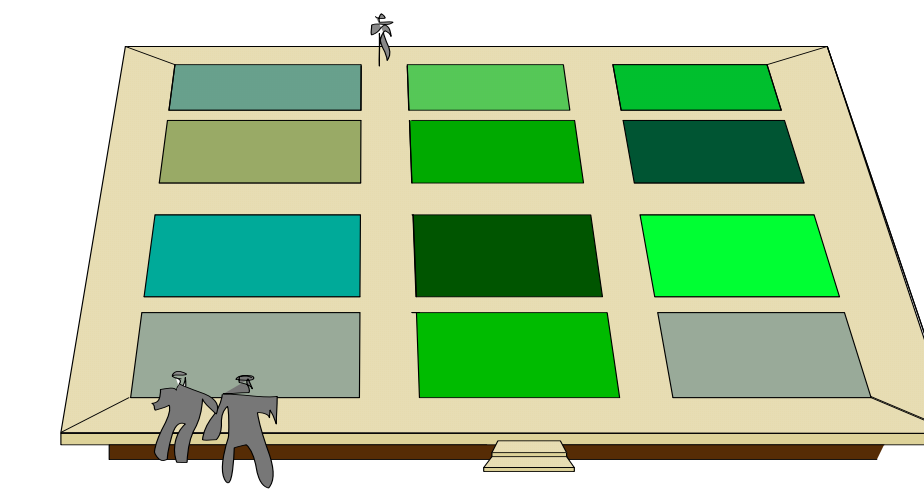
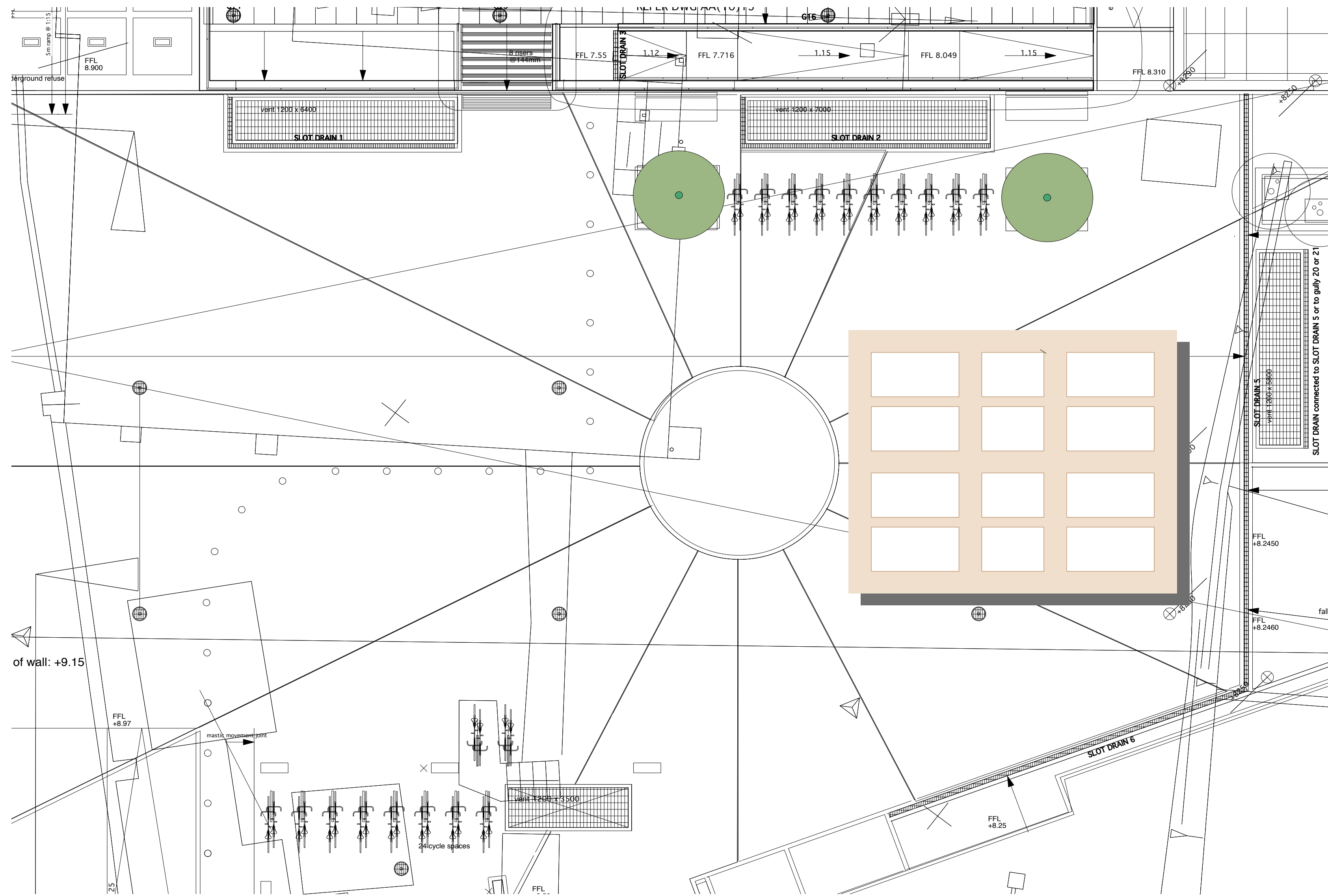


