

Riverside South Infrastructure Works

Welcome to our public exhibition focusing on the infrastructure works at Riverside South.

CWG is bringing forward a planning application covering infrastructure and public realm works.

The plans include a new platform across Westferry Road with green walkways and new places for people to visit and spend time. Proposals will deliver lasting benefits for the local community including new pedestrian and cycle connections, improved access to the riverside, a green public realm, and jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

The platform has been designed to facilitate future development of the Riverside South site. Proposals for any future development, including a potential Headquarters building, would be brought forward through a separate planning process and public consultation.

Project team



CWG – Applicant for the infrastructure works and owner of Canary Wharf

JPMorganChase

JPMorganChase – Riverside South owner & potential future occupier



Adamson Associates – Architect

Foster + Partners

Foster + Partners – Masterplan architects

fieldoperations

Field Operations – Landscape architects

steer

Steer – Transport and Highways Consultants

ARUP

Arup – Multidisciplinary engineering firm



DP9 – Planning Consultants

**Lowick
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Lowick Hedry – Engagement Consultants

Have your say



We value and are keen to understand the views of our neighbours and the wider community ahead of submitting a planning application to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. We would therefore be grateful if, once you have viewed the information on show, you complete a feedback form and hand it to a member of the project team. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code.

Our consultation will run until 1 October 2026.

You can also view all the materials presented today via our dedicated consultation website riverside-south.com.

If you have any questions or further feedback for the project team, please get in touch via the details below:

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A significant opportunity to enhance the western edge of Canary Wharf

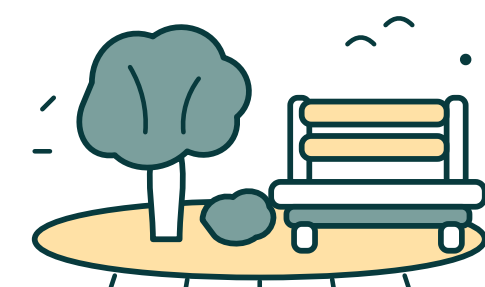
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The Riverside South site sits at the south-western tip of Canary Wharf, between Westferry Road and the River Thames. It covers approximately 20,500 m² and has remained undeveloped for three decades.

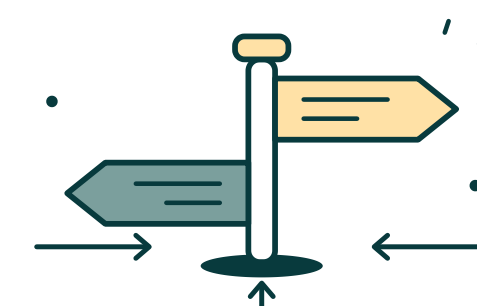
The site is separated from its surroundings. Westferry Road forms a physical and perceptual barrier between the site and Canary Wharf.

There is no public green space, no activation of the waterfront, and no visual or physical connection to the world-class public realm and transport links of Canary Wharf.

Our proposals will deliver:



New, high-quality public realm.



New pedestrian connections overcoming the barrier currently created by Westferry Road, uniting the site with Westferry Circus and Mackenzie Walk.

