

WEBINAR 2

British Library Open Spaces

19 November 2020

THE TEAM



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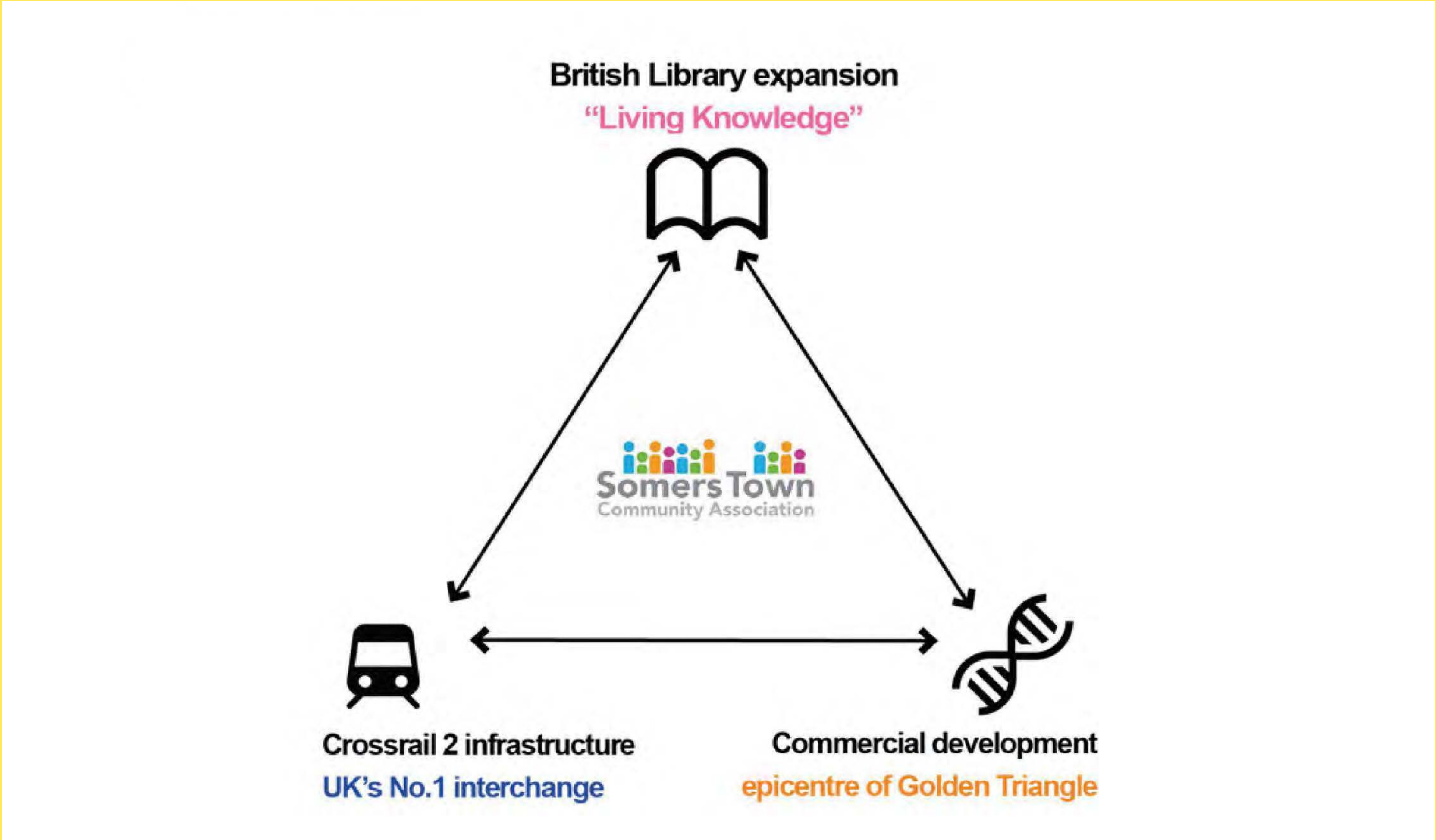


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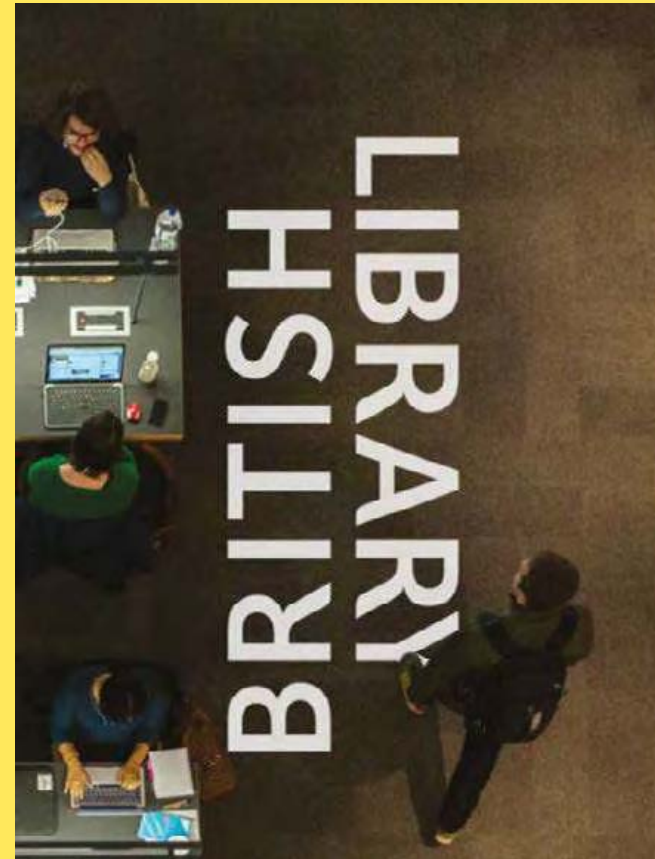
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AN UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: BRITISH LIBRARY



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BRITISH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM



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Community Engagement Team

- Working with the community for a number of years, previous consultations, - what we've learned from the local community and what we've done so far.
- In 2015, Library takes steps to engage with local residents - workshops and events to get to know local people.

Story Garden

- Responding to what the community asked for led us to support the set up of the Story Garden, a garden run by and for the local community



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Outreach

Local residents told us they wanted the Library to do more outreach - we've been able to offer diverse opportunities and would like to offer more in the area of:

- Aspiring to support employability, training and upskilling for the local community;
- Days for local residents to meet with library staff informally and learn more;
- Meetings with key departments such as the Library curators, the Learning Team and the BIPC
- Delivering Show and Tells



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Hosting Public Events

The local community wanted to be able to use the Piazza for their own events – we've hosted the following:

- Somers Town festival – a festival curated for and by local residents, taking place in Chalton Street, the Piazza and the Story Garden.
- Dance events, the Ramadan Tent project honouring Eid for members of our local community.
- A special Christmas event with the tree lighting and inviting local schools to participate.



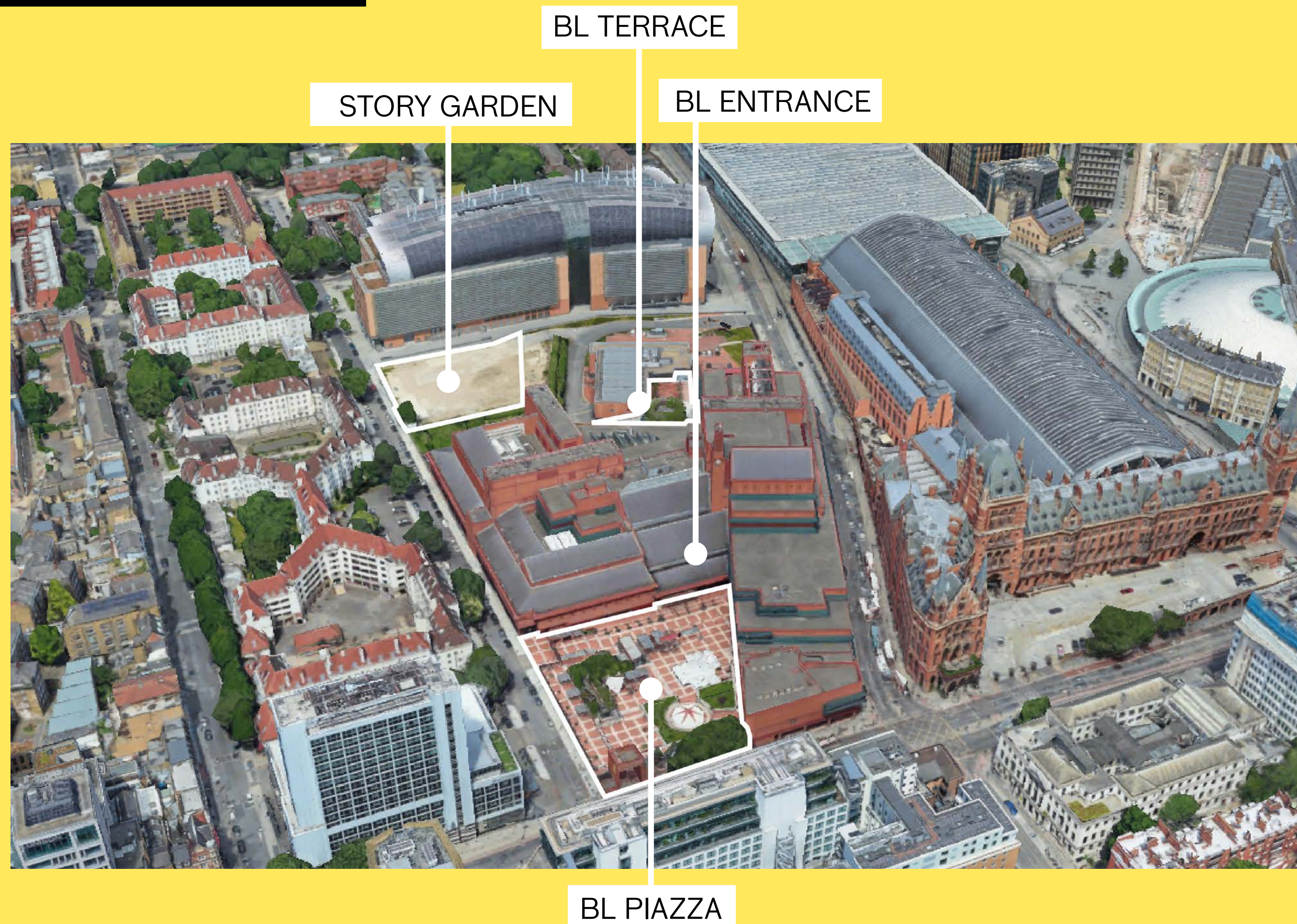
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Supporting the local community

- Supporting the Community by having a presence at local key festivals such as the Bloomsbury Festival, the Camden Mela, Hillview Festival and the St Pancras Community Festival.
- We recognise that this is an ongoing journey that the community team is absolutely committed to.



EXISTING PUBLIC SPACES



CONTEXT



1 Midland Road looking South



2 Midland Road looking South



3 Midland Road Entrance



4 Euston Road Entrance



5 Ossuslton Street Entrance

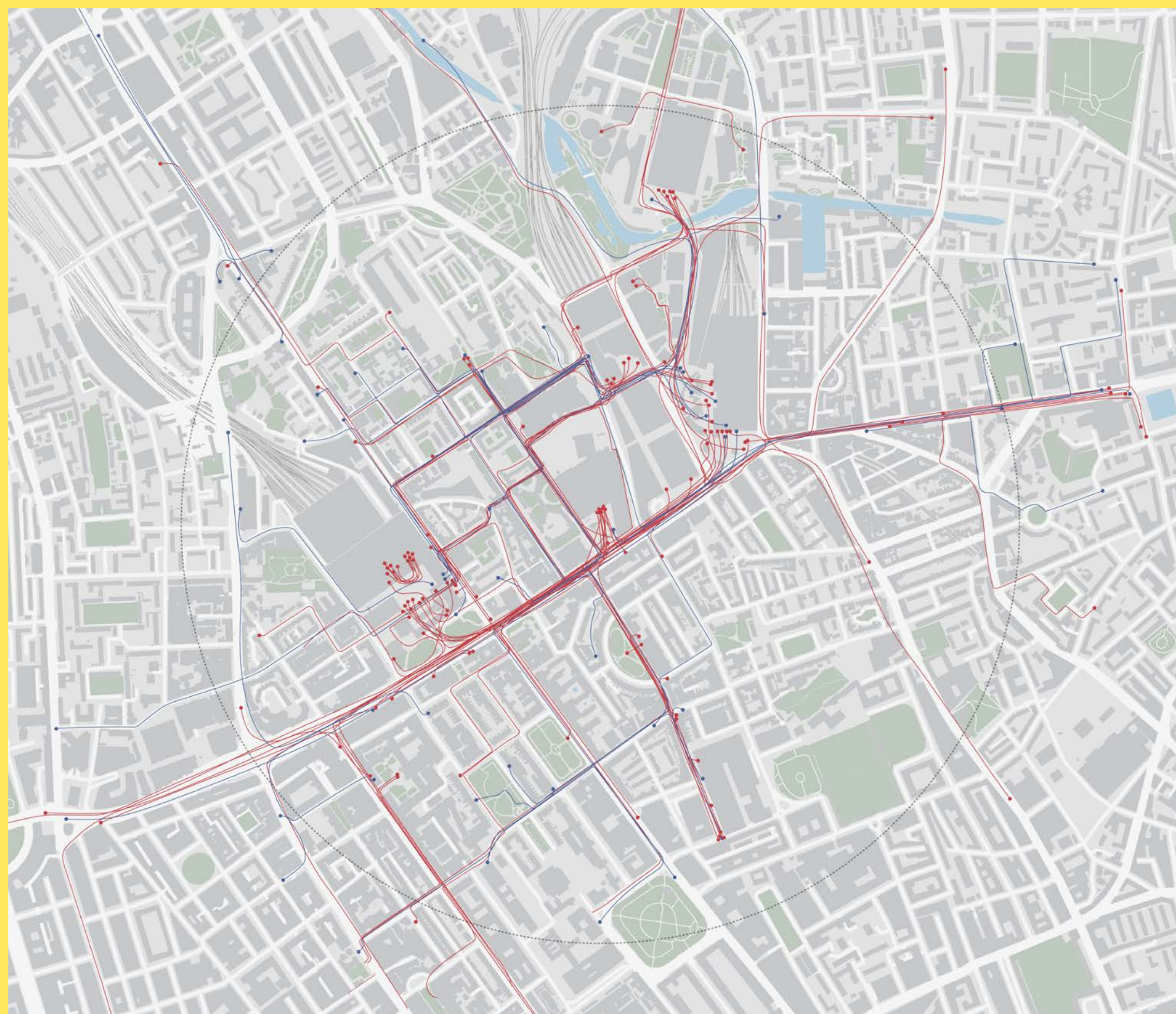


6 Ossuslton Street looking



British Library - Aerial View

100 CONVERSATIONS



Key

- Visitor journeys
- Local journeys
- Site boundaries
- 15 min walking distance



"We came from Shoreditch just to have lunch at the British Library courtyard"

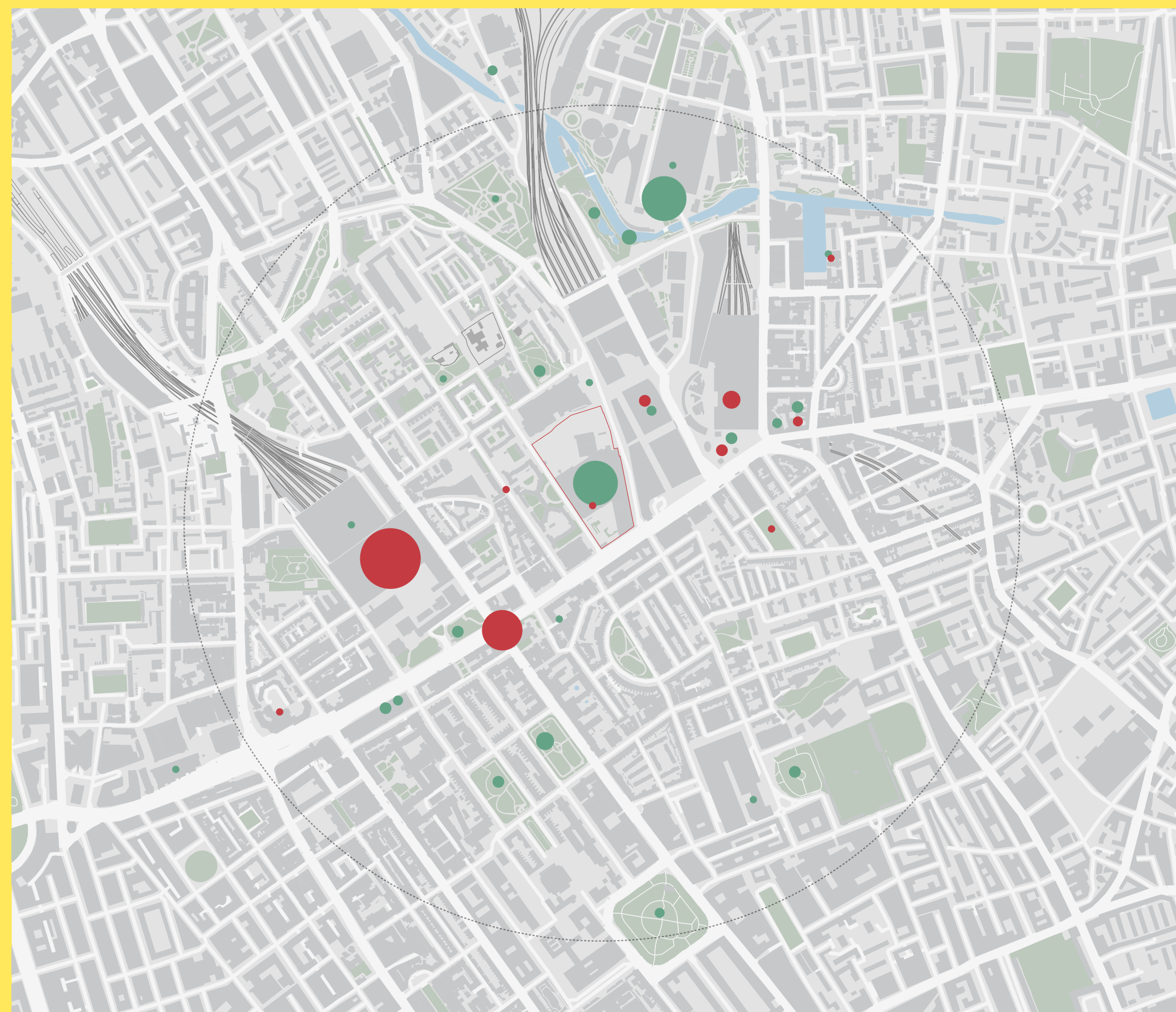
"I feel that the British Library is my local library"

"We have lived in the area for 25 years and feel that nowadays there is just too much traffic, noise and pollution"

"I use the British Library as a public space and not as a library"

"I don't know where the British Library is"

