

# BRISTOL HARBOUR PLACE SHAPING STRATEGY

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## PLACE PLAN: TEMPLE QUAY

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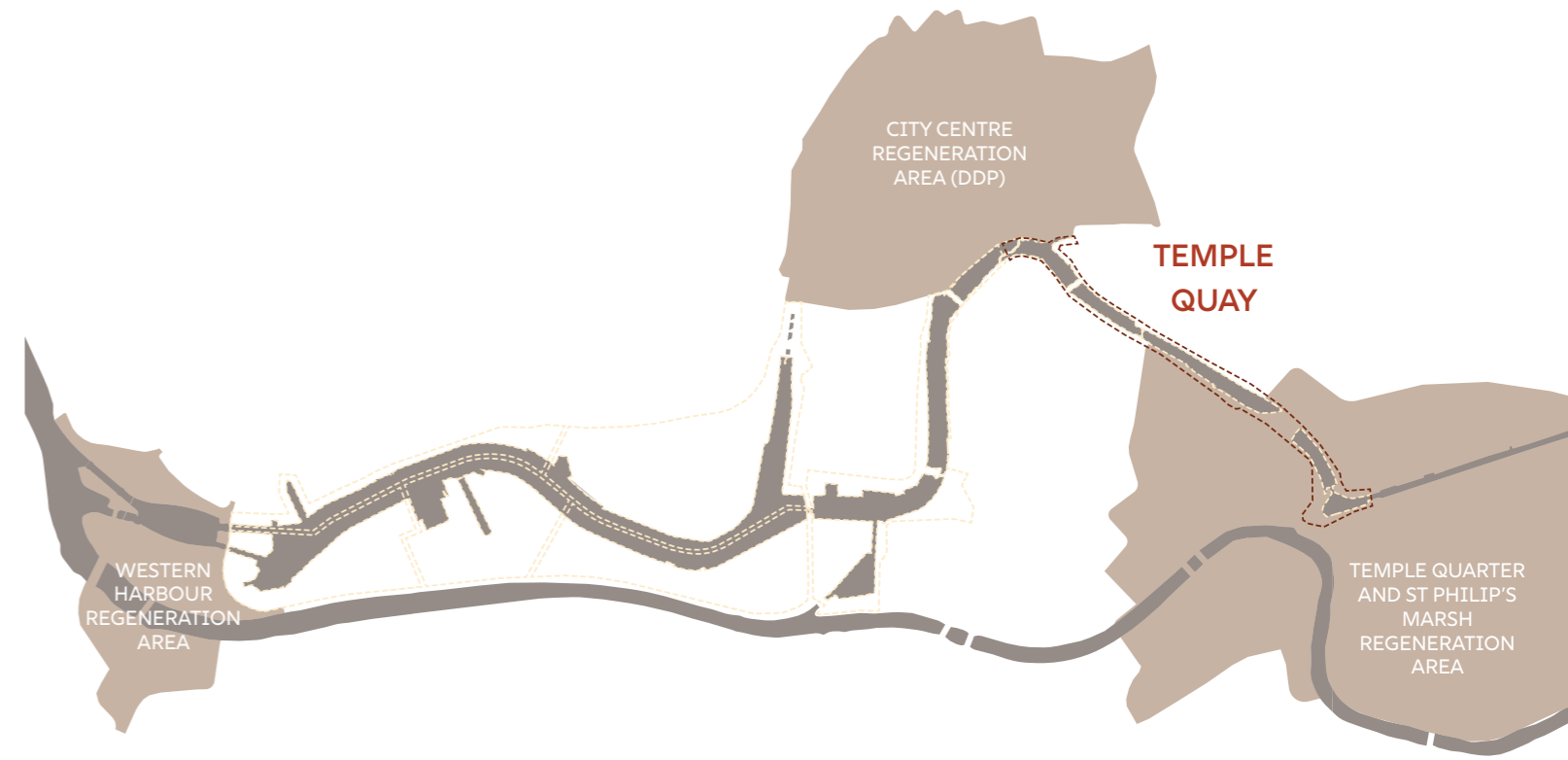
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# TEMPLE QUAY TODAY

This stretch of the harbour is dominated by office and commercial developments of the postwar and subsequent periods, built on or close to the water's edge, and the waterspace is comparatively narrow and linear. The place runs from Castle Park and the city centre through to Temple Meads station and Totterdown Basin, and in due course to the wider regeneration of Temple Quarter and St. Philips Marsh.



## SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Temple Quay is widely recognised for business and commercial development and less positively regarded in association with the Harbour. The area is somewhat disconnected from the water due to poor bus and ferry transport connections, and due to inconsistent and often unintuitive pedestrian routes.

Two key opportunities were raised to draw visitors near Temple Meads; water based habitats along the river down to Totterdown Basin, including Castle Park reed beds, nature trails and fishing points; and an express bus/ ferry service to integrate the new Temple Quarter to the wider city. Whilst there are accessibility concerns, the Temple Meads ferry stop steps and Totterdown Basin are well-loved as places of rest and tranquillity.

