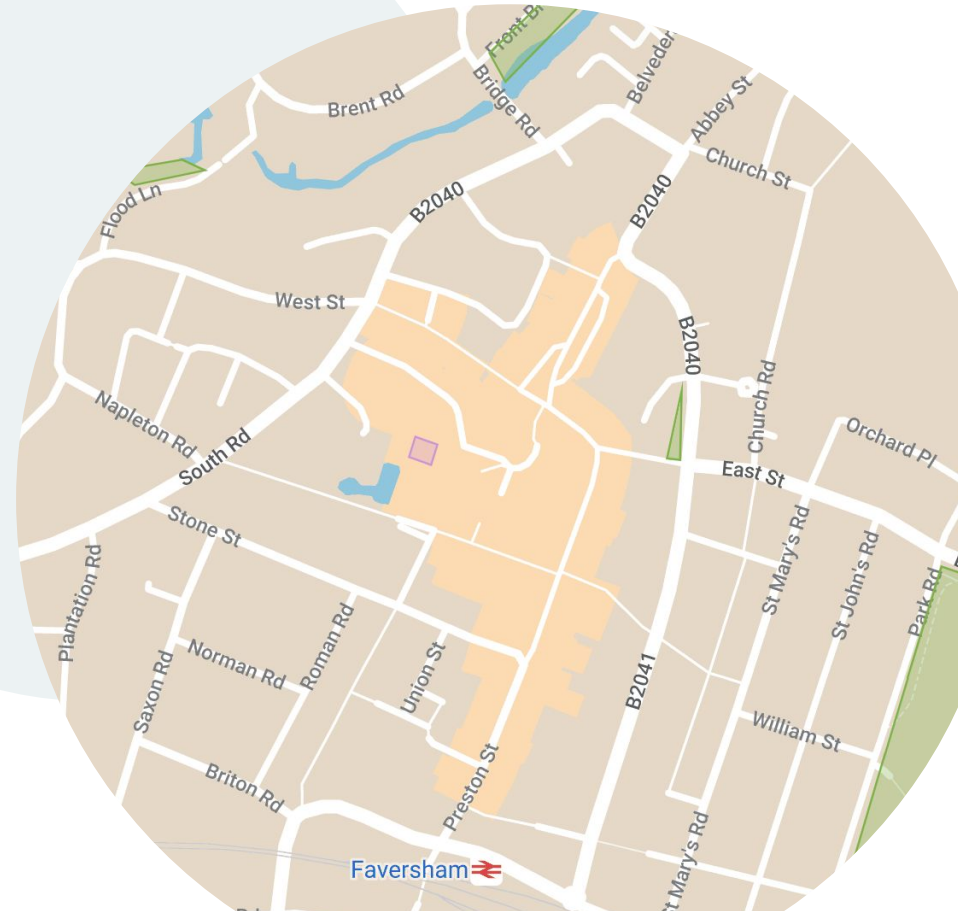


Pocket Park Plan

What is the problem?

- Faversham High Street is a location of culture and community. It's a 'chilled artsy vibe' celebrated for its history and its traditional market town.
- However working in the centre of town - lack of green space
- Lots of people have said it's a valid problem





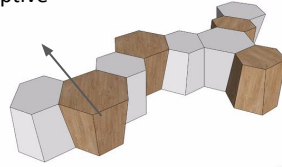


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Upcycling



Adaptive



Bar

Plants



Tables



Bike Slots



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Bench with table



Simple



Unusual design



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Further research into:

- Planting
- Transportability
- Materials
- electric's ?
- Site research
- Design codes
- Risk assessment

Further research

Plants

The area is a suntrap but also exposed to harsh winds and rain. Therefore I need to really think about the type of plants that could be put here.

Around Faversham the usual plants that can be spotted are common hanging basket plants, including petunias, ferns, grasses and fuchsias. Bright bold pastel flowers and richer greens.

It's recommended that for street furniture trees varieties such as small apple trees, flowering dogwood, birch and poplar.

Drainage must be considered which means having parts of the site at a gradient running towards existing drains. Located just either side of the site.

plants



drainage



Transportability

Parkcycle swarm is a portable pocket park constructed of light weight steel welded around a simple bicycle.