100 CONVERSATIONS



Key

- Liked places
- Disliked places
- Site boundaries
- 15 min walking distance



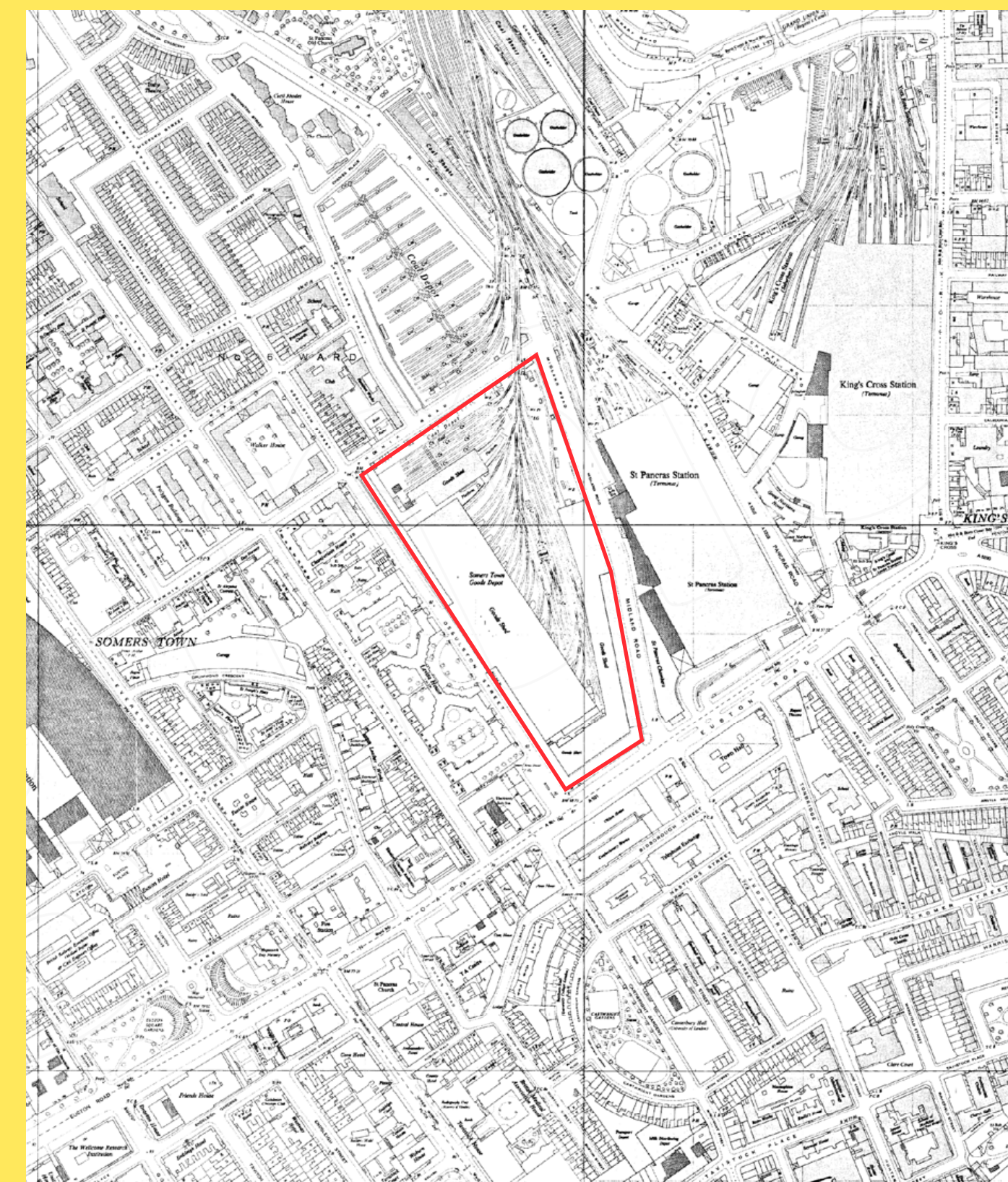
AN UNIQUE SITE: HISTORIC PLANS



Historic Plan - 1817

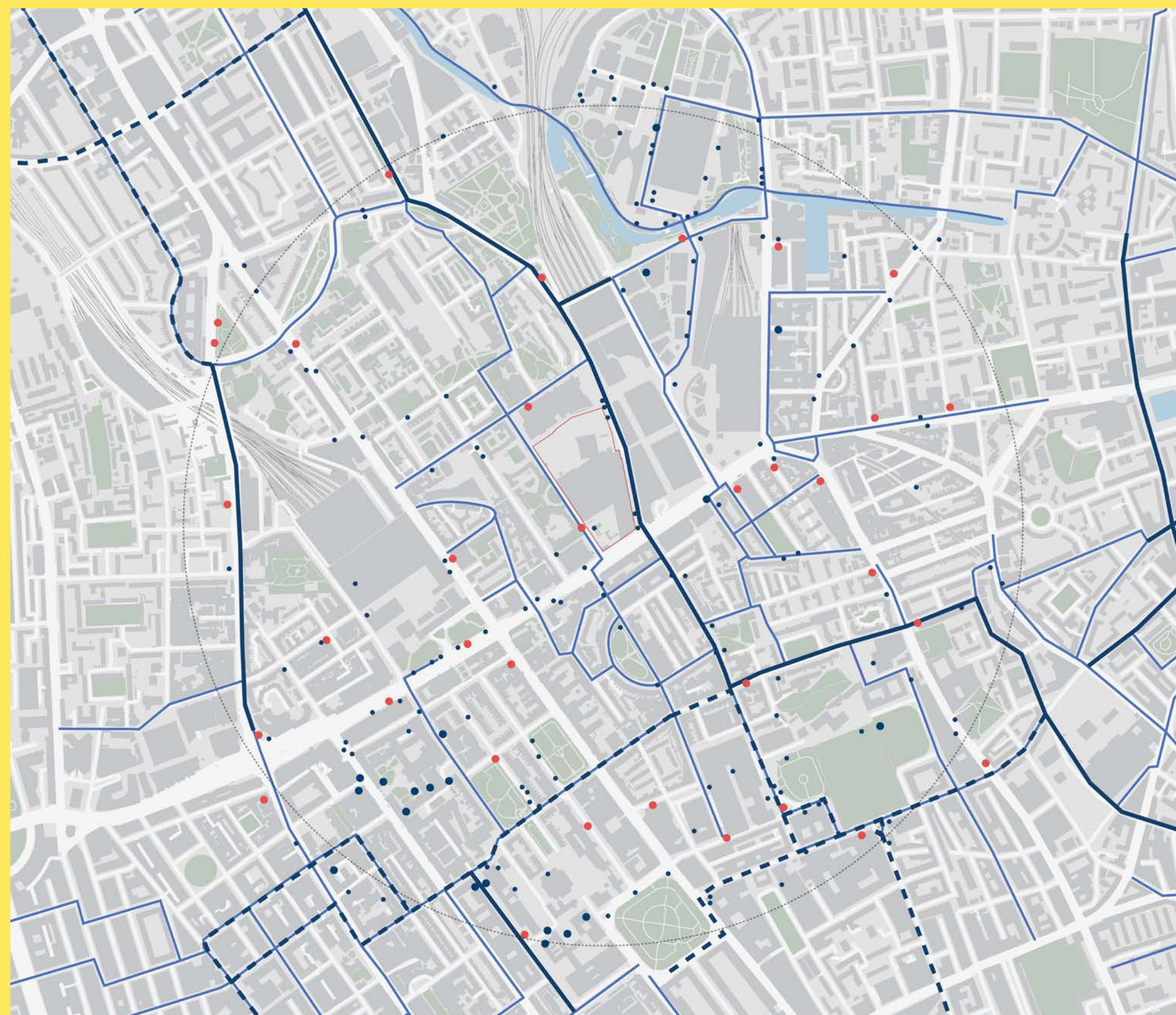


Historic Plan - 1890



Historic Plan - 1960

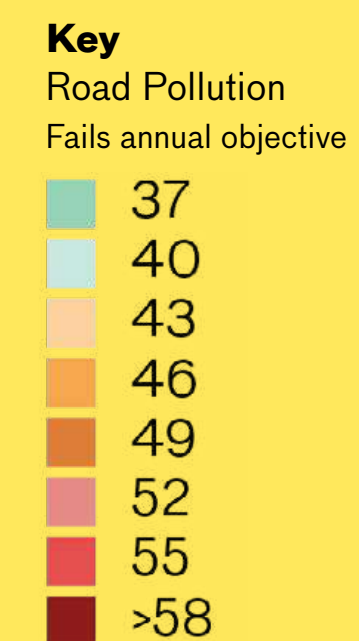
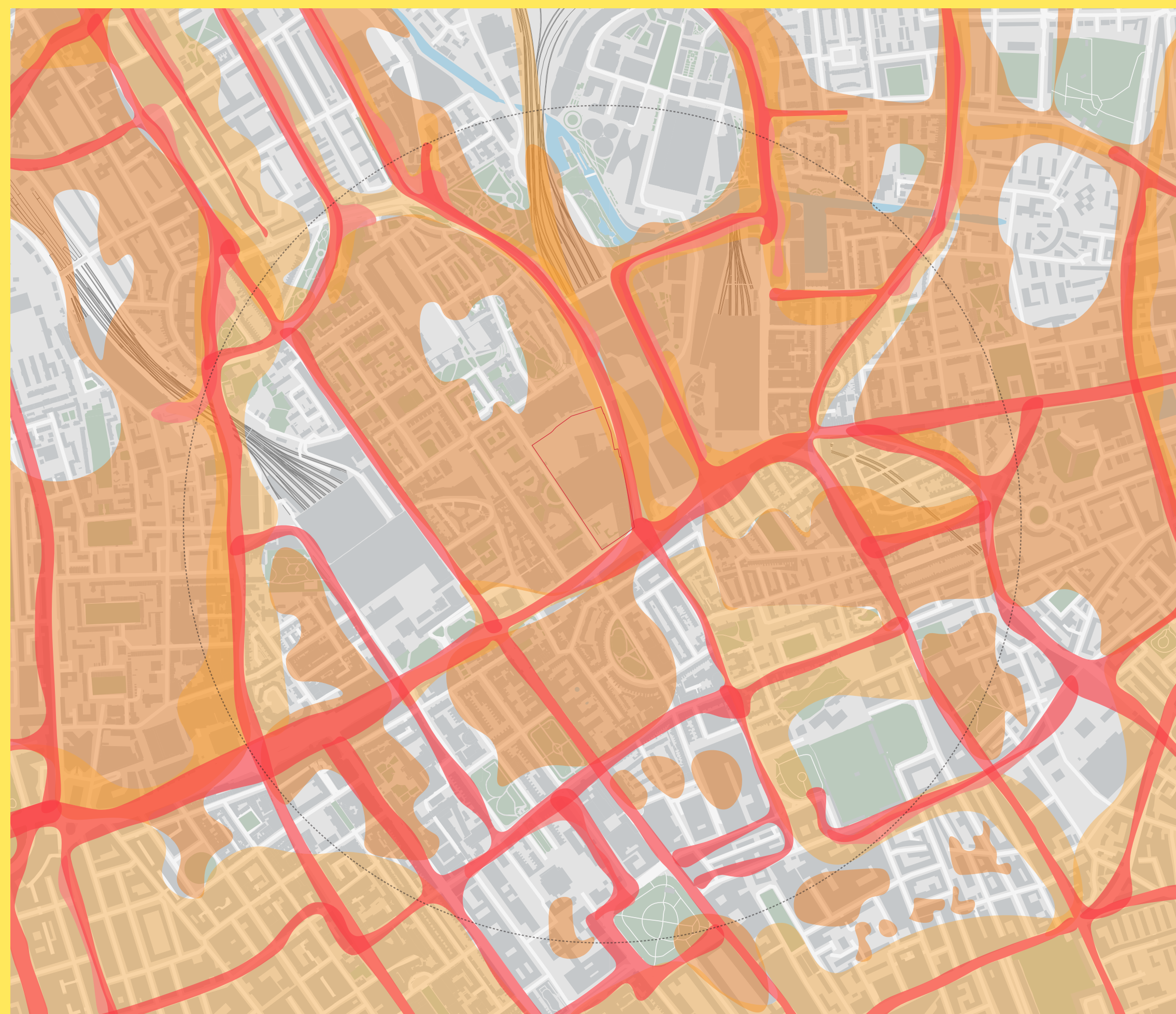
CYCLE ANALYSIS



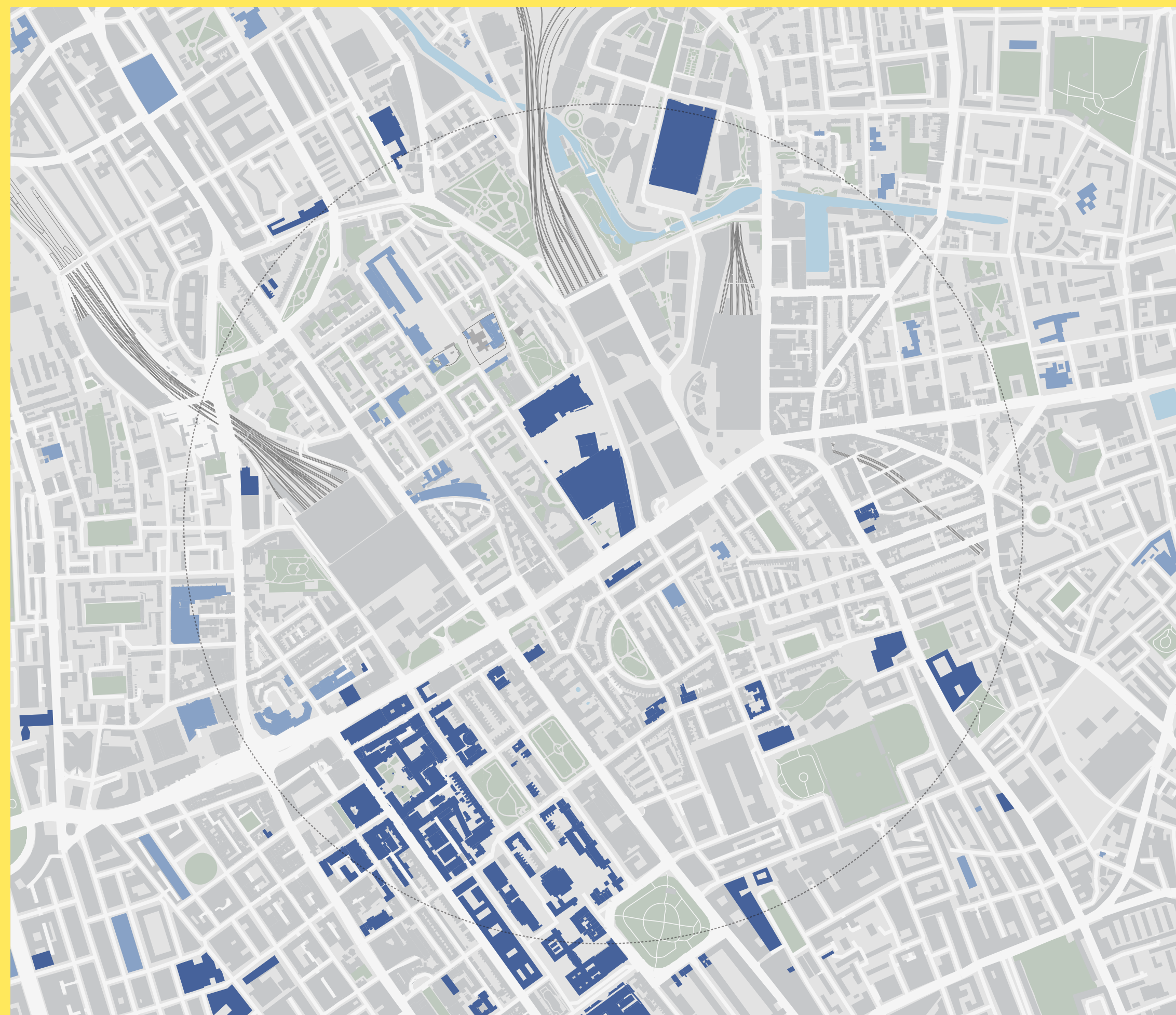
Key

- Cycle Parking
- Cycle Parking (20+)
- Cycle Hire
- Cycle routes
- Protected cycle routes
- - - Proposed cycle routes
- Site boundaries
- - - 15m Walking Distance

ROAD POLLUTION



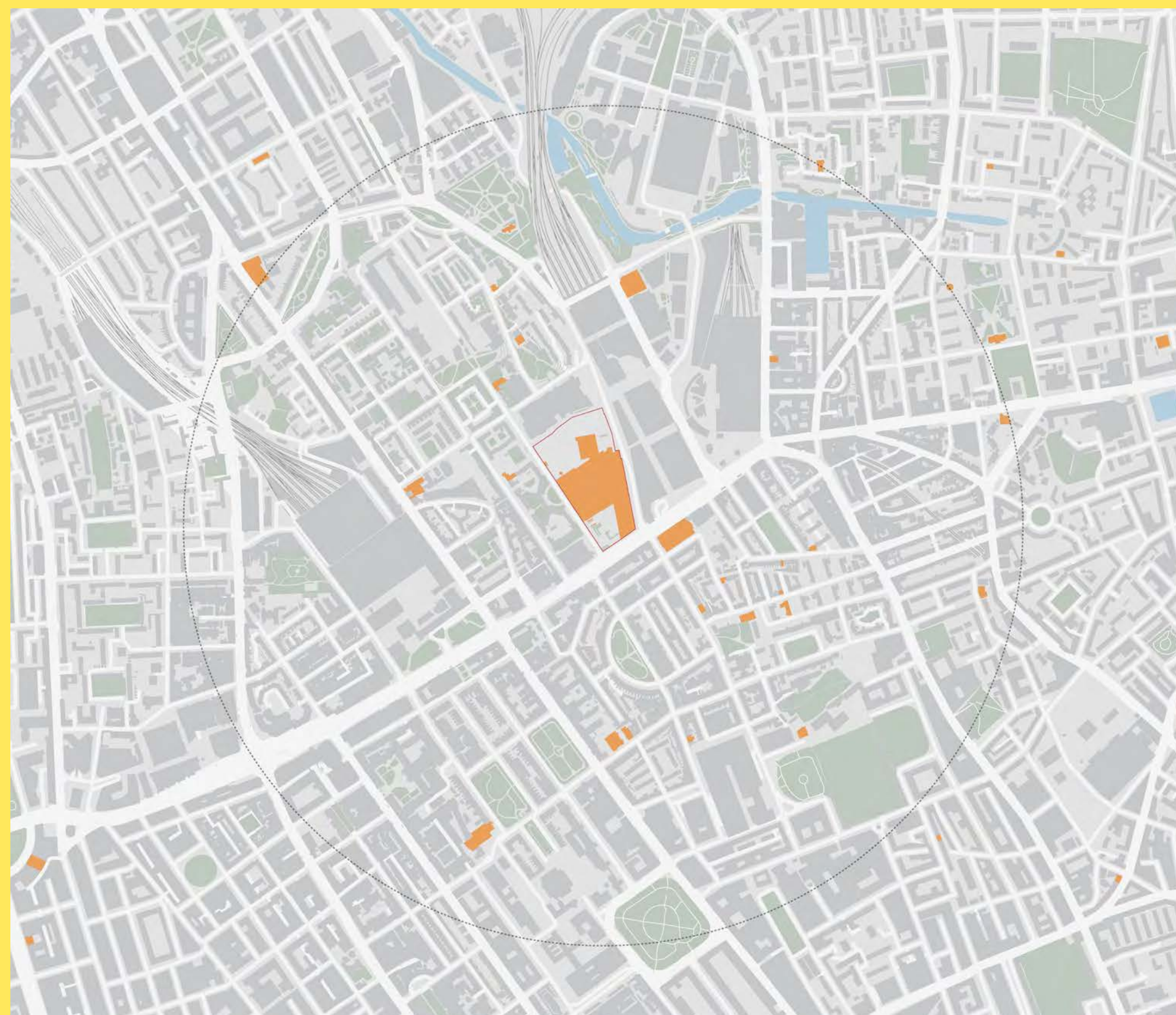
LEARNING



Key

- Schools
- Universities
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking radius

