

Selby Station Gateway Improvements

The images in this display are to help you understand how these ideas might look - but they are not detailed proposals - we need your views first

Background

Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council have exciting ideas to improve Selby station and its connections to the town centre and key redevelopment sites.

We are working with Network Rail and rail operators to create a gateway to Selby for residents, businesses and visitors alike. To help shape our designs, we want to know what you think.

Selby has a long and continuing association with railways:

- Selby was the first station in Yorkshire
- Selby is currently well-served by rail connections
- Around a 50% increase in passengers in the last 10 years.

However, the station and its surroundings have some issues and local people have previously asked for improvements.

Working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and partners across the Leeds City Region we are bidding to the Government's competitive Transforming Cities Fund for these proposed 'Selby Station Gateway Improvements'.

Selby today

Selby has excellent road and rail access meaning many people travel to Leeds, York, London and Wakefield.

However:

- There are high rates of commuting by car (increasing traffic congestion)
- Cycling, walking and public transport use is low

Selby District has low unemployment and comparatively high wages but faces some challenges:

- An ageing workforce
- Pockets of deprivation
- Localised air quality issues

Selby has a spectacular Abbey, beautiful park and attractive historic town centre, but arriving rail passengers receive a poor first impression:

- No clear route to the town centre or bus station
- No clear route through the park from the station
- Station frontage dominated by industrial units, car parking, security fences and car/pedestrian conflicts
- Limited pedestrian and cycle links
- Bawtry Road bridge and Park Street junction are barriers
- No access or parking east of the station
- No suitable disabled access to platforms 2 and 3

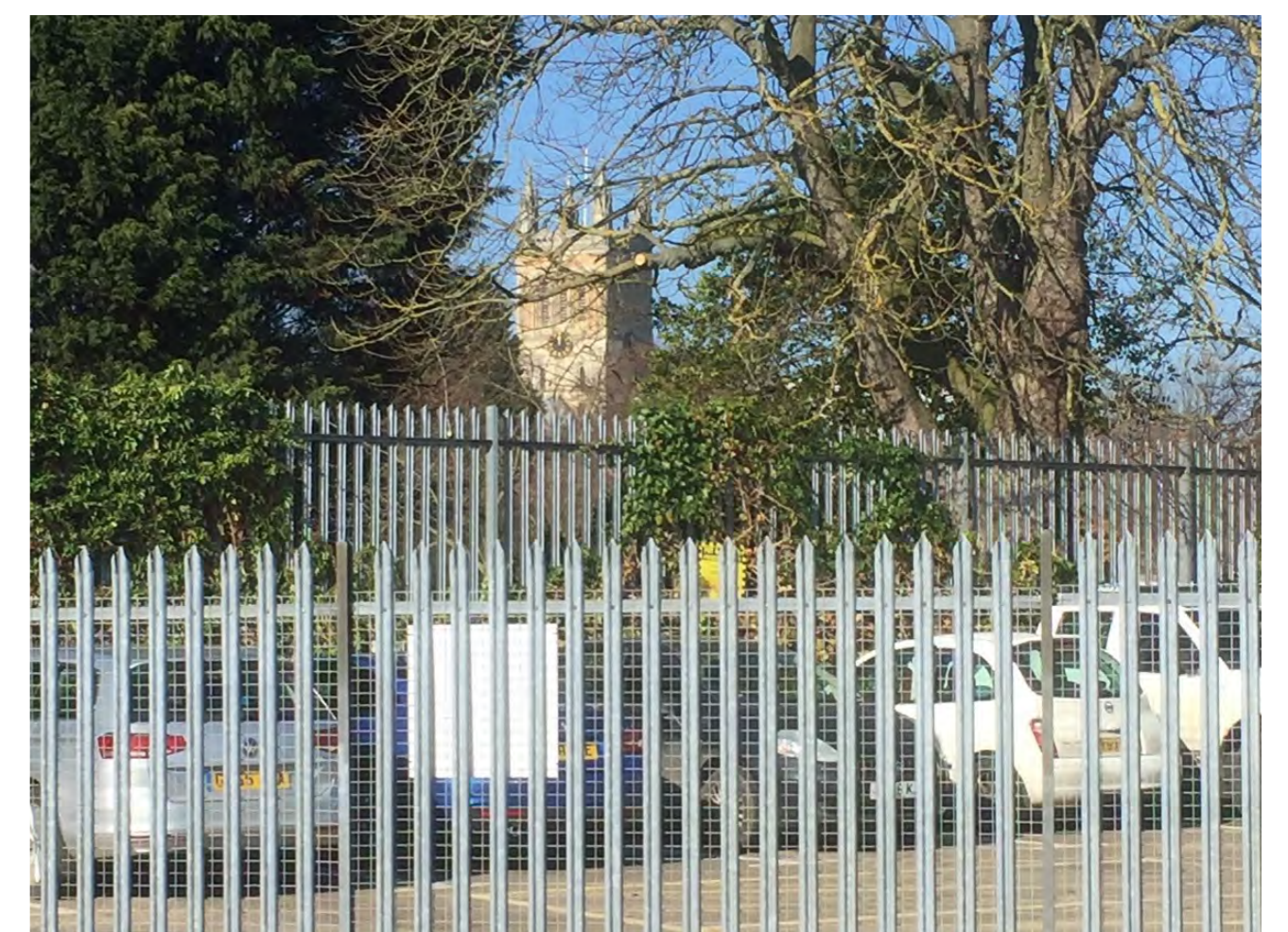


A stopping train from Hull enters Selby station, off the swing-bridge

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The current first impression of Selby for arriving rail passengers



No clear route from the station to Selby Abbey and town centre



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Our vision for Selby

Our vision is to:

- Deliver transformational improvements to Selby by enhancing the station and surrounding area
- Create public spaces that people want to use and spend time in
- Maximise rail and bus use, improving integration between transport services, facilities and accessibility
- Provide better pedestrian and cycle links and have accessible parking facilities
- Improve connectivity to employment and education opportunities within Selby and the wider region
- Encourage people to live in Selby and use the town centre
- Deliver redevelopment of sites close to the railway station