It's a nice design but fairly simple and I want my design to be as Permanent as possible,

Perhaps exploring the possibility of small wheels (see image) however can only take a maximum weight of 120kg (720 for 6 wheels spread) or 'flat pack' design. Most pocket parks are permanent installations because of security but I could have collapsible furniture so it can be interchanged seasonally.

- This bench at home can collapse up as shown, although it's broken because of the bolts being strong enough.

Photos of bench at home

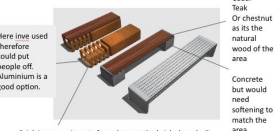


Materials

Faversham with its rich historical background is surrounded by old buildings and wooden frames. Therefore in my design I would like to include this wood with the intention of it helping me win the approval of locals.



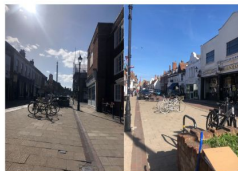
Other materials that can be used:



Brick is very unique to Faversham as the bricks here built lots of London so some recognition to this would be nice

Site research

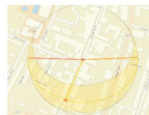
I went to my site to get some primary research on my parameters.



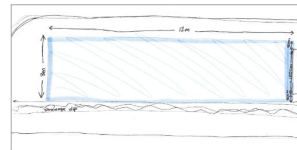
Sunpath

The sun is south facing. Here it comes from up the high street. In the photo you can see the path it travels against my site. (site was confirmed through sunset analysis). I'll have to consider this with plant placement and direction of seating to avoid the winter sun.

The diagram is the sun in February. However it varies only slightly for the summer months and still comes from the same direction.



Top view of site



Although the site in proposing isn't in the heart of the town is in the corridor front the station that is in urgent need of a 'makeover' I could suggest implementing a welcome sign or making this pocket park a gateway into the town and a symbol of the towns morals.

The site is 3m x 12m but includes a few existing items including bike racks, bollards and benches.

Planters

These brick planters can be seen all over the town and strategies have been used to adapt them the adding existing onto them as a strategy or simply removing them. I'm going to try and keep it into my side.



I spoke to Hannah and Eddie and they said that all obstructions on my site could be removed. Evidence of it can be found on site. But I'm going to try and implement new bike racks into my designs.



