

Rochdale Station Square - Public Realm Design

Rochdale

Mini Report



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Site Location

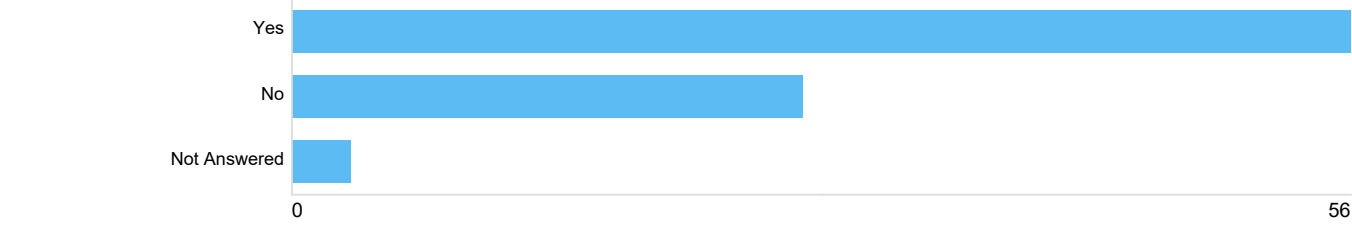


Summary of SPD responses

- Improve safety for pedestrians
- Connections
- Station Frontage improvements
- Pick Up + Drop off

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists by removing vehicular traffic in front of the station to make way for a 'Station Square'? Will this be a positive improvement to the area?

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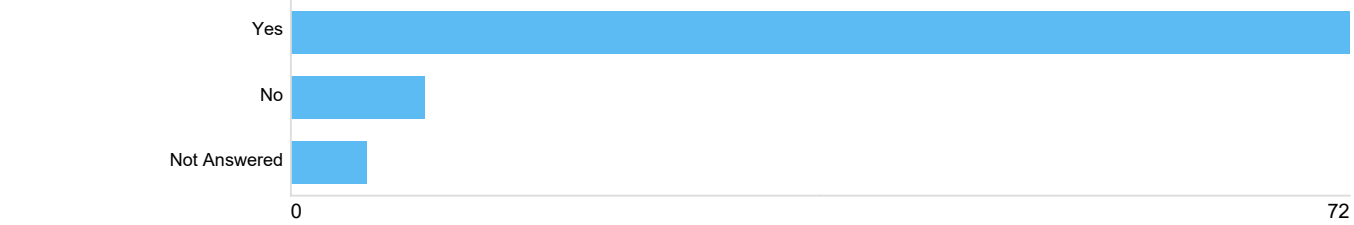


Please give reasons for your view

There were 48 responses to this part of the question.

Question 7: Will more space for pick up and drop off immediately around the station be positive?

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There were 34 responses to this part of the question.

Question 6: Do you agree with the need to carry out improvements to the station entrance and facilities?

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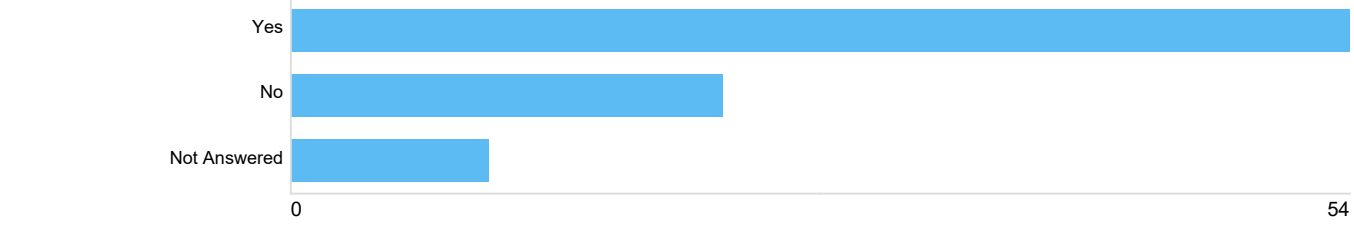


If so, what would you like to see?

There were 39 responses to this part of the question.

Question 8: Are the plans for better connectivity between the station area to shops and businesses in the wider Milkstone and Deeplish area appropriate and achievable?

