Consultation drawing for Green Man Passage / West Ealing

At the moment Green Man Passage...
- provides an important pedestrian connection from Alexandria Road (Waitrose / West Ealing Station) to Uxbridge Road
- is dominated by unnecessary large areas of hard standing and level changes
- suffers from anti-social behaviour and as a result is covered by CCTV
- is used as a transitional space with no identity / character

Design Objectives:
- to provide and continue the existing green link (see photo to the right) from Alexandria Road down to Uxbridge Road
- to create an attractive, pedestrian friendly linear open space
- to incorporate a West Ealing related theme into the design

Design Proposal:
- brighten the space up by introducing lighter surface materials that visually connect with the High Street
- create a level surface to make the space more user friendly
- ‘greening’ the streetscape by introducing additional planting (e.g., rain gardens that collect surface water) and trees
- rationalise street furniture e.g. reduce use of bollards to prevent vehicular access by introducing raised planters
- introduce seating and / or informal and small scale play equipment

Inspiration:
The proposed design takes inspiration from West Ealing’s food production history and the design is based on the regular pattern of agricultural fields and the typical ‘ridge and furrow’ pattern has been replicated in the paving materials.

The theme can be enhanced further by incorporating community art projects similar to the ones shown on the photographs to the right:
- incorporate text or symbols within paving e.g. sand blasted into paving slabs
- incorporate a sculpture
- interpretation on site as part of a wider interpretation strategy that would run throughout West Ealing