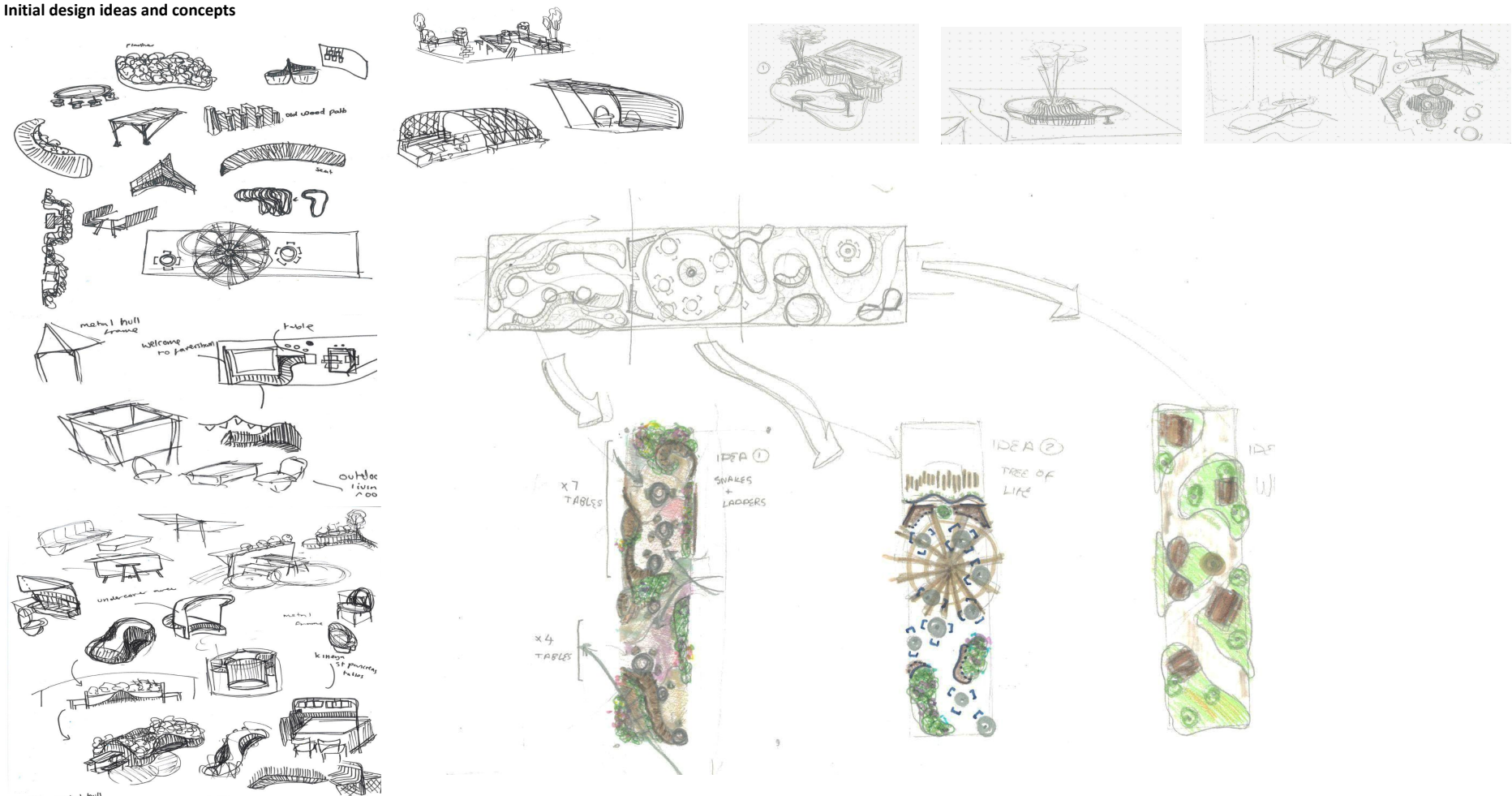
Could be used to influence design ideas



1. Identify the hazards
2. Decide who may be harmed and how
3. Assess the level of risk
4. Identify precautions

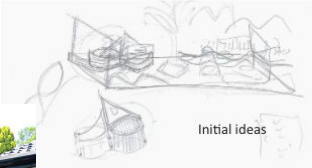
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Initial design ideas and concepts



Inspiration + Cultural and Historical Influence

This design too was inspired by the shipping history, but also from other features like the crest, the telephone boxes seen all over England, traditional Faversham bins and plants and holds a woodland theme running throughout. The with the central boat seat was inspired by the shipping industry. But additionally I've included a hop sculpture to symbolize the farming roots of the town, placed on top on a resin cased anvil paying homage to the blacksmiths of medieval Faversham. The fretwork crest will turn the brick planter into a landmark and I will continue this brick them throughout the site, using them to line the paths as they respect the brick industry in Faversham.



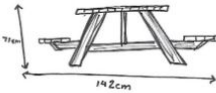
fretwork
of Faversham
Crest
to make brick planter
a welcome feature



The main draw of the site will be the fretwork, laser engraved in wood and levitated with a chain and pole structure, it will be a cut out of the crest and will turn the brick planter into a welcome feature of the town



Inspired by bath town centre.



Standard Picnic benches



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Corten's is perfect as its strong, durable and has aesthetic appeal. Corten is capable of withstanding greater forces before buckling or breaking and this is why I've used it for the sail, in partnership with the chestnut seat - as chestnut is the tree seen all around the area.

