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Project Brief

Jane McCorkell Landscape Architect has been commissioned to be part of a wider team by Mayo County Council, to prepare a landscape masterplan and design proposal for the regeneration of the Public Realm at Medicott Street and Main Street in Newport

This document presents a design rationale as a result of research, analysis and precedent studies for the design proposals at Newport.

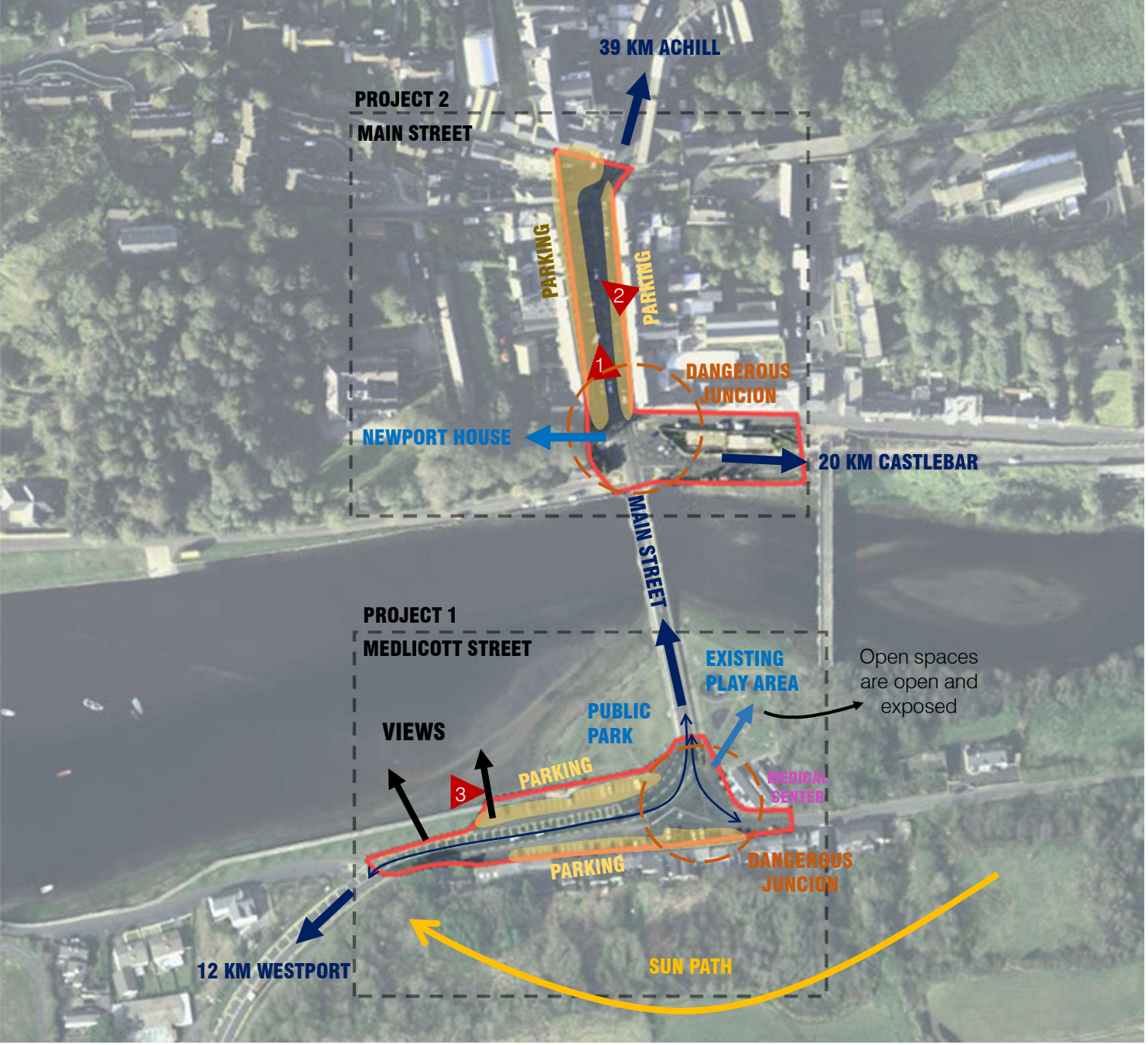
The public realm areas addressed in this report are an integral element of the fabric of Newport. They are constantly utilised by the local community; and even more so by during tourist season (between June and September) as a mid point transitional space between Westport and Achill (as part of the Westport Greenway and the Wild Atlantic Way).

