

An aerial architectural rendering of the Princess Royal Theatre and Civic Square. The image shows a large, multi-story building with a complex roofline and a central courtyard. The courtyard features a large, circular paved area with a central circular design, surrounded by landscaped greenery, trees with autumn foliage, and pedestrian walkways. A parking lot with several cars is visible on the right side of the image. The overall scene is a detailed visualization of the proposed landscape plan.

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Princess Royal Theatre and Civic Square

Landscape Planning Statement

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00. Landscape Statement

Following the approved Concept Stage in July 2024, the Princess Royal Theatre and Civic Space has progressed in readiness for a full planning submission (Oct 2024). The process has captured client feedback and coordination with the full design team on biodiversity, amenity, drainage and levels, vehicle tracking, active travel provision, site security measures, lighting, existing underground utilities and the operational requirements of the development. In parallel a detailed SuDS strategy has been prepared for SAB submission

Design features

In recognition of the original levelling up funding (LUF) feasibility, the current scheme has retained many of the attributes of the original design, including bold biodiverse planting, clear and legible pedestrian routes, flexible spaces for events and good visibility between buildings. Hard landscape materials are modern looking, assist with legibility through the space, and will tie-in with the future Riverside Development (subject to a separate application)

Key moves

- A central flexible space for events, outdoor performances / social interaction
- A varied and biodiverse planting palette, providing colour, habitat and seasonal interest
- New tree planting to increase canopy cover, provide for shade and micro climate
- An inclusive public realm to provide access for all



