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DISTRICT SIX PUBLIC REALM STUDY

PUBLIC MEETING 4 : PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY FEEDBACK
31 JANUARY 2022



AGENDA

31 January 2022

PUBLIC MEETING



INTRODUCTION / AGENDA

(Liesel Kruger-Fountain)

WELCOME

PROJECT UPDATE

Public Realm Study and Water Study (Liesel Kruger-Fountain)

PUBLIC REALM STUDY > CO-PRODUCTION + OPEN HOUSE

Feedback from Workshops and Open House Exhibit
(Khalied Jacobs)

PROGRAM AND THE WAY FORWARD

(Liesel Kruger-Fountain & Khalied Jacobs)

CLOSING REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME



WELCOME: by Councilor Cassiem

INTRODUCTION

HOW IT FITS IN AND WHY

Nation Gov. Housing programme

Supporting Nat Gov.
housing programme
(infrastructure, etc.)

2012
Dev
Framework

LOCAL
PLAN
(LSDF)

Meeting 1:
Meeting of
minds = power
of T(H)REE

More
Workshops
Spatial
Planning

Unpacking the LSDF

★
Approval
of the
LSDF

4.1 Culture & Memory Strategy
4.2 Activities & Land Use Strategy
4.4 Landscape Strategy

(What?)

PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY



1

(Where?)



2

(When?)

Investment
framework

3

(How?)

Implementation
of public spaces

DEVELOP EXISTING PLANS INTO A MORE DETAILED PUBLIC REALM PLAN

- VISION
- HOW SPACES [AND STREETS] ARE ORGANISED IN RELATION TO EACH OTHER
- IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THESE PUBLIC SPACES
- MAKING THESE PLACES

**This presentation shows our progress
made to date**

WHERE WE LEFT
OFF

WORKING TOGETHER

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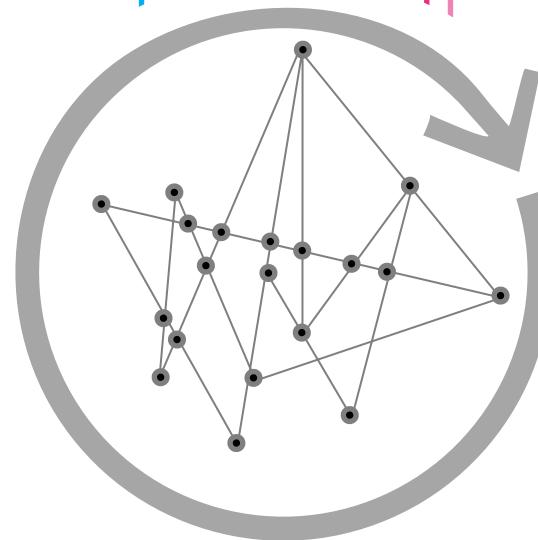
PROFESSIONAL TEAM



CARETAKERS



WORKSHOPS



COLLABORATIVE
PROCESS



WORKSHOP 1

**HOW DO WE
IMAGINE PUBLIC
SPACES TO BE IN
DISTRICT SIX?**

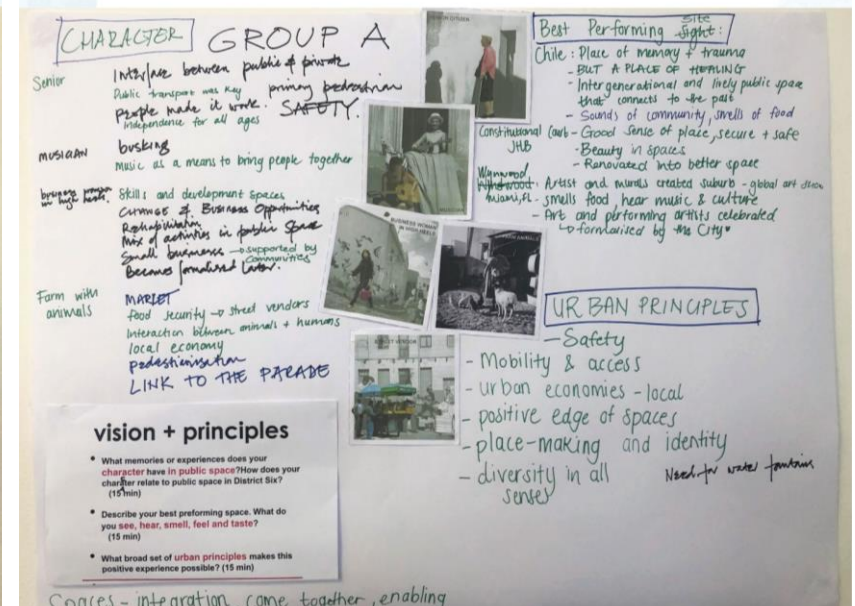
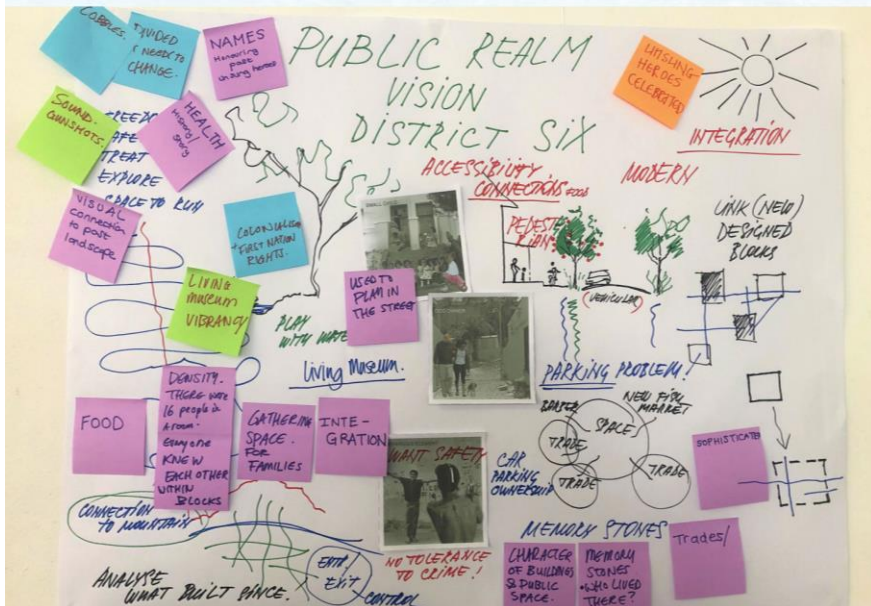
WORKSHOP 1

VISION FOR THE PUBLIC REALM



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VISION FOR THE PUBLIC REALM



Positive edges

Mobility + access

Urban farming

Place making + Identity

Diversity

Space for recreating

Healthy spaces

Security challenges

Spaces of memory

Cultural practices [burial]

Building gardens

Space for kids

Sport fields

Parking problems

Living museum

Market and trading space

Naming protocols

Interlinking blocks

Modern

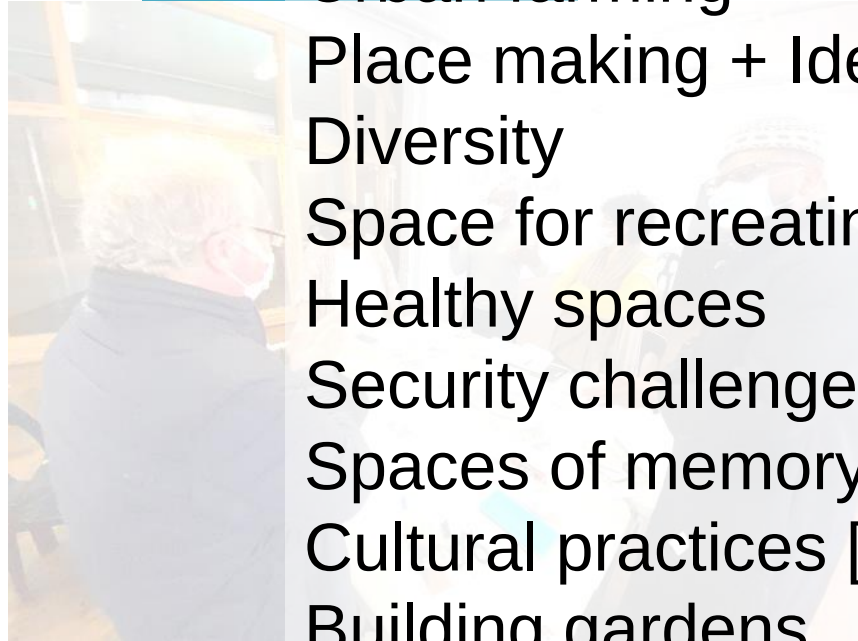
Pedestrian focused

Density + vibrancy

Food

Visual connection to past

Play with water...



WORKSHOP 2

**HOW DO ORGANISE
PUBLIC SPACES AND
STREETS SO THAT THEY
WORK TOGETHER?**

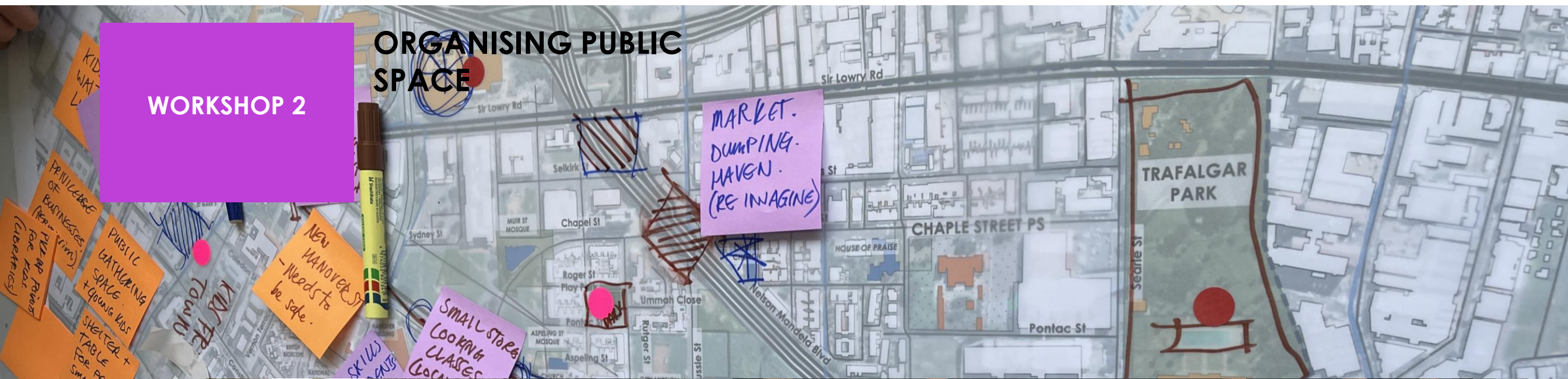
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ORGANISING PUBLIC SPACE



