

Ravensbourne Station

Landscaping Improvement work Options



This proposal has four key areas for discussion and consultation with the user group on preferred options as well as input on specifics in terms of planting styles, colours and mural ideas. The proposal here takes into account the limitations of access and ongoing maintenance particularly for areas 2 & 3.

Area 1: Station entrance



To enhance the outside of the station and prevent issues from cars parking on the grass/mud patch the following options are proposed:

- In the narrow strip over the bridge itself (approx. 15m) we would install wooden posts periodically placed with new grass turfing laid between. This narrow space is not suitable for planting nor planters due to foot traffic as well as misuse of planters for rubbish.
- Immediately outside the station we propose to install one large planter from timber sleepers approximately 2mx2m) with new grass turf laid around and planted with vibrant plants to brighten up the main entrance space. This will prevent parking on the verge but allow for crossing space for pedestrians and be low ongoing maintenance.

Type of timber planter



Area 2: Wall and open space down ramp to platform 2



Via the ramp entrance to platform 2 there is an inaccessible space which could provide a more welcoming aesthetic in this space.

- The main focal point here would be to create a painted mural to brighten up the space for users. We would propose a style of mural that would be simple block colours so any damage could easily be repainted, it will also create one striking visual.
- A series of mosaic tiles could also be created with local residents or users and installed in a series of panels. These could be nature or local history themed.
- For wildlife and biodiversity benefits we would also install a number of habitat structures which would also be a visual aesthetic for passersby.

Potential murals/habitat types:



Example of Brockley with 3 block colours.



Example of mosaic tile panels



Example habitat sculpture

Area 3: Fenced spaces at end of ramp platform 2



On platform 2 near the ramp and steps there are two fenced overgrown areas which have no public or staff access. We would propose to create structured and contained planting schemes using low level timber raised planters in both spaces. Installing and planting within larger timber beds in these spaces will reduce the need for maintenance from encroaching overgrowth as well as limitations in the larger space of utilities for direct in the ground planting.

- In the smaller space we would propose to install a habitat structure within the planted timber bed in keeping with area 2 as well as an interpretation panel on biodiversity/wildlife
- In the larger space we propose a long low level planter planted with wildflowers to create a small meadow which would be visual from all angles of entrance/exits



Example of habitat structure for wildflower beds and wildflower/wildlife interpretation board.

Area 4: Platform grass verges



On both platforms running the length of the platform there is an existing grass strip. To further enhance the identified works and look of the station as well as further increase and improve biodiversity and wildlife we are proposing:

- Creating wildflower turfed meadow strips along the fencing lines to bring colour and meaningful planting to the platforms.
- Plant a mix of espalier fruit trees or scented flowering climbing planters along fence line