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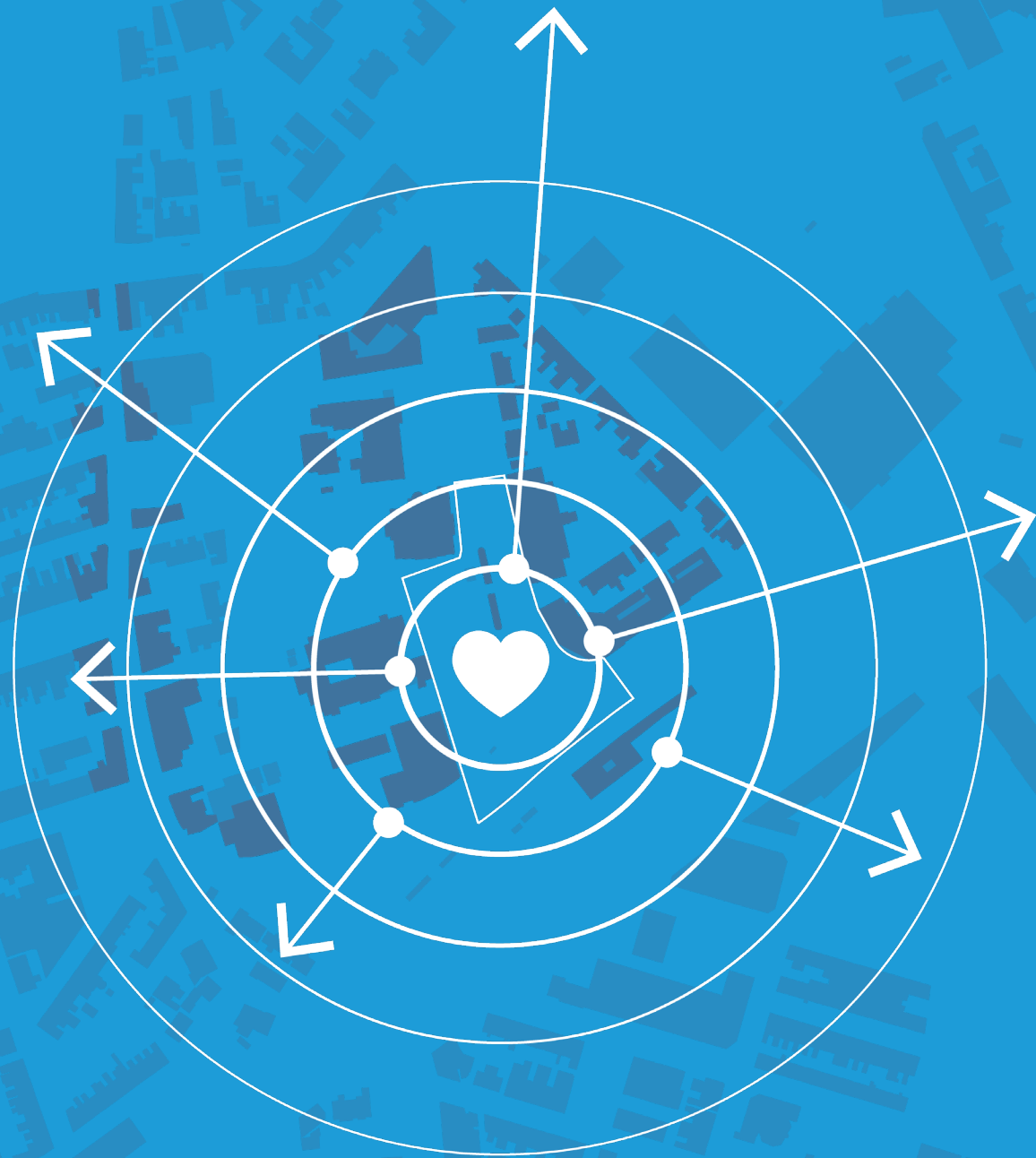


If so, how might this be done?

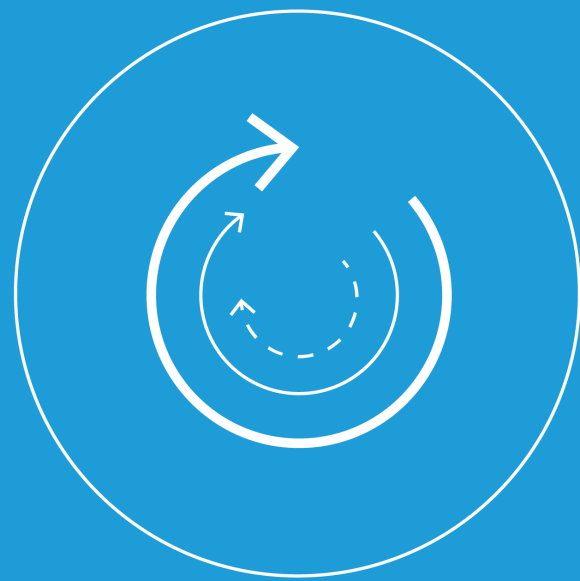
There were 30 responses to this part of the question.

Vision

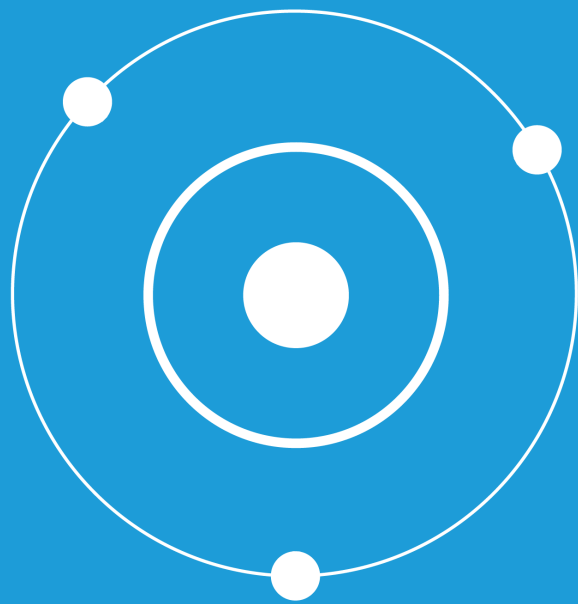
Create a distinct, attractive and appealing community environment that provides a modern identity, exceptional gateway experience and setting for adjacent heritage assets.
Beyond a high quality public realm, utilise the square as a catalyst for growth within the Station / Milkstone neighbourhoods.