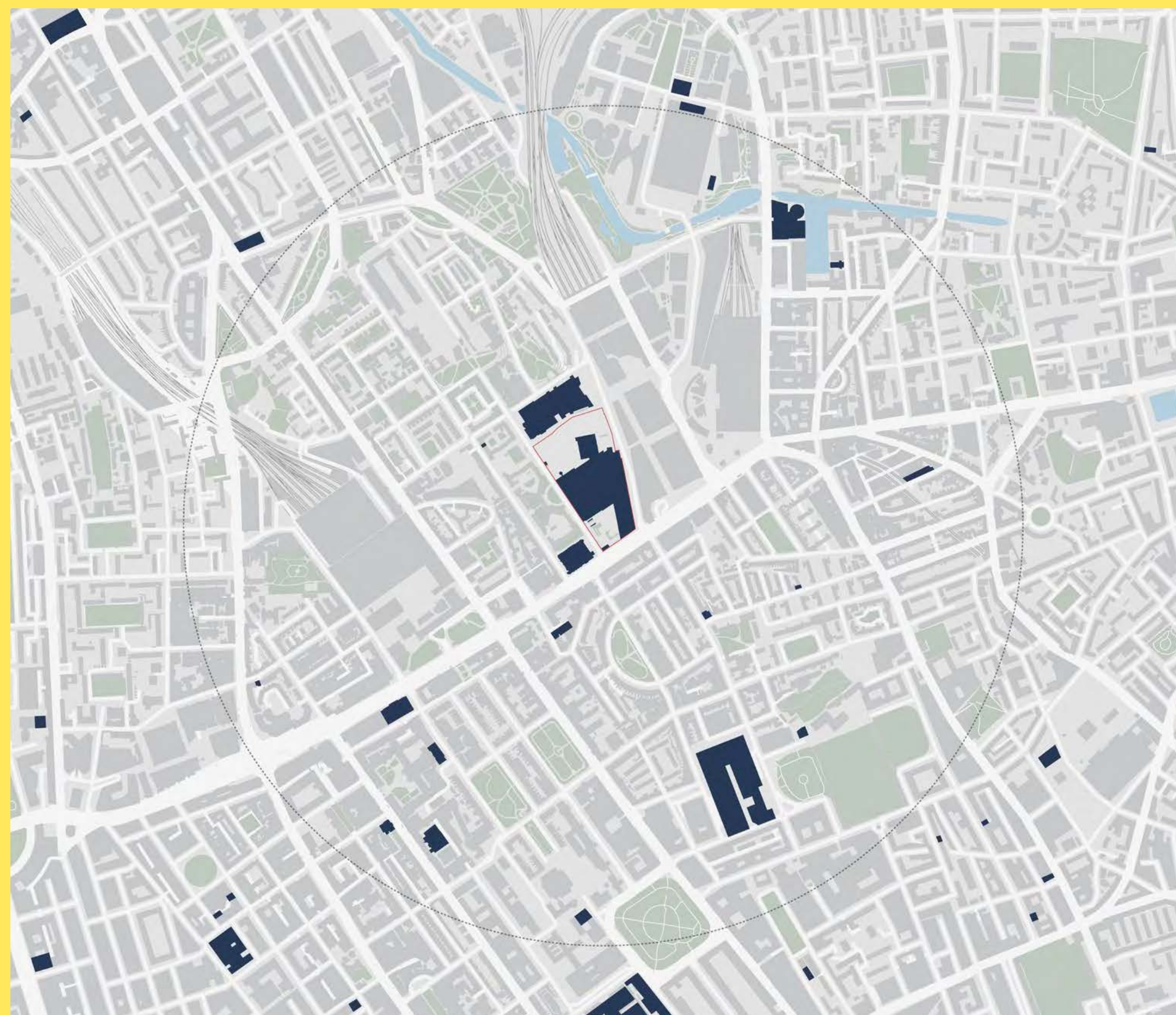
CIVIC



Key

- Civic buildings
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking radius

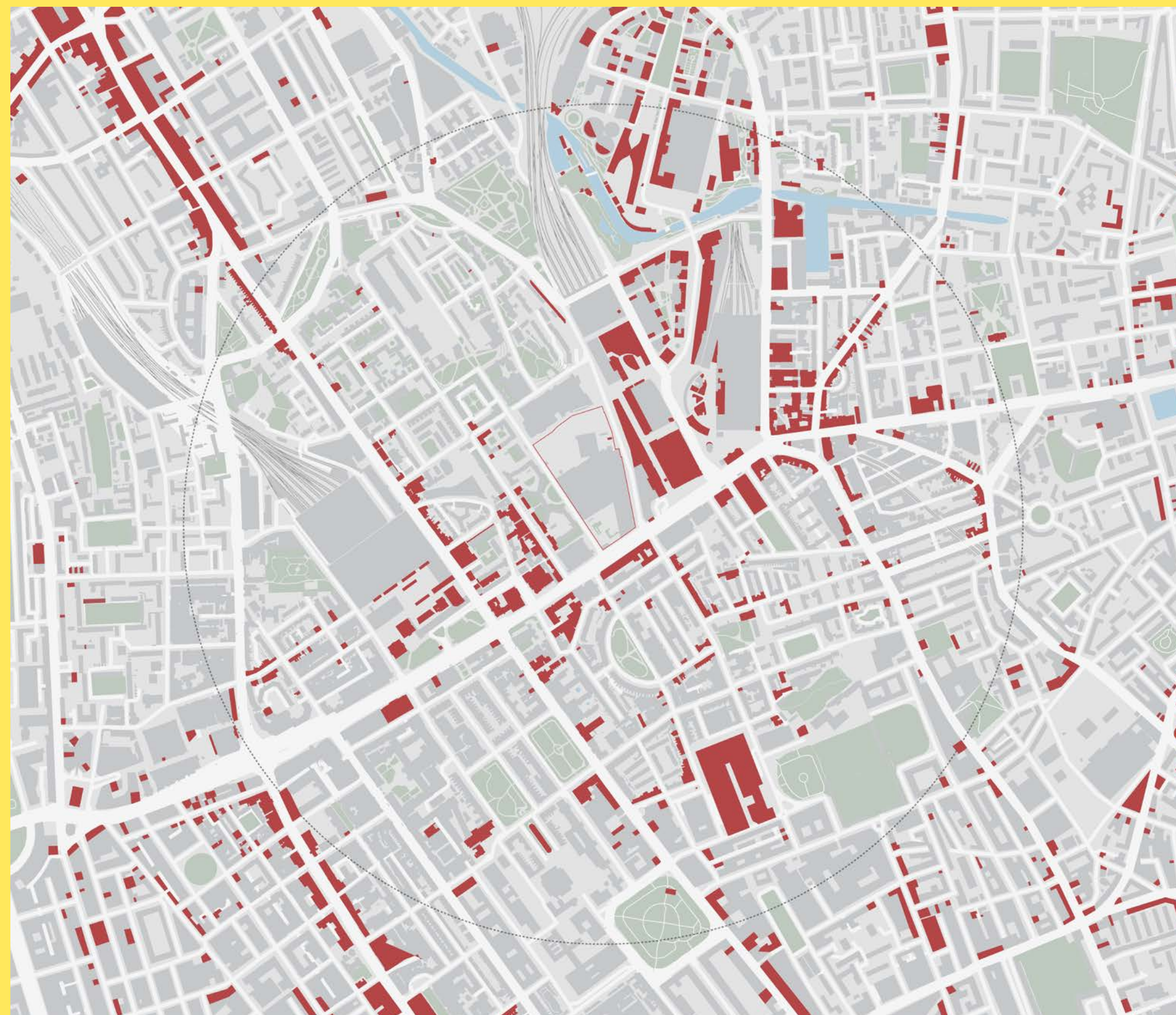
CULTURAL



Key

- Cultural
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking radius

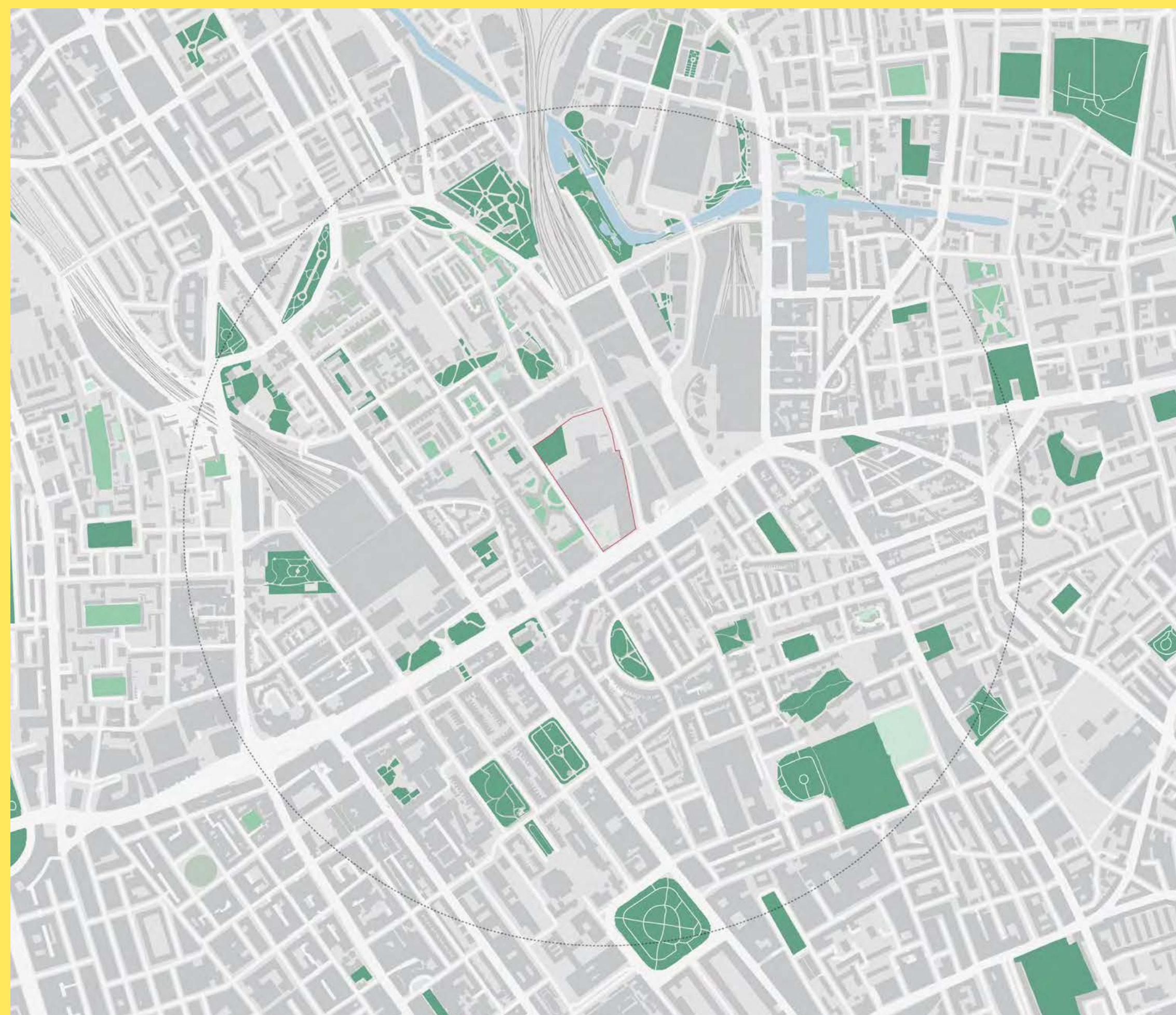
COMMERCIAL



Key

- Commercial buildings
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking radius

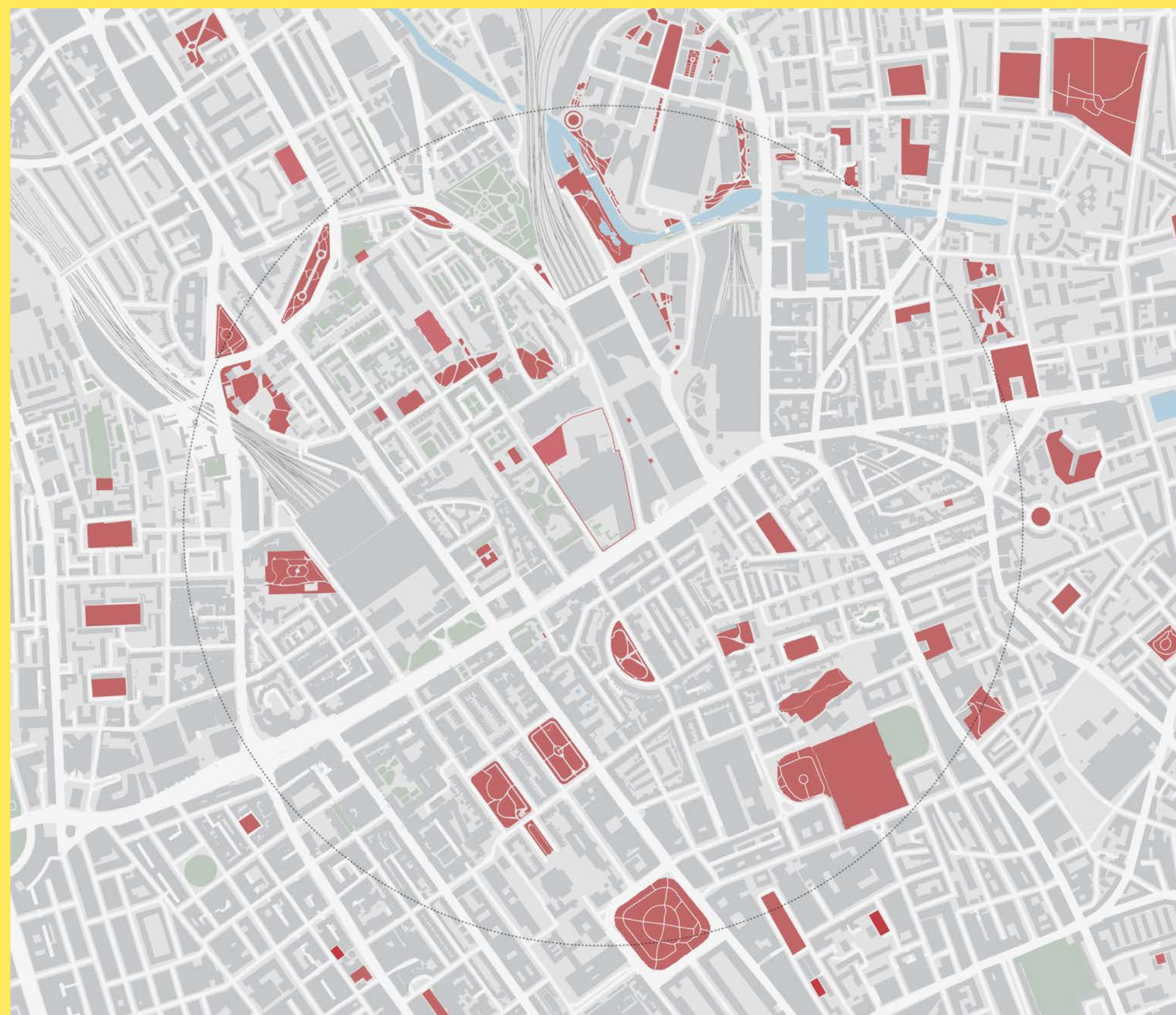
GREEN SPACES



Key

- Private green spaces
- Semi public green spaces
- Parks and public gardens
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking Distance

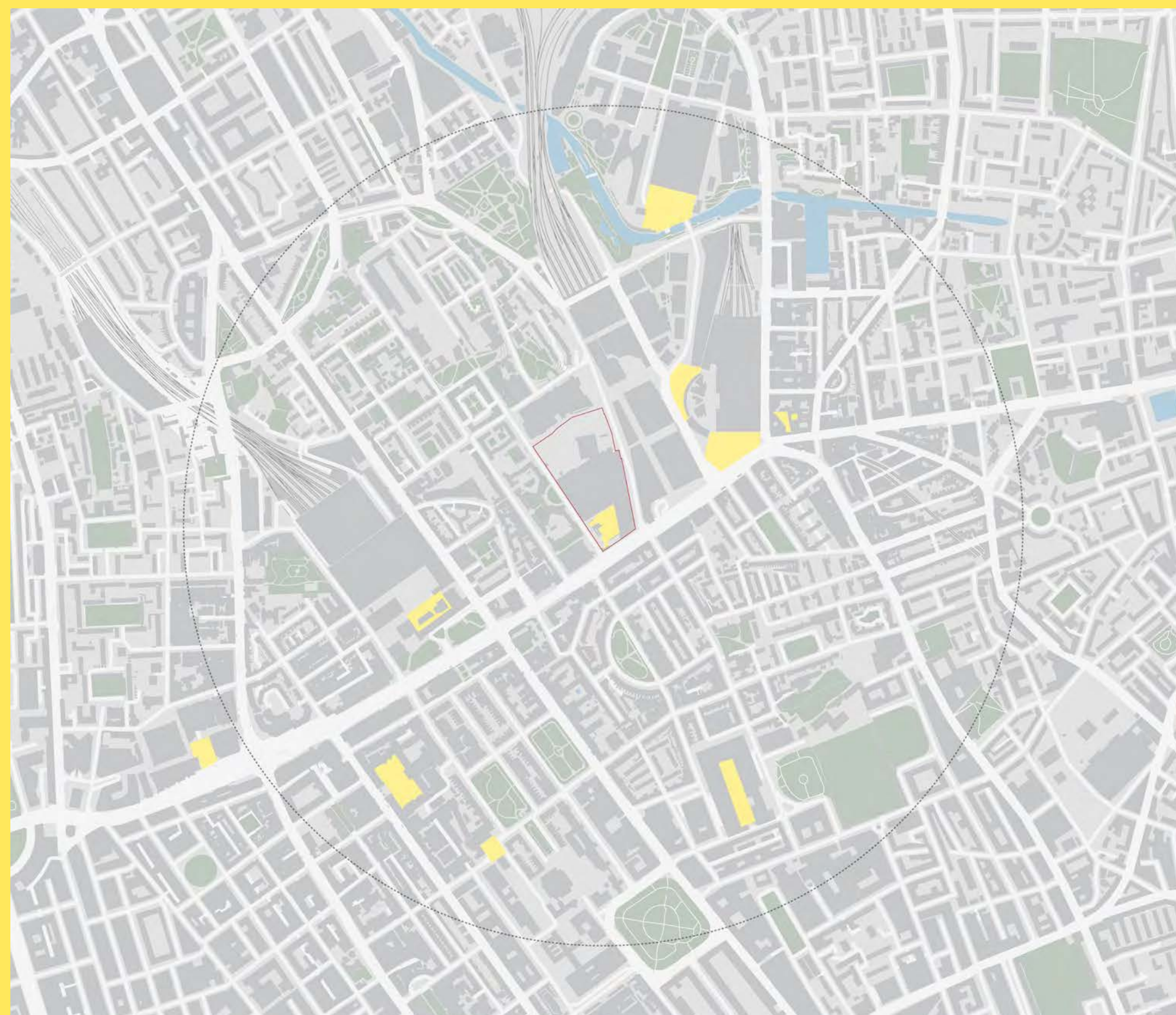
PLAY SPACES



Key

- Playful spaces
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking radius

