Open Event Space

Proposals look to create a clear, open space in front of the Parish Hall to better facilitate a busy schedule of events, including markets and street performance. The existing space is cluttered with mis-matching street furniture and an old boat occupies the centre of the paved forecourt. It blocks full use of the space and is costly to maintain.

19th C Trade Triangle

Shipping in Jersey is ingrained in its history. By the 19th century Jersey was one of the largest shipbuilding centres in the British isles. Hundreds of vessels were constructed for the island’s commercial fleets. The ships were used mainly on European and Atlantic trade routes, but some voyaged as far as Australia and were involved in the tea trade. St. Aubin held the island’s principal harbour with shipyards occupying the current Parish Hall site. Many shipwrights lived in the growing town. The largest ship ever built in Jersey was launched from St. Aubin in 1819.

‘Boat’ Seating Element

The principal element in the design is a new sculptural bench that is a reference to St. Aubin’s trade and shipbuilding history. The bench is double-sided with curves that create seating with aspects that face both the Parish Hall and the harbour. In part the bench expresses a stripped back, sculptural boat form with a section of cladding used to represent a boat’s bow. It is suggested the bench may be constructed to contain a planted display alongside seating accommodating up to 48 people.

Ship Names

A list of ships built in St. Aubin's engraved into the ground surface via stone carving or etched metal inlay.

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Both seats simultaneously provide a barrier against vehicular access.

Partner Seat