Vision . Project Aims



Movement
Establish a clear hierarchy of movement & access to support a ‘Streets for All’ approach



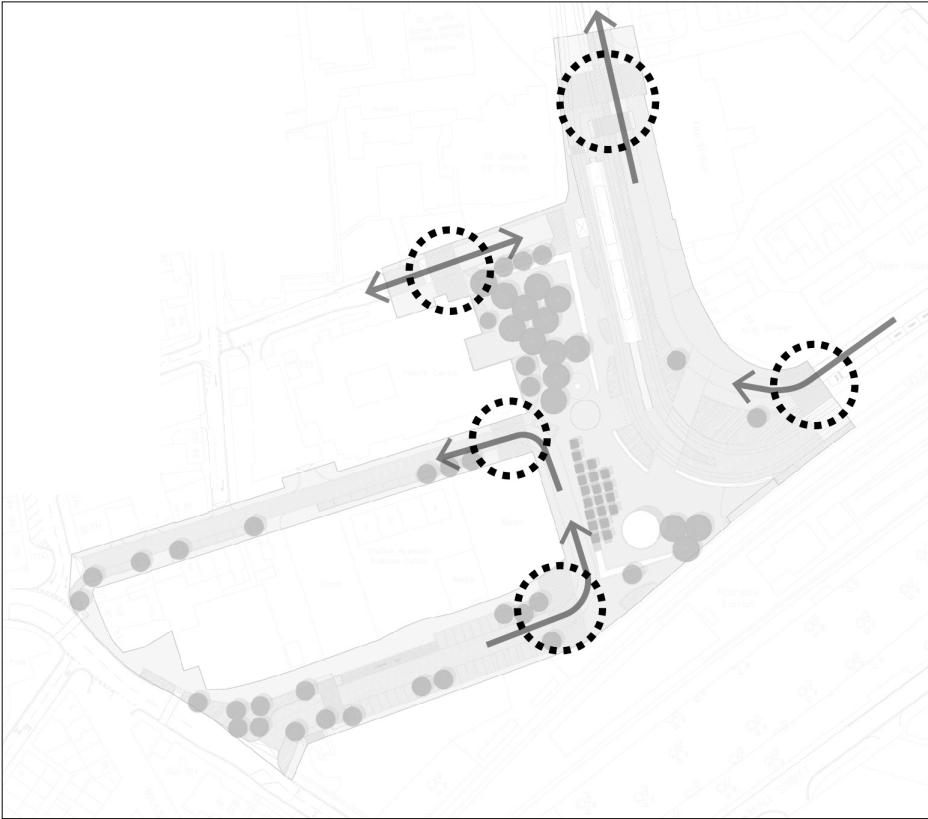
Place
Ensure a ‘Place led’ and contextual approach



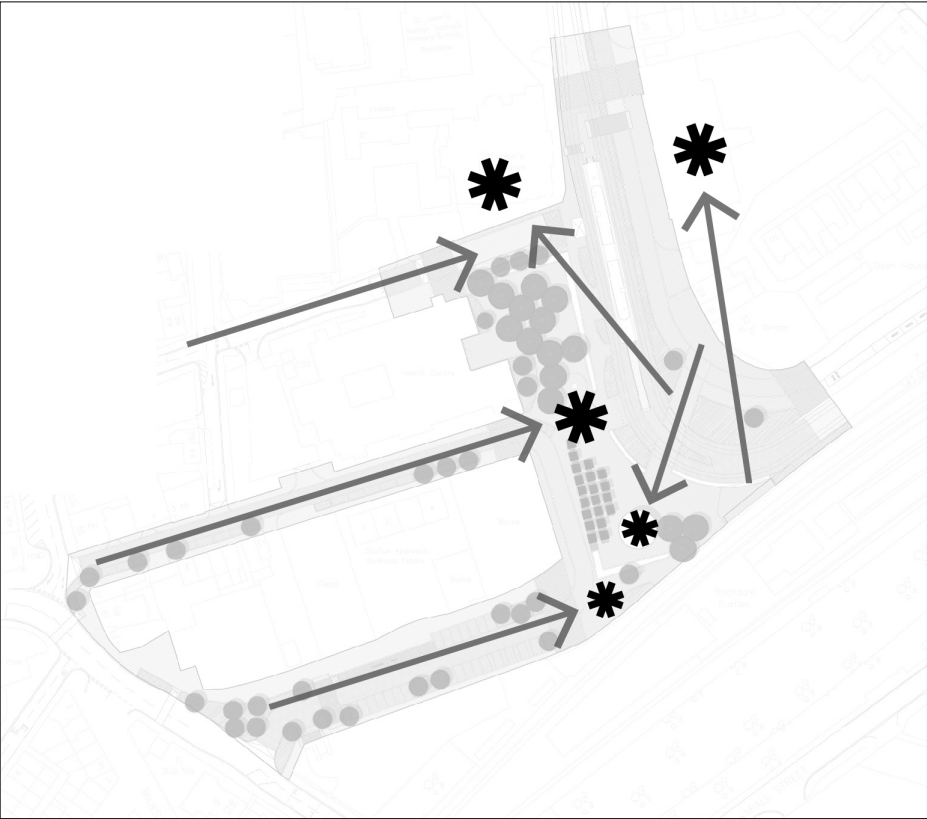
Climate
Promote sustainability across all aspects of the design

Design Objectives

- Station Square will provide a series of key design objectives.
- These are described in this section
- Reconnect establish a physical and psychological link with shops and business in the wider Milkstone community;
- The multi-use Squares as the new heart for the community business and recreation;
- Sense of arrival and welcome gateways to new Square;
- Visual focal points design;
- Celebrate and new sense of arrival on Rochdale Station;
- Drop off and Pick up spaces around the Station;
- Features inform movement and define spaces;
- Walking friendly street design;
- Improve and increase North&South and East&West connectivity and pedestrian priority and
- Involving public space and squares with formal and informal nature. Tree planting to achieve, open and enclosure spaces , human scale and improve GI and sustainability.

