



Salisbury River Park

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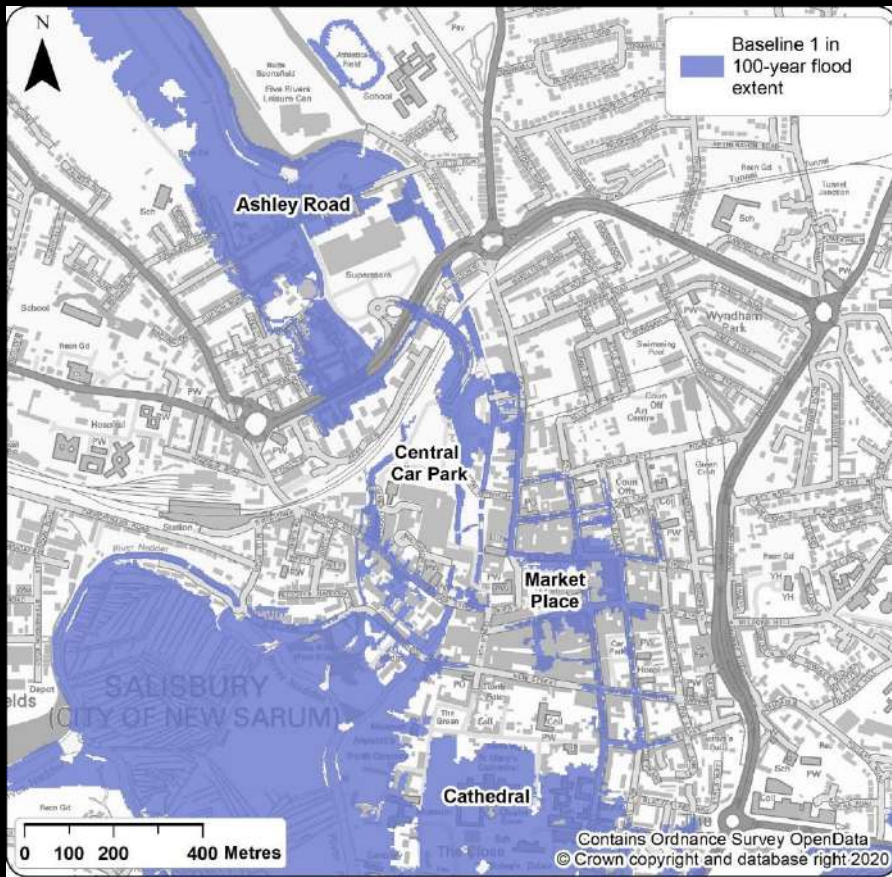
Andy Wallis – Environment Agency, Sam Howell – Wiltshire Council



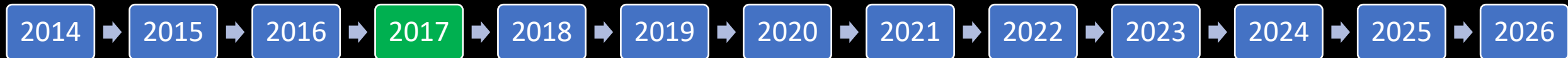


Winter 2014 flooding led to improved understanding of flood risk to Salisbury and initial scheme proposals





Updated flood maps produced and additional reasons for scheme developed





Initial scheme proposals developed in partnership with Wiltshire Council

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Novichok poisoning happened within scheme area and led to rethink of scheme



The Maltings and Central Car Park Masterplan



Opportunities and Development Principles

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Masterplan developed by Wiltshire Council. Key to obtaining consent for future works



Salisbury Central Area Framework

Summary



Central Area Framework was a response to the impacts of the poisonings and introduced the idea of a River Park



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Climate change resilience improved

Enhanced tourist gateway and increased visitor numbers

Flood risk reduced to 250 homes and 100 businesses

650m of new and improved cycling routes and 1,600m of new and improved footpaths

New planting, including 600 new trees

Delivery of 13ha of high quality public open space to be enjoyed by all

Increased opportunities for volunteer groups to become more involved in their local environment

2ha of new high quality riverside habitat, new wetland areas and rewilding

Improved biodiversity of the internationally designated River Avon watercourses, including removal of barriers to fish passage

