

OUR TOWN, BEDOK

TOWN DESIGN GUIDE



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Preamble

This HDB Town Design Guide serves as a reference for consultants, town councils, and government agencies, to guide developments within our towns.

Each HDB town is distinctive, with unique history, natural features, built environment, characteristics and communities that provide a sense of identity and belonging for the residents.

Since the 2010s, HDB has planned and built new-generation public housing that is well-designed, community-centric, sustainable, and smart. To keep pace with new needs, HDB launched the Designing for Life roadmap in 2020, which is supported by 3 pillars – 'Live Well', 'Live Green', and 'Live Connected'. The roadmap will centre on the overall health and well-being of residents, to provide them with a better living environment at all stages of their lives. Careful planning backed by science and data will guide HDB's efforts in biophilic design and development of smart and sustainable solutions to help residents live more comfortably with greater convenience. HDB will also find more ways for people to foster social connections and a greater sense of place.

Today, many agencies and town councils make further enhancements and improvements to the towns. HDB wants to provide these partners with a good understanding of the vision and the development history for each town, so that they can further enhance the distinctiveness of the town, and maintain the town identity.

We have provided illustrations and ideas as a Guide to achieve this vision, and HDB welcomes creative ideas and solutions to strengthen the town identity.

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User Guide

The HDB Town Design Guide establishes the planning, urban and architectural design considerations for the town/ estate at 3 scales.

Town Scale Layers

1. Read to understand the overall theme, historical and physical context of the town

Town scale layers give the general context of the town so that the developments can be aligned with HDB's overall vision of the town.

Neighbourhood Scale Layers

2. Understand the sub-theme to apply relevant planning and design guidelines in your project

Neighbourhood scale layers set out distinctive sub-themes and concepts, to reinforce the town scale layers.

Precinct Scale Layers

3. Apply the design ideas and principles in your project

Precinct scale layers guide the detailed design of projects, allowing flexibility in the micro design elements for a unique precinct identity while aligning with the district themes.

The Guide* should be used for:

New HDB Developments

At design reviews with HDB, design consultants would need to demonstrate how their proposals have addressed the design layers.

Upgrading and Improvement Projects by HDB or Town Councils

Similarly, design consultants would need to demonstrate how their proposals have responded to the design layers.

Developments by Government Agencies

Government agencies may also use the Guide as part of the design brief/ requirements for their design consultants.

**It is intended to accompany the detailed Urban Design Guidelines of specific developments, where applicable.*



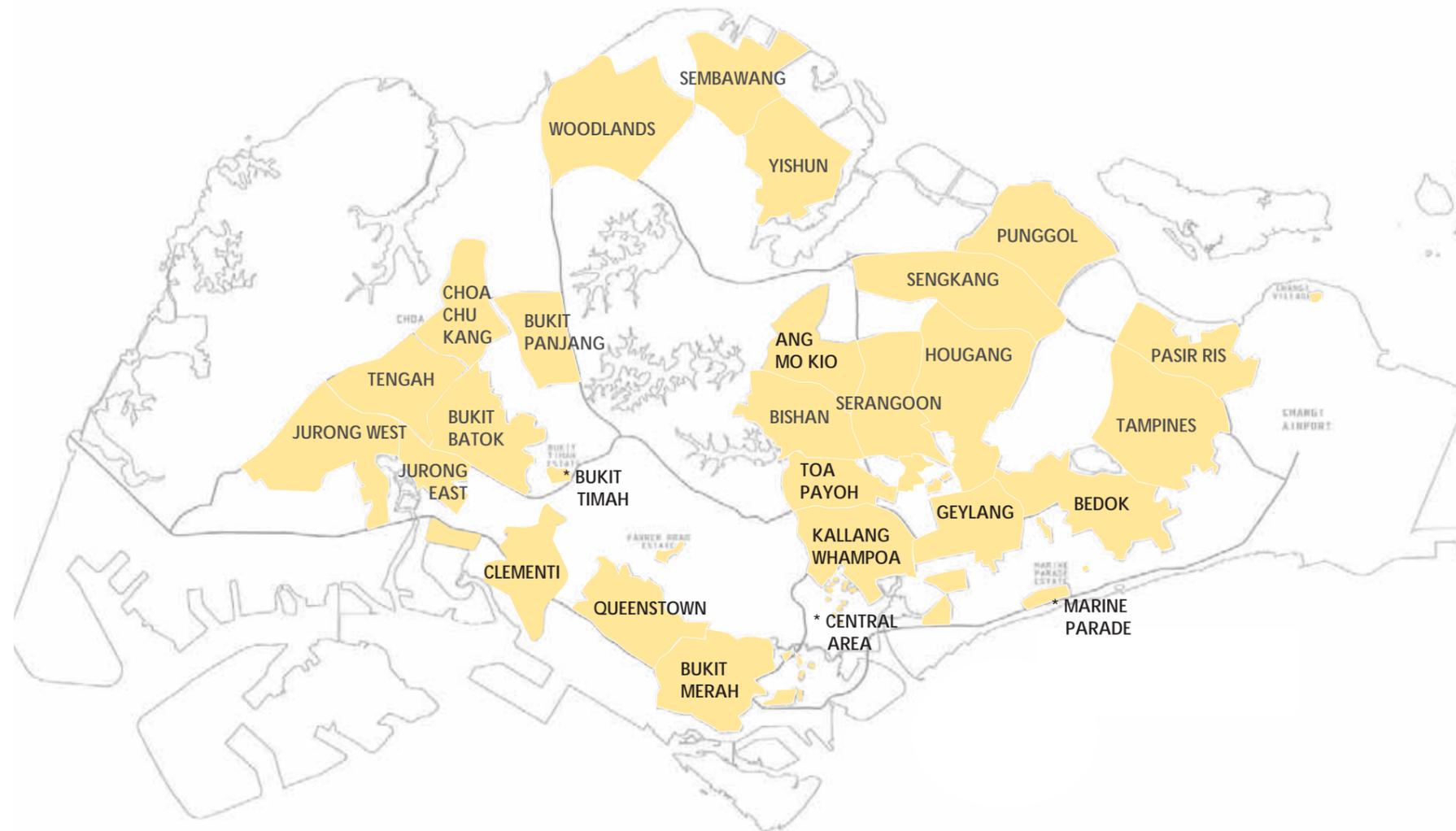
Sub-themes in Bedok

Introduction

HDB Towns and Estates

HDB carries out comprehensive town planning and design for 24 towns and 3 estates*, and strives towards achieving a clear vision and unique identity for the communities.

*Bukit Timah, Central Area and Marine Parade



Frameworks

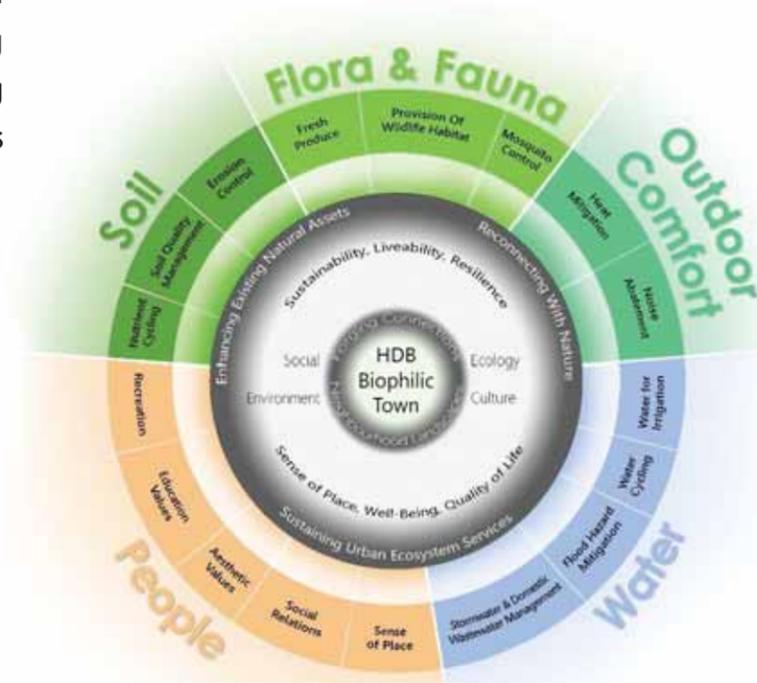
Over the years, HDB has also introduced several frameworks to continuously improve our towns. The principles within the frameworks underpin the planning and design of new public housing developments and the rejuvenation of existing estates. These frameworks have been guided by HDB's Roadmap to Better Living introduced in 2011, and HDB's new Designing for Life Roadmap which was launched in 2020.



2020 and beyond

Well-being Framework

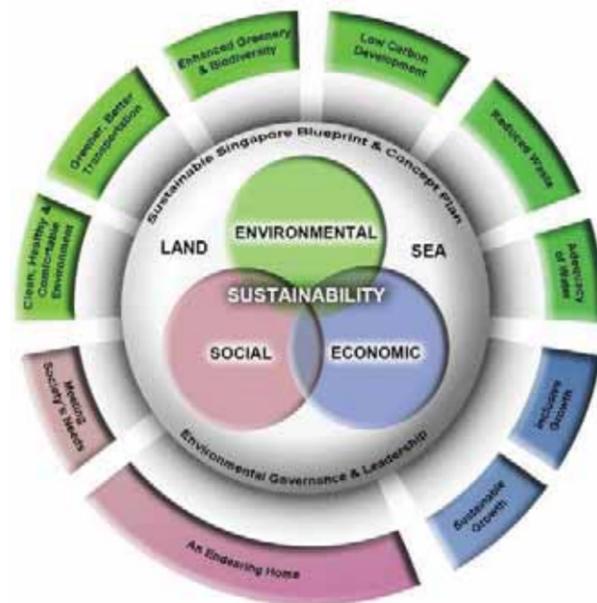
- Create 'Healthy Towns for All Ages'
- Meet holistic needs across different life cycle stages to enhance physical, mental and social well-being
- More choices for residents to lead healthy lifestyles, keep active minds and build community bonds



2018

Biophilic Town Framework

- Promote a greater sense of place, better well-being and enhanced quality of life for residents
- Create nature-centric neighbourhood landscapes that consider the aspects of soil, water, flora and fauna, outdoor comfort, and people



2011

Sustainable Development Framework

- Deploy sustainability initiatives focusing on 10 key desired outcomes across the dimensions of environmental, social and economic sustainability
- Create sustainable, liveable and more pleasant living environments for residents



2014

Smart Town Framework

- Deploy smart initiatives and technology across the dimensions of planning, environment, estate, living, and community
- Create more liveable, efficient, sustainable, safe, inclusive, empowering and resilient towns
- Supported by infrastructure and connectivity enablers including sensors, communications and a data hub

HDB Roadmap to Better Living (2011)



