Cambridge Market Square Project Concept Design: Key Design Elements Summary

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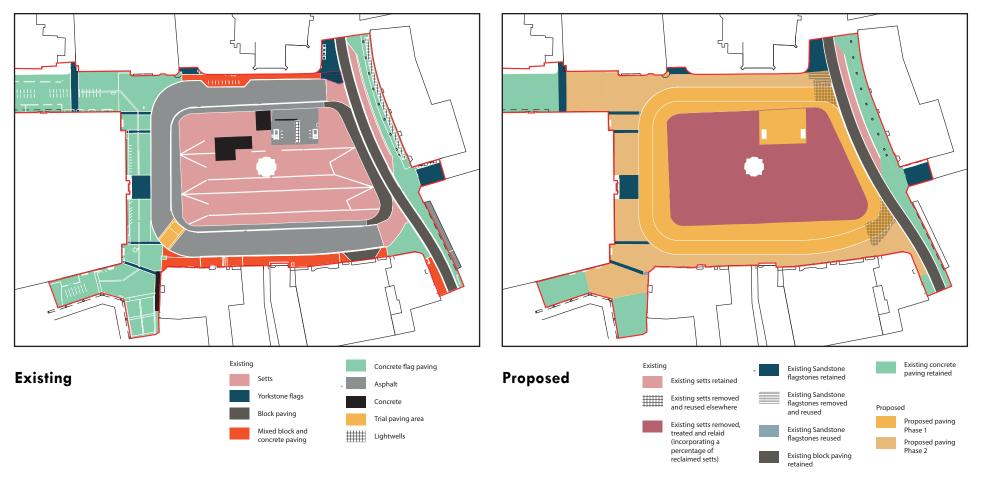
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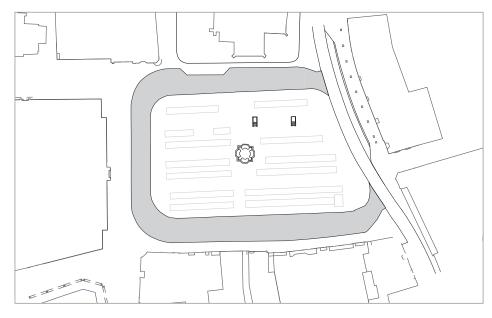
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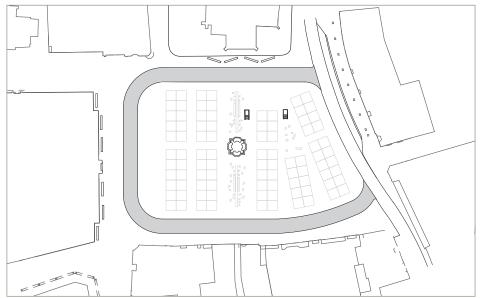


A reduction in the width of Market Hill roadway to help make the area more user-friendly for visitors on foot



Existing

The existing road surrounding the market varies in width at different parts of the road. The kerbs are typically around 100mm in height and there is no designated parking around the square apart from a small taxi rank in front of Great St Mary's Church.



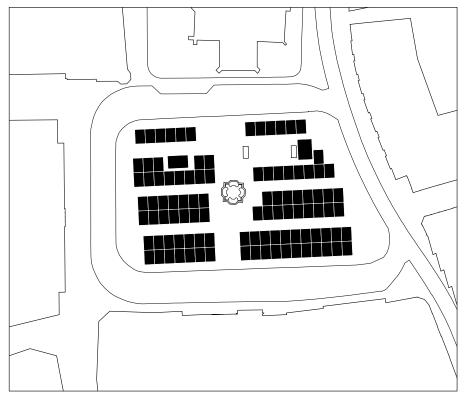
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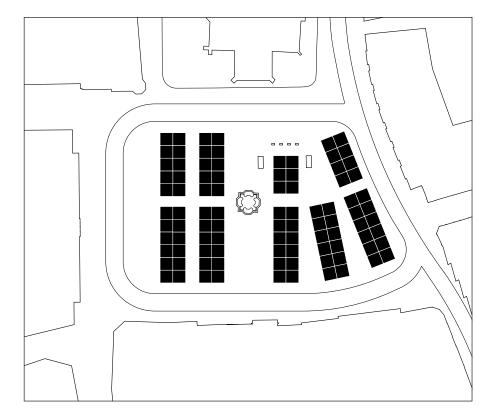
The proposed road layout will consistently be 4.25m all the way around the square and thereby aid efficiency and improve ease of accessibility for pedestrians, cyclist and motor vehicles within the Market Square. The proposal reduces the amount of road surface, thereby increasing the pedestrian area and it simplifies the road by removing some of the existing lay-by's and widening the footways around the square.

