HOMEx ZONE DESIGN RATIONALE

The linear space has a continuous quality with the vehicular route defined by a change in surface material, trees, and a series of bollards that realign the road.

Objectives
- To create an environment where drivers are subservient to other users of the space
- To create a pleasant, quiet, domestic residential environment
- To produce an innovative scheme where the character of the environment is determined by built form and landscaping
- To produce a flexible idea that could be translated into a wide range of more specific schemes using a variety of house types.

Each house has a private garden, and the scheme is low density. The density could be higher.

Gateway houses create a distinction between the two parts of the scheme.

The square has a continuous quality. The character of the space is defined by buildings and planting. Vehicular routes are between the trees, with a series of bollards defining some parts of the route. There is space for vehicles to turn in front of the houses. There is also ample room for fire and refuse vehicles.

Within the square is a seating area, with deep seats which can also be used for playing. The curve allows children to see the seating to make a den, or adults can sit in a group. A water pump and a tap are also provided for play or to help maintain the square. A channel is cut through the space so that the water will flow to the drain, which could be dammed to make pools. The tap would be accessible to adults.

Sympathetic materials are used to distinguish functions within the scheme, but without breaking up the space. Materials will have a warm colour and a fine texture.

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Citea lanterns on twin columns make a strong statement against the sky - an elegant interpretation of city values.

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