



THE REIGATE &  
REDHILL SOCIETY

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Redhill  
Town Centre  
Greenaissance

A proposition  
from the Reigate & Redhill  
Society

# WHO ARE WE?

The Reigate and Redhill Society brings together a collection of local people passionate about Reigate, Redhill, Merstham and surrounding areas. Our primary role is to monitor, comment and at times influence decision making which affects our local region.

Raising standards, building climate resilience and creating vibrant, attractive places to live, work and visit is what we care about.

The Redhill Greenaissance Project has involved a number of interested parties in Redhill and has been delivered by the Redhill Committee and Green Spaces Groups of the Reigate and Redhill Society.

For more information please visit our website and get in touch.



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# WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Redhill is seeing significant change.

New development, changes to our work and homelife habits and the repurposing of our Town Centres are all influencing the look, function and feel of Redhill Town Centre.

We believe with change comes opportunity. Opportunity to become more climate resilient, more attractive and more green.

The Redhill and Reigate's Society's Redhill Greenaissance Vision aims to support the process of change in three ways:

## 1. Get People Talking

Get local residents, workers, traders and visitors of Redhill to engage with and contribute to how Redhill Town Centre can be improved.

## 2. Stimulate Ideas and Ambition

Become a catalyst for raised expectations and change through targeted design interventions and showcasing examples of what's been successfully achieved elsewhere.

## 3. Support Funding and Delivery

Seek out and support funding applications that can help deliver improvements to Redhill Town Centre.

# A REDHILL THAT'S....



**Better for Nature**



**Better for People**

# KEY ISSUES FOR REDHILL TO ADDRESS

## 1. Arrival Experience

Dominated by traffic, Redhill's gateways typically put cars first and people second making the arrival experience into Redhill unwelcoming and hard to navigate. We would like to reverse this through a people first approach that makes moving to and through our Town Centre easy, attractive and safe for all on all modes, however we arrive.

## 2. Quality of Public Realm

Redhill is well used and provides a variety of amenities but the public realm feels tired and unplanned. We believe Redhill deserves a high quality townscape which is welcoming, attractive, connected and safe, and encourages people to spend time there - during the daytime and evening

## 3. Greenness

Redhill does not have to be so grey. To help build climate resilience, improve local biodiversity and provide attractive green spaces, we want to see Redhill Centre get greener: more green walls, more green roofs and more green streets.

## Changing Perceptions

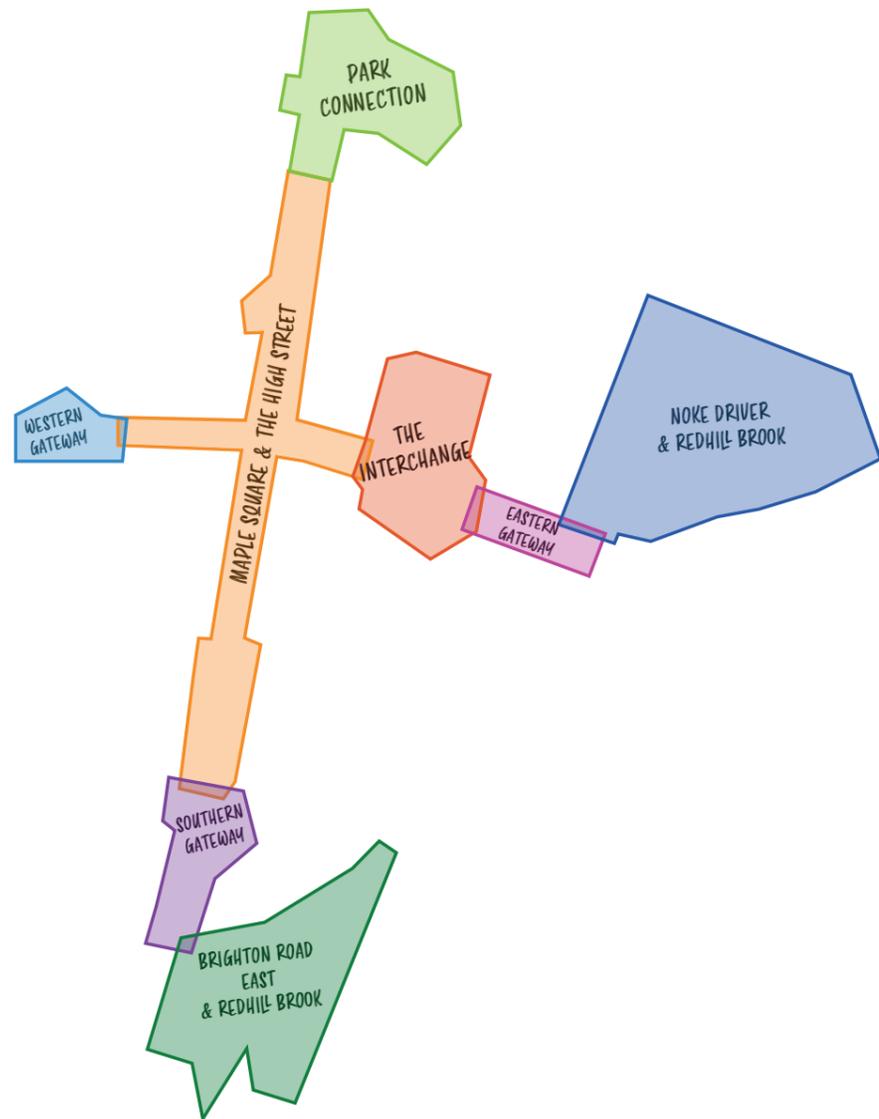
Fair or unfairly Redhill has, at times, received some negative comments. We hope through addressing some of Redhill Town Centre's issues we can change perceptions and improve quality of life for all.