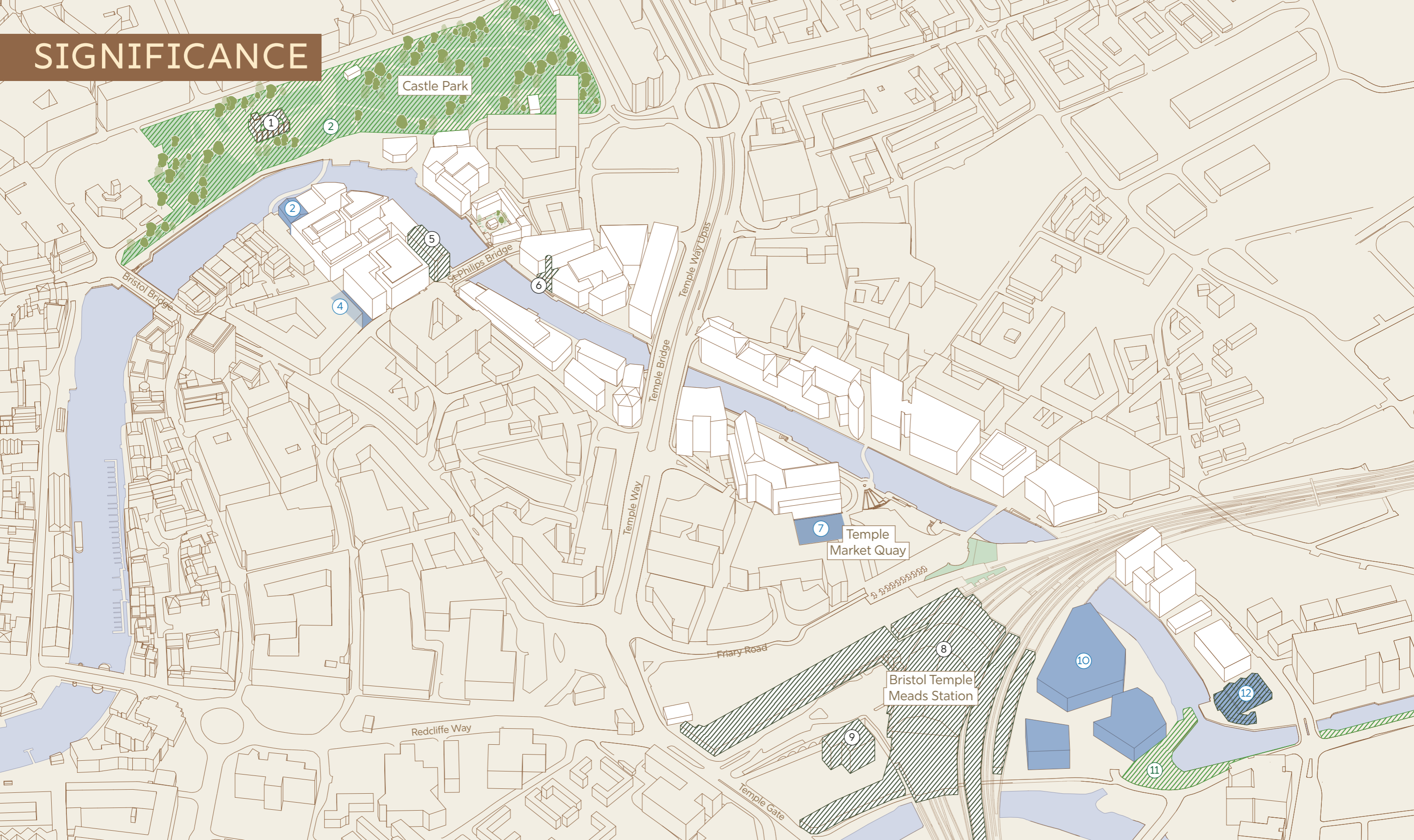


'Big office buildings take priority and are unwelcoming'

'I really like moving by the water, there's a meditative feeling being there'



# SIGNIFICANCE







- ① Church of St Peter
- ② Castle Park
- ③ Left Handed Giant Brewpub
- ④ Finzel's Reach Market

- ⑤ Former Tramway Generating Station
- ⑥ Sheldon Bush and Patent Shot Company
- ⑦ Temple Quay Market