00. Landscape Statement

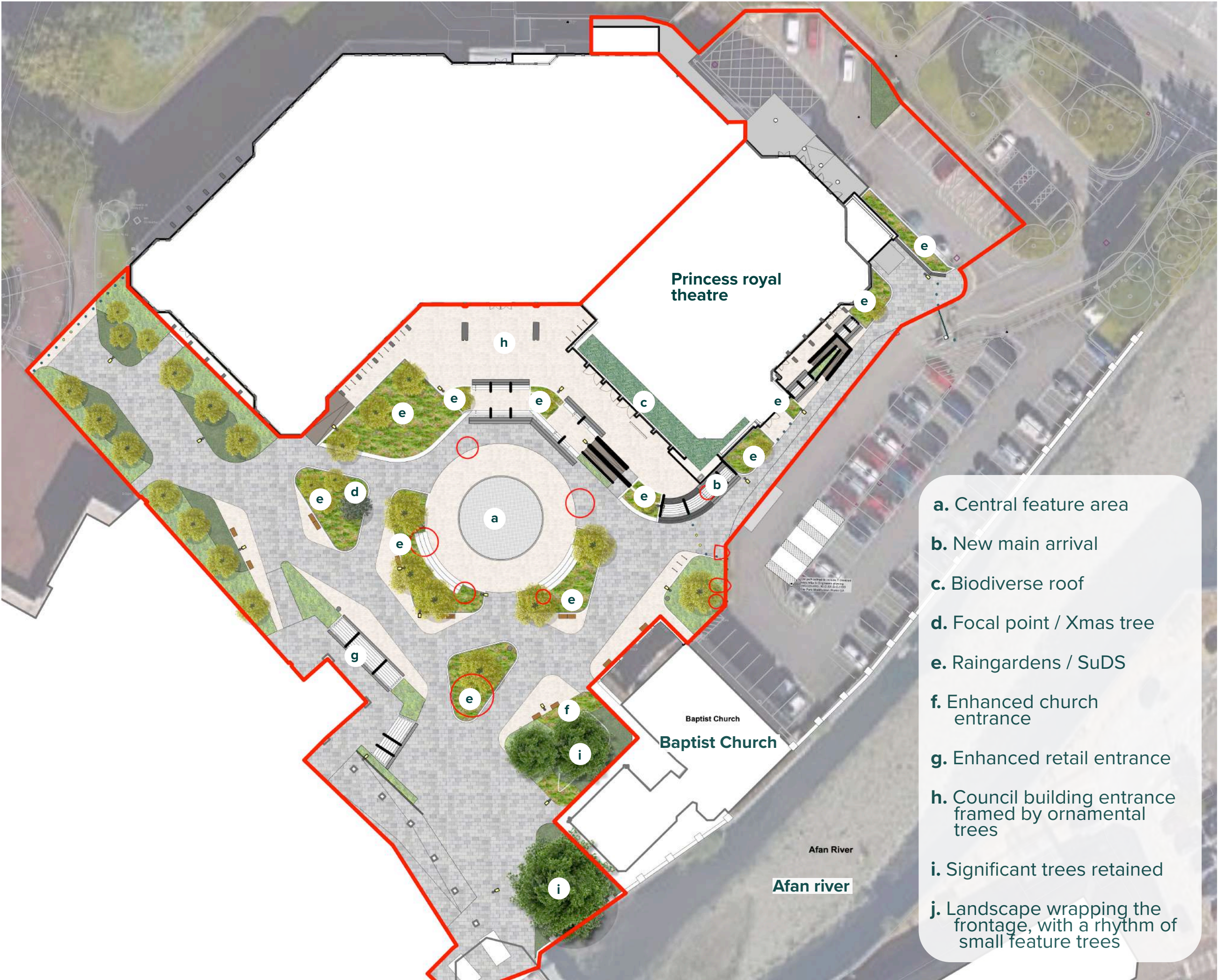
