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# Barbican Podium Phase 2

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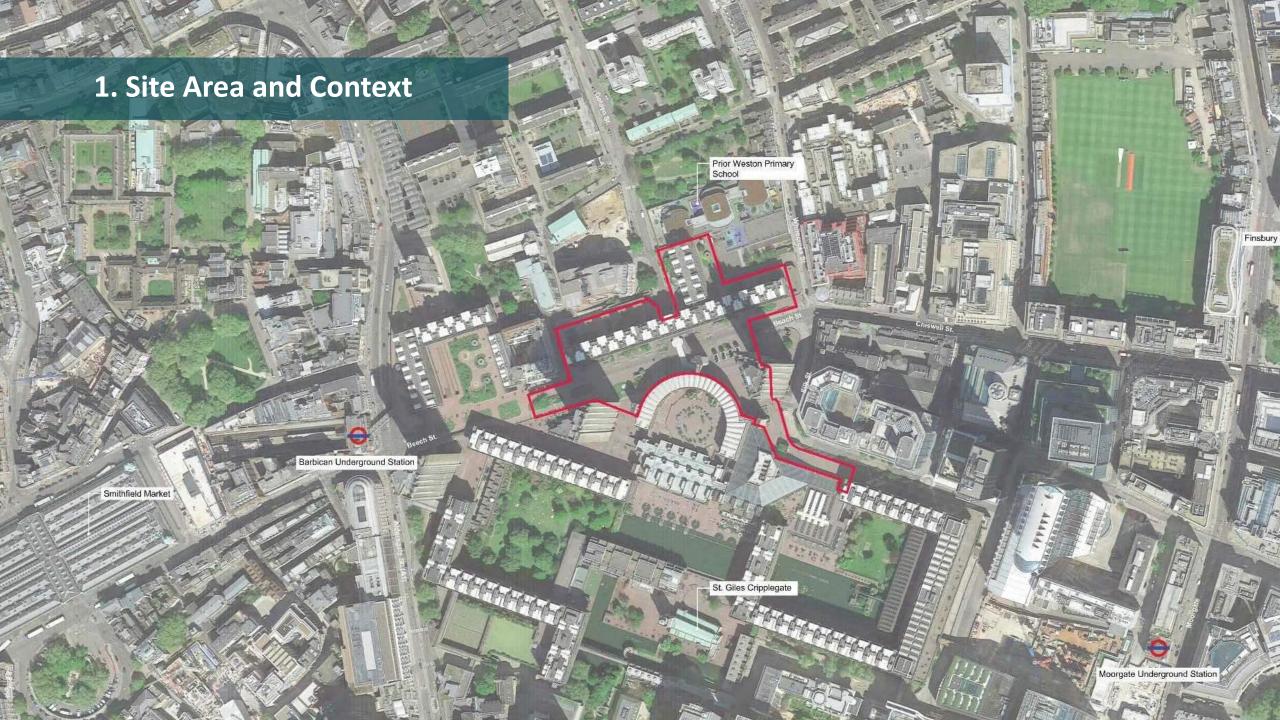




## Agenda

- 1. Barbican Podium Context
- 2. Barbican Past Present Future
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- 6. Lessons Learned
- 7. Outline Programme
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- Water damage
- Disrepair
- Cracking
- Pipes