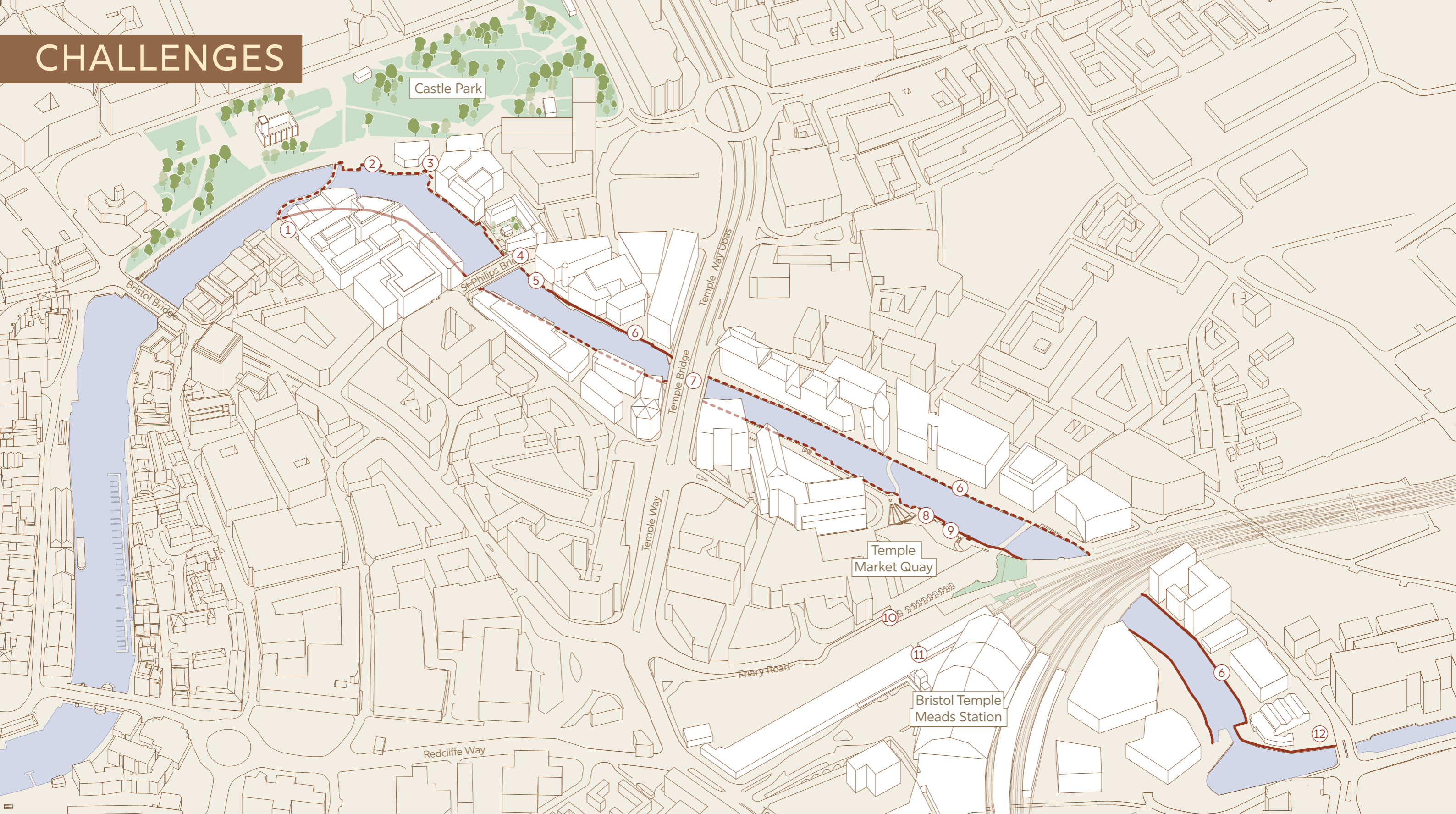
- ⑧ Bristol Temple Meads Station
- ⑨ Bristol and Exeter Building
- ⑩ Bristol Business School
- ⑪ Totterdown Basin / Feeder Canal

- ⑫ Warehouse, former premise of Marble Mosaic Company (now Motion)

-  Heritage significance
-  Maritime significance
-  Social / cultural significance
-  Ecological significance



# CHALLENGES



- Quayside Walkway interrupted
- - - Inconsistent water edge safety
- ..... Poor transport services
- |||| Inactive frontages

- ① Quayside walkway disappears into various side streets, some with restricted access
- ② Connection to water limited due to height difference
- ③ Confusing public realm
- ④ Quayside walkway interrupted by road
- ⑤ No public connection to harbour edge
- ⑥ Private ownership of water edge limits activities, public realm design and water access
- ⑦ Quayside walkway interrupted by main road with few crossing points
- ⑧ Limited ferry services to connect westwards along the harbour
- ⑨ Impact of development on water edge and biodiversity
- ⑩ Conflict between cycle path and exit from Bristol Temple Meads Station
- ⑪ Connections between train station and surroundings are illegible
- ⑫ Motion / Propyard overflow onto road / narrow pavement is potentially dangerous



# SIGNIFICANCE

## HERITAGE

Whilst today the area is notable as a business district, buildings like the Sheldon Bush and Patent Shot Company speak to Bristol's industrial heritage as a former centre for lead making and manufacturing. The area holds rich transport heritage with the Former Tramway Generator Station, a powerhouse of 20th century industrial innovation in supplying tram power and the Grade I listed Temple Meads Station, Bristol's largest and oldest terminus for trains. Ruins of St Peter's Church can also be found in the middle of Castle Park.

## MARITIME

Temple Quay has two main mooring sites for short and long term maritime berths; Temple Back, located west of Temple Way Bridge and Temple Quay, located east. There are also water transport services to the heart of the city from the Temple Meads ferry landing.

