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Fisher Row Pocket Park Improvements

Proposals are currently being drawn up for improving Fisher Row pocket park. The aim is to develop the Castle Mill Stream waterside walkway as a convenient, attractive and safe route between north and south Oxford via the centre whilst recognising that it is a vital ecological link. Fisher Row is one of several small public spaces along the waterside corridor that is currently under-used which can be made more accessible and attractive.

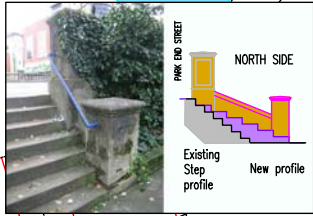
The area is currently difficult to access via the steep steps down to the waterside garden. It is overgrown, dark and secluded, attracting rough sleepers and graffiti artists, making the park feel unsafe and threatening. Hythe Bridge Pocket Park to the north and Lower Fisher Row Gardens to the south, suffered similar problems but have now been improved and are attracting large numbers of visitors and walkers.

Proposals being considered include removing and reducing in height, dense shrubs to increase safety and improve visibility; introducing attractive and low maintenance street furniture (seats, bins, etc); improving access to the garden by extending the existing steep steps; planting more appropriate shrubs and grasses towards the rear of the park; removing inappropriate, diseased and poor specimen trees; planting one or two replacement trees in more suitable locations; replacing the footway surfacing with a light coloured finish of gravel chippings; upgrading the existing street lighting; cleaning the stonework on the bridge and carrying out general maintenance such as replacing stonework and re-pointing.

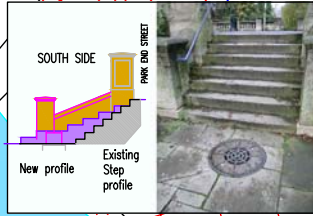
Once the Fisher Row pocket park improvement works are complete, this part of the waterside will be much more visible from the road, encouraging people to use this peaceful oasis and stretch of waterway but at the same time allowing it to continue functioning as an important wildlife corridor.

This project is being funded by the West End Partnership and is part of the West End Renaissance. The West End Partnership consists of Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the South East England Development Agency.

Work is due to begin in spring 2010, and be completed by the summer.



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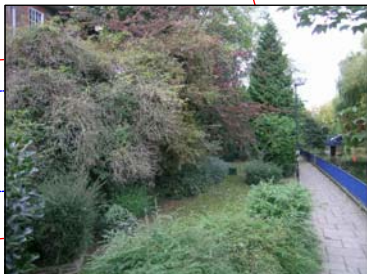
2. EXISTING and PROPOSED STEPS SOUTH SIDE



3. EXISTING VIEW SOUTH



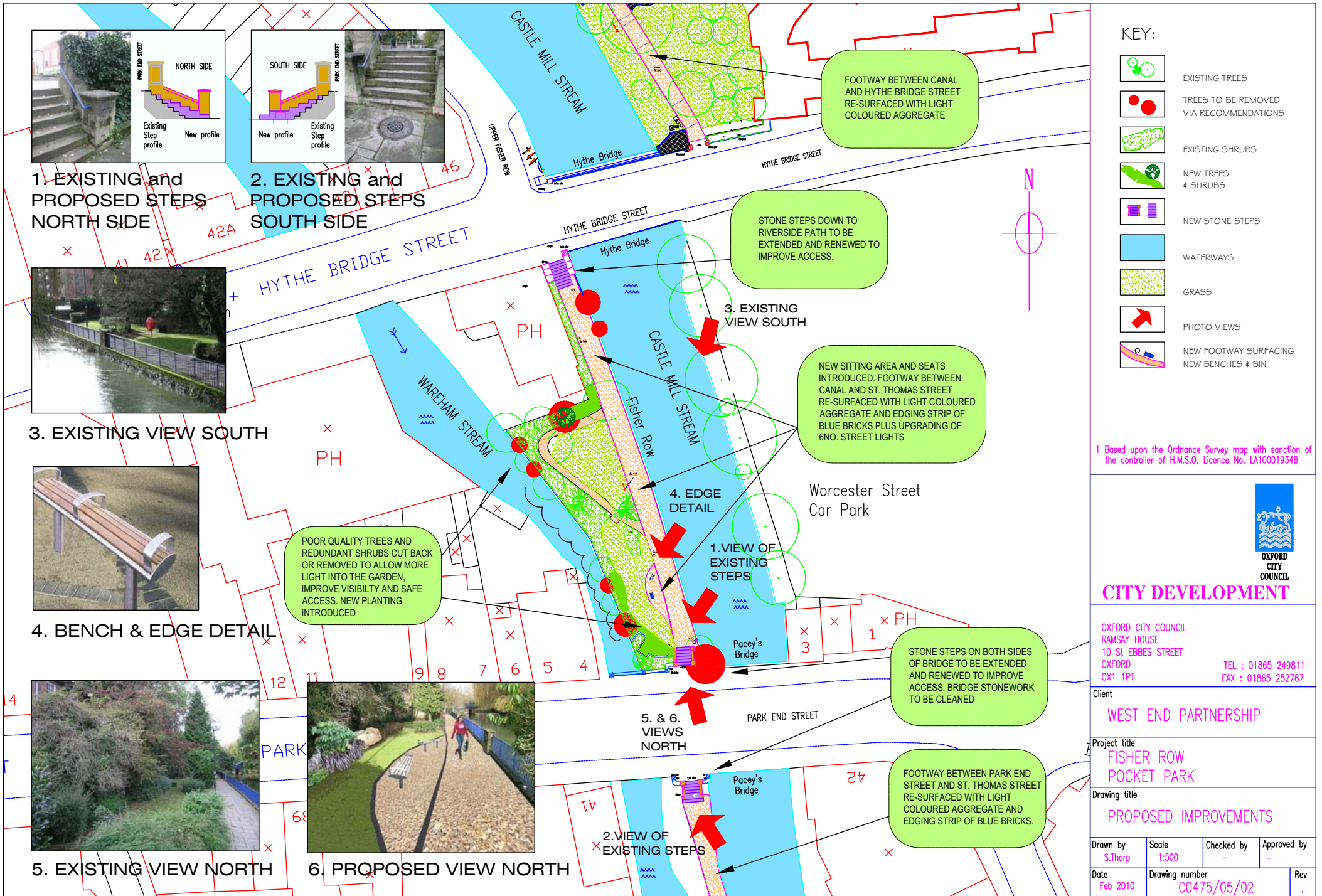
4. BENCH & EDGE DETAIL



5. EXISTING VIEW NORTH



6. PROPOSED VIEW NORTH



- KEY:**
- EXISTING TREES
 - TREES TO BE REMOVED VIA RECOMMENDATIONS
 - EXISTING SHRUBS
 - NEW TREES & SHRUBS
 - NEW STONE STEPS
 - WATERWAYS
 - GRASS
 - PHOTO VIEWS
 - NEW FOOTWAY SURFACING
NEW BENCHES & BIN

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