

Background

Following considerable public demand, the London Borough of Lewisham has commissioned a feasibility study to be undertaken to explore whether the Anchor, formally located in Deptford High Street close to the junction with Deptford Broadway could be re-introduced back into the public realm.

On 23rd March 2017 the Mayor and Cabinet took the decision to agree to the anchor's return.

It has then been agreed that the anchor will return to the southern end of Deptford High Street.

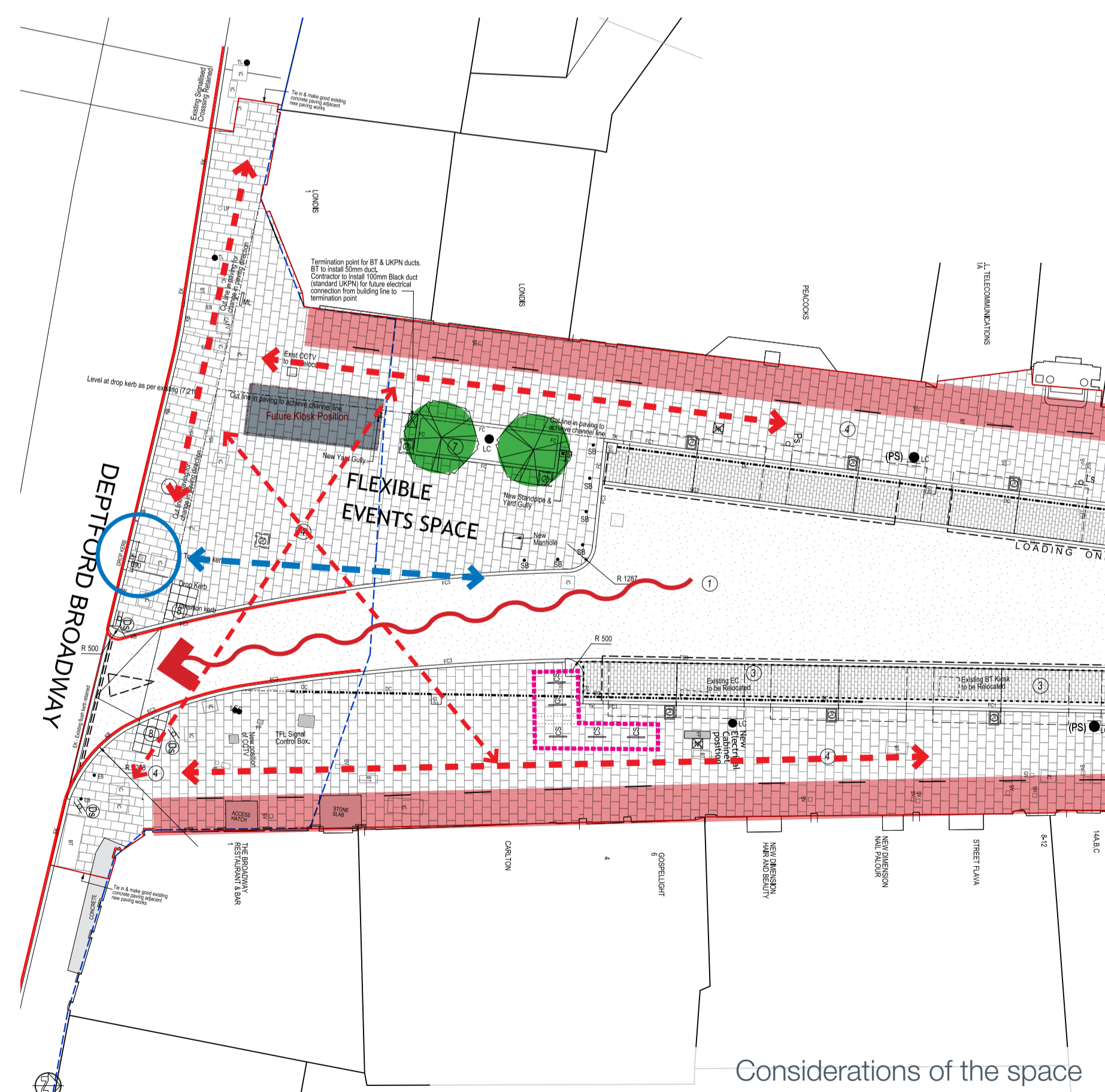
The current space has been designed to accommodate a flexible, social area and a valuable 'breathing space' during market event days. On the surface, it looks very open and could host the anchor in a number of locations.

However, the following issues need to be considered so that the anchor is relocated with minimal impact to all uses of the space.