## BIODIVERSITY

Temple Quay has two sites of ecological significance, one at each of the 'place': Castle Park and Totterdown Basin, at the floating harbour's junction with the Feeder Canal.

Castle Park is a well-loved public park (also popular as a route for cyclists and pedestrians) in the historic city centre, immediately east of Bristol Bridge, and Totterdown Basin is an area of outstanding biodiversity interest thanks in part to its peripheral location and relative lack of adjacent high-intensity human uses.

## SOCIAL / CULTURAL

Temple Quay is a place which is accessible from heart of the city and also which serves as a gateway to Bristol thanks to the adjacent railway terminus, however the harbour does not currently play a strong role in these conditions.

# CHALLENGES

## PUBLIC REALM

Accessibility here is considered challenging due to confusing street layouts and poor or difficult connections between the train station and the surrounding area. The various points of restricted access along the Quayside walkway and interruptions by main road crossings also contribute to this issue. Private ownerships at the water edge limits public realm activity and water access along the harbourside and creates discontinuous spaces and routes.

## TRANSPORT

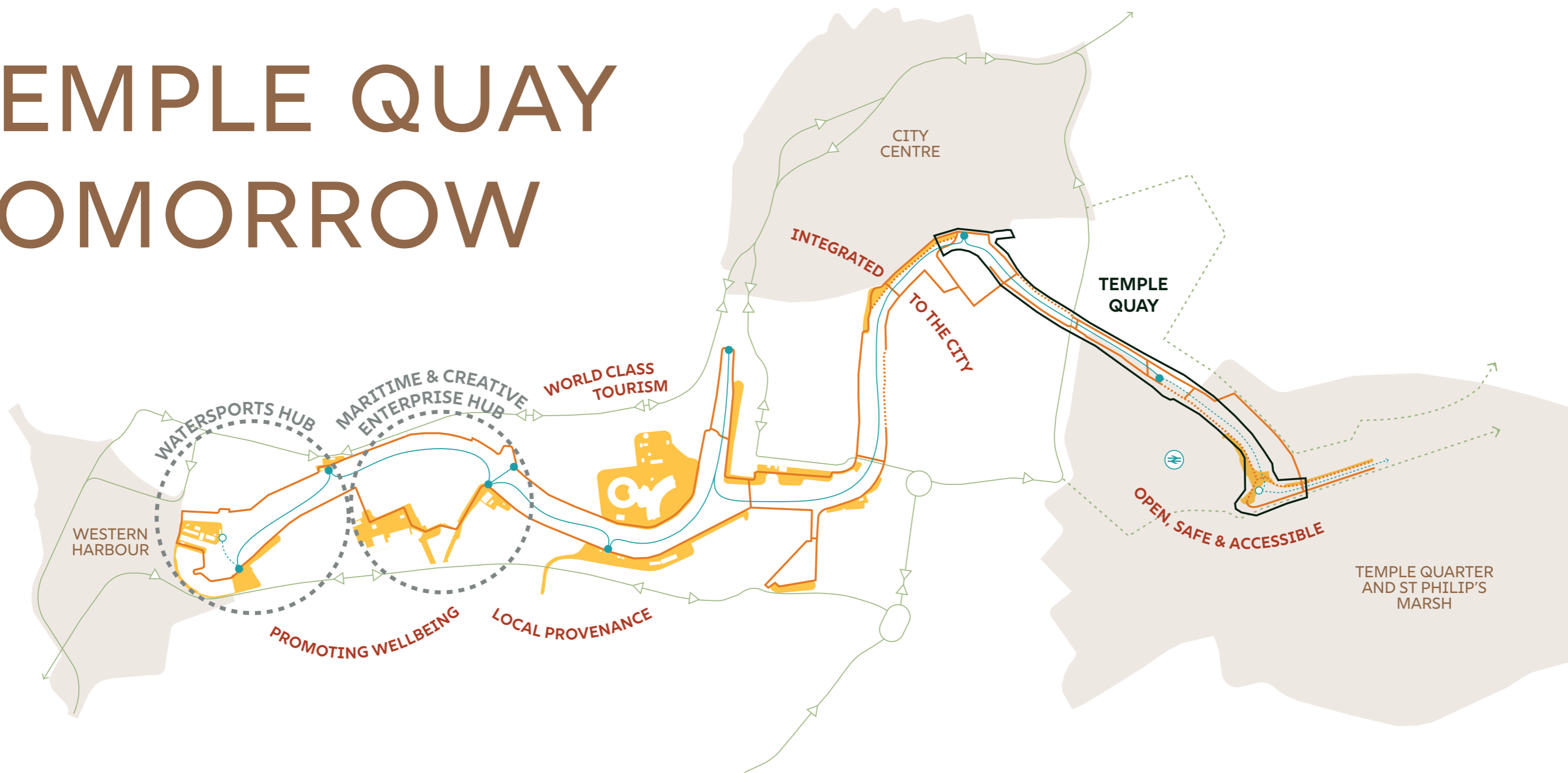
Ferry services from the Temple Meads Ferry Landing are somewhat limited as a transport service, such that the water here is not the point of connection that it could be.

