

Enjoying our Beautiful Spaces

RESTORING ST. THOMAS'S PEACE GARDEN

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User Group

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Residents and tenancy groups of flats
Local businesses



The Colonnade is an iconic building location well used by Photography students, Film Shoots, and even for wedding photos. Visitors and school groups come to look at the plaques inside.

The creation of the City Centre Public Space Protection Order is an important tool in dealing with anti-social behaviour including parking on the paths.

Design streetscape improvements including new paving and bollards here.

FIRST PHASE: EARLY WORKS TO DO NOW

Key Aim: - to allow the general public to walk through, use and enjoy the space fully. This develops a good atmosphere which benefits everyone, and curbs more antisocial uses.

- 1. Repair steps on only path through Peace Gardens. May require engineering input into new tree root barrier in foundations. Streetscape improvements on Highway land.
- 2. Fix / renew drains to eliminate large puddles on path, and ensure stone paving dries out faster. Annually clean algae off stone paving in November. Crown lift trees.
- 3. Install co-ordinating trip rail around open edges to prevent parking on the site. Feasibility of CCTV scheme.
- 4. Repaint metalwork, cut back shrubs. Improve views with additional specimen tree planting and root barriers.

SECOND PHASE: LARGER PROJECT WORKS

Key Aim: - to deliver a sustainable Park Plan Project for this important City Centre green asset involving capital works; ring-fenced revenue for minimum maintenance standards; and event program and licensed social benefit coffee van.

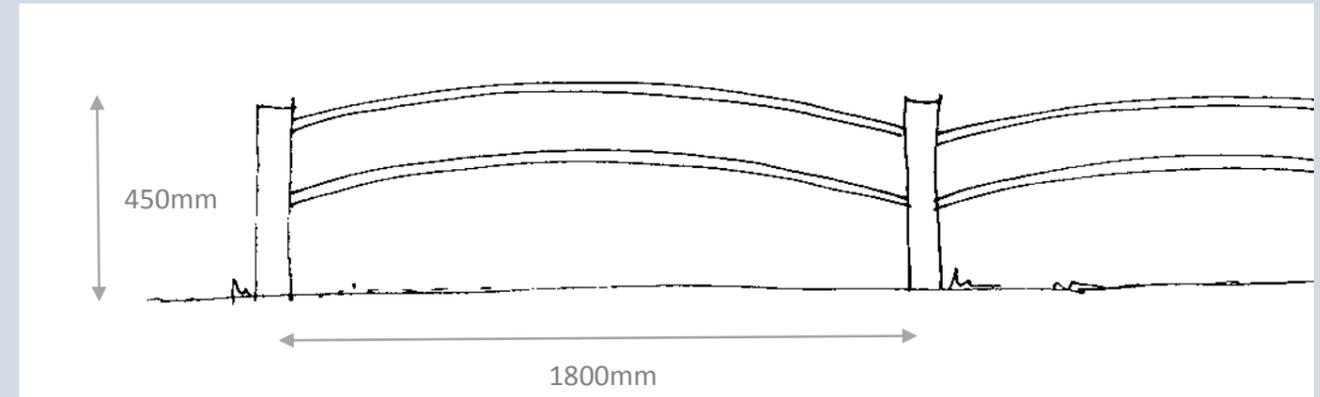
- 5. New smart LED lighting scheme on variable time sensors to discourage night time use, while illuminating buildings.
- 6. Develop Heritage Lottery bid to maintain and improve condition of the Public Listed Buildings. Peace Plaques.
- 7. Create opportunity for social benefit coffee van with 2 or 3 café tables beside to enable people to linger
- 8. Set up and facilitate Park User Meet Ups 3-4x per year to enable residents and users to find positive solutions for successfully sharing the space they care about and use.

THIRD PHASE: LONGER TERM

Key Aim: - to maintain a Park Management Plan & Board allowing local residents, businesses, & users to help the space thrive.

- 9. Implement restoration works to St Thomas Church & Colonnade, including fixing of weather vane & clock.

PREVENTING PARKING - if physical solution necessary



Simple elegant black trip rail co-ordinating with Peace Garden railings

ENCOURAGING POSITIVE USE



IMPROVING VIEWS

Additional specimen trees in key locations to strengthen distinctive character, improve views, and deliver City air quality, wildlife, & well being targets into the future

