

Donkey Common Skate Plaza

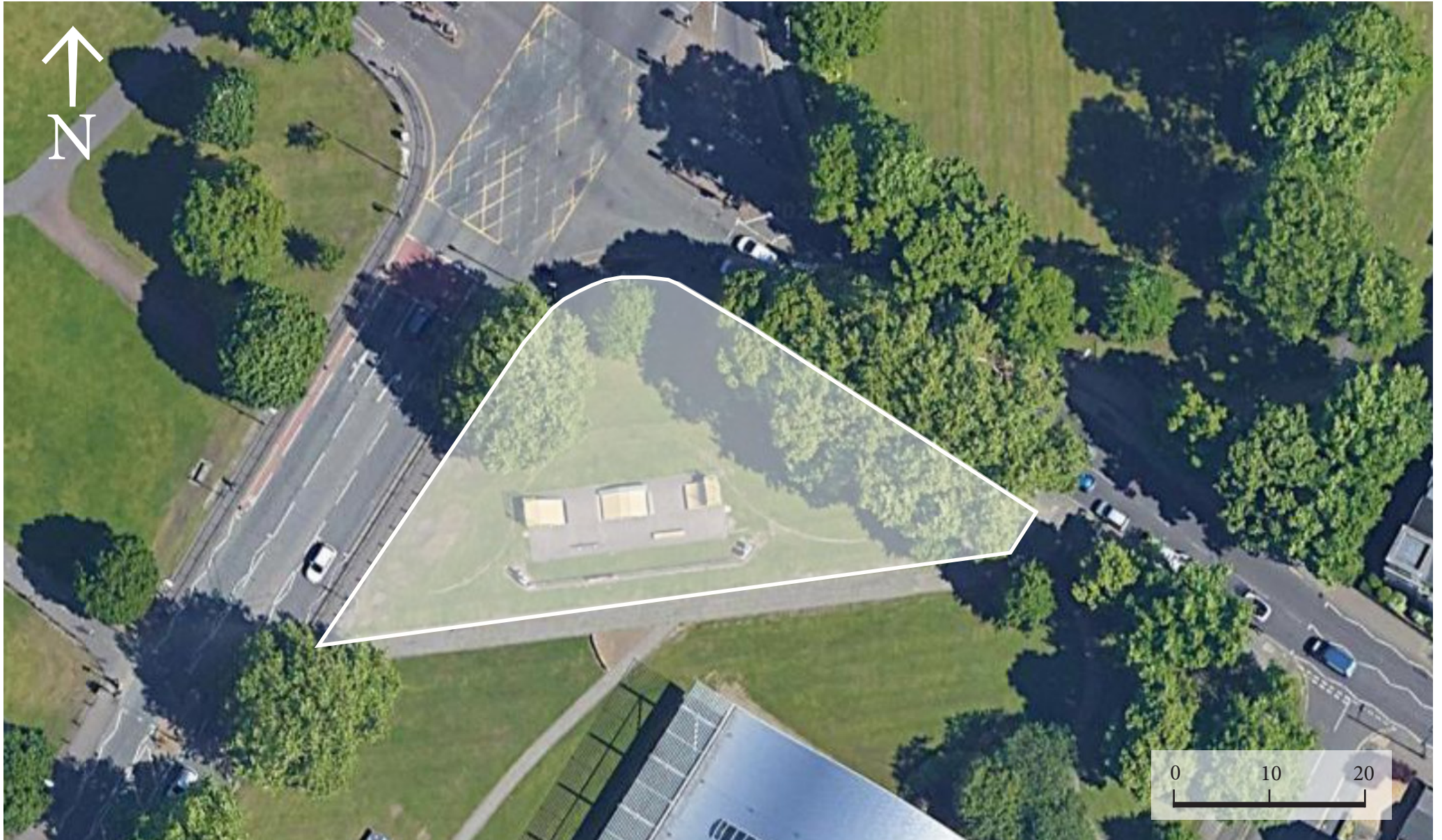