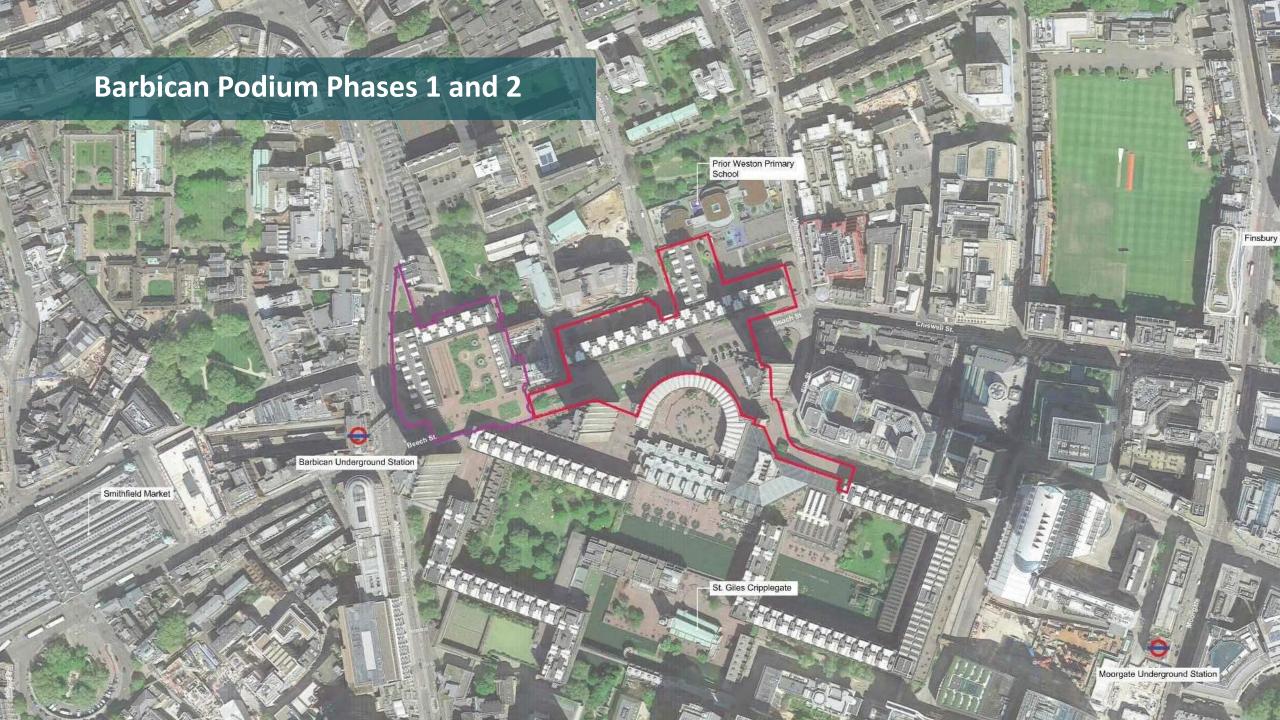




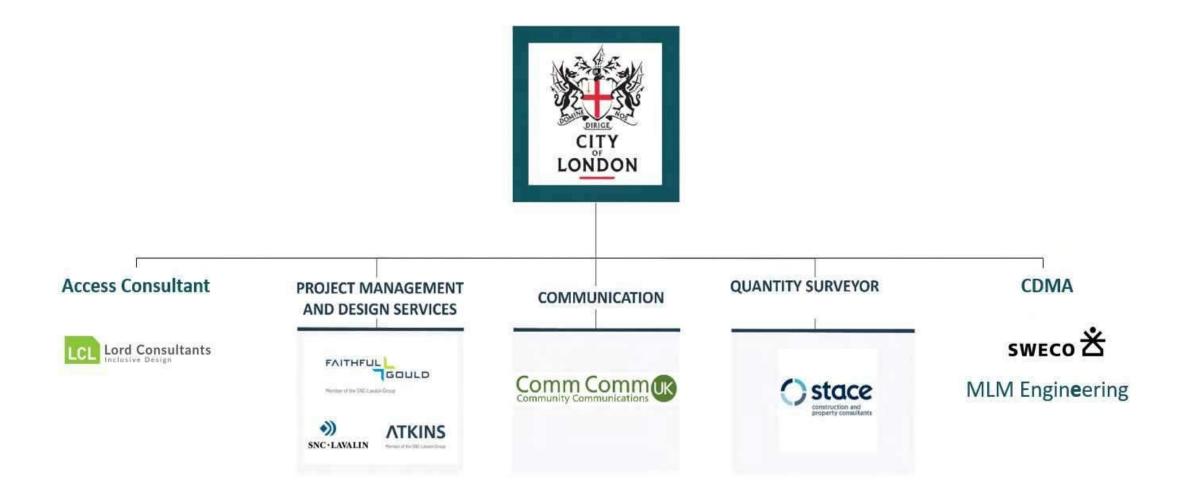








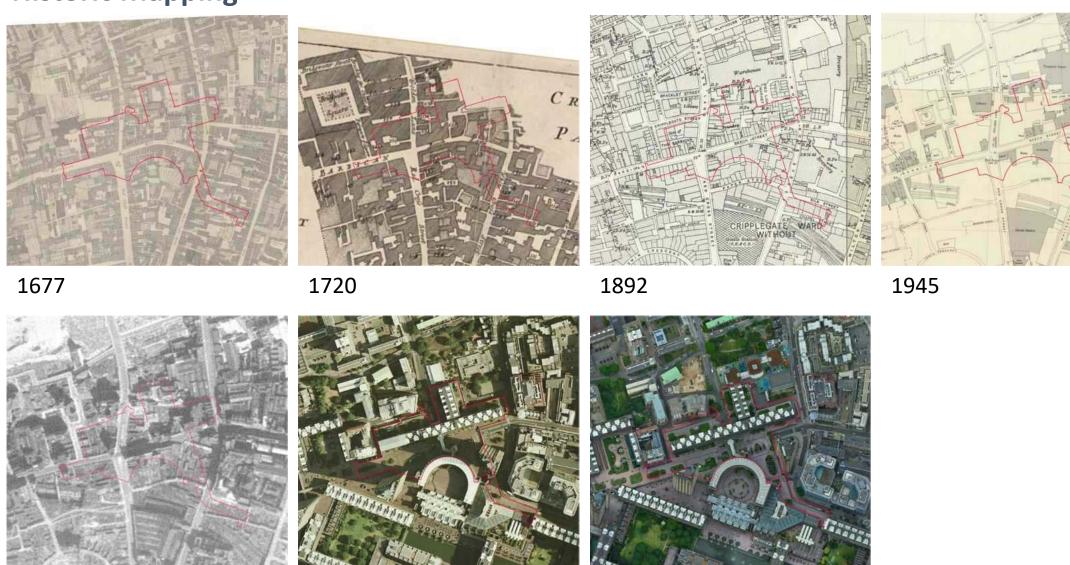
# **Project Team**



# 2. Barbican Past Present Future



# **Historic Mapping**



1945 1999 2020

## **TIMELINE**

### **BARBICAN PODIUM**



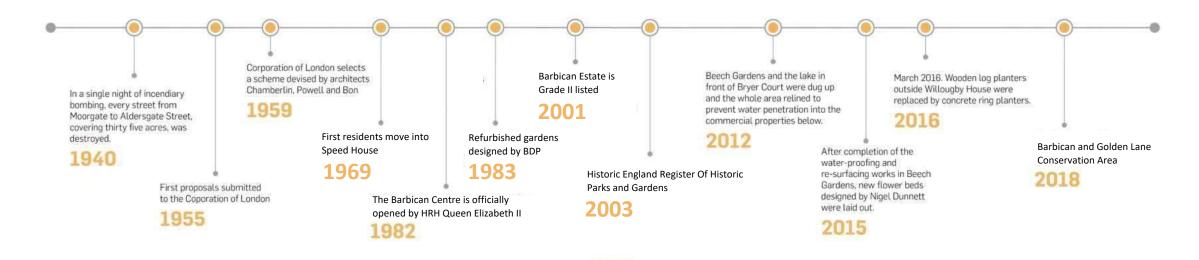






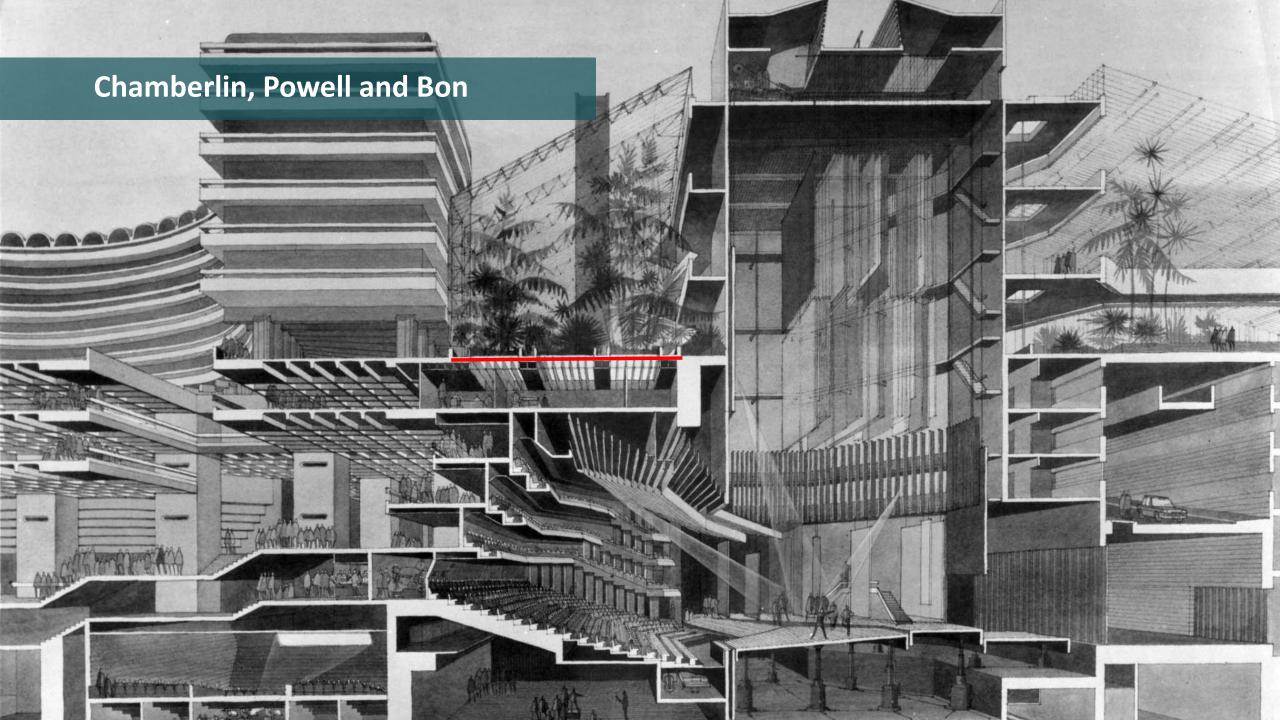


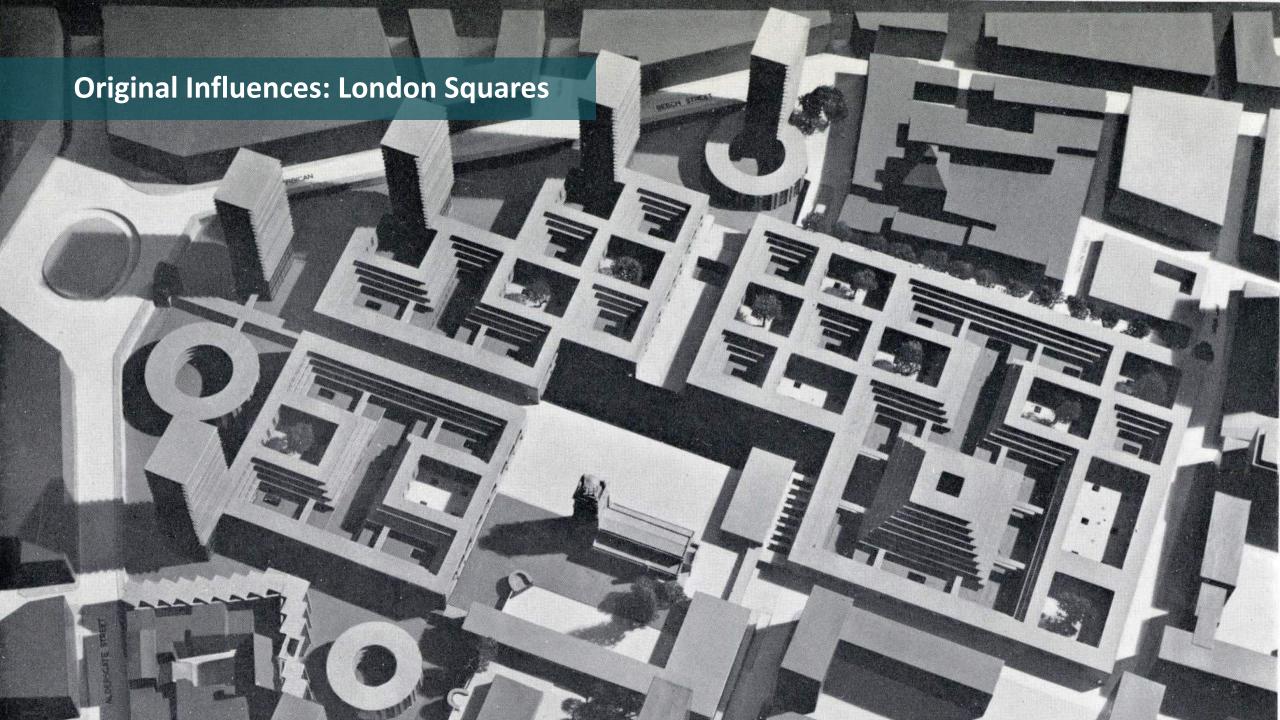


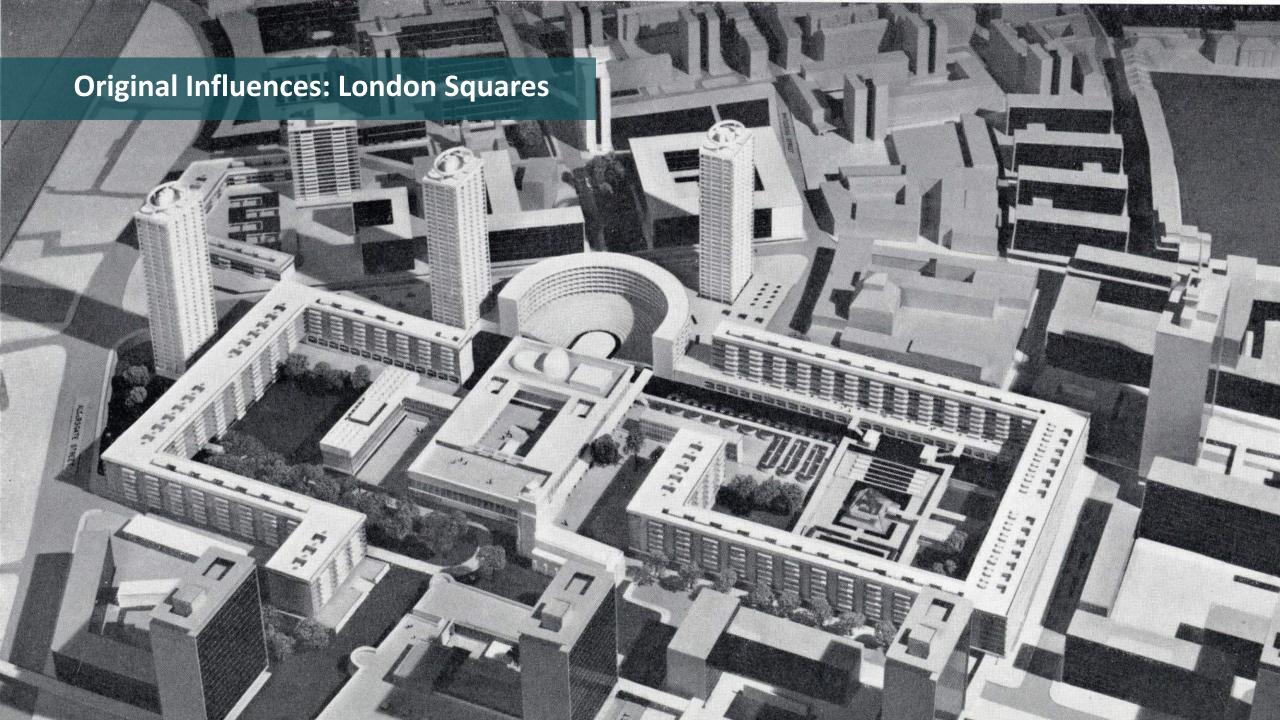












# Original Influences: London Squares

Eton Square Gardens, Kensington



The Barbican



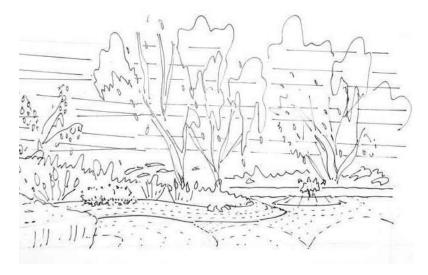


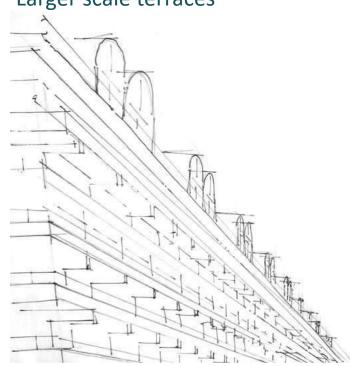


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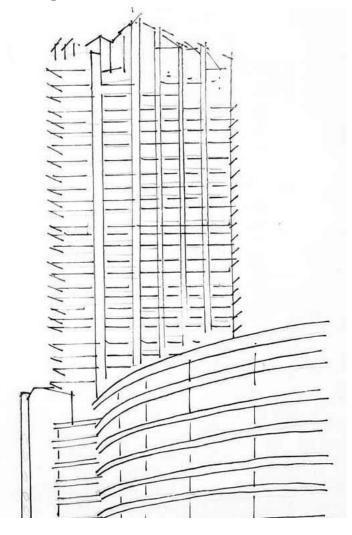
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#### Strong vertical dimension



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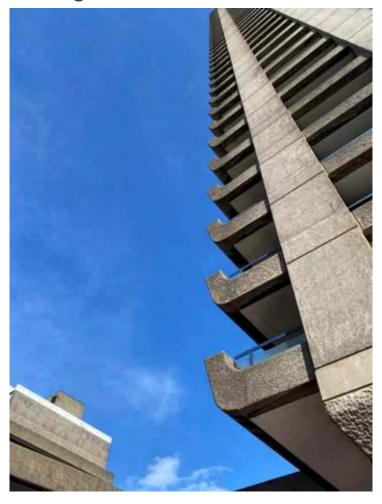
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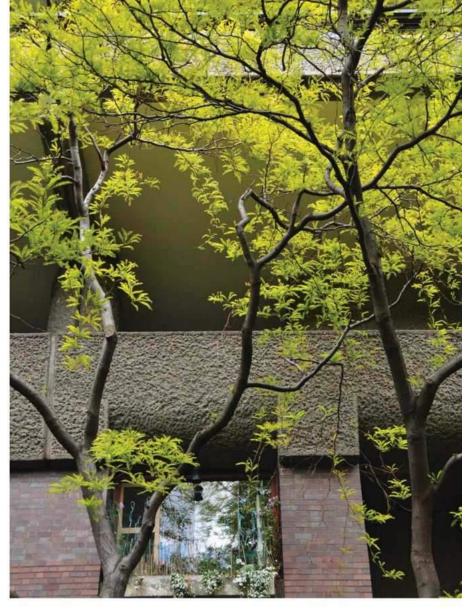


Strong vertical dimension



### Listed Building Management Guidelines:

- Supplementary Planning Document status
- Prepared by the CoL in conjunction with owners, residents, Historic England and amenity societies.
- Defines special interest of the Barbican Estate
- Guidelines to managing change which may affect special interest
- Provides clear guidance on the implementation and management of change and the protection of character and special interest
