entrance

- Welcoming plaza entrance space to replace existing road. Low railings to protect trees.
- Entrances retained to the mosque (occasional vehicular and pedestrian)
- Planting and seating introduced, SUDS drainage designed.
- Bicycle Storage
- Substation decorated to become part of the entrance area and incorporating the recycling bins.
- Outdoor grouped gym equipment located near Harper Road.

4 Front Lawn

- Open and welcoming lawn area created to Harper Road by removing mound as far as lime tree
- Low railings to protect existing trees and planting, but open otherwise
- Seating and picnic tables to encourage use and activity

5 Sunny Southern Entrance

- New entrance to encourage use and access through
- Potential to open up to the surgery, to enable use by its visitors
- Trees in poor condition to be removed, and



6 South Facing Wall

- Using south facing walls for ornamental climbers - increasing biodiversity.

7 Nature Spine (Woodland Edge)

- Trim trail type equipment not adjacent to properties set around the perimeter within grass
- Seating set around perimeter
- Park edges enhanced with planting understorey diversified and meadow ground flora introduced, to mimic a biodiverse 'woodland edge'

8 Play Area

- Enclosed with 900mm high railings and planted to the outside to soften appearance.
- Surfaced with safety surface in muted colours, and natural materials, concrete, and tree planting
- Trees removed and landforms remodelled to maximise interest and give a natural feel to the play areas
- Drinking fountain to be located near to the play area.

9 Grand Lawn

- Large open area with limited tree removal, to increase light and openness
- Areas of sunny meadow, cut after spring flowering
- Picnic tables and park benches
- Existing sculpture removed

10 Falmouth Road Entrance

- Former semi basements partially filled, but hollows left to encourage ferns and damp woodland habitat - 'Fernery' entrance

11 Falmouth Road Edge

- Boundary railings moved back 2m into the park to enable better access around mature plane trees in the pavement
- Woodland understorey planted within existing, mature trees.

General Notes

- Main path - all weather resin bound gravel.
- Seating: benches, picnic tables and chairs introduced throughout.
- Nature area path to be natural bound gravel