LIVING TRACKS

Reconnecting nature, heritage and people at Hanover Place.

Living Tracks reimagines Hanover Place as a greener, more welcoming connection between Bristol Harbour and Bristol Marina. Celebrating its maritim and industrial heritage, the proposal brings biodiversity, climate resilience and new opportunities for people to explore, gather and enjoy the waterfront.





01 — Follow the Blue
A continuous, winding blue line guides visitors from SS Great Britain towards Bristol Marina, strengthening the Harbour Loop. Inspired by the movement of water, this simple wayfinding intervention connects overlooked spaces and creates a recognisable identity along the route.

02 — Living Edges
Lowering the existing car park boundary wall reveals a biodiversity-rich garden, with silver birch trees, layered planting and seasonal flowers. The softened urban edge creates a more inviting pedestrian environment, providing habitats for pollinators, additional shade and opportunities for urban cooling.

03 — Living Tracks
The historic railway tracks become green corridors, with grasses and flowering perennials woven between the retained rails. Sculptural timber benches inspired by nautical knots emerge from the planted landscape, creating places to pause and interact. Where the tracks converge, blue-glazed paving defines a small public square, celebrating views towards the clock tower and Banksy's Girl with the Pierced Eardrum.

04 — Woodland Retreat
The retained substation becomes the heart of a sheltered woodland garden, surrounded by trees, textured brickwork and informal seating. Green roofs, biodiversity-rich planting and a modest café create a welcoming destination, offering shade, shelter and opportunities to gather.

Together, these sensitive interventions reconnect fragmented spaces, enrich urban biodiversity and celebrate the harbour's working heritage — transforming a route of passage into a sequence of places to discover.







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