# IDEAS & ASPIRATIONS PLAN

A conceptual sketch plan that highlights potential improvements across central Redhill including:

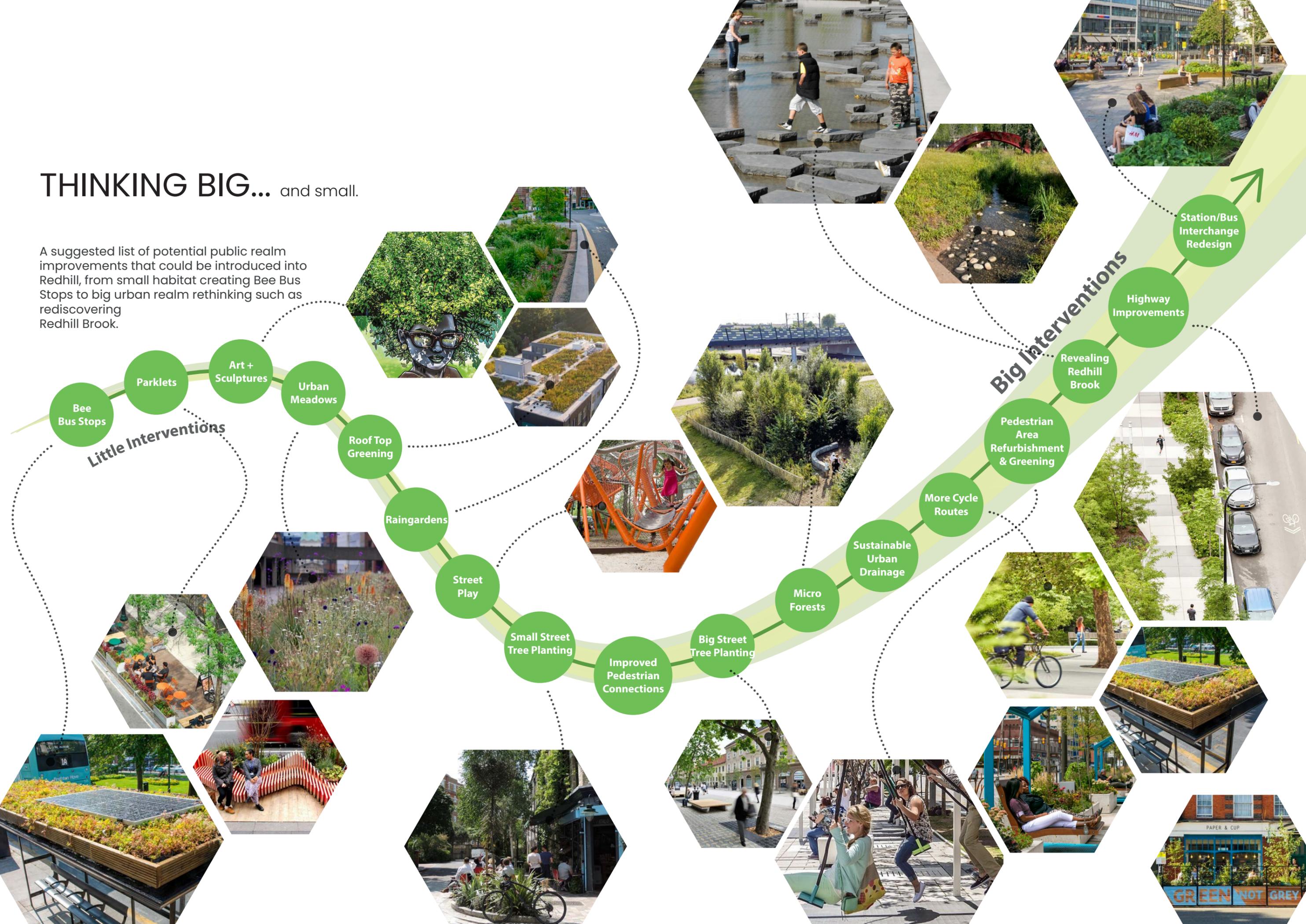
- Improved pedestrian and cycle connection
- Opportunities for urban greening
- Potential locations for art/local landmarks
- Key opportunity zones or spaces
- Attractive entrances to Redhill