Key Issues and Areas

OUSEGATE RIVERSIDE

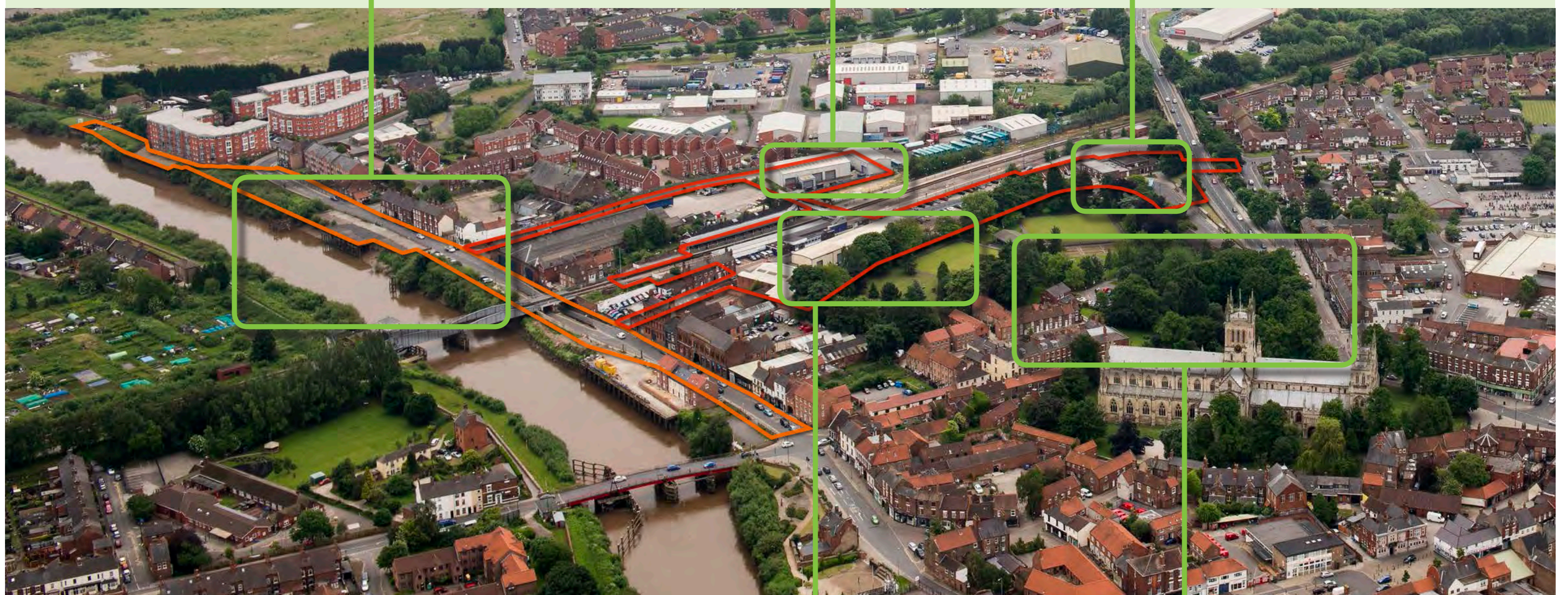
Disused and abandoned wharf... Rich industrial heritage now hidden... Poor environment for pedestrians and cyclists... Antisocial behaviour... Opportunity for new footbridge with connection to Olympia Park development and pedestrian/cycle route to Rigid Paper Site, Abbots Road and Selby College...

EAST OF STATION

Opportunities to create direct pedestrian/cycle access to Platforms 2 and 3 from the east and provide adjacent station parking...



BUS STATION

Close to railway station... Large areas of tarmac needed for bus manoeuvres... Low quality buildings and environment... Limited facilities and links to rail station... Poor access to Portholme Road area...



SELBY STATION GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Selby station area lies at the crossroads of the town's future, shaping the perceptions of those who visit, the quality of life and experience for those who live here, and physically as a fixed point in the midst of planned development and renewal.

-  OUSEGATE RIVERSIDE: Vital part of Selby's history, and an important pedestrian/cycle link for planned and existing development
-  STATION AREA: Potential to transform and connect the centre and eastern parts of town

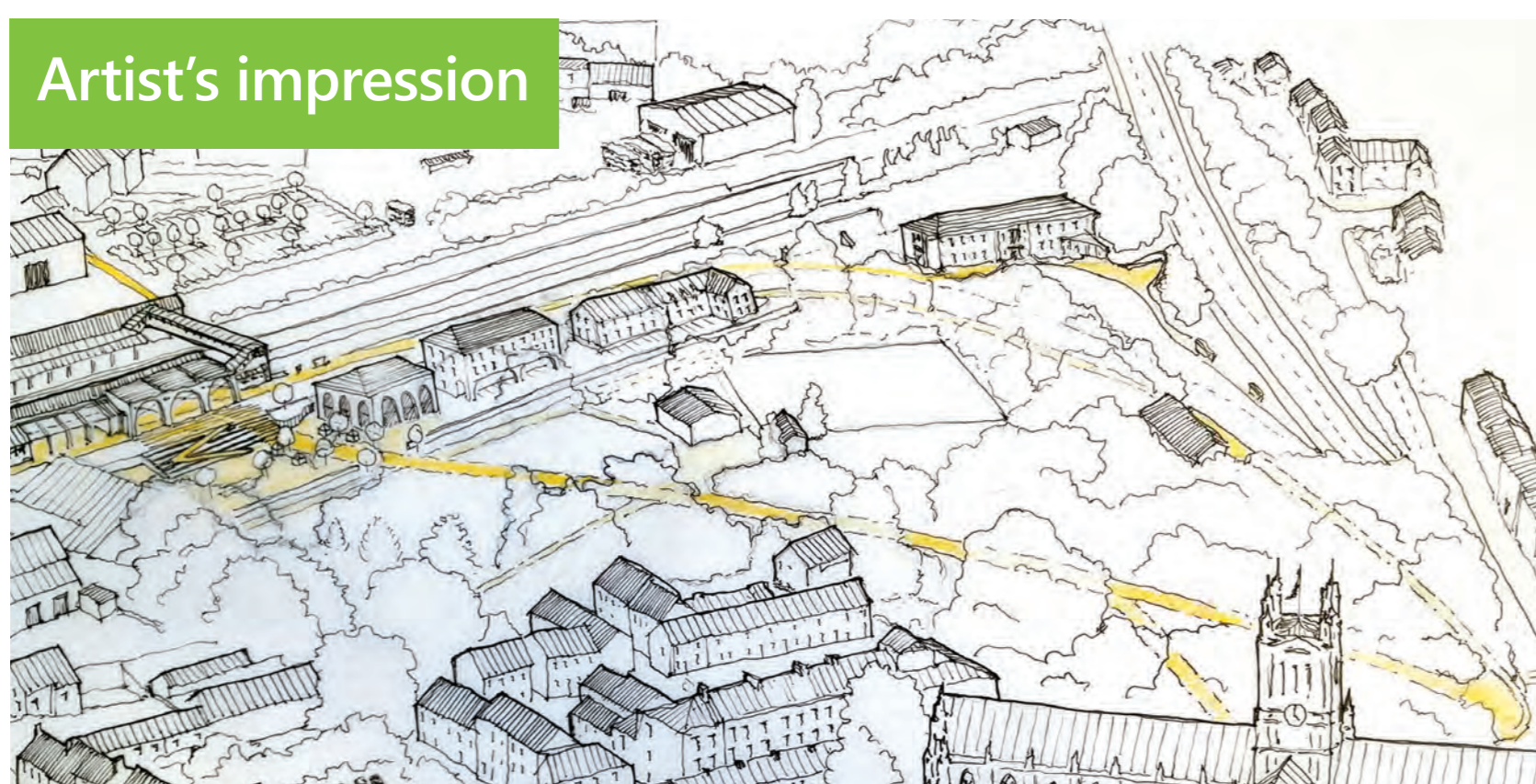
STATION ARRIVAL

Dated 1960s additions to Victorian heritage... Limited range of facilities... No disabled access to Platforms 2 and 3... Direct access to Abbey and Selby Park blocked by industrial buildings... Route to town unclear... A poor first impression...