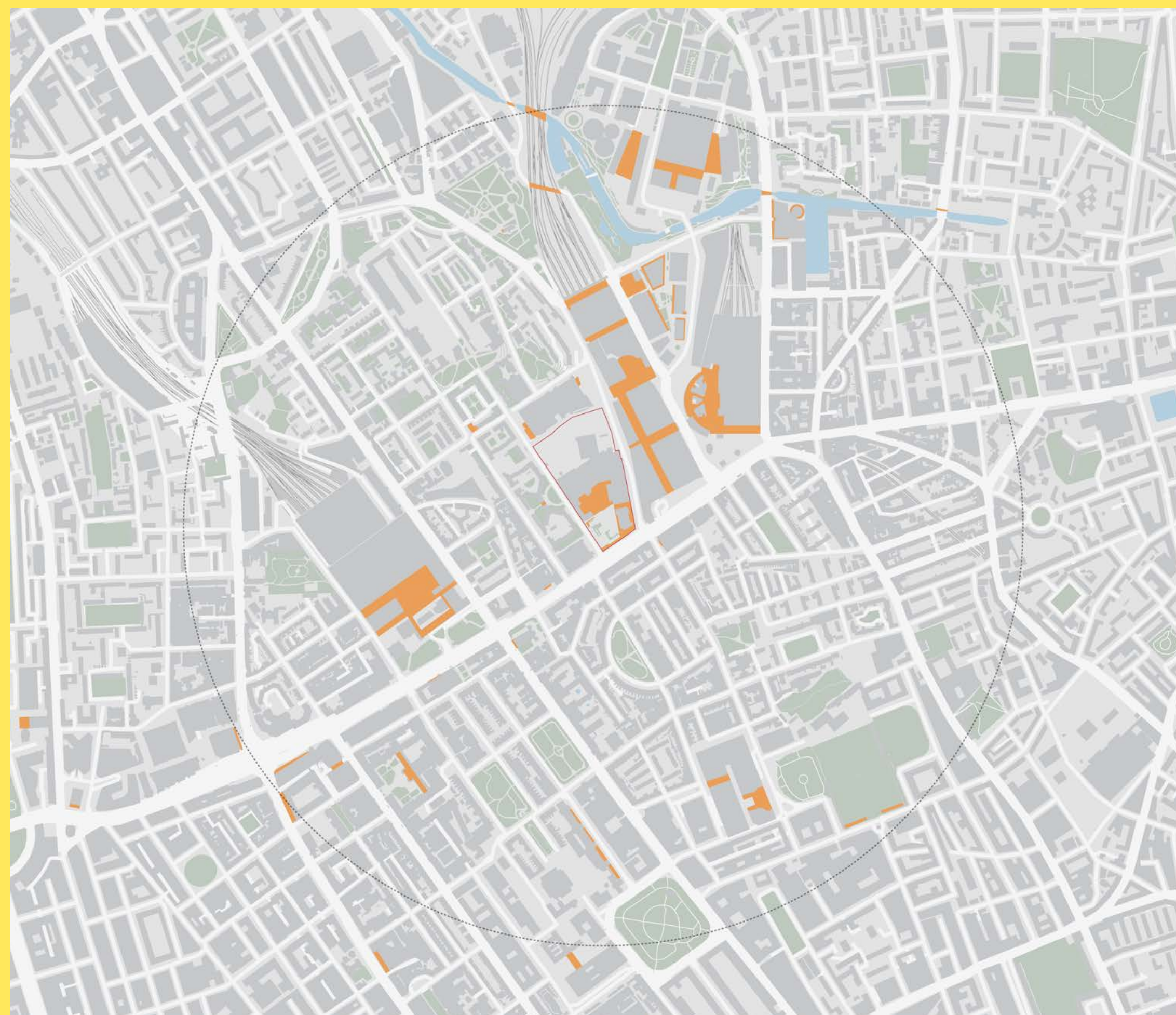
CROWDED SPACES



Key

- Crowded Spaces
- Site boundaries
- 15m Walking Distance

SHELTERED SPACES

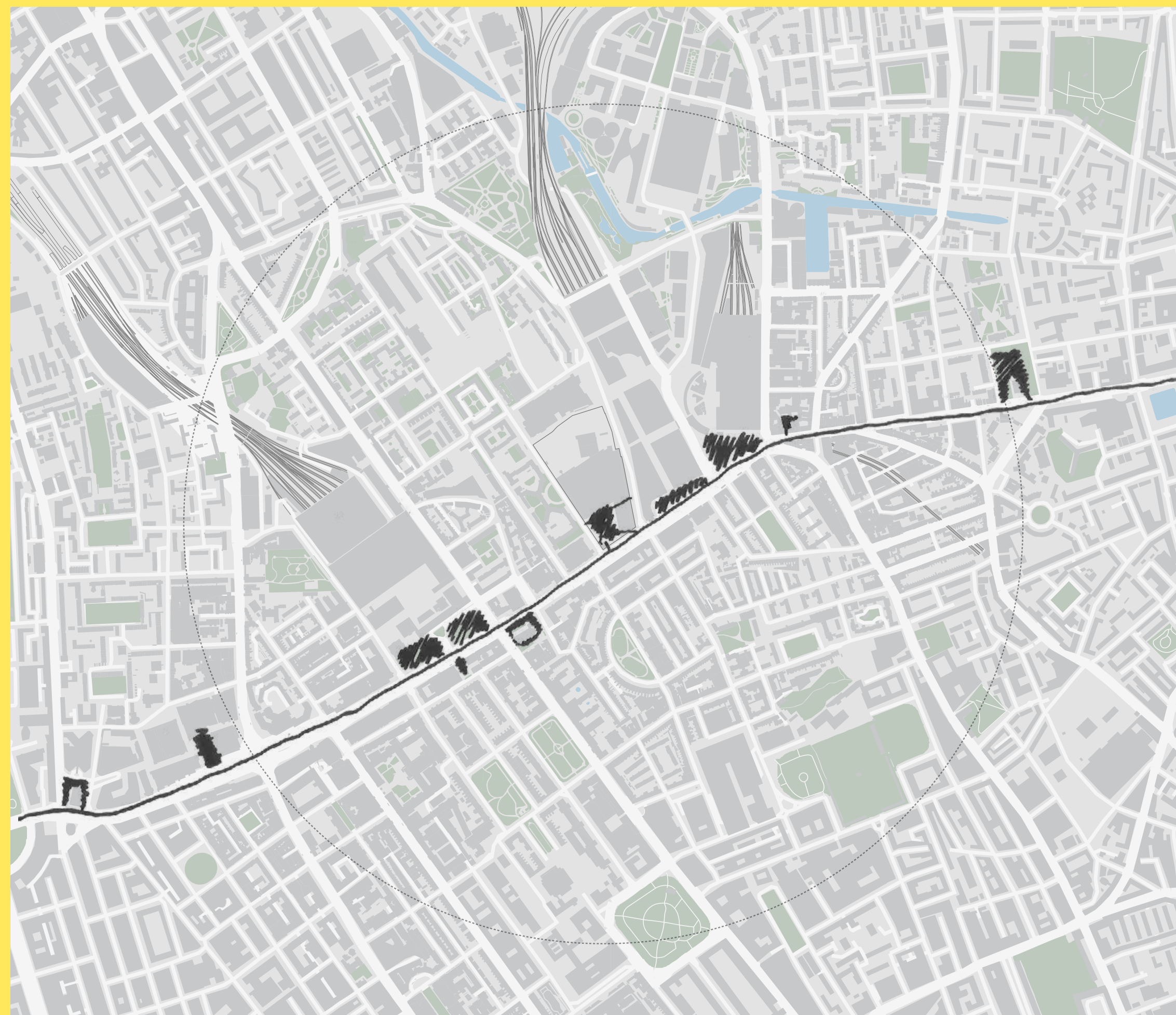


Key

- Sheltered places
- Site boundaries
- 15 min walking distance

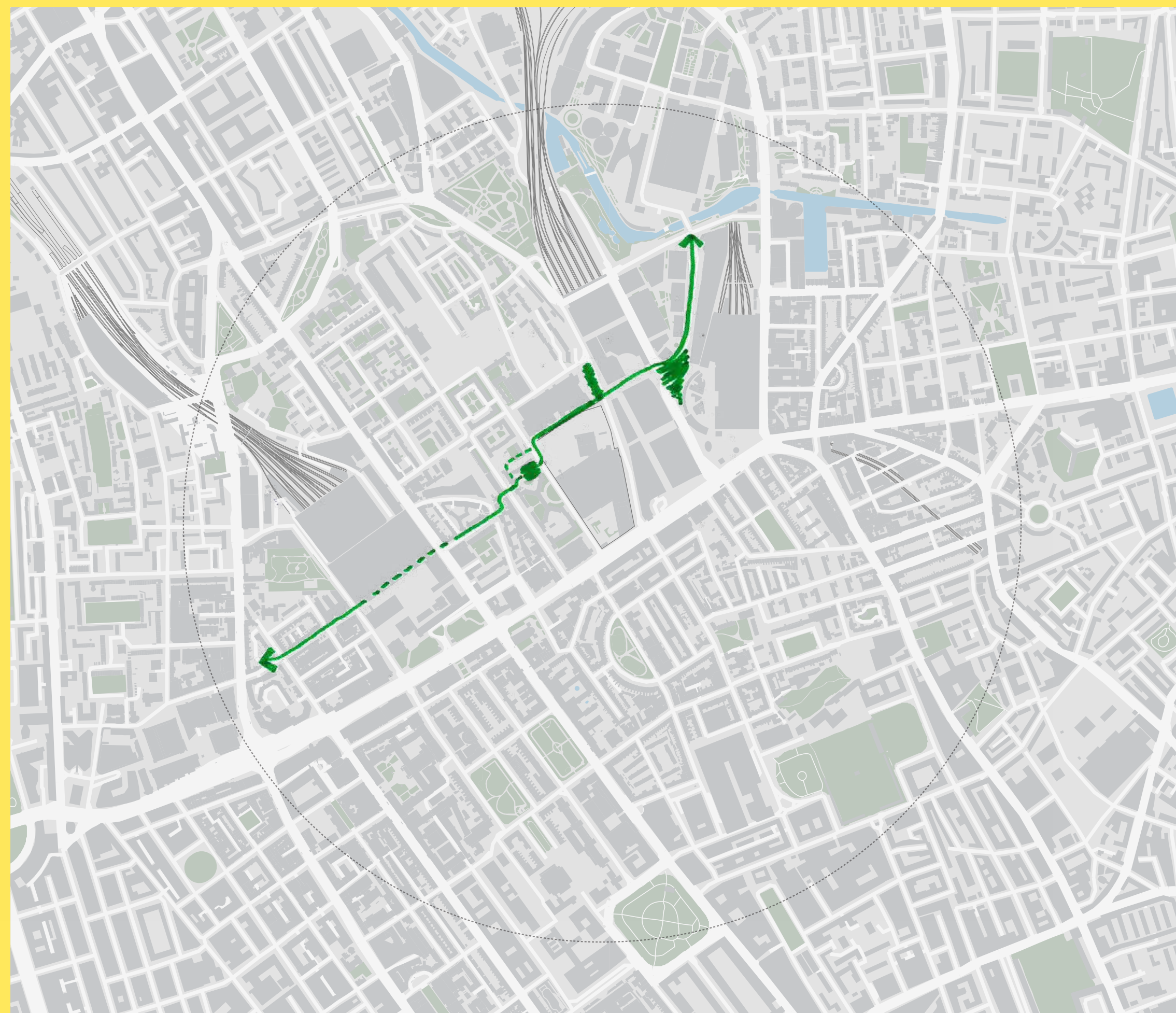
ROUTES AND CONNECTIONS

“Euston Road - one of the most polluted places in Britain”



ROUTES AND CONNECTIONS

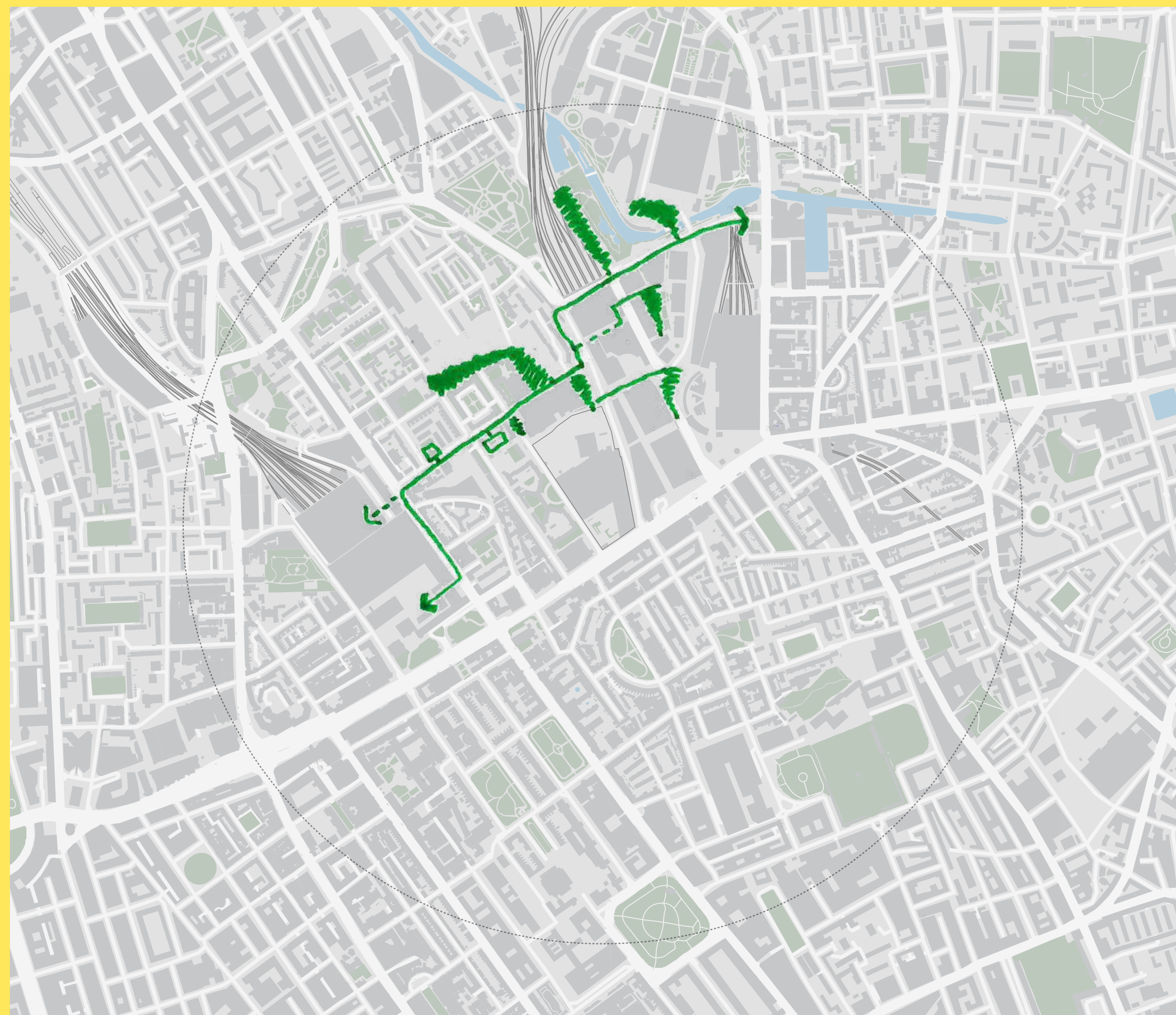
“Quiet route through residential courtyards”



ROUTES AND CONNECTIONS

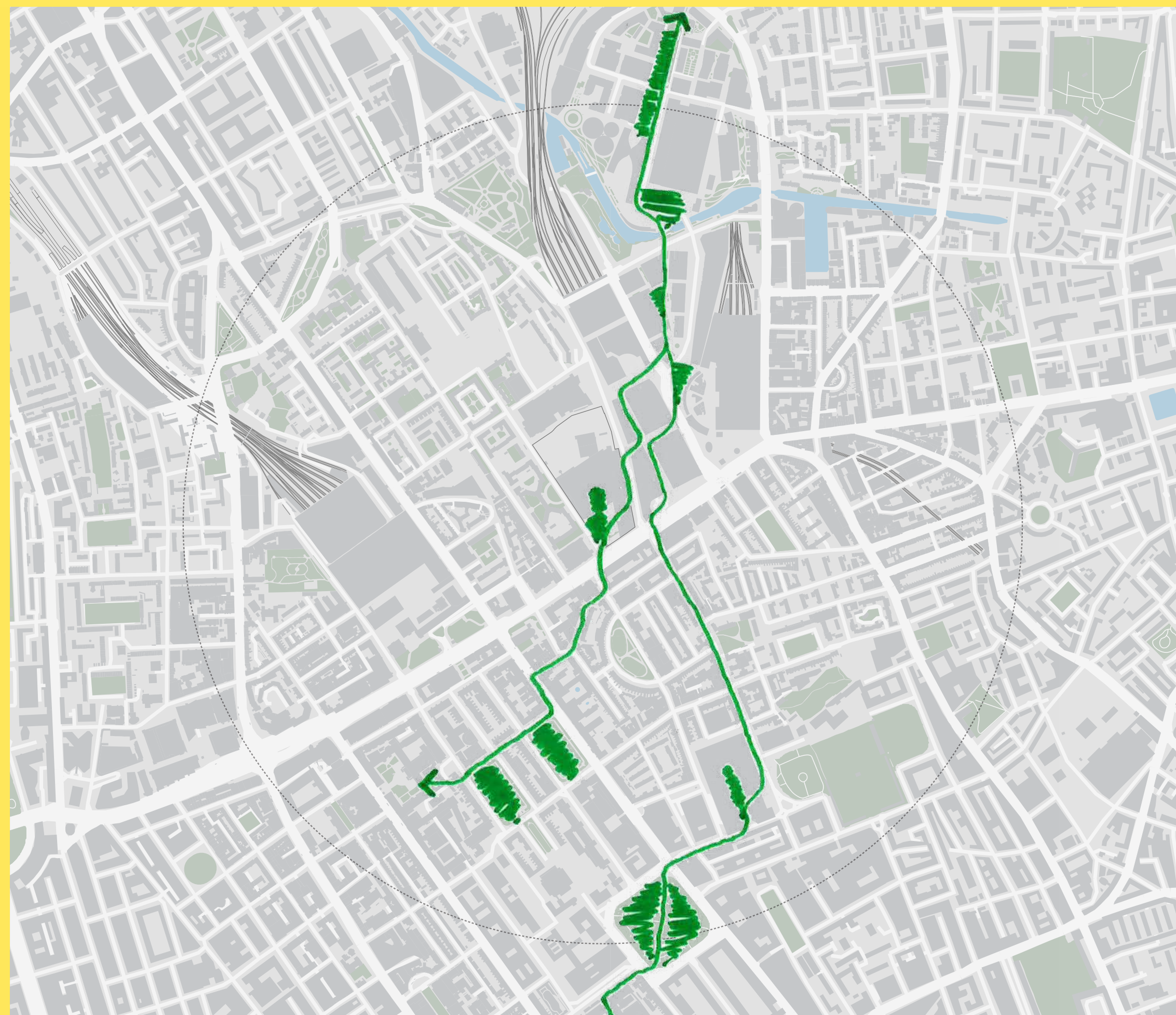
“Active route between stations”

“Noise of rolling suitcases”



ROUTES AND CONNECTIONS

“Linking the Knowledge Quarter North and South”



