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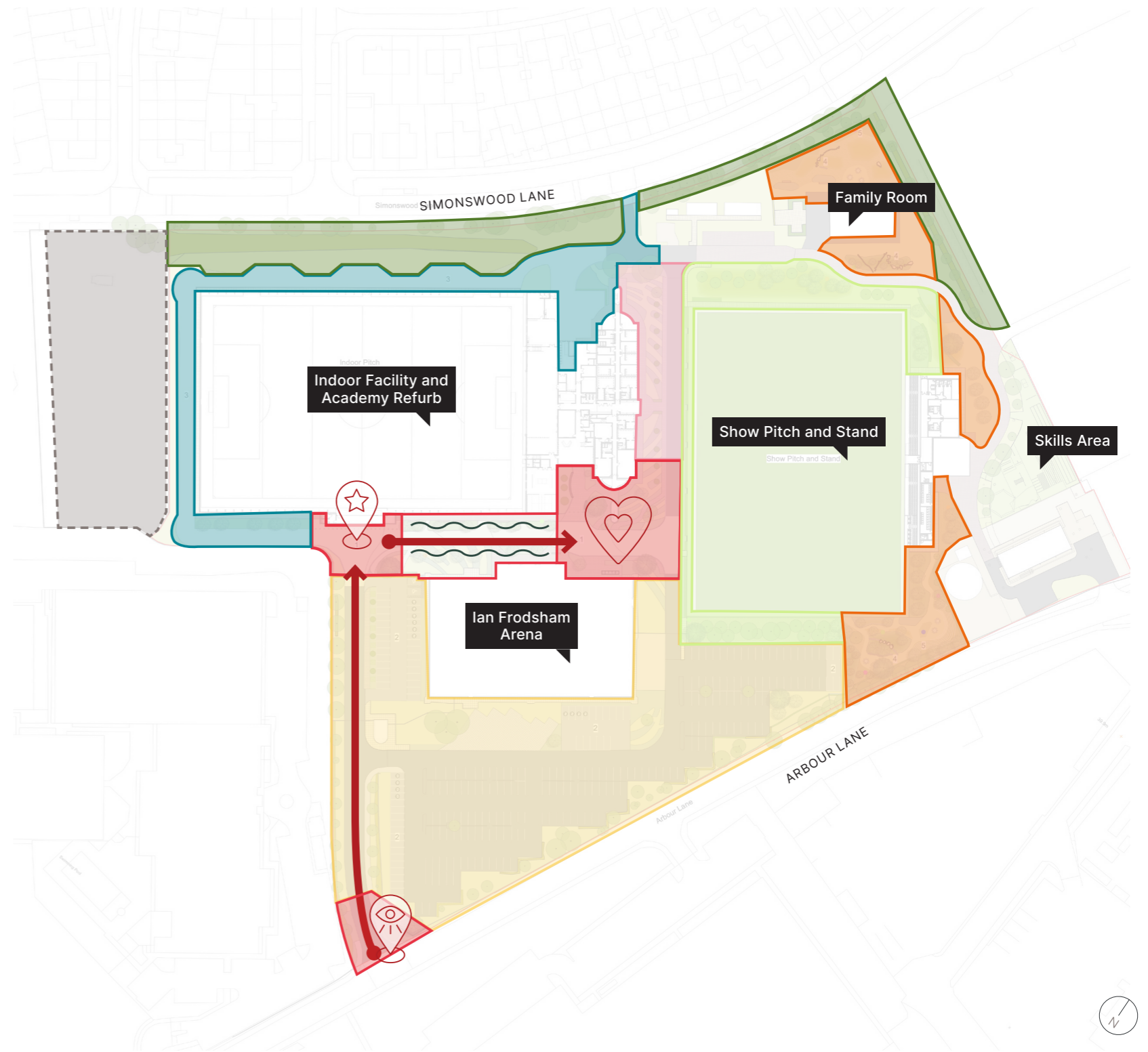
The landscape character areas are structured around the arrival journey, including enhancements to the Arbour Lane entrance, the new indoor facility gateway, the gardens along the pedestrian plaza, and the Heartspace between the Ian Frodsham Arena, Academy entrance, and new show pitch.