- Sets standards of best practice for repair and maintenance of the Barbican Estate

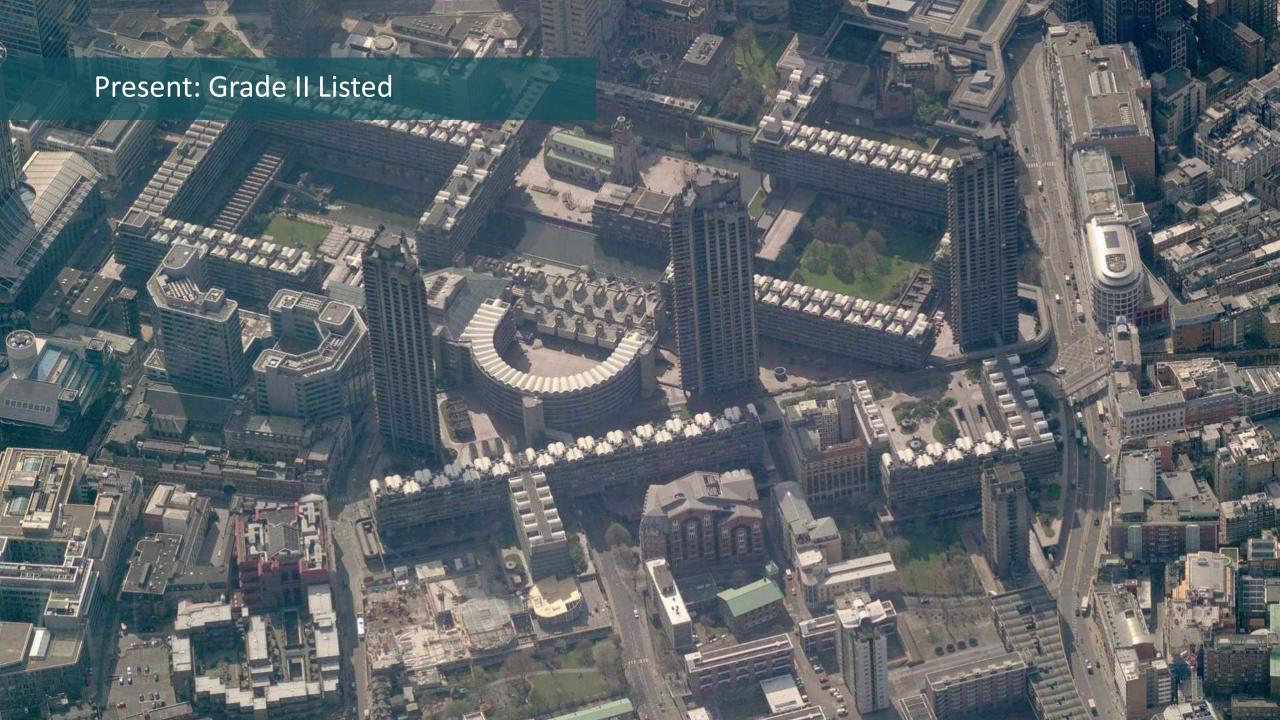


#### Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines - Volume IV - Landscape

Part 1 - Management Guidelines SPD

Part 2 - Good Practice Guide

Part 3 - Green Infrastructure



### **Barbican Present**

#### Barbican Arts Centre:

- Concert halls
- Cinemas
- Theatres
- Gallery Space
- Restaurants
- Large Conservatory

#### **Barbican Estate**

- 4,000 people living in 2,014 flats
- Including 3 high rise towers

Museum of London

Guildhall School of Music and Drama

**Barbican Public Library** 

City of London School for Girls







# Barbican Future













### Barbican Association: The Next 50 Years

- Delighted to live in an icon of 'modernist' architecture which is justly world-famous
- Though we share the estate with the arts and education facilities, the Barbican is principally a residential estate
- Preservation of the architectural integrity of the whole estate is essential
- Long term planning of all aspects of the running of the estate is required
- We and the estate will have to adapt to accommodate and minimise climate change
- We recognise that sensitive development must happen and that we must actively seek means of upgrading our homes to maintain quality of life over the next 50 years
- We need to be more pro-active on ways to deliver resident aspirations
- We must constantly seek more efficient and effective means of delivering services to residents





