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Bath Quays Waterside : Flood Defence Project

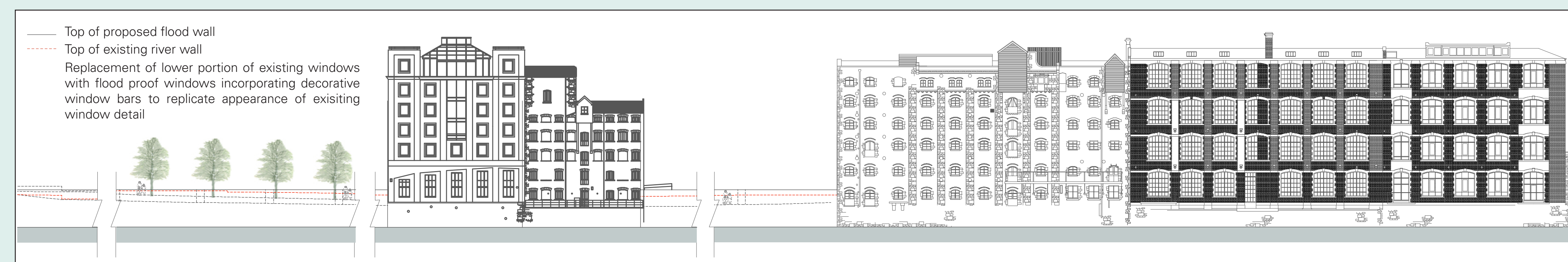
Scheme Description

Plan



Summary of proposed works:
 A to B New conveyance strip max 15m wide, with new level access and steps, amenity space and tree and riverbank habitat planting
 B to C Localised clearance of hedge / railings / trees; realignment of footway with level access route. Riverside habitat planting
 D to E Realignment of Green Park Road
 F to G Existing flood defence wall raised by up to 500mm; riverbank tree and habitat planting
 G to H Provision of flood protection across ground floor riverside windows at Camden Mill and Bayer Building
 J to K Replacement flood defence river wall
 K to L Provision of new temporary flood defence wall, nominal 1.8m height, with riverside habitat and wall screen planting