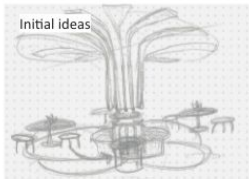


I took inspiration from the neighbouring woodlands in the north downs to create these woodchip picnicking islands with traditional picnic benches scattered around the site. The paths are wide and have access points for wheelchair users, surrounded by trees to canopy from above

In my designs, I provide the ideas and later on costs and idea development will inevitably arise so I need not worry about costs just yet, however just to understand to provide 5 picnic benches would cost £150 plus the groundwork and worker costs and sculptures and planting you're looking around £2000 but with the addition of the telephone box this could easily reach £10 000 for a pocket park

Point	Achievable
1 Follows the town design code manual	yes
2 Fit into the 3m - 12m site parameter	Yes
3 Seats 40-60cm, seat top of 30cm (+/-) 10cm	All standard measurements. Boat will be 60cm high
4 Tables??	Plenty
5 Is inclusive and wheelchair friendly	Wide paths and wheelchair table access
6 Meets health and safety standards	Woodchip could be an issue
7 Vandal proof	No this needs to be discussed more
8 A Bin incorporated into site plan and a green bin	Yes but needs addition of green labelled bin
9 bike racks included	no
10 Easily maintainable	To an extent
11 Including plants native to the area	yes

Initial ideas

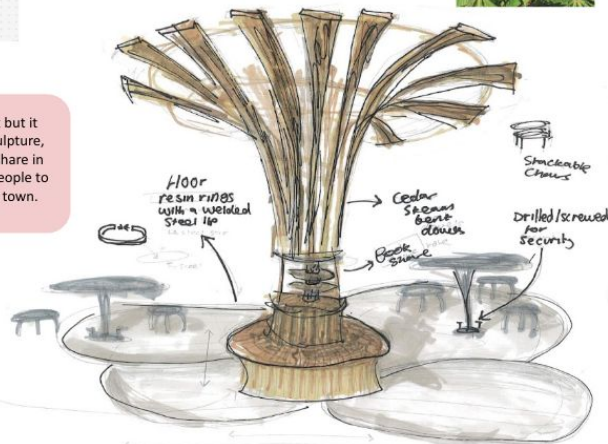


Boat seats could be incorporated into final design as they too honour the local heritage

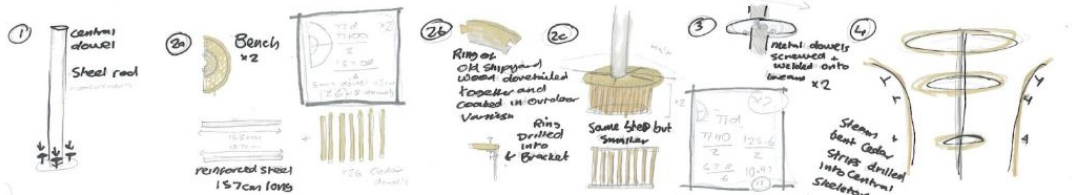
Inspiration that formed the tree design is the horse chestnuts that surround the town.



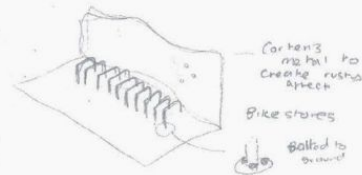
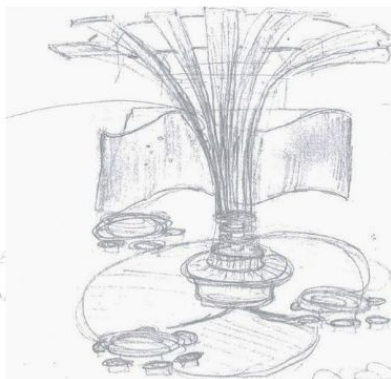
The central design is quite complex but it will be a landmark in the town, a sculpture, a feature. I've incorporated a book share in it for people to use and encourage people to visit the book shops dotted around town.



Materials + manufacture



Two planters create a tunnel and protection to the seating area.



The wave divider is made from corten steel and is a tribute to the port that once dominated faversham, but it also provides protection to the bikes.