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Precinct Scale

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- Covered Linkway Design

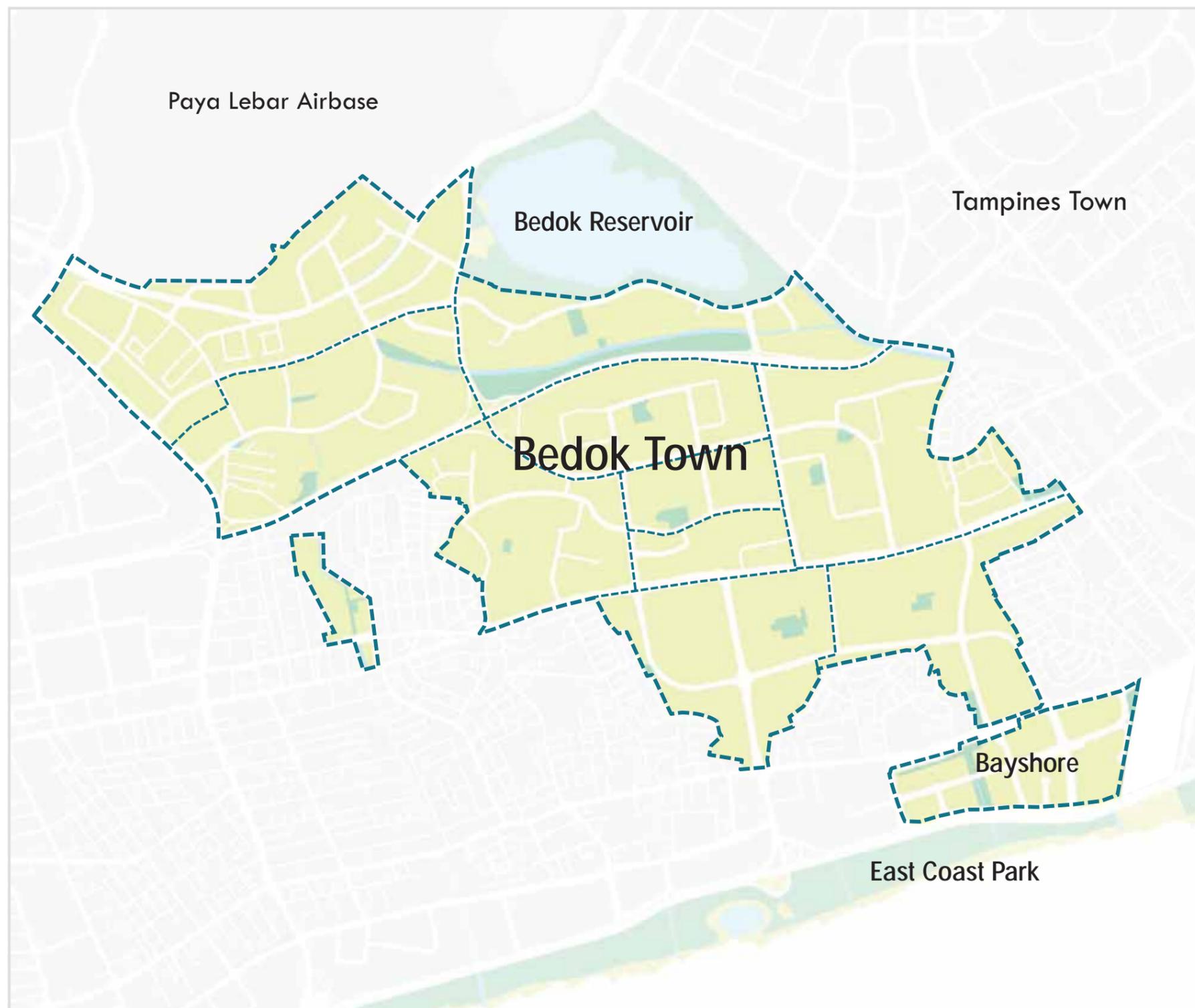
Context and History



Bedok has a rich history with evidence of human settlement dating back to the 14th century. Due to its unique geographical location near the coast, Bedok used to be populated with many fishing villages and plantations.

Located within Singapore's East Region, Bedok is a mature residential town that was first developed by HDB in the 1970s. Today, Bedok is a bustling residential and commercial hub.

Context and History



Covering a total area of approximately 937 ha, Bedok comprises 8 neighbourhoods, Bedok Town Centre and Kembangan estate. The town will soon expand to include the upcoming Bayshore estate.

Constant upgrading and rejuvenation since the 1970s have transformed Bedok into a bustling town. As part of HDB's Remaking Our Heartland 2011 initiative for the East Coast area, Bedok has undergone comprehensive rejuvenation to keep the town sustainable and vibrant, and meet the needs of its ever-evolving community.

Bedok is well connected to both the city and the East Coast. It is bounded by Paya Lebar Airbase in the north, Tampines in the east, and various landed housing estates in the west and south. The town is well-served by key transport and recreational corridors: 9 Mass Rapid Transit Stations, Pan Island Expressway (PIE) and East Coast Parkway (ECP), as well as cycling networks to different recreational nodes. As an easily accessible town with many connections to East Coast Park, this makes it the ideal "Vibrant Heartland @ the East Coast".

In addition to its proximity to key recreational nodes such as the Bedok Reservoir, Bedok Town Park and East Coast Park, Bedok boasts commercial and community developments such as Bedok Mall and Heartbeat @ Bedok where there is a strong sense of community spirit.

Context and History



Eredia's 1604 map of Singapore showing 'Sunebodo' (now Sungei Bedok)



An example of a Malay 'Bedoh'

Historical Background

The earliest recorded mention of Bedok was in cartographer Manuel Gomes de Eredia's 1604 map of Singapore in which there is a reference to 'Sunebodo', a river better known as Sungei Bedok today. It is one of the early native place names in existence before modern Singapore was founded by Sir Stamford Raffles.

The name 'Bedok' can also be found in the first comprehensive map of Singapore completed by Franklin and Jackson. The place name appears on the southeast coast of the island as a river, Badok S. (Sungei Bedok), around the 'small red cliff', a part of present Tanah Merah.



Map of Singapore by Captain Franklin of the East India Company with the enlarged section showing 'Badok S.' (now Sungei Bedok), 'Large Red Cliff' (now Tanah Merah Besar) and 'Small Red Cliff' (now Tanah Merah Kechil), 1820s

Origins of Bedok

One account of the origin of the name is from the Malay word '*bedoh*', which refers to a large wooden drum, used to issue the Islamic call to prayer or to sound the alarm in the days before loudspeakers were used. There was a prominent mosque at Jalan Bilal that still used the drum about five times a day in the 1950s. The 'h' in the word '*bedoh*' is pronounced as a 'k'.

Another origin theory for the name 'Bedok' traces it to an equally uncommon Malay term '*biduk*', a small fishing boat like the sampan, or more likely, a dugout canoe, as the east coast was dotted with many fishing villages.

Context and History



A *kampung* at Bedok Corner, near today's Bedok Food Centre, early-mid 20th century



A farmer watering his vegetables in Bedok, 1954



Salted fish and *belachan* drying in the sun in Siglap, c. 1970s



Coconut plantation on the East Coast, 1890s

Historical Background

Landuse History

Among the early inhabitants of *Kampung* Siglap, *Kampung* Bedok and other villages along the East Coast were the Orang Laut (“sea people” in Malay). After Singapore was colonised by the British in 1819, Simpang Bedok Village became an ethnically mixed community consisting of Chinese and Malay people.

In the 1800s, a number of *kampungs* (“villages” in Malay) lined the eastern coastline. These were mainly fishing settlements. Villagers who did not take to the sea farmed vegetables and fruit or reared poultry.

After massive reclamation works starting from the 1960s transformed the coastline, the number of fishermen here and in neighbouring *kampungs* dwindled. By 1977, there were under 60 fishermen left in *Kampung* Lim Choo and the *kampung* residents eventually had to relocate.

Coconut Coast

The east was the proud site of Singapore’s coconut plantations since the 1800s. Many plantation owners switched to rubber from 1911, although coconut eventually made a comeback in the 1930s with expanded markets for coconut oil and fresh coconuts.

The plantations made way for residential developments in the 1960s although the coconut palm remains one of the enduring images associated with the East Coast.

Context and History



Vegetable Farm in Ulu Bedoh (now Chai Chee Estate), undated



Kampung houses in the former Jalan Eunos Malay Settlement (now N6), 1981



By the early 1970s, flats like these were built in Chai Chee



The first flats completed in Bedok with N1 in the foreground and N8 at the background, 1974

Historical Background

Housing History

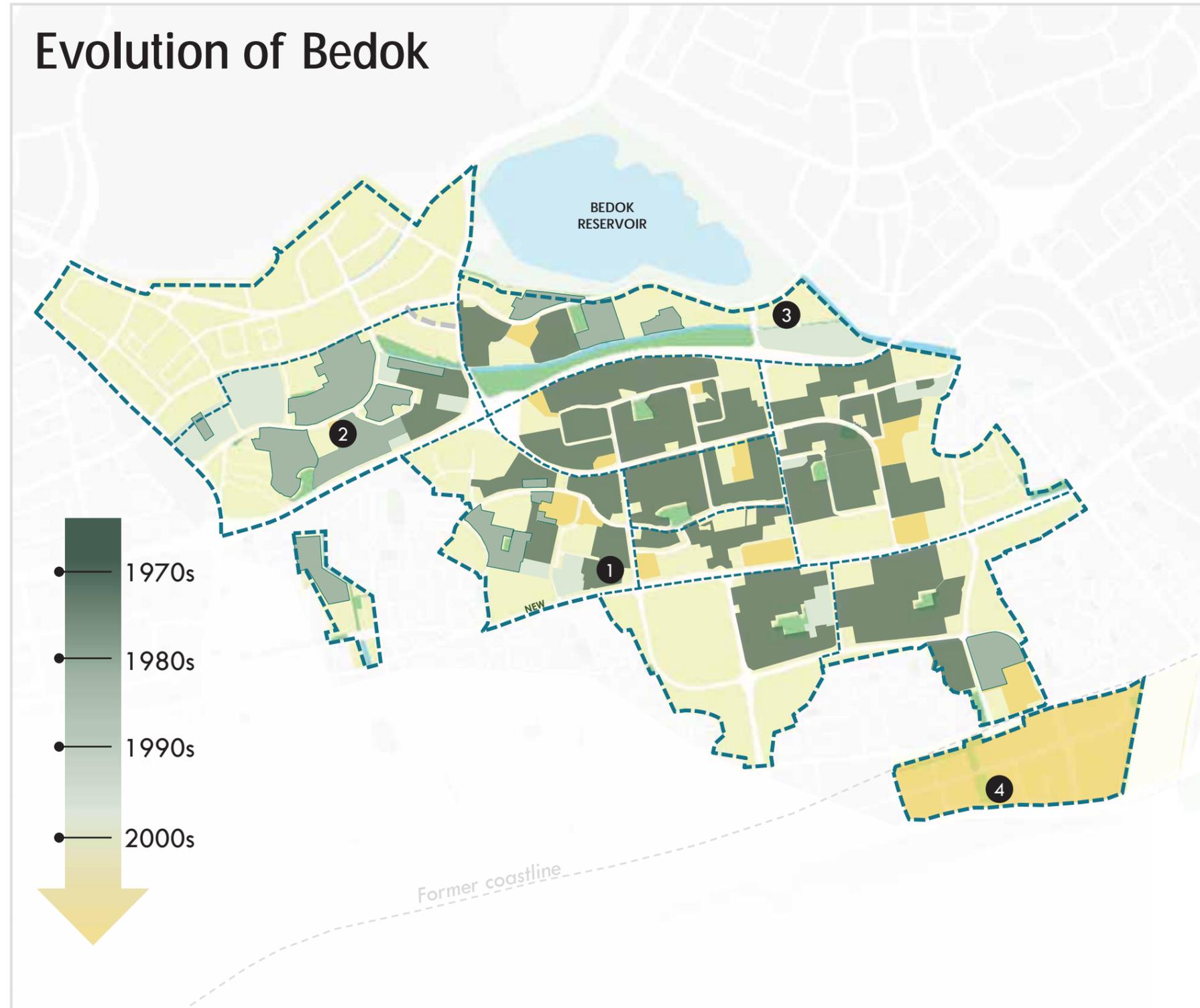
In 1975, public housing development began in Bedok, making Bedok Singapore's fifth self-contained new town. Most early Housing & Development Board (HDB) flats were 3 and 4-room units catering to low and middle-income families who needed new homes due to the redevelopment initiatives back then.