To provide a more accessible and inclusive pedestrian prioritised space the drop kerbs will be removed and the narrowed road raised, bringing the road height up to reduce the kerb height to 25mm. The road will be designed with new surface treatments to replace uneven surfaces.

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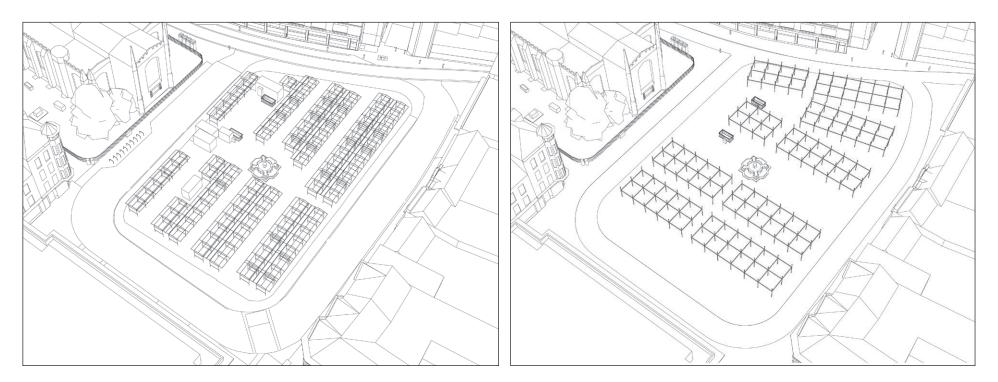
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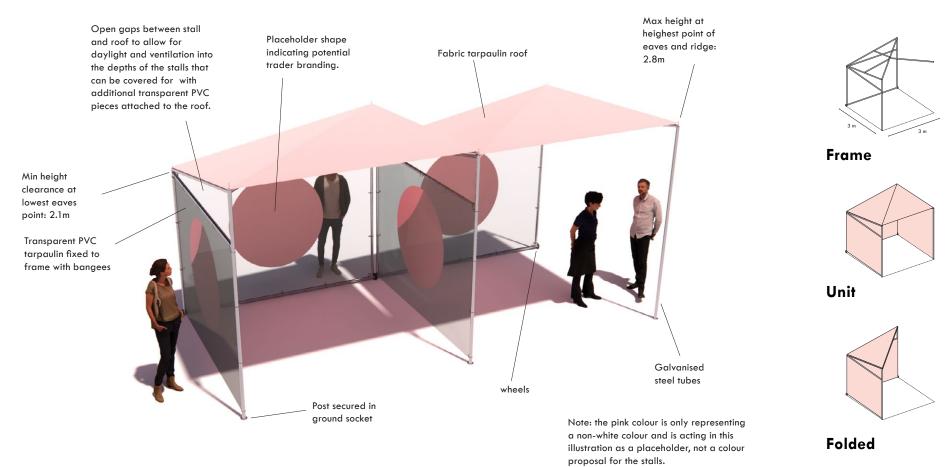
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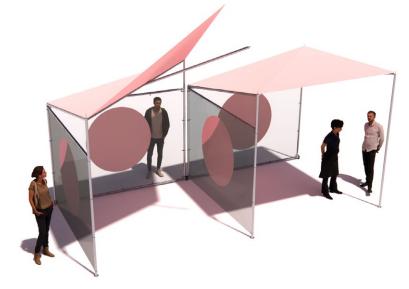
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New, durable and demountable market stall design

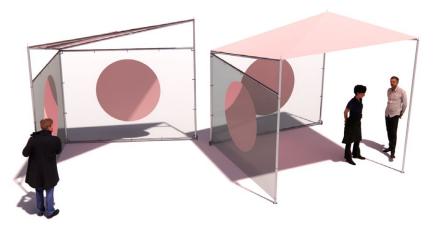


Option A - Module

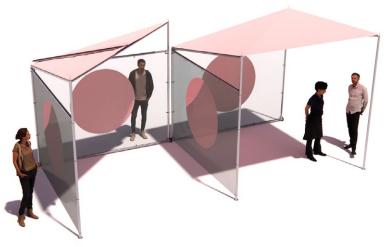
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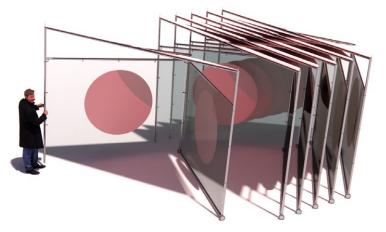
Unhooking and folding back of roof