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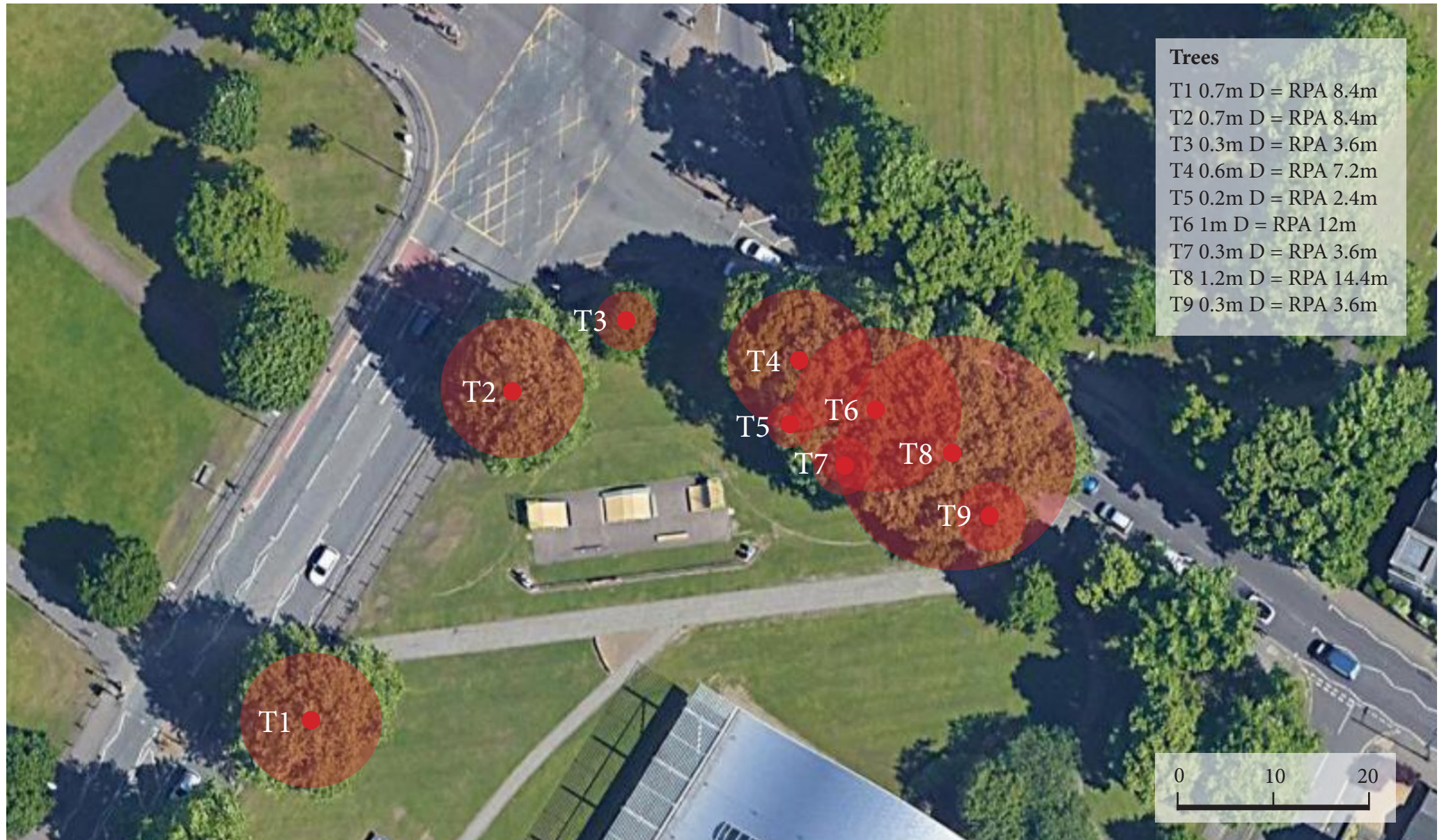
Location plan



