## ROYAL GREEN

The design proposals for Royal Green draw inspiration from the 'organic' flowing coastal language of beach and tides, and the robust language of harbour and pier edges.

In order to better connect Royal Green and the seafront, the existing brick walls along the esplanade will be removed. In their place will be more diverse soft landscape edges along the esplanade, and also along the east of the car park. These planted areas include suitable perennials, shrubs and trees to frame the green and provide shelter, as well as benefitting biodiversity.

New bench seating is proposed alongside the esplanade, combined with boulder groupings that relate to the boulders on the beach. Exercise stations and improved social seating areas are dotted along the length of the site. Existing benches are also refurbished.

The designs include a new games area, aimed at older children and teenagers, together with a new bouldering facility beside the existing play area. In addition, there will be a new cycle hub to the north, encouraging active travel and providing space for e-bikes and bicycle parking, and a repair station. All disabled parking spaces will be reallocated and there will also be space for charging electric vehicles.

The planting at Royal Green is inspired by coastal dunes and focuses on drought-resilient trees, shrubs, coastal grasses, and flora. Close plantings of pines, strawberry tree, and holm oak provide shelter alongside salt-tolerant evergreen shrubs. This creates a backdrop to robust, colourful, summer wildflowers and Mediterranean coastal plants.