SELBY PARK

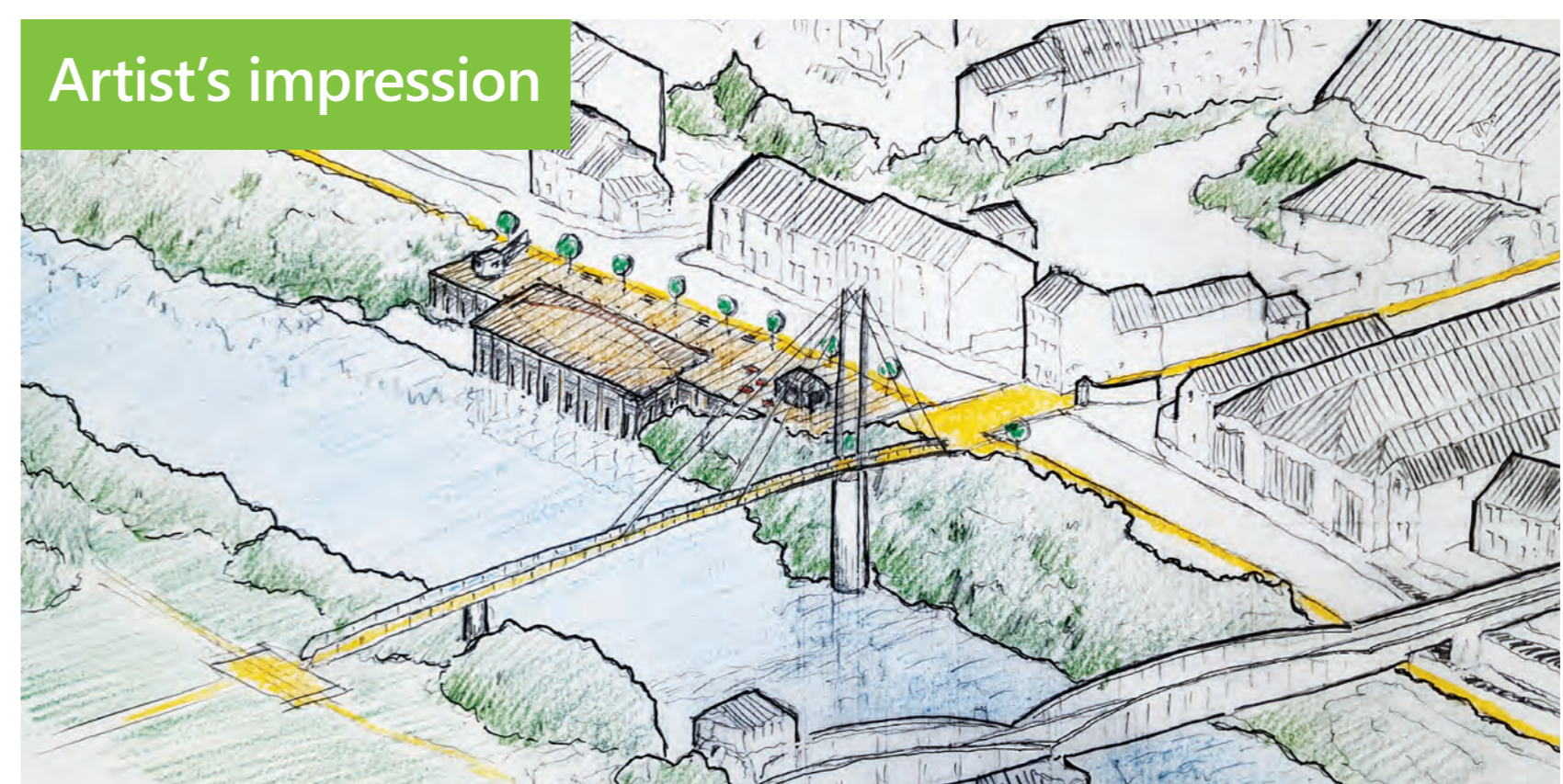
Beautiful asset to the town... High quality environment and setting for the Abbey... Good range of spaces and activities...

Artist's impression



Route through Selby Park from station to Abbey

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Ousegate Active Travel Corridor & bridge to Olympia Park