The landscape proposals contained herein will form a framework for the public realm strategy, with further detailed design required to create greater integrated streetscapes and permeability throughout Newport

Aims and Objectives

- To rejuvenate and improve the quality of streetscapes and open space
- Provide multiplicity of uses according to the different spaces
- Conserve Architectural heritage of Newport by strengthening its links to the proposed improvements
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist connectivity and legibility
- Strengthen links between Main Street and Medicott Street
- Provide identity to the individual spaces through out the town
- Provide palette of materials and furniture proposal that can be used in the wider area
- Enhance visitor experience of Newport by strengthening views and reference to Newport House and Newport River
- Integrate vehicular elements into the proposed design





LOCATION

This proposal focuses on Project 1 Medlicott street & Project 2 Main street. The public realm spaces run along the Nation road N59 linking Westport to Achill Island. They are joined by the bridge over Newport river. These spaces are an important link between the built and natural environment, with the river as the main focal point of the town.

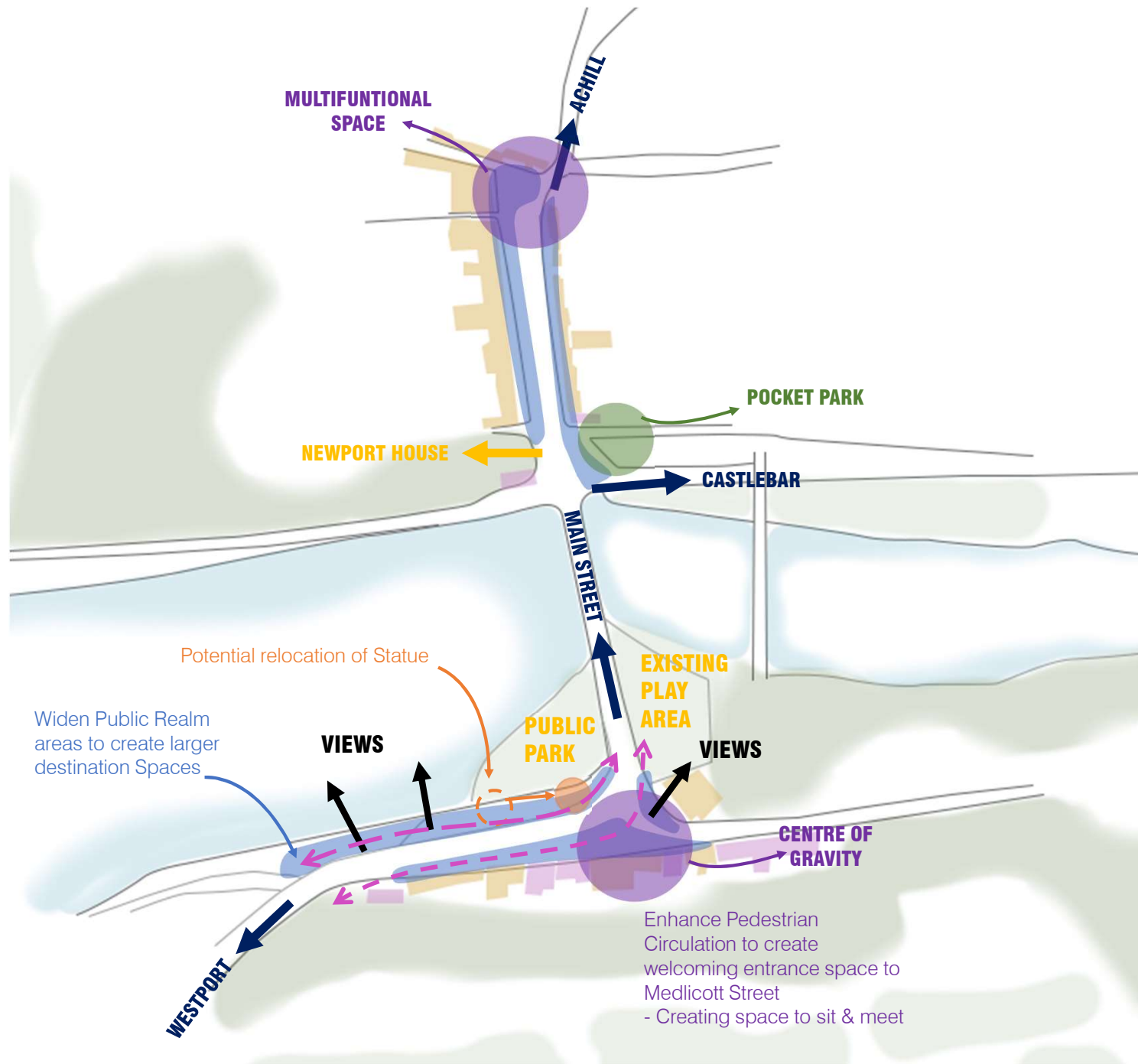
CONTEXT

The focus of this design concept is the enhancement, both physically & socio- culturally, of the public realm dimensions of Newport town.

- Important strategies to be applied to this concept are:
- Create safer movement for pedestrians and cyclist, with easier wayfinding and pedestrian focus.
 - Create a destination where visitors stop and spend time which will have a knock-on benefit to local business.
 - Create streetscapes with focus on providing green infrastructural solutions and engaging spaces for both humans and nature.

SUMMARY OF MAIN FINDINGS

- Car parking dominating the streets.
- Quality of footpath and roadway are poor.
- Quality of pedestrian and cyclist wayfind poor and dangerous.
- Vegetation and plant quality lacking

