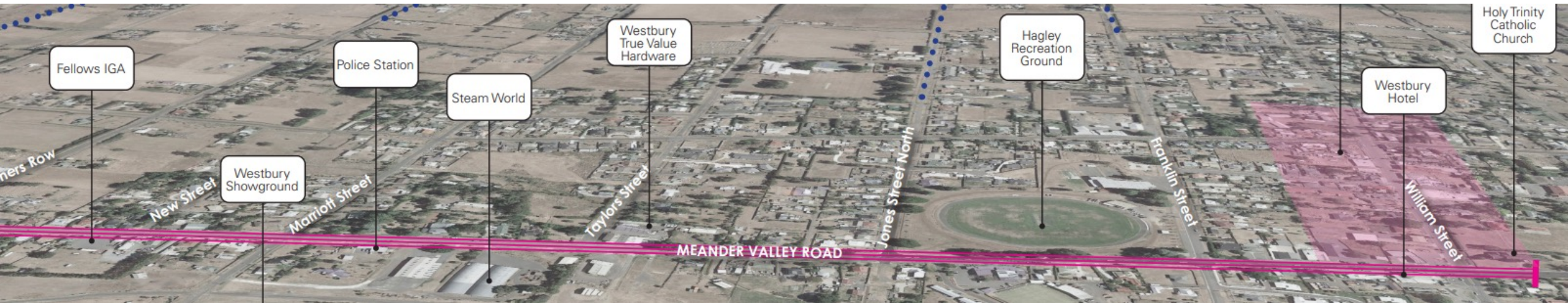




Meander Valley Road Renewal

DRAFT STRATEGIC
RENEWAL PLAN





First Impressions



Patchwork of asphalt & hardsurfaces



Mixture of signage & furniture

- Garden town, walkable, beautiful setting and context
- Lovely arrival experiences to town
- Strong colonial heritage overlay, landmarks
- Important first nations history currently not visible
- Walkable
- Beautiful setting with views to the Great Western Tiers
- Rural character
- Wide main road
- The town has a green leafy feel to it which gets lost in streetscape
- Various signage styles
- Subtle wayfinding
- Spread out retail and commercial offerings



Mixture of built form, historic buildings, suburban dwellings & commercial operations



Large specimen trees

First Impressions

1. Existing village structure and connectivity



- Lack of general streetscape/ pedestrian amenity/ landscape amenity
- Extensive bitumen across road and pedestrian pavements (as shown)
- Lack of traffic calming/ safe crossing locations
- Narrow footpaths
- No entry signs, hidden way finding to historic village/ town centre

- Lack of connection between road reserve and recreation ground
- Narrow footpaths
- Under utilised open space
- Strong presence of mature trees along southern road edge

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Mapping existing conditions & opportunities

1. Existing village structure and connectivity

- Meander Valley Road streetscape to act as a connecting feature between existing village nodes through use of consistent plantings, pavement and furniture.
- Upgrade footpaths along the length of the streetscape to better connect village nodes.
- Enhance village nodes through high quality street furniture and paving to provide amenity.
- Improve traffic calming/ kerb bulbing and safe crossing locations.
- Consider recreation ground as a central open space activator for township and investigate opportunities for enhancement.
- Consider new Westbury entry signage treatments at main entry points. Improve way finding signs to historic village/ town centre



Lacks connection between road reserve + recreation ground



Lacking safe crossing to key amenities like bus stop/police station



Tired crossing to IGA. Lacking visual contrast for wayfinding

Opportunities

2. Landscape

Town node

Recreation ground node

Mixed use node

IGA node

Lack of landscape

Strong presence of mature trees along southern road edge

Wide road reserve along northern road edge, under utilised open space, under performing street trees

Green treed contextual landscape

Open green space as town gateway

Recreation ground providing open green space frontage to main road

Strong presence of mature trees along southern road edge

Narrow road reserve/ garden edge

Green treed contextual landscape

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Mapping existing conditions & opportunities

2. Landscape









The streetscape benefits from the borrowed landscape of heavily planted adjacent properties and mature, primarily exotic, tree plantings