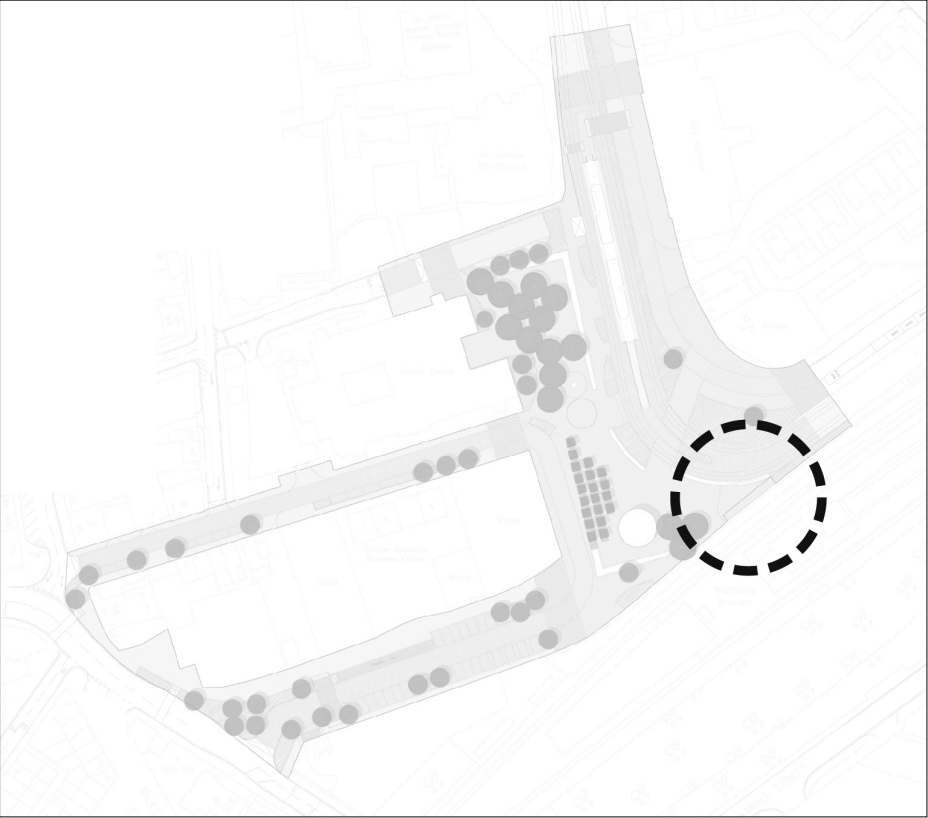


Sense of arrival and welcome gateways to new Square

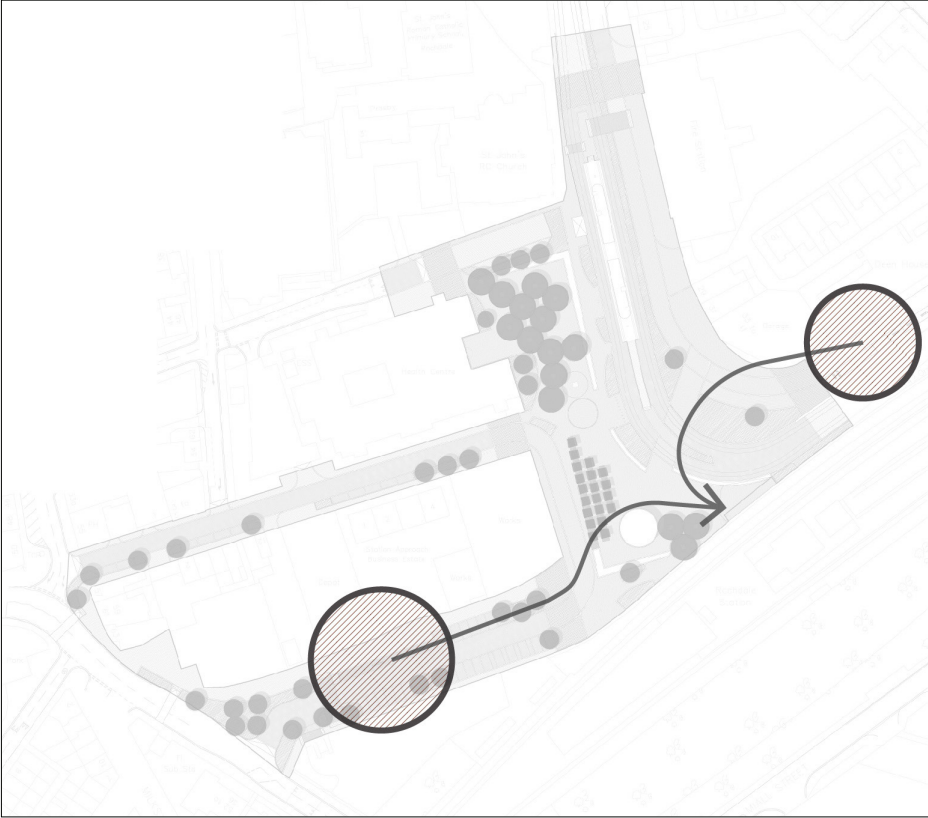


Visual focal points design