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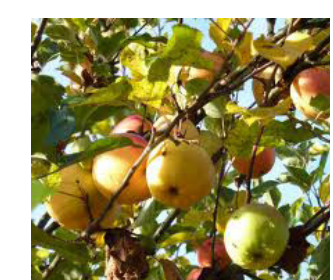
'A floating timber allotment'

The idea we have for the Taylor Place Courtyard is a floating timber allotment, an elegant timber structure standing approximately half a metre above the existing hard surface. The finished timber surface will provide the structure for growing beds and walkways around each of the growing areas, creating an attractive platform for growing and gathering. A timber and edible garden tapestry.

This is an elegant and self-contained solution, which provides a much-needed human scale in the outside space and will be something of beauty and interest for all those that overlook the courtyard. It is also a very practical solution as it conceals all the structural workings of the growing beds and introduces an element of play.

The intention of this idea is to create a formal parterre or structure of growing beds, which residents can fill with the fruit bushes, vegetables and herbs of their choice. As part of the process of community and resident involvement an annual harvest feast would be arranged in the courtyard during the first part of September. This communal feast is a celebration of the fruits of labour and a bringing together of the community through the enjoyment of food and healthy eating. Food could be prepared in the courtyard in order to fill the place with the delightful smells of the produce from the garden and during this feast decisions about what to grow in the new season could be discussed and decided.

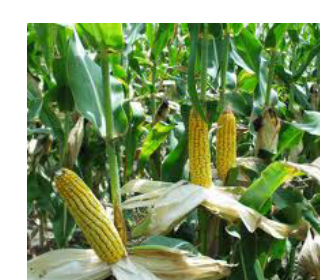
We would also recommend replacing the existing planting of the concrete containers with fruit trees under-planted with blueberries or something similar and provide timber benches to match the timber structure. These benches would be sufficiently portable to move easily around the outside space, allowing residents to sit in sun or shade throughout the seasons.



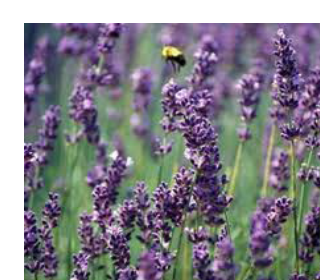
Apple trees



Blueberries



Corn



Lavender



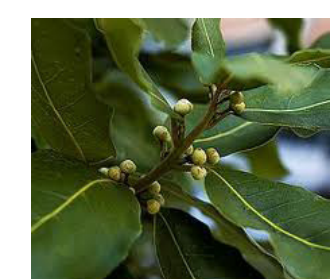
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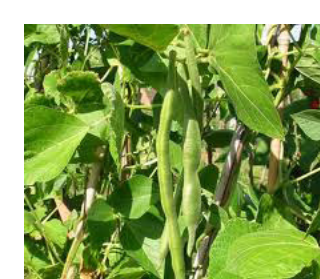
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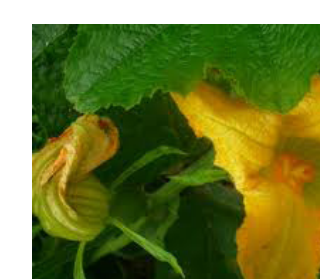
Runner Beans