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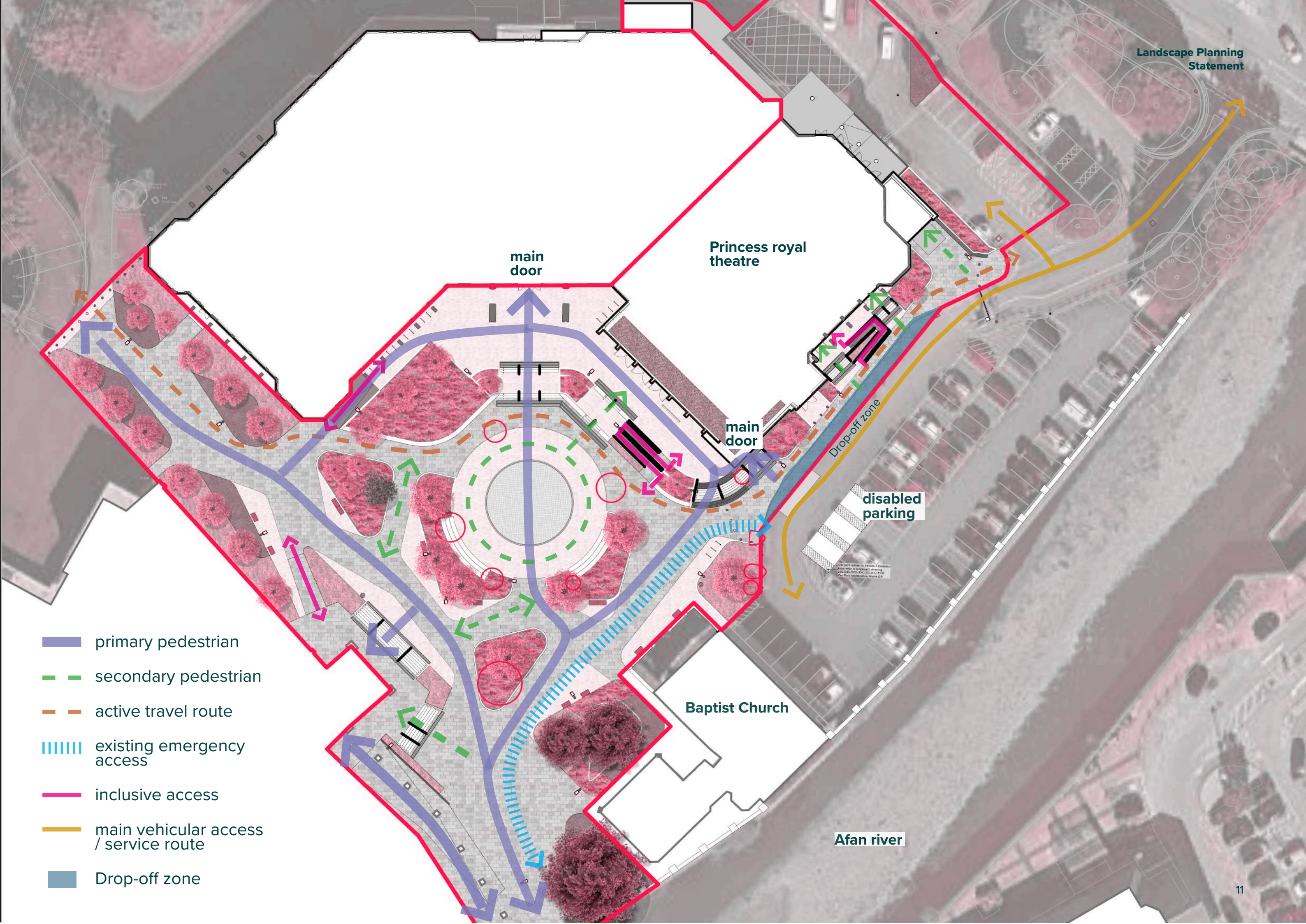
01. Landscape Strategy

