

How the project has developed

We have consulted with stakeholders, our visitors, and the wider public and the designs have evolved in response to feedback received.

The main changes to the proposal we presented in 2019 are:

- The shop has been removed to allow all of the ground floor lodge rooms to be devoted to visitor welcome and interpretation to tell the story of the water garden.
- The pitch of the roof has changed to a flat roof to simplify the design and reduce its volume. This integrates the building more successfully into the historic setting, particularly in wider views.
- The size of the green roof has increased, and there have been improvements made to the biodiversity and energy performance of the building with more scope for natural lighting (roof lights).
- The planting scheme has been refined to create a stronger landscape framework with more trees to be planted and bosquet hedge planting extended to frame the development.
- The number of accessible toilets has increased with a space to change, separate parent and child room & two ambulant toilets.
- The accessibility of the building has been improved through widening of pedestrian gate, parking for mobility vehicles and cycle parking included.