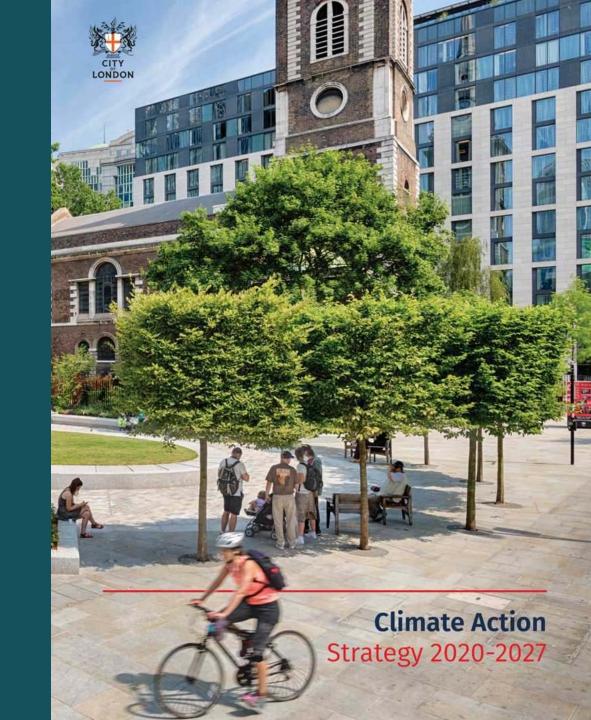
## 3. Climate Action Strategy

#### Three main principles to consider:

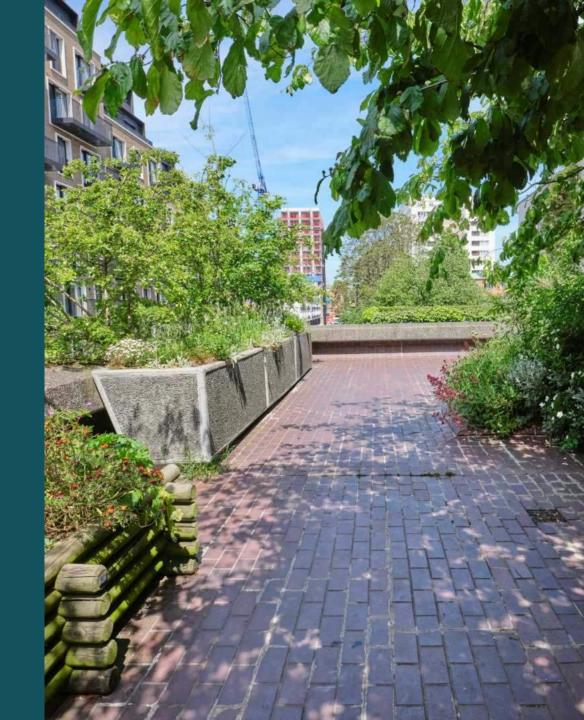
- 1. Support the achievement of Net Zero
- 2. Build climate resilience
- 3. Champion sustainable growth

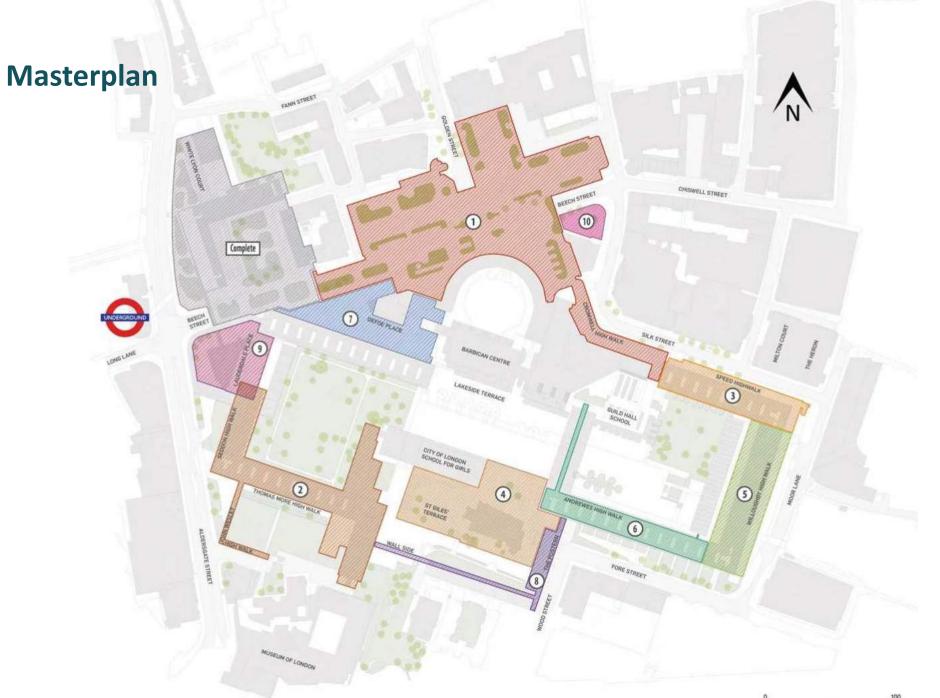
#### Risks:

- 1. Health and wellbeing temperature
- 2. Water supply
- 3. Flooding
- 4. Natural capital & ecosystems
- 5. Food production
- 6. Pests and diseases



