

PUBLIC REALM AND GRAND CORNER

Public Realm

The proposal seeks to resurface the entire area from back of kerb to the florist building facade and through to Portland Park. The new footpath to Portland Park is integral to the scheme, as it frames the design as a gateway to Portland Park and its new developments, and allows the public realm improvements to flow as one space.

The existing site hoarding will be removed and the site will be landscaped to improve the look and feel and to connect various parts of the town. A number of design aspects have been proposed to do this:

A raised planter along the gable wall will integrate seasonal planting, helping to green the area and soften the feel of the new pocket park. Seating will be integrated to provide a space to rest.

A large mature tree will form the focus of Grand Corner providing immediate impact and softening views of the gable end.

The side lane to the florist will become a shared surface maintaining vehicle access as well as a pedestrian route.

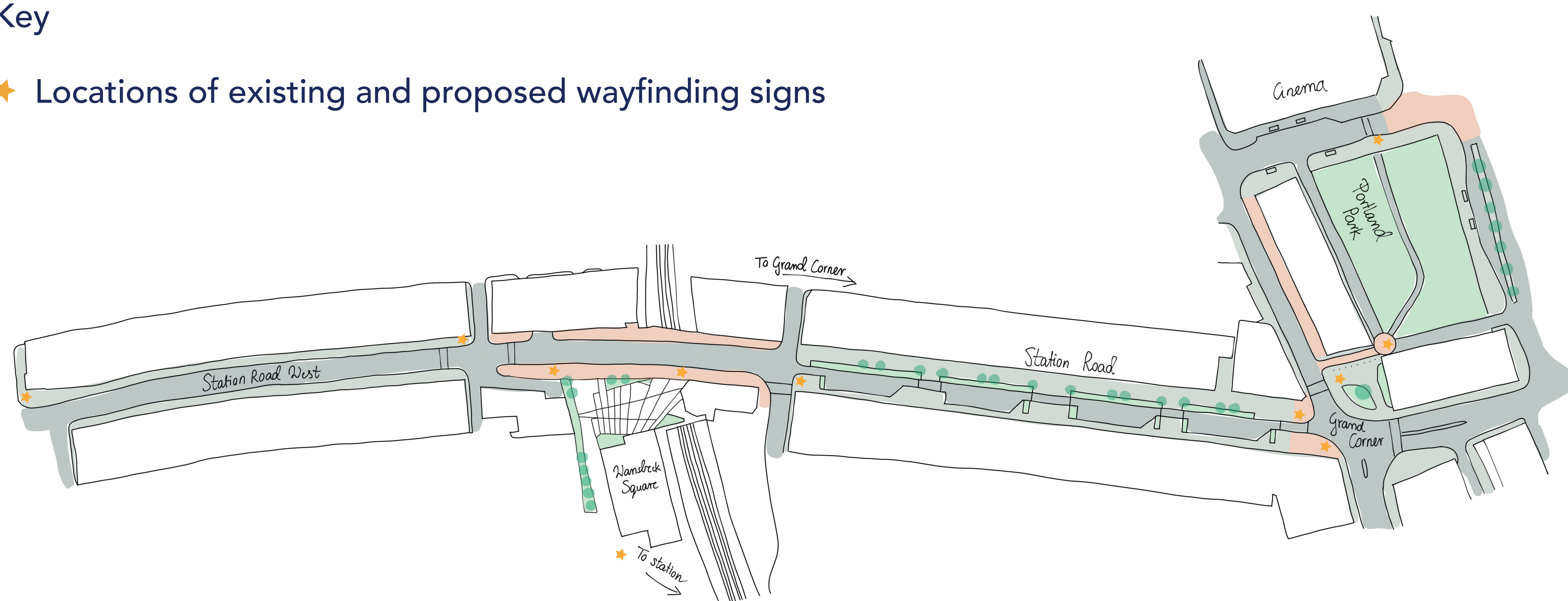
The paving materials palette already within the town centre will be used to extend and unify the character of the public realm.



Grand Corner and Portland Park Masterplan

Key

★ Locations of existing and proposed wayfinding signs



Wayfinding Strategy - Ashington Town Centre

Key milestones:

- Summer 2024 – Planning submission
- Autumn 2024 – Demolition works commence
- Spring 2025 – Construction works complete and building open to public

Project value:

£1.4 million