

FRIARGATE SOUTH PROJECT

AS PART OF THE ACTIVE PRESTON IMPROVEMENTS

This public realm scheme to Friargate South is being delivered, with funding successfully secured through the 'Active Preston' Programme.

Funding also now in place for Orchard Street.

The design proposals for both Friargate South and Orchard Street are shown here.



The proposed Friargate South and Orchard Street schemes present an exciting opportunity to further improve the street scene across the city centre, improving the public realm and a sustainable transport network, to encourage regeneration.

The improvements are designed to encourage cycle and pedestrian movement through Friargate South, Cheapside and Orchard Street and connect with the public realm improvements that have already taken place on Fishergate, Friargate North and the Market Hall, as well as planned improvements under the Illuminate and Integrate Scheme.

The Friargate North works have been undertaken by Lancashire County Council.

The Friargate South improvements are being delivered by Preston City Council working in partnership with Eric Wright Civil Engineering.

These improvements create an important North-South Link of Active Travel provision in the central core of the city.

-  Friargate South proposed scheme (Levelling-Up Fund - secured)
-  Orchard Street proposed scheme (Funding not yet secured)



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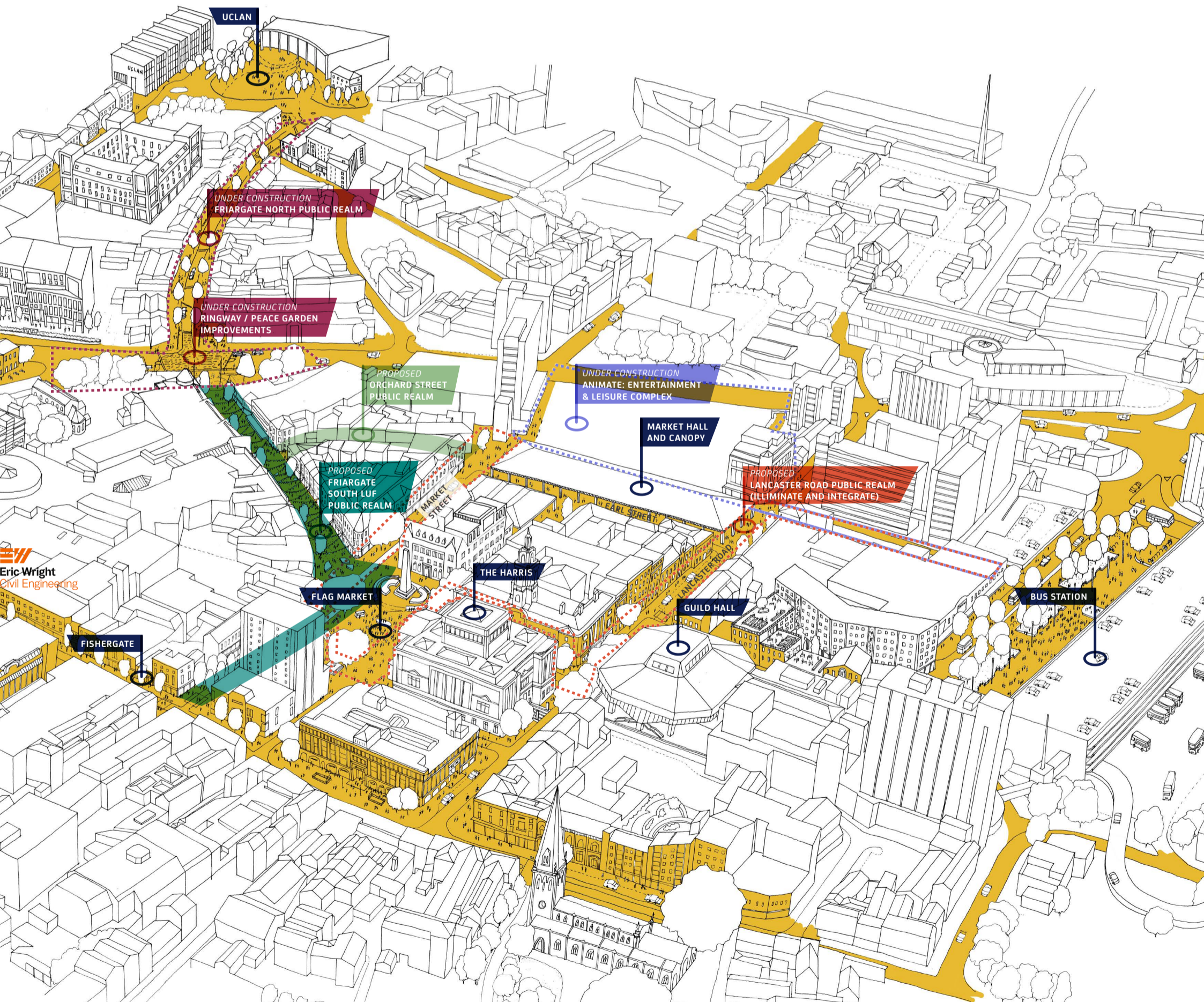
Whilst the Harris Quarter is well connected to the rest of the city centre via the existing network of streets, many of these routes are dated having been designed around vehicular movement, limiting the potential for cycle and pedestrian use.