# 4. Project Overview





#### Key:

Complete

Phase 1: Beech Gardens



Phase 2: Priority Zone 1 Beech Gardens



Phase 2: Priority Zone 2 Thomas More/Mountjoy/Seddon & John Wesley Highwalk



Phase 2: Priority Zone 3 Speed Highwalk



Phase 2: Priority Zone 4 St. Gites Terrace



Phase 2: Priority Zone 5 Willoughby Highwalk

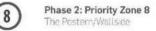


Phase 2: Priority Zone 6 Andrewes Highwalk



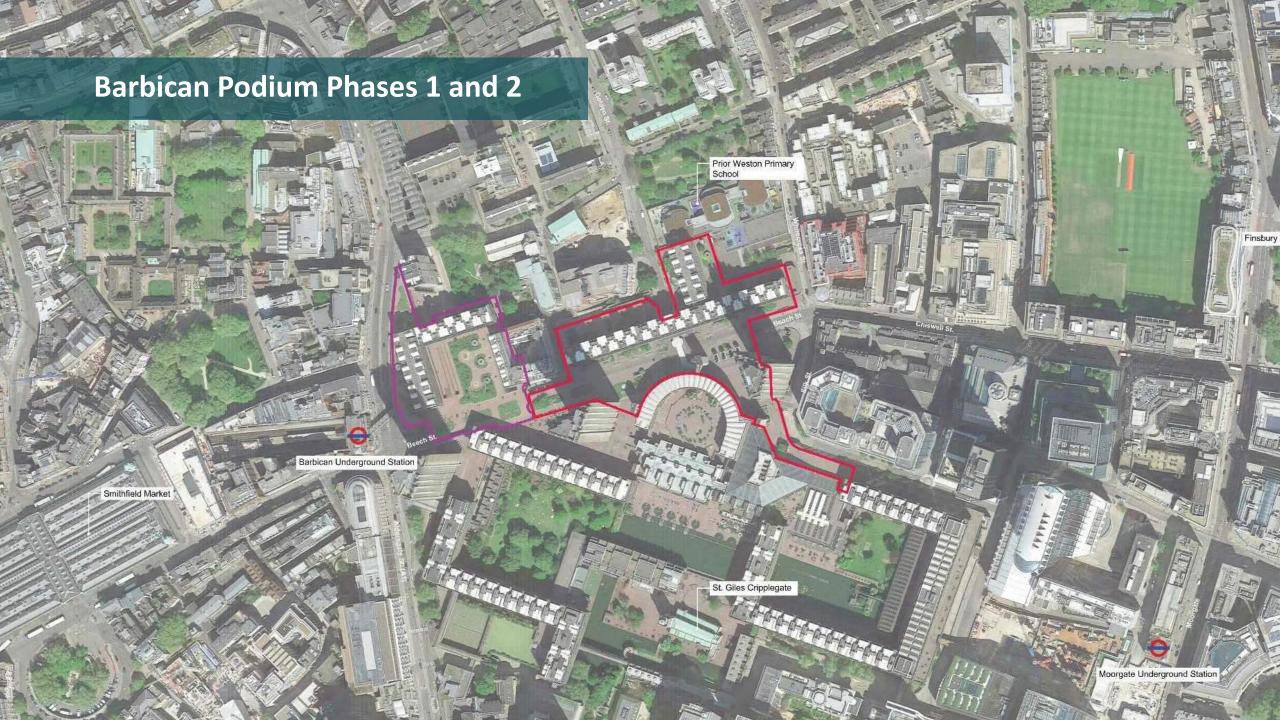
Phase 2: Priority Zone 7 Define Place



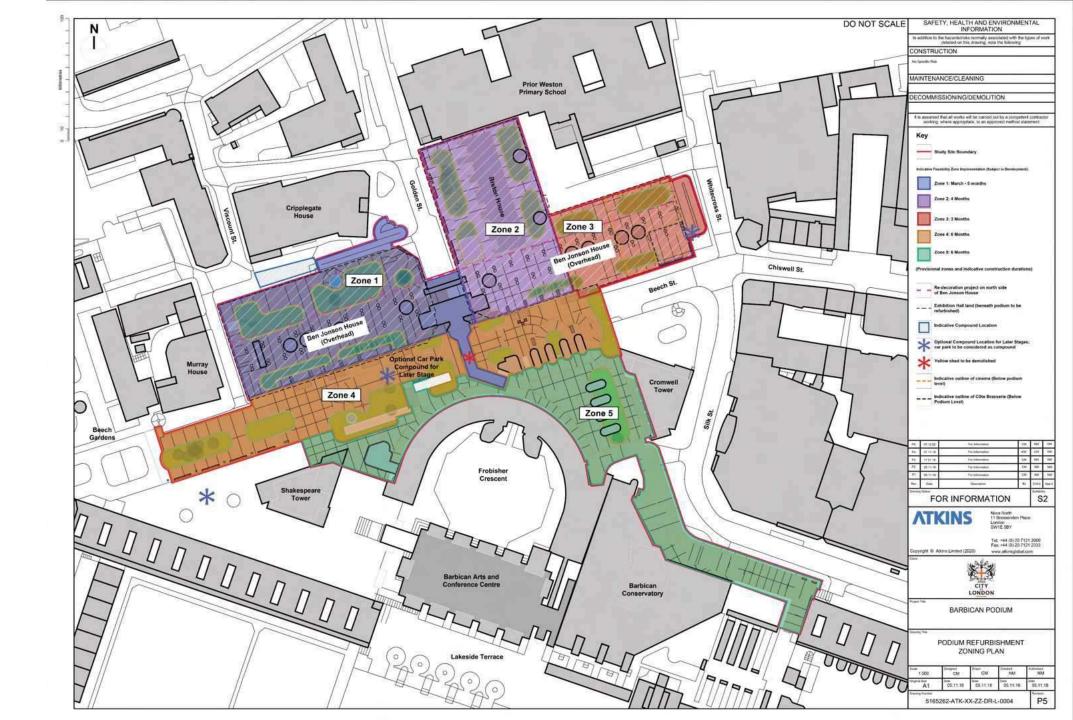








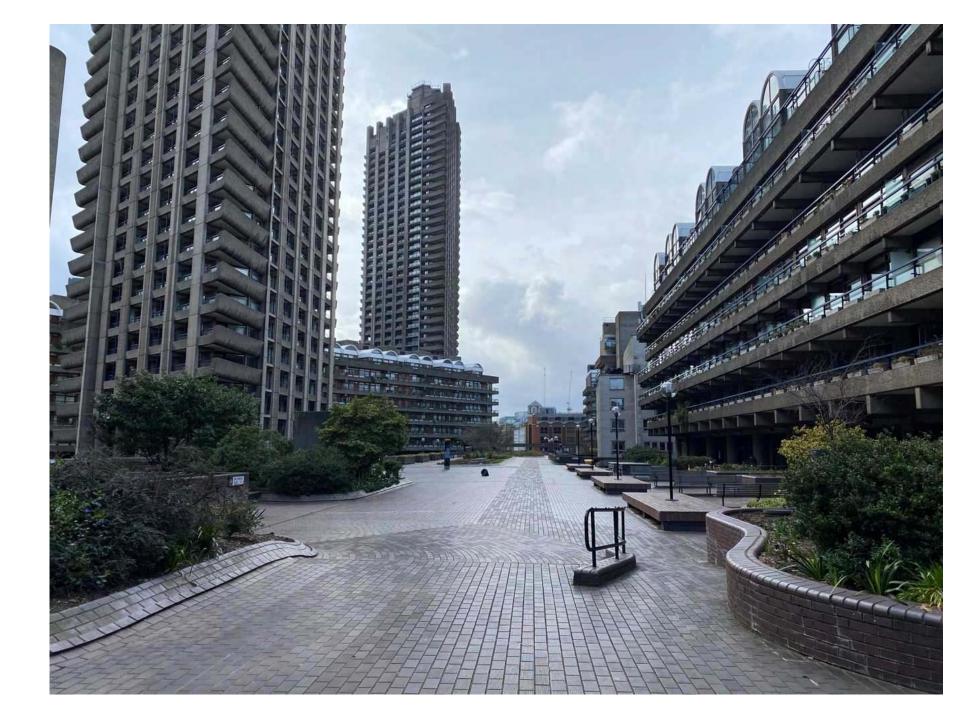
### **Site Plan**



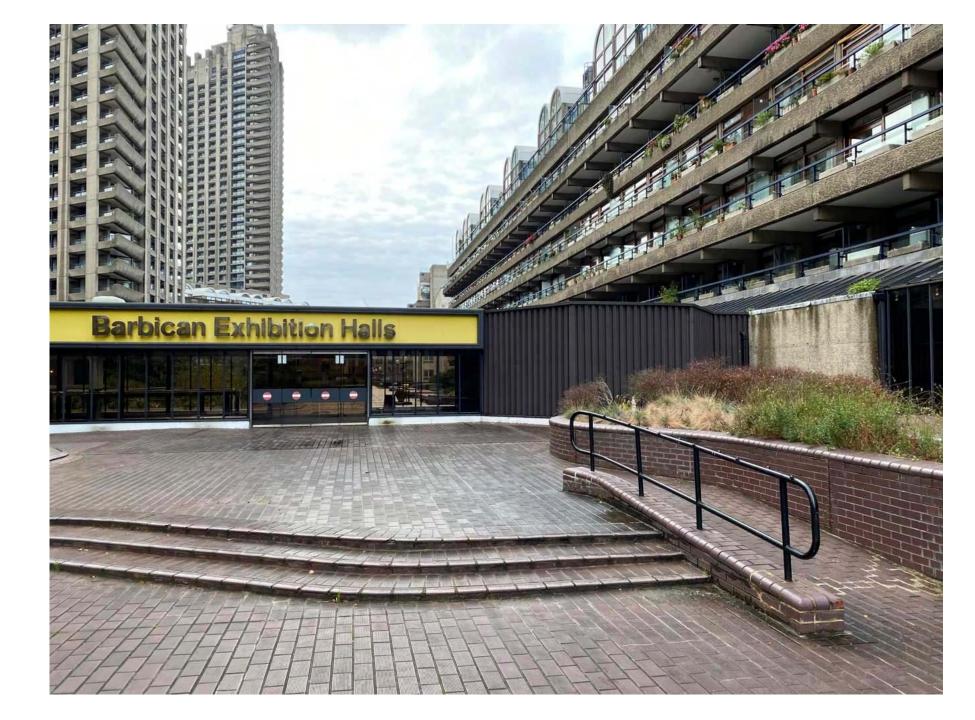
Ben Jonson House & Frobisher Crescent



Shakespeare Tower Lauderdale Tower Ben Jonson House



Link Building

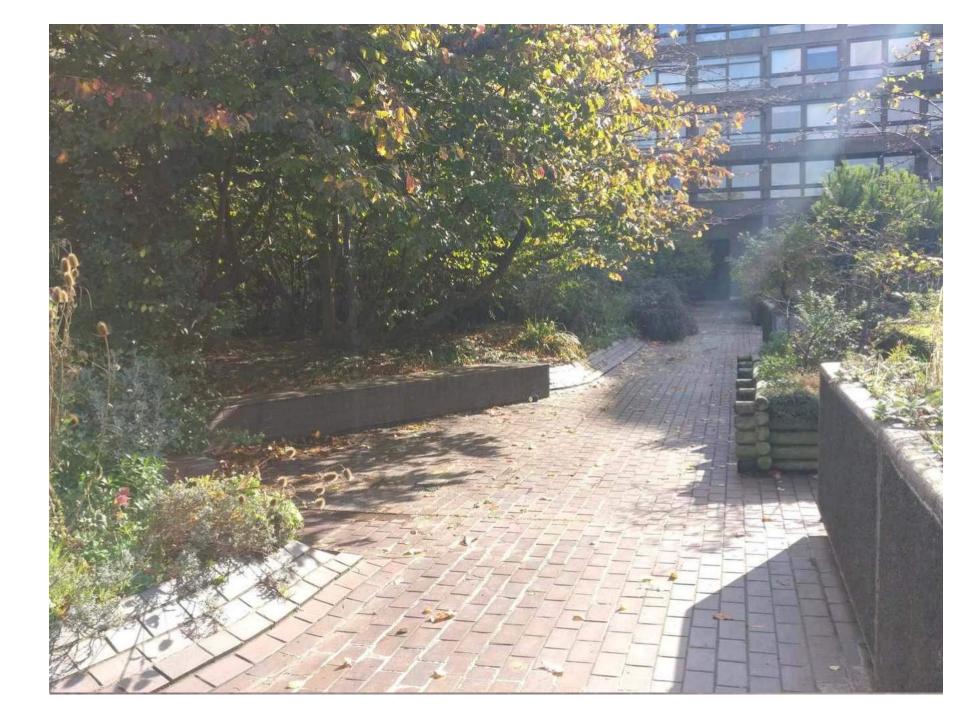