Aerial view of the site



The riverside walk as viewed today



View of Westferry Road looking south



Infrastructure works, public realm and greening

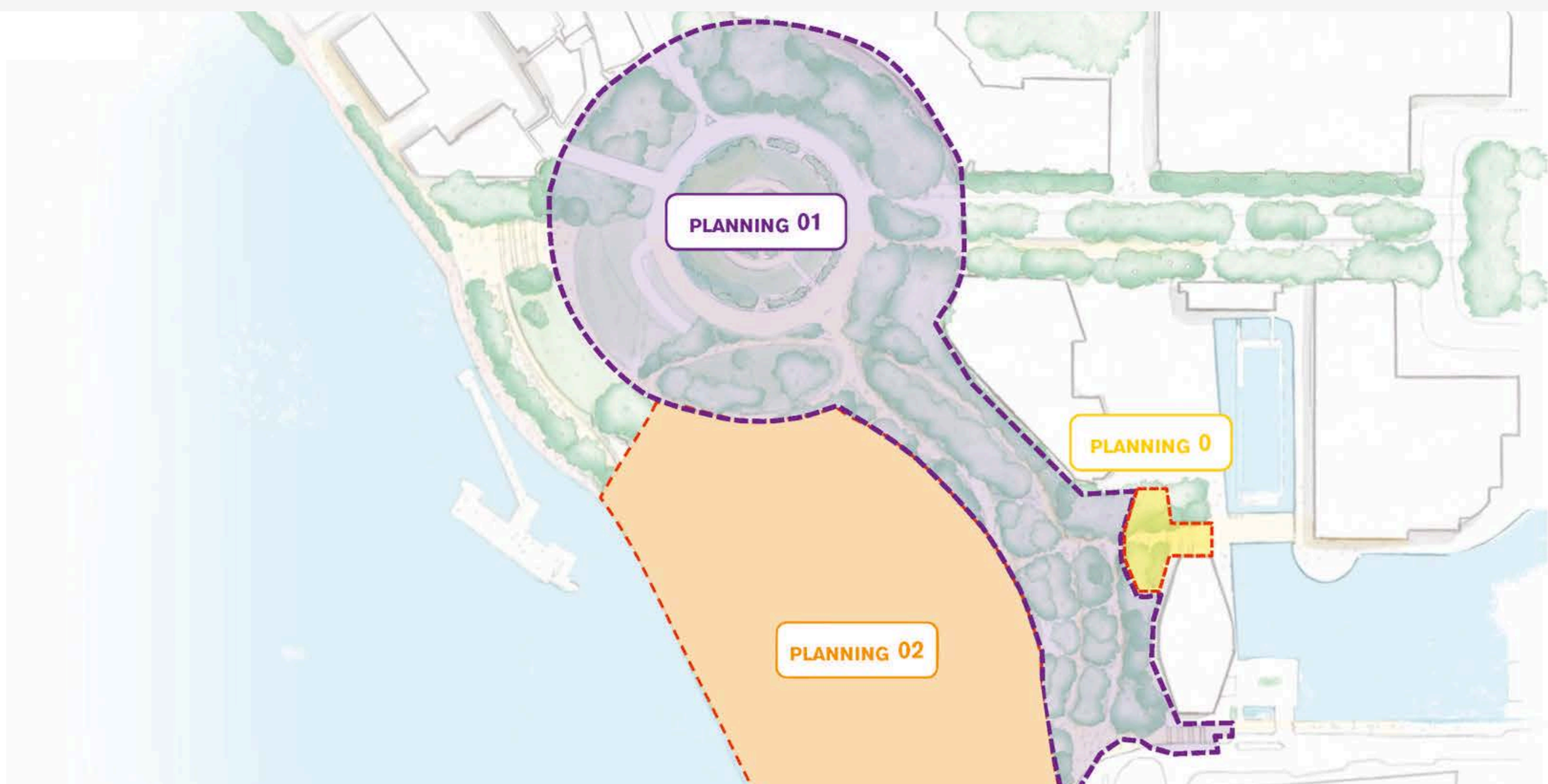
The application will seek consent for the physical infrastructure works. There are three planning zones within the application.

- 0

Planning zone 0 — comprising the demolition of the top two floors of the annexe located adjacent to Newfoundland to facilitate the new Mackenzie Walk stairs and lift connection.
- 01

Planning zone 01 — the main deck structure and platform over Westferry Road, together with connections to 15 Westferry Circus and the new Bank Street stairs and lift, plus enhancements to the public realm around Westferry Circus. This includes new landscaping, planting, and pedestrian connections that integrate the site into the existing network of publicly accessible routes and spaces.
- 02

Planning zone 02 — the new Headquarters office building application, which will be available for consultation at a later date.



Indicative diagram of the three planning applications. This public consultation relates to applications 0&1.



Delivering the infrastructure works first

The platform over Westferry Road is a complex engineering undertaking involving works within and above a live highway. The construction works will be phased to ensure that disruption to the road network is minimised, and the road will be kept open to traffic throughout.