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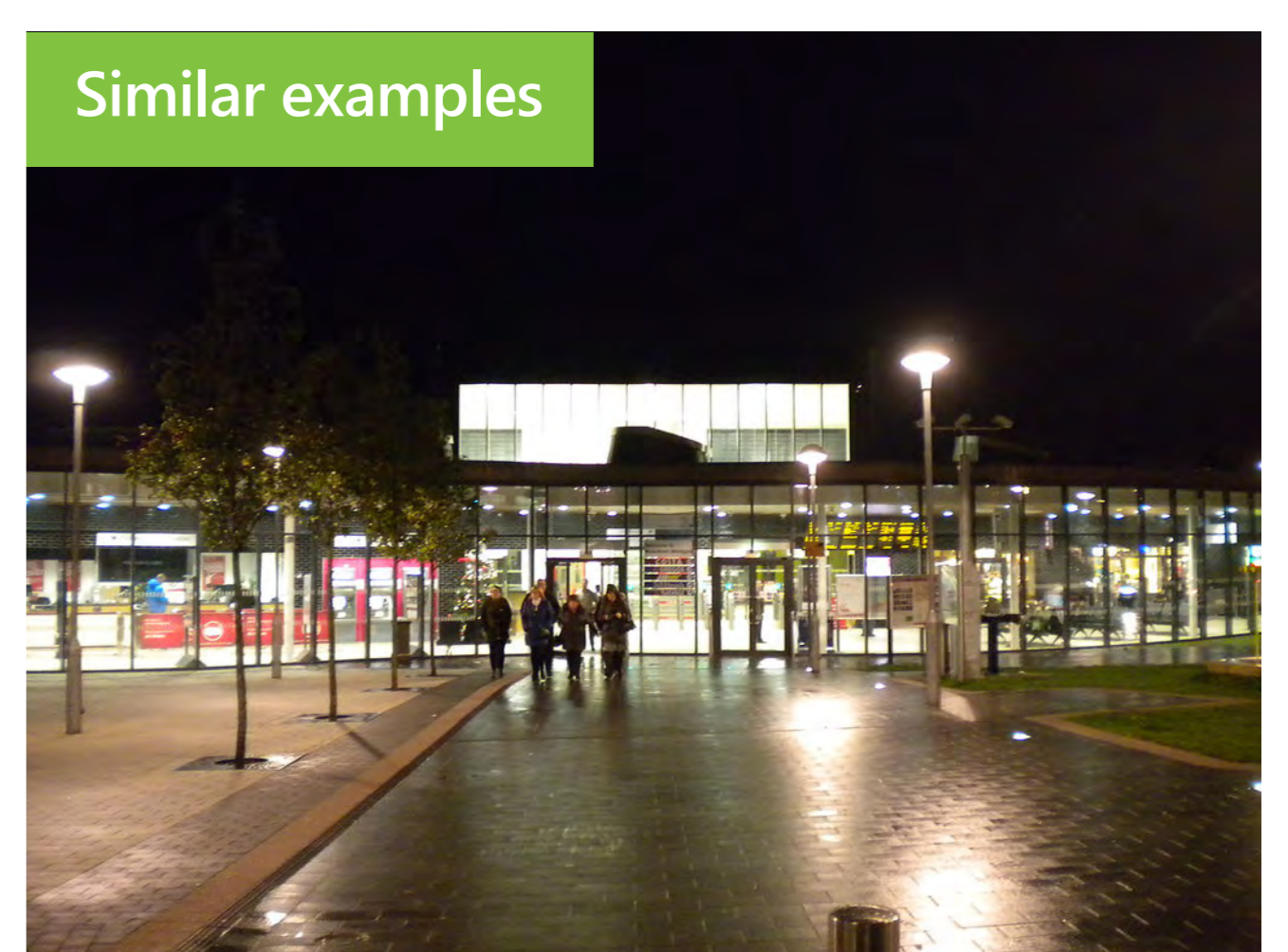
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Selby Station Gateway

Our proposal is to enhance the gateway to Selby by delivering significant public realm improvements and support potential development opportunities within the town, including:

- Improvements to bus and rail station facilities and support for sustainable travel
- A new landscaped public space and enhanced station frontage
- Pedestrian and cycle avenue through Selby Park, linking to the town centre and Abbey
- Changes to car parking and land uses to deliver public realm improvements
- Releasing site(s) for new development and commercial activity
- Underpass of Bawtry Road, providing improved pedestrian and cycle access from Portholme Road area



Similar examples

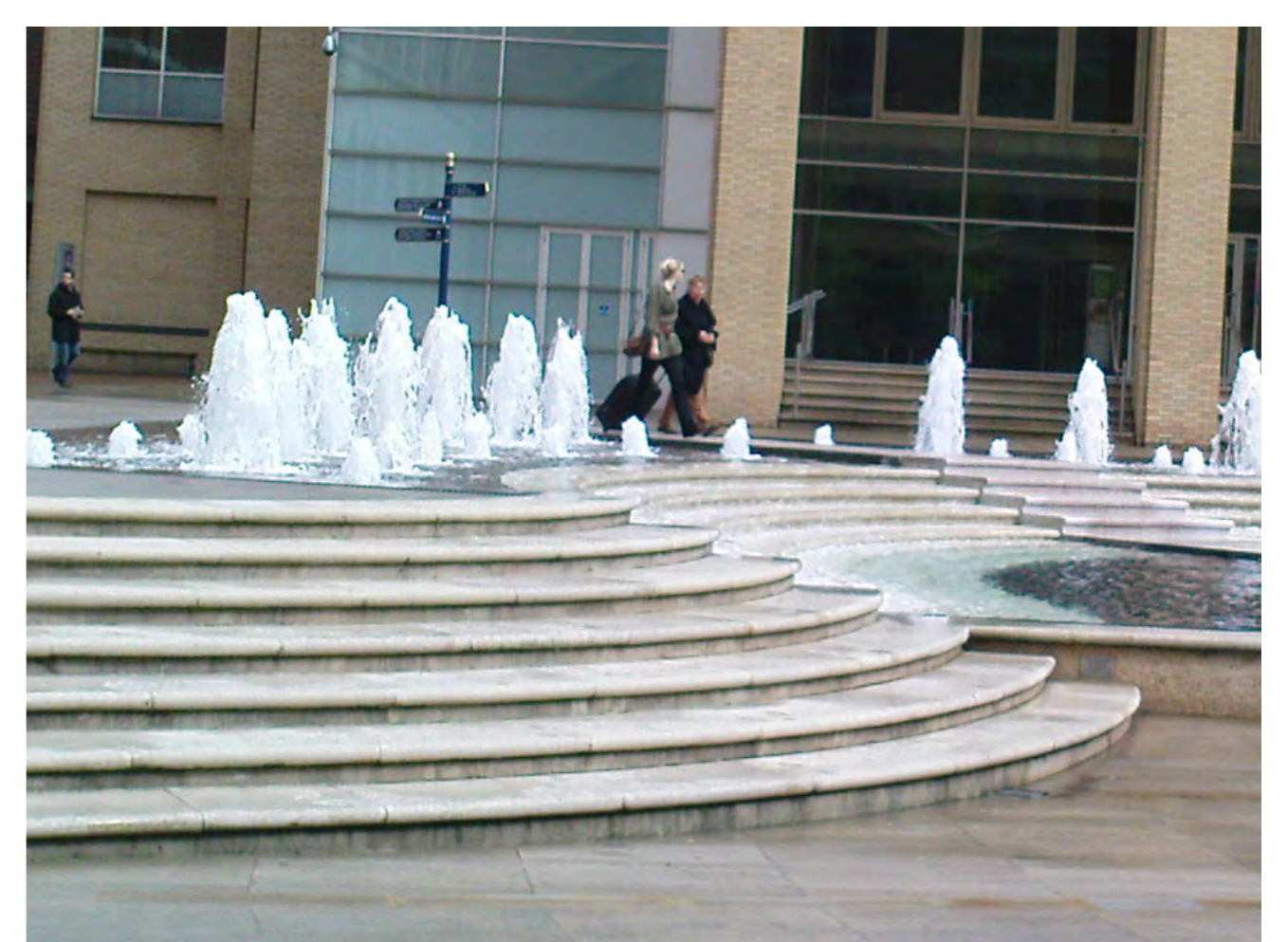
Wakefield Westgate railway station

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Outdoor event space, Darlington