## WATERSIDE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

The waterside from Castle Park down to Temple Meads is dominated by private residential or office development which results in a restricted Quayside Walkway and inactive ground floors.



# TEMPLE QUAY TOMORROW



## VISION

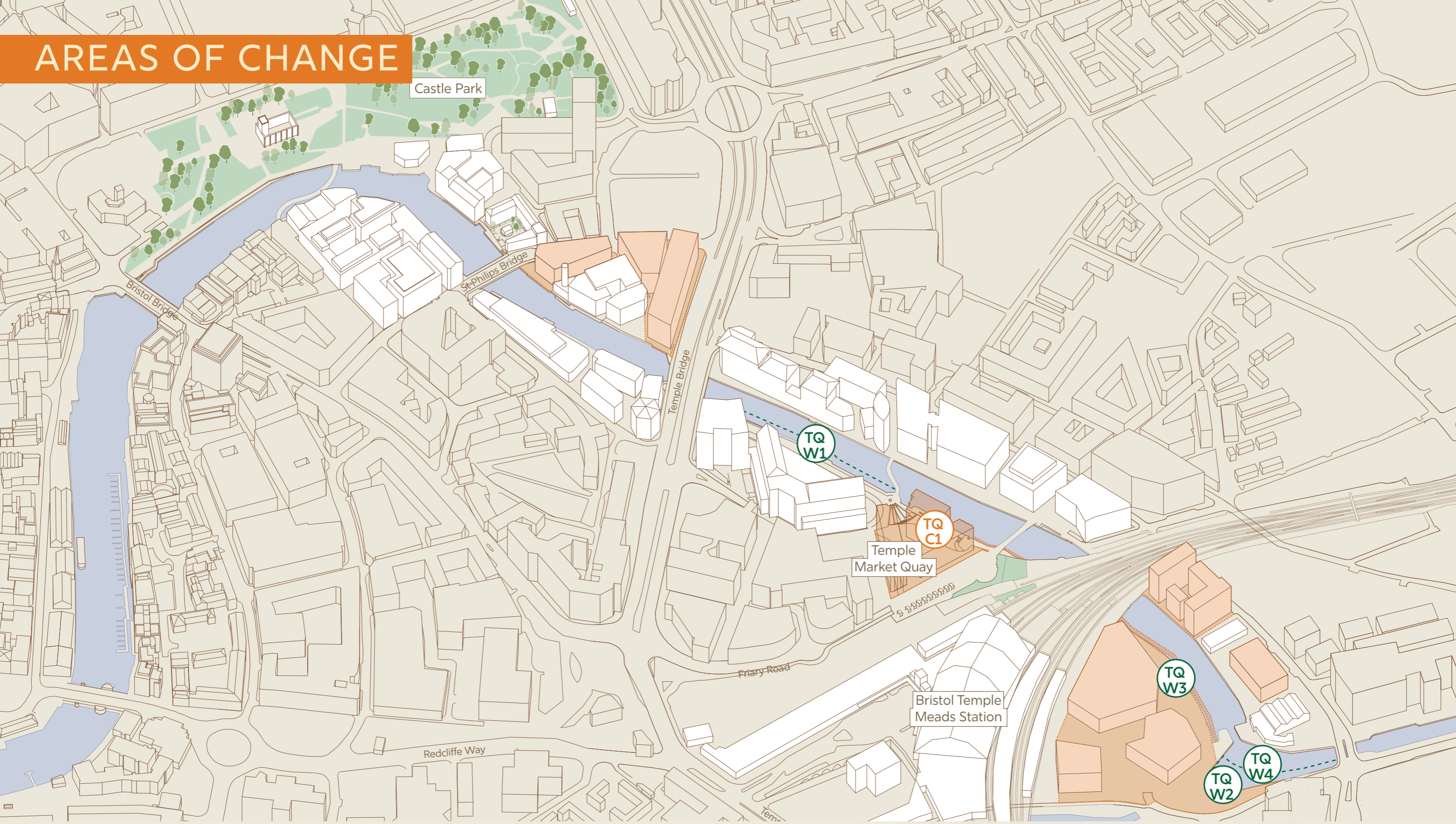
Temple Quay will become a key artery from the city centre to the rejuvenated Temple Quarter, with Bristolians thinking of the harbour as a key public space and point of connection when using Temple Quarter and Temple Meads station. The use of the waterspace will have been diversified, with the potential for independent commercial activity explored and an increased provision for wildlife habitats and urban greening.

## KEY MOVES




- Multiple opportunities to enhance and strengthen the floating harbour in this place as a route, for both water users and pedestrians, with particular attention to wider connections and to a positive relationship(s) with Temple Meads station.
- Totterdown Basin, acknowledged as a place of nature and tranquility, sits in the context of significant development and is a key social and commercial opportunity relative to these, though effort should be expended on preserving its bucolic qualities in parallel to these changes.