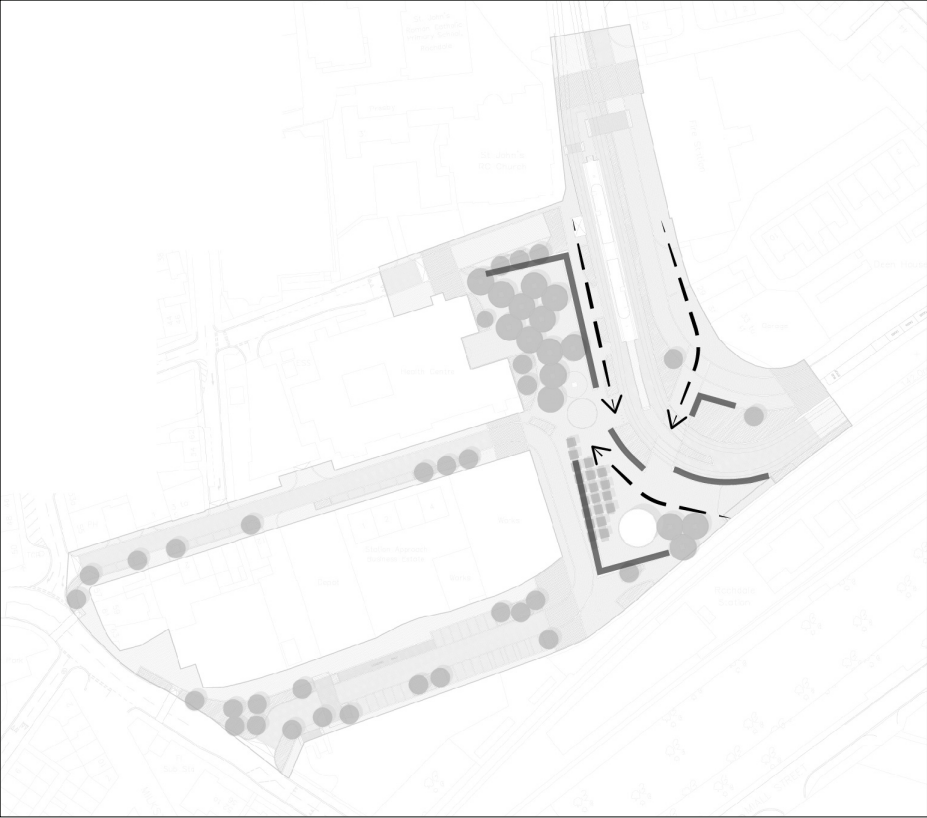
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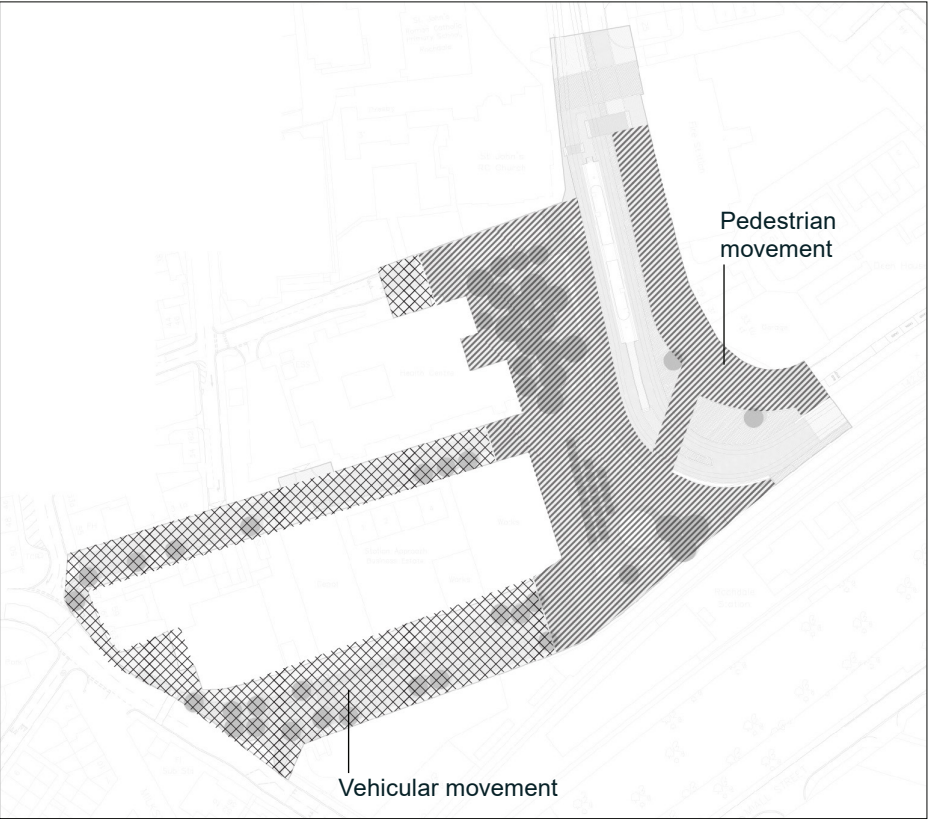
Celebrate and new sense of arrival on Rochdale Station;