Today, Bedok is home to old and new HDB flats, condominiums and landed properties, interspersed by hawker centres, heritage sites and other amenities that keep the kampong spirit alive.

Bedok's heritage elements such as its sea walls and pavilions stand as strong historical markers demonstrating Singapore's growth from a humble fishing village to the bustling, urban island city it is today.

Context and History

Evolution of Bedok



25-storey point blocks at Blk 33 and 34 Chai Chee Avenue in 1974



The iconic Blk 609 Bedok Reservoir built in 1982 with its rainbow mural facade which has since been repainted



Bedok Reservoir View built in 1999



Artist's impression of Bayshore to be built from the 2020s

1960s

Development of Bedok as a HDB town began in 1962 when HDB undertook a pilot East Coast reclamation scheme using earth excavated from the area.

1970s

Chai Chee (N8) and Bedok South (N1) were the first two public housing estates introduced in 1970s.

1980s

In 1985, Bedok town expanded to include N6, N7 and Kembangan.

1990s

In 1990s, Bedok introduced its first upgrading programme for developments in the 1960s/ 70s.

2010s

Bedok was rejuvenated under HDB's Remaking Our Heartland initiative in 2011.

From 2020s

With the upcoming addition of Bayshore in the 2020s, Bedok continues to grow and transform into a self-sustaining town.

Context and History



Bedok Reservoir is well-loved by residents as a place for recreation and to connect with nature



The heritage panel at Chai Chee reminds residents of its past as an area with many vegetable markets



Stretching across the coast, the Bedok Seawall outlines the original coastal embankment with ornate colonial styled balustrades



The iconic architecture of the Bedok Food Centre reminisces what *kampung* life was like back then



The Bedok Heritage corner has panels designed in the form of Malay fishing boats to reference the town's early history

Heritage and Identity

Our heritage is our legacy that connects us to our past, enriching our sense of place, belonging and identity. The stories from Bedok's rich history is told today through heritage trails, conserved buildings, and other heritage elements.

Some of the key heritage elements that strengthen the identity of Bedok Town include:

- Bedok Reservoir – Created as a result of the sand quarries that supplied the reclamation projects around the island, it is now a destination for many recreational activities
- Chai Chee – An area that used to be famous for its vegetable markets, it was also one of the first HDB neighbourhoods built in Bedok
- Former coastline – Like beacons from the past, old seawalls located in this area speak of the evolution of the East Coast's character and physical landscape
- *Kampung* Bedok – This area, affectionately known to long-time residents as Bedok Corner was formerly a sea-facing village
- The Bedok Heritage Trail by the National Heritage Board (NHB) captures the local landmarks and sites that tell the developmental stories of these areas

Context and History

1 Town Centre Reborn

Since the inception of the rejuvenation plans, the Bedok Town Centre has been transformed into a vibrant hub with the near completion of the various new developments and facilities which includes: Bedok Town Square with Heritage Corner, Heartbeat@Bedok and the rest of Bedok Town Centre.

2 Quality Living Environment

Upgrading works to **enhance the shopping experience** for residents, have been completed for all 8 Neighbourhood Centres (NCs) across Bedok Town

3 Outdoor Play Corridor

The Outdoor Play Corridor completed in July 2018, **provides seamless cycling and pedestrian paths that connect Bedok Town Centre to Bedok Reservoir to the north, and East Coast Park to the south.**

4 Cycling Connectivity

A **comprehensive cycling network** was completed in January 2018 within Bedok Town to allow cycling connectivity to MRT stations, major employment areas, parks, schools and Neighbourhood Centres.

5 Down Memory Lane

Through a heritage trail, residents can **learn about the rich history of the East Coast area as well as the development of Bedok Town.** The trail starts at Bedok Heritage Corner and consists of heritage boards and signages at various points of historical interest. Bedok Heritage Trail is completed in May 2016

6 Active Water Edge

The water edge to the north and east of **Bedok Town can be enlivened through the introduction of new facilities** at Bedok Reservoir Park by National Parks Board (NParks) and enhancement works along Sungei Bedok by PUB.

7 Access to DTL 3

With the opening of the Downtown Line 3 (DTL3) in October 2017, Bedok Town residents now have **better or more convenient access to the Central Business District (CDB), Marina Bay areas and the rest of the island, with significantly shorter travelling time.**

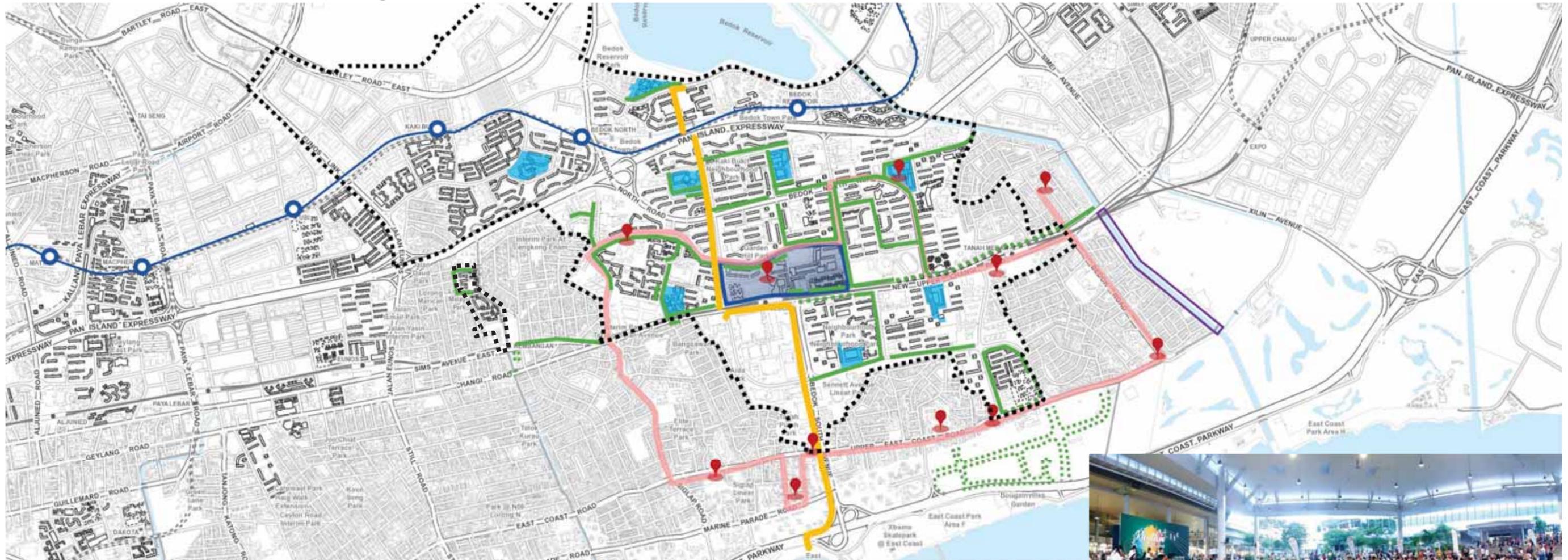
Remaking Our Heartland 2 East Coast Town

Under the ROH plans for East Coast, the overall vision is for this area to be the “Gateway to the East Coast”.

The East Coast area is rejuvenated, focusing on improving homes, revitalising the town centre, and providing more recreational choices, leveraging East Coast’s proximity to two major recreational hubs – Bedok Reservoir Park and East Coast Park.