# AREAS OF CHANGE



## Key

-  Underutilised site with potential for increased activity
-  Confirmed key development site
-  Waterspace change (refer to Waterspace Plan)




## Place Specific Interventions

-  TQC1: Temple Quay

## Waterspace Interventions (refer to Waterspace Plan)

-  TQW1: Temple Quay Commercial Moorings
-  TQW2: Totterdown Basin Commercial Moorings
-  TQW3: Floating Harbour Walkway - Temple Meads
-  TQW4: Totterdown Basin Ferry Landing

## Overarching Interventions

-  GW1: Mooring Restrictions
-  GW2: Floating Ecospace
-  GW3: Water Safety



# Areas of Change Interventions

A number of commercial, residential and educational developments are being delivered in the Temple Quay area. The new university campus for the business school and enterprise centre are currently under construction and there are further opportunities to improve the surrounding public realm, connections to the city and the activation of Totterdown Basin as an inclusive site of water-based activity.

## TQC1: Temple Quay

This opportunity is adjacent to a planned mixed use development including two hotels and new dwellings. There is an opportunity to activate and improve connections to surrounding public realm and boost connections between Temple Meads station and the waterspace, including The Square and Temple Meads Ferry Steps.





# PUBLIC REALM



- Key**
- Priority for public realm improvement
  - Existing Quayside Walkway
  - Improved Quayside Walkway
  - New Quayside Walkway
  - Enhanced greening
  - Active frontages
  - Key public spaces

- Place Specific Interventions**
- TQ  
P1 TQP1: Temple Meads Connection
  - TQ  
P2 TQP2: Totterdown Basin Bridge
  - TQ  
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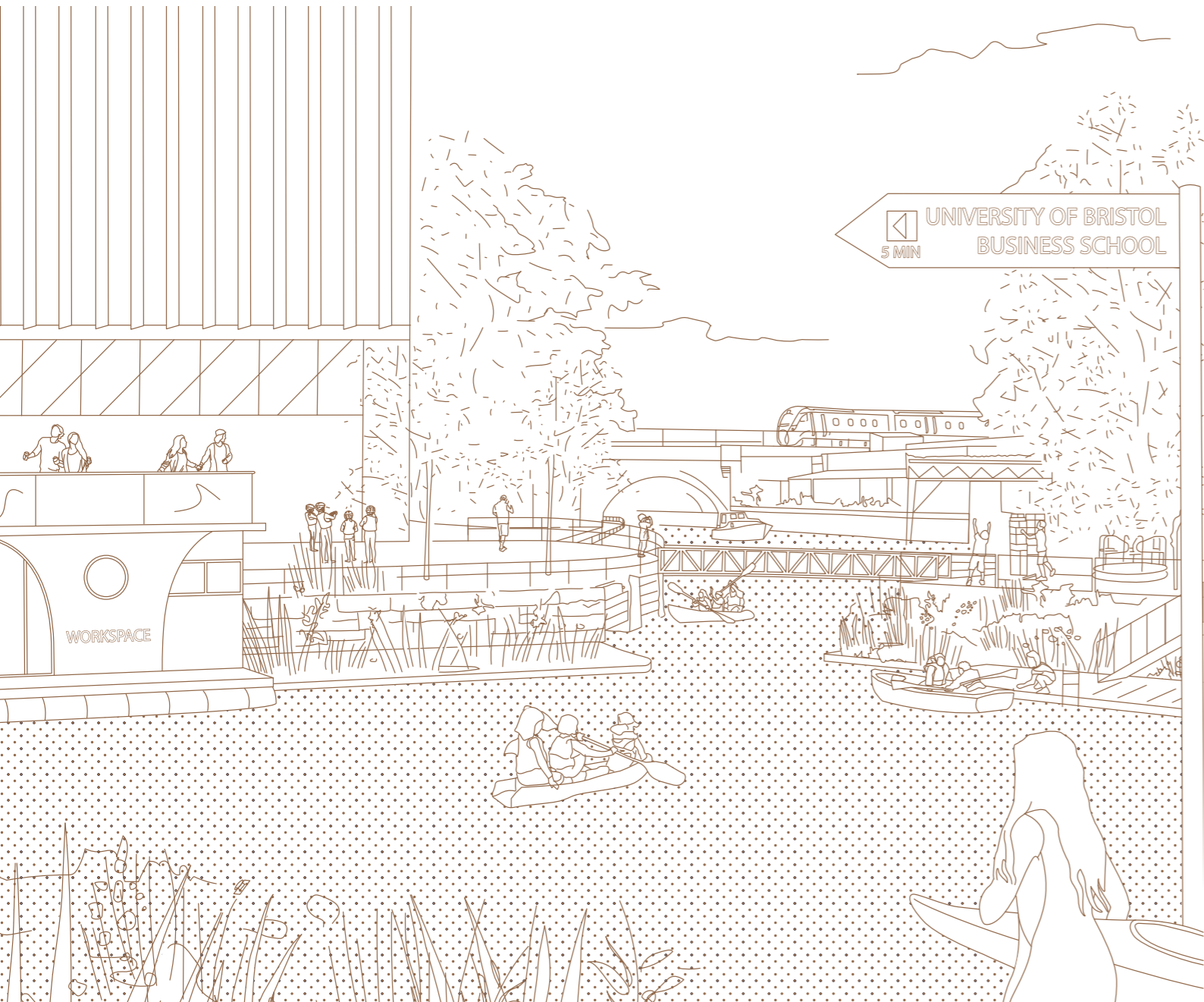


# Public Realm Interventions

A generous pedestrian route along the harbour corridor, activated by commercial moorings, will create an accessible public realm and route at Temple Quay, and enhanced connections to Temple Meads station and to the new University of Bristol campus.