Bayleaf



Broadbeans



Courgettes



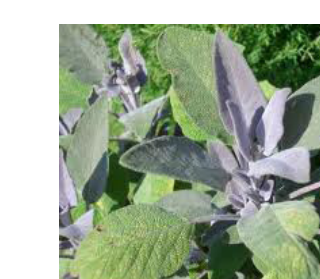
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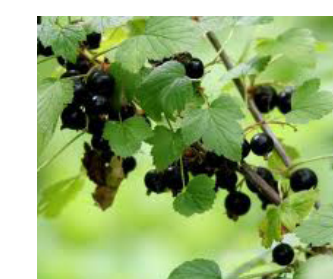
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Raspberries



Sage



Blackcurrants



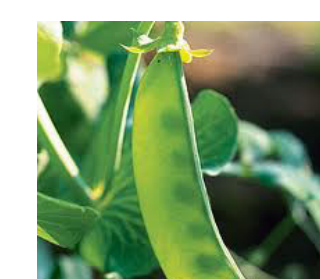
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Gooseberries



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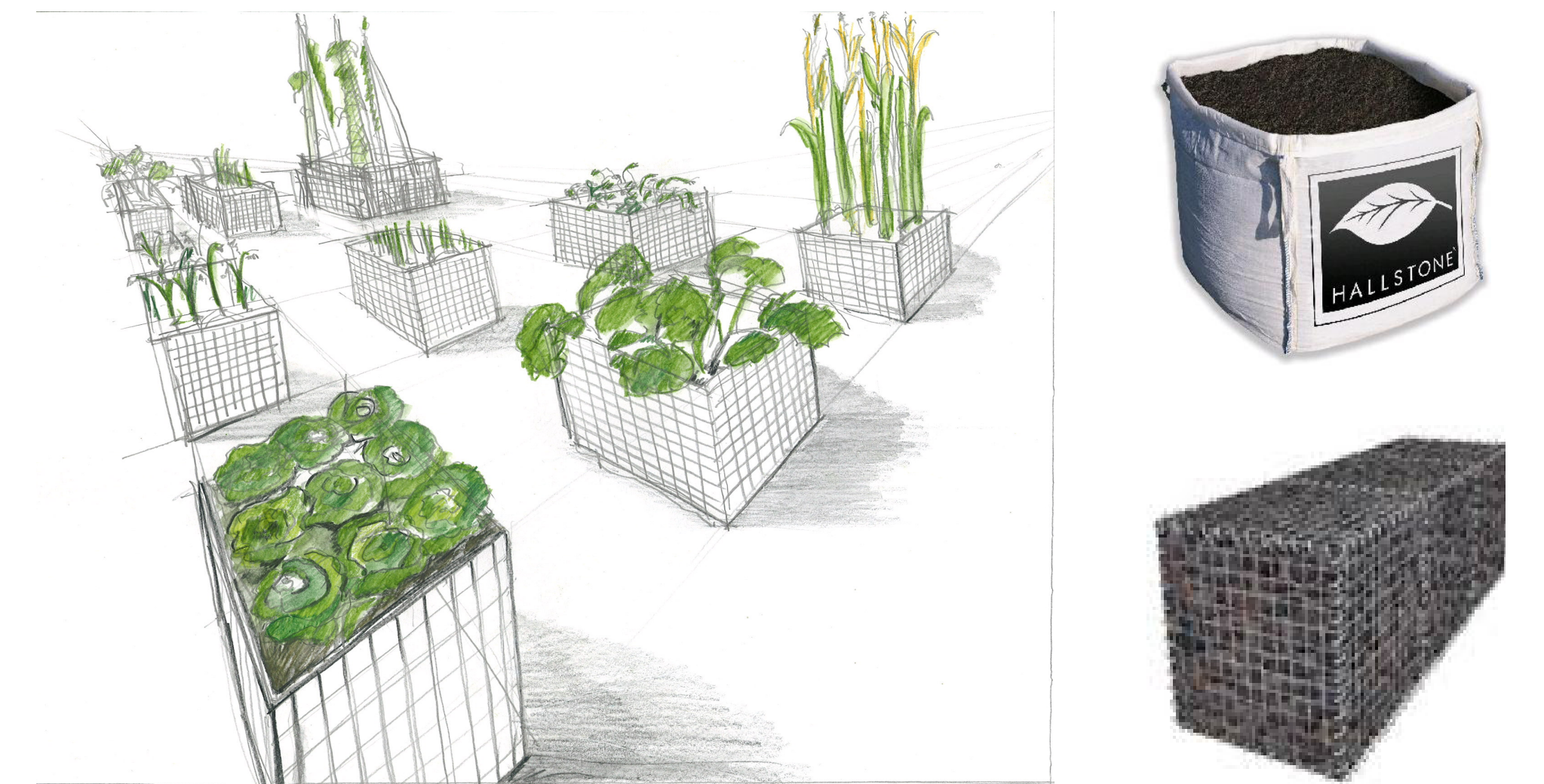
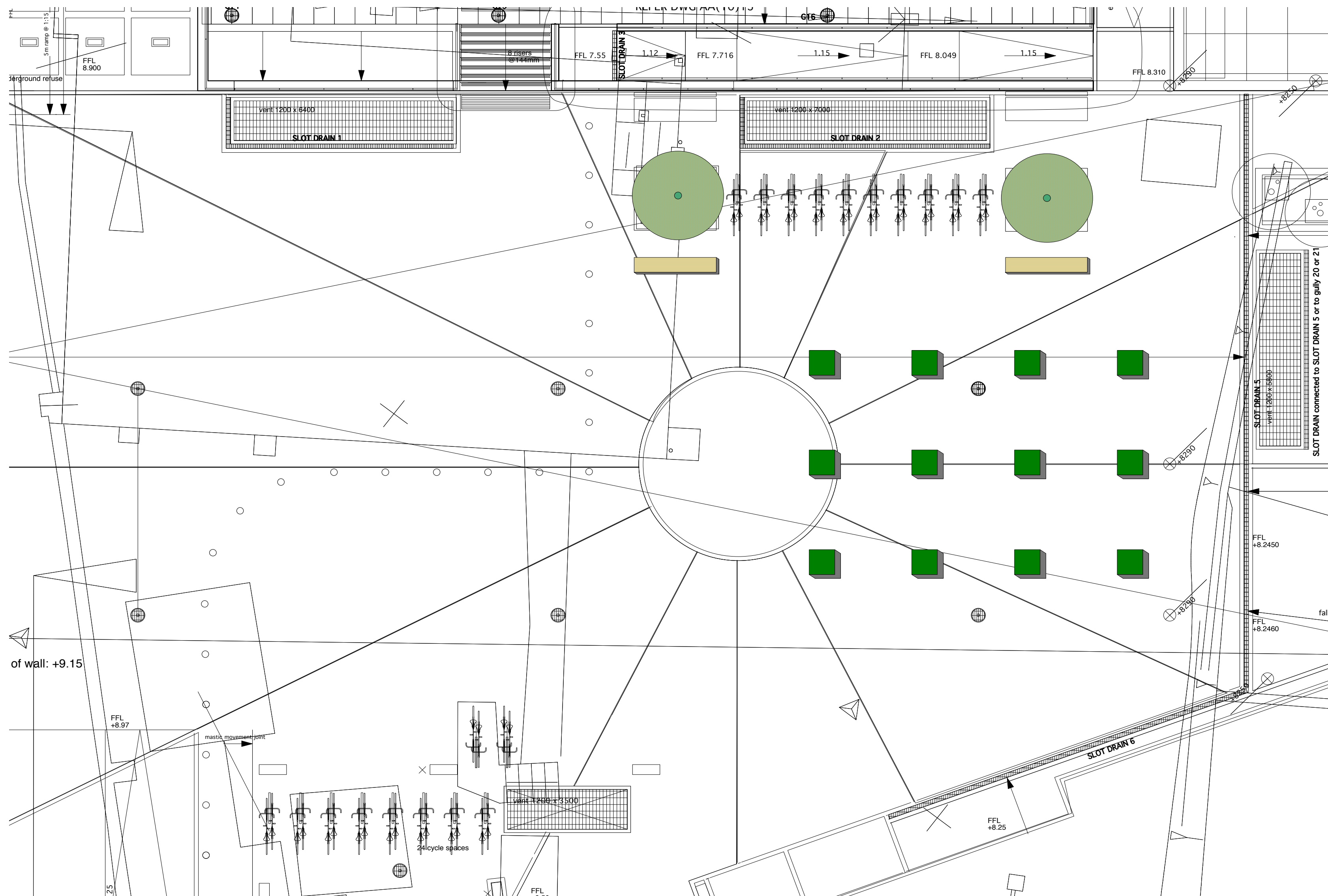


Redcurrants



Strawberries

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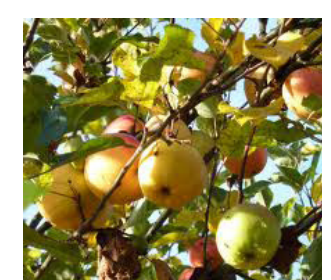
'Growing Cube Grid'

The second design idea for the Taylor Place Courtyard is a series of 'growing cubes' set out in a grid which can be adjusted according to the seasons, changes of light, or added to should the project be allocated additional funding. The cubes are made from industrial wire mesh gabions with an insulated, woven polypropylene liner to contain the growing medium. The wire mesh will be powder coated in a 'glow in the dark' colour for improved night vision and decoration.