NOLLI PLAN STUDIES



Nolli Plan - Existing Day



Nolli Plan - Existing Night

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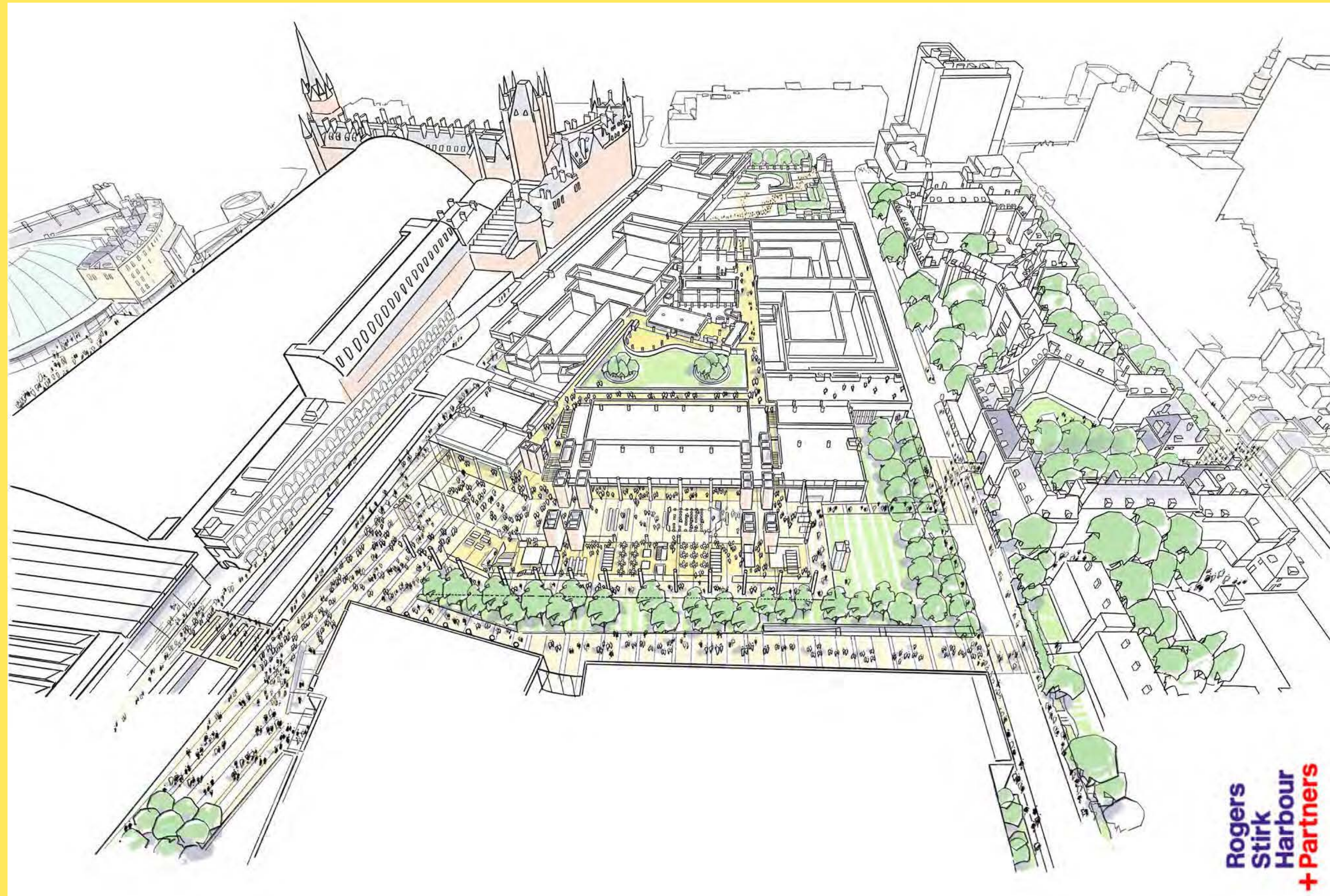


Nolli Plan - Proposed Day

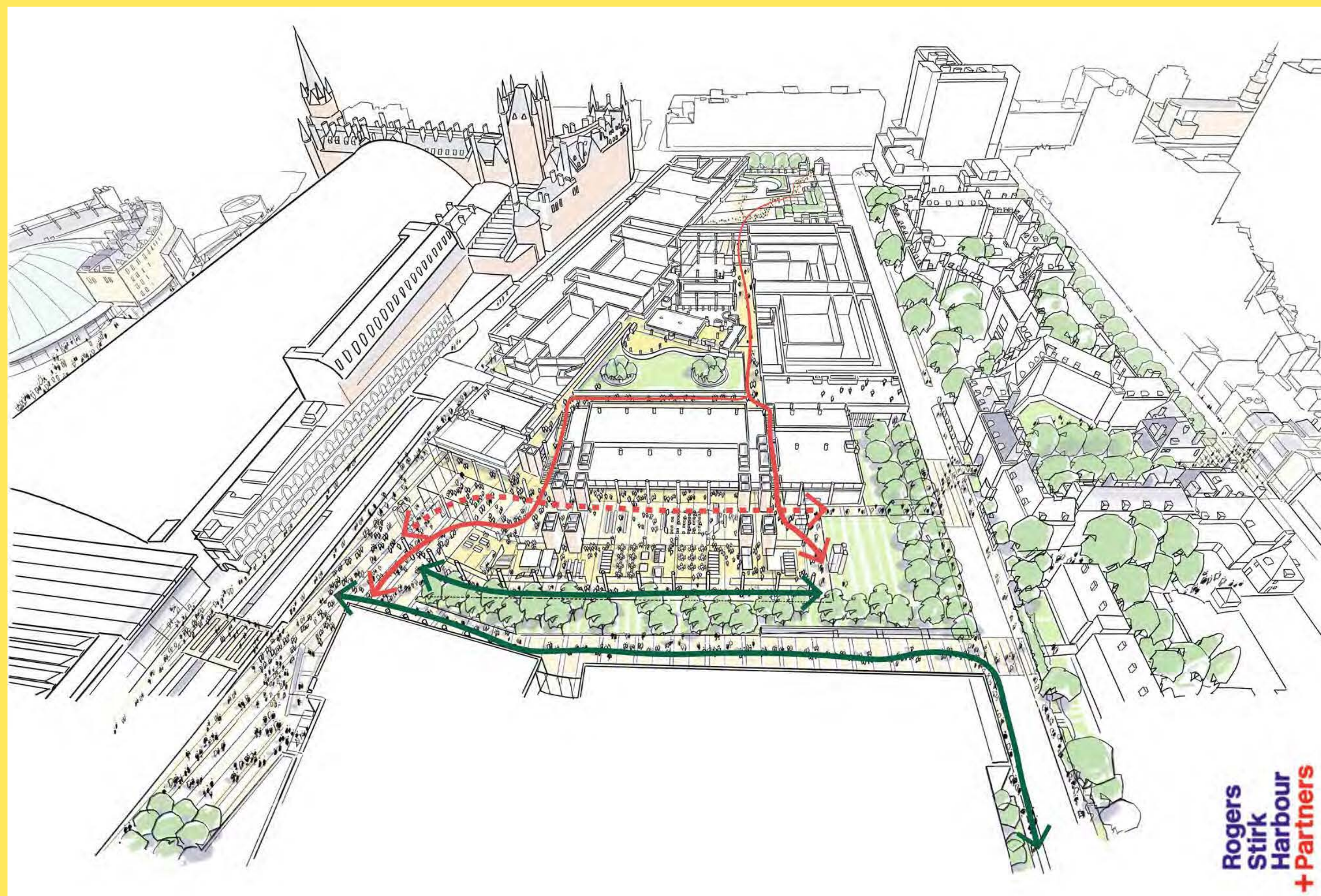


Nolli Plan - Proposed Night

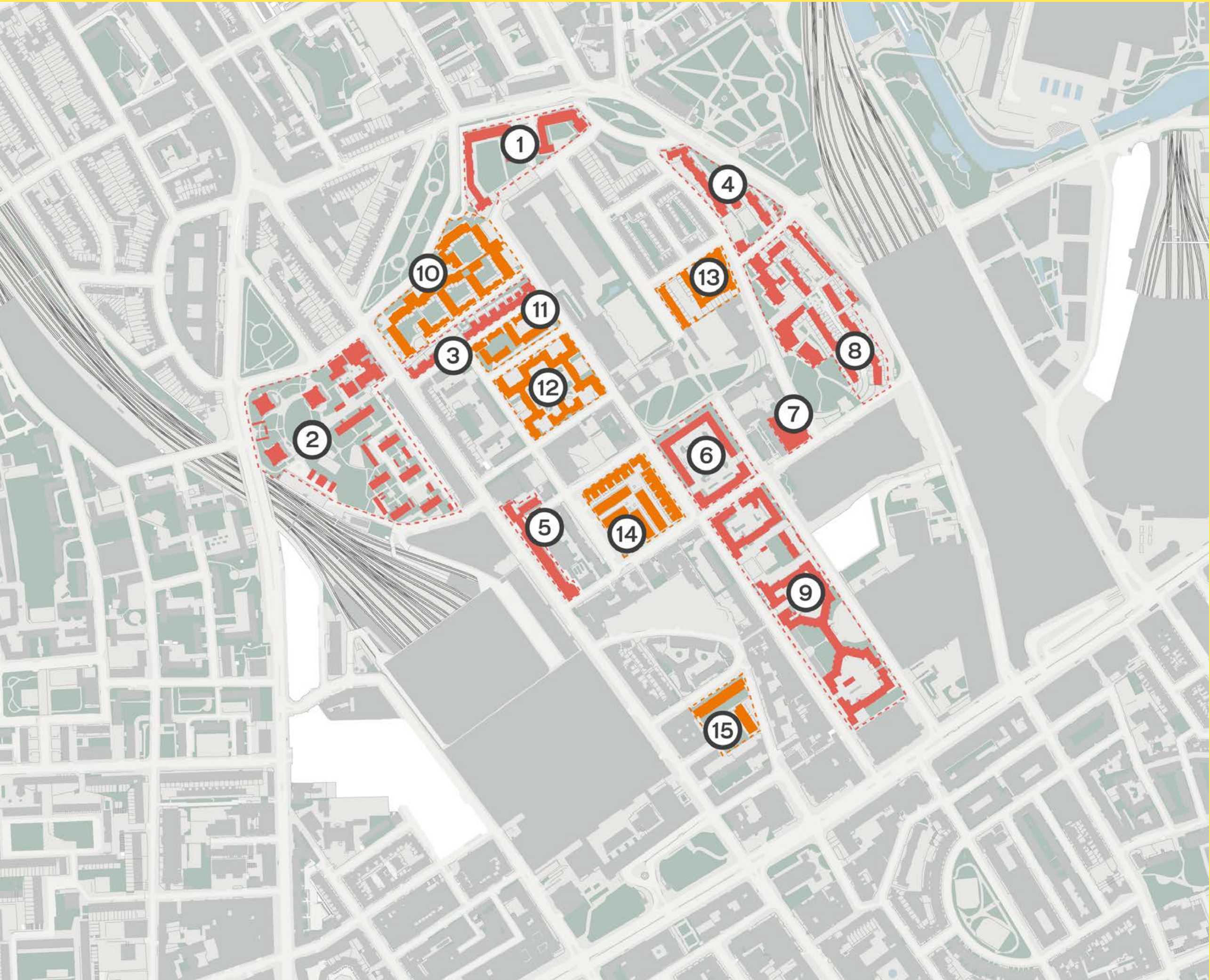
CONCEPT RESPONSE



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LOCAL RESIDENTS



- Estate Tenants and Residents Associations
- ① Godwin & Crowndale
 - ② Amptill Square
 - ③ Brook and Cranleigh House
 - ④ Goldington Street Estate
 - ⑤ Somers Town
 - ⑥ Walker House
 - ⑦ Phoenix Court
 - ⑧ Coopers Lane
 - ⑨ Ossulston
- Estates without a TRA
- ⑩ Mayford Estate
 - ⑪ Bridgeway Street flats
 - ⑫ St. Anthony's / St. George's Flats
 - ⑬ Platt St. / Purchase St. Flats
 - ⑭ Oakshott Court
 - ⑮ Churchway

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Work with local individuals, schools and community groups to co-create events celebrating local history, heritage and culture and to deliver co-curated exhibitions using items from the Library's collections and local history archives to showcase the rich history of Somers Town to residents and visitors.

Work with community groups, local artists etc. to consider how Somers Town history and culture might be reflected and incorporated into the design of both the external and internal spaces of the new development.

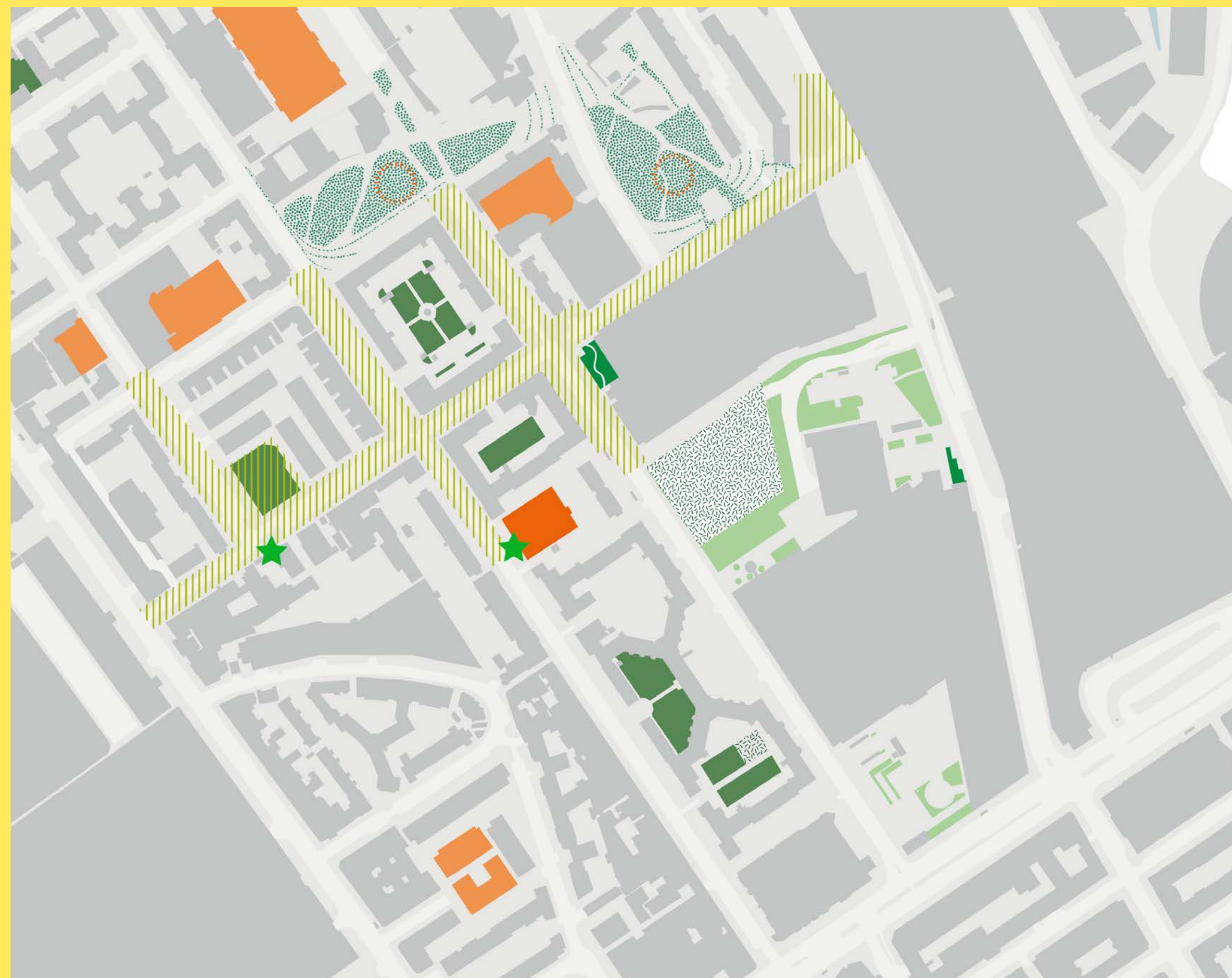
Commencement of Community Gardener in Sept 2020 coordinated by Global Generation. DSDHA will work with Global Generation to map existing greening projects and identify further greening projects in Somers Town, with consensus of residents.

These greening projects would be facilitated by Global Generation, working with the community and with the support of SML team to roll out projects during the construction period.

This would ensure that Global Generation maintain a presence in Somers Town when the Story Garden is relocated as a result of construction commencing.



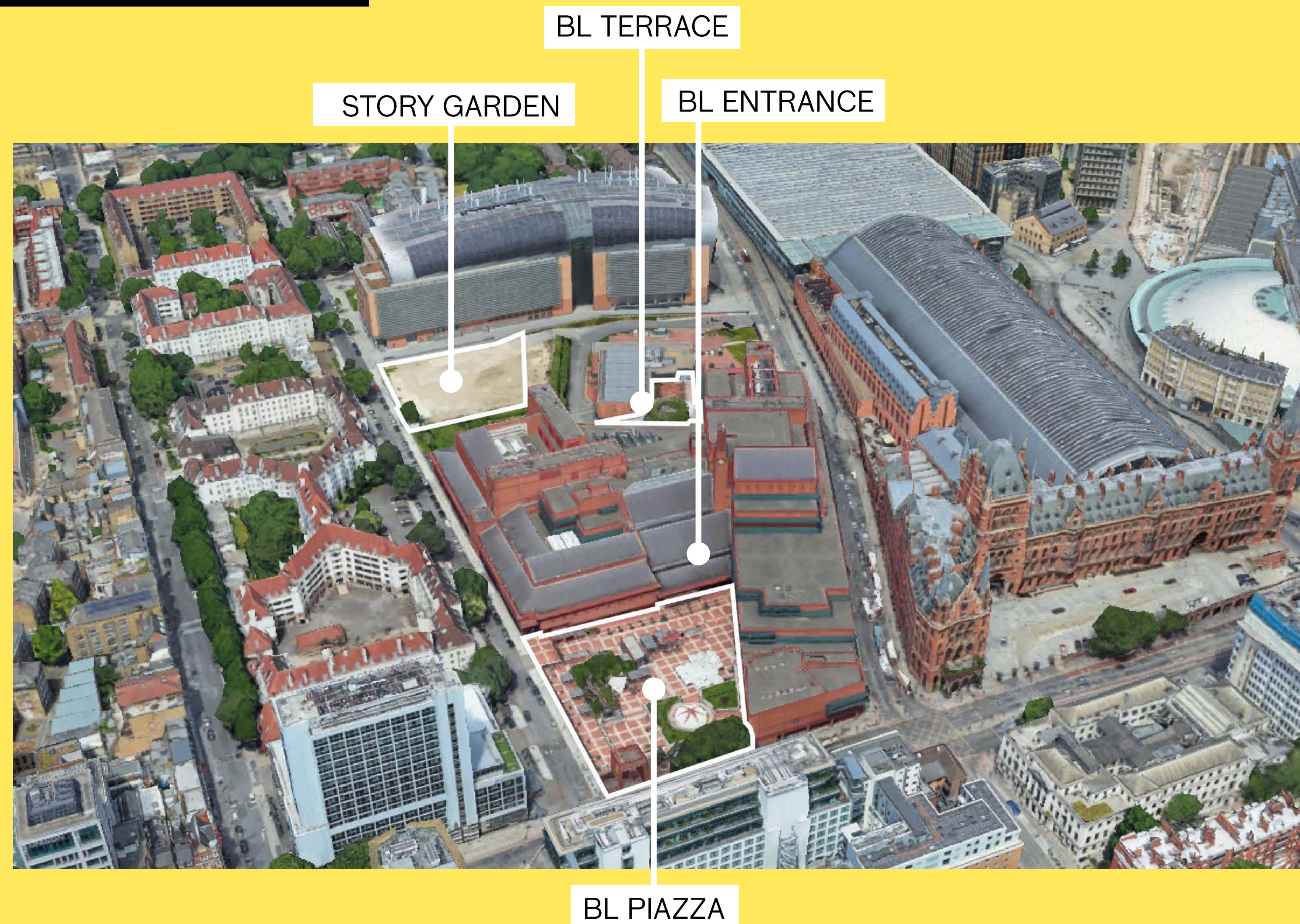
GREEN SPACES ANALYSIS



KEY

- Communal Housing Amenity Space
- Growing Space
- Publicly Accessible Green Space
- Future Publicly Accessible Green Space
- BL Ground Floor Green Space
- Phoenix Road Greening
- Potential Global Generation Project
- Private Play Facility
- Public Play Space
- Future Public Play Space

EXISTING PUBLIC SPACES



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British Library Existing Public Spaces

Key

- ① British Library Piazza
- ② British Library Entrance
- ③ British Library Terrace
- ④ Temporary Story Garden