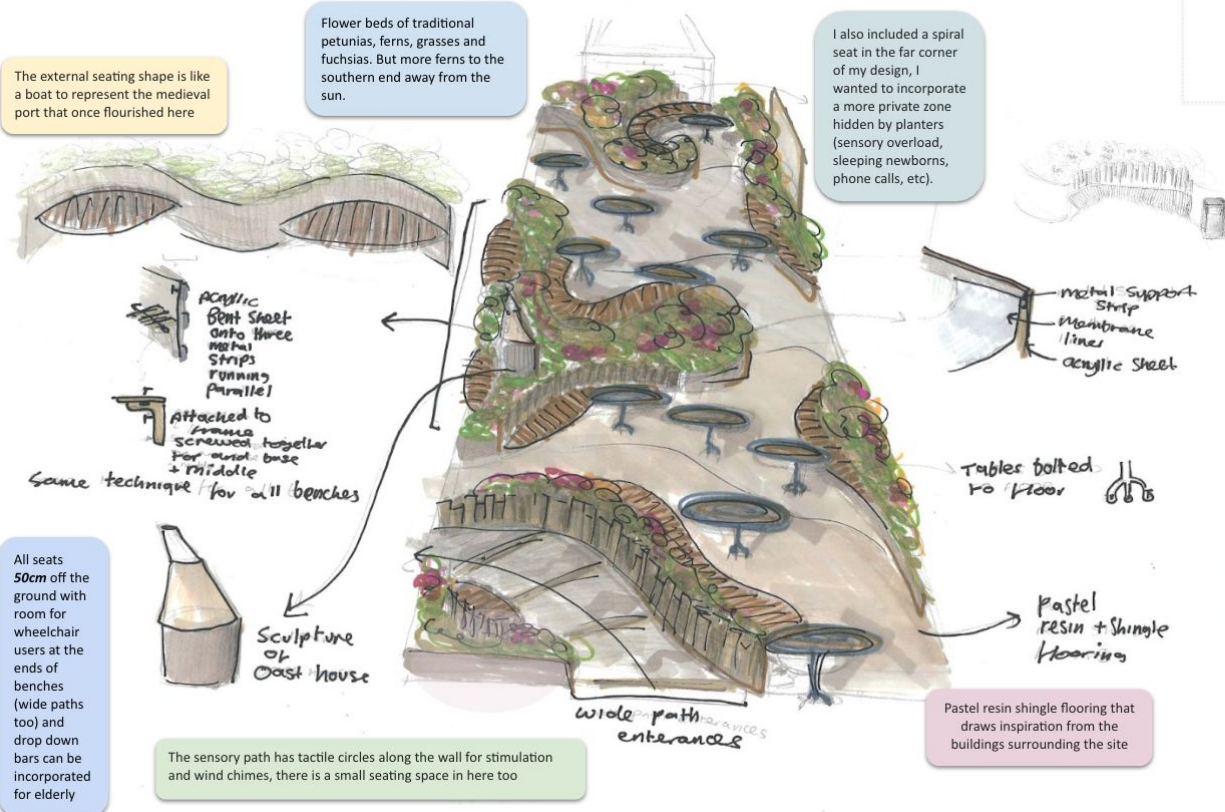


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4	Tables??	yes
5	Is inclusive and wheelchair friendly	No can be made to
6	Meets health and safety standards	Risk assessment checked
7	Vandal proof	Needs a way to stop climbers
8	A Bin incorporated into site plan and a green bin	Easily able
9	bike racks included	yes
10	Easily maintainable	yes
11	Including plants native to the area	Yes in extended idea

Inspiration + Cultural and Historical Influence

Faversham's name is derived from the old english... 'homestead of the smith', with the shipyard and port being the main attraction of the village. Within my design will incorporate old steel tool sculptures scattered amongst flowerbeds to symbolise smithery, with a central Sculpture of oast house to symbolise the downs and history of site. All the Wooden borders behind the benches are inspired by an upcycling project i've helped with and i think it will look really beautiful in this space, made from old shipyard wood to honour the history.

Additional features that contribute to the design are scattered around the design page.



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5 Is inclusive and wheelchair friendly	Wide path entrances
6 Meets health and safety standards	yes
7 Vandal proof	To an extent
8 A bin incorporated into site plan and a green bin	Easily achievable
9 Bike racks included	no...
10 Easily maintainable	Yes but a lot of planting
11 Including plants native to the area	yes