- Creation of a central event space
- Enhancement of biodiversity and seasonal interest
- Development of SuDS approach
- Understadning the flood risk



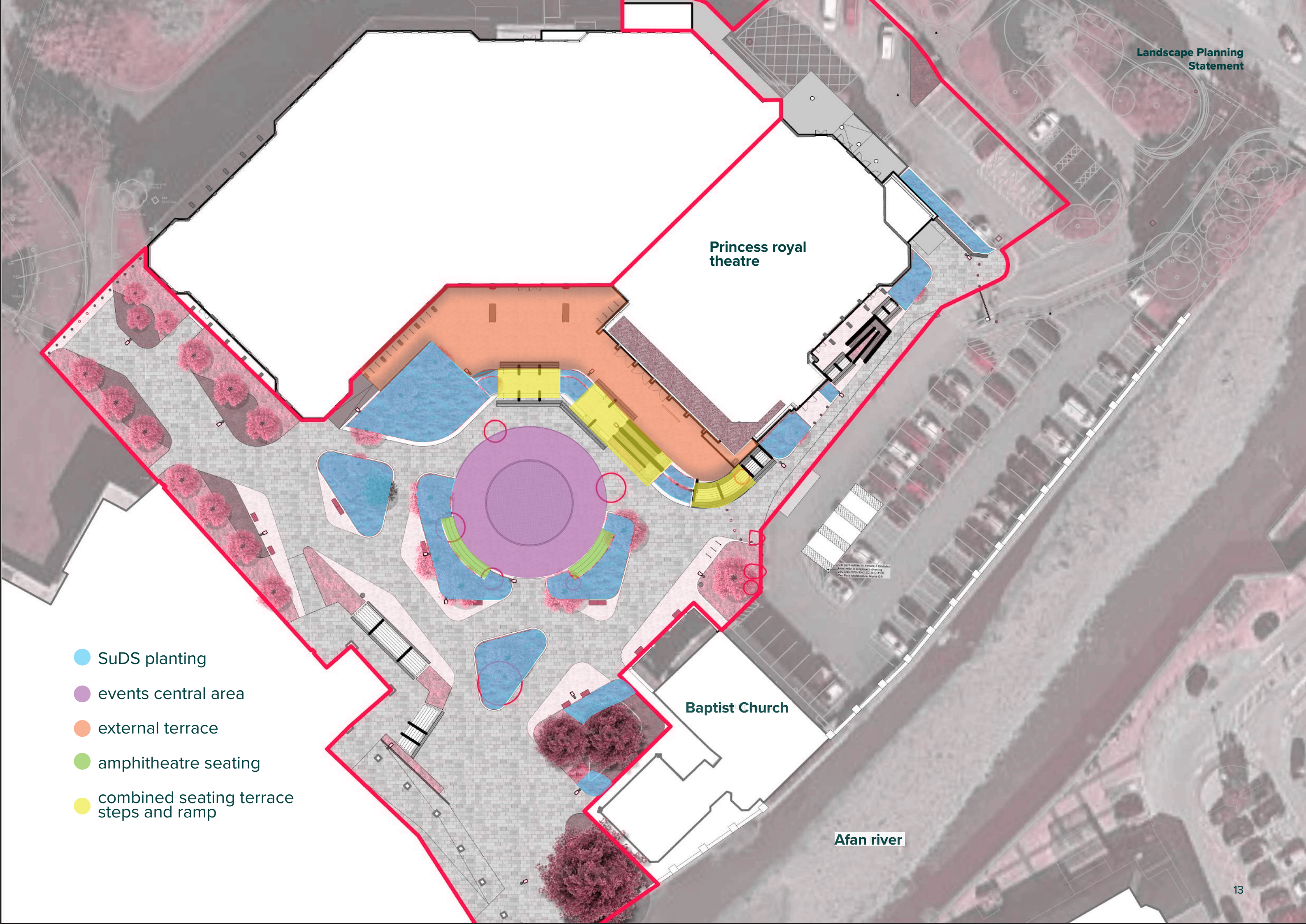
02. Access & Circulation

- Cost effective materials
- Contemporary and robust
- Vandal resistant
- Inclusive design



03. Multifunctional spaces

- Creation of a central event space
- Flexible and inclusive
- Power and water for seasonal events/markets



04. Soft Landscape - Trees

- Climate resilient planting
- Appropriate to the locality
- Net Biodiversity Benefit focused
- Selected to suit extreme conditions in Rain Gardens
- Strong seasonal interest

Proposed Feature Trees

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Abies koreana
Compact evergreen conical tree to 10m tall, with dark green needle-like leaves white beneath, and handsome, cylindrical blue or purple cones, some with protruding bracts, often borne on young trees
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A, W

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Acer campestre 'Streetwise'
A medium-sized deciduous tree with a compact bushy crown. Leaves with 5 blunt lobes, turning yellow or red in the autumn. Flowers small, green, forming typical winged maple fruits
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Fruit: A, W

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Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong'
A fast-growing, deciduous tree about 20m tall, with a uniform narrowly upright habit, and 3 to 5-lobed, deeply cut, mid-green leaves, silvery beneath, turning a good orange-yellow colour in autumn.
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Fruit: A, W

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Cercis canadensis 'Oklahoma'
A deciduous, spreading, often multi-stemmed tree to 10m, with waxy, glossy, rounded leaves, bronze when young and turning yellow in autumn. Dark red flowers, 1cm long, are borne in clusters of 2-8 on bare stems before the leaves
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Flower: A

Proposed Medium Trees

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Gladitsia trianthos f inermis 'Draves'
'Sunburst' is a small deciduous tree with a rounded crown. Leaves bipinnate, with small, leaflets, golden-yellow in early summer, becoming greener in summer.
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Flower: A

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Liquidambar styraciflua
A deciduous tree to 20m tall, broadly conical in outline, with rather glossy, maple-like, 5 to 7-lobed leaves which turn to shades of orange, crimson and purple in autumn.
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Flower: A

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Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'
A vigorous and narrowly conical, deciduous tree about 15m tall and 7m wide, with glossy, dark green, heart-shaped leaves turning yellow in autumn. Small, fragrant pale creamy-yellow flowers are borne in spreading clusters of up to 10 flowers in midsummer
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Flower: A