BRITISH LIBRARY PIAZZA



British Library Existing - Piazza



British Library Piazza during Somers Town Festival 2019

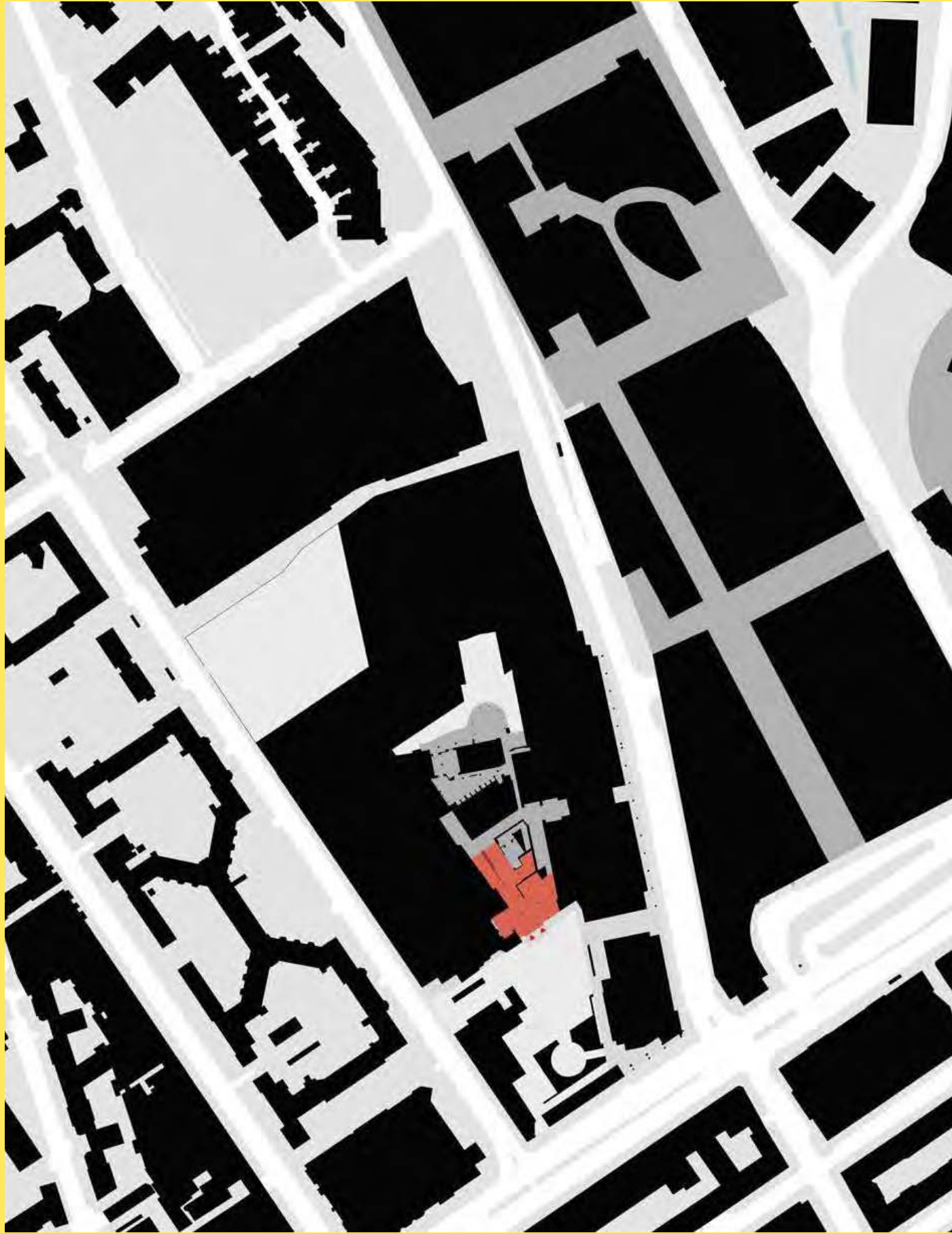


British Library Piazza during Somers Town Festival 2019



British Library Piazza during Magna Carta Exhibition

BRITISH LIBRARY ENTRANCE



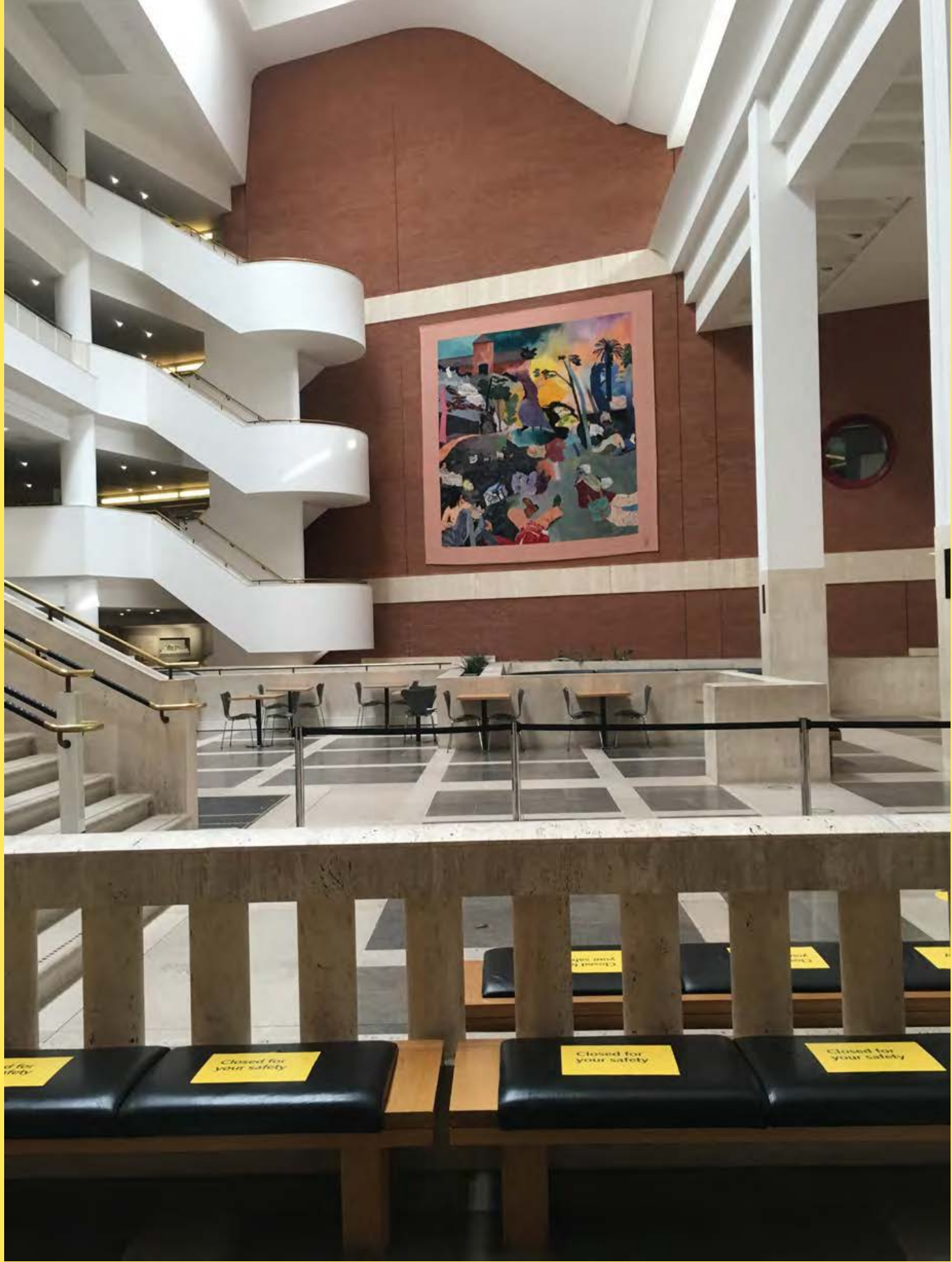
British Library Existing - Entrance



View towards British Library Entrance



British Library Entrance Mezzanine



British Library Entrance

BRITISH LIBRARY TERRACE



British Library Existing - Level O1 Terrace



British Library connection with BLCC at Level O1 Terrace



British Library Level O1 Terrace

STORY GARDEN



British Library Existing - Story Garden



"Trees on wheels" and flowers by the



Story Garden Family activities

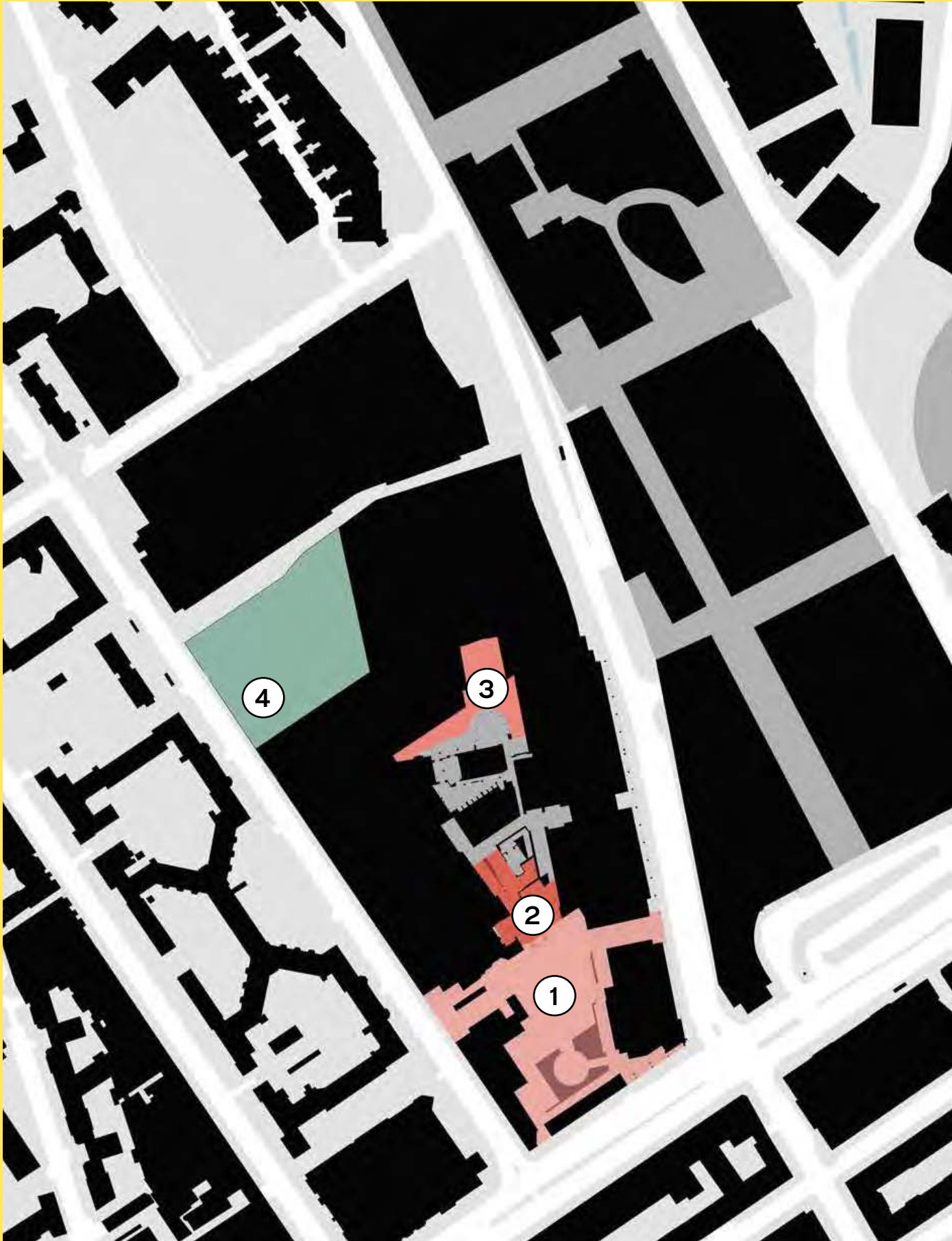


Story Garden outside fence

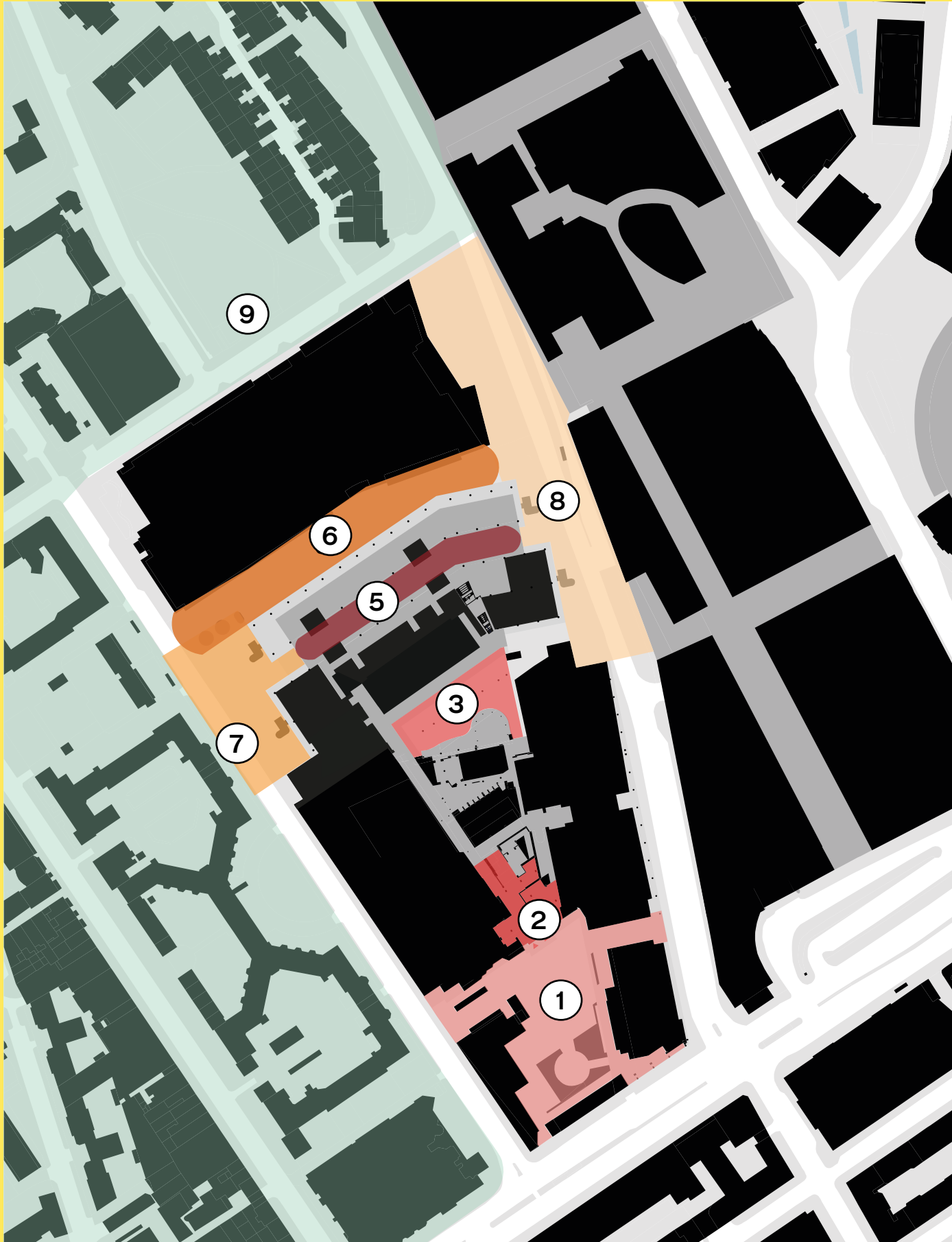


Community growing beds for local residents to share beds and grow together

CHARACTER AREAS



Existing Character Areas



Proposed Character Areas

- Key**
- ① British Library Piazza
 - ② British Library Entrance
 - ③ British Library Terrace
 - ④ Temporary Story Garden
 - ⑤ British Library Foyer
 - ⑥ Dangoor Walk
 - ⑦ Ossulston Street Public Realm
 - ⑧ Midland Road Public Realm
 - ⑨ Somers Town Improvements

CHARACTER AREA: OSSULSTON STREET



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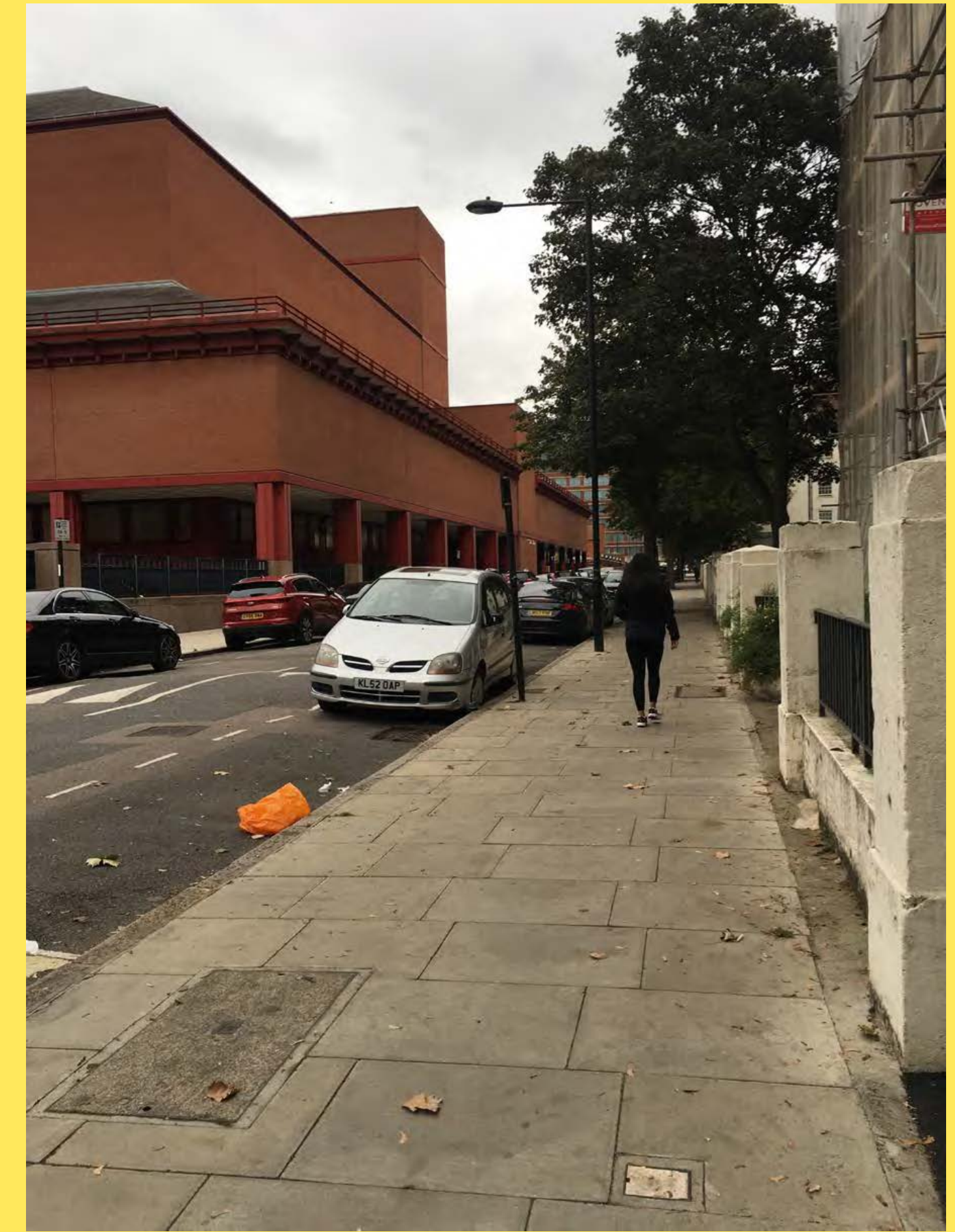
EXISTING CONDITION