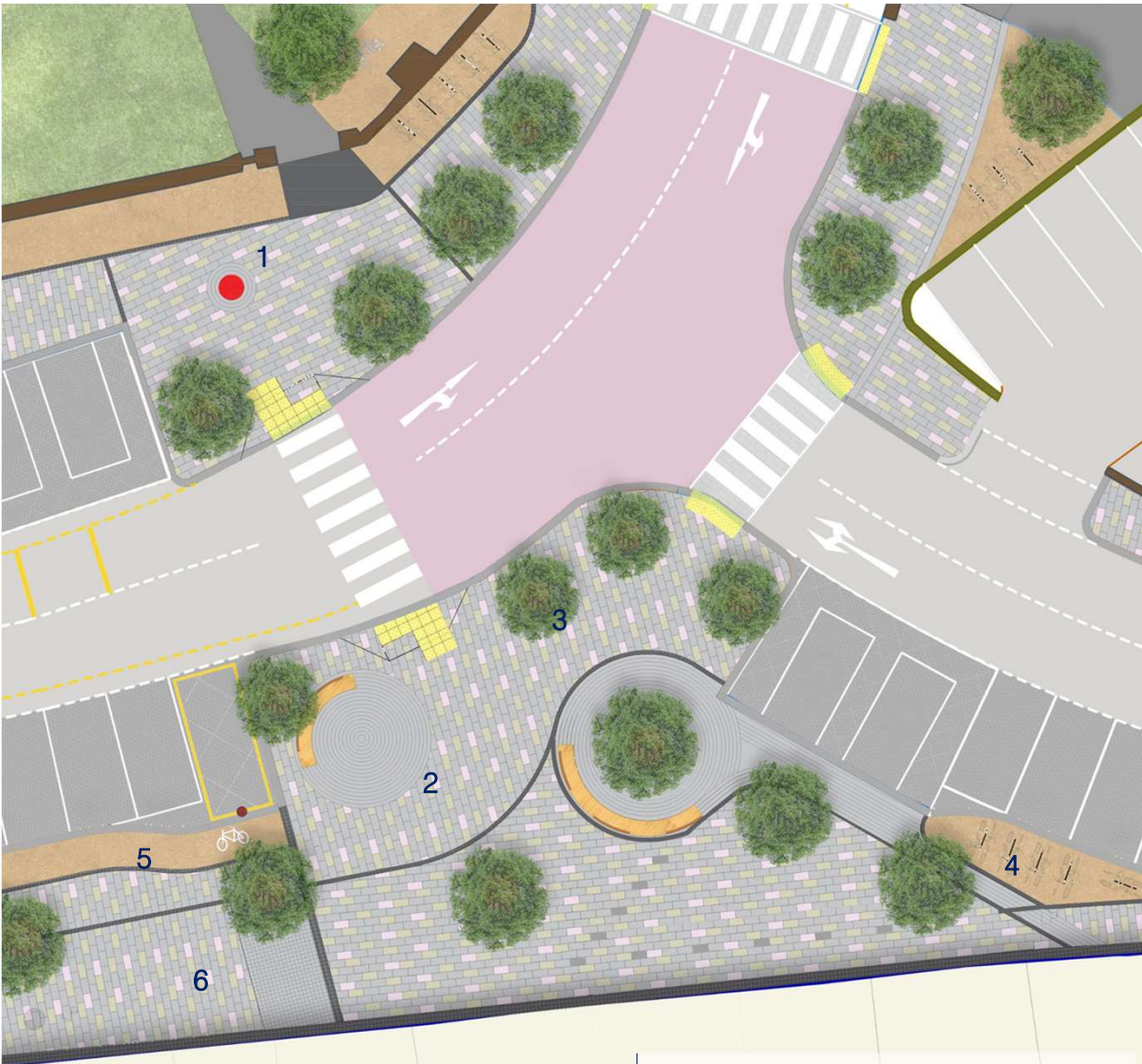


Pedestrian Circulation

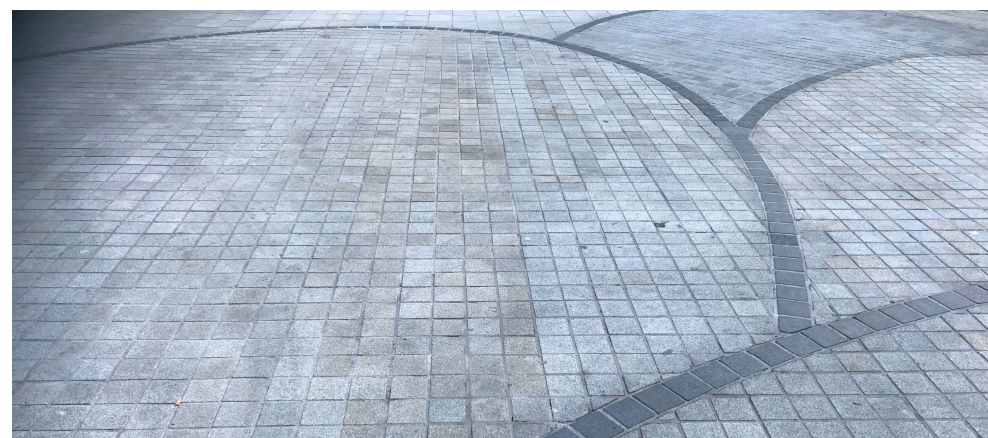
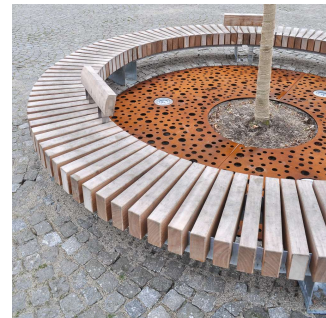
- Altering the hierarchy of public movement through Newport. Creating simpler, more defined movement within the town and responding to pedestrian and cyclist movements in the wider area.
- Emphasis being in the order of Pedestrian, cyclist, then vehicle, giving more importance to the spaces as engaging and interactive community areas.
- Roadway materials to compliment paving and relating the surrounding area with the park using a complementary material palette.

- 1. Existing Public Park
- 2. Existing playground area
- 3. Bridge to Main Road
- 4. Main crossing junction upgraded to provide safe passage
- 5. Bike Stand at various points
- 6. Proposed new position for the existing statue
- 7. Cycle lane
- 8. Pedestrian wider footpath
- 9. Main entertainment area





