

Appendix 6: Meanwhile Moor Lane: Project Information



The ***Meanwhile Moor Lane*** project has come out of a desire to improve the public realm and temporarily increase the provision of green space in Moor Lane, providing short-term benefits to the local area for stakeholders and visitors.

The project was initiated with stakeholders following a request by local residents to the City and Culture Mile partners for additional greening. The scheme was subsequently progressed through a co-design approach with a dedicated group of Barbican and Heron residents, who collaborated with Wayward to develop a high-quality design.

Meanwhile Moor Lane was delivered in advance of the permanent public realm enhancements in Moor Lane, which will commence following the completion of the 21 Moorfields development.

Project Objectives

At the outset of the project, four project objectives were agreed by stakeholders as follows:

- I. **The public realm is welcoming, attractive and engaging**
- II. **The community co-design a greening & growing programme**
- III. **The temporary project is sustainable and well maintained**
- IV. **The wayfinding is improved and moor lane feels more connected to the wider area**

Meanwhile Moor Lane offers a new urban greenspace, as follows:

An inspired and sustainable design

- The planter design responds to the architecture of the Barbican and London Wall, exploring elements of castle architecture. The design and layout were developed based on detailed feedback from the City of London Access Team and also mitigates anti-social behaviour and skateboarding. Pedestrian comfort and wellbeing is a high priority for the project and the installation is in line with latest government advice and City of London policy to allow adequate social distancing.
- As a Culture Mile funded project, it follows the Culture Mile brand strategy for the public realm and incorporates the Culture Mile colour palette and logo. It also includes a project information panel with contact information and a survey link, should people wish to find out more or provide feedback.
- The planters are designed to be attractive but low maintenance and low on water consumption. The addition of a water point will alleviate some of the maintenance challenges for the City Gardeners for the existing planting, the Wayward planters, and the future scheme.
- The project highlights the street as an important gateway to Culture Mile and its partner venues. Wayfinding signs direct users to the Barbican and London Wall. A “Moor Lane Community Garden” sign links the street to the existing garden and highlights the community presence and engagement around Moor Lane.



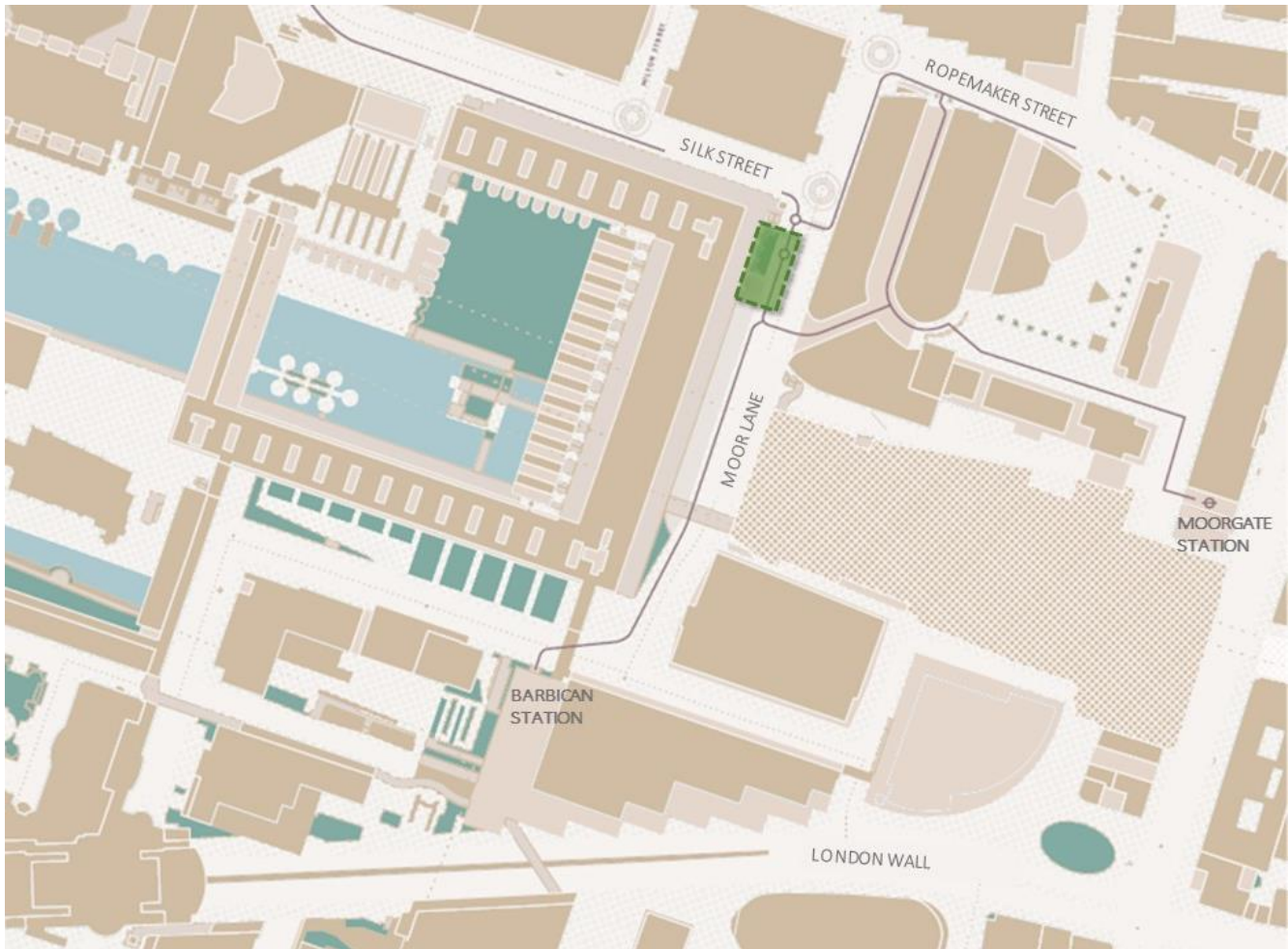
Poetry element

- A new poetry commission will create additional site-specific content, to create additional enjoyment and engagement for passers-by. Creative content was identified early on by the resident group as an important feature to include. The poem will be developed by the poet Kit Finnie in collaboration with the Guildhall School and Music & Drama. This will also include the delivery of eight poetry and writing workshops which will be delivered in partnership with multiple community groups and organisations in the local area. These workshops will culminate in the creation of a final poem that will be installed throughout the garden in Spring 2021.

Continuous monitoring and evaluation

- Wayward and the City are monitoring the project and will use the feedback to explore additional opportunities and benefits for the permanent Moor Lane greening project. Online engagement and community activities (expected in Spring 2021) will allow people to participate in the project and provide feedback for the future redevelopment. In 2020 the engagement will be online only, due to COVID restrictions and social distancing requirements. It is expected that engagement activities will be possible in Spring 2021 with the launch of the poetry commission.
- Following the implementation of the permanent design in Moor Lane, the planters will be relocated to provide an additional benefit and greening opportunities for Culture Mile. The planters are robust and have a modular design so that they can easily be reconfigured and relocated by Culture Mile in future.

Location plan



 Meanwhile Moor Lane scheme

Plan view