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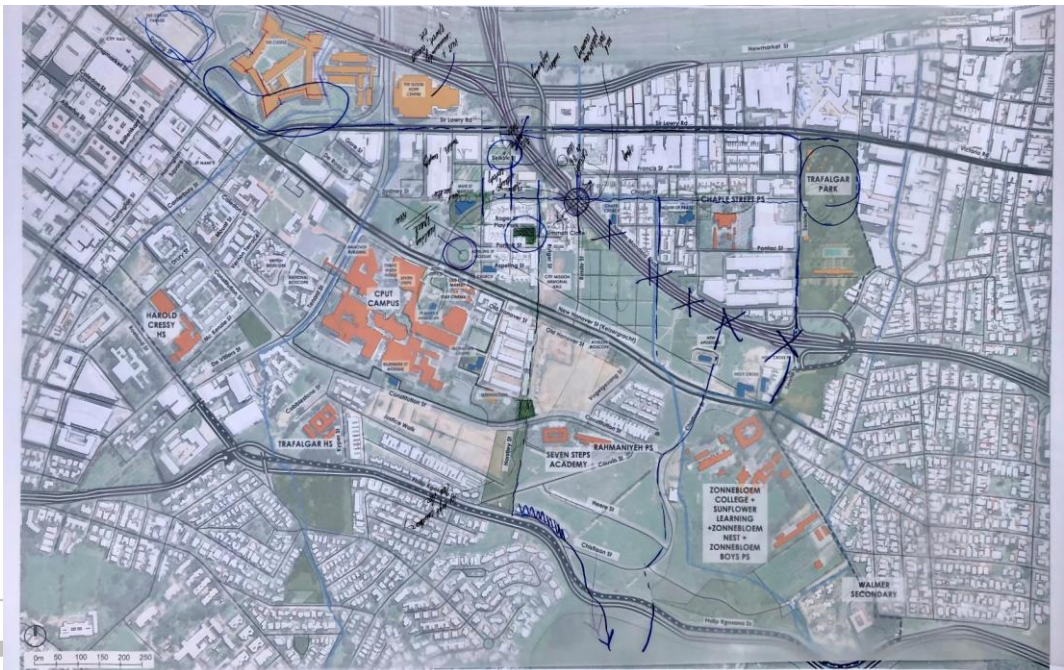
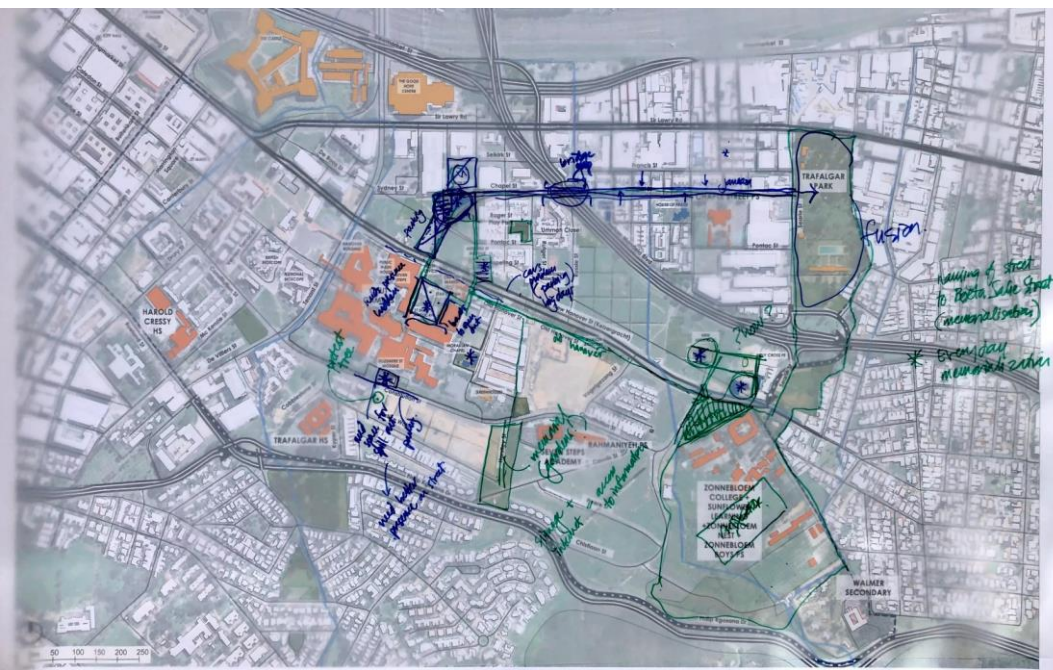
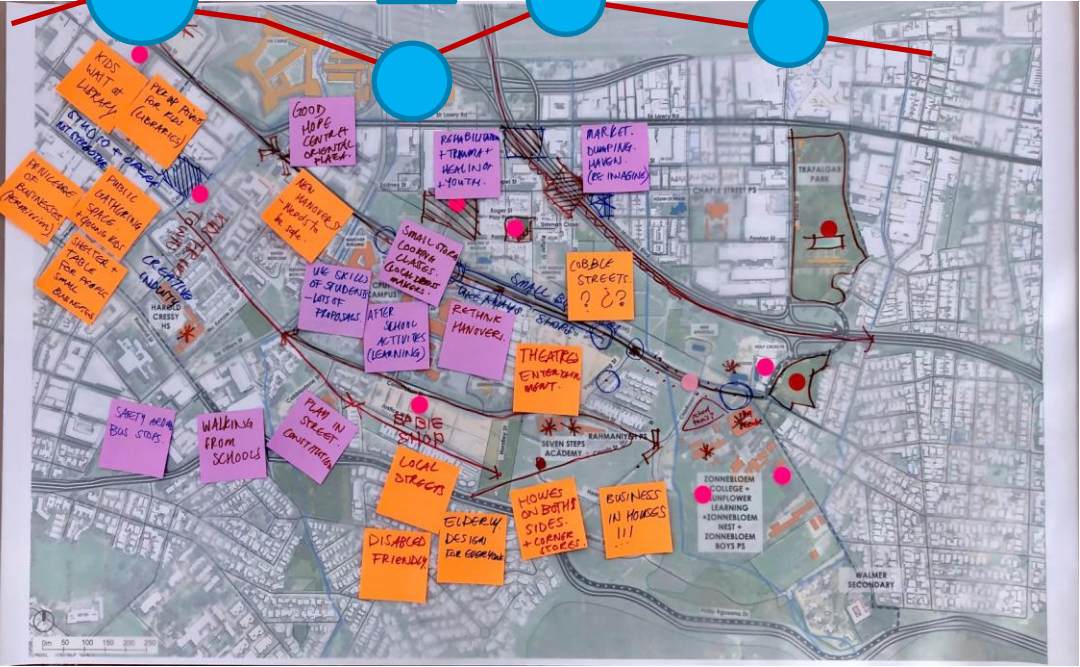
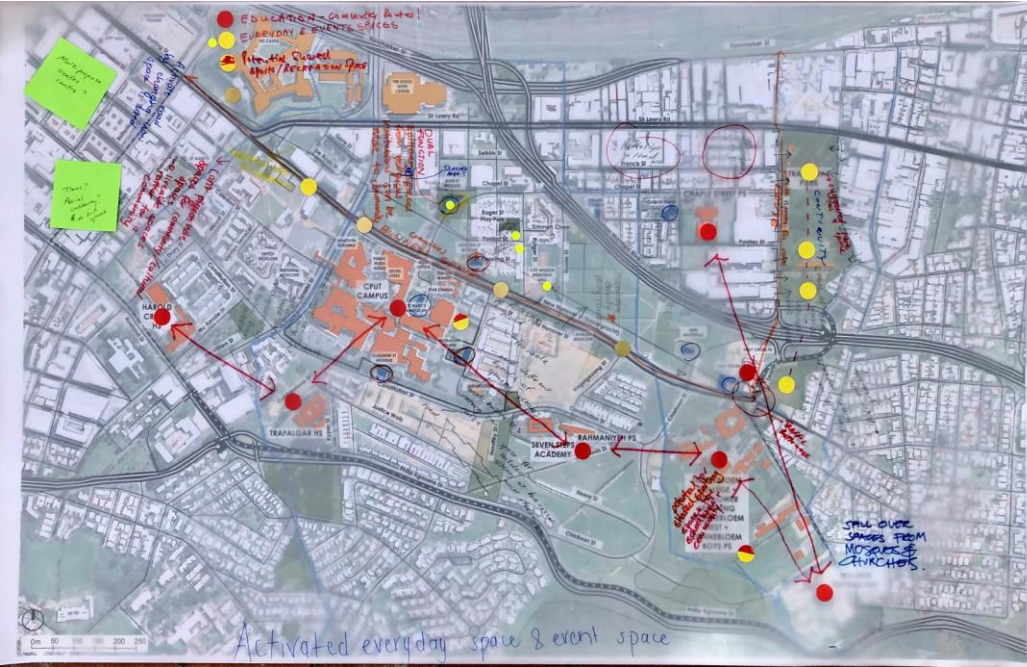


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ORGANISING PUBLIC SPACE

**STREETS AND
PUBLIC SPACE
SYSTEMS**

The diagram illustrates a network of streets and public spaces. Red lines represent the street network, connecting various nodes. Blue circles of different sizes represent public spaces, with larger circles indicating more significant or central areas. Grey squares represent specific public space features or nodes. The network is overlaid on a faint background map of a city street grid.



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LEGEND

- Public Realm Study Area
- Major Active Interfaces
- Minor Active Interfaces
- Gateways

- Activity + Local Business Spine
- Educational Spine and Schools
- Memory + Healing Route + Places of Interest
- Green Network + Green Spaces
- Historic Activity Spine + Places of Interest
- Cluster of Religious Institutions
- Network of Smaller Green Streets and Local Public Spaces

- Public Realm Elements
- Large Green Parks/ Green Network
- Medium Green Parks
- Local Parks and Green Spaces
- Urban Squares
- Pausing Spaces along Streets
- Public Squares at Religious Institutions
- Public Forecourts at Educational Institutions
- Educational Institutions
- Green Pedestrian Routes
- Pedestrian Linkages
- Trees
- Buildings

1. ACTIVITY + LOCAL BUSINESS SPINE
NEW HANOVER STREET

6. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONAL CLUSTERS
MOSQUES + CHURCHES

3. MEMORY STREET + HEALING
CHAPEL STREET

7. NETWORKS OF SMALLER GREEN STREETS AND LOCAL PUBLIC SPACES

4. GREEN NETWORK
TRAFALGAR PARK + ZONNEBLOEM SCHOOLS

2. EDUCATIONAL SPINE
CONSTITUTION STREET

5. HISTORIC LOCAL ACTIVITY
OLD HANOVER STREET

A SERIES OF INTERCONNECTED PUBLIC SPACE

DIAGRAMS DISTILLED FROM WORKSHOPS





WORKSHOP 3

**WHERE ARE THE PUBLIC SPACES WITHIN THE
LARGER SPATIAL ORGANISATION WE'VE
PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AND WHAT IS THEIR
CHARACTER?**

WORKSHOP 3

IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING PUBLIC SPACES

DISCUSSION SESSION:

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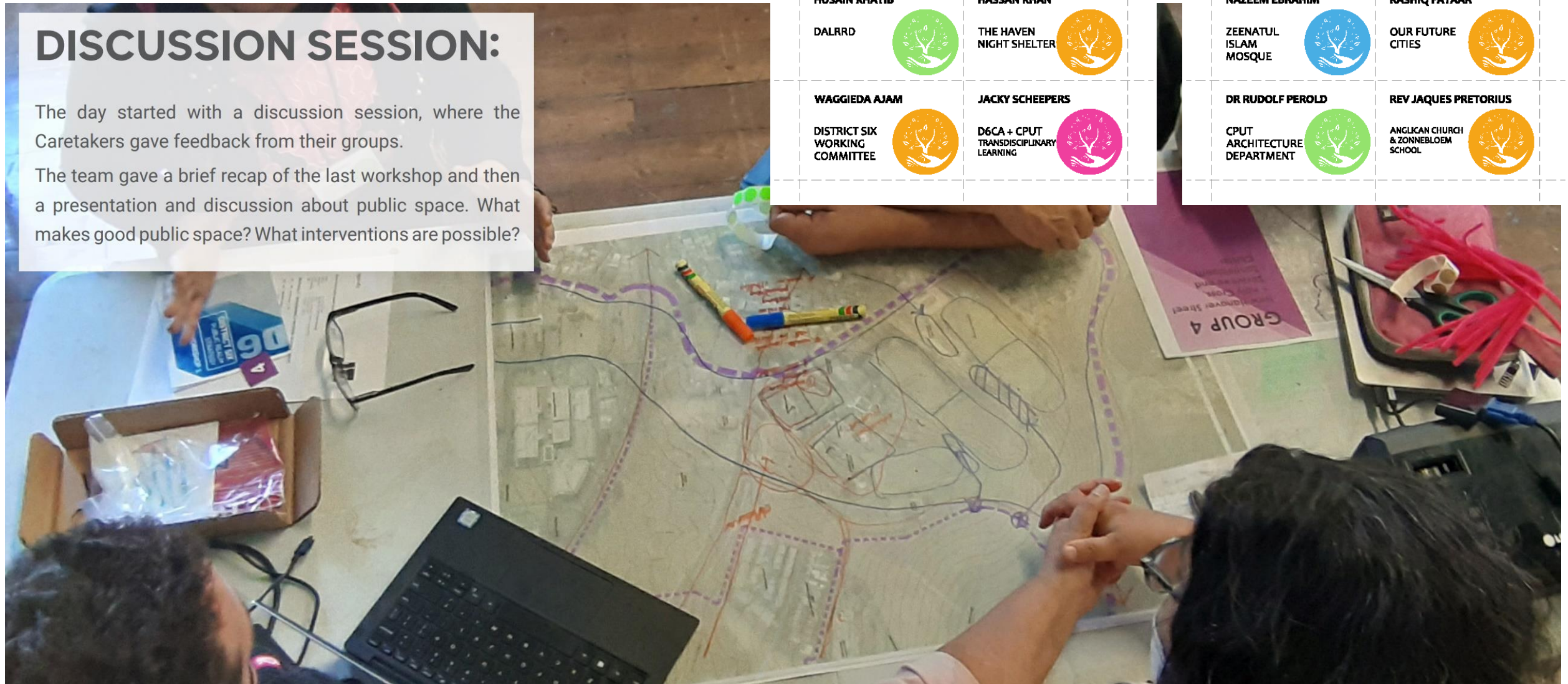
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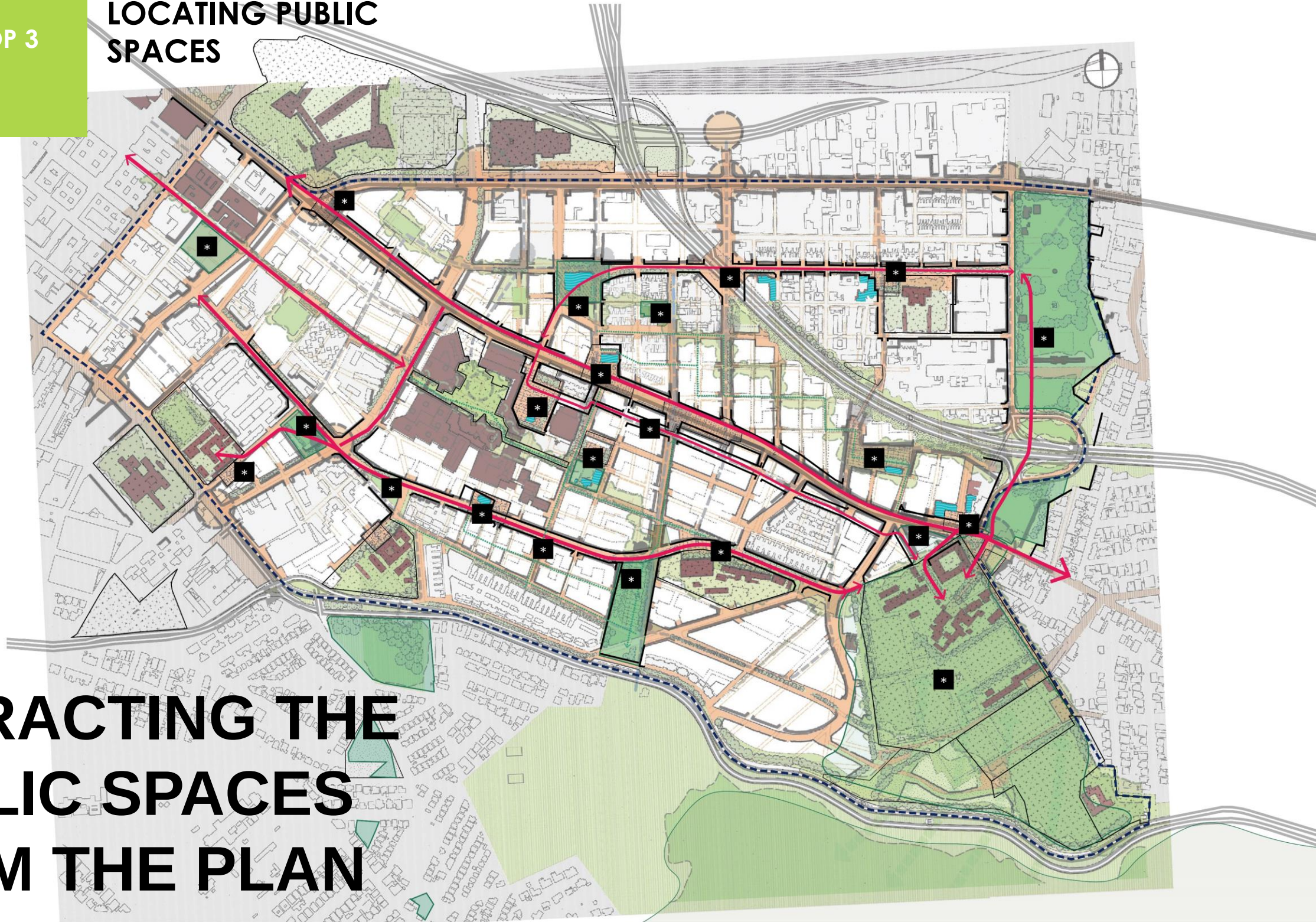
ANGLICAN CHURCH
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SCHOOL



WORKSHOP 3

IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING PUBLIC SPACES

EXTRACTING THE PUBLIC SPACES FROM THE PLAN



WORKSHOP 4

**WHAT PRINCIPLES DO WE APPLY
WHEN DESIGNING SPECIFIC PUBLIC
SPACES?**

WORKSHOP 4

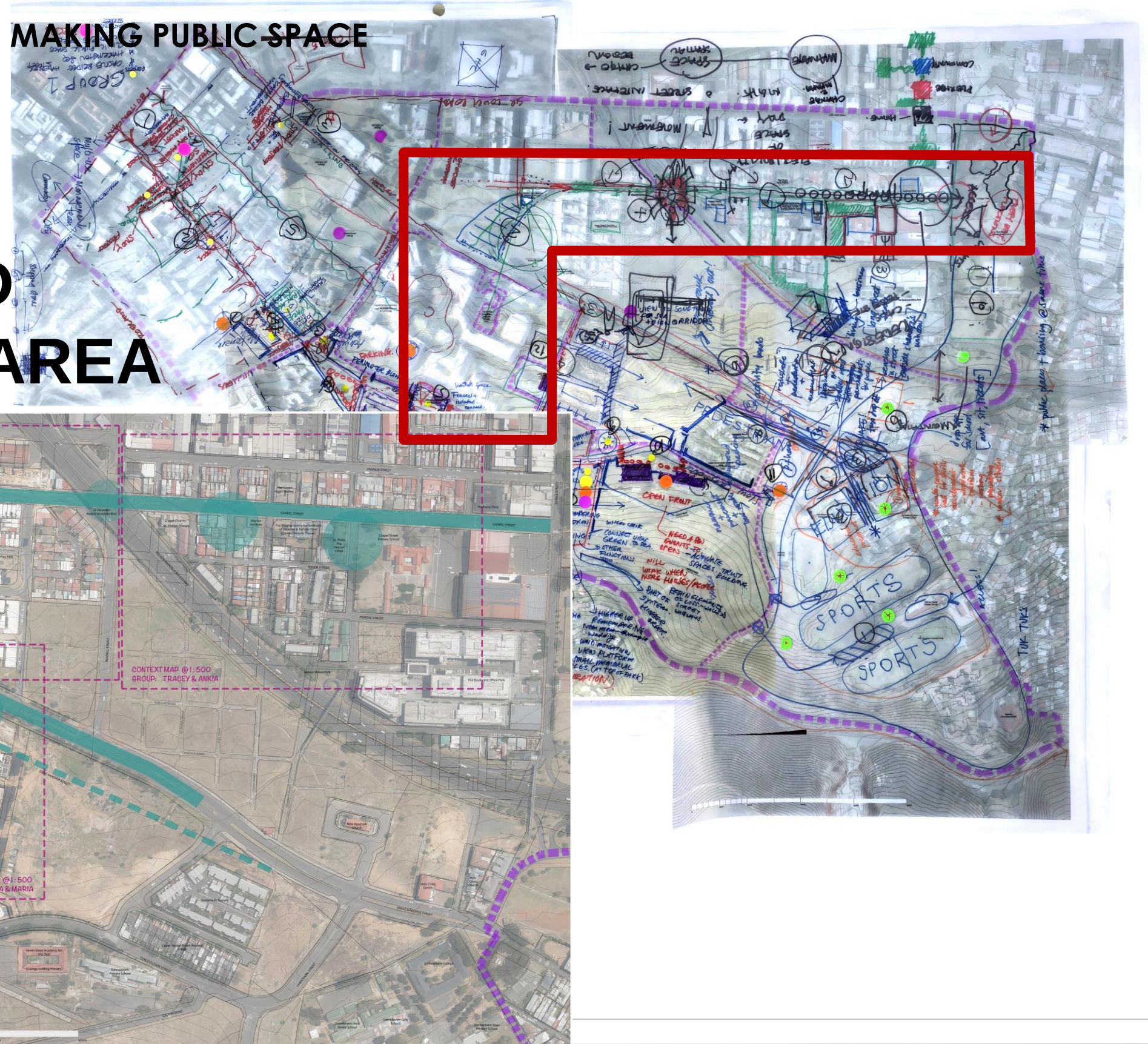
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AGREED FOCUS AREA

MAKING PUBLIC SPACE



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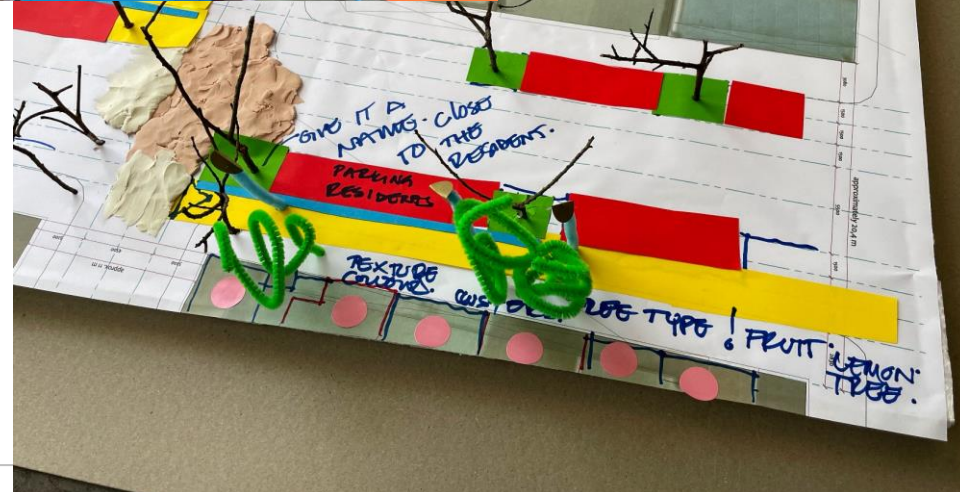
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PRESENTING DESIGNS



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DISTRICT SIX PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

WORKSHOP 2

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY?

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This process will inform a **Public Realm Investment Framework and Guidelines for Public Spaces and Streets** in District Six. Through developing a Public Realm Strategy (PRS) with the community over the next few months, we seek to build on what makes District Six distinctive and to celebrate key public spaces.