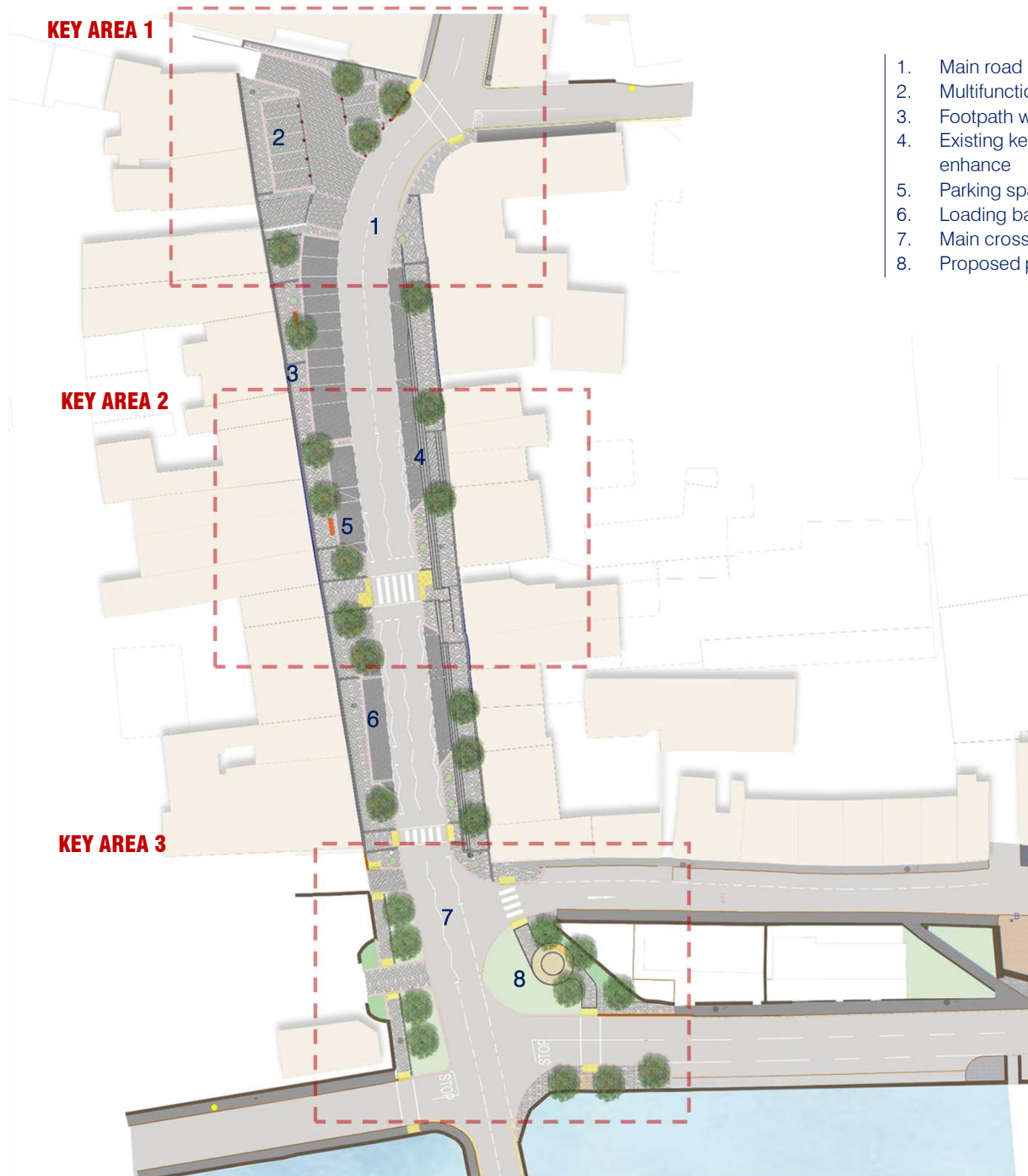
- 1. Proposed new position for statue
- 2. Main area
- 3. Specimen street trees set back 2m from crossing area
- 4. Bike stand
- 5. Cycleway
- 6. Footpath



- 1. Cycle lane positioned along river wall
- 2. Planter/seat combination
- 3. Wider public realm area
- 4. Defined portion area







- 1. Main road
- 2. Multifunctional space
- 3. Footpath with new feature paving
- 4. Existing kerb steps to be retained and enhance
- 5. Parking space with new paving block
- 6. Loading bays to be maximise use
- 7. Main crossing to be made safe
- 8. Proposed pocket park

- 1. Shared surface roadway
- 2. Movable bollards to create outdoor dining spaces and parking according to seasons
- 3. Proposed planters and benches