Existing Condition - Ossulston Street highlighted



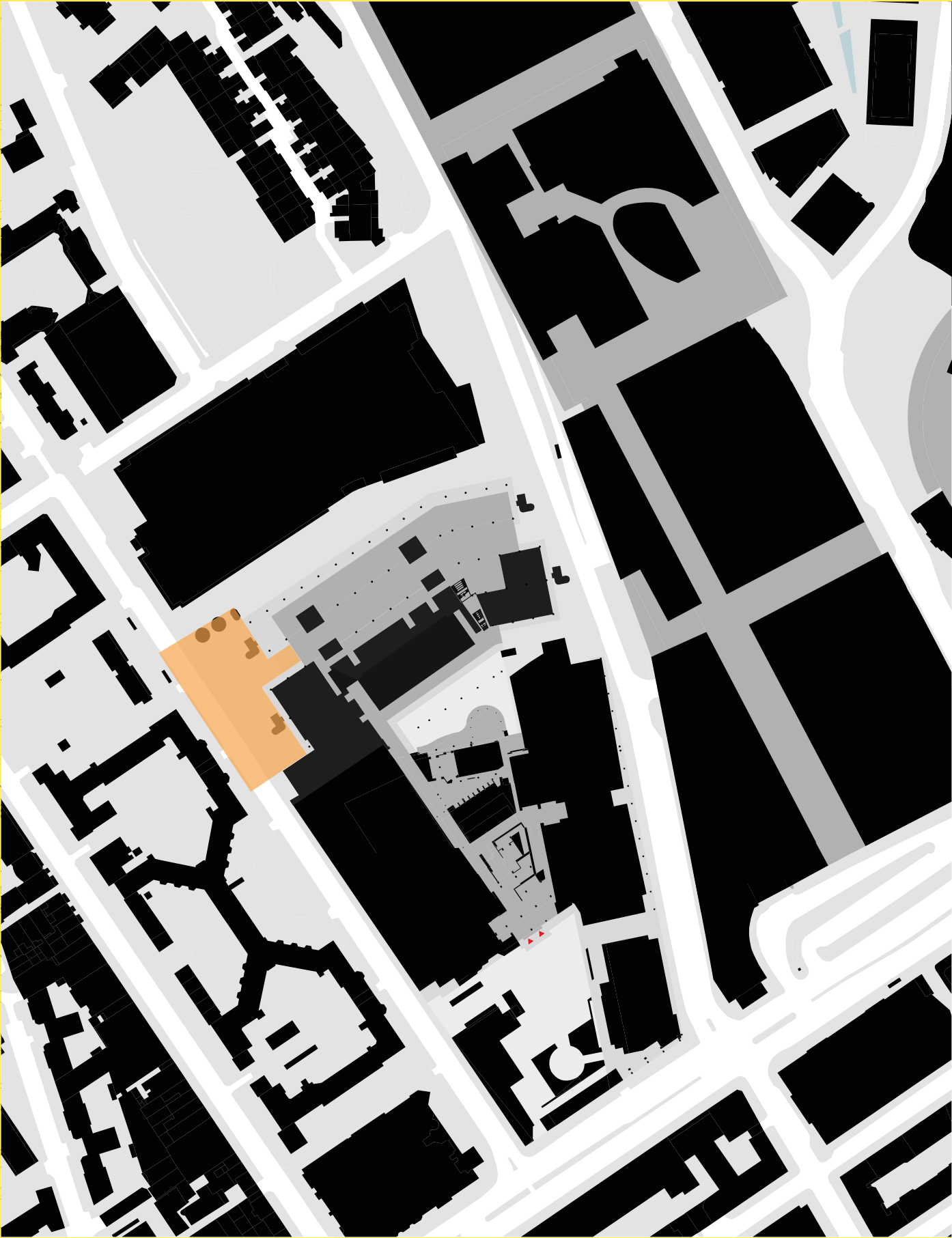
Ossulston Street looking South



Ossulston Street from Levita House

CHARACTER AREAS: OSSULSTON STREET

PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Existing Condition - Ossulston Street highlighted



Entrance of Bonnington Square Garden, London



Surrounding Street



View inside Bonnington Square Garden, London



View inside Bonnington Square Garden, London

CHARACTER AREAS: OSSULSTON STREET

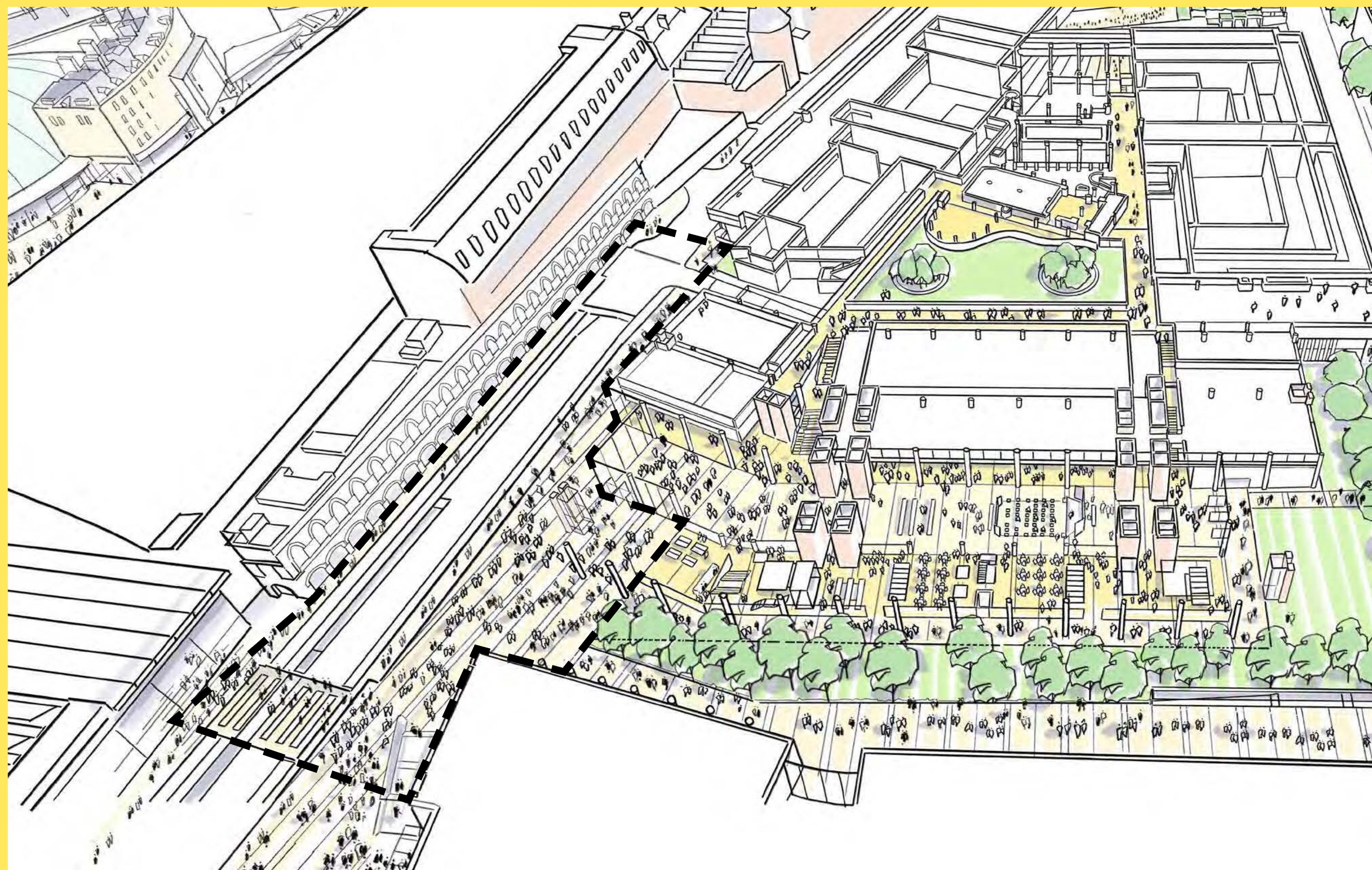
PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Existing Condition - Ossulston Street highlighted



CHARACTER AREA: MIDLAND ROAD



CHARACTER AREAS: MIDLAND ROAD

EXISTING CONDITION



Existing Condition - Midland Road highlighted



Midland Road - looking North



St. Pancras Exit - looking South



Midland Road - looking South

CHARACTER AREAS: MIDLAND ROAD

PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Midland Road



Exhibition Road, London



Parley Park, New York

CHARACTER AREAS: MIDLAND ROAD

PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Midland Road



CHARACTER AREA: DANGOOR WALK



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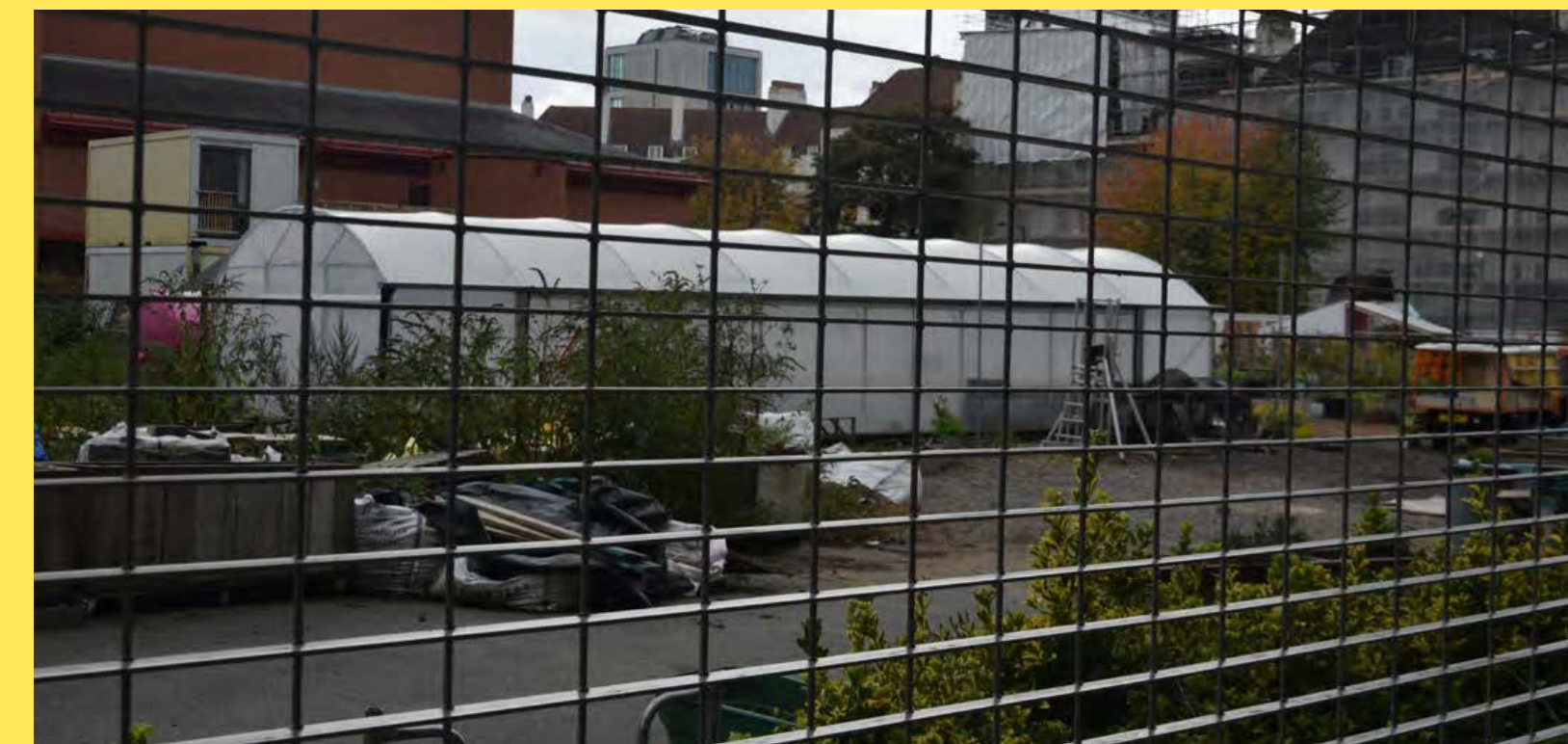
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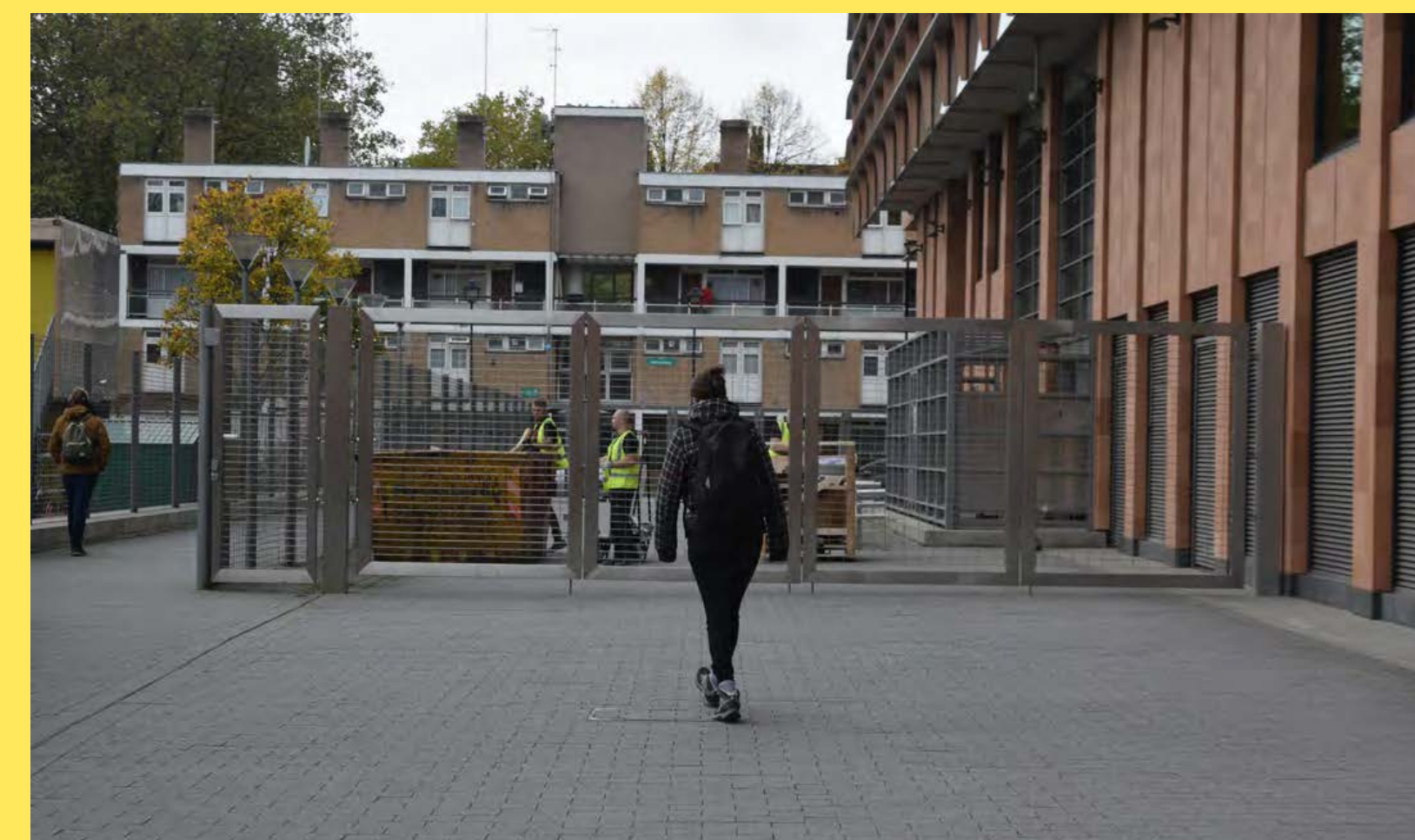
Existing Condition - Dangoor Walk highlighted



Dangoor Walk - looking West



Fenced view to Story Garden



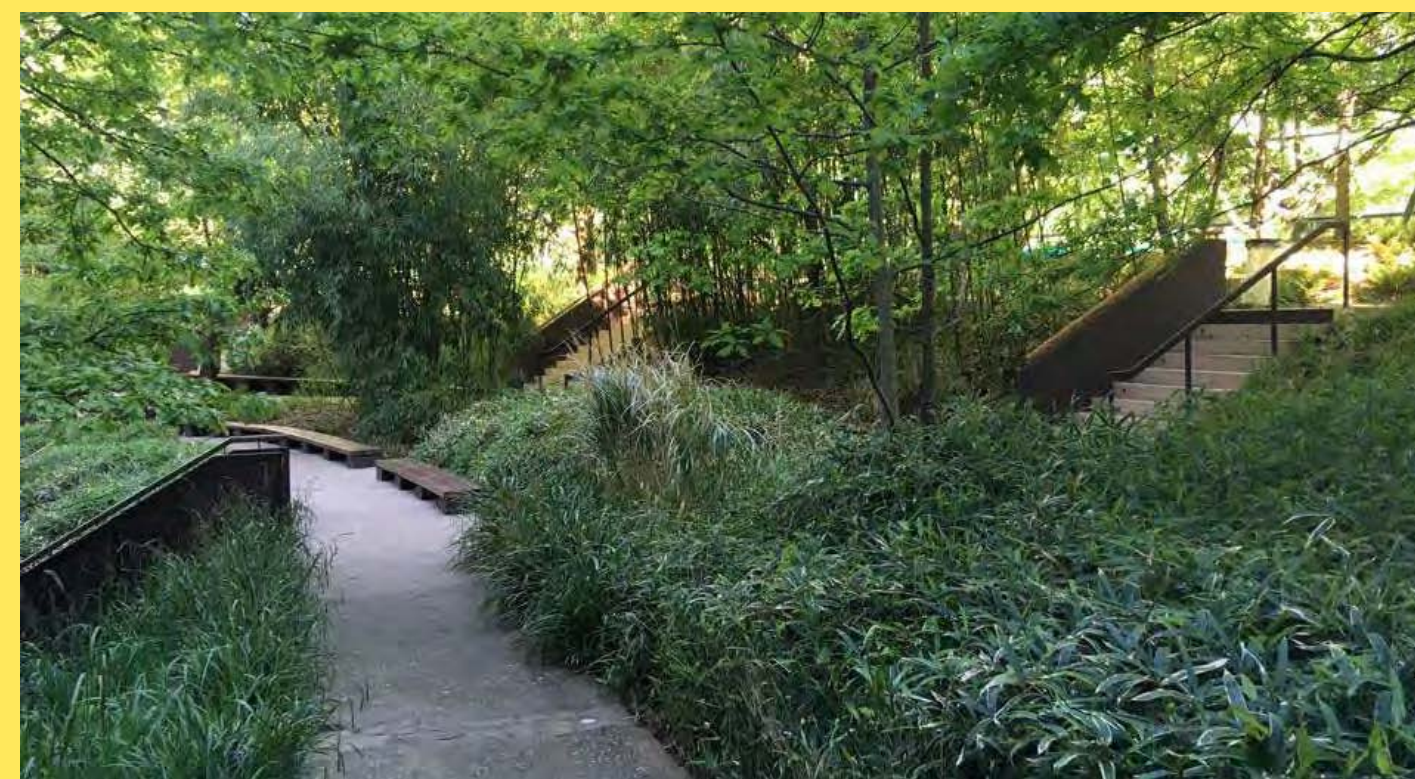
Dangoor Walk - Francis Crick Institute logistics space closed