Proposed Small Trees

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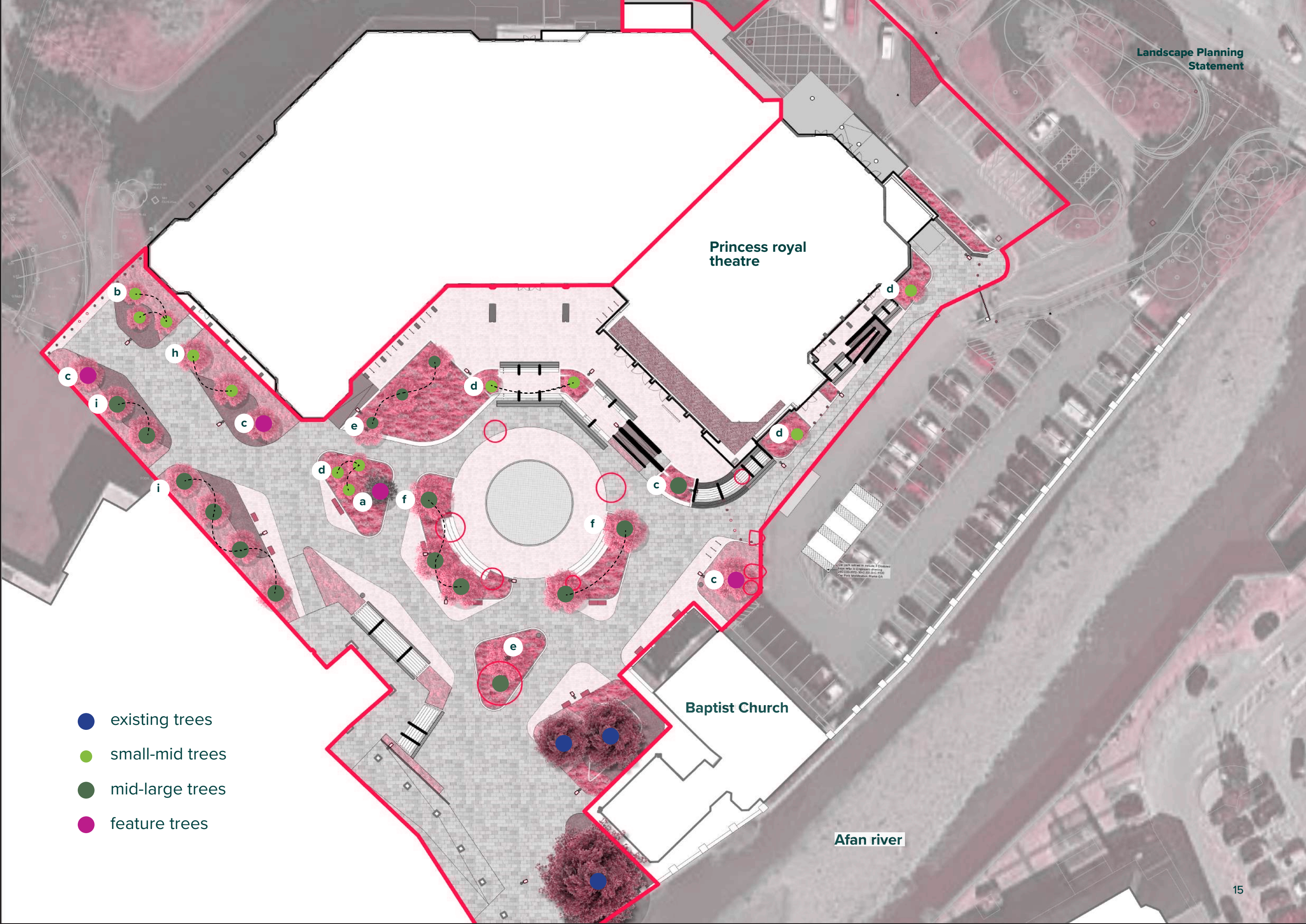


Parrotia persica 'Persian Spire'
An upright, columnar tree, ultimately to about 6m tall and 3m across, with flaking, grey-green and pale brown bark. Leaves are narrowly oval, becoming dark green with a purple margin, then red, orange and yellow in autumn.
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Flower: A
Stem: Sp, S, A, W

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Sorbus aucuparia
A broadly conical to rounded deciduous tree with pinnate mid to dark green leaves turning red or yellow in autumn, and flat clusters of white flowers in late spring, followed by orange-red berries in early autumn
Colour palette
Leaf: Sp, S, A
Berries: A
Flower: A



