

Surrey Canal Linear Park



What is Happening

We are making exciting improvements to the walkways and open spaces through the Pepys Estate. The improvements will provide local residents with a new green space and play facilities for children and young people. They will make it easier and more pleasant to walk or cycle to facilities near to the Pepys Estate – for example the new Tesco Metro, café and other shops that may follow in the new developments at Deptford Wharf, Canon Wharf and the Deptford Wharves.

The improvements will create a park along the route of the former Surrey Canal, so we are calling this the Surrey Canal Linear Park.

These improvements have been planned after talking to local residents in February 2015. They are being paid for with money raised through the new developments at Cannon and Marine Wharf and Deptford Wharves.

When we spoke to you, you were enthusiastic about the improvements:

You said	We have responded
You did not want to see the new developments closed off from the existing community	We have been working closely with developers to ensure that this does not happen and as a result this project will connect both areas and will provide a pleasant route through
You were concerned about personal safety	We will not remove the existing CCTV and it has been carefully considered in the design
You liked the Artmongers' art work on the Oxestalls Road wall	We will retain the artwork

Work will begin on the creating the Surrey Canal Linear Park on 23 November 2015 and will be completed by August 2016. The work will be carried out by our contractors, T Loughman.

Phasing

The work will be completed in two phases:

- The first phase is currently under construction as part of the Cannon Wharf and Marine Wharf development.
- The second phase will create the section between Cannon and Marine Wharf and Oxestalls Road.

Developers Lend Lease intend to fund future works that will include opening up the former canal bridge, allowing the linear park to extend under Oxestalls Road to connect the Deptford Wharves development (former Breakers Yard) to the route. The route from Pepys Estate through the Marine Wharf Site to Plough Way was identified as a priority as part of the North Lewisham Links Programme.

Surrey Canal Linear Park

Your questions answered:

1. How long will the works last?

The contractor will be setting up their site next to Eddystone Tower from the 23 November 2015, with some clearance works being carried out before Christmas. The works are due to complete by August 2016.

2. Who will be carrying out the works?

T Loughman & Co Ltd. The contractor will provide contact details in the event of any queries once they start the works.

3. What time are the contractors allowed to work?

The contractor will be working between 8am to 6pm from Mondays to Fridays. The only other time the contractors are allowed to work under planning law is Saturdays 8am to 1pm, however this will be by exception and prior arrangement with the Council.

4. Will there be any dust and noise when the works start?

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the works some noise and dust during working hours is unavoidable; however the contractors take all measures to reduce the impact to residents wherever possible.

5. Will I always be able to get in and out of my home?

Yes, the contractor will provide safe access routes around the site. If the contractor has to work directly outside your home at any point the contractor will liaise with you to ensure you have access.

6. Will I still be able to park my car?

Yes, the contractors will park within their own construction area wherever possible. However, lorry deliveries to the site will be made and this could temporarily restrict access during some times. We would ask you to help the contractor by only parking in permitted areas.

7. What will happen with refuse collection?

This service will continue as normal and the contractor will liaise with Lewisham Homes and the refuse service to ensure that collections will still be made.

8. Where can my children play and where can I walk

There are lots of other green spaces a few minutes' walk away such as:

- Upper Pepys Park along Grove Street
- A walk through Lower Pepys Park and along Deptford Strand on the River Thames
- Deptford Park on Evelyn Street at the junction with Oxestalls Road.

If you have any further questions please contact:

for general project queries:

surreycanallinearpark@lewisham.gov.uk

for queries relating to the site works:

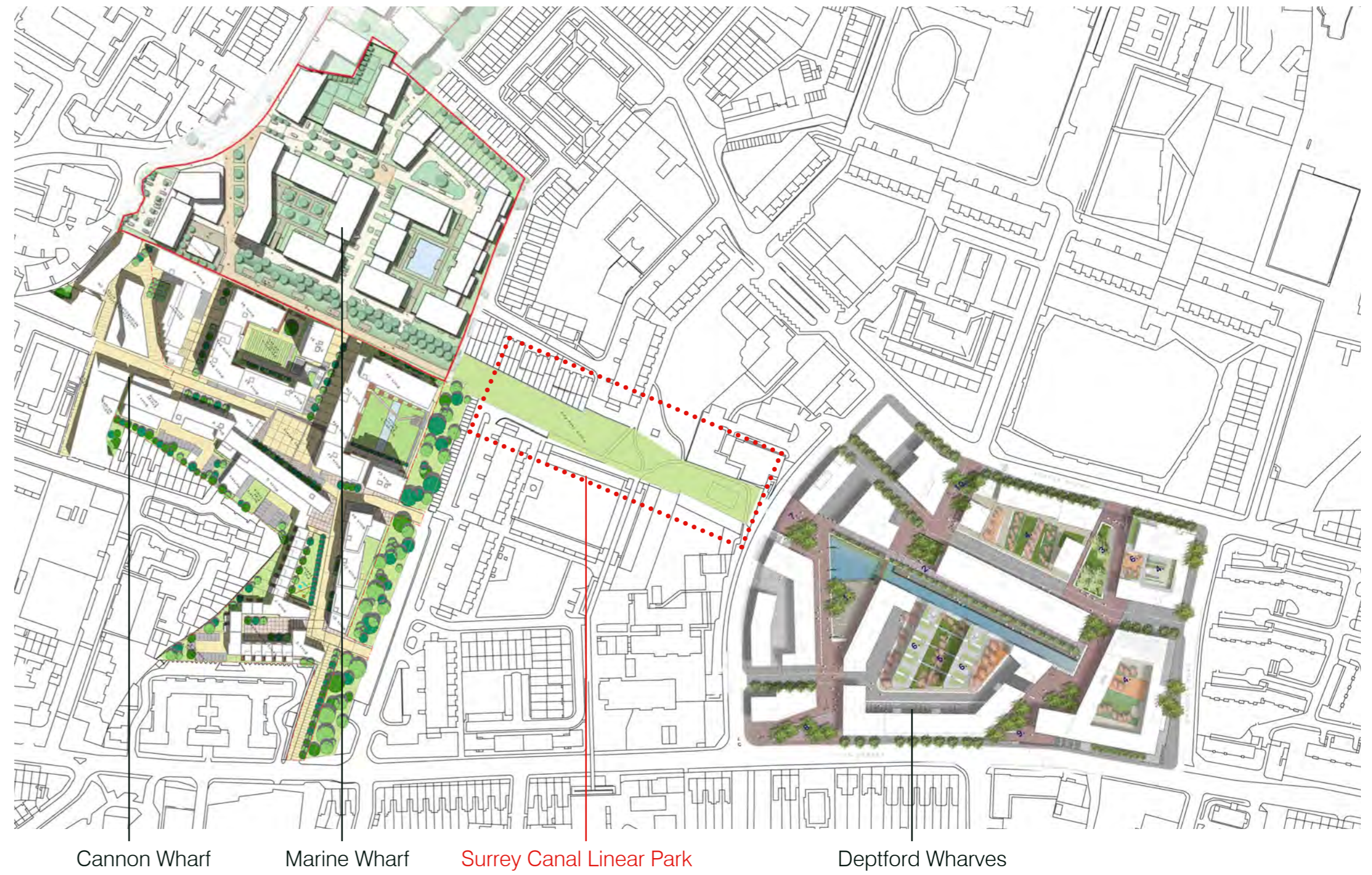
gen@tloughman.com

Surrey Canal Linear Park

Introduction:

The London Borough of Lewisham has commissioned a new linear park along a section of the former Surrey Canal between Plough Way to the north and Deptford Wharf to the south. This will create a new, attractive, high quality, green space to improve walking and cycling routes and enhance local connections.

The scheme is being delivered with money made available by the new developments at Cannon & Marine Wharf and Deptford Wharves. It will be completed in two phases and the first phase is currently under construction as part of the Cannon Wharf and Marine Wharf Development. This second phase will deliver the section between Cannon & Marine Wharf and Oxestalls Road. Following this, the intention is to re open the former canal bridge and create a connection to the forthcoming Deptford Wharves development by continuing the route beyond Oxestalls Road.