Context and History

Overview of Remaking Our Heartland 2 Proposals – East Coast



Legend									
	Bedok Town Boundary		Upgrading of NC		Outdoor Play Corridor		Cycling Path – Existing		Bedok Heritage Trail
	Bedok Town Centre		ABC Waters works		DTL station		Cycling Path – Proposed		Heritage Site Marker



Bedok Town Square



Outdoor Play Corridor



Heartbeat@Bedok

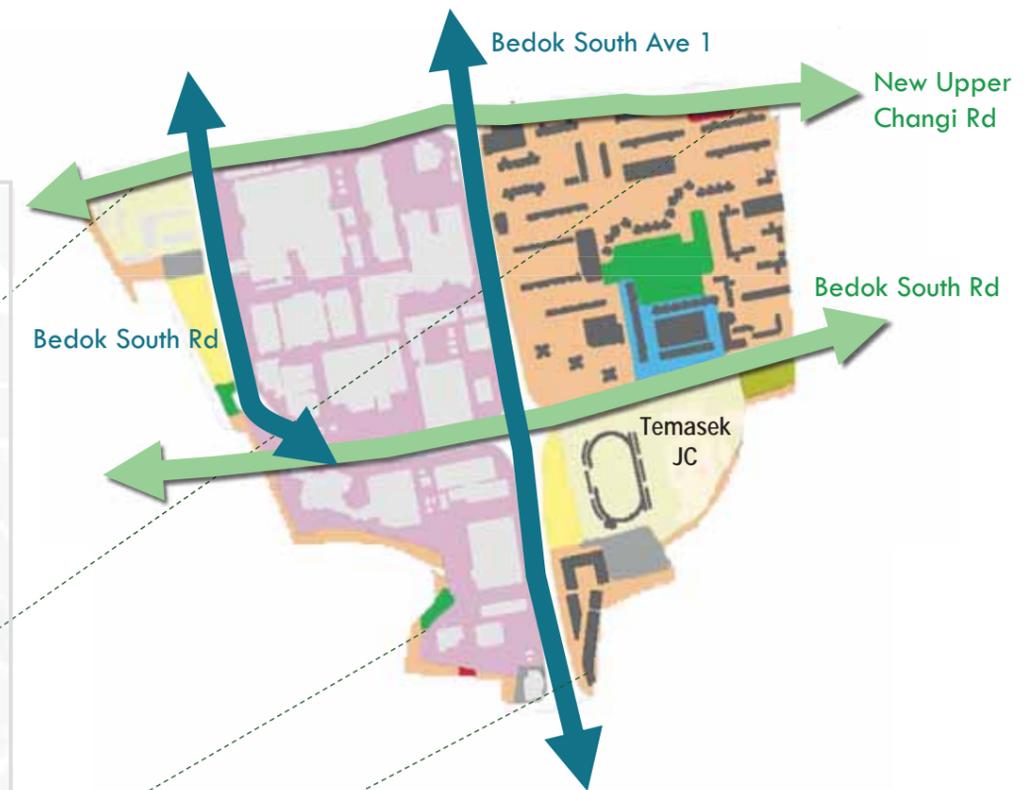
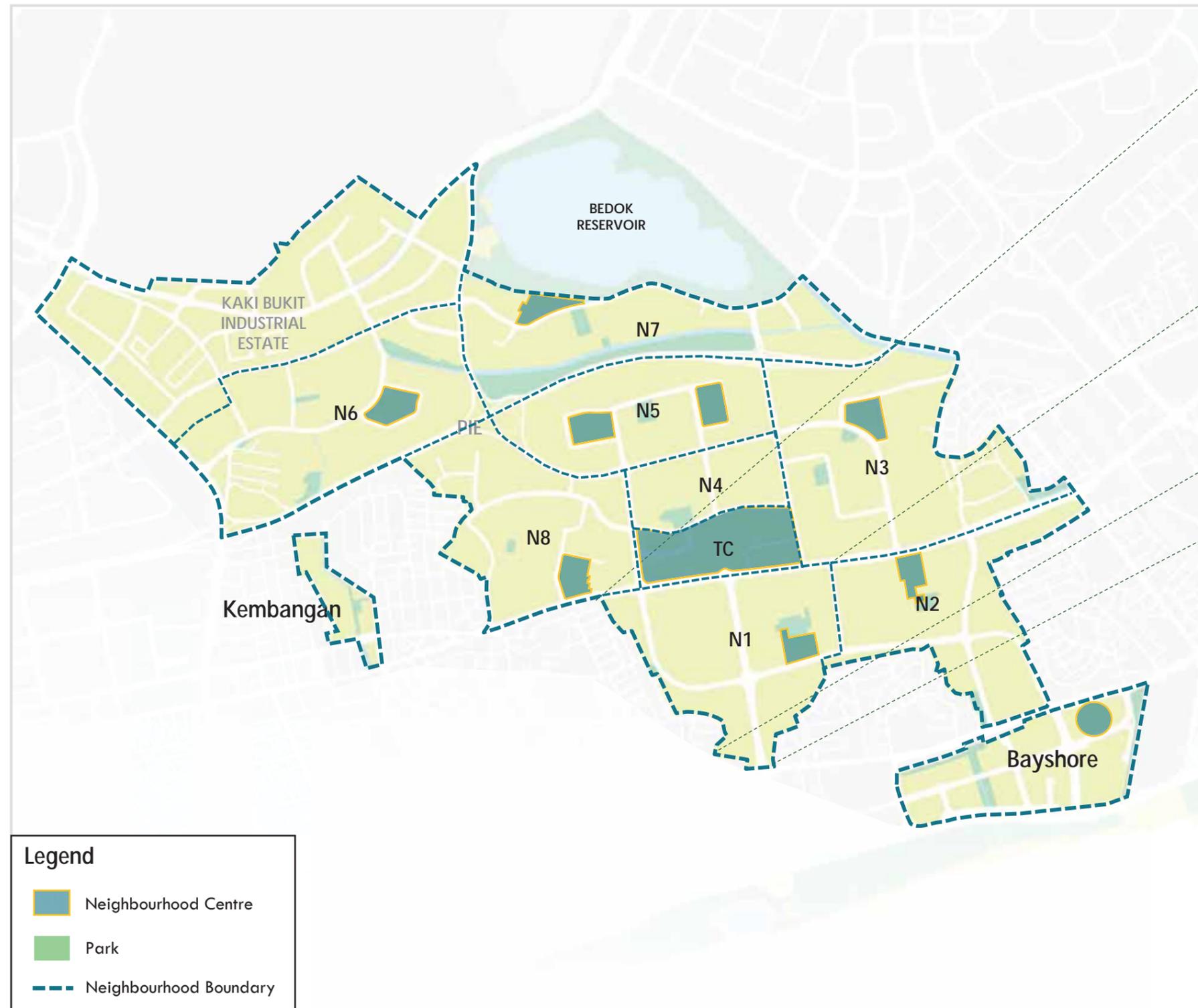


Enhanced Pedestrian Mall



Upgraded N3 Neighbourhood Centre

Planning Principles



Neighbourhood Concept

Bedok has been comprehensively planned based on the neighbourhood concept, to create a self-sufficient environment conducive for living, working, playing, and learning.

Bedok comprises 8 existing neighbourhoods, Bedok Town Centre, Kembangan estate and the upcoming Bayshore estate. Each neighbourhood is well served by a neighbourhood centre and neighbourhood park.

Apart from residential developments, land is also planned and developed for a full range of complementary developments. This includes commercial, educational, recreational, institutional and industrial developments.

Planning Principles



Legend

Expressway	East-West MRT Line
Arterial Road	Downtown MRT Line
Local Road	Thomson-East Coast MRT Line
	Thomson-East Coast MRT Line - (U/C)
	Bus Interchange

Transport Network

Bedok town is well served by the East-West and Downtown MRT lines, as well as a Bus Interchange, which allows residents to stay well connected to the surrounding areas.

As the town develops, new MRT stations along the Thomson-East Coast Line will be opened to add greater connectivity to the area.

Transport and infrastructure are also planned based on a hierarchy.

The precincts and blocks in Bedok are served by local access roads, usually identified by the term ‘Street’, and the neighbourhoods in Bedok are served by arterial roads, usually identified by the terms ‘Avenue’ or ‘Road’.

In Bedok, the arterial roads have the words ‘North’ or ‘South’ in their names, to describe their location with respect to New Upper Changi Road which serves as the main arterial road running through the middle of the town.

The avenues and roads connect to the Pan Island Expressway (PIE) and East Coast Parkway (ECP), which link to the east and other parts of Singapore.

Town Theme and Concept



Aerial View of Bedok, with Bedok Reservoir and the East Coast in the background

Bedok is a distinctive town with strong urban character, abundant green and blue spaces and rich history and heritage. Different key elements define Bedok's character such as the reservoir/ quarry, the vibrant *kampung* spirit, and its close proximity to East Coast. The town theme highlights the prominence of Bedok's location as the key entry into the East region from the rest of Singapore, as well as from East Coast Park.

Town Theme:

Vibrant Heartland @ the East Coast

Concept and design considerations to be inspired by Bedok's close relationship with the East Coast.



Reservoir

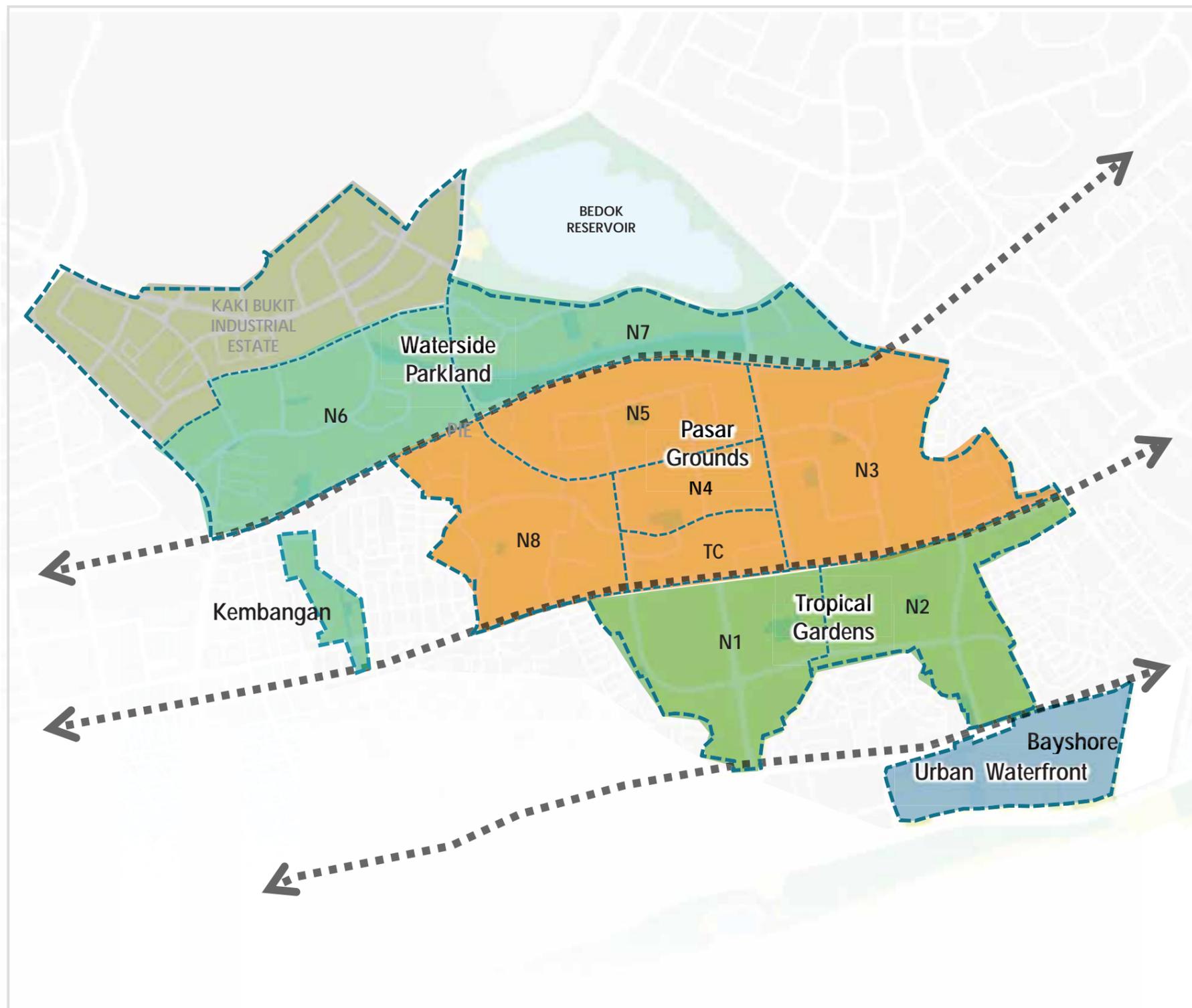


Kampung Spirit



East Coast

Town Theme and Concept



Sub-Themes by Area

Bedok is divided into 4 different areas, and their sub-themes are identified based on existing context, such as social and physical features that are prevalent within the different areas.