This solution responds to the use of found materials and provides easy access to the planting project for all. The design is most economical as it utilizes reclaimed materials and industrial practices. It's also a very practical solution as it allows the growing beds to be moved within the space and added to should there be an opportunity.

The intention of this idea is to create a grid of growing cubes, which residents can fill with the plants, fruit bushes, vegetables and herbs of their selection. As part of the process of community and resident involvement an annual harvest feast would be arranged in the courtyard during the first part of September. This communal feast is a celebration of the fruits of labour from the garden and a bringing together of the community through the enjoyment of food and healthy eating. The meal could be prepared in the courtyard in order to fill the place with the delightful smells of the produce from the garden and during this feast decisions about what to grow in the new season could be discussed and decided.

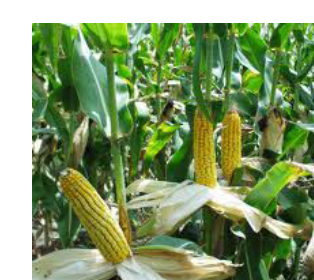
We would also recommend replacing the existing planting of the concrete containers with fruit trees under-planted with blueberries or something similar and provide reclaimed timber-topped gabion structure benches to match the growing cubes.



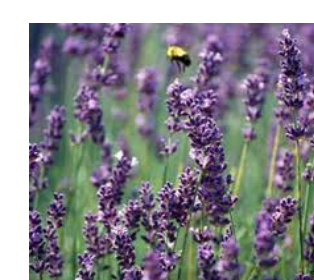
Appletrees



Blueberries



Corn



Lavender



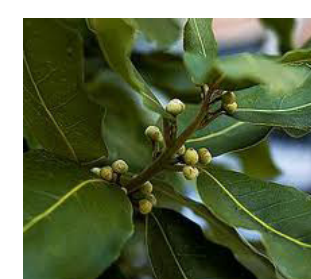
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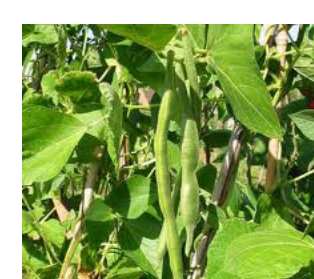
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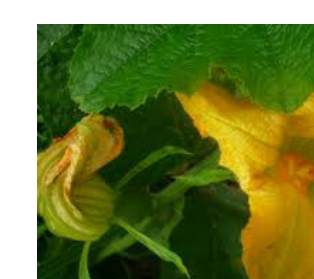
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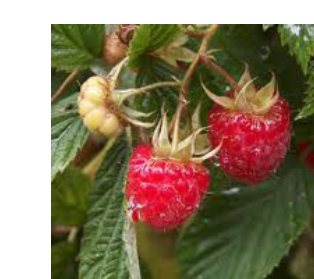
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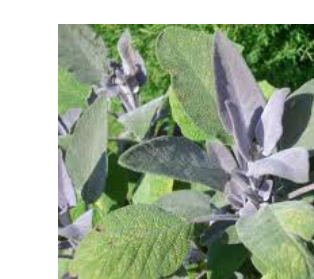
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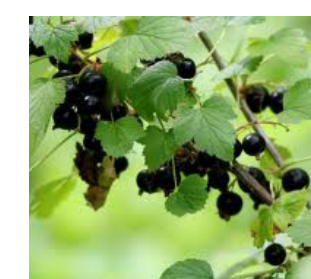
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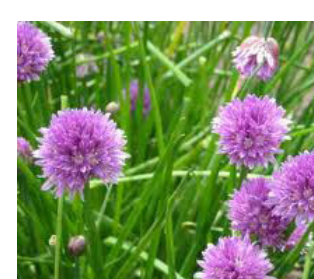
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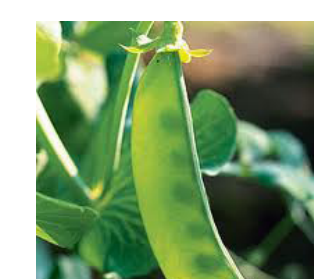
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