- Improved Pedestrian Connectivity
- Improved Cycle Connectivity
- ★ Public Art Opportunity
- Redhill Brook
- 🌳 Urban Greening Opportunity

# THINKING BIG... and small.

A suggested list of potential public realm improvements that could be introduced into Redhill, from small habitat creating Bee Bus Stops to big urban realm rethinking such as rediscovering Redhill Brook.





# EXAMPLE: SHEFFIELD

## GREY TO GREEN PROJECT

- Delivers:
- Biodiversity
  - Sustainable drainage
  - Local history references
  - Art
  - Incidental play
  - Places to sit and socialise
  - Attractive streetscape





# EXAMPLE: 8 80 CITIES

Designing streets with a focus on the over 80's and under 8's  
DANFORTH STREET PROJECT, TORONTO - TEMPORARY INTERVENTION

- Delivers:
- More people
  - More dwell time
  - More green
  - More biodiversity
  - More cycling
  - Diversity in user types





# REDHILL BROOK REIMAGINED?

EXAMPLES OF DECULVERTED WATERWAYS AND IMPROVED URBAN WATERWAYS

- Delivers:
- Attractive, waterside spaces
  - Biodiversity
  - Sustainable drainage
  - Places to sit and socialise
  - Art
  - Incidental play (water play?)
  - Attractive streetscape
  - Urban cooling



RIVER DIJLE IN LEUVEN BELGIUM



DECULVERTED WATERWAY IN BIRMINGHAM - AUSTIN PARK, LONGBRIDGE



DECULVERTED WATERWAY IN COVENTRY - NAULS MILL PARK

# EXAMPLE: ROOFTOP GREENING

- Delivers:
- Biodiversity
  - Sustainable drainage
  - Places to sit and socialise
  - Art
  - Incidental play
  - Attractive roofscape
  - Urban cooling