**Frobisher Crescent** 



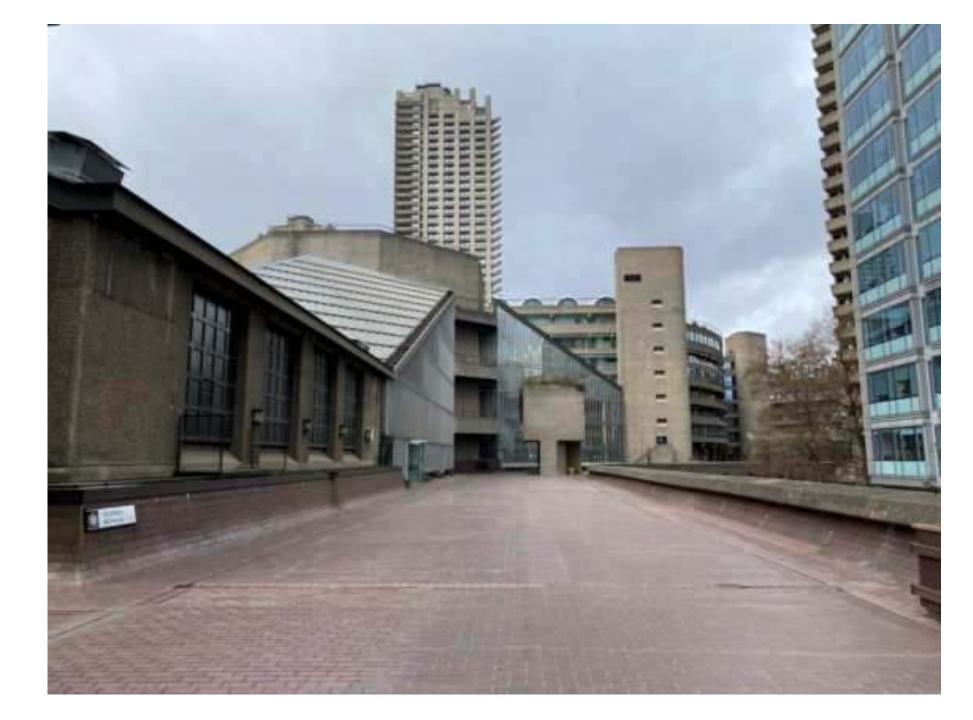
# **Site Photos:**

Northern side Ben Jonson House

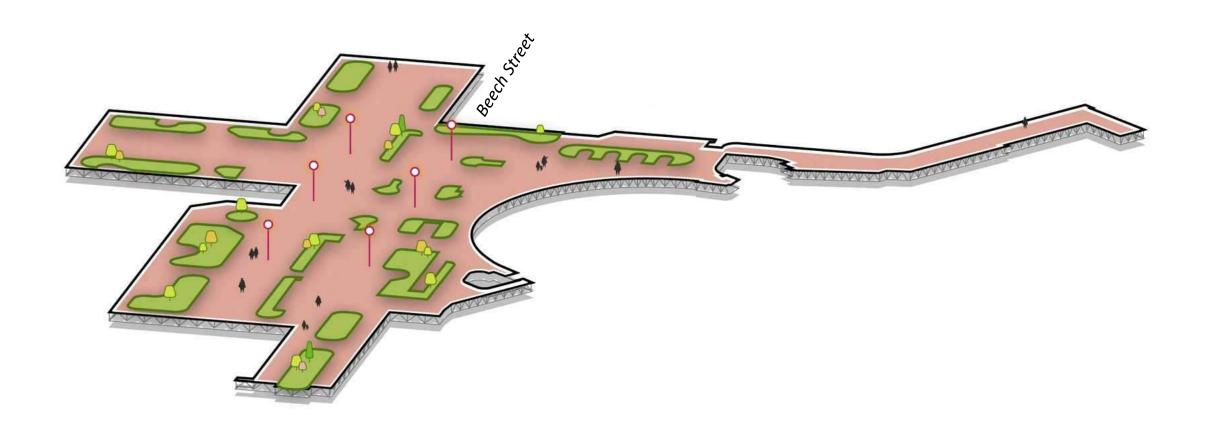


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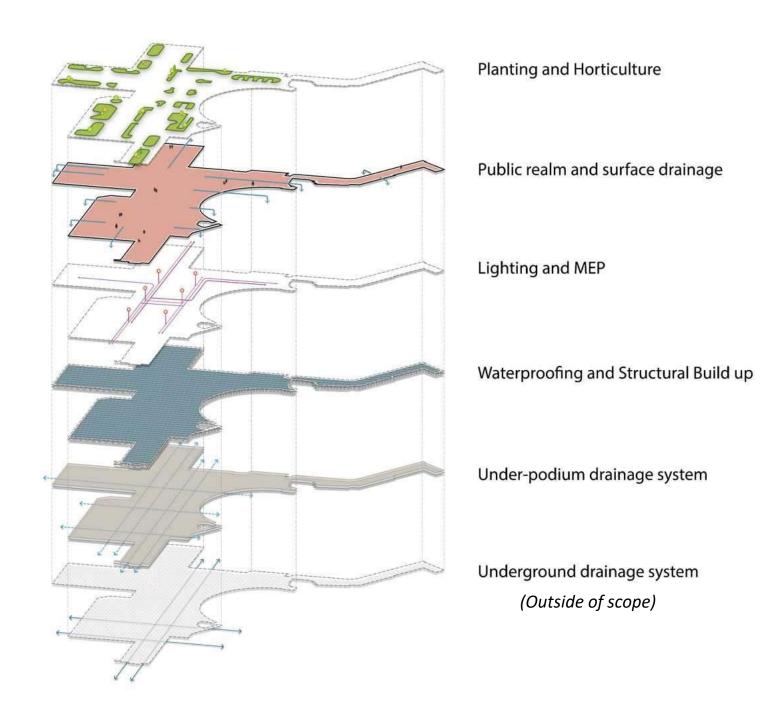
Conservatory



#### **Barbican Podium Phase 2**



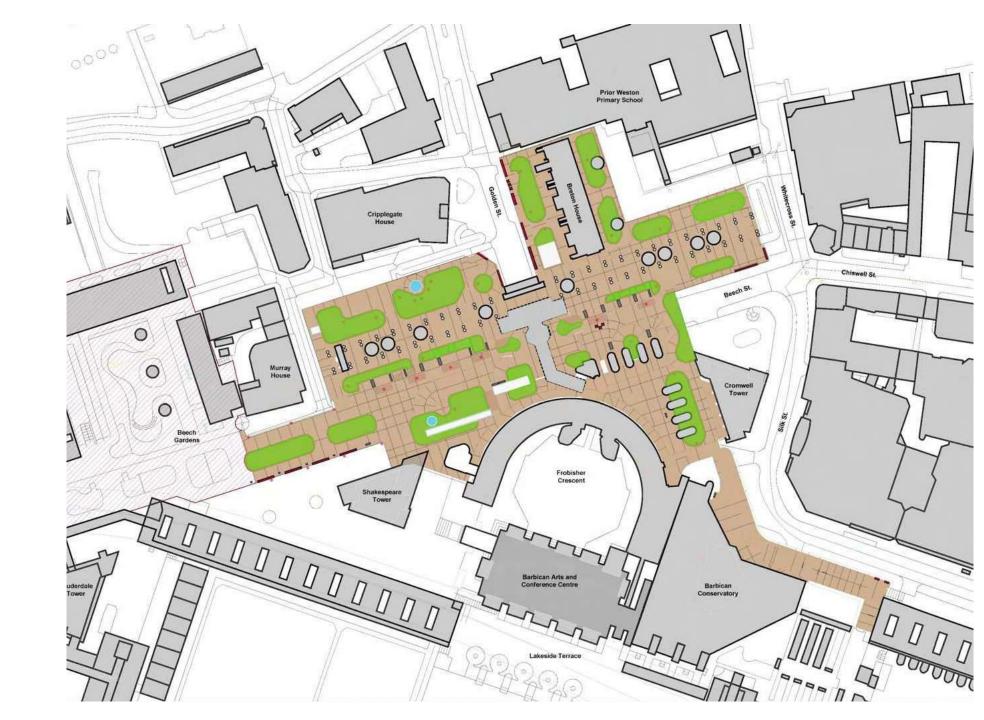
## **Barbican Podium Layers**



# 5. Design Approach

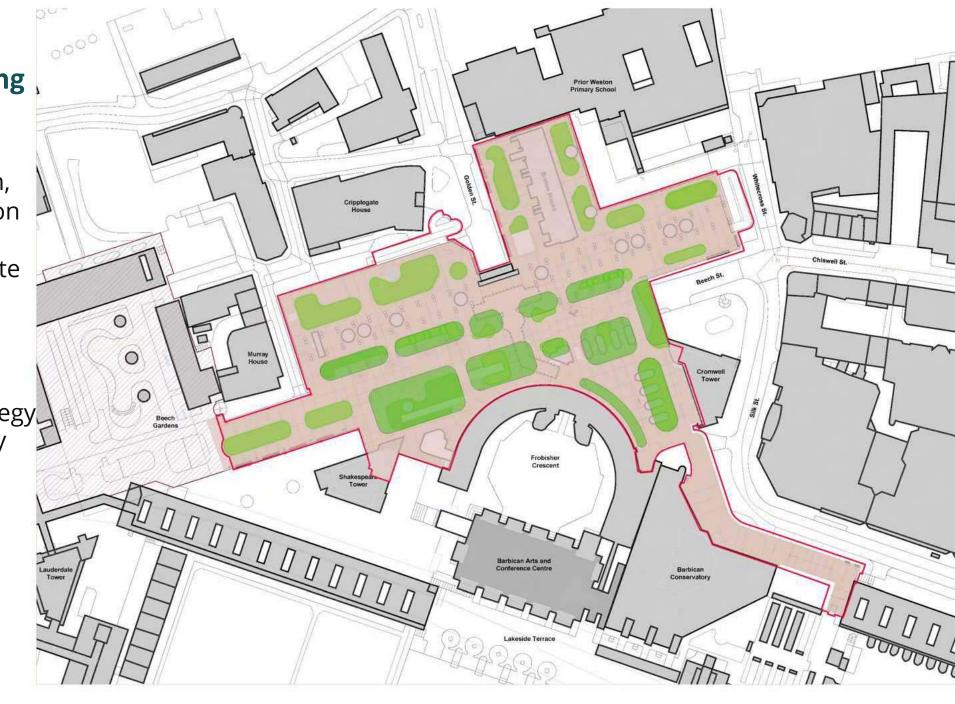


# **Existing Layout**



#### **Increased Greening**

- Develop Chamberlin,
  Powell and Bon vision
- Enhance character
- Improve microclimate
- Frame views
- Improve legibility
- Improve amenity
- Future proof
- Climate Action Strategy
- Increase biodiversity
- Reduce heat island effect
- Improve water management