Improvements to the Academy frontage overlooking the show pitch will enhance biodiversity, provide a green outlook from the building, and act as a buffer at ground level. The existing parking area will be retained and extended to accommodate relocated spaces, while the Simonswood Lane buffer will be preserved.

The service route around the indoor pitch will remain functional and simple, allowing vehicle access and goal storage while protecting mature trees and hedges. Areas around the Family Building and adjacent to the existing service yard will be optimised for natural

play and biodiversity enhancements. Additional tree planting along Arbour Lane and near the new stand will help mitigate the loss of trees resulting from the development.










- Key
-  Car parking arrival zone
 -  Academy buildings frontage
 -  Simonswood lane buffer
 -  Play and biodiversity
 -  Service route
 -  Fallow land
 -  Arrival Journey
 -  Entrance
 -  Gateway
 -  Gardens
 -  Heartspace

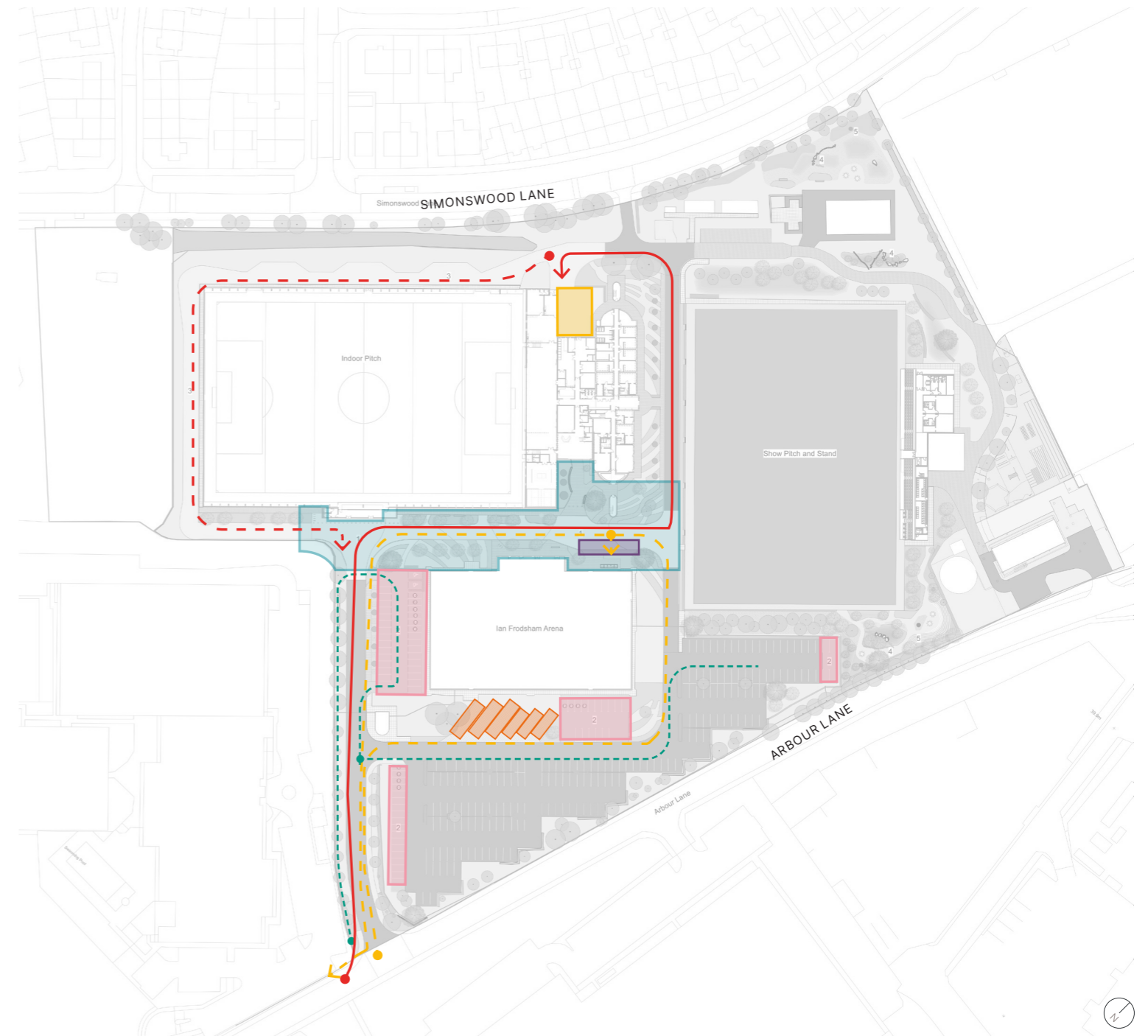


1.1 VEHICULAR ACCESS