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Steps, ramp and landscaping, Birmingham

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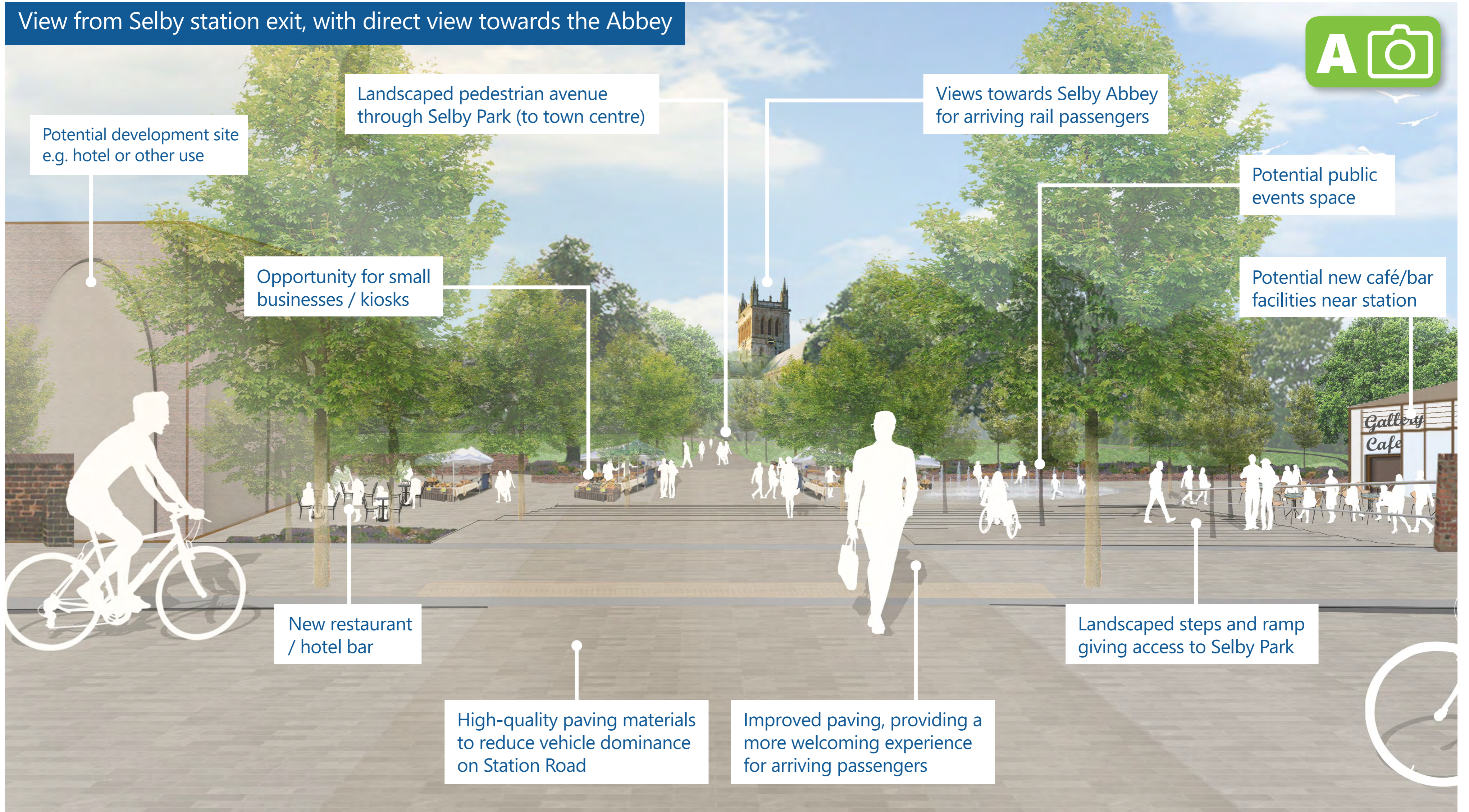


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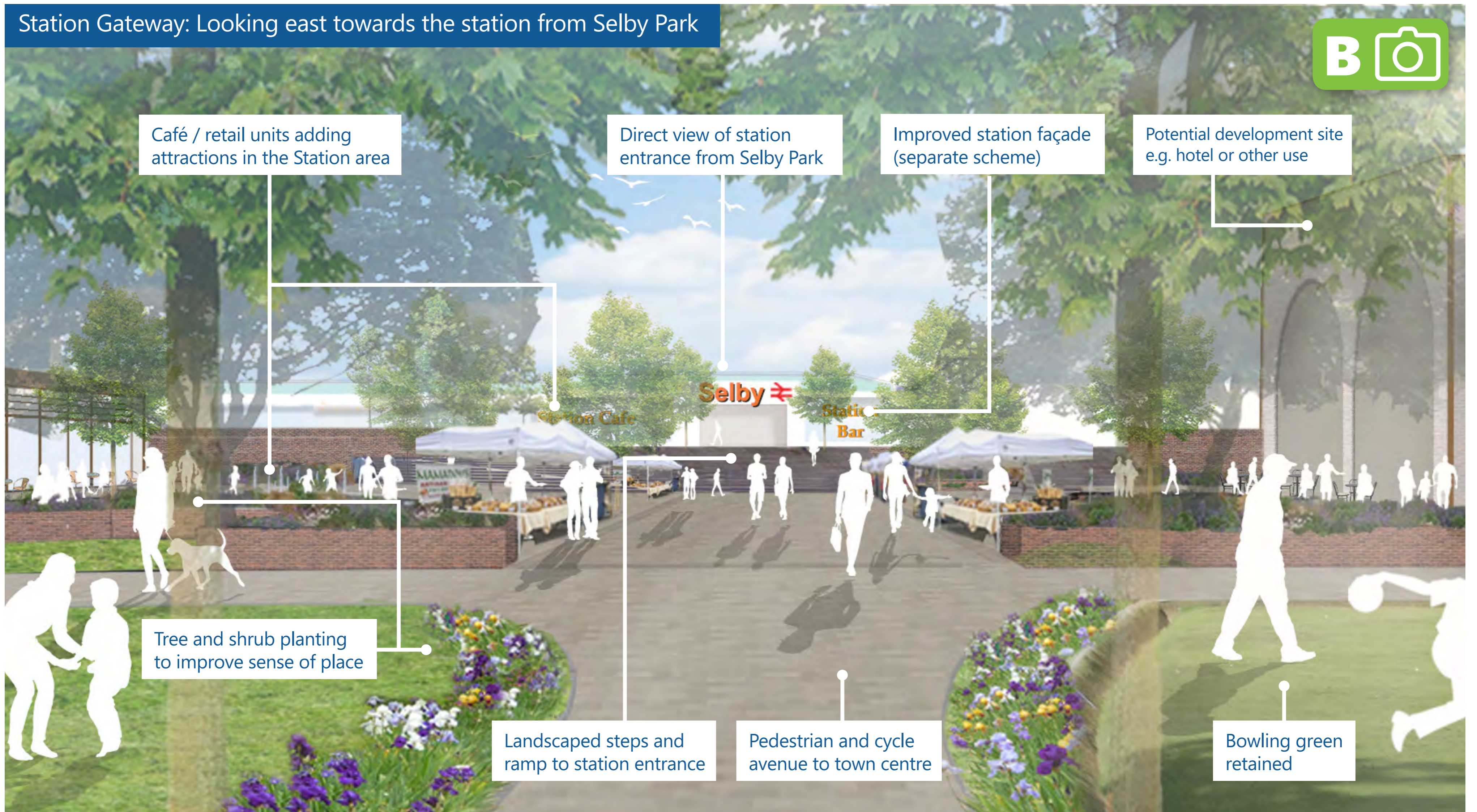
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View from Selby station exit, with direct view towards the Abbey