Site - North corner of Donkey Common

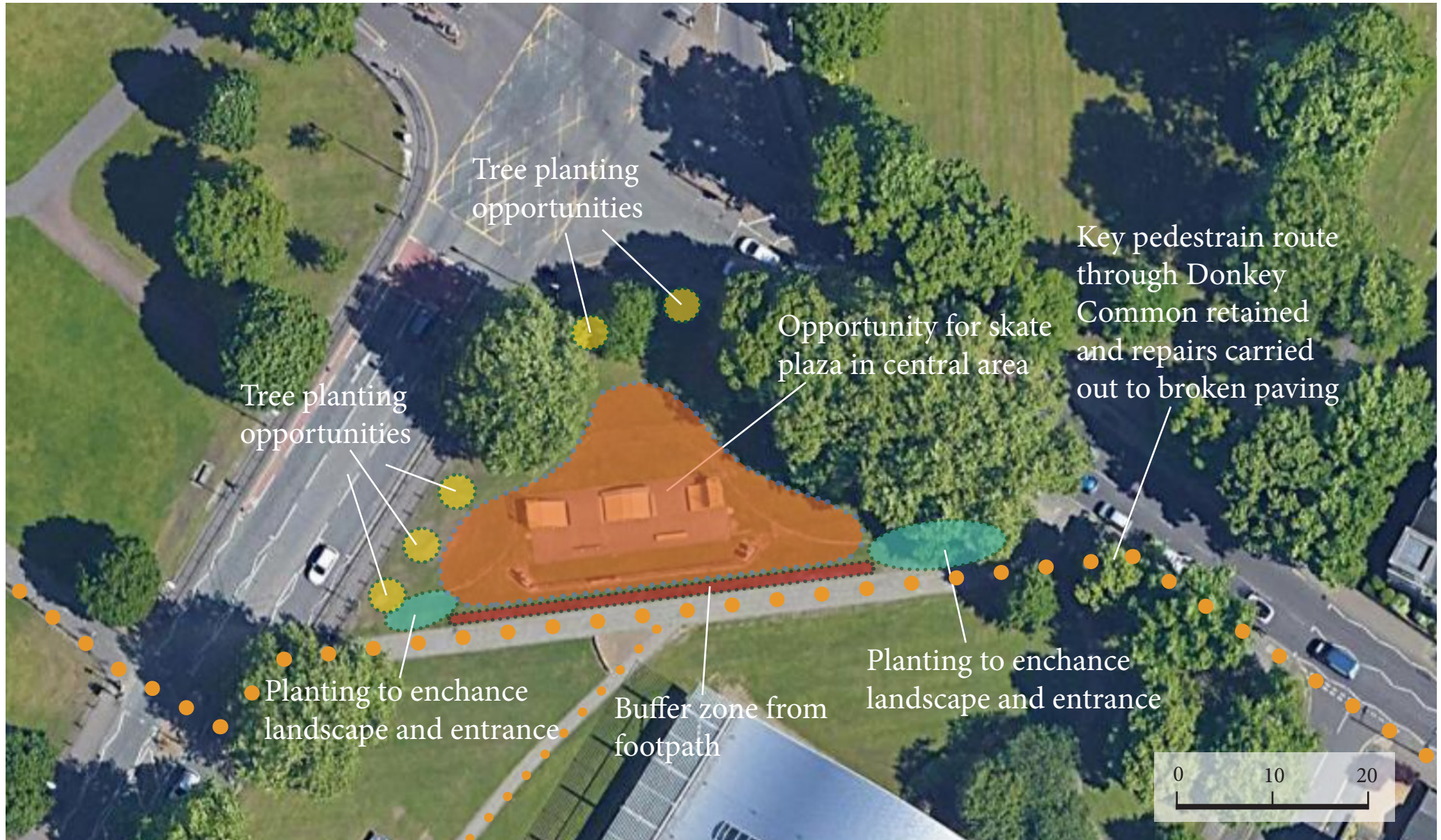


Existing trees and root protection areas



Map showing indicative RPA areas and subject to topographic survey and arboriculturist comment

Review of layout opportunities



Layout options



Option A - Resurface existing
140 sqm of hard standing
£21,000 (@£150sqm)



Option C - Area adjacent to main path
c.500 sqm of hard standing
£75,000 (@£150sqm)



Option B - Use existing curve of landscape feature
c.420 sqm of hard standing
£63,000 (@£150sqm)



Option D - Maximum available space
c.700 sqm of hard standing
£105,000 (@£150sqm)

Preferred layout option

Option C - Area adjacent to main path



Benefits of this layout

- Makes best use of available space
- Still leaves significant green space and protects tree roots of existing trees
- Includes buffer zone from main path
- Wide 'lanes' to enable multiple users at the same time
- Budget to deliver the project is achievable

Arrangement and context



Design principles

1. **Maximum feature height 1 meter** to improve sightlines across the site
2. **No railings** around the plaza
3. **1 meter buffer zone of green space** between the skate plaza and main path
4. An inclusive space that can be **used by any level of skater**
5. Facilitate **additional tree planting** around the site boundary
6. Skate plaza features to **replicate street furniture** in design
7. **Surface water** directed to grass/permeable areas
8. Surface to be **smooth, flat and robust**

Surfacing options



Surfacing option 1 - Natural stone paving (eg granite)

Very robust and looks great

Makes the design feel more multifunctional and public

In keeping with the plaza aesthetic

Low maintenance



Surfacing option 2 - Power floated concrete

Very robust

Cost effective to install

Low/zero maintenance

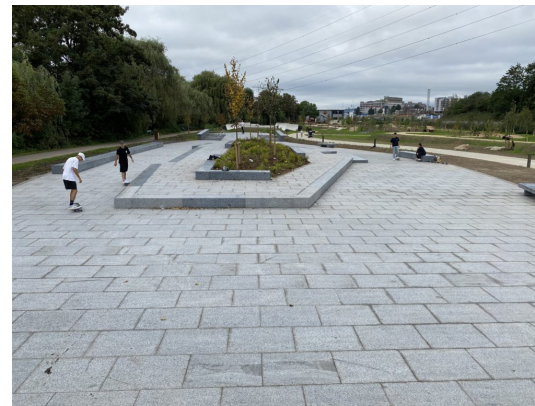
Precedent projects



Born Plaza
Barcelona



Place de la Republic
Paris



Oxhey skate plaza
Watford

Precedent examples and inspiration



Outline concept design

This outline concept design has been prepared to assist with planning the Donkey Common Skate Plaza. The design sets out the scope and aspiration of the project. It is not the finalised proposal.