#### **Character Zones**

#### Key:



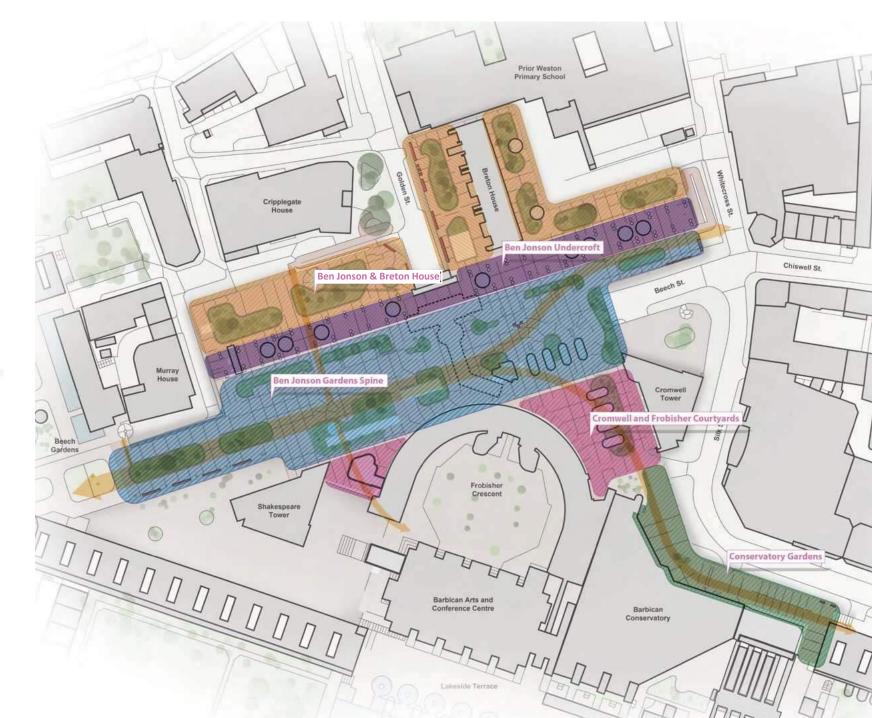




Cromwell and Frobisher Courtyards

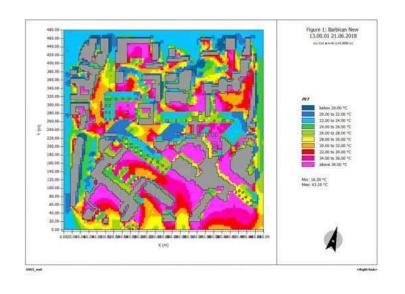
Conservatory Gardens

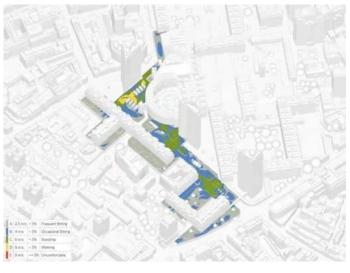
Clarified Main Routes

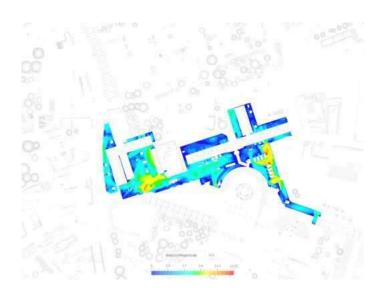




## **Microclimate Analysis**







Solar Gain Shading Wind Comfort



#### **Design Principles**

- Provide a waterproof podium
- Create an accessible and inclusive place for people
- Enhance the character and amenity value of the podium
- Develop the original aspirations of the Chamberlin Powell and Bon vision respecting the rich heritage of the Barbican
- Work towards the principles of the Climate Action Strategy and future proofing of the Barbican
- Improve water management, improve the microclimate and increase biodiversity



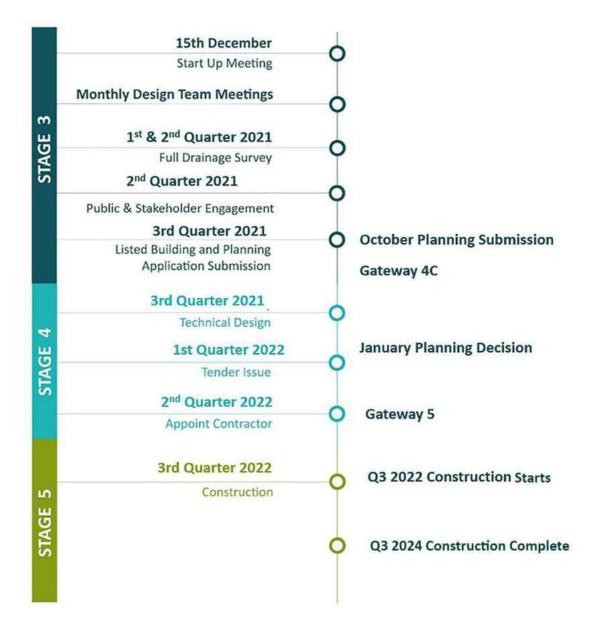
#### 6. Lessons Learned from Phase 1: 2013-2015

- Inclusion of under podium drainage system
- Ketley Dreadnought tiles colour mix and supply
- Climate Action Strategy
- Horticulture
- Early consultation, communication and engagement
- Construction management
- Accessible site compound with clear access routes
- Phasing plan
- Restrictions on working hours



**Nigel Dunnett: Phase 1 Planting** 

#### **6. Outline Programme**



#### 7. Summary

- Podium is leaking and damaging the fabric of the building
- Podium needs to be taken up and replaced
- Working within the parameters of the original innovative vision of the Barbican
- Working within the parameters of the Listed Building Management Guidelines
- Need to respond to the Climate Action Strategy and design in climate resilience for the Barbican for the next 50 years
- Opportunity to respond to and develop Chamberlin, Bon and Powell's original innovative vision





