

Sketch Option 2 : Water

This option retains the existing site topography within the main square whilst the former car park is terraced to provide integration of a large scale water feature. The aim of the water feature being to create a landmark destination and opportunities for informal play within the town centre. The pools and cascading water also provide cooling, tranquillity and enhance the street sound-scape.

Planting within raised beds create an active edge, buffer between Market Place and Cambridge Street. Seating is integrated into the planters and steps to minimise street clutter and maximise seating opportunities for all. The widening of the steps between the upper and lower section of the site, creates informal seating for events and clear lines of sight into the upper square with its water feature.

Multi-functional open space is to be maximised within this design through the draining of the water feature during markets and special events.

Linear directional paving is used to connect the architecture to the open space. Trees are positioned to highlight building entrances and façades.

This option shows the closure of the right turn from Branch Road onto Commercial Street to create a more generous pavement to the north of Commercial Street with a greater sense of cohesion between the north and south of the road and an improved enclosure to the public space.



- Key**
- Proposed pedestrian paving
 - Proposed seating area paving
 - Proposed directional paving
 - Proposed feature paving in reference to textiles
 - Proposed seating
 - Proposed low granite wall
 - Proposed shallow, terraced water feature
 - Proposed Step/seating step
 - Proposed wall
 - Proposed ornamental planting
 - Proposed tree
 - Proposed enhanced highway surface treatment