The vehicular access strategy maintains two-way access into the car parking areas and through the security gate, transitioning to a one-way system within the pedestrian plaza. Coaches pass through the plaza to the drop-off bay, then circulate around the Ian Frodsham Building to coach parking in the main car park.

Deliveries have dedicated access to the service yard at the rear of the Academy, while the route around the new indoor pitch remains a one-way service route. All other existing service routes across the Academy

- Key
-  Pedestrian arrival plaza
 -  Delivery yard
 -  Deliveries
 -  Coach access and drop off
 -  Additional coach parking
 -  Replacement car parking
 -  Vehicular access to car parking
 -  Service route to indoor facility
 -  Coach and taxi drop off point











1.1 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

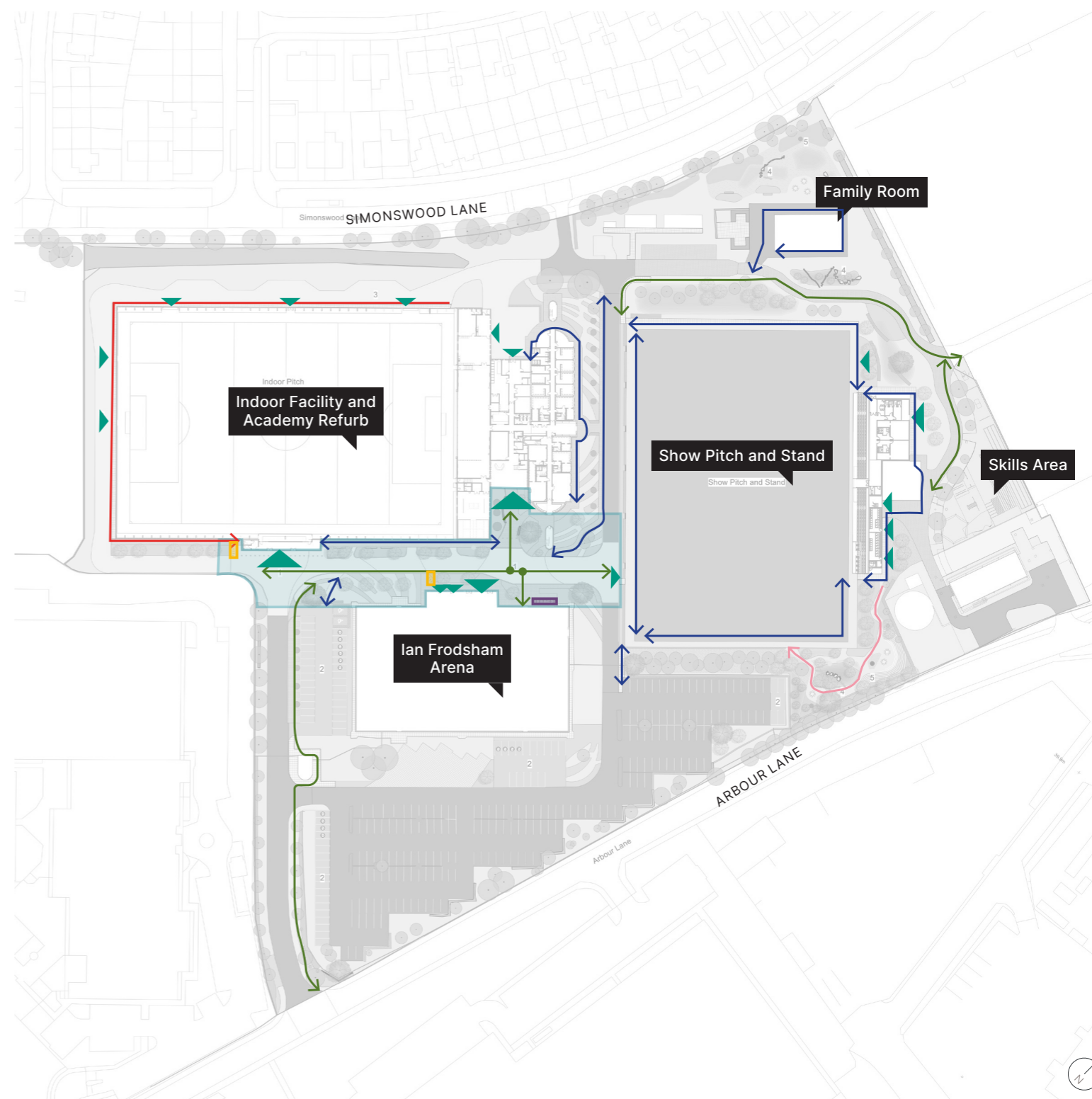
Pedestrian access will be improved by retaining existing well-defined paths and introducing expanded shared-surface areas around the main buildings, creating a pedestrian-focused plaza. The main entrance will maintain a route through to the security gate and onto the central plaza, with pedestrian and viewing areas along the edge of the new indoor pitch. Additional pedestrian spaces and seating outside the Ian Frodsham Arena will enhance dwell opportunities.