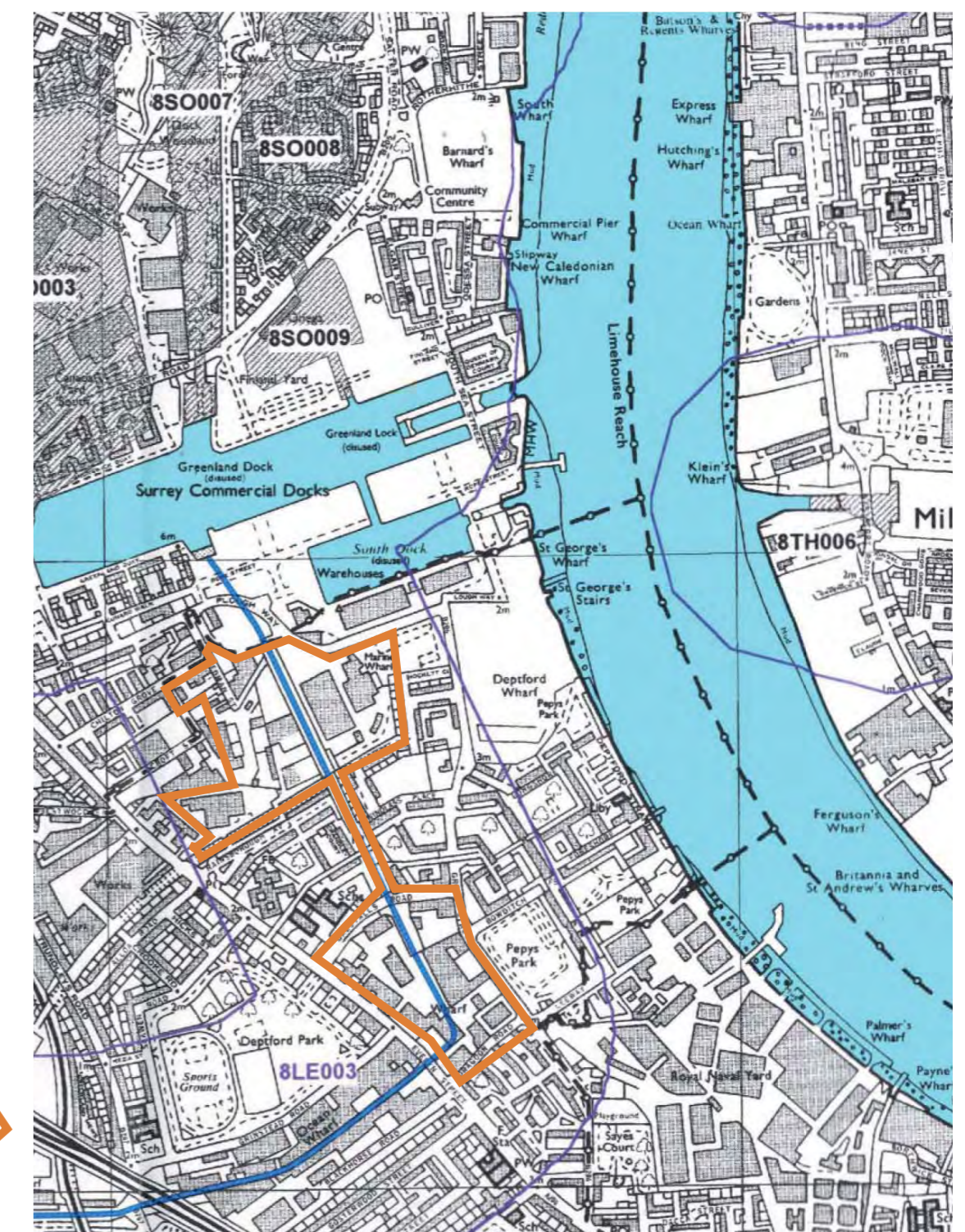