THE OBJECTIVES:

- Creating a 'sense of place' – Focusing on spaces/places where people can meet and engage with one another, the natural environment and living memorialisation.
- Celebrating culture and community – taking history/memory into consideration.
- Focusing on different user groups, especially the youth and elderly and how they use spaces.
- Highlighting the value of the activating the public realm.
- Improving way-finding to provide a fitting welcome and enhanced environment for the community of District Six and visitors to the cultural institutions in the area.
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WORKSHOP 2 - SUMMARY

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The day started with a **walk around District Six**. The group talked through its sights, places and memories.

This was followed by **report back and discussion session** at the Homecoming Centre where the caretakers gave feedback and the group as a whole, discussed two topics:

- What does the **public realm** have to do with **restitution**? The public realm refers to the spaces between the buildings – it stitches the area together. In order to have dignified restitution, neighbourhoods need to provide their communities with more than houses, with public spaces, gathering spaces, streets and parks.
- What is the difference between **roads** and **streets**? Streets are for people. Roads are for cars.

GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

The workshop was then divided into four key themes:

- Activated Everyday and Event Spaces;
- Ritual and Living Memorialisation;
- Green Spaces, Recreation and Play;
- and Connectivity and Streets.

The groups expressed ideas regarding these themes, forming a series of key overlapping systems:

- Local Business Spine along New Hanover Street;
- An Educational Route along Constitution Street;
- Chapel Street as a healing space and connection between religious institution cluster and Trafalgar Park;
- Trafalgar Park as a continuous green and pedestrian system linking to Schools and Churches;
- Old Hanover Street as small scale active street;
- Local Streets as pedestrian friendly and safe networks with slow car movement and eyes on the street;
- Linking the religious institutional clusters;
- Identifying other strategic interventions within D6.

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WALK AROUND DISTRICT SIX:

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GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

Each group focused on different themes. They identified important locations for interventions and talked about the future functioning of the spaces. What happens in the space? What do we experience there? What makes it possible to have a positive experience in the space? What connections and systems can we see between the spaces?

Here are some of the ideas expressed during the workshop:

GOLDEN GROUP: Activated Everyday and event spaces

- Educational spine along Constitution Street.
- Dual Function - Shared facilities.
- Spatial connections between religious spaces. Spill over spaces such as squares can have dual functions as public spaces.
- Existing and potential shared sports and recreation spaces at CPUT and Zonnebloem educational complex.
- Continuity and accessibility of Trafalgar Park from Sir Lowry Road to Zonnebloem educational complex as a pedestrian route.
- Business spine along New Hanover Street to be pedestrian oriented for varied business types and uses.
- Roads such as New Hanover Street and Constitution Street are too wide and not for people.

BLUE GROUP: Ritual and Living Memorialisation

- Mosques need space for Salah (prayers) and other rituals such as honouring the dead, weddings and Eid to spill out in public space.
- Tolerance and joint celebration between Muslim traditions and Christianity.
- The portion of District Six below the freeway needs to be integrated into District Six.
- Connection along Chapel Street linking ceremonial route to Trafalgar Park.
- Parking is an issue on 'big days' at the Mur Street Mosque.
- Religious Centre and other facilities located in District Six to give back to community.
- Harrington Square is currently a parking lot, but can be a public space with benches and shelter.
- Local Streets as pedestrian friendly, safe spaces with slow car movement and eyes on the street that allow children to walk safely.

GREEN GROUP: Green Spaces, Recreation and Play

- Living Memorialisation should not be confined to one park. Memorial park should be a multi-purpose space with other uses, food gardens, play parks and small memorial gardens. The area is too far up for elderly people to walk to and far away from the current community.
- For smaller gardens and smaller parks.
- Improve the everyday life of the current residents by addressing existing concerns (small interventions, like streetlights, safe crossings, trees for shade, etc).
- Safety concerns around the intersection under the freeway – there could be better pedestrian safety, a market, paintings, lighting.
- Chapel Street could become a connector, a green spine – improve the streetfronts, plant more indigenous trees and create narrower street with green moments.
- Continuity of Trafalgar Park.

MAGENTA GROUP: Connectivity and Streets

- Potential business spine along New Hanover Street for small local economic activity.
- Connect Children, Elderly and safety along New Hanover Street and throughout. Roads such as New Hanover Street and Constitution Street are too wide and not for people.
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The workshop centered on the spatial systems at the scale of District Six and then zoomed into focused areas and the public spaces located within them.

- Feedback - Recap:** As part of the introduction to the workshop, we held a discussion session where Caretakers gave feedback from their communities, organisations or groups. The team had a recap session of the previous workshop followed by a discussion on what makes good public space.
- Zoomed in Areas:** We then focused on different areas of District Six. Caretakers were asked to consider the future public spaces, their functions and characteristics. The groups then came together to present their ideas and bring together the ideas for the different areas, creating a larger map from the parts.

GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

In this portion of the workshop groups map out public spaces within different zoomed-in areas of District Six. The 2012 Local Spatial Development Framework serves as a base that will be developed in more detail (and later for implementation), with additional ideas, strategies and richness feeding into the Public Realm Strategy through these workshops.

These were some of the spaces identified as important within D6:

- New Hanover Street - pedestrian local business spine, wider sidewalks, slower traffic.
- Chapel Street as ceremonial and green link to link to many small multi-functional spaces.
- Old Hanover Street as pedestrian oriented space with multi-story buildings that have retail at street level.
- Calverley Street as green link from City to CPUT.
- The gateway junction at Castle and the start of New Hanover Street (location of historical toilets).
- Religious Cluster - (Mur Street Mosque, Aspelting Street Mosque, St Marks, and the Moravian Church) - multi-functional open space next to and linking various religious institutions.
- Holy Cross and New Apostolate - Squares and link to New Hanover Street + Zonnebloem schools area.
- Circle below Nelson Mandela Blvd Highway needs intervention.
- Trafalgar park - open edges and improve management.
- Secondary spaces - small parks and spaces connected by green spaces.
- Public Space at Silverstreet - schools at the end of New Hanover Street - for safe kids drop-off and waiting area.
- Shaded facilities and playing spaces along Zonnebloem edge.
- Educational route along Constitution - Micro spaces, tree clusters, passing points, waiting spaces for children.
- Space at Ellenberg Street Mosque as moment along route.
- Mendenham Park as multi-purpose park with play spaces, learning spaces, gathering spaces, viewing decks and commemorative spaces along educational route.
- Mukwenza Park as activity, community and play space.
- Harrington Square + Clinic public space as multi-functional.
- Small local streets seen as public spaces, narrow, slow vehicular movement and safe for children, with eyes on the street and trees. Retain fire grained historic street grid.
- Memorialisation across the site.
- Activation and Events to build community interconnectivity.

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GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

Each group focused on different areas. They identified important locations for interventions, mapped public spaces and talked about how these would function in the space. The maps were then used to create one larger map of District Six. A caretaker from each group presented their ideas and public spaces alongside the larger map.

Here are some of the ideas expressed during the workshop:

GROUP 1:

- Harrington square as multipurpose space - parking, market, events.
- Management in an issue. Community oriented space.
- Public Space in front of the clinic.
- Waiting space for the day hospital.
- Mukwenza Park with activities - small amphitheatre, skateboarding, play area, trees, etc.
- The junction at the start of Hanover St marks a gateway to D6 at the Castle. The old public toilets located here are of historical significance.
- New Hanover St - prioritise pedestrians.
- The entire area should be walkable - serve cars at home and walk into city.
- Green pedestrian connection along Calverley St.

GROUP 2:

- Currently D6 movement in the area is focused on religion.
- Trafalgar Park to Chapel St is an important link to be reinforced.
- Hanover St is primarily vehicular-oriented space. It needs to be safer and people-oriented.
- Need for a multi-functional parking / urban park area at Mosques to serve various functions and relieve parking congestion on Hanover St.
- A potential link to be created between the 3 mosques in D6.
- Safety, movement and function/s of the circle along Chapel Street under highway to be addressed.
- CPUT to open inner areas for public use and connect to wider city.

GROUP 3:

- Trafalgar Park - defined but lacks management.
- Chapel Street - Re-designing as pedestrian dominant - it is a spine connecting with numerous important public facilities (schools, clinic, church) - Important Green Spine.
- Flexible spaces (circle area, school parking, and other hardened courts) - Spaces that have different functions at different times of the day - re-utilise these spaces with innovative solutions.
- Secondary spaces - Smaller parks that must connect with greenery to the central spine of Chapel road.
- Use of space making and management of space.

GROUP 4:

- Make new public space at the top off New Hanover St [safe for school kids] + pedestrian friendly.
- Link square to Holy Cross.
- Re-establish Old Hanover Street as pedestrian oriented street with cycle and tuk-tuk service.
- Multi-story development with retail on street level between New and Old Hanover St.
- Make playing fields available to local schools + multiple entrances to sport fields (both sides) and develop sports facilities along contours between fields.

GROUP 5:

- Create 'micro spaces' and passing points along Constitution St.
- Education route shaded (tree clusters) and safety (traffic calming and activation).
- Retain the size of historic grid block to create small pedestrian streets where children can play & be curious.
- Buildings surrounding parks to have public interfaces (not fenced).
- Memorialisation to happen across the whole area.
- Memorial park to be a stop along street and trees. Retain fire grained historic street grid.
- Green pedestrian connection along Calverley St.

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The experience focused on the memories of the past and looking towards a vision for future together.

- The Past:** We held a memory mapping session where Caretakers told their stories of how they relate to District Six, how they use the public realm in District Six and how they remember life in the area.
- The Future:** We then focused on what the future can look like, by highlighting how different people will use and experience public spaces and streets to make this a positive experience for all. Caretakers were asked to consider the space through the experiences of others. Then they were asked to think of what their best performing public space would look like, and the urban characteristics that make it a positive experience.

GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

The plan of this portion of the workshop was to create posters to describe a vision for public spaces, streets and events.

A set of characters were prepared by the professional team for the workshop. Characters were introduced to let caretakers think creatively, to place themselves in someone else's shoes, and to think of various needs in the public realm. These were representing different age, socioeconomic and ability demographics, as well as non-human occupants of the public realm, i.e., trees and other plants, insects and pets. The caretakers were then asked to think through the following questions:

- What experiences has your character had in public space?
- Describe your best performing space (sight, sound, smell, feel, taste).
- What would be the broad urban principles that would make this experience possible?

The 'vision' for the public realm was documented in the form of A1 poster and presented by one of the caretakers in the group as a summary of the group session. Below are some of the key principles that came out of the group presentations:

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WORKSHOP 1

MEMORY MAPPING:

The day started with Memory Mapping session. The group talked through their memories of District Six. Each caretaker told their story of how they relate to District Six, and these stories were recorded and mapped.

GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

Within the three groups, caretakers were asked to consider the experiences of others and think about the characteristics of positive spaces. This provided a basis for discussion and developing a vision together.

The three groups made posters and presented their ideas of their vision for the public spaces and streets of District Six.

The groups presented many overlapping thoughts on their vision for District Six. These include issues around the need for living memorialisation, local economic development, multipurpose spaces, play spaces, green spaces, safety, healing spaces, streets for people, integration of the parts of District Six as a whole.