Station Gateway: Looking east towards the station from Selby Park



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Selby Station Eastern Access

At present, the railway station has no access from the east – which means that all station users must enter the station from the west (Selby Park side).

Access to Platforms 2 and 3 currently involves crossing the railway line for those with mobility issues, or using the steep staircases of the bridge over the railway line.

To improve access to the railway station from the east, we are using funding from the Department for Transport, to deliver a new station access, which will complement a new car park, accessed from Cowie Drive and Ousegate. A ramp will be provided from the car park – to permit step-free access from the eastern side of the station.

We propose that the car park will compensate for car parking spaces lost as a result of the entrance enhancements on the western side of the station, near the bus station.



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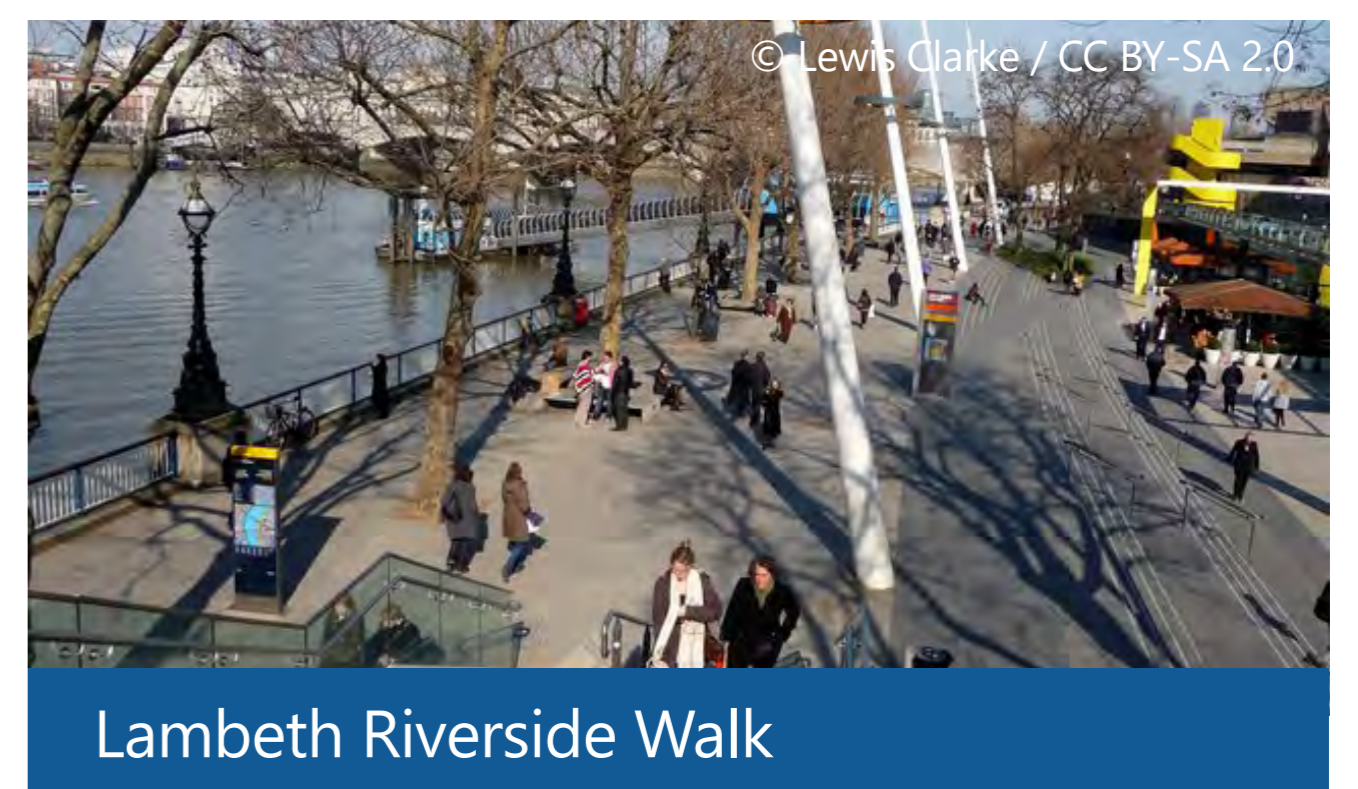
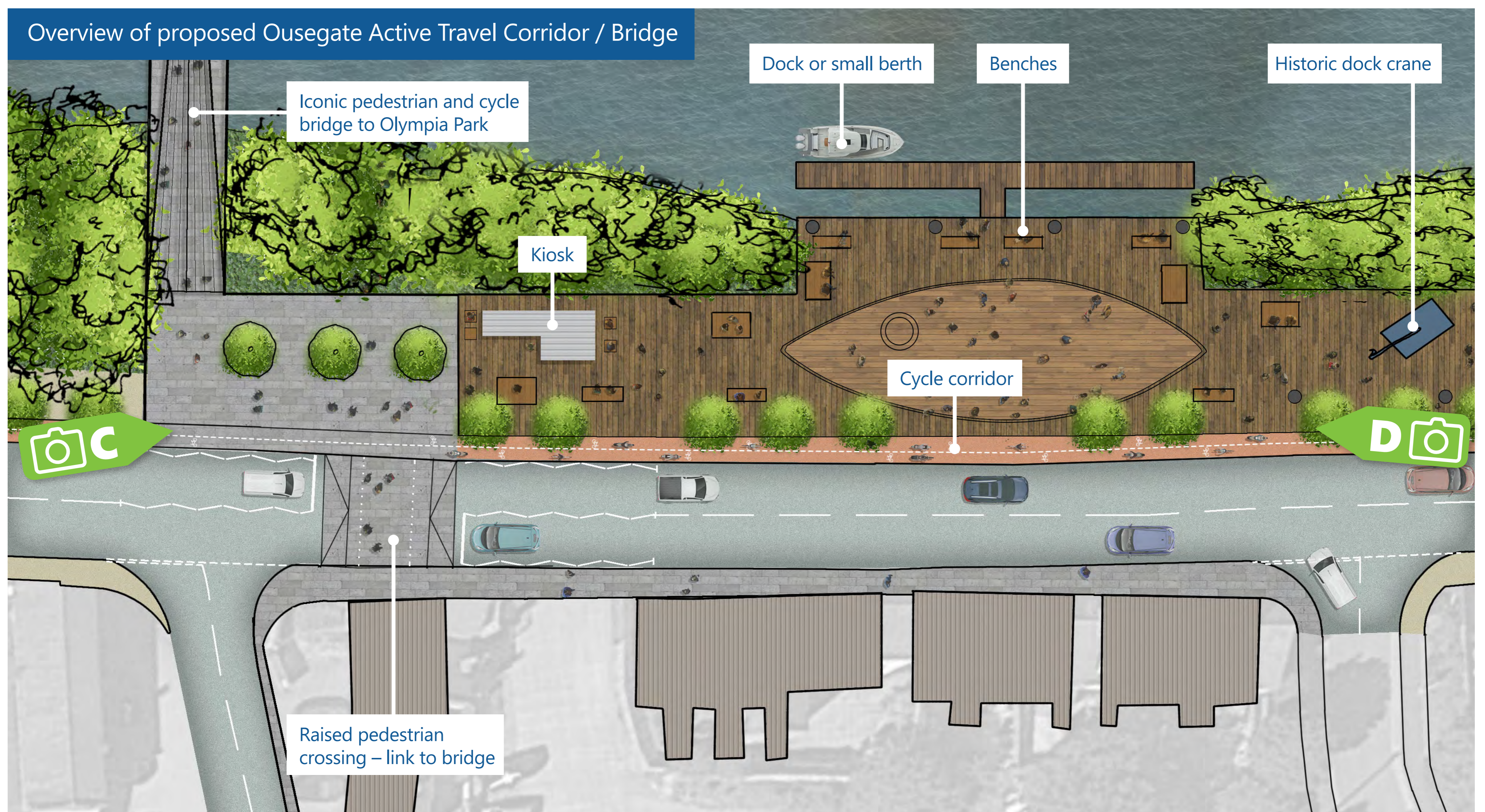
Ousegate Active Travel Corridor / Bridge