- Pedestrian movement and desire lines from shops and across the space
- Safe sight lines for all users
- Consideration for those with sight impairment
- Underground utilities and drainage
- Cyclist access to and from the Broadway
- One way vehicle exit onto the Broadway
- Allowance for event flexibility
- Shops, businesses, market
- Cycle parking and other functional street furniture
- Recent tree planting



The High Street today



Considerations of the space



The anchor, currently at Convoys Wharf

PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Consultation: 13th - 27th June
- Drop-in session: 20th June
- Planning: July - August
- Construction: Early September
- DEPTFORD X FESTIVAL: from 22nd September

Relocation of the anchor

**DROP-IN SESSION IN DEPTFORD LOUNGE, 9 GIFFIN SQUARE ON 20th JUNE BETWEEN 3 AND 7 PM
OR VISIT THE CONSULTATION PORTAL AT www.lewisham.gov.uk**

What we have done

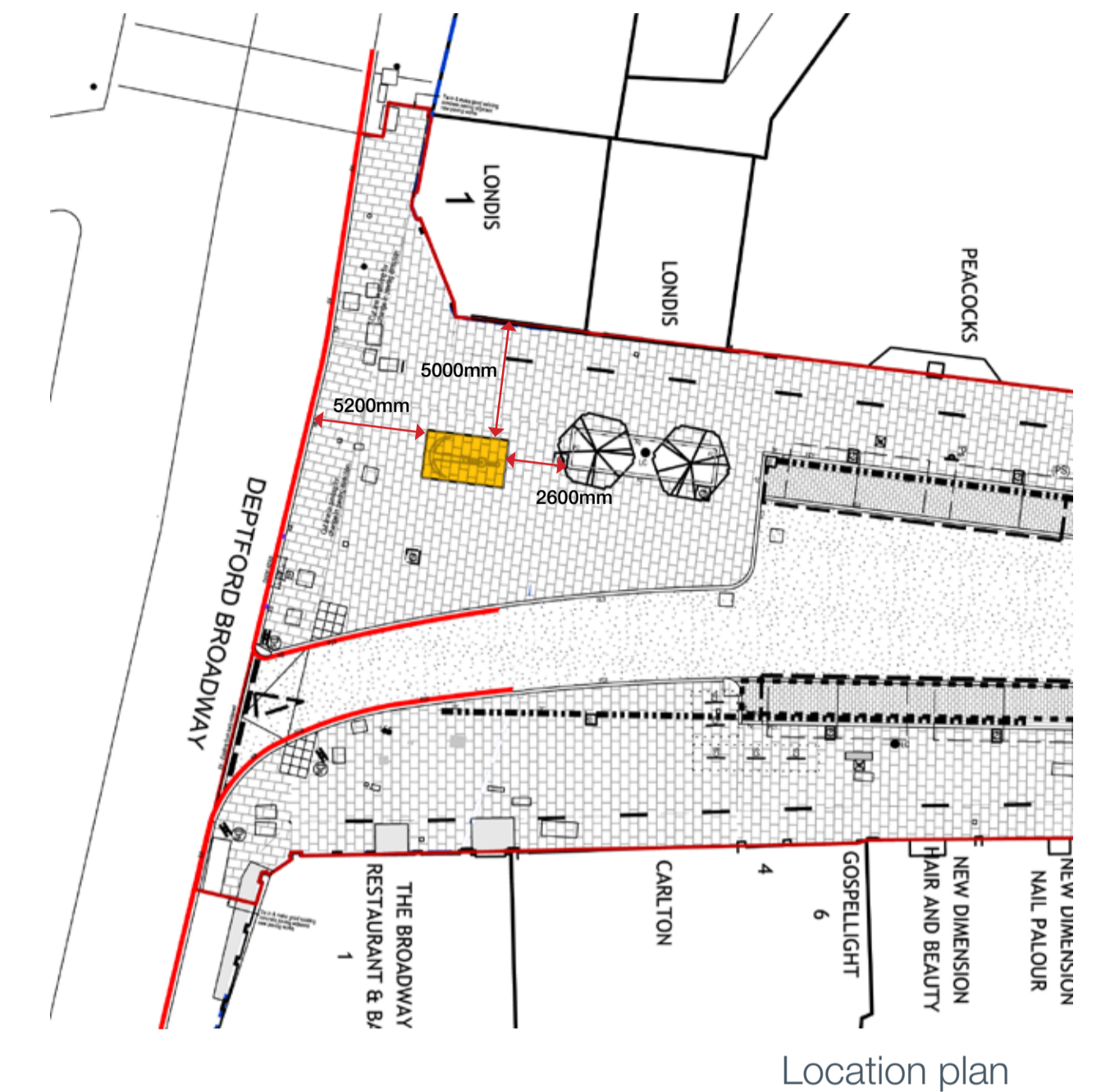
We have analysed the site to understand the limitation and spoken to the following teams:

- Highways
- Cleansing
- Markets
- Crime prevention
- Cycling
- Planning and Conservation
- Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
- The Deptford Society

The preferred proposal

The following outlines how we came to this proposal:

- Location following all the criteria as set out on Board 1
- Use of a contrasting material for the base
- Use of a textured material for the base
- A flat level surface to avoid trip hazard
- The size of the base to protect the public from the anchor
- A natural arrangement for the chain which minimises safety hazards



Above, the preferred proposal: a wider base consisting of cropped granite setts, laid flush. The use of a different texture comparing to the adjacent paving flags helps its detection for those with sight impairment minimising at the same time the risk of trip hazards. On the left, an option which explores the use of a mix of color contrasting setts.

FOR CONSIDERATION

- The reuse of salvaged granite setts
- The nature and arrangement of the setts, including color contrast
- The inclusion of a plaque and what it might say