Improving the Quayside Walkway around Totterdown Basin with a new bridge over the northern entry, and the in-development floating harbour walkway will open up connections to the east.

**Below: Transforming Totterdown Basin into a student-friendly space with improved connection and access to the water.**



## TQP1: Temple Meads Connection

Improved pedestrian route from Temple Meads Train Station to Temple Meads Ferry Landing, particularly from the northern exit, making a more generous and coherent walkway to avoid clashes with cyclists on Friary Road and Meads Reach Bridge. Some opportunities to provide commuter-facing amenities and commercial opportunities here too.

## TQP2: Totterdown Basin Bridge

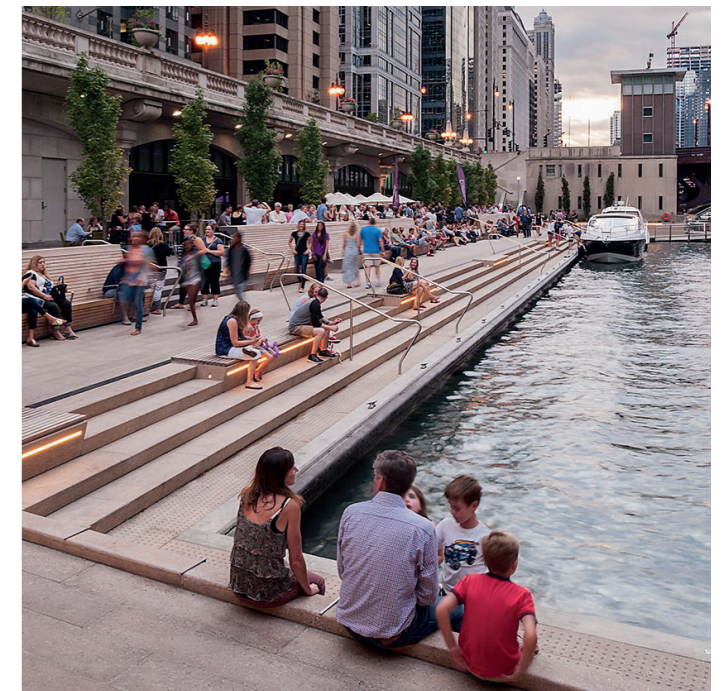
New pedestrian and cycling bridge over the northern entry point to the basin to connect development at the University Business Campus and Silverthorne Lane. Bridge to connect into the Quayside Walkway infrastructure and the Temple Meads Floating Walkway - and would require enhanced public access adjacent to Motion venue.

## TQP3: Totterdown Basin

New and improved Quayside Walkway around Totterdown Basin with new bridge connection over the northern entry point. Greening, seating and wayfinding included within route improvements. Coherent connection to proposed floating harbour walkway which is being delivered as part of the University of Bristol Business School development and connects up to Temple Meads Ferry Landing. Route activated by new commercial moorings. Greening and biodiversity are key ingredients here as they are already important to this space, and effort needs to be invested in preserving the natural tranquility of this space in the context of substantial adjacent development and activation.