To encourage more people to walk and cycle, we plan to create a landscaped corridor alongside the River Ouse. This proposal includes:

- Artwork and features, celebrating Selby's history (e.g. a historic dock crane)
- Creation of an attractive link along Selby's historic riverside
- A high-quality link between the town centre, railway station, Olympia Park Site, Rigid Paper Site and Selby College
- A raised pedestrian crossing of Ousegate
- Due to the riverside location, we will ensure that flood defences in this area will be incorporated into the new landscape design

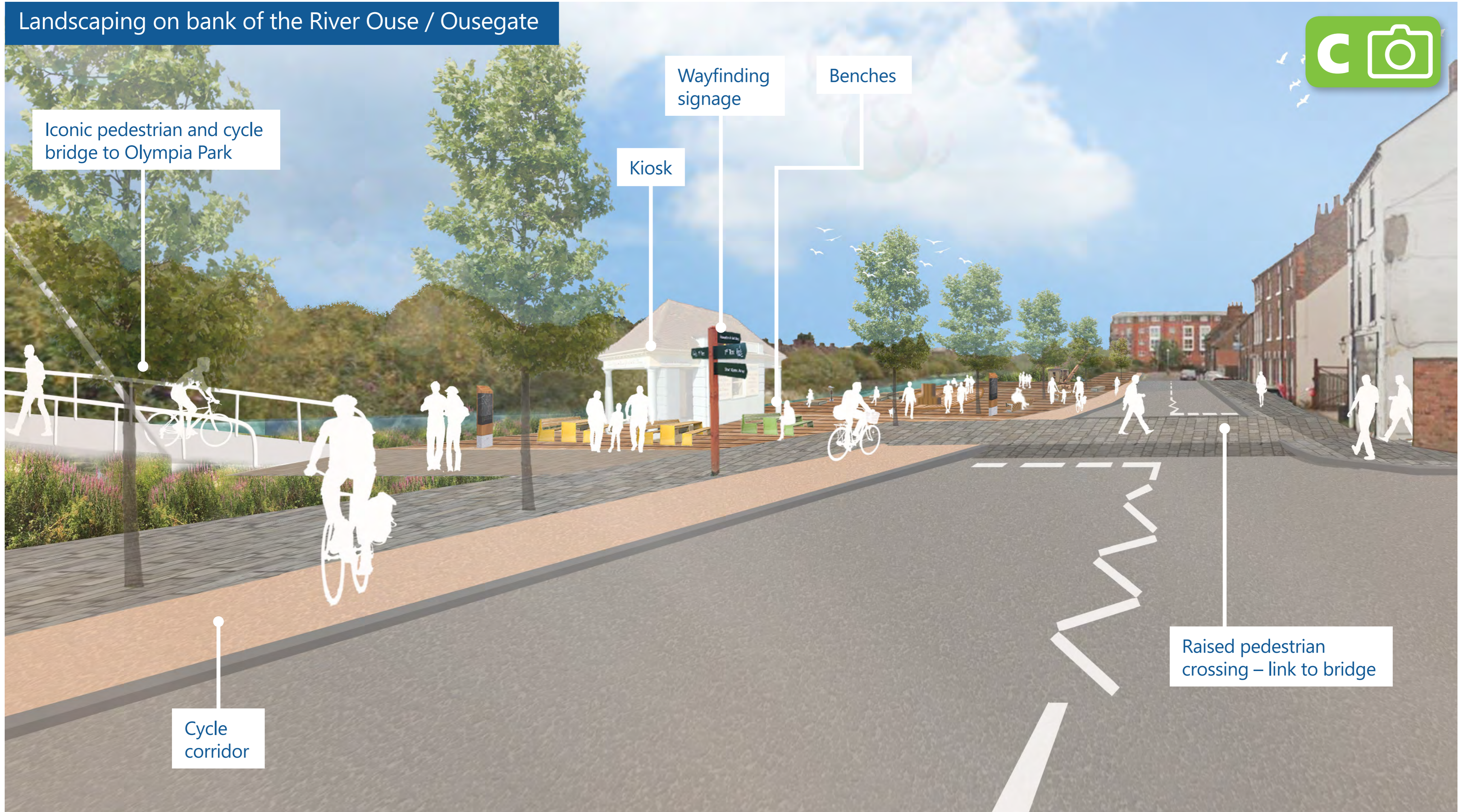
We are also proposing to construct a new pedestrian and cycle bridge, linking the nearby Olympia Park development site to the town centre and station.