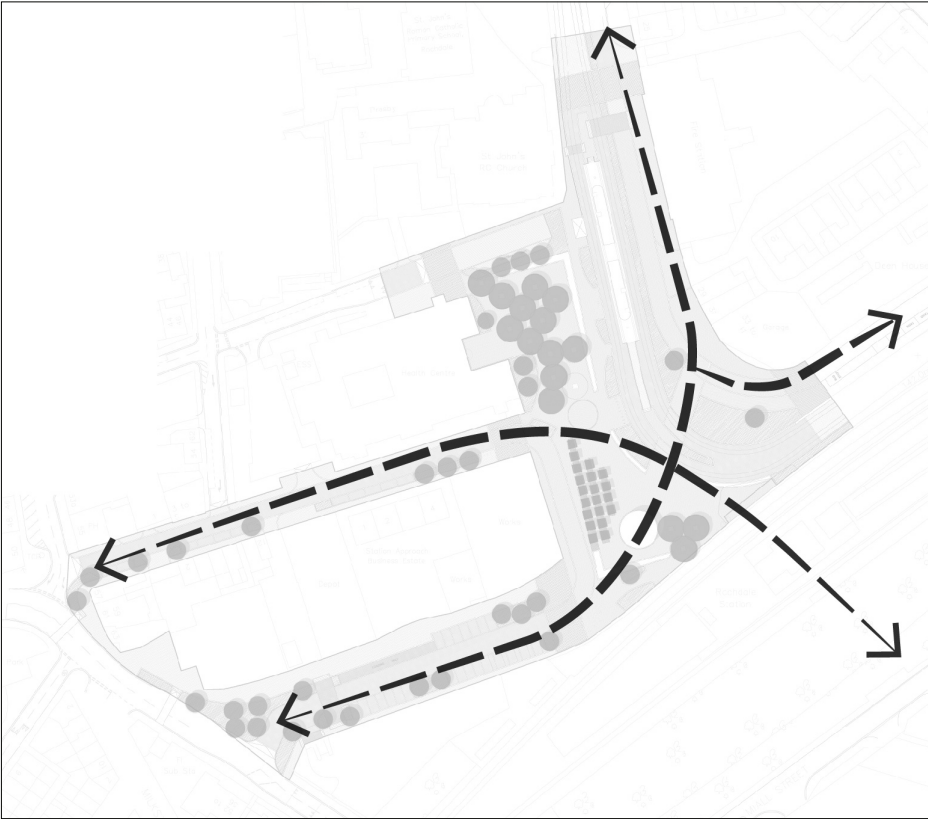
Drop off and Pick up spaces around the Station



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Walking friendly street design



Improve and increase North&South and East&West connectivity and pedestrian priority



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Design Statement

Station Square will provide an important and much needed space for local communities and is an exciting opportunity to develop a new civic space to the north of the railway station that can create an enhanced gateway experience to the town, act as a catalyst for investment in the station area, and support the wider regeneration strategy of the town and borough.

The scheme is made up of 2 distinctive character typologies:

- Streets and;
- Square

Streets

These will be pedestrian prioritised routes with and traffic calmed through design. Low kerbs, narrowed carriageways, widened footways and clear movement routes are proposed. High quality block materials, tree planting and integrated Sustainable

Urban Drainage (SUDs) in the form of rain gardens will create decluttered green corridors connecting the Milkstone community to the space. Vehicle parking, loading, access and circulation is incorporated into the design. Taxi ranking is relocated to Station Road (east) as is the bus stop. Thresholds between the streets/Square create a transition point to mark the changing character and emphasise arrival within the square.

Square

The space hosts both activity and movement.

Bus circulation still to be explore.

Movements are simplified, reducing conflict points and prioritising pedestrians. Navigation is clear with natural wayfinding driving layout and design. A controlled access and bus route is incorporated within the square along Maclure Rd. Materials are small scale block units and coloured/

textured poured materials that provide a pedestrian character to the square. Tree Planting/Greening helps to separate modes, adds SUDs and provides sustainability/environmental/biodiversity value.

A plaza is divided in to parts supporting both passive and formal activity. Bespoke furniture clearly defines the space, protecting and controlling movement flows. These provide unique, distinctive and strong features within the space. Outside Nye Bevin house a community garden provides space for informal dwell, meeting friends and health exercise. The space provides a positive heritage setting. Next to the station a more open, flexible area provide a stage for events and activation.. Tree planting humanises scale, creates natural sculpture and seasonal interest.

Design Features:

Viaduct

The Viaduct walls provide a canvas for local street art and green wall panels which connect the platform park to the square physically and visually.

Surface Materials

Paving materials used to replace the current surface treatments, providing a cohesion across the square that promotes a pedestrian-first environment and community focus, whilst integrating the Metrolink and reflecting the local heritage

Tranquil Green Space

Located in the existing landscaped area outside Nye Bevan House, increased community use, providing a positive heritage setting

Proposed Tree Planting

Tree planting to help define the spaces within the Square, assist with the wayfinding and navigation, humanise

the scale, integrating and expanding biodiversity and ecology

Activated Edges and Active Space

Ground floor space immediately outside existing and proposed developments, opportunity to activate space and create a sense of ownership by businesses, provide on-going activity in the Square, maximising sunny spots

Street Furniture & Structures

The provision of street furniture that not only facilitates the interaction of communities, but also assists with wayfinding and navigation, further define the spaces for activity and screening where required, be part of the public art strategy

Special Features

Public art is incorporated within a fulcrum feature along the axis of Lower Tweeddale St. An urban feature integrated into the