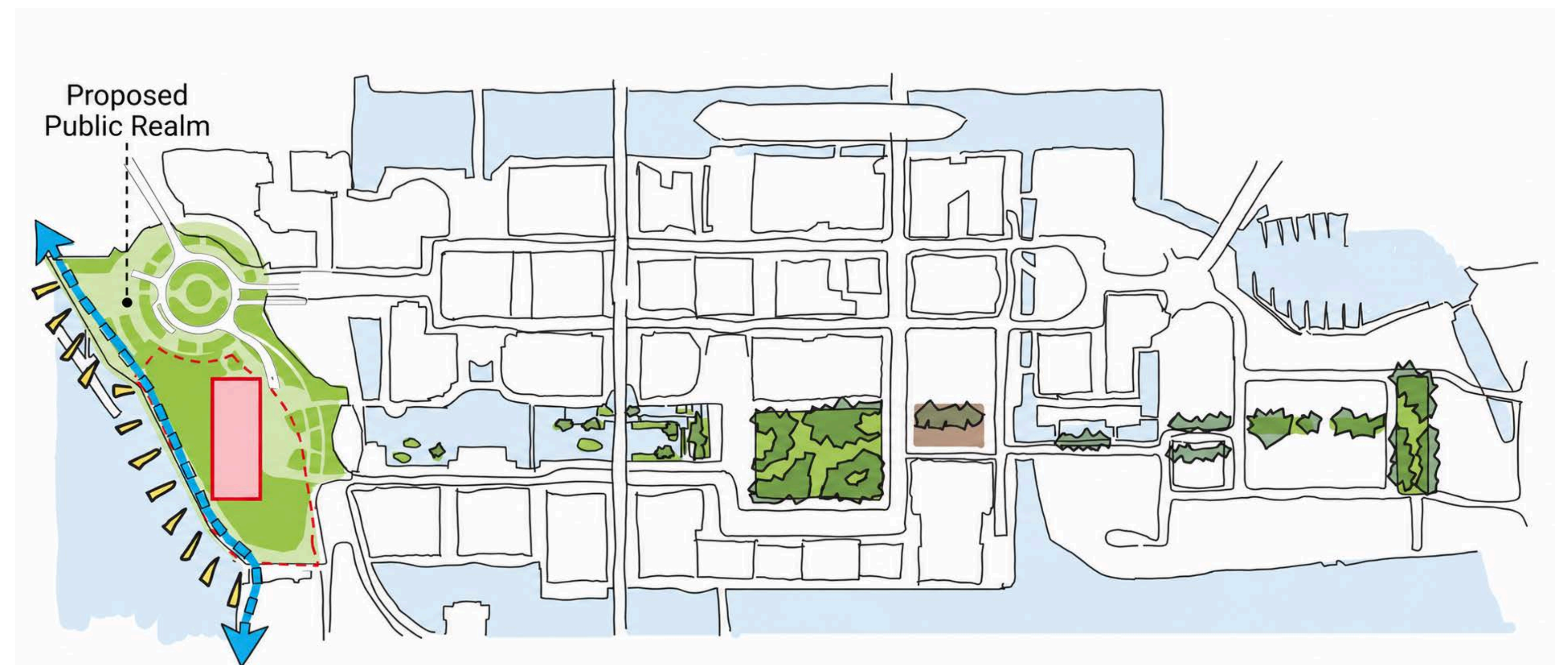
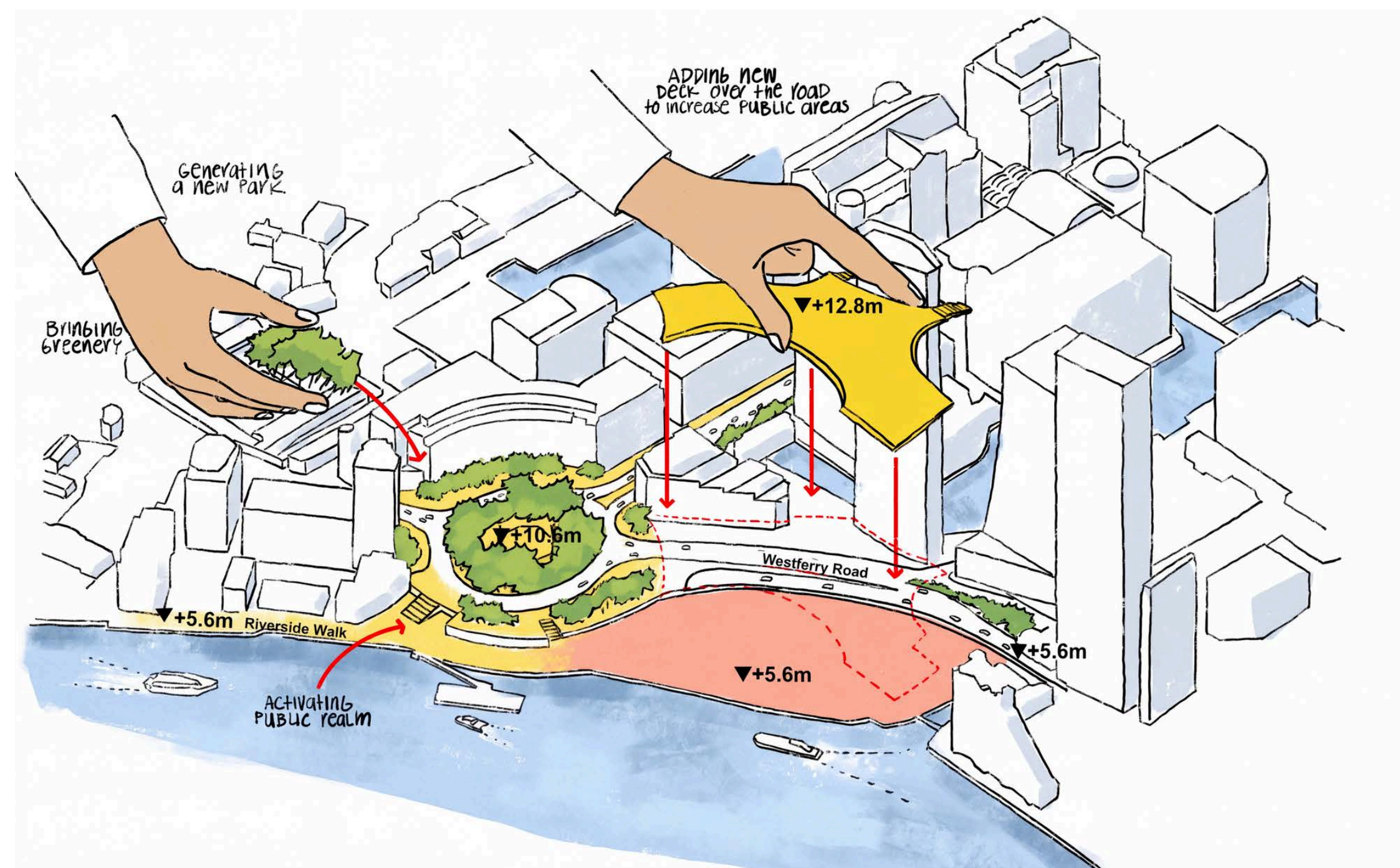
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Our vision