## Existing Site Photos – Main Deck Area and Building Understorey













## Existing Site Photos – Eastern Deck and Secluded Northern Spaces











## Existing Site Photos – The Previously Completed Phase 1



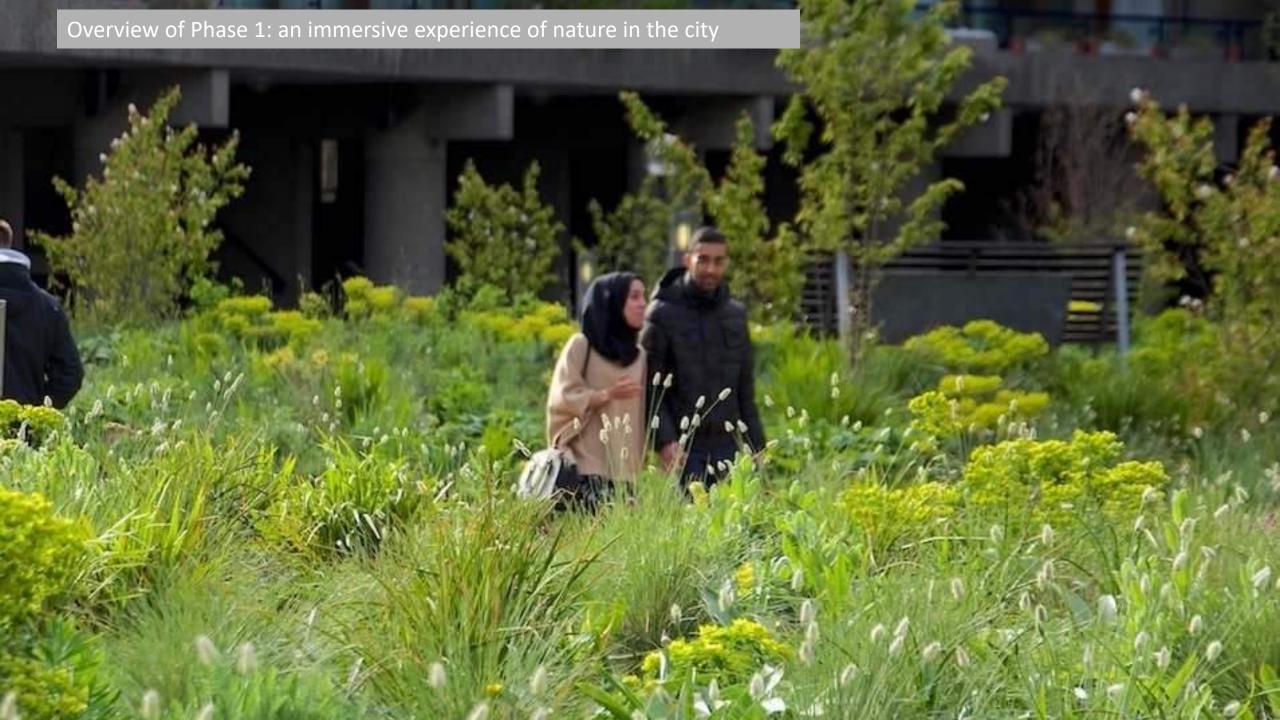


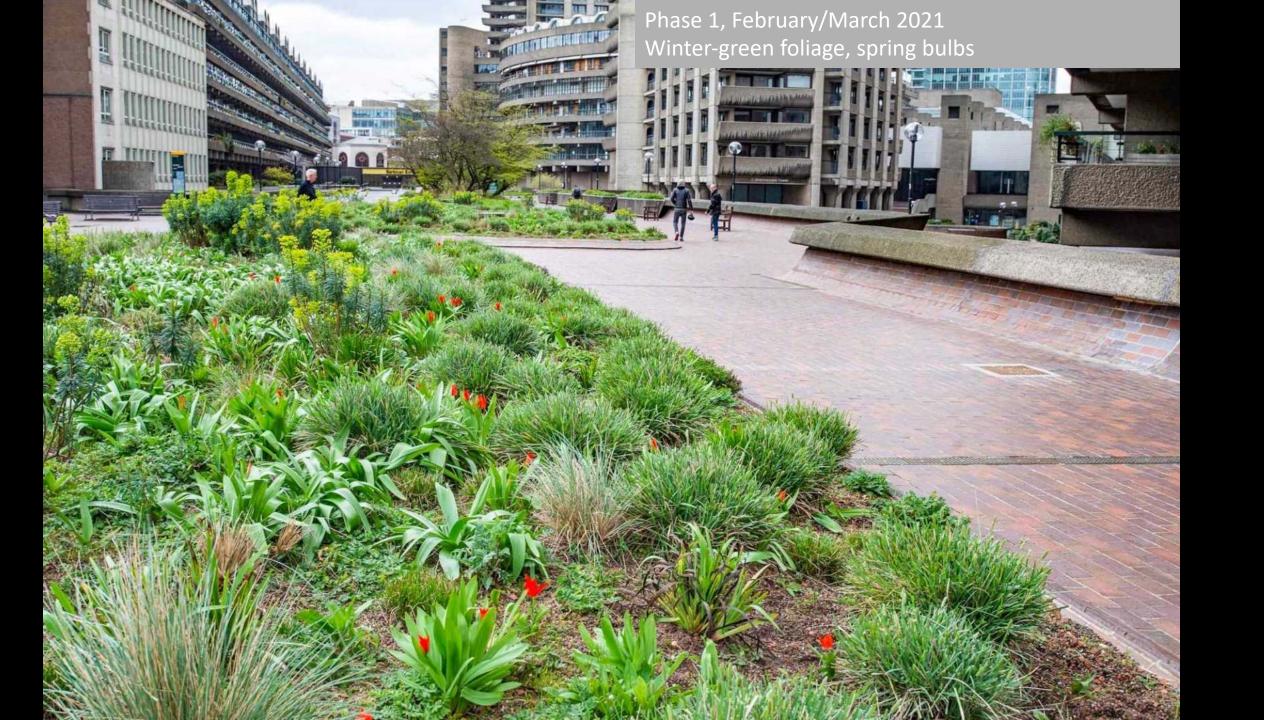




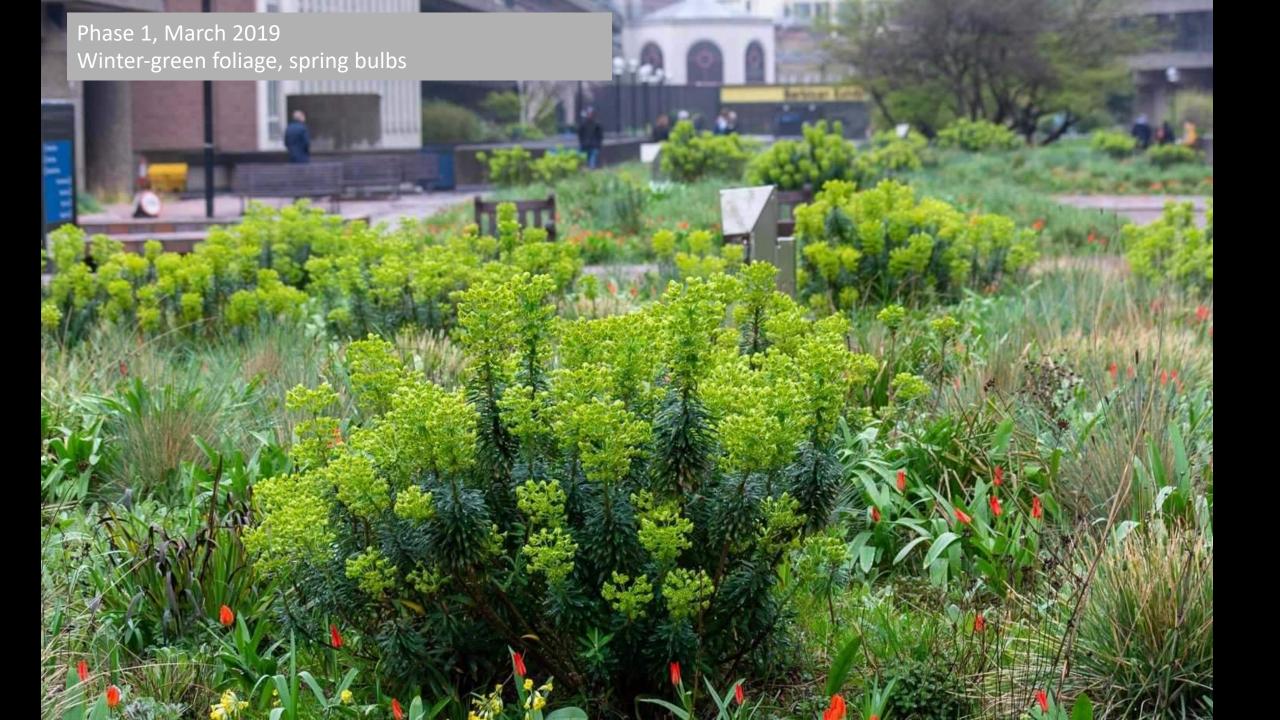


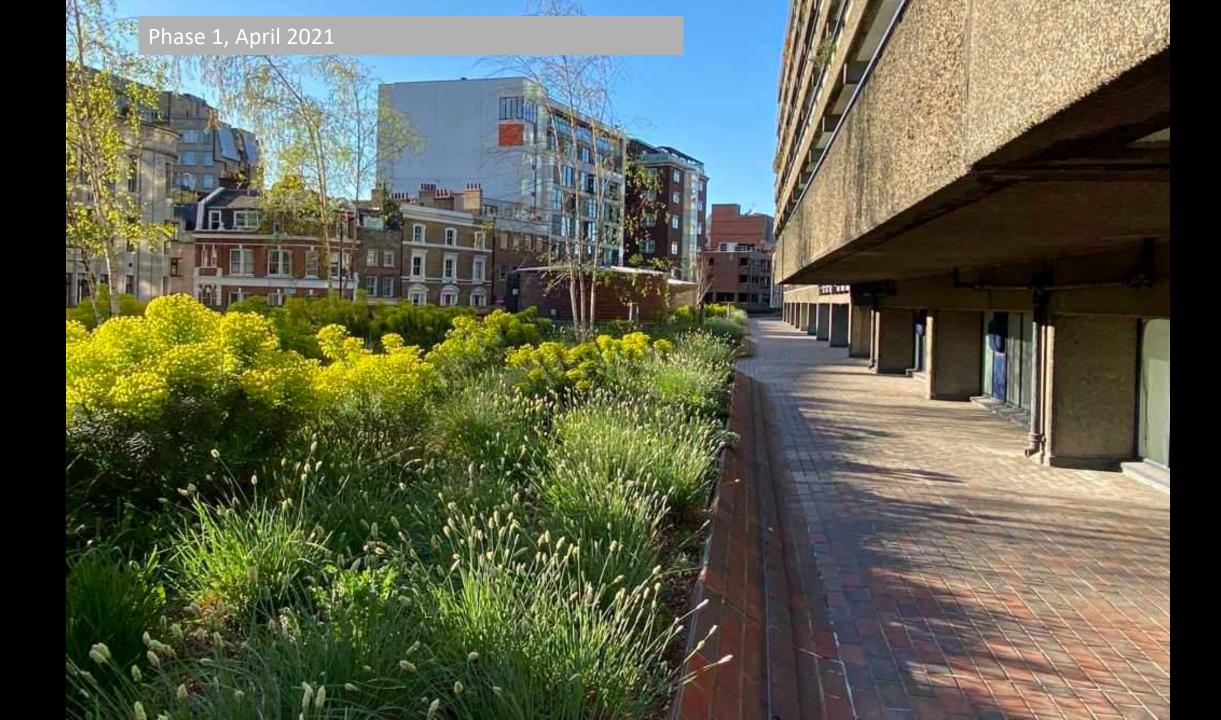


















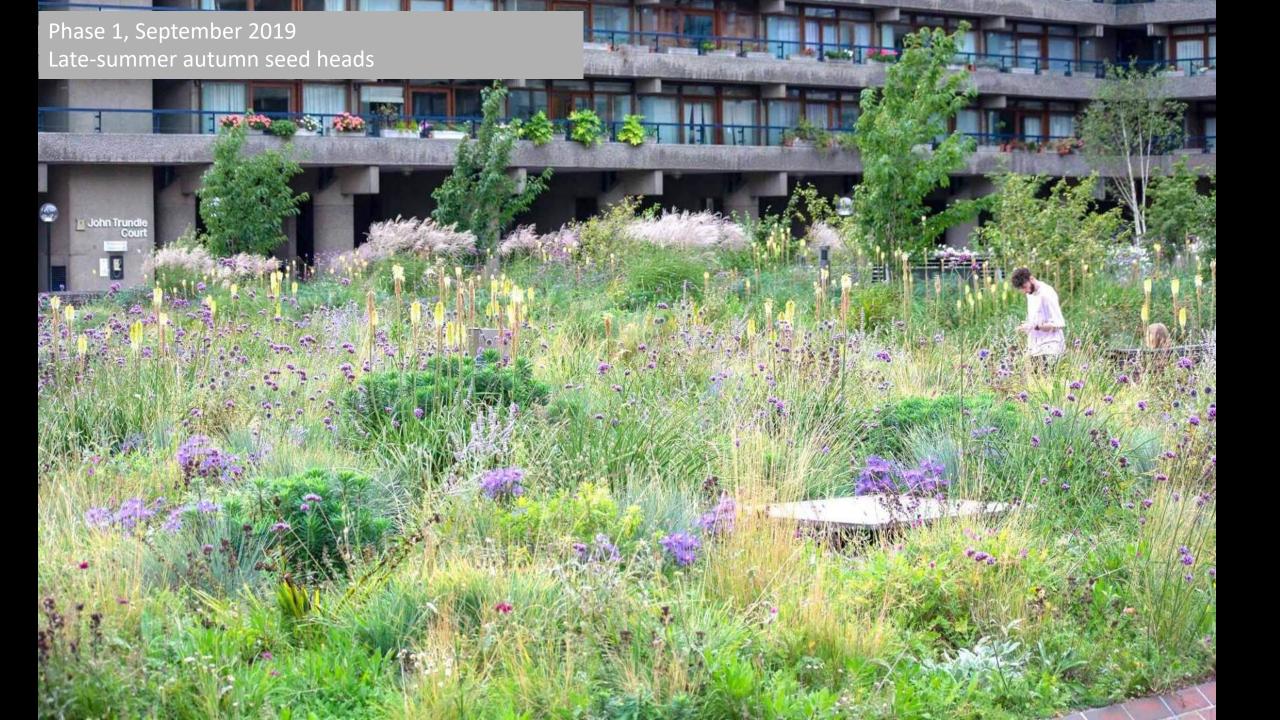














Phase 1, July 2021 Trees and Shrubs - scent