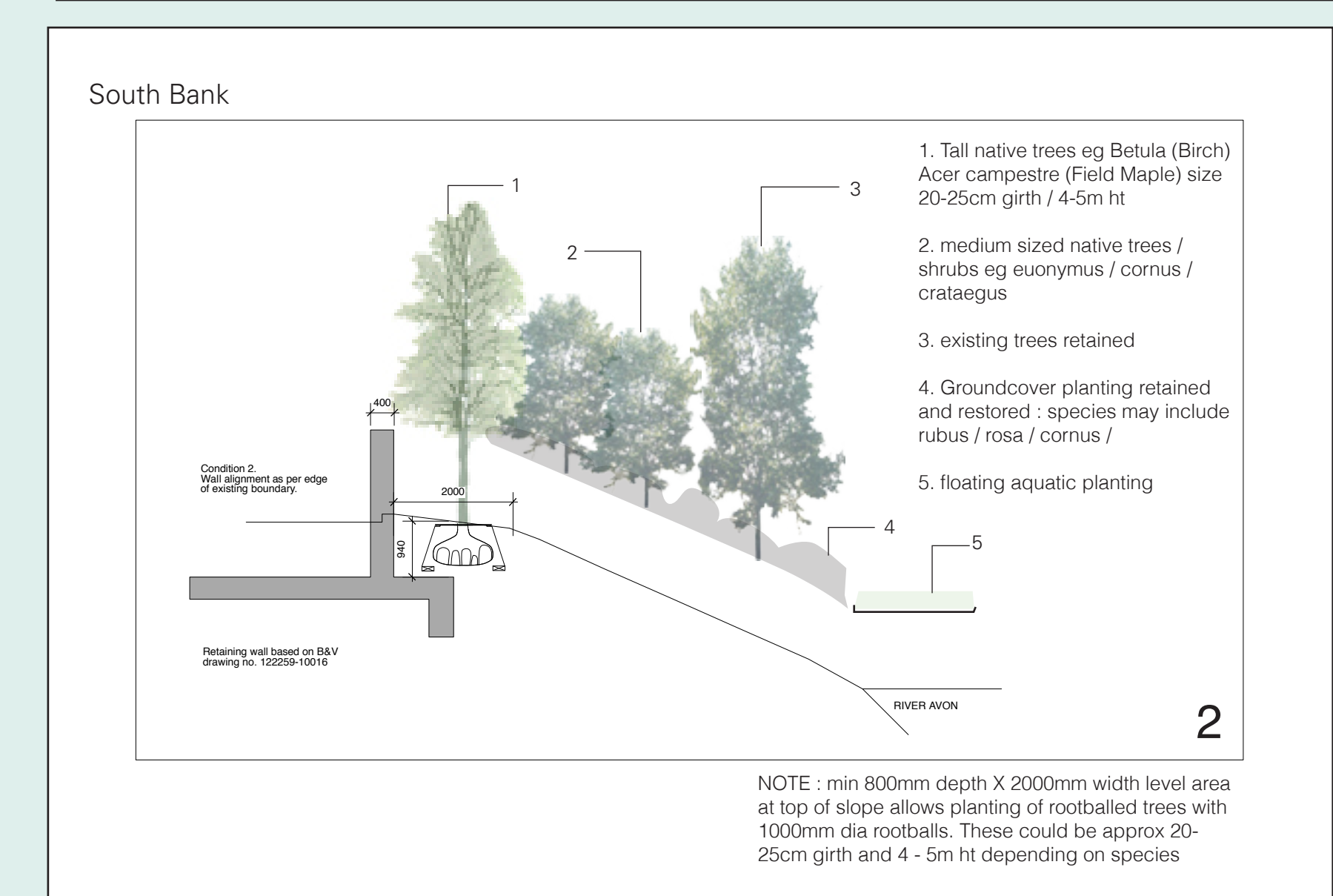
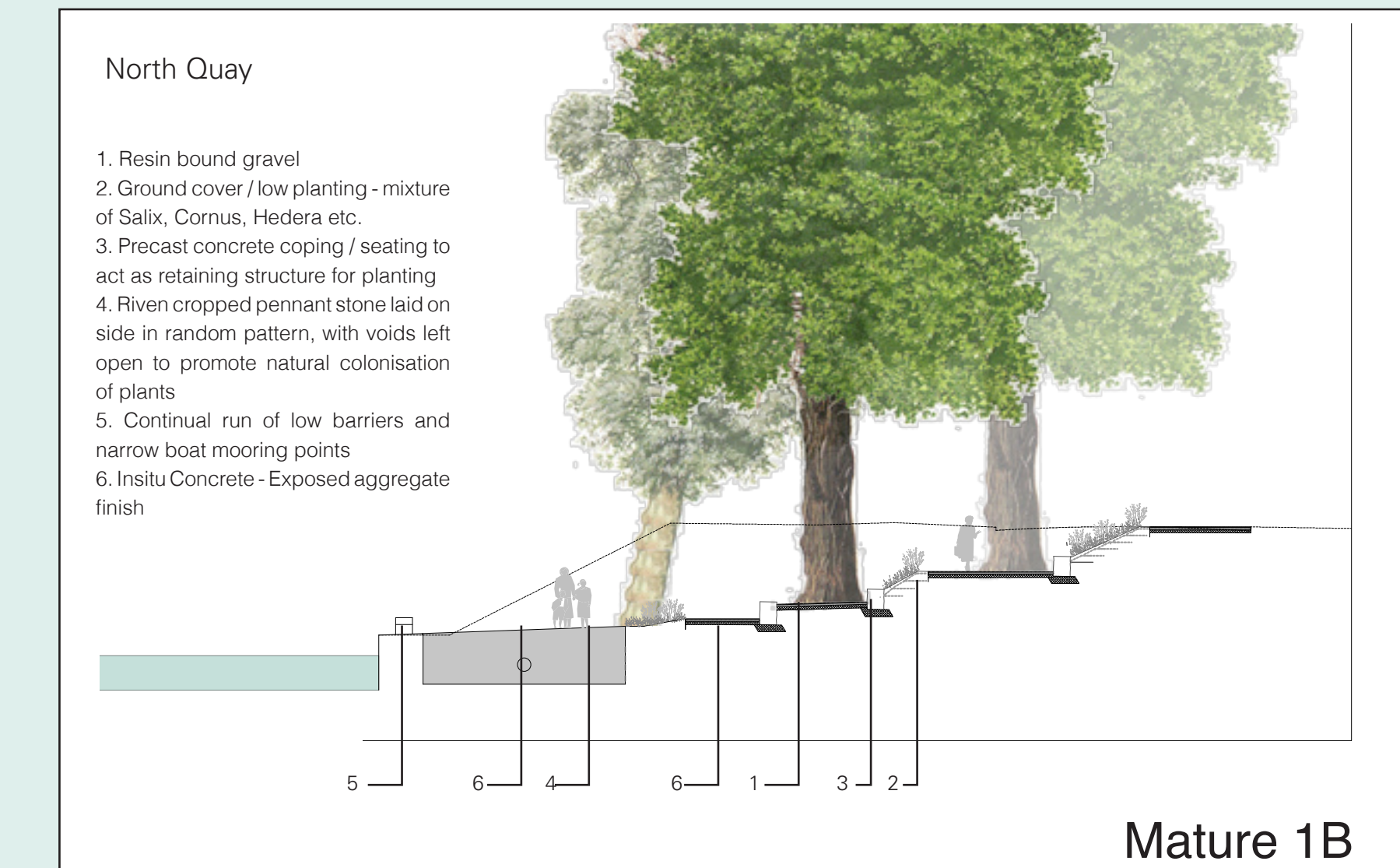