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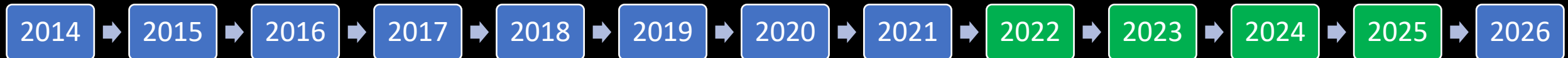


Start of construction with initial focus on environmental mitigation



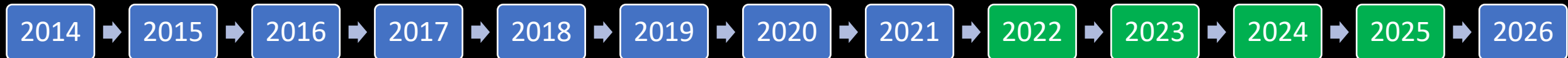


Key challenges – some we expected



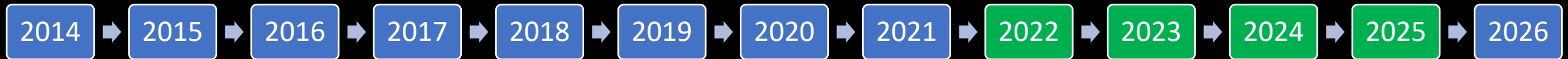


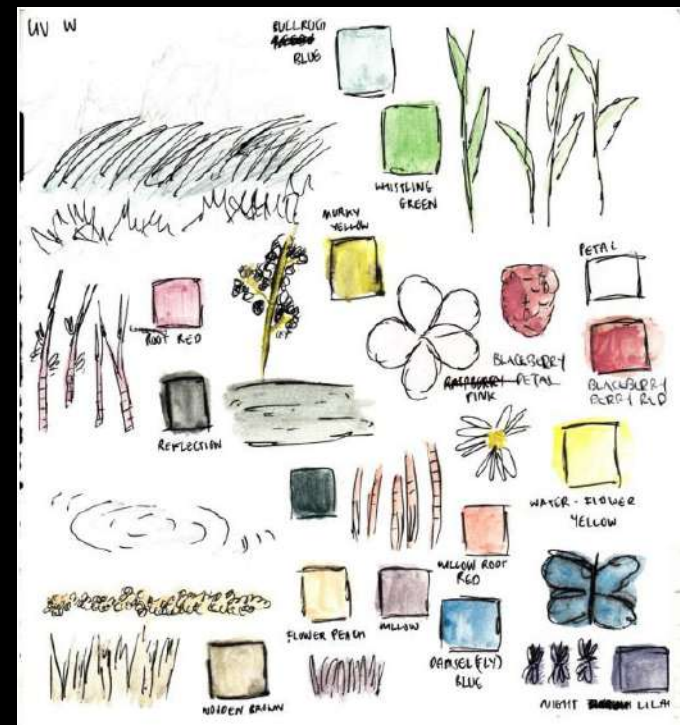
Key challenges – some we didn't think would be so bad!





Key challenges – and there's always something you can't plan for





Opportunities for engagement with local schools





Further community engagement highlighted the mental as well as physical health benefits of the scheme



'When we were having a cup of tea at the end the group were at pains to thank me for the project. They were basically saying that due to the decimation of mental health support services in Wiltshire, Ripple is now the only thing they are accessing that is directly funded to support MH and wellbeing. They were particularly grateful that the project is funded for two years and they know that they have it to look forward to.' – Ripple Effect project lead





Public art programme used to help inform and educate public about local ecology and heritage





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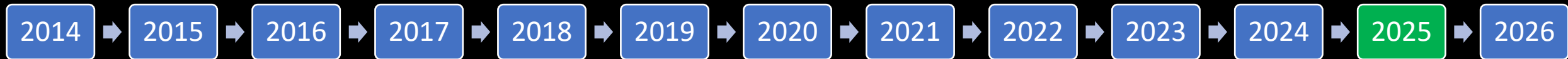


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Thank you for listening
Any questions?



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Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs



national highways



Department for Education