Access will be maintained around the show pitch and linked to the new route around the new stand. All pedestrian routes will be fully accessible, with dropped kerbs at key entrances and crossings. Upstand kerbs along the edges of the pedestrian plaza and the route around the new indoor facility will provide clear separation from vehicle areas, maintaining safety while supporting shared-surface use.

The only areas where accessibility may be limited are the nature areas, where grass paths are retained to support biodiversity and ecological objectives.

Key

-  Building Entrance
-  Primary Circulation
-  Secondary Circulation
-  Tertiary Circulation
-  Servicing and Fire Circulation
-  Pedestrian Plaza
-  External cycle storage
-  Covered cycle storage



1.1 SENSE OF ARRIVAL

The plaza is designed to soften the carriageway and create a stronger pedestrian identity through structured planting, key trees at nodes, and swathes of seasonal planting that introduce colour and visual interest.

The design draws inspiration from the abstracted forms of the Liver Bird logo, with the sweeping wing lines reflected in the layout of planting beds, rain gardens, and in-situ concrete detailing within the plaza.

Where a 2m-high hedge borders the new show pitch, it will be punctuated by legend panels and totems celebrating key club moments and branding, providing both visual interest and engagement. Further details on these features are provided later in the document.

Key

1. Entrance wall to match the AXA with pollinating planting below
2. Proposed car park with structured shrub planting
3. Pedestrian plaza and arrival gardens
4. Pitch viewing area with swales
5. Main entrance to Academy and indoor pitch
6. Coach drop off bay
7. New entrance area to Ian Frodsham Arena with cycle storage
8. Planted frontage to Academy building
9. Hedge buffer to show pitch with integrated legends panels



Planting beds around the entrance plaza based off the wings of the liver bird LFC logo

1.1 ARRIVAL JOURNEY

Proposed landscaping improvements to the Academy entrance with a tapering brick entrance wall to tie in with the AXA, improving site legibility and wayfinding.



Entrance to Academy with wall and pollinator planting (Image for illustrative purposes only)



Proposed shrub planting to edge of new car park creates a green frontage to the Ian Frodsham Arena and mirrors the rhythm of the existing trees along the arrival road.