- The bridge could be an iconic design, giving a new landmark to represent Selby
- The bridge would be designed to allow boats to pass beneath
- Olympia Park is a regionally significant redevelopment site, with opportunities for residential and employment uses

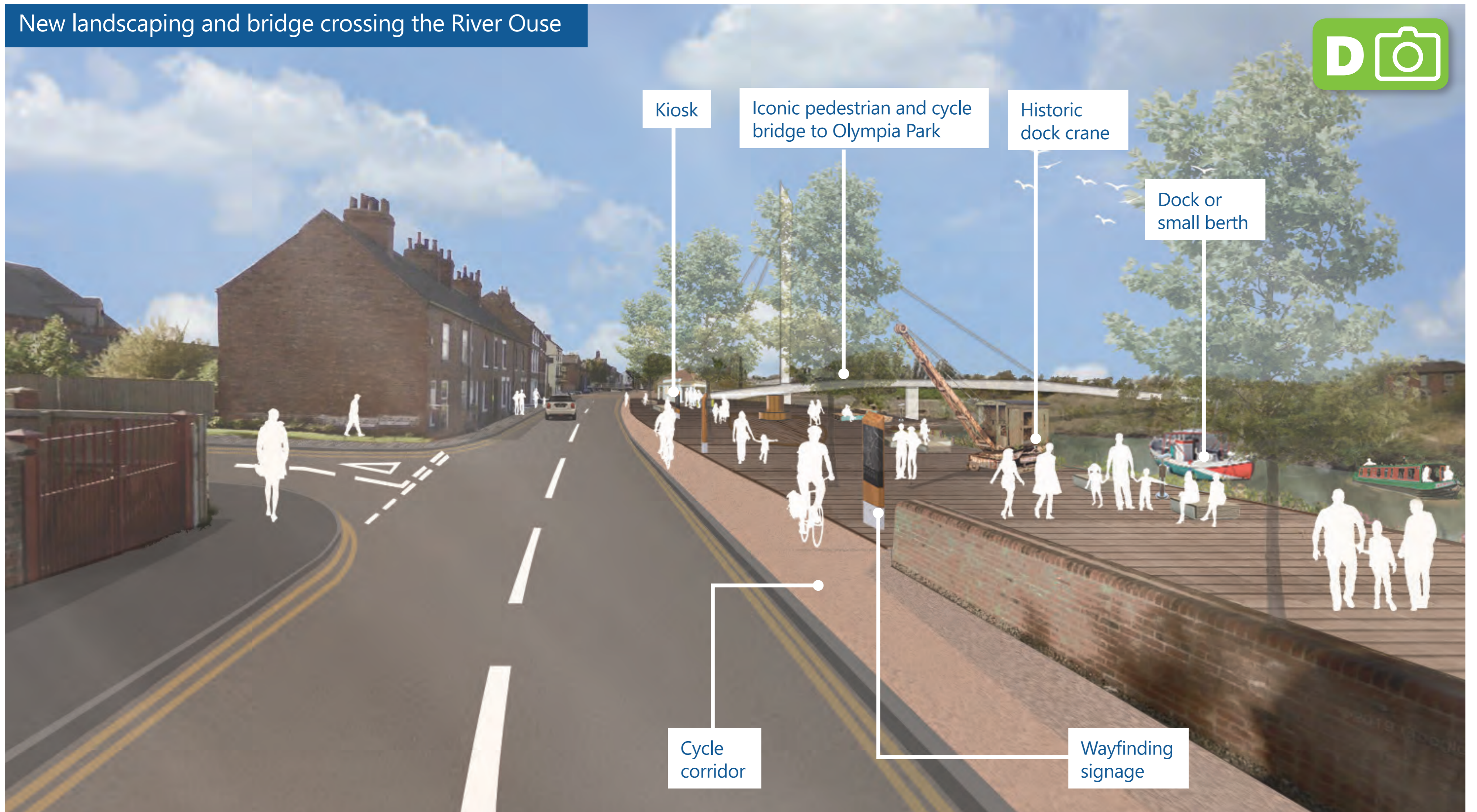


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Landscaping on bank of the River Ouse / Ousegate



New landscaping and bridge crossing the River Ouse



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What will the benefits be?

The scheme will benefit Selby by:

- Supporting economic growth and enhancing the town
- Creating better facilities and spaces close to the town centre, helping to attract businesses and people
- Improving access for all to education and employment opportunities in Selby and the Leeds City Region
- Increasing the proportion of journeys made by low carbon, sustainable modes with benefits for health
- Easing pressure on local transport networks and improving air quality along key transport corridors
- Improving the potential of nearby development sites to deliver housing and employment that is linked to the station
- Attracting other investment to Selby (e.g. potential hotel use)
- New planting to enhance the town and fix carbon.

Are there other proposals to improve the station?

Yes, Selby station was recently awarded funding for accessibility improvements between the station entrance and all platforms, with new lifts. Where possible this will make use of the existing infrastructure, e.g. putting lifts in the existing footbridge.

- The Department for Transport has awarded funding to create an eastern station access to platforms 2 and 3. This will help deliver proposals for the new parking and eastern station access via Cowie Drive. Rail North funding is expected to help deliver this project.
- A 'Changing Places' facility (fully accessible toilet) will be installed at Selby Station



How can I find out more and have my say?

For more information on our proposals and to have your say, please visit our webpage www.selby.gov.uk/consultations and complete our online questionnaire.

What happens next?

Following this public consultation, we'll analyse responses and report the outcomes to councillors, stakeholders and the public. We will use the feedback to develop proposals and build the case for central government funding.

We will hear in Spring 2020 if we have been awarded funding. We would then work up details by late-2020, including further public consultations, negotiating with affected landowners and publishing any legal orders needed to deliver the improvements. **Our current estimate is that construction would commence in mid-2021, with expected completion by early 2023.**



The consultation closes at **8:59am on Monday 21 October 2019**

If you cannot access the internet, paper questionnaires are available at the Selby District Council offices on Doncaster Road, YO8 9FT and at our exhibition events.



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