COPENHAGEN ROOFTOP FARM AND RESTAURANT



ROOFTOP MEADOWS, BROOKLYN NY



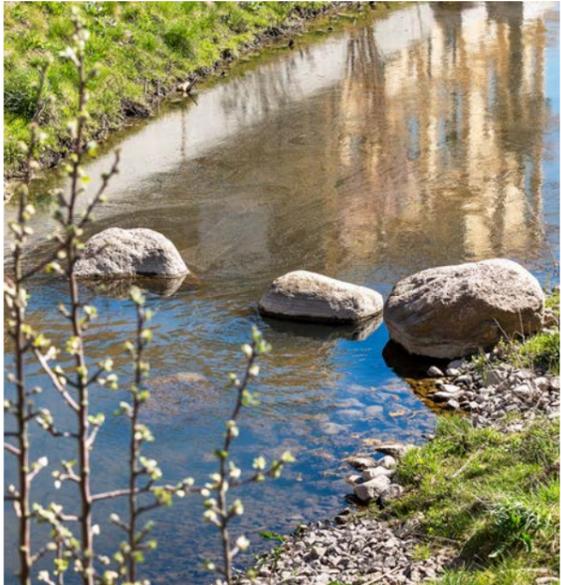
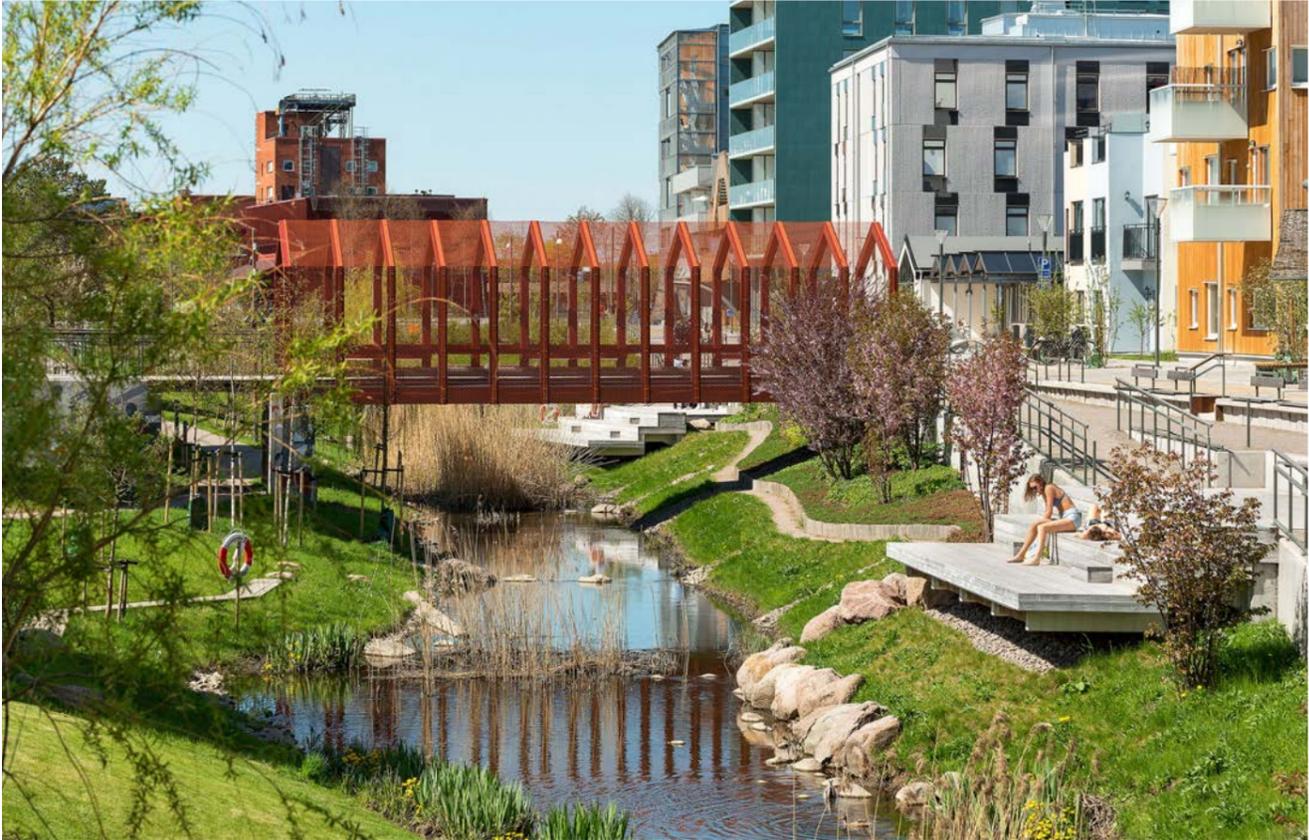
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# EXAMPLE: WATERSIDE COMMUNITY

BROPARKEN, LINKÖPING, SWEDEN

- Delivers:
- Attractive, waterside spaces
  - Biodiversity
  - Sustainable drainage
  - Places to sit and socialise
  - Art
  - Incidental play
  - Attractive streetscape
  - Beautiful place to live