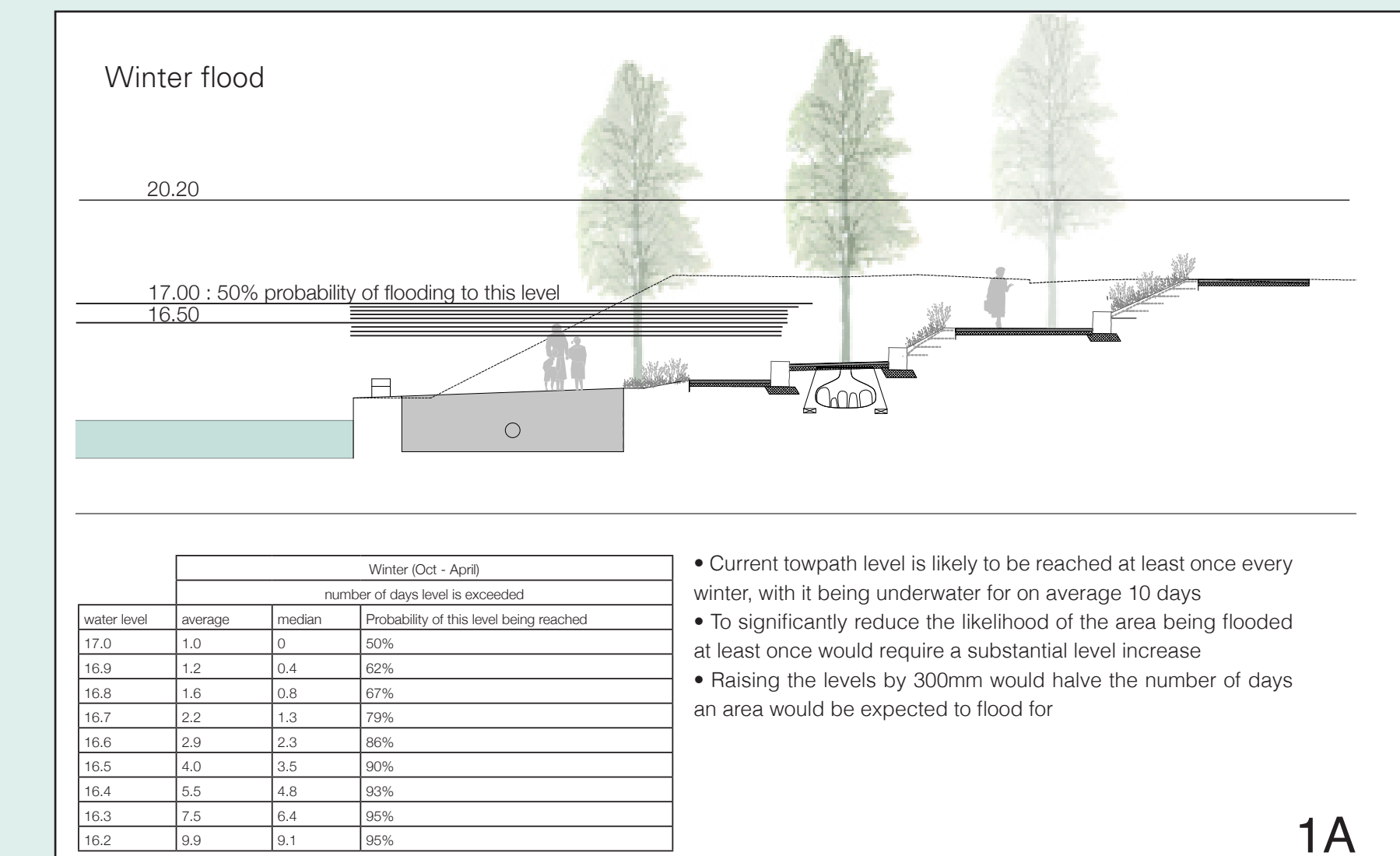
Typical treatment to waterfront



