Kingston mini-Holland

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ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Our proposals seek to achieve three pivotal outcomes:

FOCUS

We aim to create a new focal point for arrival and departure into and out of Kingston.
The focal point will help orient people intuitively to the key destinations around the town. This will allow people living, working and at leisure in Kingston to navigate with greater ease.

RECONNECT

We aim to reconnect the historical movement patterns in and around Kingston and weave them into the modern transport infrastructure. This will facilitate smoother transitions between different modes of transport. We aim to prioritise ground-based, self-propelled transport for people of all ages and mobilities.

CELEBRATE

We aim to make our proposals unique to Kingston, celebrating the ‘spirit of the place’ and its history. As the gateway to the Thames Valley we wish to reconnect it with the pastoral landscape to the west. Within the town we aim to rediscover the historic scale of the town, and create new routes to move around it.
We need to understand the specific travel patterns of different individuals to obtain a full picture of how people travel in the area.
23.3 STATION FORECOURT - ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN

SPACE OF MOVEMENTS:
Create better connections

DEFINITION OF SPACE:
Direct through planting

VIBRANCY:
Provide active focal points

DIRECTION:
Engage with Old Saint's Church

Create a green link to the river bank

Create a raised table in front of the station

Provide tree clusters in the station square

Enlarge the station square pedestrian area

Turn Fire Road into a shared space street

KINGSTON STATION

WOOD ST

CYCLE STORAGE
23.2 STATION FORECOURT - DESIGN PRINCIPLES

STATION FORECOURT Vision:
- an orientation point
- a sense of arrival/departure
- a place to pause before moving on
- a decision point

Design Concept

Station as the modern equivalent of an old city gate

Precedents

Sewan Chats, Covent Garden, London

Clock Face

Zootope

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24.2 BRIDGE LANDING - DESIGN PRINCIPLES

BRIDGE LANDING
Our vision is for a landing point that smoothly guides people into Clancey Street and a playful connection to the riverside.

Precedents
The Kingston bridge area has a double function as a gateway to the River Thames and to the Town Centre.

The vision proposed:
- Better experience for pedestrians and cyclists moving on the bridge, improving the vertical connection from the bridge level to the River side promenade.
- Improve the connection to the Town Centre by strengthening the connection of Clarence Street.
- Re-balancing the traffic between fast car movement dominating the Kingston Bridge and Horse Fair and improving the cycle and pedestrian path.

CONNECTION
Restoring the old connection from the Town Centre to the Bridge and priorities the movement of pedestrian and cyclists.

RE-BALANCING TRAFFIC
Re-balancing the dominance of vehicular traffic. Improvements to pedestrian and cycle crossings and movement.

CONNECTIVITY
Improving connections from the bridge and the River.

Plan showing our vision for the Kingston Bridge connectivity.