Waterside Parkland – Bedok (North)

Originally a quarry, Bedok Reservoir brings about a quieter and tranquil “lakeside” atmosphere. This neighbourhood is also served by a number of major parks spaces in Bedok and park connectors leading from Bedok Reservoir into Bedok Town.

Pasar Grounds – Bedok (Central)

This area had many vegetable roadside hawker stalls in the past that eventually became a market. It is now home to 4 NCs and the Town Centre, continuing its role as the serving as the key destination and marketplace in the heart of Bedok.

Tropical Gardens – Bedok (South)

The rich and fertile soil in the area led to many coconut plantations being established here. As it originally used to front the sea, many coastal plants like palms and sea almonds still remain within the landscape, with additional touch of the community gardens in the area with tropical fruit plants adding to the ‘garden’ theme.

Urban Waterfront – Bedok (Bayshore)

The Bayshore area was primarily sand and mudflats and subsequently reclaimed in 1966. Located right along the edge of East Coast Park, this is a new area within Bedok that would focus on the experience of living in an urban, vibrant environment that is close to the waters. With this, we could leverage on these unique assets of Bayshore to create an imageable estate with a distinct identity (focused on response to the street, response to greenery and its coastal location).

Pedestrian and Cycling Connectivity



A comprehensive network of park connectors and cycling paths has been planned within Bedok Town.

This map provides a useful reference when planning pedestrian connectivity and accessibility to local key nodes such as commercial centres and transport facilities, as well as key recreational corridors like the Outdoor Play Corridor and the future Central Green Corridor.

There are also multiple north-south park connectors drawing cyclists and pedestrians from Bedok Reservoir to East Coast Park. This includes the Outdoor Play Corridor, which was implemented as part of East Coast ROH to enhance the user experience with nodal points to rest and learn about the history of each area. Other connections in the north-south direction include Siglap and Bedok Park connectors and Bedok nature ways.

Future developments should consider how to respond to the planned network, and opportunistically address gaps in pedestrian and cycling connectivity.

Parks and Waterbodies



Bedok town has many green and blue assets. The key green space is the Bedok Town Park, and the town is also next to major parks like Bedok Reservoir and East Coast Park. At the neighbourhood scale, there are also smaller neighbourhood parks for residents' daily recreational use.

In addition, existing and proposed Nature Ways connect green spaces to the urban community. This creates immediate habitats and brings nature closer to Bedok's residents through forest-inspired layers of trees and shrubs that facilitate the movement of animals like birds and butterflies. They also serve as recreational corridors that connect between green spaces, creating a green and lively streetscape. NParks' Central Green Corridor will further add to both recreational and biodiversity connectivity once completed.

These spaces are valuable green assets of the town and future developments are encouraged to respond in a sensitive manner.

Key Corridors



This map depicts the following key corridors in the town:

1. **Outdoor Play Corridor** linking Bedok Reservoir through the Town Centre and southwards to East Coast Park along Bedok North Ave 1 and Bedok South Ave 1.
2. **Siglap Park Connector** extending towards Paya Lebar Airbase and along Siglap Canal to East Coast Park.
3. **Central Green Corridor** running along New Upper Changi Road and connecting East Coast Park to Changi Beach Park.
4. **URA's Historic East Identity Corridor** along Upper East Coast Road with walking and cycling enhancements under study by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). The area will also include future parks and Transit Priority Corridor at Bayshore (see [link](#) for more info).

Key Corridors are distinctive corridors that contribute to way-finding, orientation and imageable identity for the town. They typically serve vehicular circulation, encourage active mobility and have high walkability, as part of the ongoing move towards being car-lite.

Adjacent developments can consider using design strategies to respond, connect or engage with the key corridors, to strengthen the corridor's character and enhance connectivity in the town.

Key Corridor: Play Corridor



Entrance to Bedok Town Park

As part of East Coast ROH, a key corridor was implemented to facilitate cycling connectivity between Bedok Reservoir and East Coast Park, weaving through 4 neighbourhoods and the town centre in the heart of Bedok.

Pockets of thematic recreational nodes are planted along the play corridor, engaging all generations through different themes while highlighting the unique history and characteristics of each area.

New developments along the Play Corridor could:

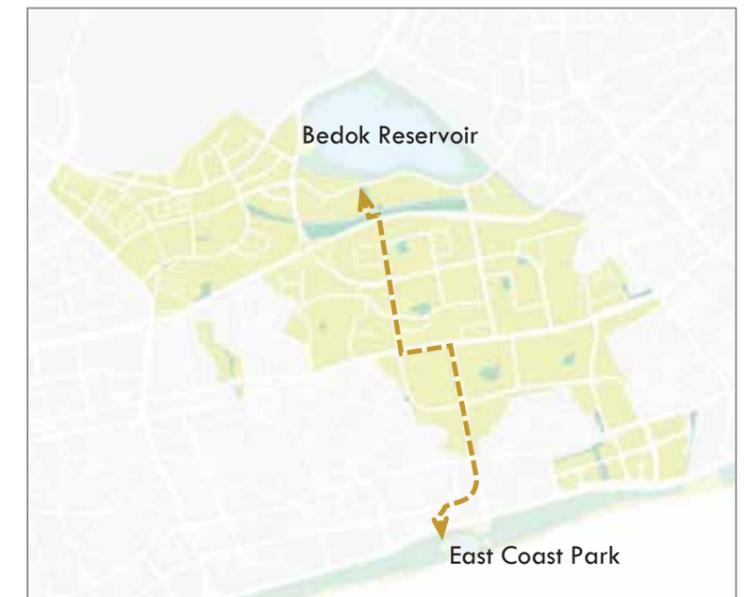
- Introduce active public spaces fronting the Play Corridor to contribute to the recreational use of the corridor
- Create clear and direct access and wayfinding to the recreational nodes along the Play Corridor



Nodal space "The Hill" at Blk 538 Neighbourhood Centre



Nodal space "The Wind Valley" at junctions of New Upper Changi Road and Bedok North Ave 1



Key Corridor: Siglap Park Connector



Linear park next to Kampung Kembangan Community Club



View towards Kembangan MRT



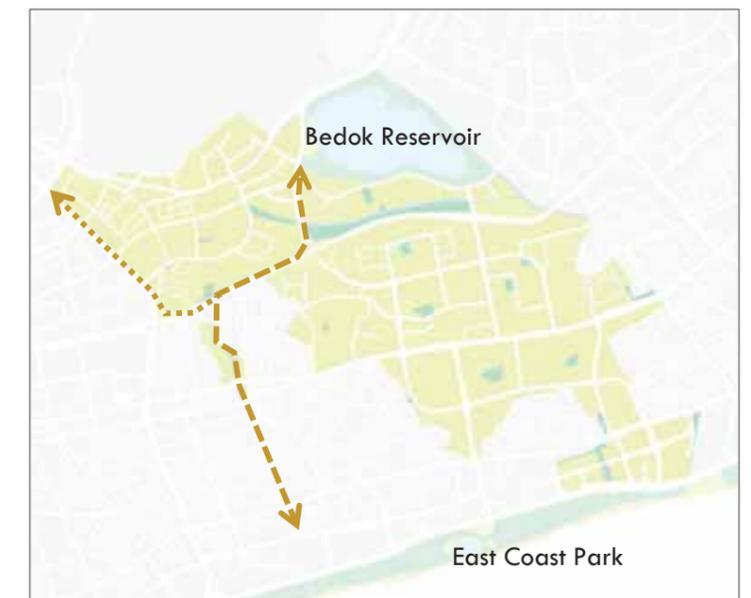
Park connector along Lengkok Tiga

Siglap Park Connector currently connects East Coast Park to Tampines Park connector (Bedok Reservoir) through Siglap Canal and Bedok Town Park Connector.

In the longer term, Siglap Park Connector will also extend to connect to the future development at Paya Lebar Airbase.

New developments along Siglap Park Connector should:

- Respond to the lush green corridor
- Relate to the features (i.e. lush landscaping and amenities) along Siglap Park Connector
- Provide social communal facilities to front Siglap park connector to activate it



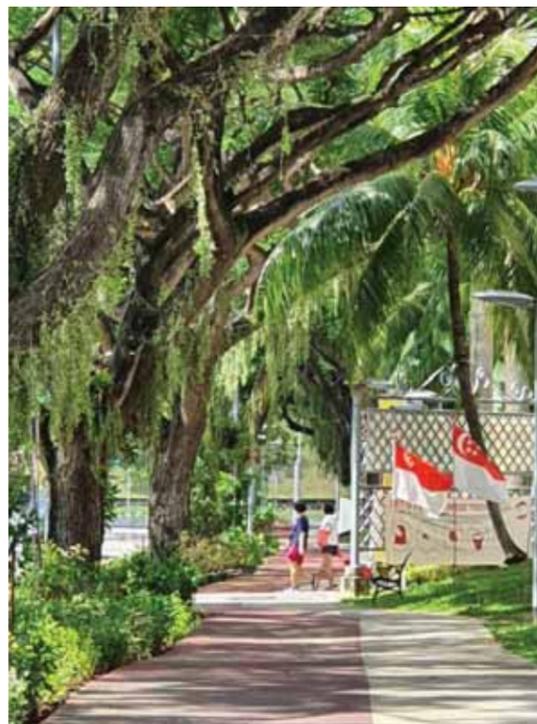
Key Corridor: East Coast Central Green Corridor



Artist's impression of Urban Coastal planting scheme along Upper Changi Road East