GROUP A:

- Safety
- Access and mobility, coming together, integration and enabling
- Importance of local urban economy
- Positive edges of spaces
- Idea of place-making and identity (sense of place)
- Diversity in all senses
- The idea of water fountains in public spaces

GROUP B:

- Safety of spaces and safe streets
- Accessibility of streets and street interfaces
- Greening of streets and parks
- A variation of parks with different sizes, functions and catering for various needs
- Shops etc. to be around the parks, integrated in the neighbourhood, corner shop
- Central healing space/center/gateway
- Healing across different layers - doctor, spiritual, people broader scale
- Sport, library and other civic functions part of the healing spaces
- Space for gardens – developing a seed bank

GROUP C:

- Social integration of current and future population
- Safety in the public realm
- Promoting economic development, and activating streets and squares with local businesses and catering for various needs
- Creating a Living Museum
- Bringing tastes, smells and feel of old District Six
- Keeping old 'heros' in the living memory
- Creating safe pedestrian environments for people
- Vehicular parking areas vs spaces for people
- Integration and stitching together of parts
- Accessibility and connectivity of the environment

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DISTRICT SIX PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

WORKSHOP 4

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY?

The City of Cape Town has launched an exciting initiative to enhance the quality of District Six's (D6) streets and public spaces as part of the overall Local Area Spatial Development framework's approval. The **Public Realm Strategy** will be working alongside other initiatives of District Six, building on previous work done and developing the concepts of the 2012 Spatial Development Framework in more detail. The focus is on developing the streets and spaces between the buildings as meaningful quality public spaces – stitching together the area. The project aims to create representational spaces and places within District Six, where we remember the past, where we share in the present and where we work towards a shared future.

This process will inform a **Public Realm Investment Framework and Guidelines for Public Spaces and Streets** in District Six. Through developing a Public Realm Strategy (PRS) with the community over the next few months, we seek to build on what makes District Six distinctive and to celebrate key public spaces.

THE OBJECTIVES:

- Creating a 'sense of place' – Focusing on spaces/places where people can meet and engage with one another, the natural environment and living memorialisation.
- Celebrating culture and community – taking history/memory into consideration.
- Focusing on different user groups, especially the youth and elderly and how they use spaces.
- Highlighting the value of activating the public realm.
- Improving way-finding to provide a fitting welcome and enhanced environment for the community of District Six and visitors to the cultural institutions in the area.
- Incorporating elements of resilience and sustainability.
- Supporting sustainable communities.

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK!

We are taking note of all comments via the email: D6publicrealmstrategy@capetown.gov.za

WORKSHOP 4 - SUMMARY

As part of the District Six Public Realm Study, we are working with nominated community representatives, referred to as the District Six 'Caretakers', in a series of co-design workshops in addition to larger online public meetings. The fourth of six workshops was held on 18 November 2021 at the District Six Museum Homecoming Centre.

The workshop was focused on exploring how the urban principles discussed in previous workshops can translate into making spaces. We looked at activating public open spaces at a human scale, through the use of a toolkit with pedestrian pavements, trees, seating, planting, water, cycling lanes, or art.

Making spaces: While previous workshops focused on urban principles, broader spatial systems and locating public spaces at a large scale, this workshop focused in on smaller generic spaces, applying the ideas within the public space toolkit we were chosen: 1) Activity Spine/ local business street 2) Spaces next to religious institutions, 3) Local streets.

MAKING SPACES + BUILDING:

Below are some of the ideas expressed during group discussions and debates and in their presentations:

- Public space to be people-oriented.** Streets with generous walkways on both sides of the streets and safe pedestrian-dominated square at intersection. Raised intersections. Traffic calming measures for pedestrian safety throughout. Reducing car lanes to one lane in each direction on New Hanover Street.
- 'Stories' paved on New Hanover Street and throughout District Six.** Signage and opportunities for community art that supports memorialisation throughout the area. 'Memory Lane' in Chapel Street with place-making linked to historical figures and trees as living memorialisation. Celebrate old materiality of the cobbled paving. Mobile Apps to help visitors to connect to historical content through modern technology.
- Ensuring that community engagement is a basis for any art or memorialisation to foster ownership by community.**
- Local Streets (like Chapel Street)** to encourage use of space and passing moments with street furniture, tree clusters at built outs, benches, social lighting in front of houses as well as resident parking and generous pedestrian pavements.
- Activating edges and 'eyes on the street'.**
- System of tree clustering/lighting/benches in public realm specifically in front of active institutions such as school, religious and community centres.**
- Public / local community access to be allowed to institutional spaces such as area in front of Moravian Chapel.**
- Public space to allow for multi-functionality, pop-up markets, gathering spaces, local concert venue, with planting + benches.**
- Softening of public space by providing suitable indigenous trees.**
- Water incorporated into public spaces through bioswales, borehole water, spray parks, etc.**
- Streets as ecological corridors with shade, bioswales and for being outdoor relaxing spaces for people.**
- Parking as a major concern during prayer times and events for institutions in the area.** Parking spaces as multi-functional spaces, with paving, tree planting and benches. Alternative methods of movements and sharing spaces can be investigated.
- Flexible spaces, incremental changes and tactical urbanism interventions allow for changes over time.**

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WORKSHOP 4

RECAP PUBLIC SPACES:

1. **Recap of Public Spaces and Spatial System:** We discussed the work done in the previous workshops, defining the system of public spaces and locating public spaces. We showed how this overlays with the 2012 Local Spatial Development Framework, developing this plan further. Then we discussed and redraw the spatial system and public spaces within them.

GROUP WORKING SESSION:

Within the three groups, caretakers were asked to make/build generic public spaces identified within the area. This provided a basis for exploration and debate regarding strategies for better public spaces and streets.

The workshop used the making, modeling and building of streets and spaces to explore what they could look like in the future. How can we apply the ideas and urban principles discussed in the previous workshops in a public space?

While broader urban principles and ideas could be applied in similar situations, the emerging ideas were also space-specific, acknowledging the given context.

GROUP 1:

Model Areas: New Hanover Street (Active Commercial Street) and Old Hanover Street (Smaller Local Business Street), and courts next to the Moravian Chapel.

GROUP 2:

Model Areas: Chapel Street (Local Street) intersection with Grey Street; and Chapel street at Chapel Street Primary School.

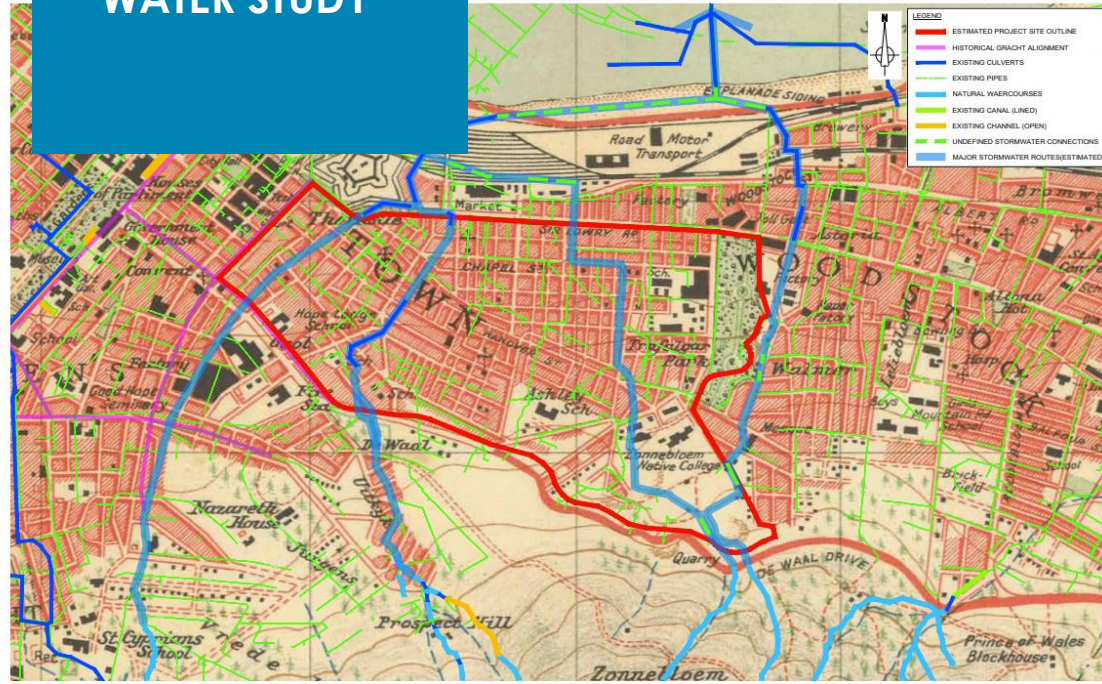
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WATER STUDY

