Our proposals create a new multimodal transport interchange that will also establish a major commuter hub and a gateway to the City of Oxford.

The three-storey station building takes prominence on the main pedestrian route along Frideswide Square and a series of glazed elements give arriving passengers views into the city and help to orientate them before they leave the station. Conversely, when leaving Oxford the station becomes a landmark and destination in a new landscaped setting, which terminates the vista from the city centre to the west through Frideswide Square. The design integrates intuitive wayfinding and orientation spaces to promote high quality and efficient modal interchange.

Oxford features a vibrant mix of architectural styles and later interventions. One of the principal challenges in the design of the new station is how to develop an appropriate architectural expression for the building, while still respecting its historic urban context; we have met this challenge with a careful selection of materials and colour palettes, and an appropriate form, scale and appearance to the building that relates well to its immediate context and especially to the ‘dreaming spires’ of the city.

Building around and over major rail infrastructure brings significant challenges, which are amplified by the need to maintain the operation of the existing station until the new station can be brought online. This requirement is critical to the design and implementation of the masterplan, and has informed the ideas put forward in our proposals. Crucially, we have ensured that the new station can be built “offline” to ensure the operational continuity of the existing station throughout construction.

In addition we have refined the wider masterplan, maximising the development potential of the site with a mixed use scheme on Becket Street that simultaneously provides an efficient bus station layout while introducing active frontages and maintains urban grain along the street.
Sketch Section and Overall Development

Main station sketch section 1:250 - Botley Road section indicated for comparison

Main station interior view towards Oxford city centre

Retail

Drop Off

Taxi

Tickets Office

Access to Bus Terminal

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Ground floor plan 1:500

First floor plan 1:500

Concourse level / second floor plan 1:500

3D view on Botley Road looking west across Frideswide Square

3D view looking north west across Frideswide Square

3D view on Frideswide Square looking east towards the new western station entrance
Becket Street Development

Sketch east elevation 1:500

Ground floor plan 1:500

Typical upper level plan 1:500

3D view on Becket Street looking east towards the new western station entrance

First floor plan indicating interchange link 1:500

Sketch section through bus station and multi-storey car park with mixed use along Becket Street 1:500

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