CHARACTER AREAS: DANGOOR WALK

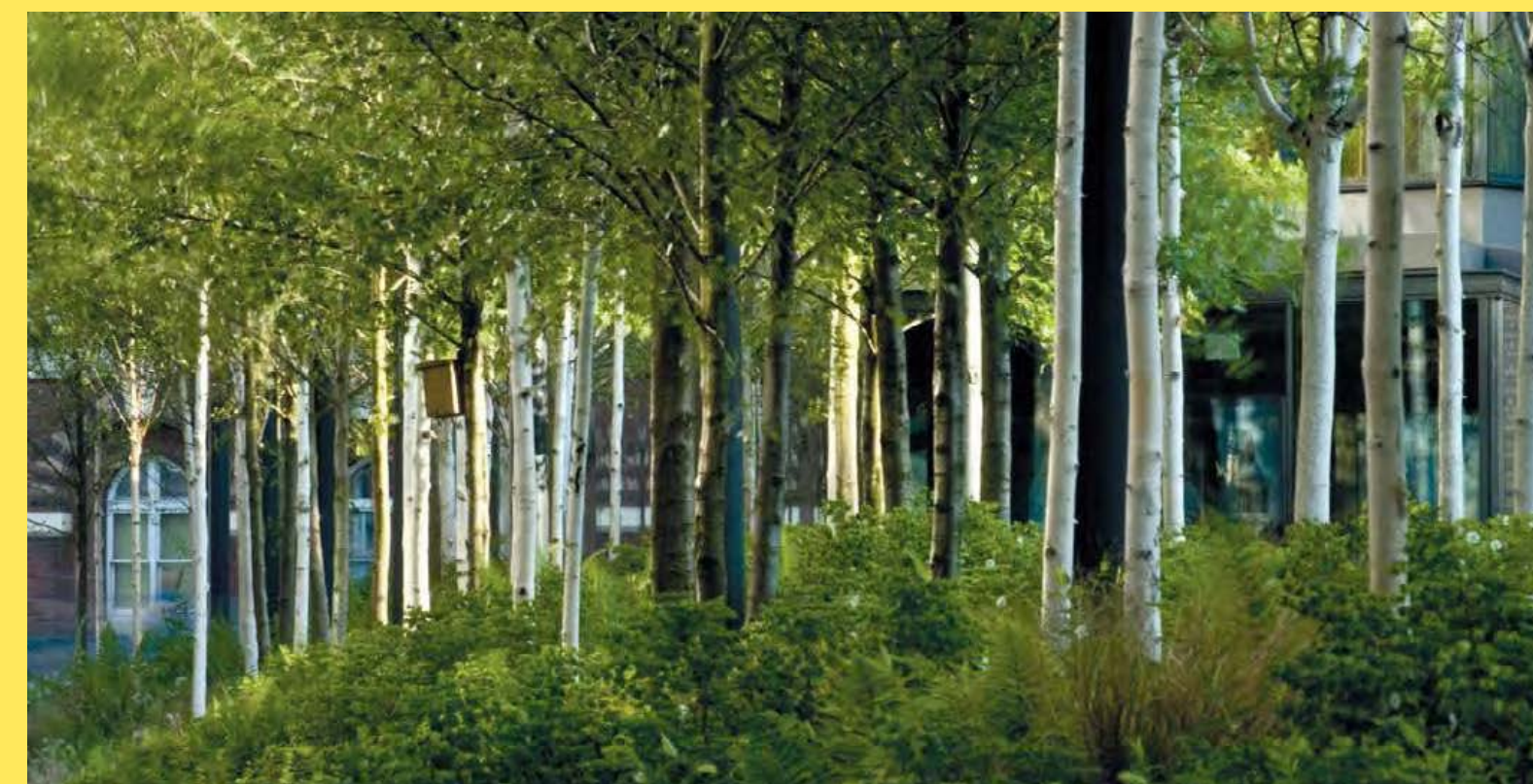
PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Dangoor Walk highlighted



Musee Quai Branly, Paris



Neo Bankside, London



Alfred Place, West End, London



Neo Bankside, London

CHARACTER AREAS: DANGOOR WALK

PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Dangoor Walk highlighted



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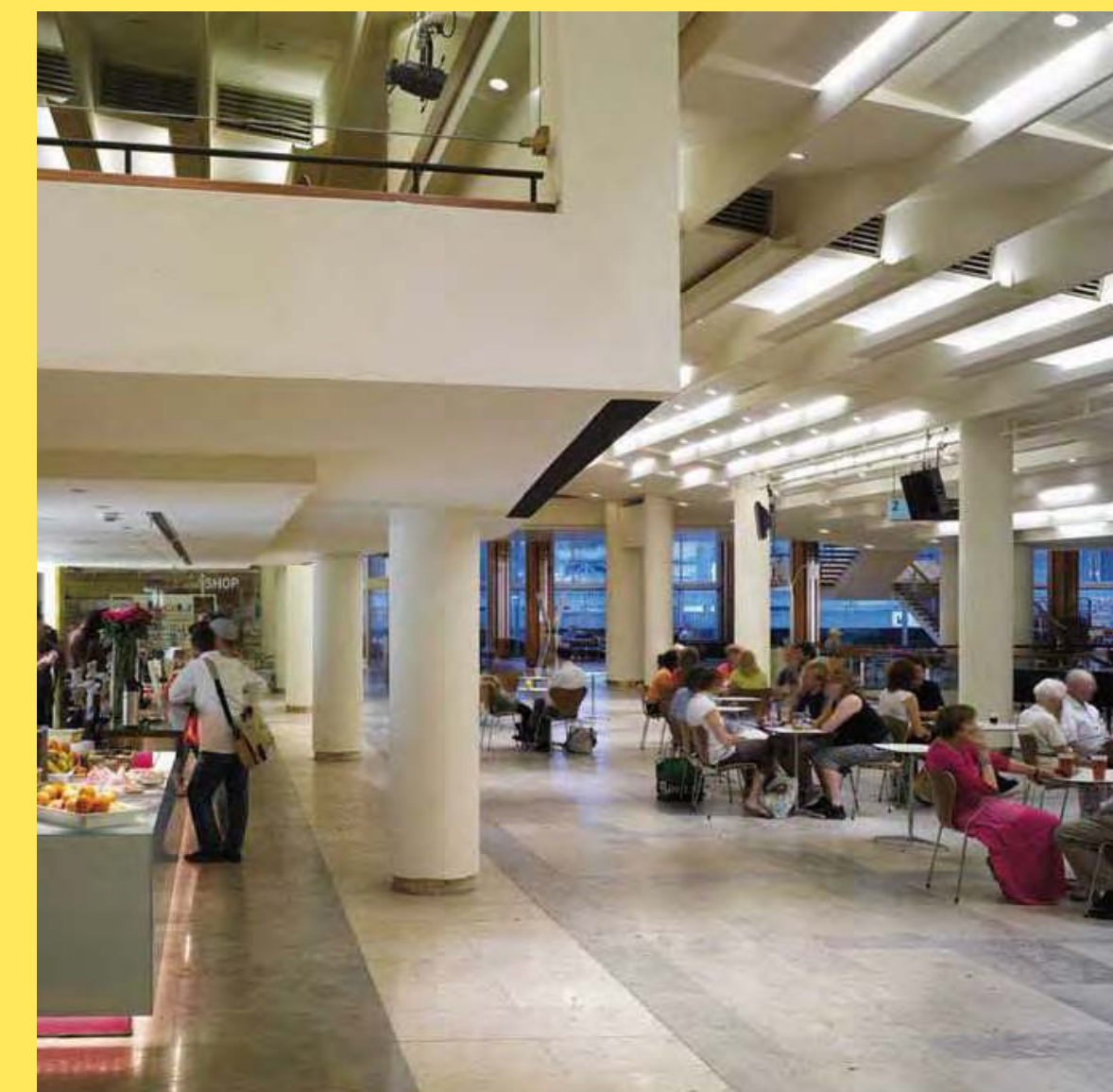
PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Foyer highlighted



Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam



Royal Festival Hall, London



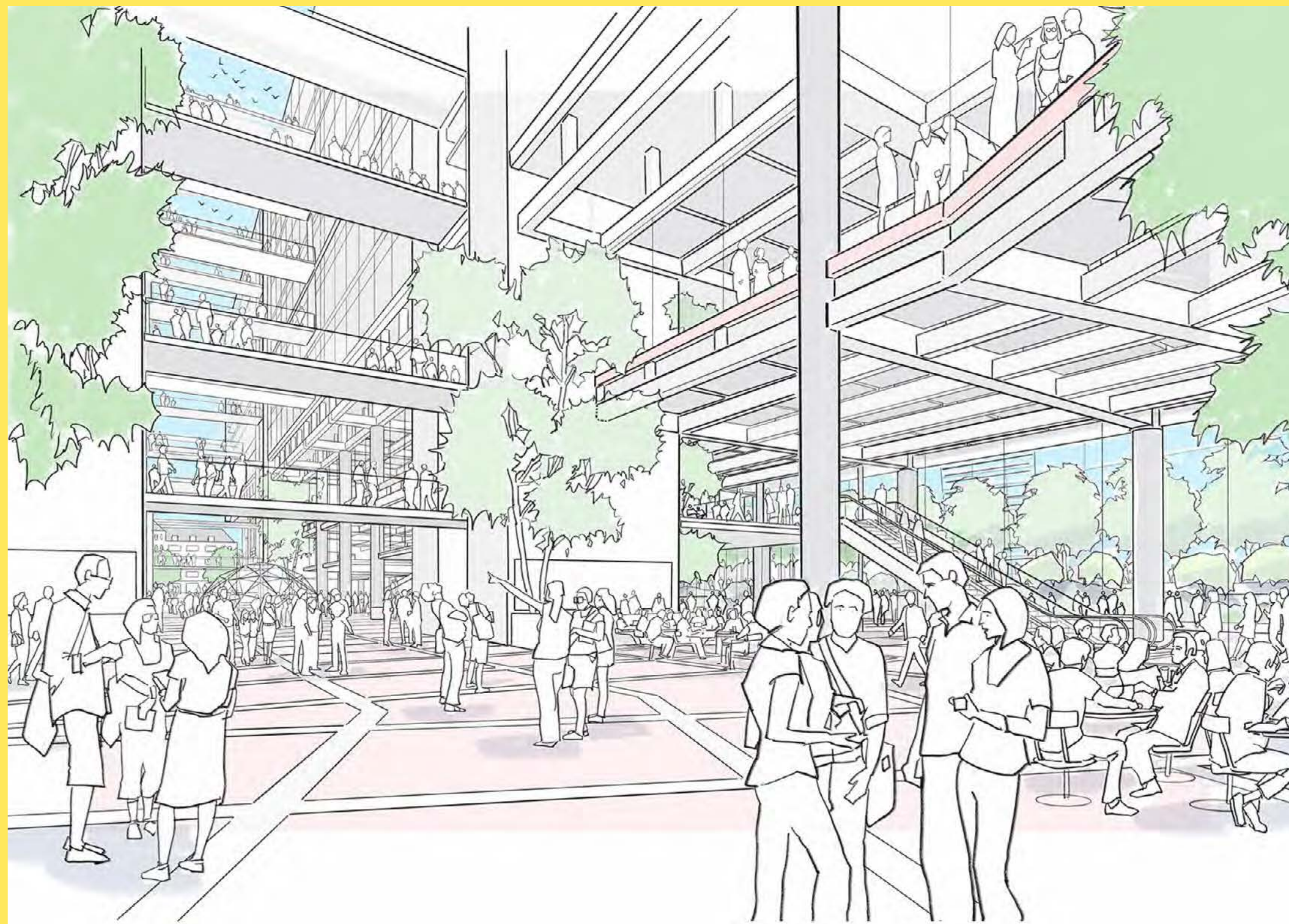
Royal Festival Hall, London

CHARACTER AREAS: FOYER

PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE



Proposed Character - Foyer highlighted



CHARACTER AREAS: WIDER SOMERS TOWN

EXISTING CONDITION



Proposed Character - Somers Town highlighted



Levita House Courtyard



Charlotte Street



Oakshoot Court

A LEGACY FOR THE STORY GARDEN



A NETWORK OF GREEN SPACES



Interior Levita House courtyard - Global Generation intervention

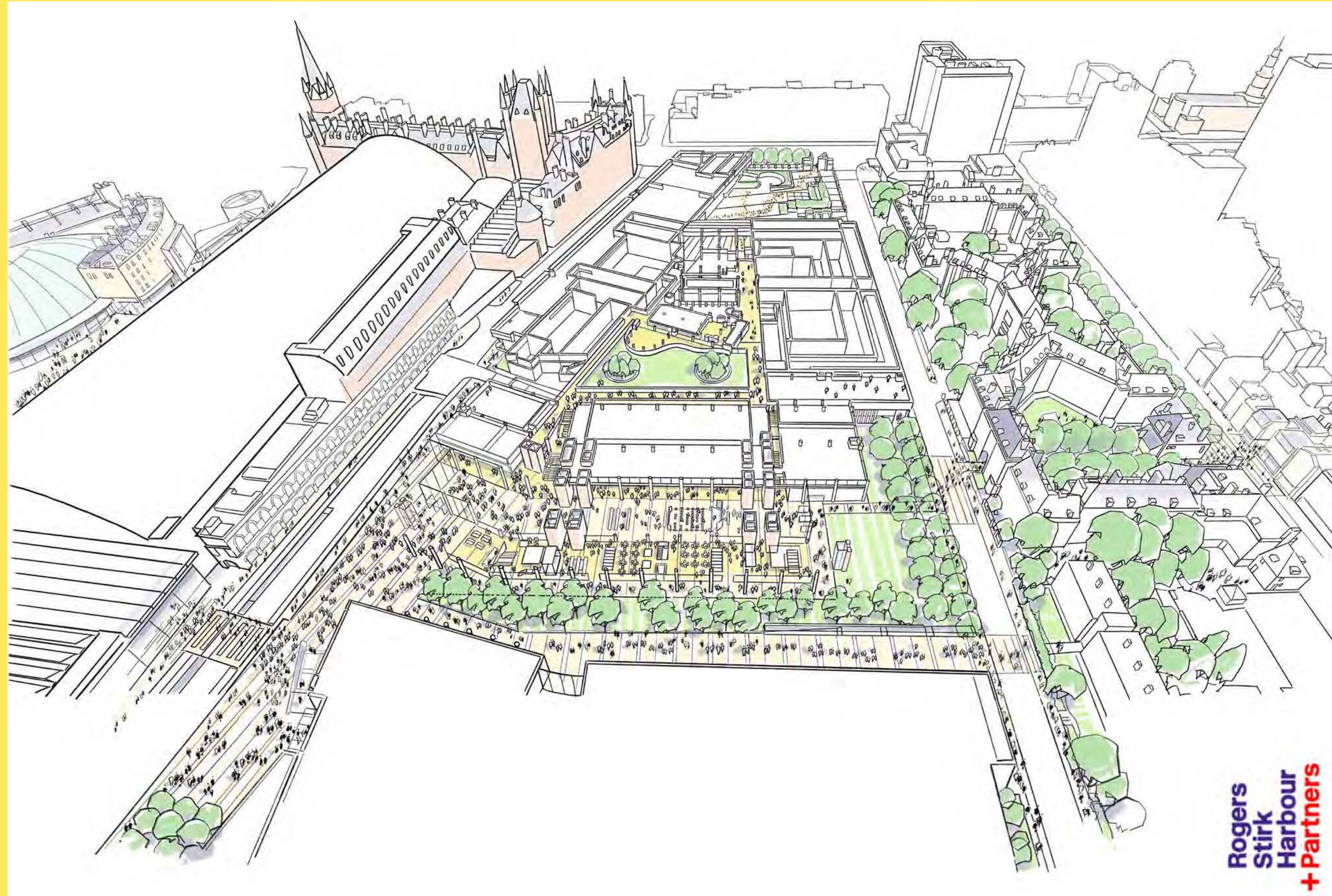


Interior Levita House courtyard - Global Generation intervention



Private Levita House Garden

BRITISH LIBRARY PUBLIC REALM



Rogers
Stirk
Harbour
+ Partners

BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION:
A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SML AND THE BRITISH LIBRARY

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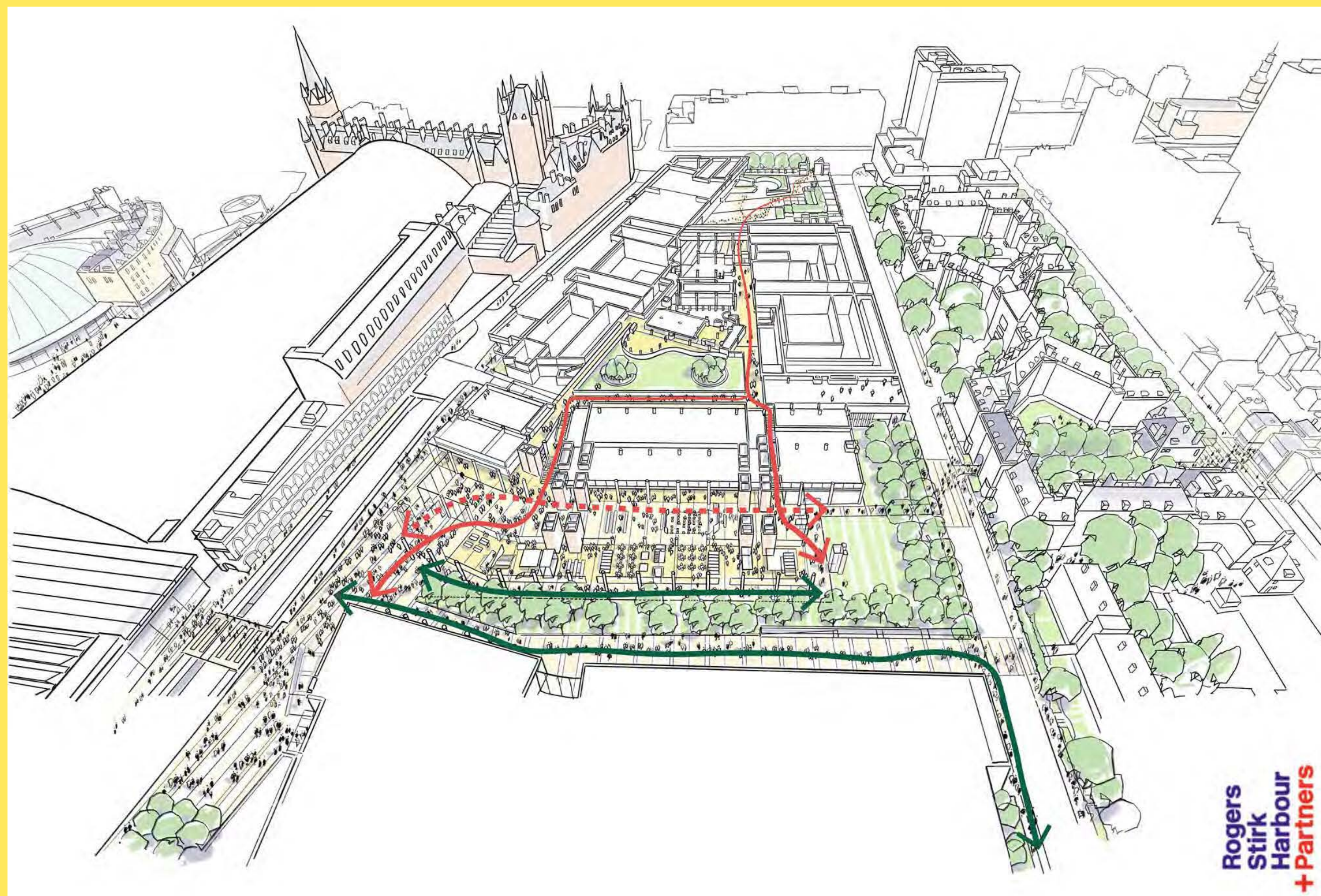
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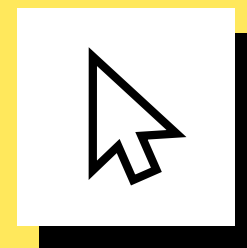
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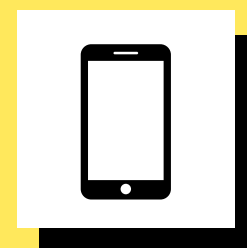
KEY

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- 24-hour route

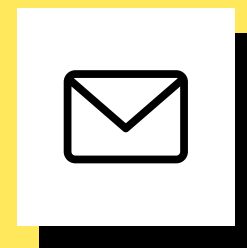
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