HISTORICAL MAPS

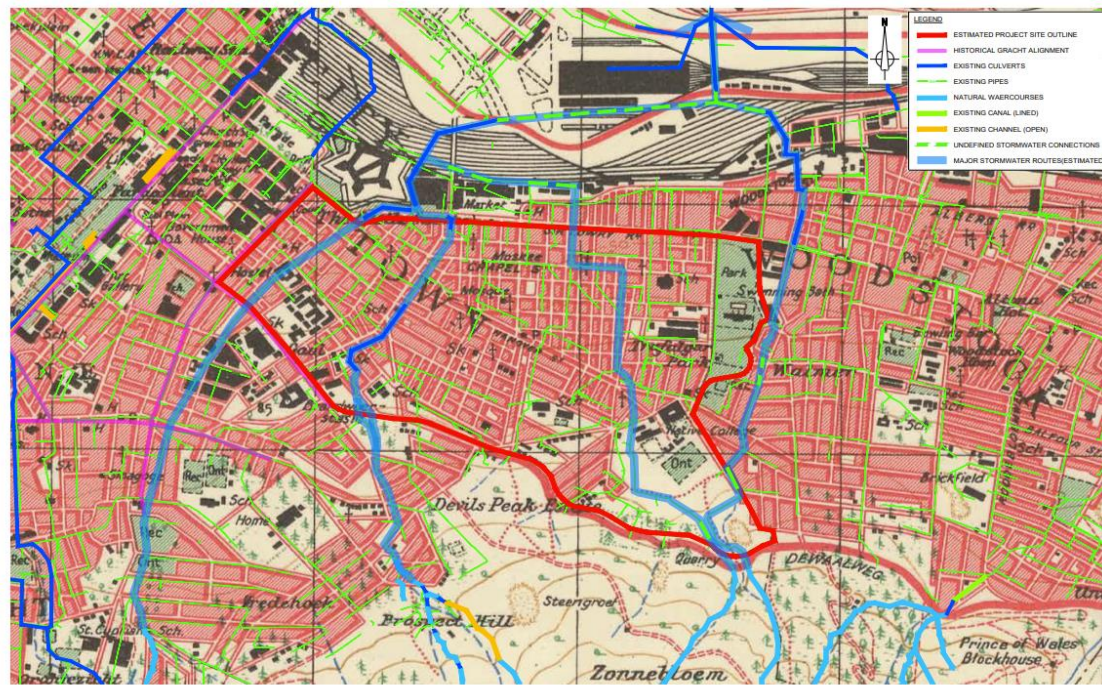
1932 SURVEY



1968 SURVEY



1951 SURVEY

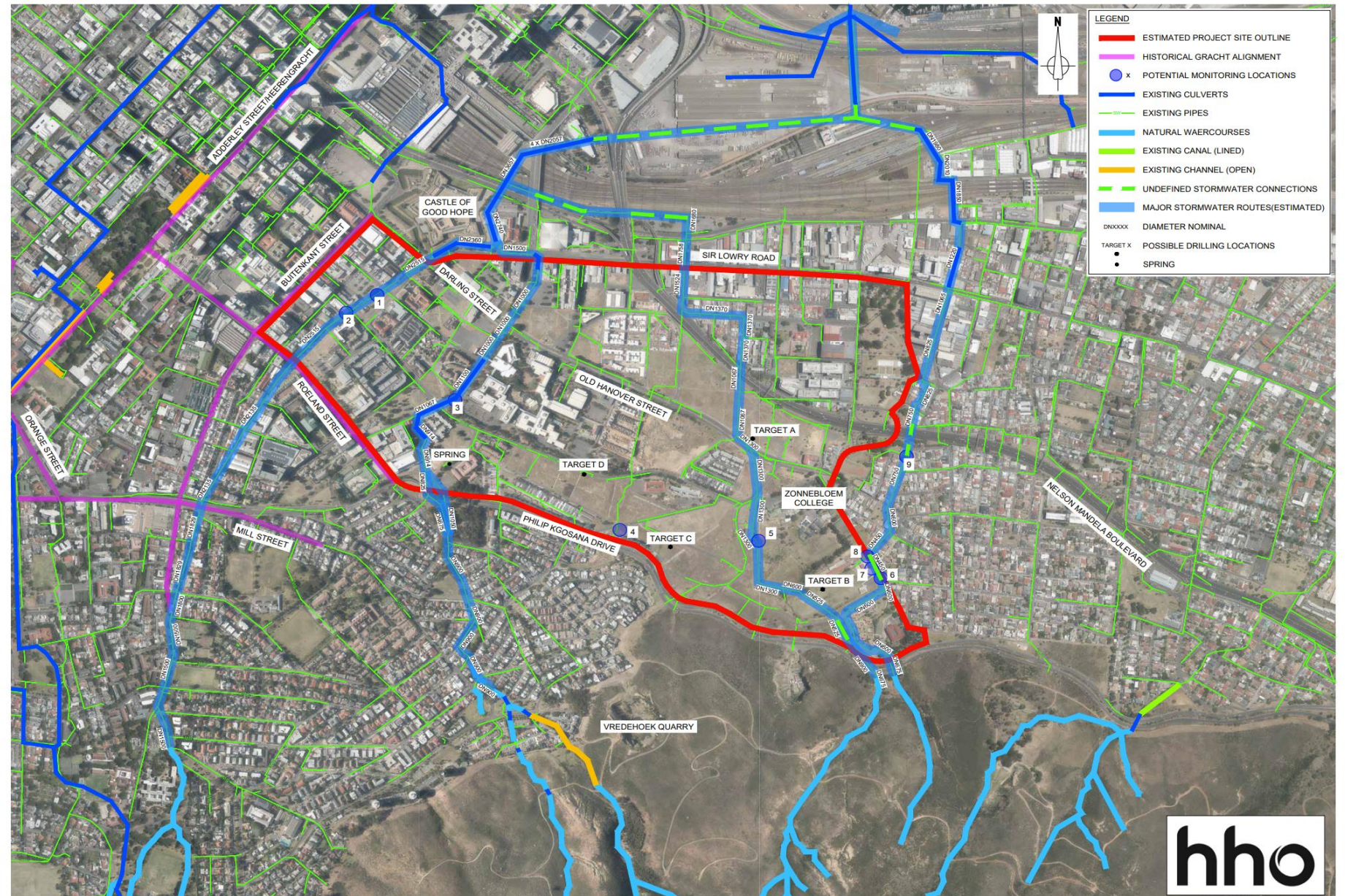


1981 SURVEY



WATER STUDY

A water study is underway to assess natural water resources in District Six. This study includes a surface water and ground water investigation. It also involves an assessment of historic water courses to better understand this aspect of District Six's natural heritage. It is hoped that naturally occurring water could be used to the benefit of District Six in the future.



BOREHOLE INVESTIGATIONS (2021)

at Target A and B: Hanover Street and Upper Cambridge Sportfield boreholes



OPEN HOUSE

**SHOWING THE PUBLIC WHAT
WE HAVE DONE DURING THE
FIRST HALF OF THE PROJECT.**

OPEN HOUSE

PUBLIC MEETING + OPEN HOUSE

DISTRICT SIX PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE
The District Six Public Realm Strategy team invites you to come and see what we have been up to!

WHEN:
9 DECEMBER 2021

WHERE:
at Cape Town City Hall,
Parade Street Entrance

WHAT IS THE OPEN HOUSE?
This Open House is part of the District Six Public Realm Study and is held mid-way throughout the project, after 3 Public Meetings and 4 Co-Design Workshops. The open house showcases the outcomes of the process thus far. Your comments and input will further enrich the project as we work towards a Public Realm Strategy for District Six.

Come visit, view, engage and leave your comments to let us know your thoughts on the future of District Six!

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS YEAR?

- Analysis, research and building on work previously done in District Six.
- 3 x Public Meetings so far to initiate the project.
- 4 x Co-design Workshops with nominated caretakers from various groups.
- Developing ideas and strategies for public spaces in District Six, which build on previous work done and inputs from the co-design process.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY?

The City of Cape Town has an exciting initiative to enhance the quality of District Six's public realm. The Public Realm Strategy will focus on developing a framework for the public realm in District Six, which will be a key part of the District Six Development Framework in more detail. The Public Realm Strategy will focus on developing a framework for the public realm in District Six, which will be a key part of the District Six Development Framework in more detail. The Public Realm Strategy will focus on developing a framework for the public realm in District Six, which will be a key part of the District Six Development Framework in more detail.

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Guidelines for developing a public realm strategy. Guidelines for developing a public realm strategy. Guidelines for developing a public realm strategy.

In the next few months, we seek to build on what makes District Six distinctive and to celebrate key public spaces.

TERRA+ CAPE HERSTORIUM

OPEN HOUSE LAYOUT

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OPEN HOUSE

The floor plan shows the layout of the Open House. It includes an entrance, a sign-in area, a sanitation room, and four workshops (Workshop 1, Workshop 2, Workshop 3, and Workshop 4). There are also rooms for reading the landscape process, spatial structure morphologies, a landscape strategy, a culture + memory activation, and a land use. A room for a LSDF room water is also indicated. The layout is situated between Parade Street and Darling Street.

Thursday 9th December 2021 2pm-8pm
Friday 10th December 2021 9am-3pm
Saturday 11th December 2021 9am-3pm

OPEN HOUSE



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CULTURE AND MEMORY

District Six has a rich cultural history, informed by the memories of former residents; this gives the area its unique sense of place. It is on the streets, and between houses that much of the memories of sights, sounds, and smells, remembered by its former inhabitants, created their experience of home, identity and belonging. This sense of place in public space is important to the concept of restoration for the site, especially in relation to designing spaces and streets for people.

The culture and memory requires us to hold on to the spirit of the area across the public spaces. We propose the following strategies that have developed from the local spatial development framework but also importantly with the input from our own stakeholders in the workshop process.

1

MEMORY THROUGHOUT PUBLIC SPACES

- Memories and stories of the area should be found across many different public spaces in innovative ways and on different levels: not just at one site.
- Memory Stones and stoned pavements could honour the diverse local heroes and stories of ex-residents who contributed to their communities: in innovative paving, signage, benches and around significant buildings.

2

TYING MEMORIES TO TREES

- The planting and dedication of trees in public spaces to families, heroes and events.
- Conserve and provide access to the remaining date trees in the area planted from pilgrimages to Mecca and telling the stories of the families who planted them.

3

CONNECTING TO THE "REMAINING" DISTRICT SIX

- Creating a "memory walk" that connects the religious buildings at one side of Chapel Street all the way to Trafalgar Park. This memory line will also help to connect the "remaining" part of District Six to the part that is going to be developed.
- Re-establish old business and social links to the public spaces of Greenmarket Square, the Good Hope Centre and Hanover Street as a High Street for small mixed use businesses and residences.

4

PROTECTING HERITAGE

- Public spaces around new housing to be designed to retain the old remaining street grid pattern.
- Include access and knowledge of important archaeological areas in the area i.e. Horstley Street.

5

SENSES

The design of public space need to consider touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing as key ways to connect to the sense of place through time, this can be done by:

- Retaining and building cobbled and textured street surfaces.
- Planting old garden herbs and plants that people used to have in their gardens and connect this to food traditions of the area.
- Including old photographs of people in the streets and around buildings in public places so the past is remembered visually including the use of phone apps.
- Using water to connect to the history of old wash houses and washing in the area and to the memory of streams from Table Mountain.
- The importance of having musicians, music making and events on the streets and in public areas.

6

COMMUNITY LED

- Support community led processes in memory making and heritage in the public spaces.
- Heritage tourism using the streets and public spaces should be led by local guides, who engage with the multiple stories of the area.
- A memorial park that honours the devastating history of apartheid and forced removals can be developed by the community but it should also include spaces for healing and play for the next generations.

7

CELEBRATING THE REMAINING PUBLIC BUILDINGS WITHIN PUBLIC SPACES

The religious institutions (Churches and Mosques), schools and remaining community centres are to be celebrated in the spaces that surround them:

- Provide better access and prominence for the buildings.
- Tell the stories of these buildings and their history.
- Enable better catering for parking and provide landscaping facilities that support the daily needs and traditions of the religious and schooling institutions. This should include the area below Nelson Mandela Boulevard.

YOUR COMMENTS:

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PUBLIC SPACE ACTIVATION

The public realm (the street, squares, pavements, parks, greenbelts and playgrounds) forms the living room of the city. The public realm provides the residents of the city with gathering space and places we can all use together. These spaces need to be active, vibrant and safe for all. The team looked at various strategies to "activate" and enliven spaces. Some of these strategies focus on the built environment (how it is designed), and other strategies focus on things that happen in the spaces (activities, events and management).

1

DESIGN SPACES FOR ALL PEOPLE TO USE AND ENJOY

Provide quality urban spaces that encourage activities and support events. This means providing for universal accessibility: trees, lighting for social spaces, paving, green space, benches, artworks, signage, cycling lanes, etc.

2

FLEXIBILITY AND MULTIFUNCTIONAL SPACE

Design public spaces to enable different uses and events over time. Ensure that they are adaptable and flexibility to accommodate different uses such as markets, music events, art installations, congregational prayers, relaxation and other uses in public space.

3

ACTIVATE SPACES WITH THE STORIES OF DISTRICT SIX

Let culture and memory activate spaces. Make the arts and heritage of District Six visible as part of the stories told in public spaces. Public art can be developed as community led projects to fill public spaces with life, develop a sense of ownership and to tell the stories of the area.

4

SUPPORT ACTIVATION ALREADY TAKING PLACE

Focus on supporting the activation (quality) that is already taking place in District Six. Encourage and financially support local initiatives, organisations, community groups, businesses or residents already doing work and hosting events in public space. Provide for better communication and support to enable people to host events and freely creatively within public space.

5

DEVELOP TOOLKITS FOR ACTIVATING PUBLIC SPACE

A toolkit (possibly in the form of small booklet) could help to give clear, simple and concise guidance to enable people or organisations to take initiative and be creative. Communication around events funding and regulations would enable a simpler process, rather than getting tied up in onerous red tape. A physical "Plug and Play" toolkit for events (in the form of a simple structure) could also be developed for community use.

6

START WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE

Support already activated streets and spaces through incremental upgrade or strategically identified projects. Focus on where people are currently living and using space and expand, in later phases to the rest of District Six.

7

START SMALL

Small interventions in public spaces through "tactical urbanism" projects can help to show the potential of spaces to be used by people. This can be done with small budgets to quickly upgrade or change the nature of a space (hosting events, painting streets, temporary urban furniture, parklets or temporary structures, etc.).

8

DEVELOP SYSTEMS OF ACTIVATION

Provide infrastructure along routes and spatial systems identified. Support and design for the development of a small-scale local business spine along New Hanover Street and Old Hanover Street, for an educational route between schools, and for a memory route along Chapel Street, etc.

9

OPENING-UP + FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

Support and partner with institutions for events that open up schools, facilities and institutions to the public. This can help establish a culture of openness. Encourage the use of sports fields and amenities at schools as multifunctional and shared facilities.

10

INVESTIGATE LAND USE

Ensure that spaces intended for public events allow for flexibility and investigate appropriate zoning to allow for the correct intended use of space. Identify and remove obstacles to activation.

11

SAFETY AND URBAN MANAGEMENT

Urban management is important in keeping the public realm well maintained, clean and safe for everyone to use. Parks and public spaces need clear management and maintenance plans. Community led management processes could be investigated for sustaining activated spaces. Further support and funding should be provided for events.