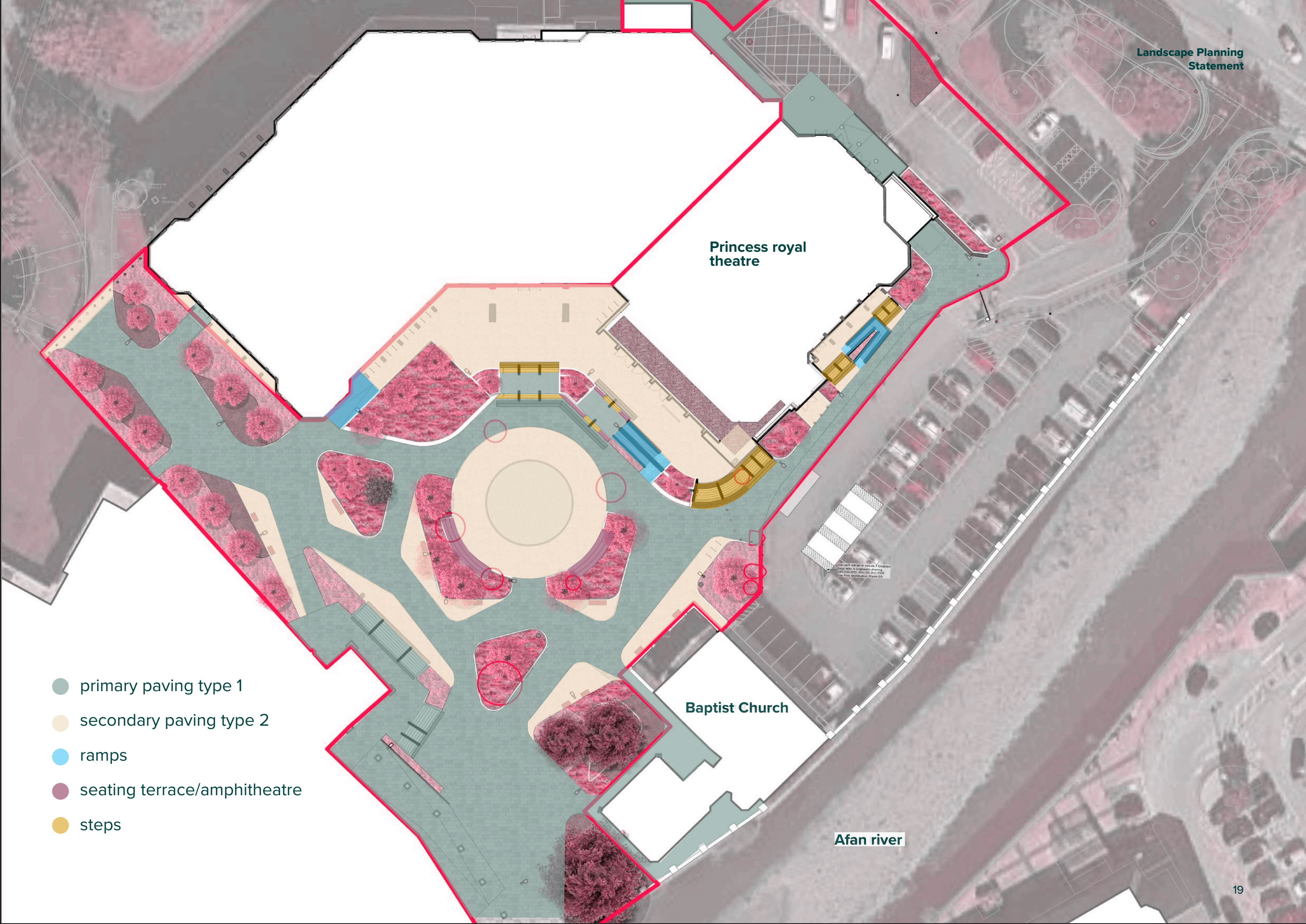
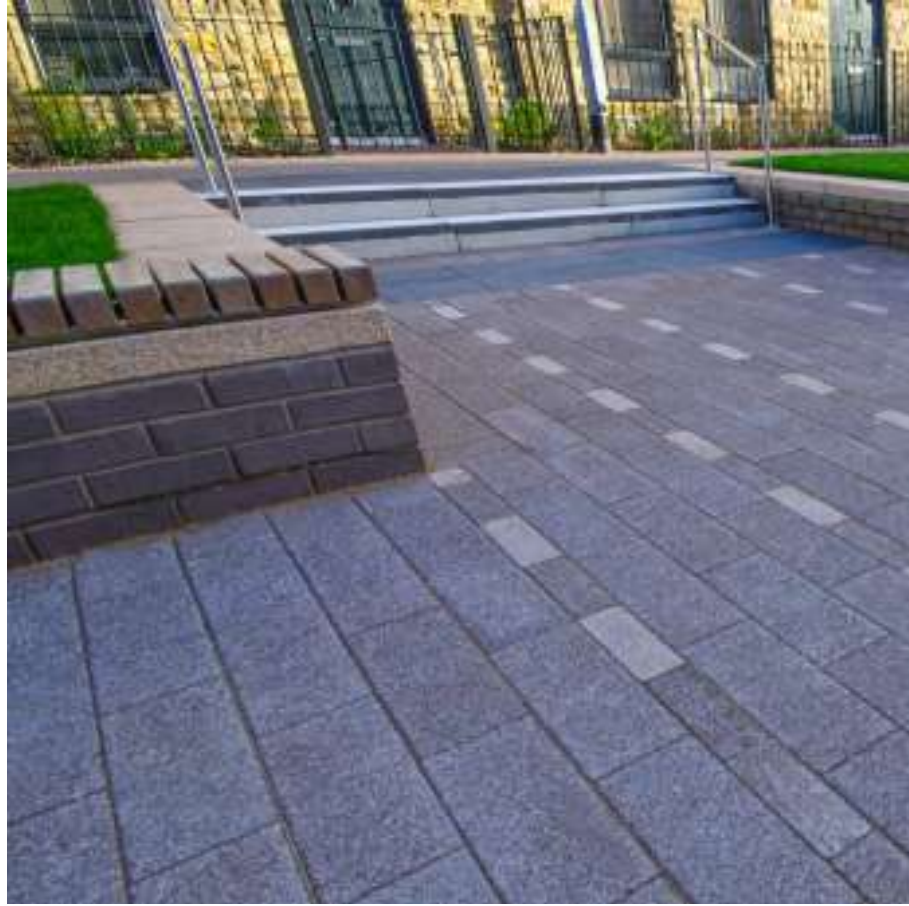
