

The integration of an informal viewing terrace within the flood barrier structure.

This space on the south bank at Brewery Wharf is close to a water taxi point, restaurants, offices and the Centenary pedestrian bridge. It is a busy area where people meet, wait, relax and eat.

The introduction of a flood defence wall, even if set well back at this point, would create a significant visual barrier which could destroy the existing open character.

The provision of stepped terracing and viewing platforms could not only reduce the visual impact of the barrier but provide a new waterfront environment which offers seating and improved views across the river. A new ramp which follows the curve of the existing raised restaurant terrace would allow wheeled access. The existing curved wall here could be raised and strengthened to form part of the flood defence barrier. It is recommended that the top section of the wall is glazed to retain views across the river from the restaurant terrace. It may be necessary to relocate the water taxi point downstream slightly to accommodate the length required for the ramp.

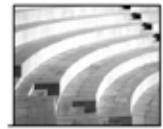
Materials, styles and colours should be selected to complement the existing character of the space and ensure the defence integrates visually, as well as physically, with the existing landscape.



View looking east towards Brewery Wharf.



Sculpture and art incorporated into defences.



Terraced defences where space allows.

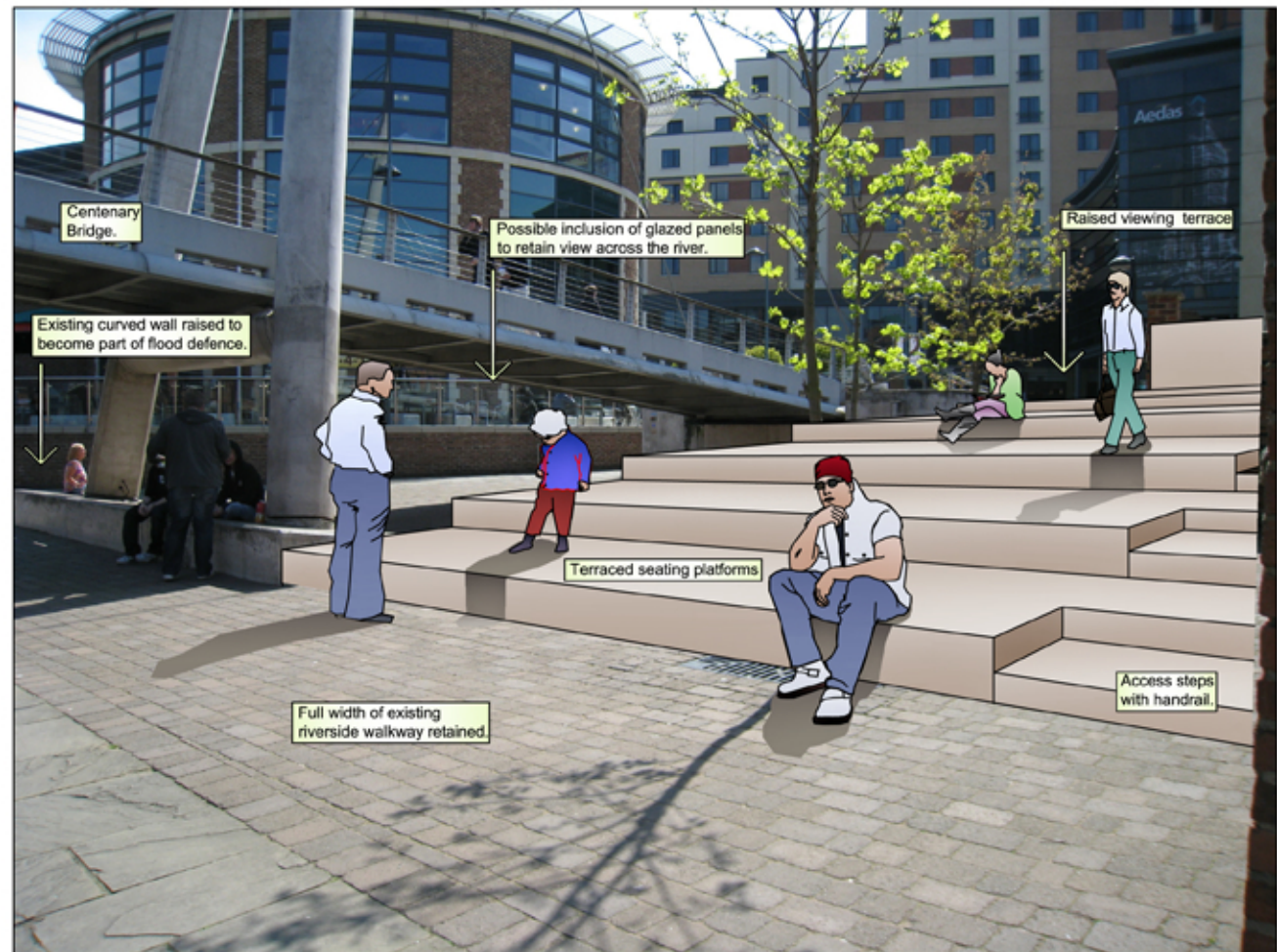


Image showing the creation of a new amenity space through the provision of terracing.