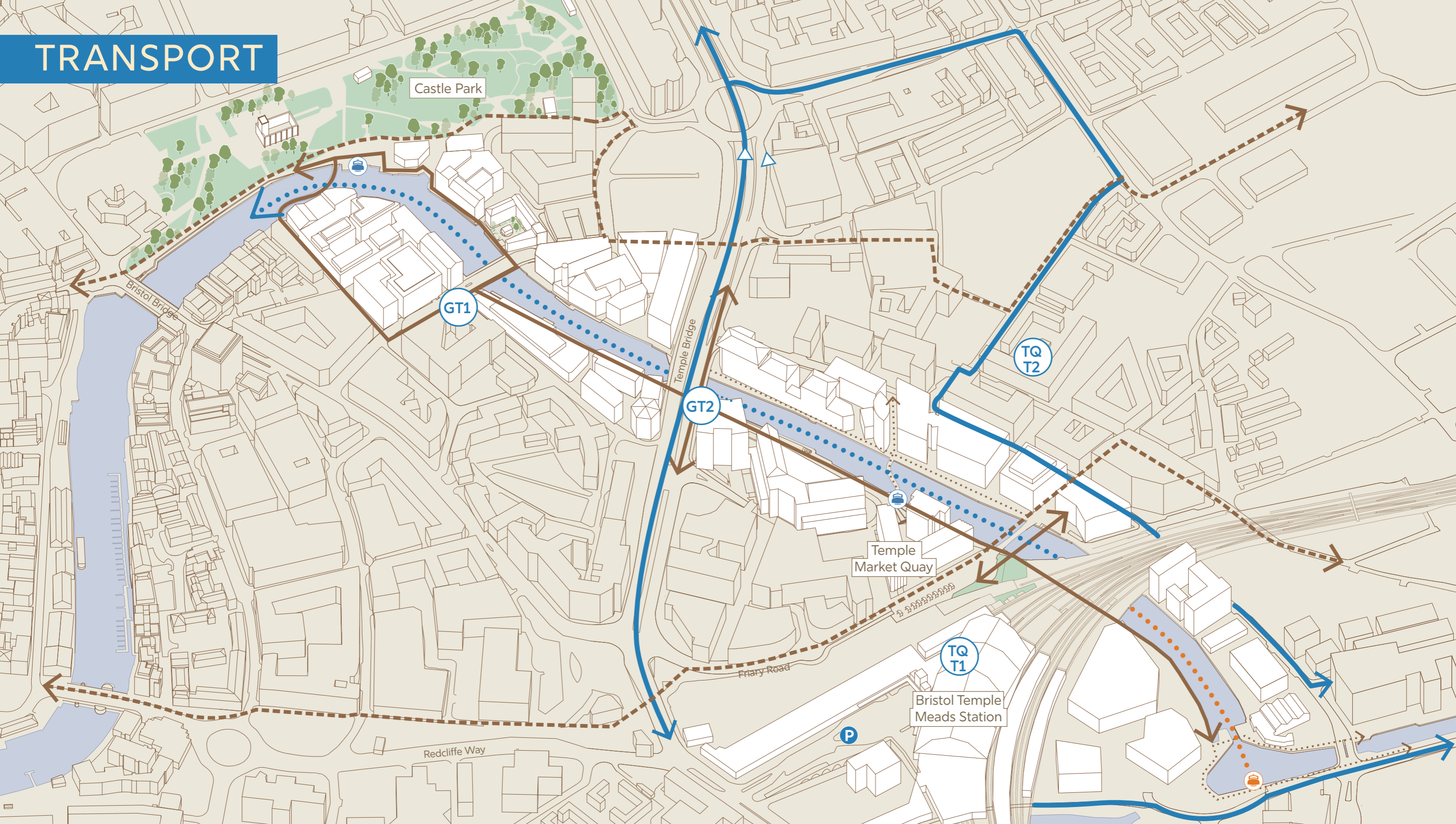
*Camley Street Natural Park provides a natural, biodiverse urban experience on the water, moments from King's Cross.*



*Chicago River Walk. Sasaki/Ross Barney Architects*



# TRANSPORT



- Key**
- Bus stop
  - Coach parking
  - Existing ferry landing
  - Improved bus service
  - Improved ferry service

- Cycle route
- Primary pedestrian route
- Secondary pedestrian route
- New ferry landing
- New transport service

- Place Specific Interventions**
- TQT1: Temple Meads Mobility Hub
  - TQT2: Eastern Bus Connection

- Overarching Interventions**
- GT1: Ferry
  - GT2: Metrobus



# Transport Interventions

The creation of a Temple Meads mobility hub providing cycle, e-bike and scooter hire would serve the increased student footfall and wider community and would ideally be carefully located close to Temple Meads station. There is some potential, including through existing proposals, to boost the use of the harbour corridor for pedestrians, though cycle routes are not so achievable except for when providing for bike movements at key crossings.

## PLACE-SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS

### TQT1: Temple Meads Mobility Hub

Creation of a new Mobility Hub providing cycle, e-bike, scooter hire, and RTI connection for surrounding bus services. Improved seating and opportunity for pop-up commercial activity such as food trucks to serve business and student footfall.

### TQT2: Eastern Bus Connection

New / expanded bus route to serve communities east of the harbour e.g. new development along Feeder Road.

## OVERARCHING INTERVENTIONS

### GT1: Enhanced Ferry Provision

An enhanced and consolidated ferry service with additional capacity and extended services being provided. Route to zig zag along harbour to better connect north and south. Improvements to ferry landing locations including seating, shelter, signage and safety. Opportunity to extend ferry services beyond the floating harbour to serve the Western Harbour and the Feeder Canal.

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# TABLE OF OPPORTUNITY PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- Areas of Change
- Public Realm
- Transport
- Waterspace
- Initiatives
- Quick Wins

CODE	PROJECT	WHAT	VISION OUTCOMES	LEAD / OTHER PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME 1 - short (2 yrs) 2 - medium (2-5 yrs) 3 - long (5+ yrs)	DEPENDENCIES which projects need completing / are dependent upon others	COST £ - below £500K ££ - £500K - £2 million £££ - £2million +	FUNDING OPTIONS
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GT2	Enhanced Metrobus Provision	Enhanced Metrobus service along Cumberland Road with service expanded to Sundays and evenings. Improved bus connections around the harbour that connect to coach drop-off points and Temple Meads Train Station.						
TQT1	Temple Meads Mobility Hub	Creation of a new Mobility Hub providing cycle, e-bike, scooter hire, and RTI connection for surrounding bus services. Improved seating and opportunity for pop-up commercial activity such as food trucks to serve business and student footfall.						
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