

KINGSWAY TO THE SEA: WEST HOVE SEAFRONT PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS LINEAR PARK

INTEGRATED SPACES AND ACTIVITIES

A fundamental objective of the project is to improve the identity and flow of spaces at West Hove Seafront to create a coordinated Linear Park which can offer a more accessible and diverse range of uses, set within a richer environmental framework with the qualities of a park, to enable:

- greater accessibility, open to all, diverse, inclusive, safe and welcoming
- better amenity for the local community
- a stronger sense of destination
- improved setting for the surrounding urban fabric, old and new

- enhanced natural and built heritage, which responds to the coastal margin zone, and informs the landscape character

- stronger biodiversity and ecology in parallel with increased climate change impact mitigation

- working with the 'ecotone' or transitional zone between land and sea to reduce flood risk, increase shade and shelter, and support biodiversity

- new facilities and amenities coordinated seamlessly into the overall landscape architectural language of the Linear Park

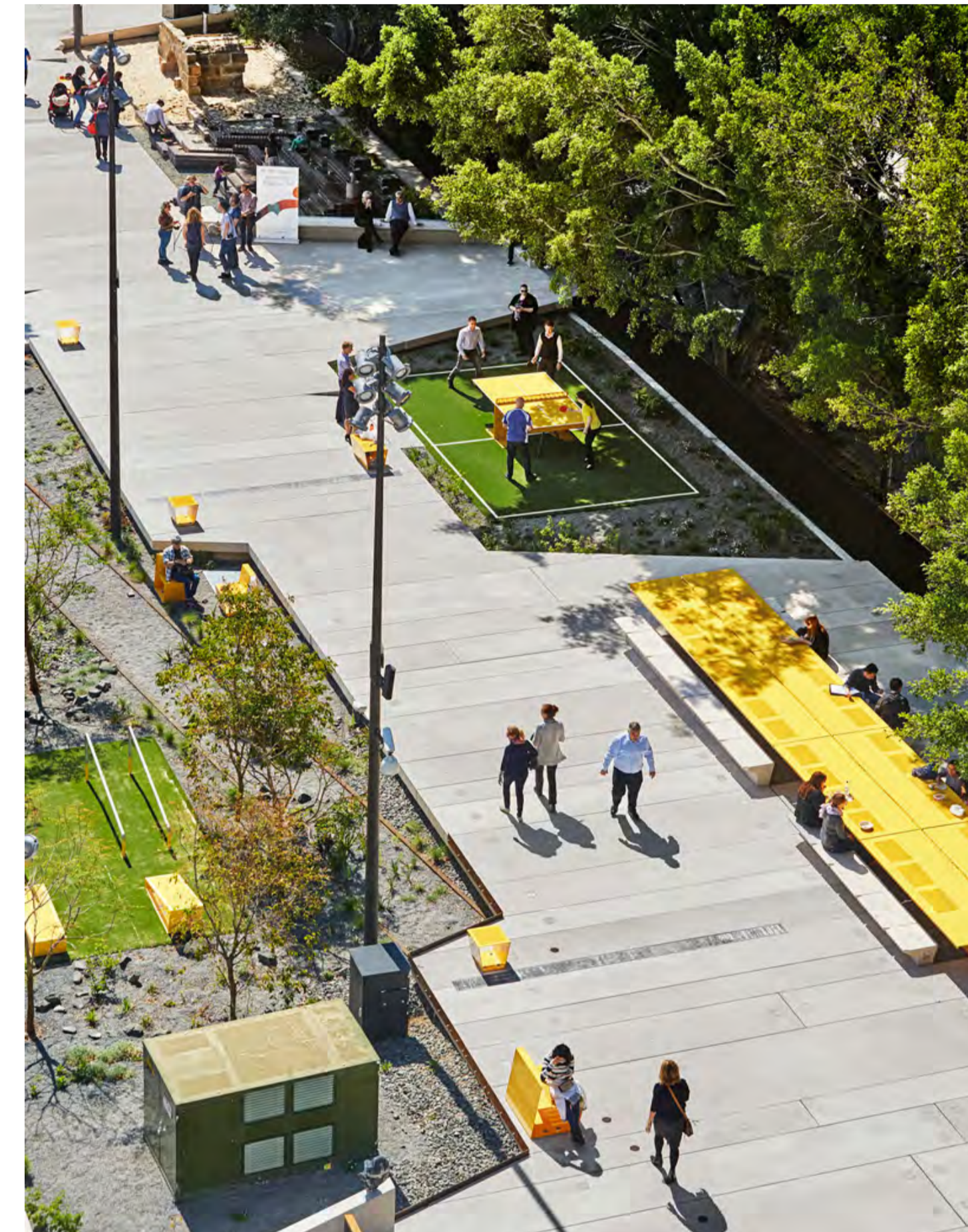
Kingsway To The Sea is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver a fantastic improved park for Hove. Below are some other ambitious examples of new linear parks from around the world.



