

Project timeline

This timeline provides an overview of the sequence of activities planned over the project stages.

March — April — May — June — July — September — October / November — January →

Discover

Collect insights on key themes.

Local focused conversations will allow Tonkin Liu to share ideas for some of their design components and get feedback.

End of this stage delivers a set of community priorities that keep the project accountable.

Define

Share initial designs
Test areas of contrasting views
Test against community feedback
Present additional expertise on why decisions are made

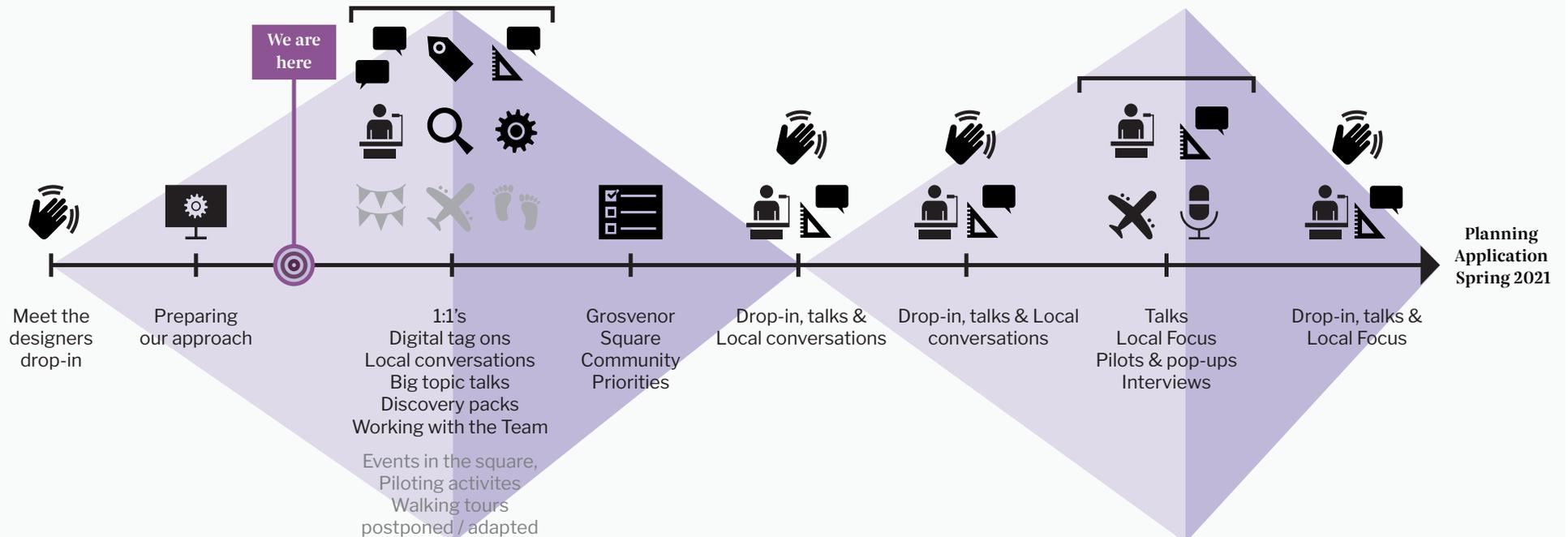
Develop

Respond to feedback
Prepare more detail
Prototyping and piloting activities in the square

Deliver

Checking the work meets the brief (including local requirements)
Finalise design and focus on getting it right

Activities



Key themes to spark conversations

There are 5 key themes which we want to gather feedback on. The themes are based on what local people told us they were most interested in, as well as the areas of the design process where people can have the most influence.

	 Green in our cities	 Accessing the outdoors	 Spectacular horticulture & biodiversity	 Healthy places	 Urban ecology
Theme	<p>What is the future of green spaces in our cities?</p> <p>We will explore the future of Grosvenor Square, thinking about how it can be better for both people and planet.</p>	<p>Getting to and move around our green spaces.</p> <p>Exploring this topic from practical and emotional perspectives so we can make Grosvenor Square accessible and welcoming to all.</p>	<p>How do we create places that bloom & beckon biodiversity?</p> <p>How can we practically, and sustainably create an amazing place with planting and wildlife for everyone to enjoy?</p>	<p>How can urban spaces support our well-being?</p> <p>How can Grosvenor Square support our health and well-being to provide for different people's needs?</p>	<p>What is the role of an urban square in a time of climate crisis?</p> <p>We know that the Square is important for people, but what approaches and ideas could make it work best for our planet?</p>

Discovering & Defining priorities: *Feedback informs Grosvenor Square Community Priorities list making sure designs meet local requirements.*

May – July 2020	<p>What are the different ingredients you want to include in the square? How should they be distributed?</p>	<p>What it should feel like to arrive at and move around Grosvenor Square?</p>	<p>What makes horticulture spectacular for you? Understanding how it can best promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>What facilities should be provided and activities supported to make sure the square is a healthy place for everybody.</p>	<p>Discussing methods of making a the square as self sufficient as possible to minimise it's impact on the planet.</p>
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Developing & Delivering solutions : *Feedback on initial, developing and detailed designs, discussing practical opportunities around themes.*

Sept-Jan 2021	<p>What should the quality and characteristics of the materials for any facilities be.</p>	<p>Considerations around opening times and servicing the square. Balancing lighting with ecological impact.</p>	<p>Discussing how we can balance spectacular horticulture with maintenance requirements.</p>	<p>Considering details of what we need for a healthy space such as bins, water fountains, seats & signs.</p>	<p>What other uses could some of the ecological features have so that we make the most of them.</p>
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