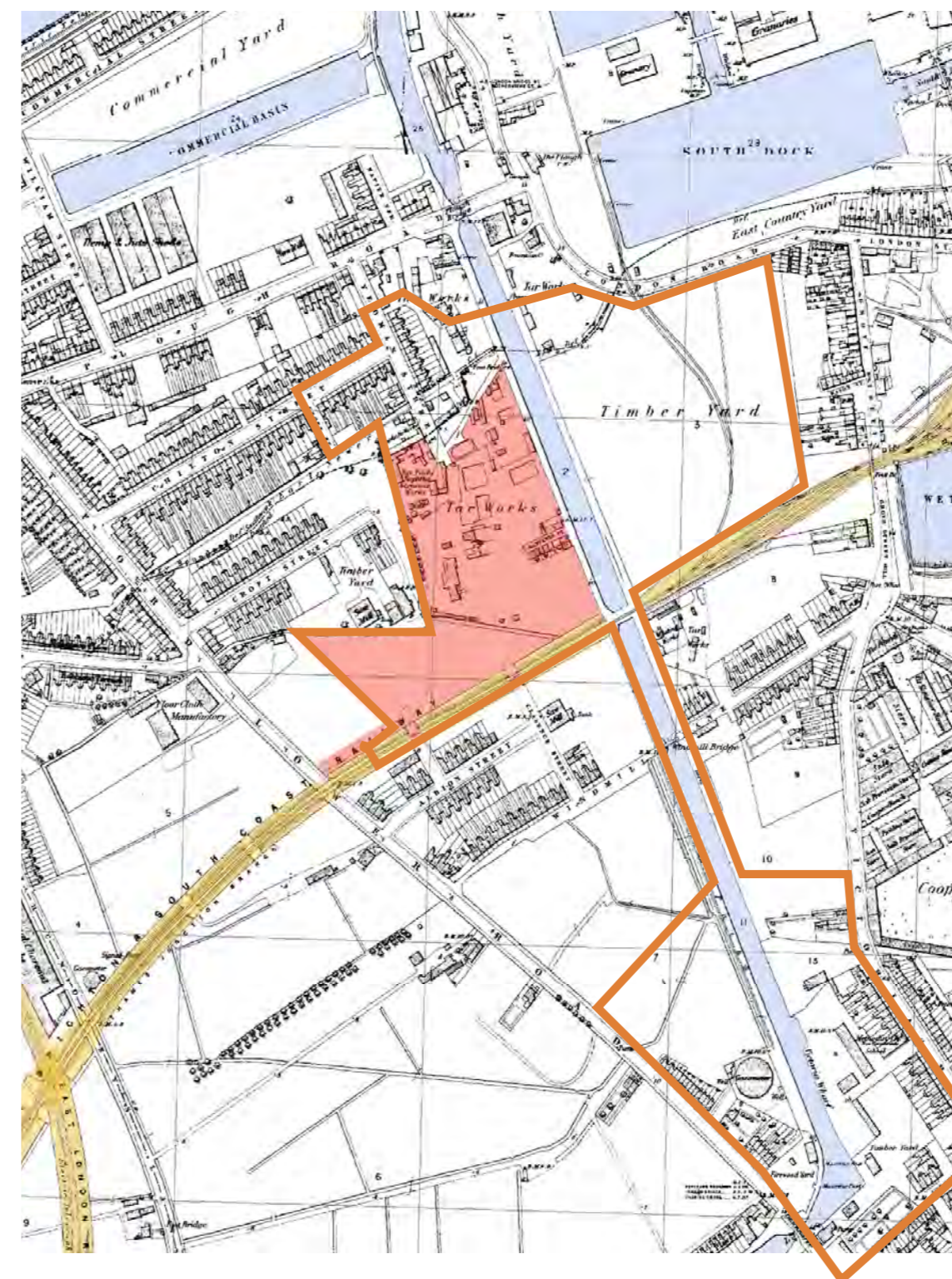


