

# ROYAL PLAIN

Responding to key routes to and from surrounding spaces such as the bascule bridge, South Pier, Esplanade and Marine Parade, proposals for Royal Plain incorporate both hard and soft landscape features to help 'frame' the space and create a more enclosed and comfortable setting in which to spend time.

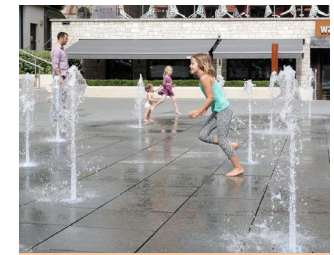
The new fountain contains a 'basin' or mini-harbour-like space for a feature mirror pool, and is surrounded to the south and east side by the existing steps, with new benches and raised planters to the north and west. Details such as informal stepped platforms and boulders create layered and engaging edges for sitting and playing.

Proposals for the courtyard garden south of East Point Pavilion include extended areas of gravel matting to improve flexibility and use for events, alongside new edge planting to create a more intimate space with improved shade and shelter.

The planting proposals feature evergreen trees, with colourful seaside plants including native Suffolk and Norfolk coastal species. Pines, holm oak and strawberry tree are planted in clusters to provide shelter, while wind-tolerant grasses and colourful exotic perennials ensure planting is well-adapted to the exposed conditions, and is drought tolerant and robust. These also provide year-round interest and presence, with emphasis on colour and movement in the summer holiday season.



Proposals: Plan View



Reference: Fountains during the day



Reference: Fountains in the evening



Reference: Stone clad platforms



Reference: Gabbro-type boulders



Reference: Courtyard Garden



Reference: Raised planters with integrated seating

## Shelter trees:



## Feature plants:



## Coastal plants + summer colour:



Artistic impression of Royal Plain