Stall lifted out-of ground socket and wheeled away

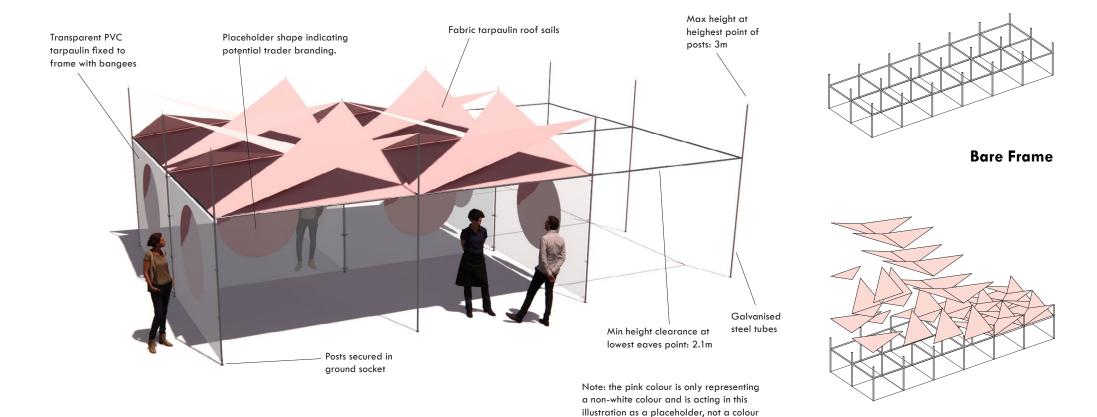


Stall fully folded into triangle shape



Stall wheeled into a stacked row of stalls for storing

Market Stall Design: Option B - Frame

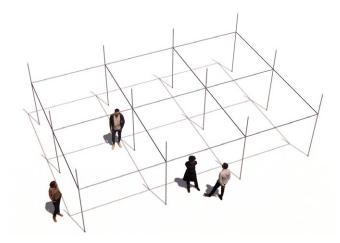


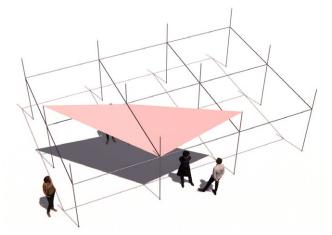
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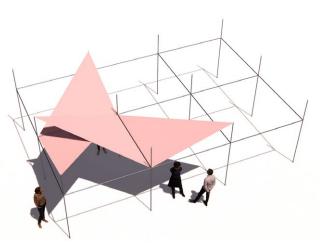
Removing/adding roof sails

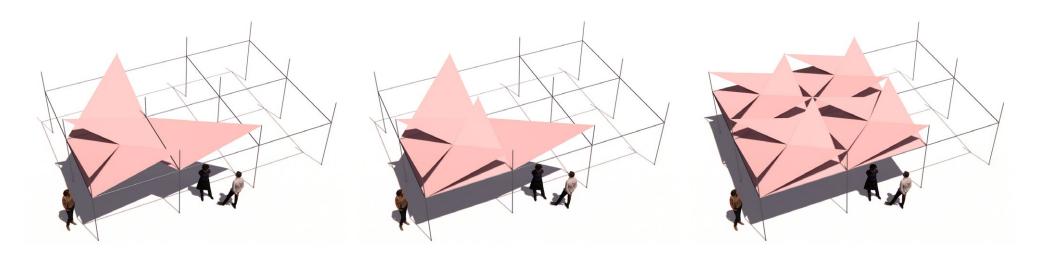
proposal for the stalls.

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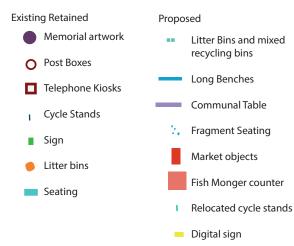