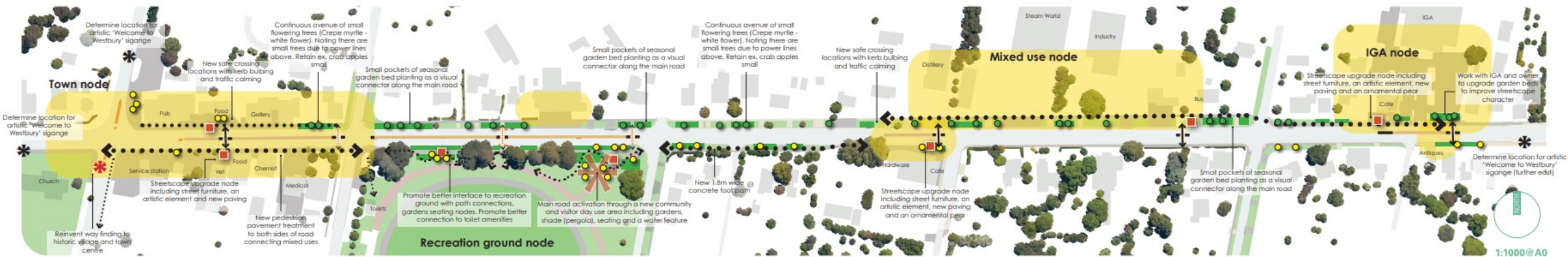
- Consider recreation ground as a central open space activator for township and investigate opportunities for enhancement.
- Plantings (small trees and gardens) used to visually connect village nodes
- Plantings to improve the pedestrian amenity and experience along Meander Valley Rd

Opportunities

6 design responses

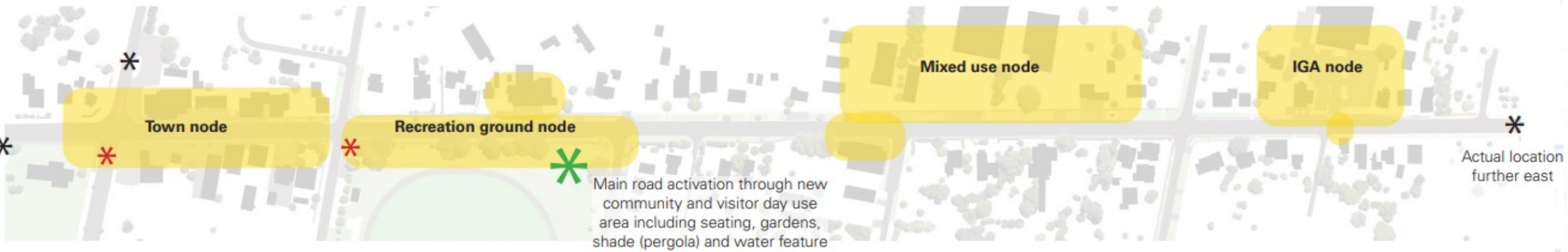
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-  1 - Four village nodes and entry treatments identified for streetscape renewal/ revitalisation
 -  2 - Connect the village nodes with a 1km long fresh and generous pedestrian path
 -  3 - Proposed additional safe crossing/ traffic calming
 -  4 - Seven locations for street furniture and an artistic element to provide character and activation
 -  5 - Strengthening the existing tree overlay with a continuous flowering tree avenue
 -  6 - A flowering landscape garden at moments along the length of the main road

Design response plan



Design Response Plan

Key:
 Village nodes
  New village entry signs
  Improved way finding



Looks Like:

Increase **shade, furniture, street trees & plantings** at nodes

a new central **community & visitor day use area**

Reduce bitumen within streetscape

Feature paving within nodes

New **artistic 'Welcome to Westbury signs'** at entry points to town

Reinvented **wayfinding** to historic village and town centre

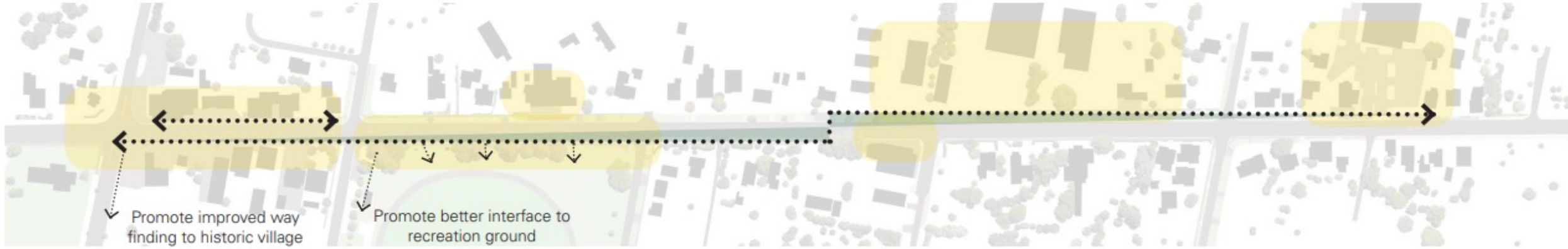


Design Response 1

Four village nodes and entry treatments identified for **streetscape renewal/ revitalisation**

Key:

←...→ Primary pedestrian footpath: min 1.8m wide

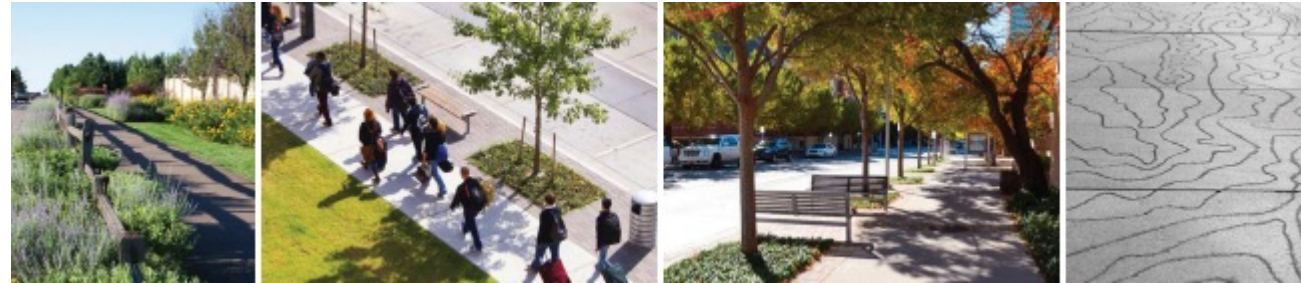


Looks Like:

Establish a new continuous pedestrian footpath that **connecting village nodes**

Consistent surface/material type to aid wayfinding

Improved **wayfinding** to historic village and town centre

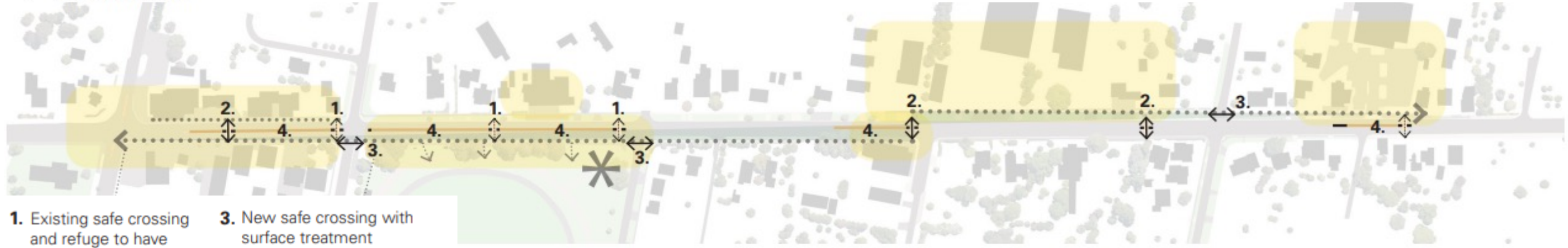


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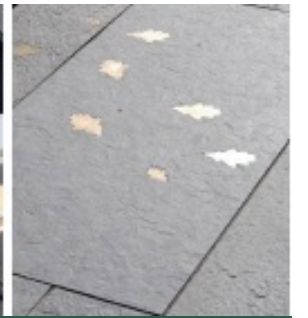
Connect the village nodes with a 1km long **fresh and generous pedestrian path**

