



## BYNG PLACE: Taming the Traffic



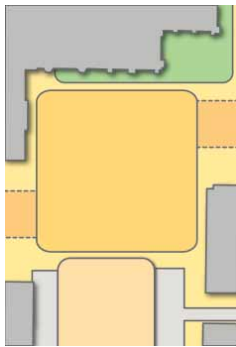
Byng Place is at the heart of Bloomsbury yet it is one of its least successful spaces. It lacks enclosure, it has no clear function and its layout is very confusing.

It is proposed that the segregated cycle ways and road surface be replaced by a shared surface consisting of granite setts. A number of options for doing this are illustrated below. Each approach

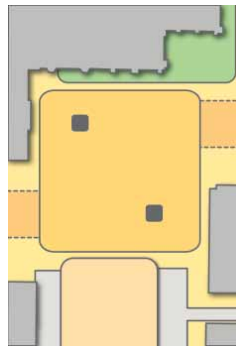
would encourage vehicular traffic to move at less than 20mph.

Enclosure is required at the southern end. It is proposed to build a light low rise structure or structures here to provide this, as well as provide an activity focus for the space. This could consist of a small cafe or works of art and seating.

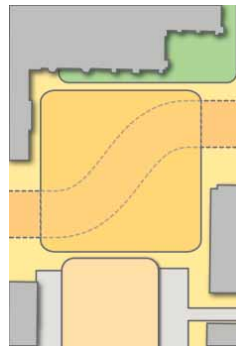
A number of landscape strategies for the space have been considered. The design team has concluded that soft landscape should be introduced in Byng Place, with due regard to the visual axis connecting the University Church and Senate House.



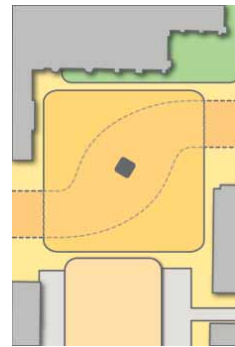
Option 1: No road markings to encourage caution and eye contact between motorists and pedestrians



Option 2: Layout with sculptures or other structures providing road termination event



Option 3: Minimal road markings guide motorists through the site whilst maintaining a cohesive pedestrian place



Option 4: A centre piece unites the space and provides a termination event in all directions



Above: Illustrative section showing tree planting in Byng Place

Opposite (from top): View of Byng Place as it is; as the lively pedestrian friendly space it should be