Rain Trees at Bedok South Road, Bedok South Ave 1

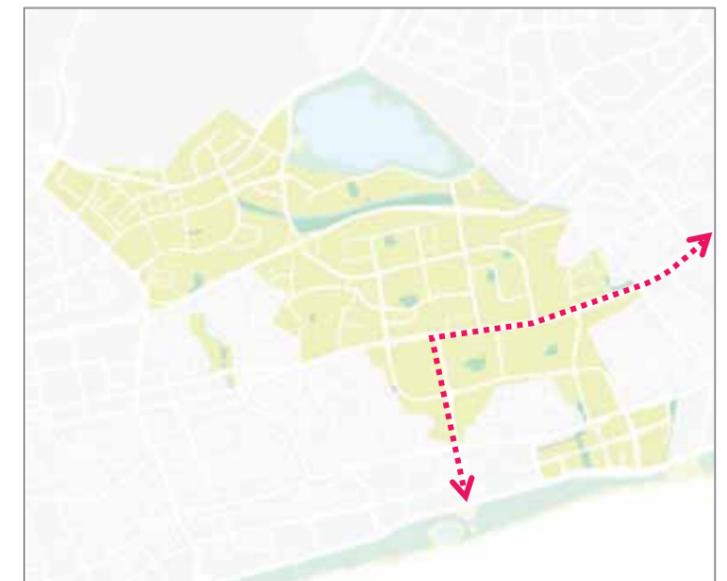


Central Green Corridor alignment

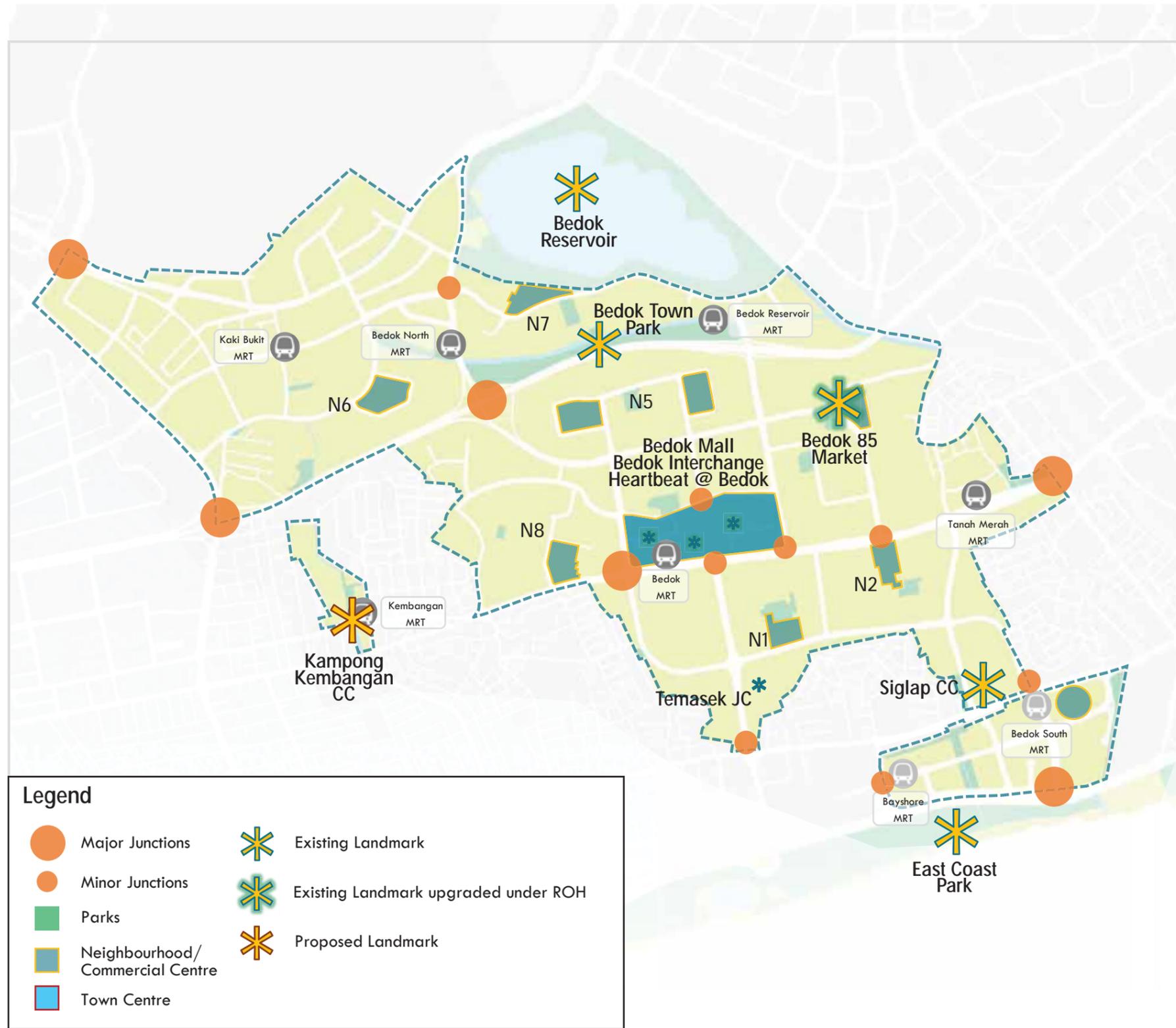
NParks announced a new 15km Central Green Corridor in Sep 2020 that will connect East Coast Park to Changi Beach Park. The stretch of the corridor within Bedok is themed 'Urban Coastal'. By taking historical cues from Tanah Merah's red cliffs, coastal colours would be introduced to inject vibrancy along this green corridor.

New developments along the Central Green Corridor should:

- Adopt landscaping to complement the walking and cycling experience, taking reference from NParks' suggested planting scheme with key species such as *Kleinhovia hospita* (Bataria Teak), *Terminalia catappa* (Sea Almond), and *Tabebuia rosea* (Trumpet Tree)
- Social communal facilities could be explored to be lined along the corridor to activate human flow
- Building massing could also respond sensitively by lowering the scale towards the Corridor, or to create pocket parks that serve as extensions of the corridor



Key Nodes and Junctions



Key nodes are areas that have community-related spaces and/or commercial facilities that attract users, such as parks, commercial centres and community centres.

Some key nodes are also landmarks that residents feel strongly represent Bedok, such as Bedok Reservoir, Bedok Town Park, Heartbeat @ Bedok, East Coast Park and some key neighbourhood centres. These spaces contribute to a sense of town identity and new developments should respond to these nodes through strategies such as visual and pedestrian connectivity and architectural approach etc.

Key junctions mark major navigational points and gateways between neighbourhoods and near key nodes. Adjacent developments can adopt corner treatments to further define these junctions as visual reference points in the town.



Heartbeat @ Bedok



Siglap Community Centre @ Bedok South Horizon

Heritage Elements



Named 'Drummers' Delight', this mural art showcases the 'bedoh' drum imagery across 2 flights of stairs and the top planter



Murals at Bedok South and Bedok North recount a simpler way of life and reveal how the town has developed over time



The design of the ship playground at Bedok North Vale reflects the area's maritime history



The Bedok Heritage Trail tells the transformative journey of Bedok and the East Coast from its ancient days when Orang Laut fleets looked upon the red cliffs of Tanah Merah, to the present day

Heritage Interpretation

Heritage interpretation is a means through which the unique history of the site can be communicated and brought alive for different audiences.

These elements should be designed with the following considerations:

- Visually delightful and engaging, giving new life to historical narratives
- Well integrated within the development and prominently located along key pedestrian routes, nodal spaces or within the precinct green.
- Easily appreciated by different age groups
- Accompanied by short text descriptors or captions to explain the historical inspiration

Examples of heritage interpretation elements could include, but are not limited to:

- Murals
- Photo walls
- Thematic playgrounds
- Street furniture
- Wayfinding elements
- Architectural design of the building form, facade or interior spaces

Refer to [URA's 'Do It Right Guide for Heritage Interpretation'](#) for more examples.

Art Elements



15 paintings of different Olympic sports in commemoration of the 2010 Youth Olympic Games adorn the walls of several blocks across Bedok Reservoir



77 year-old Uncle Sim created this mural in front of Bedok Block 25 using discarded bottle caps contributed by the East Coast Community, making the space more colourful and vibrant



A single red hibiscus adorns the facade of a block of flats in Bedok South



Heritage murals at Blk 40 Bedok South Road

Art elements add delight and help to foster a sense of belonging. To strengthen the identity and memorability of the town, art elements can take reference from the context of the town and site, e.g. history, environment and town/ sub-themes, where applicable, and consider engaging residents and local artists to create the artworks.

Broad Landscape Theme



The landscape theme corresponds to and reinforces the four sub-themes with gradual transition from the inland zone towards the coastal zone.

Waterside Parkland – Waterside Greenfield Park (Neighbourhood 6, 7, and Kembangan)

Parks and precinct greens in this neighbourhood have large open lawns, mature trees and park facilities. The landscape focuses on the character and function of lawns in a park setting.

Pasar Grounds – Pasar Pocket Park (Neighbourhoods 3, 4, 5 and 8)

With 4 NCs and the Town Centre, this area is a vibrant and lively neighbourhood. The open spaces are urbanised with high human traffic where large paved areas are necessary. The landscape theme is meant to enhance the space quality through the creation of Pocket Parks.

Tropical Gardens – Kampung Plantation Garden (Neighbourhoods 1 and 2)

With a history of kampung plantations and many existing community gardens in the neighbourhood, the landscape theme aims to highlight its heritage, through both edible and ornamental tropical plants.

Urban Waterfront – Tropical Resort Garden (Bayshore)

The landscape vision for this urban, vibrant environment near the waterfront is a laidback resort setting with a coastal garden character.

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Sub-themes and Concept



Sub-themes are based on existing context, such as social and physical features, that are prevalent within the different areas.

4 Distinct Areas

Based on the prevalent characteristics, the 4 areas are given specific sub-themes which also relate to the overall Bedok town theme of Vibrant Heartland @ the East Coast.

Developments in each area can take reference from both the Bedok town theme and the corresponding sub-theme in their concept and design. This will help to strengthen the identity of each area:

- **Waterside Parkland: Bedok (North)**
Neighbourhoods 6, 7 and Kembangan
- **Pasar Grounds: Bedok (Central)**
Neighbourhoods 3, 4, 5, 8 and Town Centre
- **Tropical Gardens: Bedok (South)**
Neighbourhoods 1 and 2
- **Urban Waterfront: Bedok (Bayshore)**

Neighbourhood Scale Layers

Each of the neighbourhood scale layers should take into consideration the respective sub-themes, in order to create a strong and coherent identity for each area.

Form and Massing

Form and massing can be designed based on the sub-themes and site context to create urban landscapes and landmarks.

Streetscape and Urban Edge

Paying careful attention to the design and treatment of the streetscape can enhance the experience of the users moving along a street or through a space.

Examples of streetscape treatment:

- Forms that front the street
- Street level activities
- Landscaping and shelters
- Pocket spaces along the street
- Pedestrian-friendly connections

Facade and Roofscape

The facade and roofscape of a development are distinct elements of its architectural design. When different developments in areas such spaces include community plazas, precinct greens, and areas with facilities, with reference from the sub-theme, it can contribute to the identity of the area.