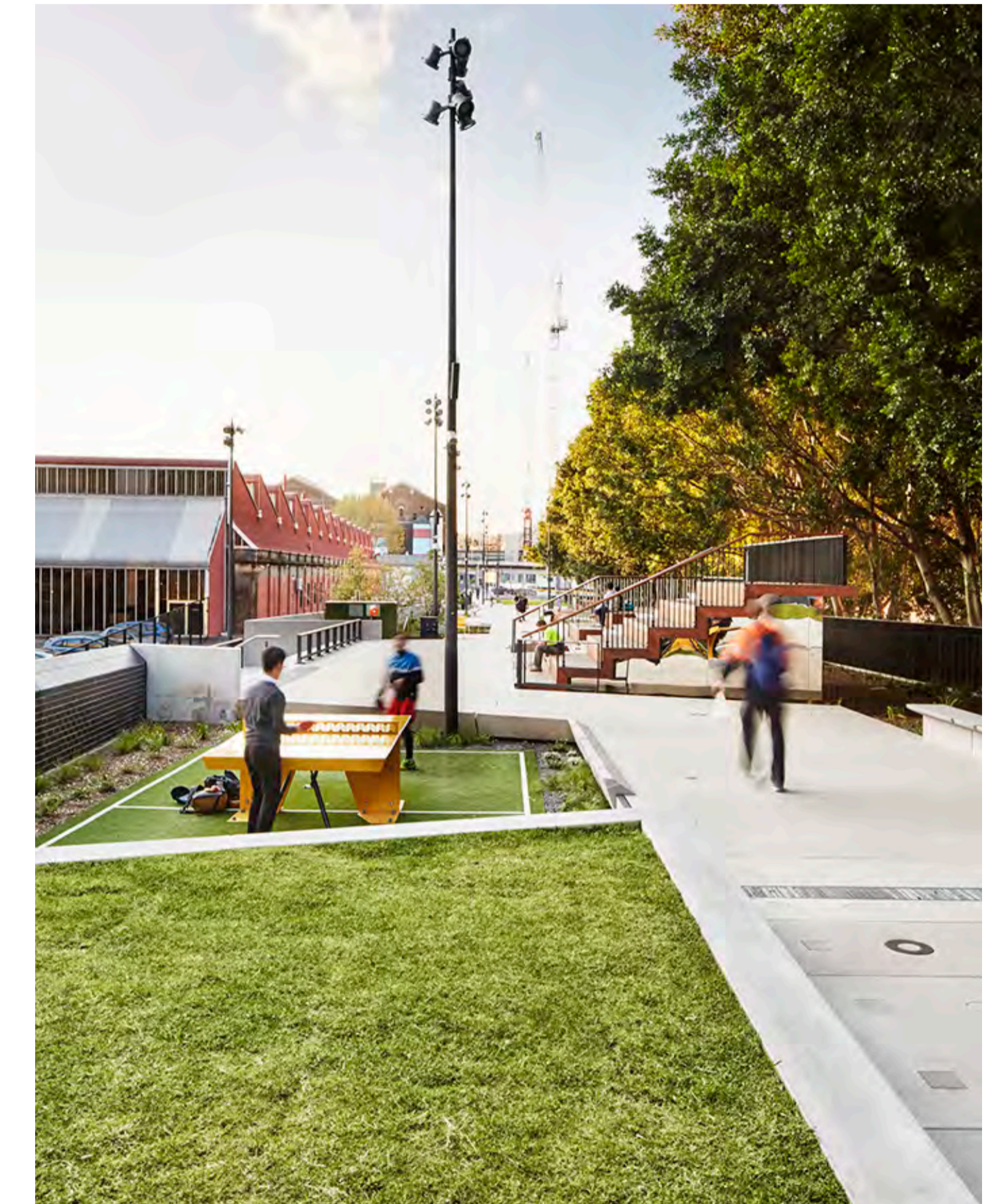
Valley Gardens, Brighton - integrated city centre routes and leisure spaces for all



Brooklyn Bridge Park, NYC - wide-ranging community leisure and recreation provision across an extensive waterfront site, now a major local destination



The Goods Line, Sydney - diverse provision to meet multiple needs 24/7



Madrid Rio - a linear park with outdoor 'rooms' framed by new soft landscape



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PROPOSED LAYOUT (WEST)

A NEW LINEAR PARK FOR INCREASED SPORT AND LEISURE USES

- A new fully accessible route will run through the full length of the site linking up all spaces, without the need to go onto either Kingsway or the Esplanade

- The accessible route will include ramped inclines to embankments at the cross-routes between Kingsway and the Esplanade, which will be planted

- North and south edges of the site, as well as cross-routes, will be planted with new trees and perennials, to provide shade and shelter for park users, mitigate climate change impacts, and increase biodiversity

- As improved park entrances, the cross-routes will include new amenities, like seating, cycle parking, and informal play

- The Linear Park is organised along its length as alternating activity and relaxation spaces, meeting sport and leisure needs of all users, with new Gardens as 'oases' within the park

- A new Outdoor Sports Hub building beside the Bowling Greens will include new Public WCs, Changing Rooms, and a Cafe, as well as new facilities for the Bowling Club

- WCs at the Big Beach Cafe will also be fully refurbished

- Key existing park uses like Tennis, Bowls and Croquet are all retained, and complemented by new uses including Padel Tennis, Beach Sports, and 'Wheeled' Sports



View east from new entry into Skate Park / Pump Track / Roller Plaza area



View looking south west across new Park Garden



KINGSWAY TO THE SEA: WEST HOVE SEAFRONT PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED LAYOUT 2 (EAST)



View south of Park entrance from Kingsway towards the Esplanade



View west along accessible route beside Tennis Courts



View looking east of new Padel Tennis Courts, with Rockwater in background



View looking north-east in new Beach Sports area, showing Volleyball and Tennis