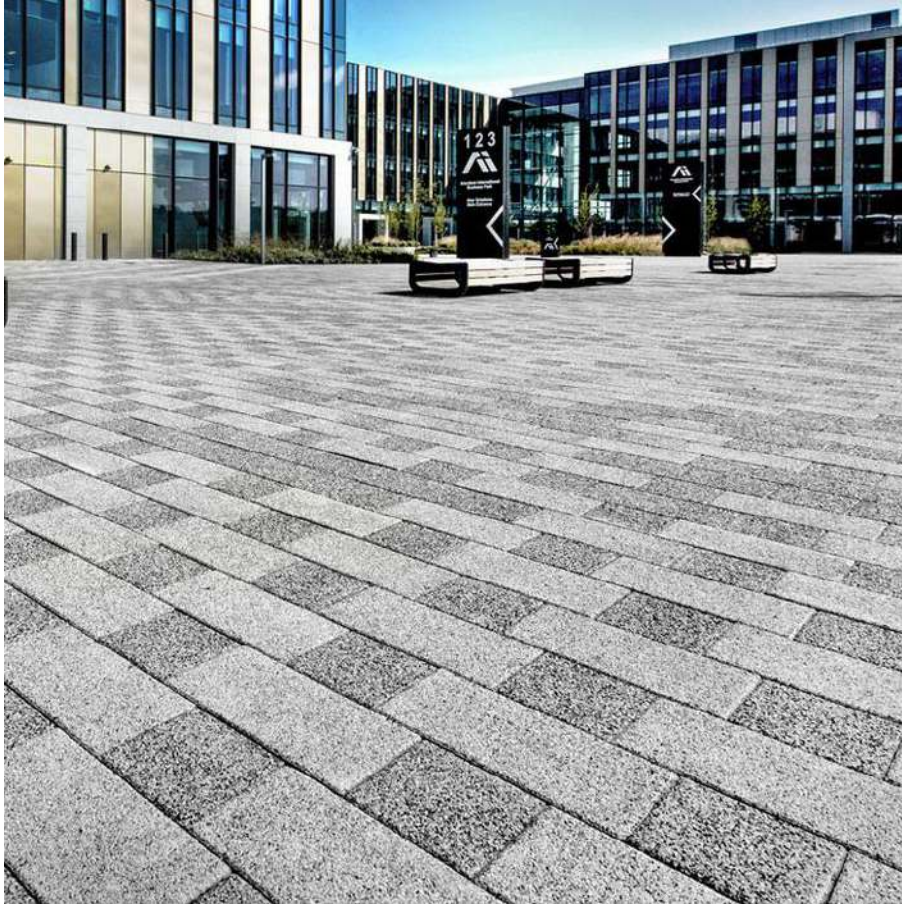
05. Soft Landscape - Planting