Public Spaces

To encourage social interaction and community bonding, public spaces can be designed to be welcoming and vibrant. Such spaces include community plazas, and areas with facilities.

Landscape Approach

The use of plants, as defined by planting concepts and strategies, strengthens the identity of a precinct and neighbourhood. The shape, form and colour of plants can also assist in defining a space through repetition and scale.

As each thematic area is made up of varying extents of vacant land and existing developments, the Neighbourhood Scale Layers will be customised to suit the needs of each area.

Where there are sizeable areas with the opportunity for development, all the neighbourhood scale layers will apply.

Where areas are predominantly made up of existing developments, the emphasis can be in the design of public spaces.

Neighbourhood Scale Layers

Colour Palette

Colours can greatly enhance identity. Used consistently across precincts, colour palettes can help to reinforce the identity of an area. The suggested colour palette for each area in a town draws reference from its sub-theme. It consists of:

- **Primary Colours**
Unify the identity of the town, and form the main base of the colour scheme (55–70% of painted area)
- **Secondary Colours**
Complement the primary colours (20–30% of painted area)
- **Accent Colours**
Highlight certain architectural features on facades (such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.) and precinct facilities (10–15% of painted area)

Application of Colour Palettes

For the colour scheme of each development, it is recommended to use:

- Building Facades: 2 primary colours, 1 or more secondary colour(s), and 1 or more accent colour(s)
- Precinct Facilities: 1 or more accent colour(s)



Examples of the application of colour palettes on facades

Neighbourhood Scale Layers

Summary of Colour Palettes for Bedok

Based on the 'Vibrant Heartland @ East Coast' town theme, the suggested colour palettes of the various neighbourhoods in Bedok take inspiration from the town's distinctive urban character, rich history and key physical features. Please refer to each area for the details of its suggested colour palette.



Bedok (North)
Waterside Parkland

Bedok (Central)
Pasar Grounds (West)

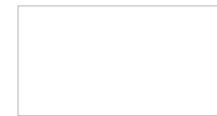
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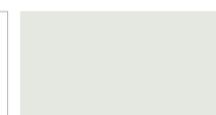
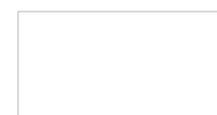
Primary Colours



Secondary Colours



Accent Colours



Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland



Siglap Park Connector



Activities at Bedok Reservoir



Aerial view of Bedok Reservoir, the distinctive red roofs of the Reservoir Village Neighbourhood Centre and N6 and N7

Sub-theme and Concept

As part of the East Coast Reclamation Scheme from the 1960s, large amounts of sand was excavated and the resultant quarry is now Bedok Reservoir. Today, its greenery and tranquil waters define the serene environment of this area where many gather to exercise or relax. Within the housing estates, an intimate courtyard building typology fosters community bonding and ownership. As part of ROH, an iconic recreational corridor, the Outdoor Play Corridor, was introduced connecting Bedok Reservoir to East Coast Park through Bedok Town Park.



QUARRY	SPORTS	HEALTH
PARKS	Waterside Parkland	TRANQUIL
WATER		ACTIVE
RECREATION	RESERVOIR	

Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland



Sub-theme and Concept

Planning and Design Considerations

- Creating a porous ground level to allow for more greenery to permeate through the housing precincts, in the form of green connections (such as lushly planted footpaths, cycling paths, natureways, etc) that extend from the waterfront and parks
- Encourage an active lifestyle by enhancing the quality of the cycling environment – this can be done through lining pedestrian paths with 3Gen facilities and active spaces that are conducive for community gathering and bonding

Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland



Courtyard spaces at Blks 126–127 Bedok Reservoir Road



Plaza at Reservoir Village facing Bedok Reservoir



PUB's Active, Beautiful, Clean Water initiative at Kembangan

Public Spaces

- Introduce lushly landscaped public spaces fronting nature ways and key connectivity corridors to enhance the experience of staying near the waterside and parks
- Create intimate landscaped courtyard spaces within housing clusters, branching off from the nature corridors to encourage communal bonding

Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland

Colour Palette

Inspired by the reflections of water at sunset across Bedok Reservoir, the secondary and accent colours feature varying shades of blues and yellows, mimicking the shimmering effect on the water. This is complemented by a base of white tones.

Primary Colours

Unify the identity of the area, and form the main base of the colour scheme
(choose both primary colours)



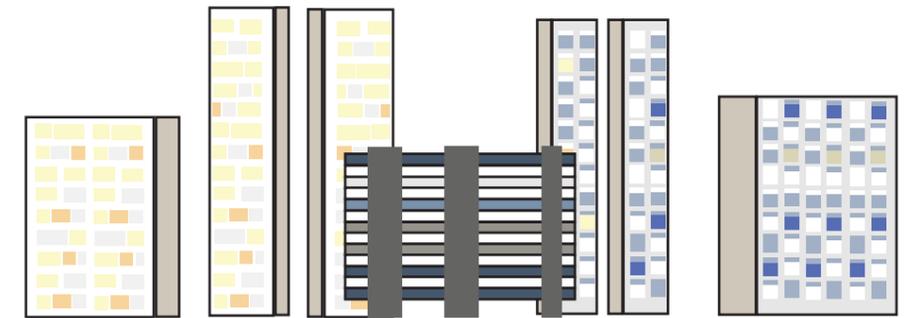
Secondary Colours

Complement the primary base colours
(choose 1 or more secondary colours)



Accent Colours

Highlight certain architectural features, such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.
(choose 1 or more accent colours)



Artist's impression of reflections of sunset colours on facades

Facade and Roofscape

- To relate to the historical sand quarry that formed the reservoir, the facade design could express stepped patterns
- Consider the use of alternating facade rhythms that express the strata of the quarry
- Consider sandstone textures and stacked geometries to express the qualities of the quarry



Stepped patterns in the facade (example from artist's impression of Rivervale Shores)

Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland



Trees with seasonal blossom at open field for visual interest in Bedok Town Park



From left: *Tabebuia rosea*, *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*, *Pometia pinnata*, *Cynometra lenticellata*, and *Dendrolobium umbellatum*

Landscape Approach

HDB estates in the Bedok Reservoir area have a simple planting approach, featuring mature trees and open lawns. The approach introduces flowering trees in open fields for seasonal delight and framing views with colorful feature trees. This adds visual interest and creates a distinctive landscape character for the area.

Planting Concept: Creation of seasonal landscape via feature trees

Planting Strategy: Addition of feature trees with distinctive flowers or foliage at open lawns

Suggested Tree Species

The following list is intended as a guide for tree species selection and is not meant to be restrictive.

Datum Tree*

- *Tabebuia rosea* (Trumpet Tree)

Trees species with ornamental flowers

- *Lagerstroemia floribunda*/*Lagerstroemia speciosa*
- *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*

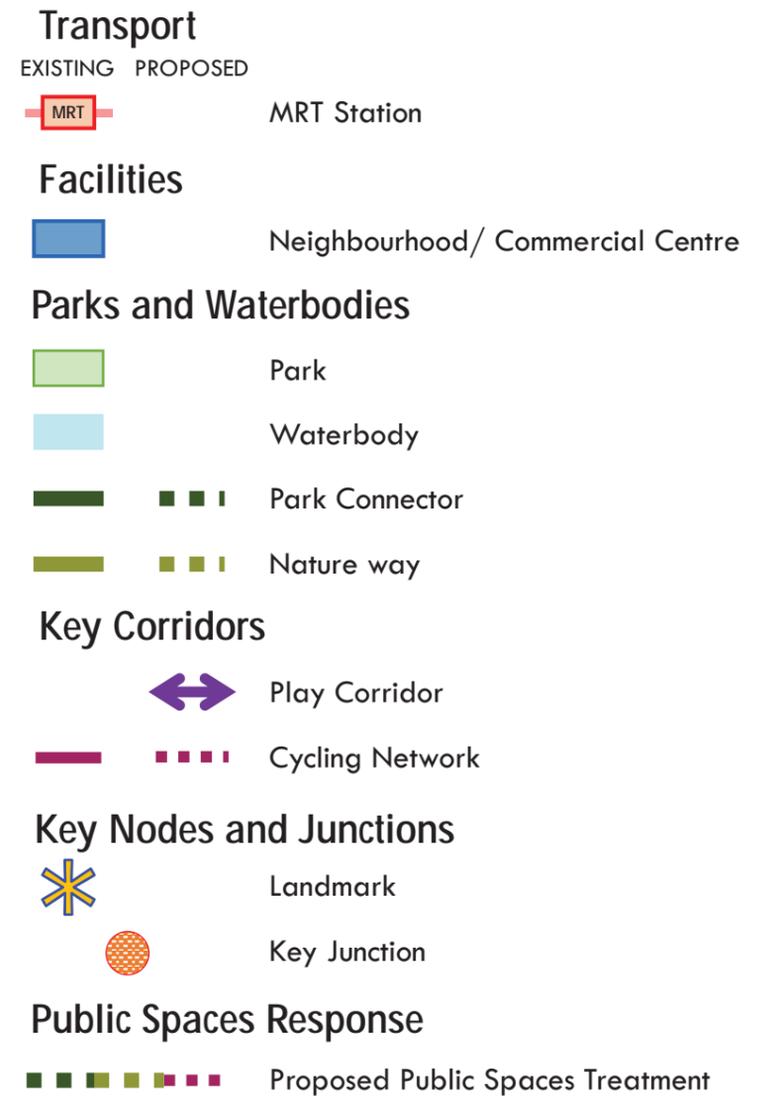
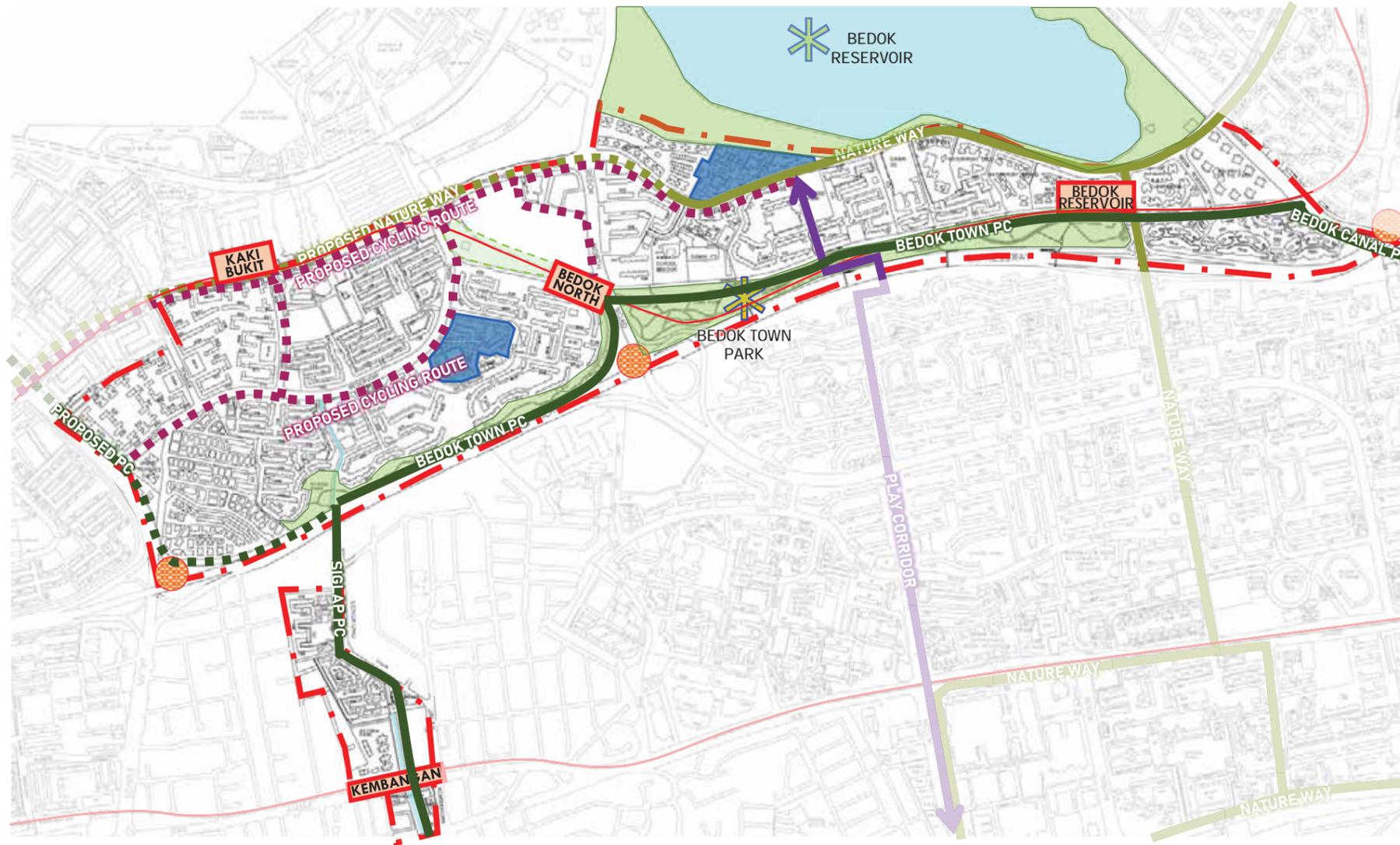
Trees with colourful foliage