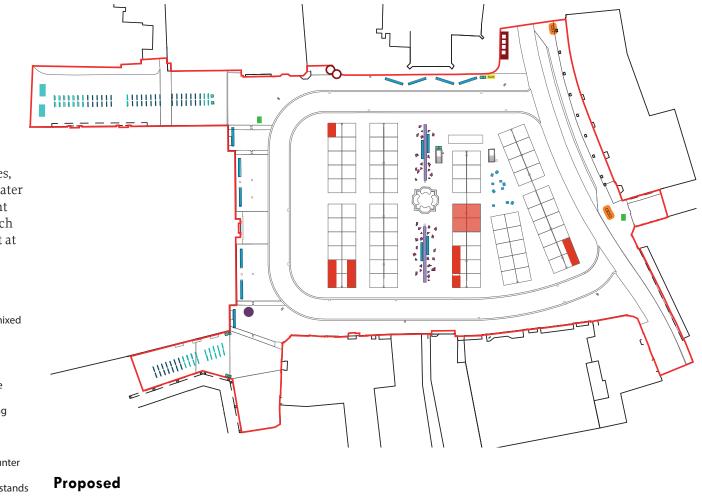
Sequence of roof sail weaving

4.0 Street Furniture and Seating

The street furniture proposals aim to create a coordinated and cohesive design that is considered and appropriate to the character of the square. Making the most of the space available by reducing clutter of unecessary items and and introducing more of what's lacking such as seating.

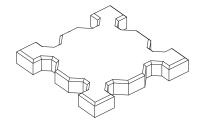
The proposals provide additional seating opportunities with a range of seating types. These include fragmented seating, long tables, long benches and seating blocks. They will cater for different uses such as for people that want a quick rest, somewhere to sit, relax and watch the world go by or to meet as a group and eat at a table.

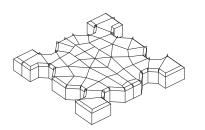


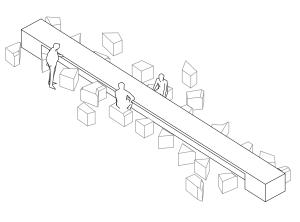


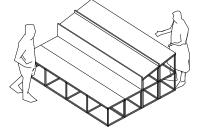
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Seating Types

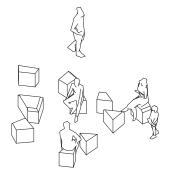




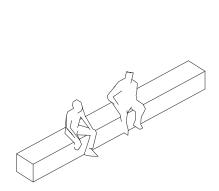




Objects as display stands

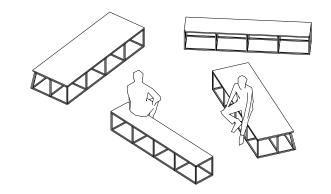


Fragmented seating concept



Long Table illustrative view

Long Benches illustrative view







View of the central seating area with Gt St Mary's in the background

5.0 Utilities: Waste

A new underground waste management system, improved toilets and storage for stallholders.

The proposal for the management of trade waste is to employ an underground collection system that replaces the existing above ground bins, compactors and containers as well as increase the current capacity. The underground bin options being considered are a system already in operation in Eddington (NW Cambridge) or a lift system that allows existing large bins to be stored underground.



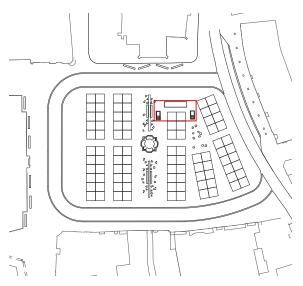
Bin collection system options



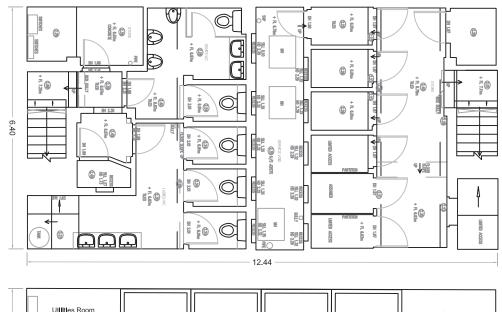
The Sotkon Max bins

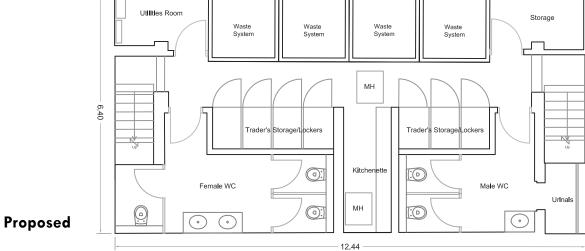
Utilities: Toilets + Storage

The existing underground toilet and storage space will be partially be employed to facilitate the underground waste system while maintaining some storage capacity and providing fully refurbished toilets and a communal amenity/ kitchenette area for the traders.



Location of existing underground space





Existing

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