YOUR COMMENTS:

Other key points that unlock public space

- Investigate alteration of by-laws to alleviate red tape and allow residents to activate public spaces.
- Create streamlined digital information (such as text files), rather than a static document, that can be made available for anyone wishing to understand the framework for the area. This could enable developers, city officials, planners and residents to understand and develop plans that are aligned with the framework and draw on ideas and previous work done.

I think more tactile urbanism projects should be done within the community instead of waiting for larger projects that would take longer to create positive change.

WE LOVE OPEN STREETS!

Try retaining the historic grid as far as possible, especially Hanover Street and Horstley Street.

Interested to see how the remaining D6 will be incorporated in these public spaces.

Hearing about how the project centres the community is my most precious takeaway.

Would love to help create a podcast around powerful past stories/memories that are now shaping the future.

SPATIAL SYSTEMS OF DISTRICT SIX

Buildings and public spaces do not exist in a void, but form part of the larger systems of the city. They are located within networks of streets and routes which link them. The public realm can "attach" together the built environment into a cohesive whole. Various systems of public spaces were developed throughout the workshop process. These establish a set of interconnected linkages each with a conceptual vision, focus. Public spaces along these systems can be seen as "beads on a string" or special moments along a route.

SYSTEM 1:

ACTIVITY AND LOCAL BUSINESS SPINE

NEW HANOVER STREET

New Interstate Street is seen as the future local business spine of District 3A. Along this street, higher density buildings and retail on street level, provide life and active street edges. This system connects the rest of the city. From the Grand Passage and the Castle of Hope to District 3A, the street is a short, active walk in a narrow bottleneck at Swale Street, the proposal is to change the street from a high-speed traffic ruin into a vibrant economic spine. As the vision is for District 3A to become a place to visit, rather than speed through, it is suggested that the road way be narrowed to one lane in each direction where possible, with pedestrian crossings to provide a safe well as cycling lanes, greenery, pedestrian pavements, raised table intersections, street furniture, trees, lighting, signage and, most importantly, people on foot.

SYSTEM 2:

EDUCATIONAL SPINE
CONSTITUTION STREET

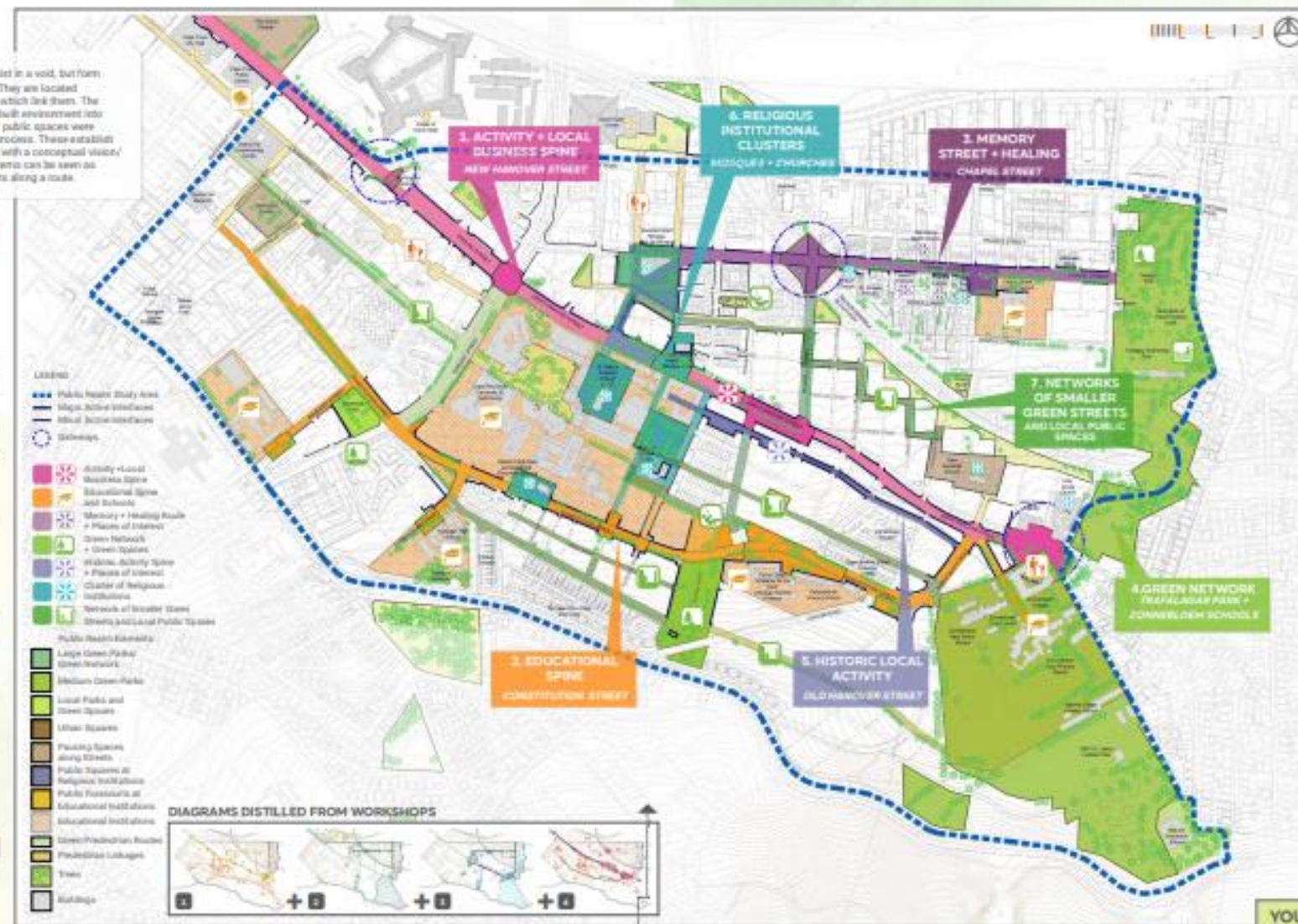
CONSTITUTION STAGE:
This system runs along Constitution

street linking many of the educational institutions within District Six. During workshops, the need was expressed for children to have safe and enjoyable movement between various institutions and activities throughout the area. In addition, connections to the after-school facilities (within and outside of the area) are important.

SYSTEM 3:

MEMORY STREET +
HEALING
CHAPEL STREET

Chapel Street connects from the green network of Tolleray Park, past the Muir Street Mosque and curves towards new Harpur Street. As part of the remaining portion of District Six, it is home to organisations such as the Haven Night Shelter, the Trauma Centre, Marion Institute, a Clinic and Chapel Street Primary School. At times, the street becomes a vibrant gathering space for its residents and visitors to make use of and occupy the street, bringing life to the public realm. To improve and support activities already taking place, a narrow roadway and more pedestrian-friendly environment is desirable. This can include wider pedestrian walkways, lighting, trees, street furniture and commemorative monuments celebrating local heroes and the history of the area.



WORKSHOPPING SYSTEMS

- During the workshop process, spaces and future interventions were identified. It became apparent that groups were not only talking about individual spaces, but rather about places along spatial systems within District Six (see Workshop 2).

The groups focused on themes:

1. Activated Everyday + Event Spaces
2. Ritual + Living Memorialization
3. Green Spaces, Recreation + Play
4. Connectivity + Streets

Many of the systems identified through workshopping were overlapping and interconnected. These ideas shaped the systems indicated above.

SYSTEM 4:

**GREEN NETWORK
TRAFALGAR PARK THROUGH TO
THE ZONNEBLOEM SCHOOLS
AREA**

Trafalgar Park and the Zionsville schools precinct form a green connection. Presently the site of the Old French Military Line wall between the ocean and mountain, this system now connects from Sir Lowry Road to the lower slopes of Table Mountain. The park has historically earned the residents of SE with much needed green space, but needs maintenance and management to realize its full potential. Furthermore, the park can benefit from open and active edges along the Woodstock side and the provision of additional amenities.

SYSTEM 5:

HISTORIC LOCAL
ACTIVITY SPINE
OLD HANOVER STREET

Reinvigorating the heart of public life in District Six, Old Harrow Street can be developed as a commemorative route that provides a smaller scale streetscape than New Harrow Street. The street can be a pedestrian-dominated space similar to a "saccerf", with street furniture, trees and lighting. This street can also serve to tell the story of District Six and the life that played out below its traumatic demolition. Stained glass windows, signage, Memory Stones and Apps can be used to embed the stories of the past in the spaces of the future.

SYSTEM 8:

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONAL CLUSTERS

The history of District Six and its cultural diversity is made evident through the remaining religious institutions in the landscape. The mosques and churches, although not currently spatially linked, have the opportunity to form a religious cluster or precinct that highlights the history of District Six. This celebrates the continued practices, rituals and connections of religious institution to communities.

SYSTEM 7:

NETWORKS OF SMALLER
GREEN STREETS AND
LOCAL PUBLIC SPACES

Networks of pedestrian-oriented streets offer the potential for smaller green routes running along the contours within the area. These routes should discourage high-speed vehicular movement through textured and shared street surfaces, and prioritize the pedestrian experience. Sustainable urban drainage systems through the use of bio-swales, can be incorporated in order to allow slow storm water and regularize ground water. This provides opportunities for biodiversity to be integrated into our urban streets. Trees along these routes provide additional comfort through shade.

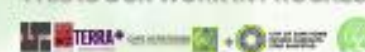
SYSTEM 8:

ADDITIONAL SYSTEMS AND CONNECTIONS TO OUTSIDE DISTRICT SIX, CALEDON STREET, LONGMARKET STREET, LINKS TO AMENITIES

Dorset St is historically integrated with the rest of the City. These streets serve as important links to re-establish and reinterpolate the area, "stitching" the city together. Calverton Street runs from CPUI, past Harrington Square and into the City Centre. Longmarket Street connects a pedestrian route from Dorset St and the Castle all the way to the roofover on the upper reaches of the So-Now. Darling Street connects to the Grand Parade and the transport interchange. The links to the rest of the city provide residents with vital access (the range of amenities that the city offers).