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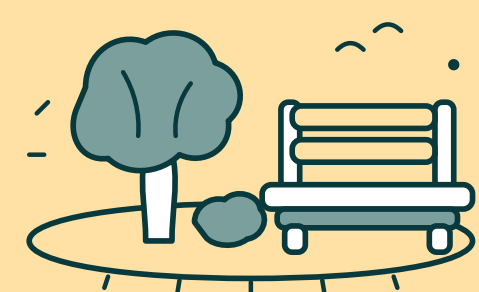
Our vision will turn a long vacant and inaccessible piece of land into a destination in its own right, bringing new jobs, green space and connections that benefit the whole community. Alongside the wider HQ building, this includes a significantly enhanced public realm with new greenery and landscaping, activating the riverfront.

The proposals for the infrastructure works include:

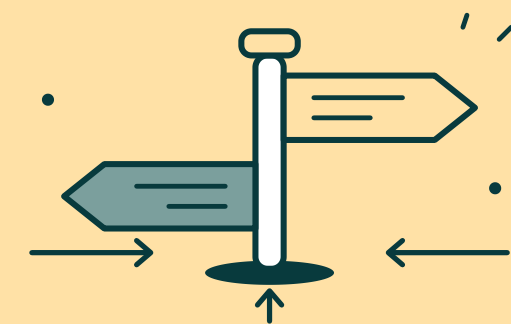


■ Proposed improvements, connecting the site.

■ Indicative diagram highlighting the new landscaping around the site



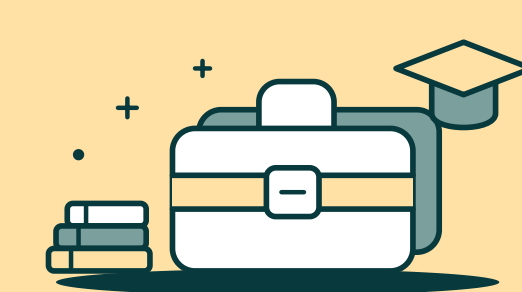
A new, green, publicly accessible platform that includes places to sit and a location where people want to visit and spend time.



New connections through the site, linking Westferry Circus, the riverside walk and Canary Wharf.



A stronger link between Canary Wharf and the river, reconnecting the area with its waterfront setting.



Generation of jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities, for Tower Hamlets residents.

Connecting the site to the wider Canary Wharf Estate

The design of the infrastructure works is guided by a single spatial ambition to overcome the separation caused by Westferry Road.

Foster + Partners has masterplanned a high-quality public realm that responds to the natural form of the Thames, with landscaping designed by Field Operations, providing connections to the wider Canary Wharf area.

Our approach is guided by the following principles:

01

Responding to the river: all gradients and landscaping orientated towards the Thames.

02

Delivering site-wide connections: multiple new pedestrian routes.

03

Enhancing greenery: introducing new trees and planting throughout the platform.



■ Illustrative view of the new Bank Street connection.



■ Indicative sketch of the new publicly accessible platform featuring enhanced greenery from Newfoundland, Westferry Road (North).

The new platform design approach

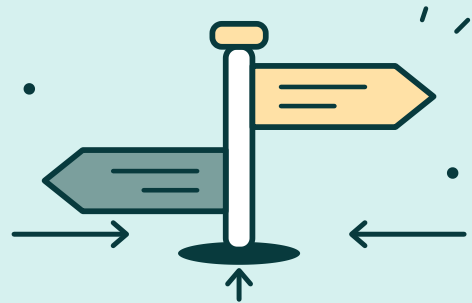
The proposed platform will provide a generous, landscaped public surface that sits above the road and feels continuous with the Westferry Circus public realm. The structure is designed to maximise usable public space above.

Two new pedestrian connections link the platform level to the site: a new Mackenzie Walk staircase and lift connection to the north, and a new Bank Street stairs and lift connection to the south. Both are designed as generous tree-lined arrivals that establish the character of the Riverside South public realm.

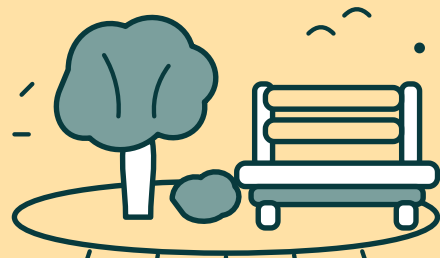
Public benefits for Tower Hamlets and the wider community

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The works proposed in the application will deliver permanent, meaningful benefits for Tower Hamlets, including:



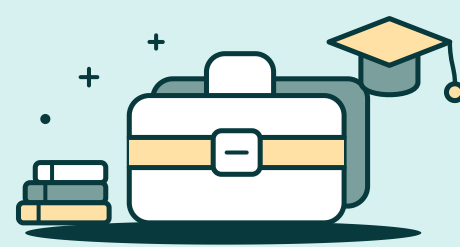
New pedestrian and cycle connections, including new routes at Mackenzie Walk and Bank Street, closing gaps in the existing network, and improving pedestrian safety and experience through the new east-west links.