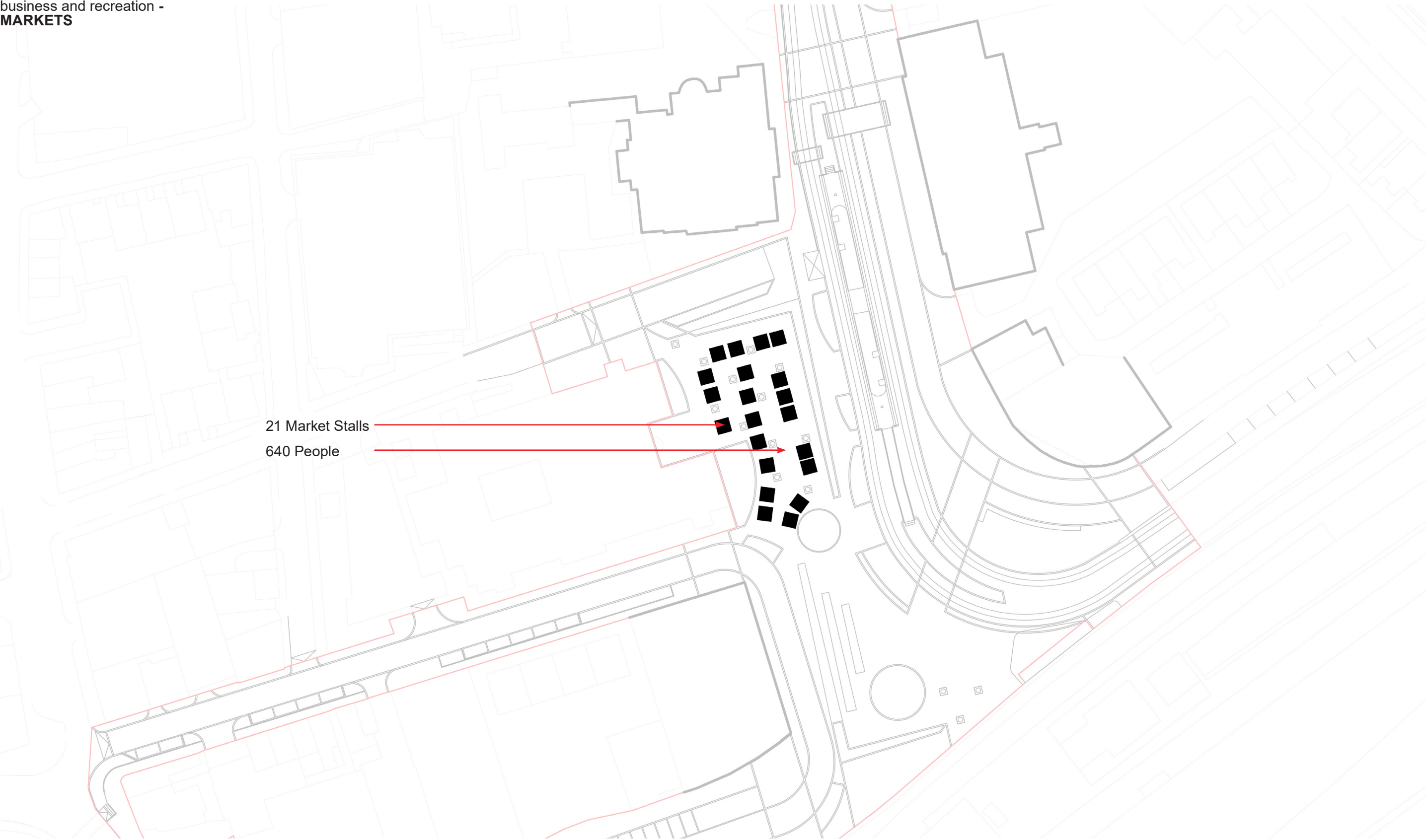
Key

- 1 Rochdale Station
- 2 Station Square Canopy
- 3 Existing self seeded woodland
- 4 Raised Tram Station Platform
- 5 New Rochdale Station Square
- 6 Proposed Trees
- 7 Proposed SUDS & Mix Ornamental Planting
- 8 Art Installation & Key Point Landmark
- 9 Activity Kiosk
- 10 Bespoke Bench Features
- 11 Spill out zone under green canopy