YOUR COMMENTS:

THIS IS OUR WORK IN PROGRESS

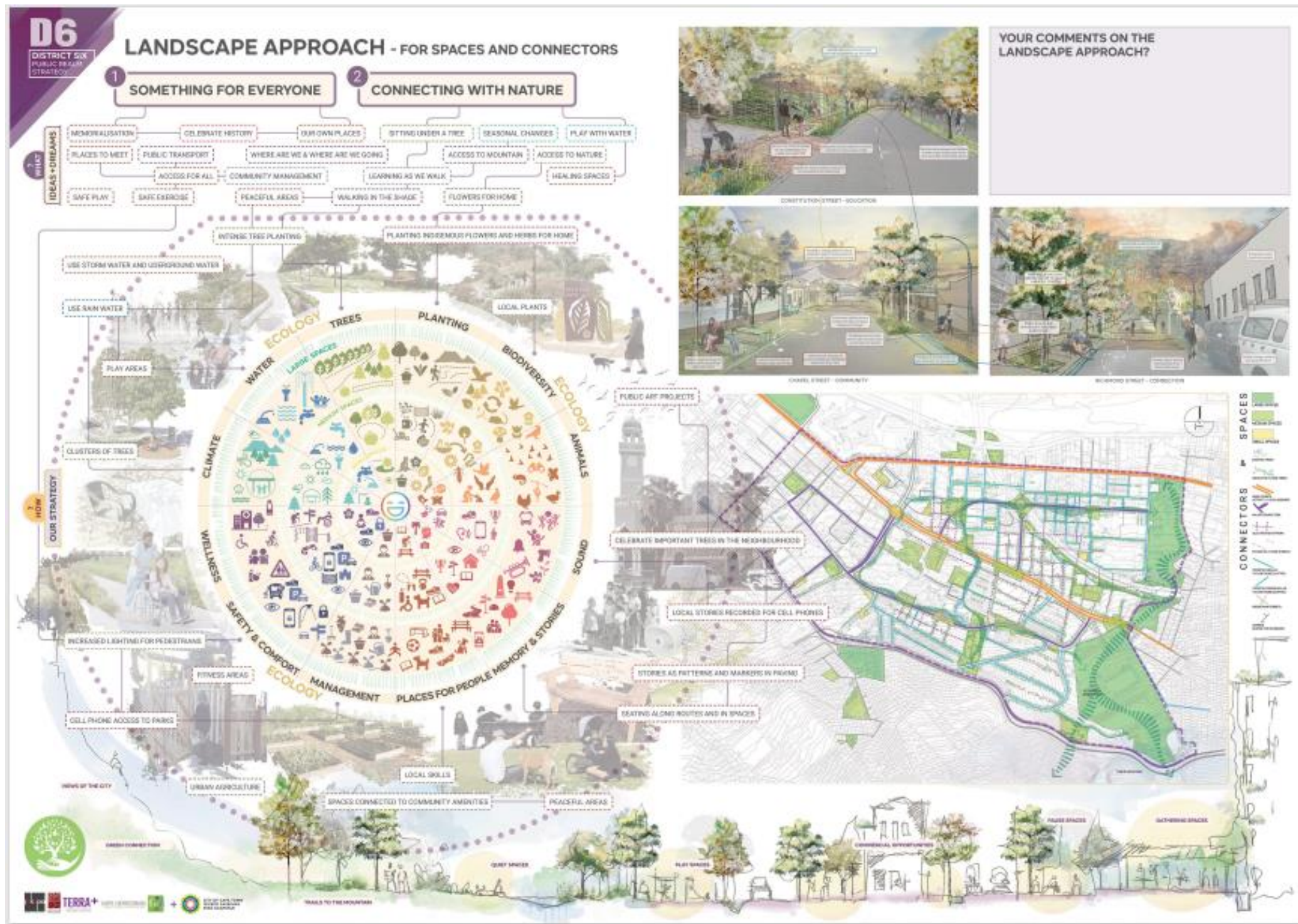


Housing. When will the houses/apartments in District 6 actually get built? Will we wait another 10 years?

Contingency Planning: How much of this depends on national government building houses before this can proceed. Rather than thinking (believing?) this will happen, make contingency plans of things CoCt can do in different scenarios.

- 1) National does X;
- 2) National doesn't do X;
- 3) Contingency! What if national don't build in the next 10 years?

How will the city make spaces accessible in absence of housing?

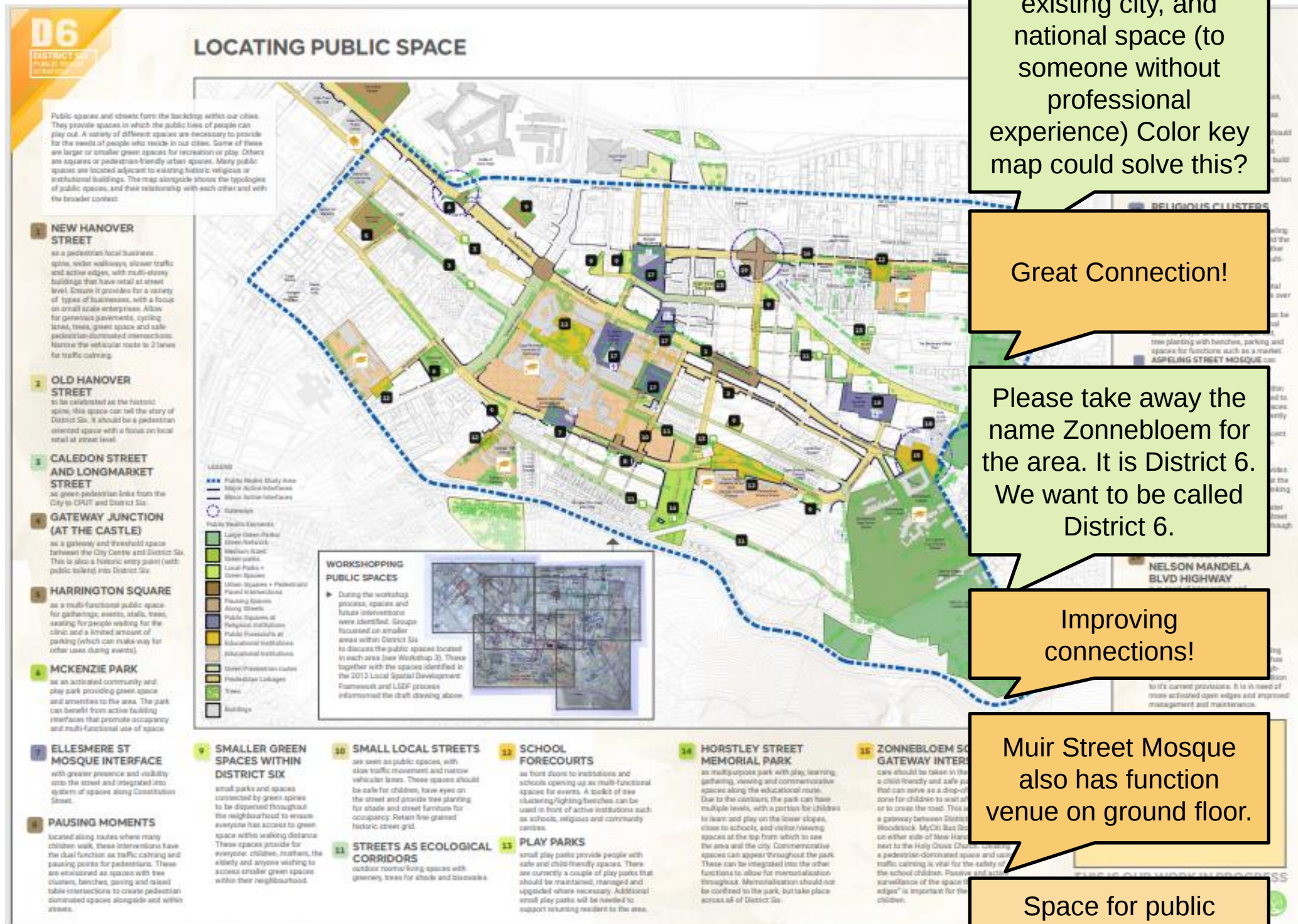


Trees must not be too tall, to prevent people hiding in them and dropping from them to rob fellow residents. Medium -sized Trees please!

AMAZING WORK!! VERY IMPRESSED, My main wish is that this model of planning can be adapted for all towns and districts in South Africa!!

Please can you address the location of the springs on the waterway charts as well.

Parking Space, Schools, Worship Places.



Not clear what is existing city, and national space (to someone without professional experience) Color key map could solve this?

Great Connection!

Please take away the name Zonnebloem for the area. It is District 6. We want to be called District 6.

Improving connections!

Muir Street Mosque also has function venue on ground floor.

Space for public reading and access to historic books.

The only negative aspect of the Phase 3 Development are the flats on the both sides of the town houses. These are obscuring the beautiful views of the mountain on both sides. The planning should have been all on the same heights as the town houses.

There used to be many churches in D6, like 2 Baptist Churches, Volkskerk, AME, etc. What plans are there for these churches to return.

As a pensioner we have difficulties around public transport.

Taxi Rank needed in accessible place. Central.

Where can we accommodate the Kaapse Klopse on second new years?

**OPEN HOUSE
FEEDBACK**

connectivity

inclusivity

**housing+
restitution**

**community
focused
processes**

**cultural
landscape**

**historic street
grid**

**Integrating
parts**

**living memory +
histories**

**positive
feedback**

**Supporting social
amenities**

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trees

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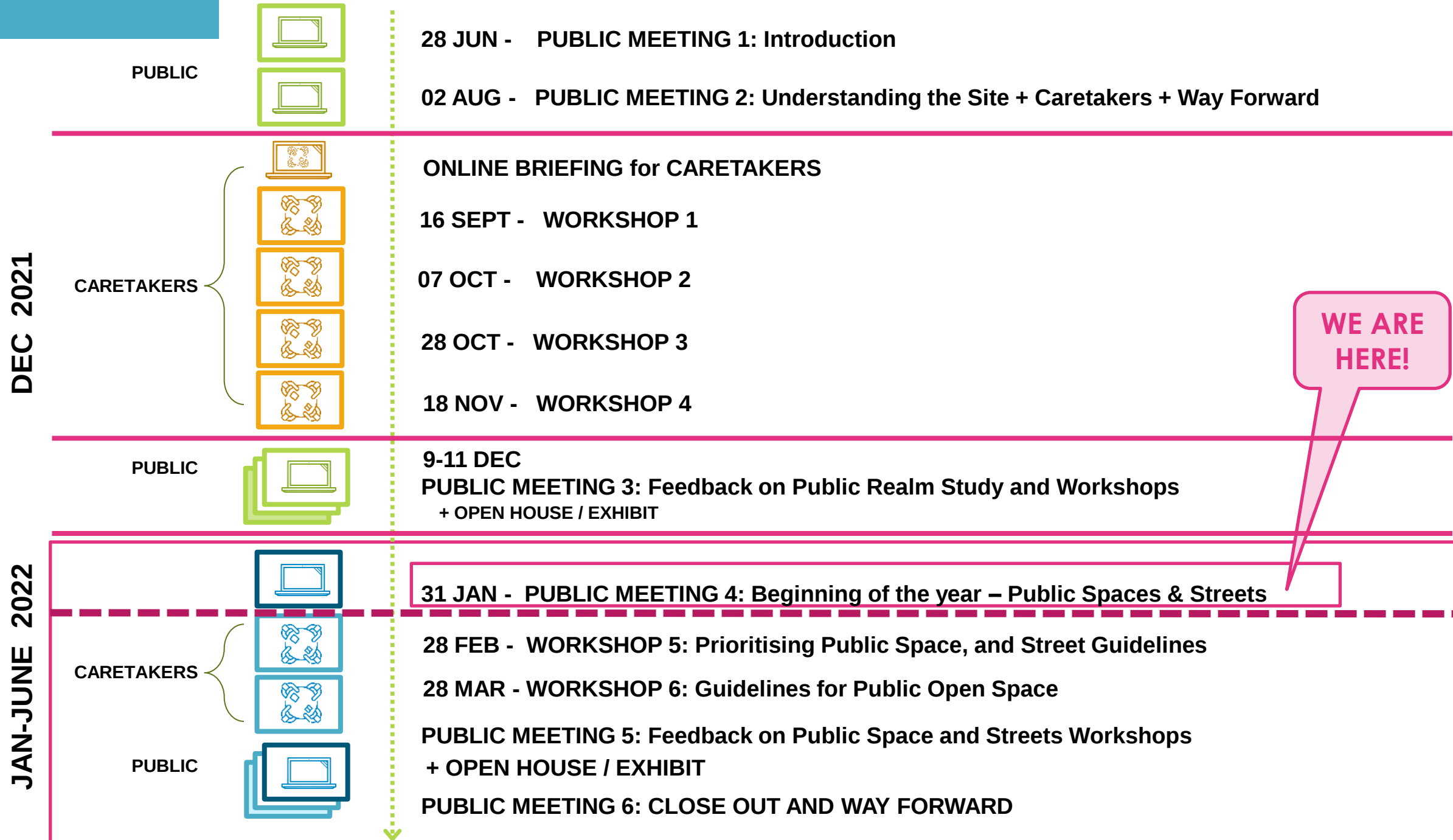
homelessness

small interventions

activating streets

WAY FORWARD

PROCESS AND PROGRAM



We've cut the key to unlock the door...



CLOSE

CLOSING
REMARKS +
WORD OF
THANKS