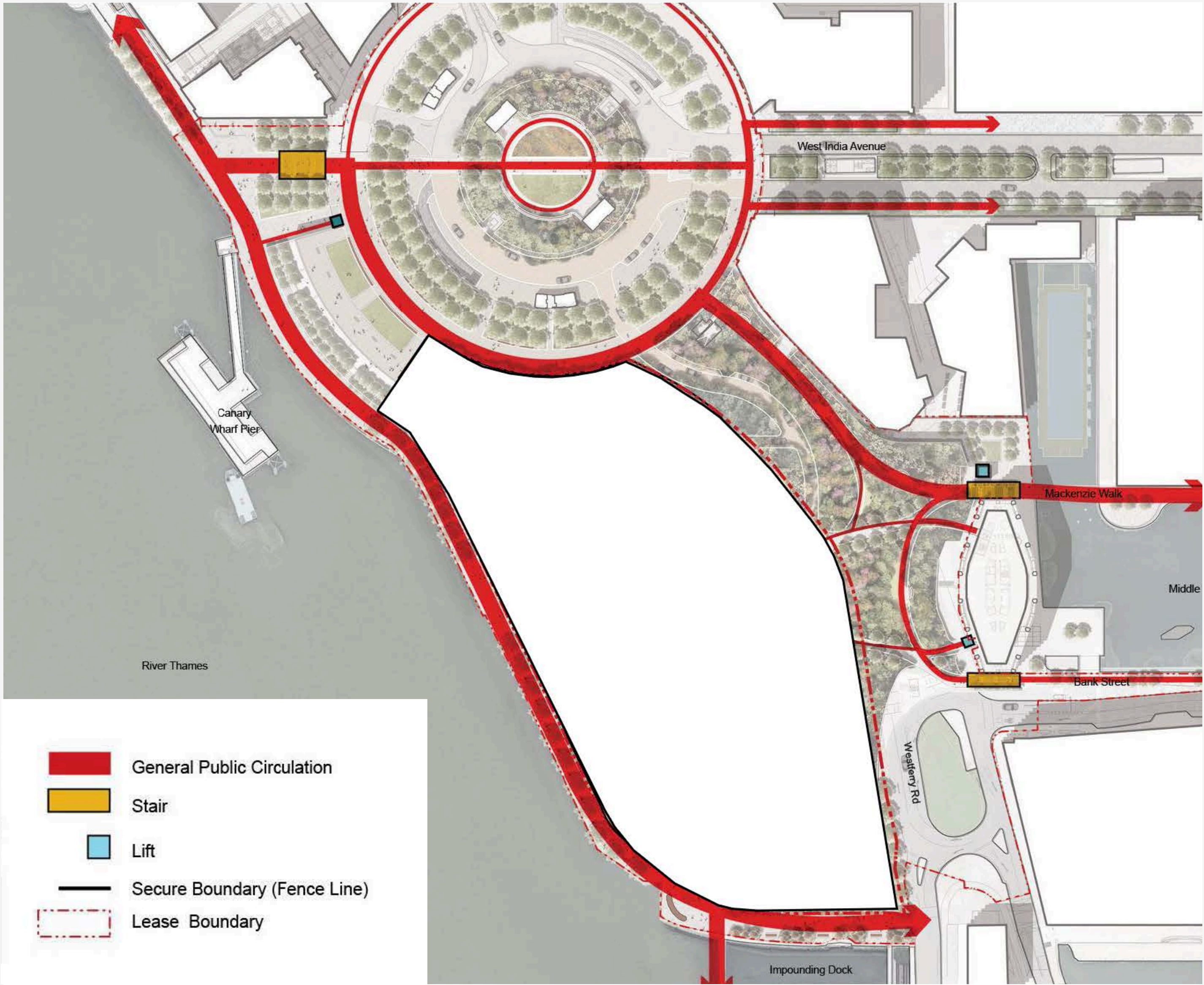
A newly accessible platform featuring enhanced greening and tree planting, allowing the local community to enjoy this part of the area.



Cycle improvements at Westferry Circus Lower Level, improving north-south routes on Westferry Road and connecting to Hertsmere Road for access to Cycle Superhighway 3.



New construction jobs, with an employment and skills package tailored to the local context. This includes apprenticeship pathways and supply chain access for East London SMEs built into the delivery programme.