Dated, tired and a patchwork of materials, as well as a cluttered public realm, prevents from unifying the fine architecture within the area.

A number of improvement schemes are ongoing in the area and the Friargate South and Orchard Street schemes are the missing pieces of the jigsaw.

The proposal focuses on improving and rebalancing the pedestrian and cycle provisions on **Friargate South**, **Cheapside** and **Orchard Street** to better connect to the wider network.

-  Extent of Friargate South public realm improvements (Levelling-Up Fund - secured)
-  Extent of Orchard Street public realm improvements (Funding not secured)
-  Extent of Friargate North and Peace Garden public realm improvements (under construction)
-  Extent of lighting improvements as part of Illuminate and Integrate public realm scheme (Town's Fund)
-  Extent of Animate scheme
-  Schemes completed / landmarks



THE PROPOSAL

The proposals will be integrated into the Transforming Ringway and Friargate North improvements, which have been designed to support cyclists and pedestrians between the University and the Harris Quarter.

Friargate South aims to provide a pedestrian priority public realm that matches work already carried out at on Fishergate and Friargate North using complimentary materials.

Improvements to the area include high quality paving, which differ in treatment and type. They will provide continuity with the Friargate North paving improvements.

On Friargate South, improvements include:

- A shared pedestrian/cyclist/service vehicle zone paved with a warm, buff tone of natural granite finish and concrete Kellen paving, with a one way contra-flow cycle lane paved in a darker tone for visual demarcation

- A two-tone corduroy strip of paving to the edge of the shared-use central carriageway zone
- A feature paved area at the section where Friargate South connects with Orchard Street
- 3 granite paved courtesy crossings

On Cheapside, improvements include:

- A new contra flow cycle lane alongside the Flag Market with asphalt / chippings surface
- Resurfacing of pavement area with a natural granite finish
- Resurfacing of carriageway with new asphalt surface
- 2 additional granite paved courtesy crossings