The Bath Quays Waterside and the subsequent Innovation Quays project offer the potential to radically transform this area through the creation of a major new waterside place. The projects include upper and lower level river promenades, a defined cycle route, natural landscaping and ecology, a large riverside public space offering opportunities for outdoor performances and events, and greater opportunities to hold activities on the river. The new environment will provide an attractive and playful waterfront for Bath that can be used and enjoyed by thousands of people all year round.

Through facilitating the development of Innovation Quays, Bath Quays Waterside will contribute to the delivery of the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Area and the creation of around 3,600 new homes, 650,000 square feet of new workspace and up to 9,000 new jobs for local people.

Sections



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the impact on existing trees, how many will be removed?
 The flood defence project will require the removal of 23 trees along the riverside at North Quay. 14 of these are poplar trees which were planted in the 1970's and are now reaching the end of their life. Trees will be planted to replace those lost. The species chosen will be flood tolerant and found elsewhere along the river in Bath including White Willow and Tulip tree. They will be planted as large specimens generally between 7-9m height to ensure they will have an immediate impact. The new flood wall at south bank will be screened by replacement tree planting on the river bank. Species will include White Willow, Field Maple and Birch.

Question: What is the impact on wildlife?
 A full series of surveys have been undertaken in respect of wildlife and ecology, including surveys of trees and bird species using the trees, as well as bat and reptile surveys. The scheme represents an opportunity to enhance the river corridor for ecology and will consider the creation of new habitats. A holistic approach is being undertaken to ensure the scheme ties into other approaches in respect of the river corridor. This will include addressing sensitive issues such as lighting.

Question: What value will I get from a new riverside walkway?
 The Bath Quays Waterside project will provide an amenity space for people of all ages. There is a focus on playfulness and promenading within the scheme proposals and it is envisaged that people of all ages and walks of life will be able to engage with the waterside as a new place within the city. A few initial thoughts have focused on forming a performance space for outdoor events, the holding of raft races on the river, cafes, public art and ecology to create a waterfront that can be used and enjoyed all year round by local people.

Question: When Green Park Road is realigned where will the coaches park, especially during Christmas market?
 The proposed realignment of Green Park Road will necessitate a reduction in size of the Coach Park, but it will remain in use as a drop-off and pick-up location for coaches. An alternative site for any longer term coach parking is being brought forward by the Council in connection with this project.

Question: Won't this re-alignment create more traffic congestion?
 The traffic using Green Park Road will be able to use the new road arrangement in the future. This relocation of Green Park Road should not give rise to an increase in traffic flows on the Green Park Road or at the Southgate junction.

Question: Will the works affect access and use of the river during construction?
 There is potential for minor disturbance to river users during construction, however, careful consideration will be given to project programming to ensure these works are undertaken outside periods of high river use.

Question: Will I be able to access my place of business during the works?
 A full traffic and pedestrian scheme will be implemented during the works to enable full access to all adjoining properties within the development area. A full Traffic Management Plan will be developed as the scheme design develops.

Question: When will the works be taking place?
 The project programme is being refined and developed through the design and consultation process. At present it is thought that works could start in 2015.