■ Illustrative view of the general public pedestrian routes.

Transport connections

Westferry Circus is a busy junction on the Isle of Dogs, carrying traffic on and off the peninsula. The highway changes proposed have been designed to maintain road capacity, and to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. Our plans include the following:



Westferry Circus Upper Level remains largely unchanged. A new vehicle drop-off point is added, which will be accessed from the upper roundabout.



The southbound carriageway at Westferry Circus Lower Level moves slightly west at the junction with Bank Street, with two lanes retained throughout.



There will be no lane reduction on Westferry Road.



The southern ramp at Westferry Circus has been removed to provide the new deck. A new vehicle turnaround point at Limehouse Link has been identified to mitigate this change.



One lane will be removed on Bank Street, to create a wider footway and accommodate the new staircase.

Travel by mode, infrastructure works

Mode	Existing Provisions	Proposed improvement
Walking	Westferry Road creates a barrier to movement, narrow fenced river walkway, no river access from the south	New east-west traffic-free estate connections, public realm enhancement and significant access improvement to riverside walk.
Cycling	No dedicated cycle provision on Westferry Road	A semi-segregated cycle route through Westferry Circus Lower Level to improve safety and connect Hertsmere Road for access to Cycle Superhighway 3.
Bus	Multiple bus stops and service routes on Westferry Road, Marsh Wall, Westferry Circus Upper Level	No change, all existing bus stops are retained. Existing bus stop on Westferry Circus Upper Level improved to facilitate greater use. D8 bus service to be rerouted via Bank Street.
Car / drop-off	Westferry Road providing primary north-south connection	No change to Westferry Road capacity. Managed drop-off via Westferry Circus Upper Level and new turnaround facility at Limehouse Link junction to mitigate southern ramp removal.

A Full Transport Assessment is being prepared and reviewed by London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council and TfL covering baseline conditions, the proposed measures and construction impacts.

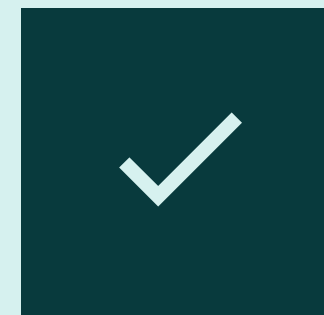
A Construction Management Plan will be agreed with London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council before any works begin.



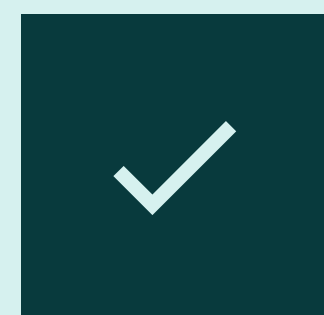
Grounding the Canary Wharf vision in policy

The site falls within the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area, where the Local Plan anticipates major commercial and mixed-use development of strategic importance.

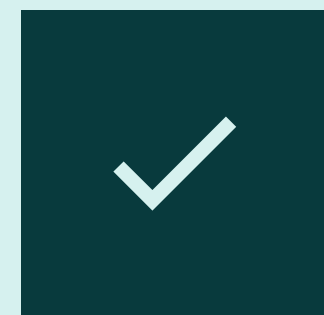
The infrastructure works will directly advance multiple Local Plan objectives:



Improving pedestrian and cycle connectivity (Policy T2).



Improving access to the riverside and blue-green network (Policy RE3).



Delivering public realm improvements in support of growth (Policy SI.ODS2).

London Borough of Tower Hamlets Consolidated Draft Local Plan

The emerging Local Plan continues to identify this site for major development and strengthens the requirements around public realm delivery, active travel, and environmental performance. The infrastructure-first approach directly supports this emphasis on early delivery of community benefits, by bringing forward new public realm, pedestrian connections and green space ahead of the wider redevelopment.

London Plan

Policy SD4 (the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area) supports the intensification of commercial activity and sets an employment capacity target for the area. Policy T2 requires new developments to prioritise active travel. Policy G5 requires net positive biodiversity outcomes. All of these are advanced by the proposed infrastructure works.

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Indicative programme