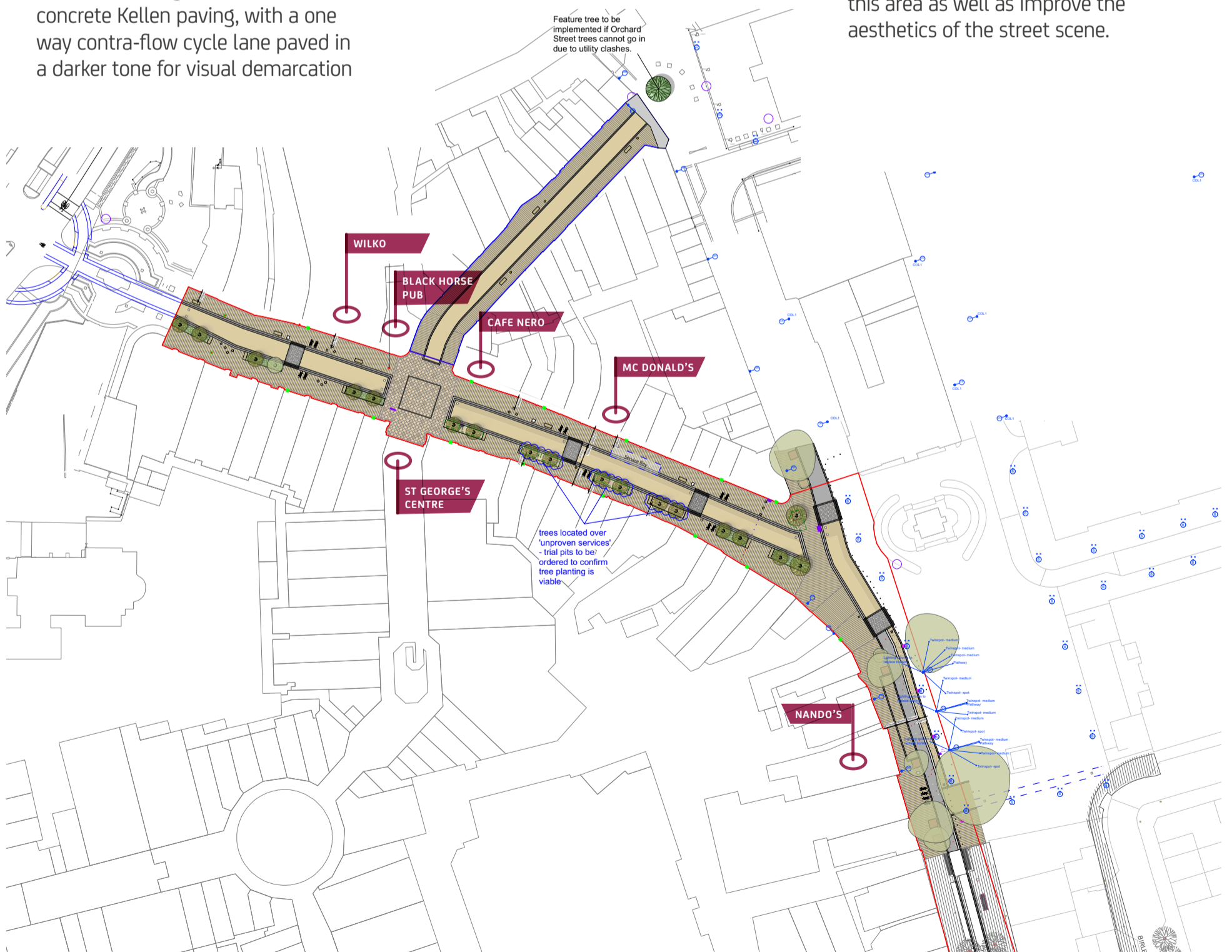
On Orchard Street, improvements include:

- A shared pedestrian / cyclist / service vehicle zone paved with a natural granite finish and Kellen paving
- A two tone corduroy strip of paving to the edge of the central zone
- Seating

The new street furniture to include:

- Cycle stands
- Litter bins / bollards
- Benches and seating blocks
- Street trees set within rain gardens/planted areas

The proposed line of street trees will add to the ecological value of this area as well as improve the aesthetics of the street scene.



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The aims of the proposal are to:

- Add to the cycle network around Preston and encourage cycling.
- Provide a north-south link in the central core of the city, completing the gap in the existing cycle network.
- Create an attractive people friendly, greener street scene and walking / cycling environment.
- Improve footfall, use of street and dwell time to support local businesses.

- Support a vibrant street scene.
- Support alfresco dining / pavement cafes.
- Increase social cohesion.
- To be an integral part of the connection between Friargate North and Fishergate, linking the UCLAN campus with the City Centre.
- Improve the ecological and environmental value as well as the biodiversity of the area through planting and street trees.

TIMESCALES:

Friargate South / Cheapside / Orchard Street:

- Construction on site Summer 2025
- Completion Spring 2026



Visualisation of the proposed Friargate South arrangement.



Pedestrian priority street with clear definition of uses through materials and furniture.



Rain gardens: planted areas collecting surrounding surface water. (Illustrative image).



Use of material change to signal crossing points

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BEFORE:



Photography of the existing Friargate South arrangement.

AFTER:



Visualisation of the proposed Friargate South arrangement.



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