Key:

↕ Crossing point.
Refer description below



- 1. Existing safe crossing and refuge to have surface treatment
- 2. New safe crossing/ traffic calming with refuge and surface treatment
- 3. New safe crossing with surface treatment
- 4. Central median traffic calming/ bitumen reduction with surface treatment



Looks Like:

Kerb bulbing and safe crossing within streetscape

Design Response 3

Proposed additional **safe crossing/ traffic calming**

Key:

Notional street furniture locations
(subject to further stakeholder
consultation)



Looks Like:

7 areas and artistic elements symbolic of the 7 hotels and brewery's serving Westbury in the early days of colonial settlement.

Areas to have **interpretive place stories**

Street furniture to accompany each site as a **seating node**

Renewed **bus shelters**

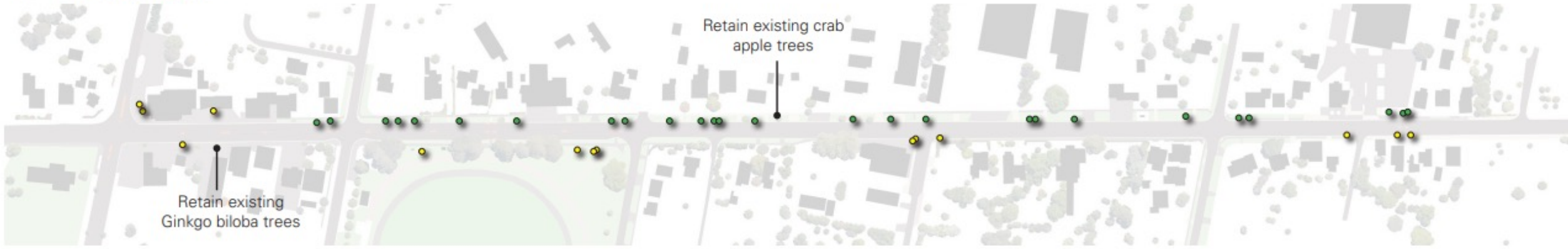


Design Response 4

- Seven locations for **street furniture and an artistic element** to provide **character and activation**

Key:

- Crepe myrtle locations
- Ornamental pear locations



Looks Like:

A continuous **avenue** of **crepe myrtle** and **ornamental pear** to unify the streetscape

Increase **dappled shade** along streetscape

Establish a more **'human scale'** to streetscape. Trees have been chosen to not impact power lines



Ornamental Pear



Crepe Myrtle

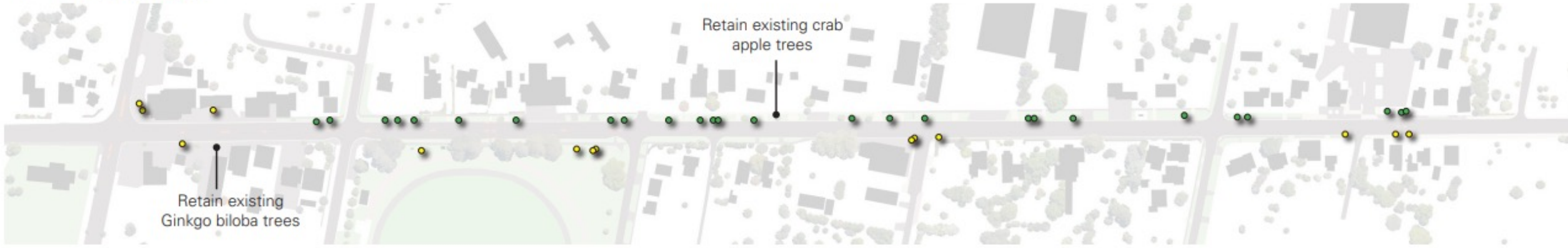


Design Response 5

Strengthening the existing tree overlay with a continuous **flowering tree avenue**

Key:

- Crepe myrtle locations
- Ornamental pear locations



Looks Like:

Patterned/mosaic understory planting to bring **colour, scent & texture** to the streetscape

Planting at key nodes & crossing points to **aid in wayfinding**



Design Response 6

A **flowering landscape garden** at moments along the length of the main road