

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

“DOES MY DESIGN WITH MATERIALS APPROACH PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT OUTDOOR MOMENT FOR PEOPLE THAT IS STRUCTURALLY SOUND, FUNCTIONALLY WORKING, AND SENSORY ENRICHING?”

I believe my design approach fulfils the design brief, in providing all elements of outdoor movement required.

In relation to the structure, the initial materials were selected meticulously to ensure they were the most appropriate for the site. For example, the boardwalk area with seating adjacent to the river, includes steel girders within the construction to support the overhang and foundation. Likewise, careful consideration has been given regarding aspects such as the drainage of vertical beds and the supporting concrete slabs.

In relation to functionality, my design comprises many features.

These include ramps and flat surfaces to cater for all abilities and multiple seating areas allowing for resting and contemplation spots for both individuals and groups. Diversity exists within these zones of activity, ranging from enclosed sections surrounded by colourful plants, to open grassland.



The site is alive with enriching sensory experiences, offering dedicated zones to appeal to sight, sound, touch and smell. Wind chimes are situated within seating areas alongside the river, allowing both the flow of water and the breeze to be experienced, creating sound as they pass and flow. Feeders will provide a feast of nature with the sight and sound of birds, complimented by passing river boats offering the laughter of children and adults alike.

An array of colour and contrast will appear via varied trees, shrubs and flowers, which have been carefully selected to provide a constant offering throughout the seasons. Sculptures will feature amongst these, complimenting the natural landscape, with stained glass projecting light and colour into spaces. Hard and softscape materials will appeal to touch, ranging from the cool grass, limestone bricks and glass/wood sculptures.

In conclusion, my design has something to offer all the senses. The site will appeal to old and young alike, providing a space for people to connect both with each other and with nature, allowing a unique and calming experience.