- SuDS / raingardens
- Climate resilient planting
- Seasonal interest
- Biodiverse 'green' roof



06. Hard landscape

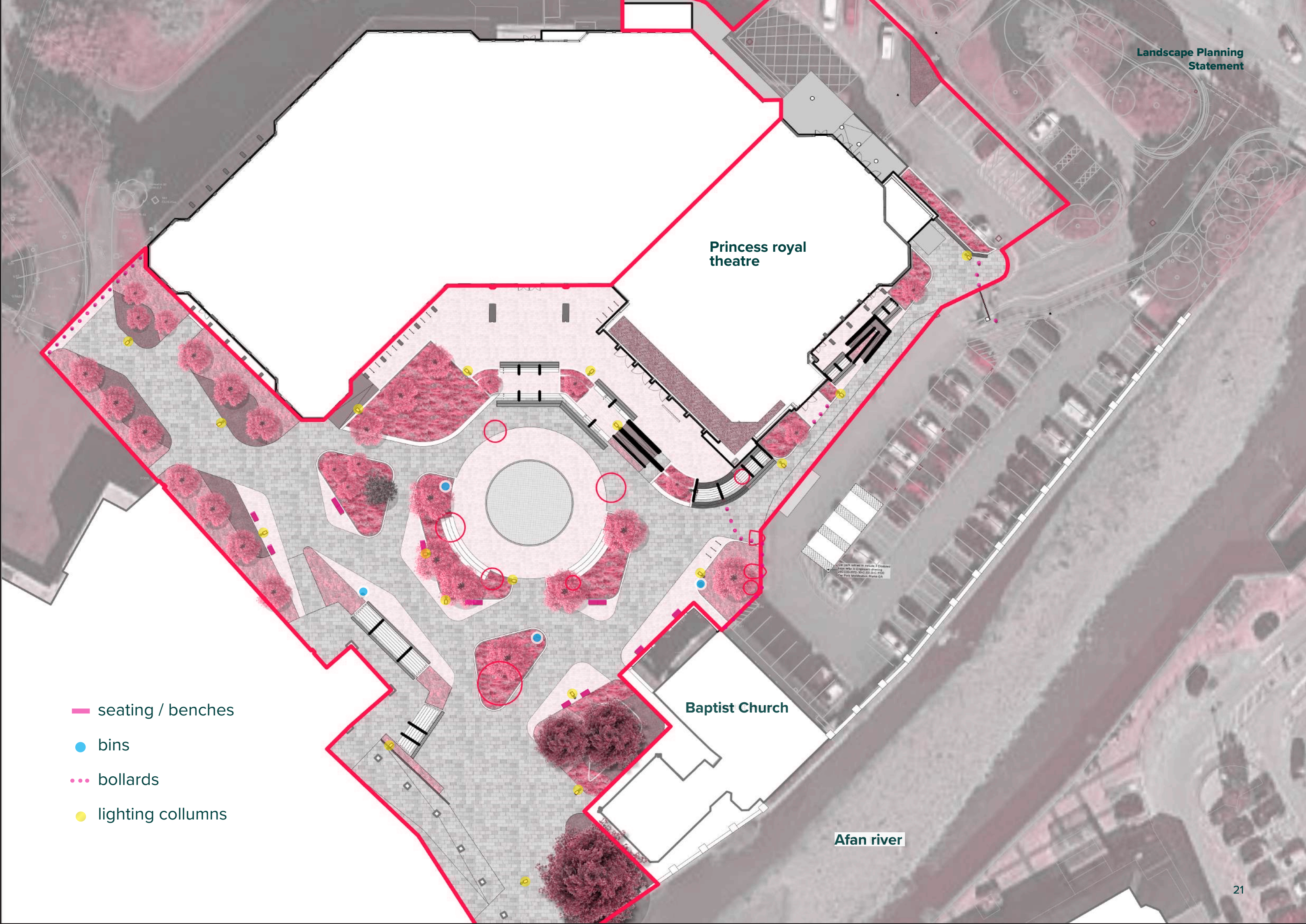
- Contemporary paving types
- Coordinated with SuDS
- Climate appropriate
- Suitable for busy areas



07. Furniture & Lighting

- New furniture that is contemporary / in-keeping with the existing furniture palettes
- Vandal resistant
- Inclusive design
- A cost effective approach

Considering re-use of existing furniture where feasible. NB: All existing site furniture subject to survey for assessment with a view to refurbishment and re-use. Furniture products listed above to be considered if re use is not practical or possible



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