History:

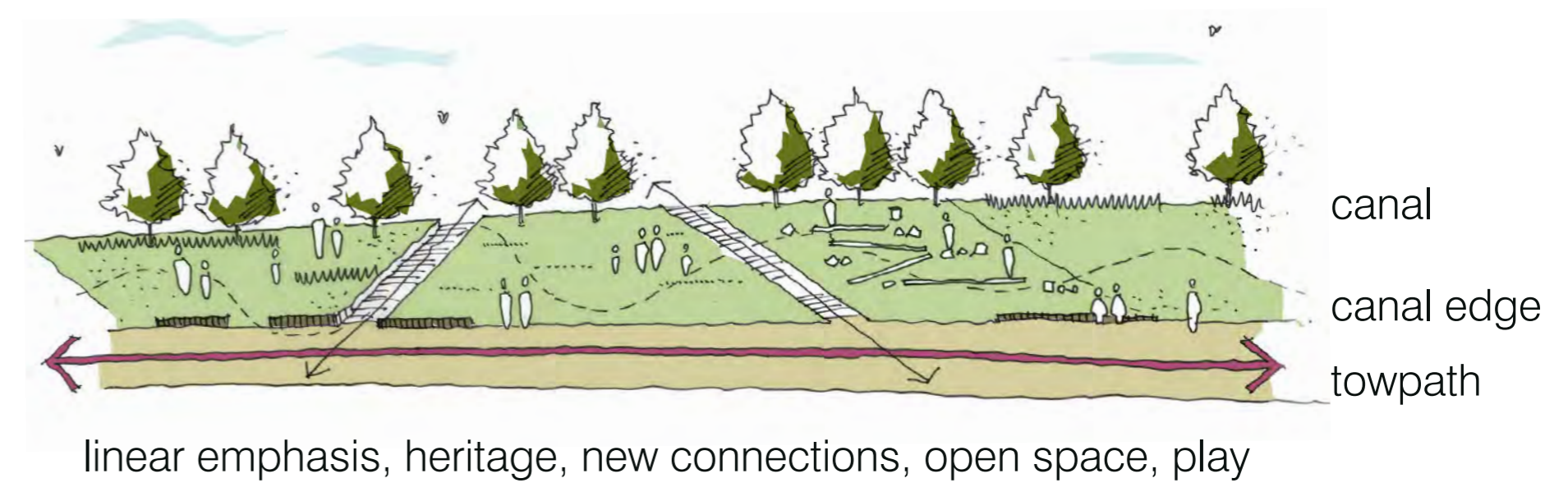
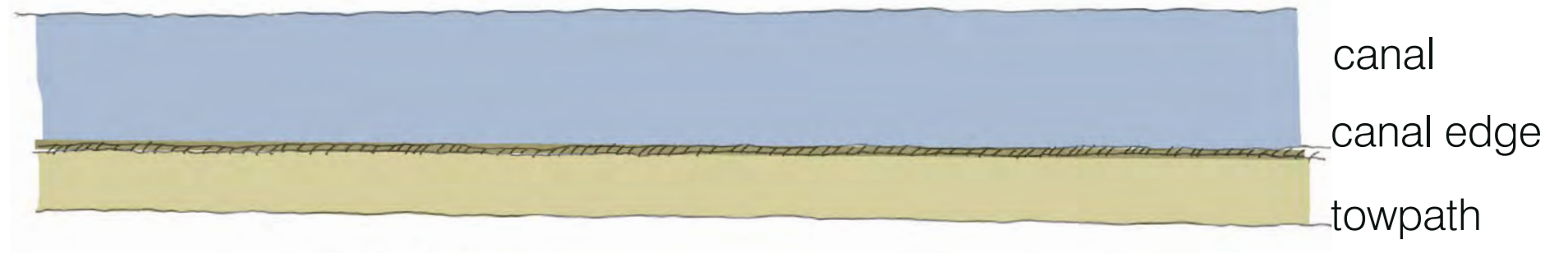
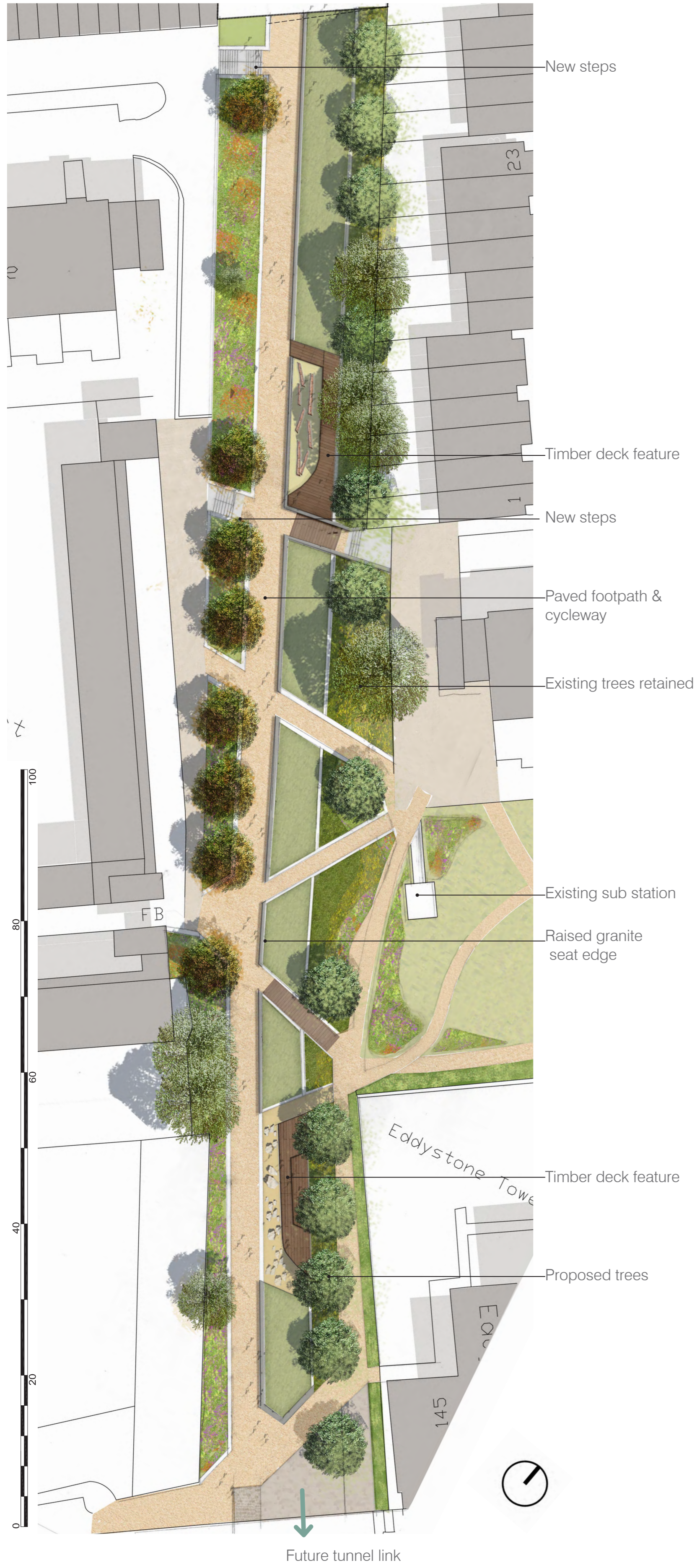
The Grand Surrey Canal was south London's primary canal, echoing the Grand Union Canal north of the River Thames.

- 1801** The Grand Surrey Canal Act of 1801 authorised a new canal from Surrey Commercial Docks in Rotherhithe to Epsom in Surrey.
- 1807** The first 'Dockland' section of the canal was built in 1807 with a section to Camberwell Basin and branch to Peckham completed in 1809. The canal was used to transport mostly raw materials via small tugs and barges pulled by horses.
- 1826** The canal extends to Peckham
- 1940s** During the Second World War, many of the industrial sites that backed onto this canal were destroyed and after the war, the canal declined further.
- 1960s** Draining of the canal begins following concerns that children would fall in and drown. Black Rangers a precursor to the Transport Police operated along the banks.
- 1970s** The canal is decommissioned and filled in.

Since this time London has expanded and new development has arisen along the route of the former canal, although parts of the original route can still be identified today.



Surrey Canal Linear Park



A simple palette of natural, low maintenance materials

Suggested materials & elements



View looking north up the linear park

Proposed scheme