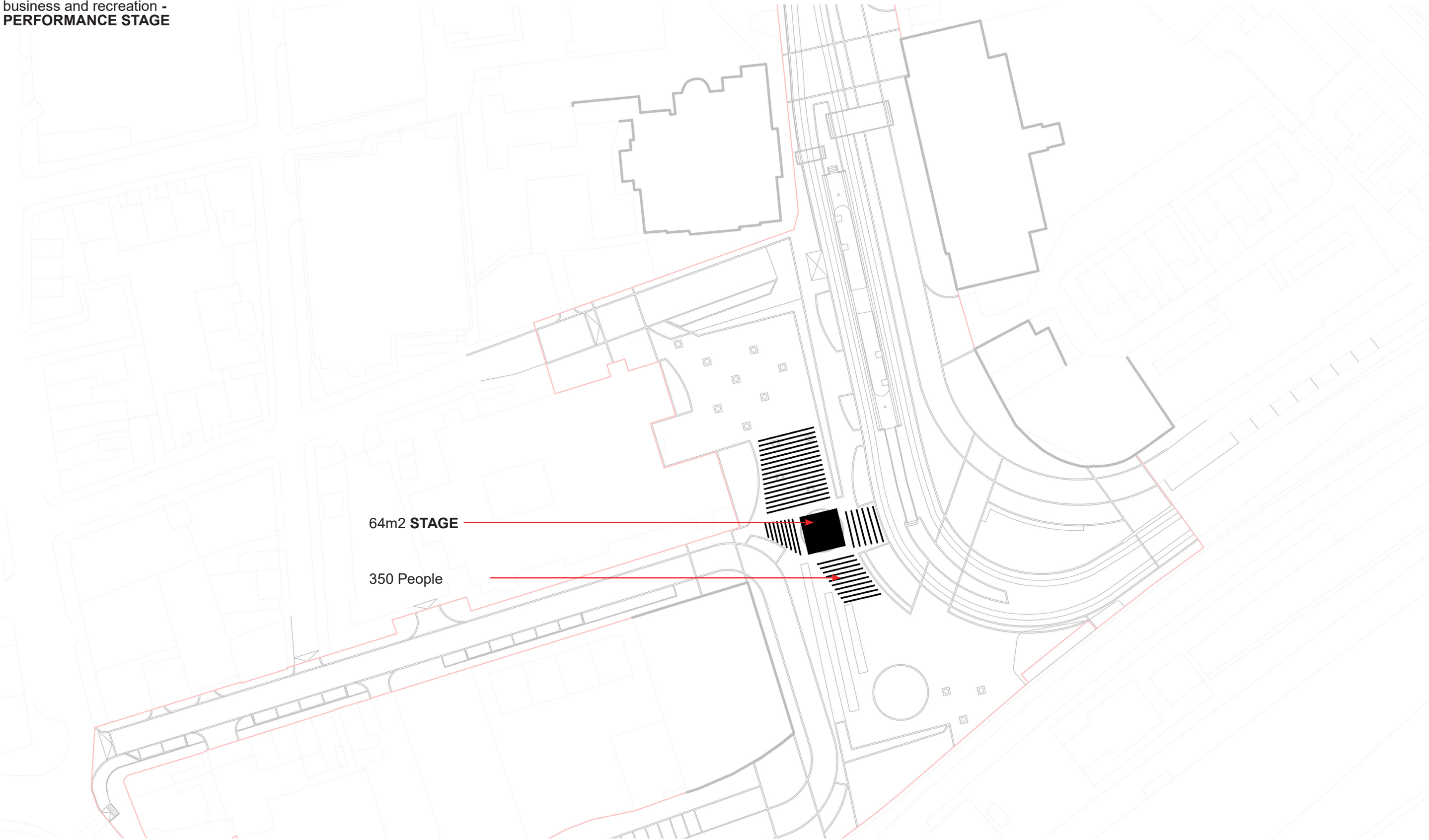
Activity Diagrams . Squares

The multi-use Squares as the new Heart of the community business and recreation - **MARKETS**



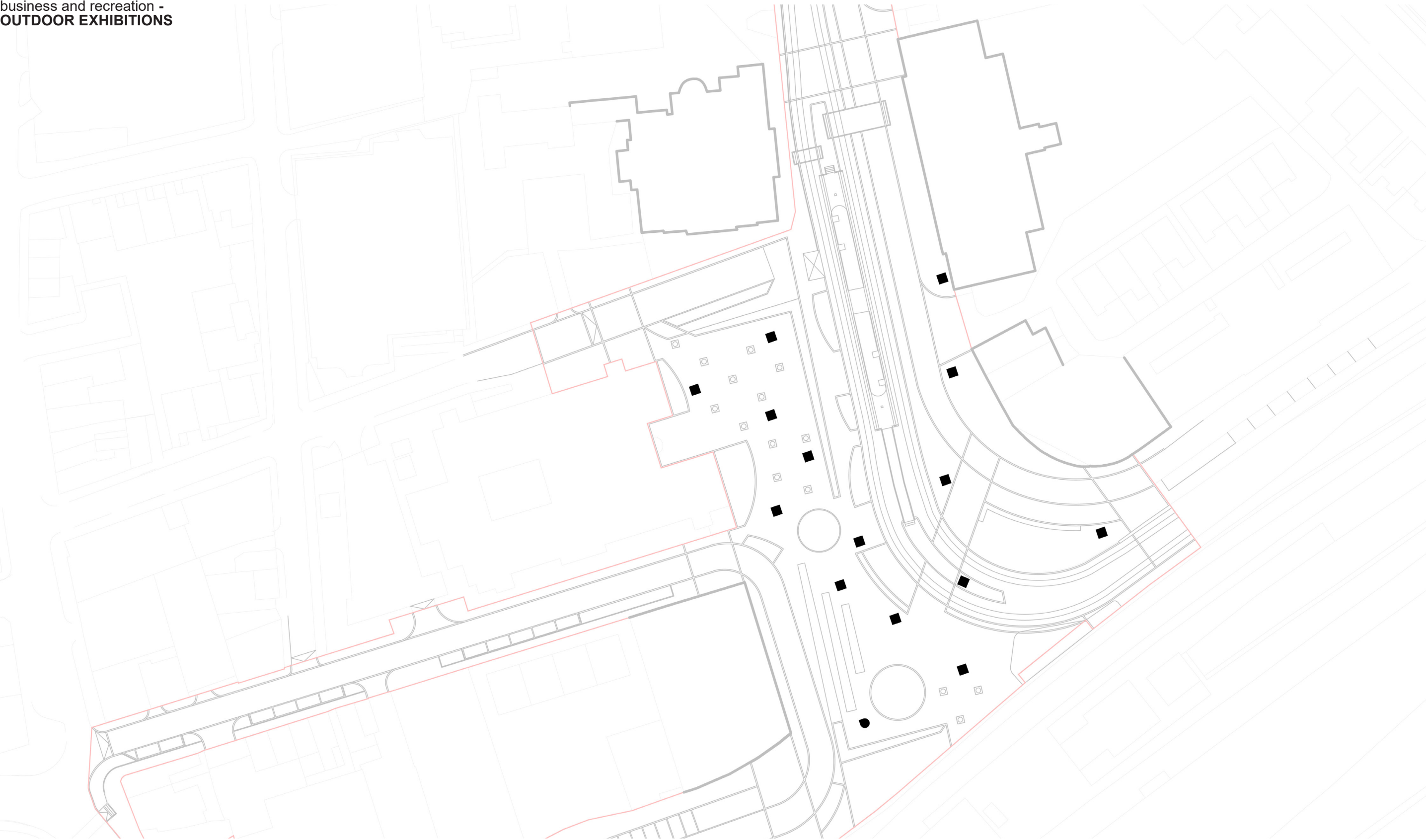
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The multi-use Squares as the new Heart of the community business and recreation - **PERFORMANCE STAGE**



Activity Diagrams . Squares

The multi-use Squares as the new Heart of the community business and recreation - **OUTDOOR EXHIBITIONS**



Activity Diagrams . Spill Out

Cafe and restaurant spill out and outdoor museum



Activity Diagrams . The Wall

Multi-use area for temporary art exhibition, seasonal green wall and outdoor cinema