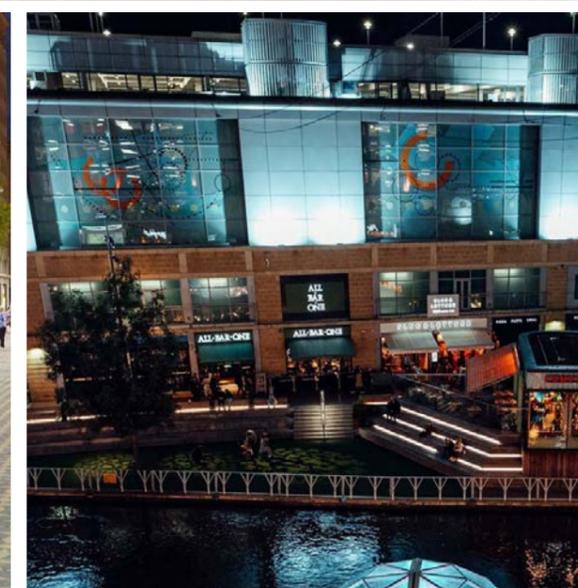
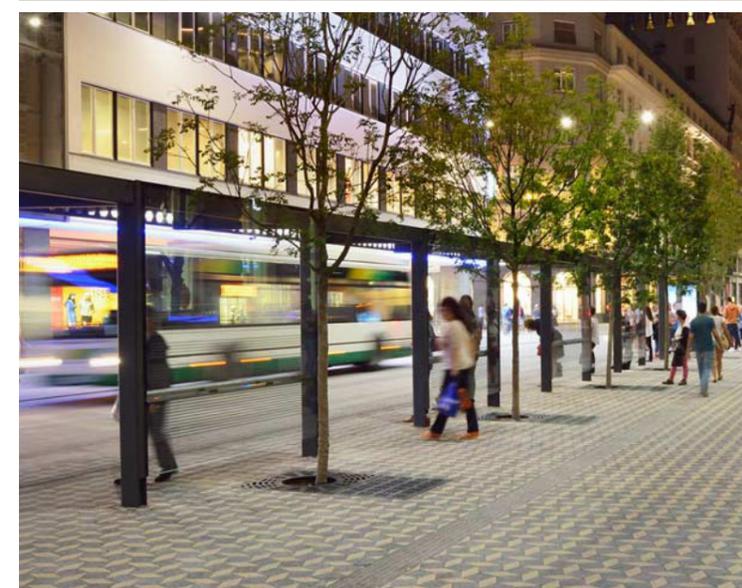


# EXAMPLE: NIGHT ECONOMY

PUBLIC REALM SUPPORTING NIGHTLIFE

Delivers:

- Safety
- Welcoming environments
- Attractive spaces
- Places to sit and socialise
- Places to eat (inside & outside)
- Art
- Attractive streetscape
- Beautiful place to live





# LONDON MAYOR HEALTHY STREETS GUIDANCE



### Pedestrians from all walks of life

London's streets should be welcoming places for everyone to walk, spend time in and engage in community life.

### People choose to walk, cycle and use public transport

Walking and cycling are the healthiest and most sustainable ways to travel, either for whole trips or as part of longer journeys on public transport. A successful transport system encourages and enables more people to walk and cycle more often. This will only happen if we reduce the volume and dominance of motor traffic and improve the experience of being on our streets.

### Clean air

Improving air quality delivers benefits for everyone and reduces unfair health inequalities.

### People feel safe

The whole community should feel comfortable and safe on our streets at all times. People should not feel worried about road danger or experience threats to their personal safety.

### Not too noisy

Reducing the noise impacts of motor traffic will directly benefit health, improve the ambience of street environments and encourage active travel and human interaction.

### Easy to cross

Making streets easier to cross is important to encourage more walking and to connect communities. People prefer direct routes and being able to cross streets at their convenience. Physical barriers and fast moving or heavy traffic can make streets difficult to cross.

### Places to stop and rest

A lack of resting places can limit mobility for certain groups of people. Ensuring there are places to stop and rest benefits everyone, including local businesses, as people will be more willing to visit, spend time in, or meet other people on our streets.

### Shade and shelter

Providing shade and shelter from high winds, heavy rain and direct sun enables everybody to use our streets, whatever the weather.

### People feel relaxed

A wider range of people will choose to walk or cycle if our streets are not dominated by motorised traffic, and if pavements and cycle paths are not overcrowded, dirty, cluttered or in disrepair.

### Things to see and do

People are more likely to use our streets when their journey is interesting and stimulating, with attractive views, buildings, planting and street art and where other people are using the street. They will be less dependent on cars if the shops and services they need are within short distances so they do not need to drive to get to them.

Source: Lucy Saunders

# NEXT STEPS

This is the first stage of the Greenaissance Project.

We will continue to support debate and develop ideas on how our Town Centre can improve.

Look out for updates posted on our website and social media channels.

[www.reigatesociety.org.uk](http://www.reigatesociety.org.uk)

Redhill Greenaissance:  
Bringing nature into town



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