- *Pometia pinnata*
- *Cynometra lenticellata*
- *Amesiodendron chinense*
- *Dendrolobium umbellatum*

*Datum tree shall be planted where large planting spaces are available, e.g. in areas with large lawn or open field

Bedok (North) – Waterside Parkland

Overview of Key Urban Design Considerations



Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds



Heartbeat@Bedok, completed as part of East Coast ROH, provides many spaces for community bonding and social interaction



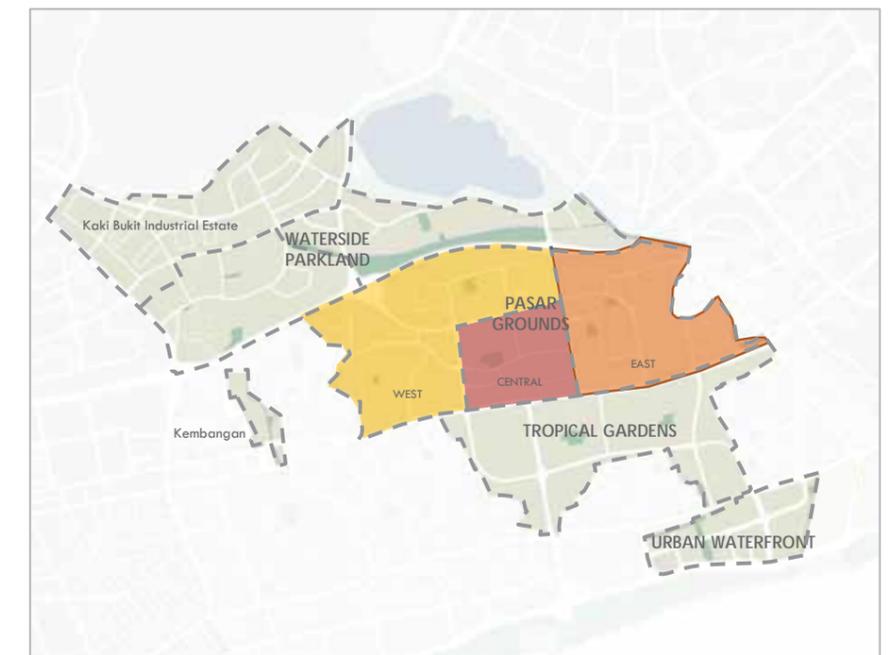
The rejuvenated pedestrian mall in Bedok Town Centre has improved paving and landscaping to attract pedestrians



Bedok Interchange Hawker Centre is a popular spot for residents to gather and enjoy meals together

Sub-theme and Concept

These neighbourhoods form the heart of Bedok where the town centre is. It is also home to many popular markets and hawker centres, a reminder of its early beginnings as a vegetable market where farmers from surrounding areas peddled their produce. The Malay word *pasar* means 'market' and references this history. Thus, developments here are encouraged to have activity-generating uses fronting key corridors to create a welcoming and bustling streetscape.



SHOPS
CHARMING
STREETS
COMMUNITY
FOOD
Pasar Grounds
SOCIAL
ANCHOR
INTERACTION
ACTIVE
PASAR
MARKET

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds



Sub-theme and Concept

Planning and Design Considerations

- The Town Centre in Pasar Grounds (Central) should continue to attract residents with spaces for community activities and gatherings.
- Extending from the town centre, neighbourhood centres and streets are to be lined with outward facing shops and other activities at the ground level to provide a vibrant street level experience for pedestrians.
- The pedestrian paths through the shops and malls should also be designed to facilitate comfortable walking experience

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds



The Bedok Town Square and pedestrian mall in Bedok Town Centre are lined with greenery and sheltered areas to provide respite from the weather

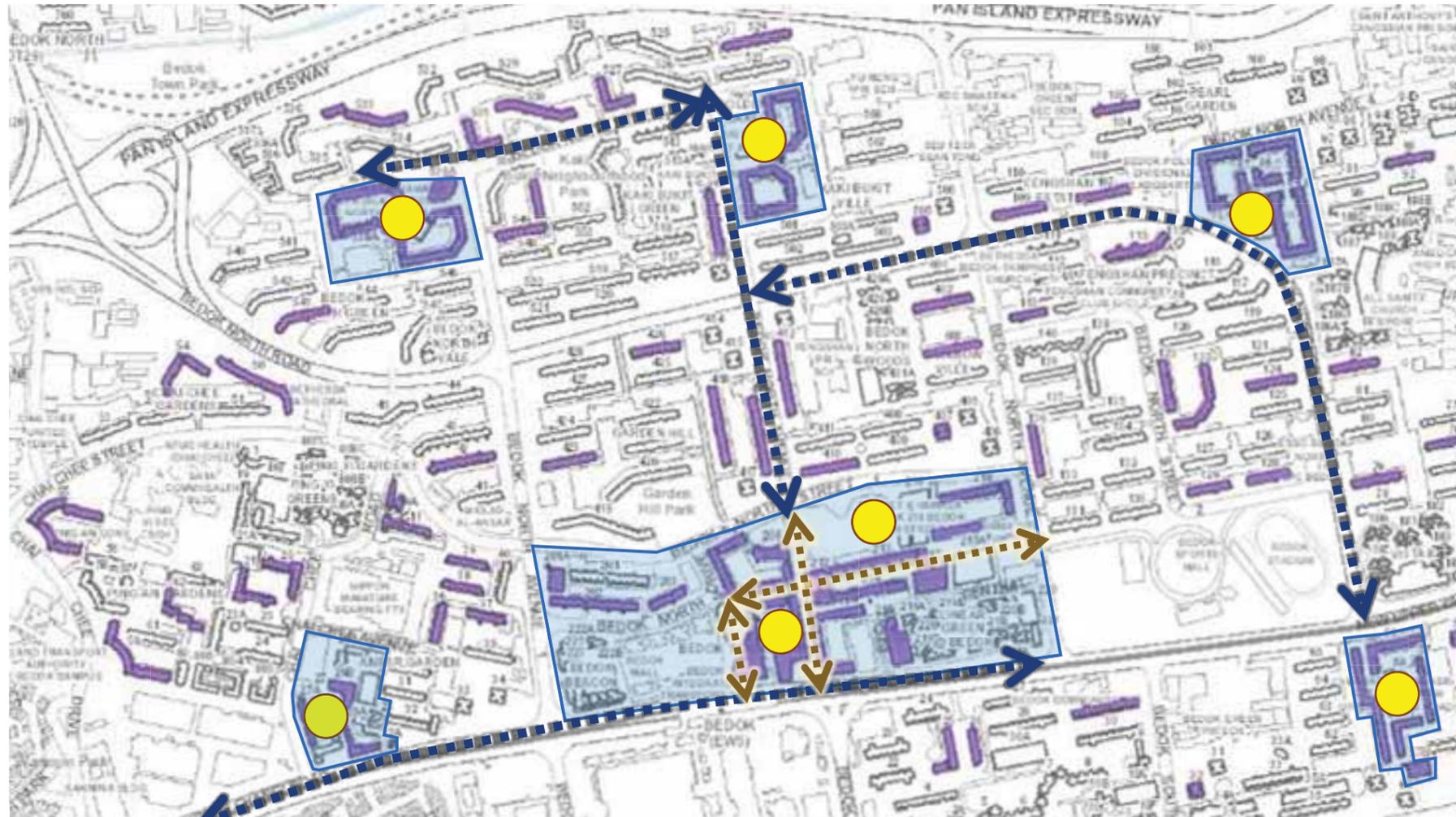


Vegetable motifs along footpaths in Chai Chee

Public Spaces

- Activate existing public spaces by locating activity generating uses (such as commercial, child care centres, etc.) close by
- Public spaces that would generate footfall can also be located fronting the streets or key pedestrian thoroughfare to activate the streetscape
- Incorporate nostalgic elements that reference the area's past history of vegetable markets
- Provide greenery and shelter, to create shaded and comfortable environments that encourages pedestrian activity at the street level

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds



Extensive 1st storey commercial uses located at blocks and Town Centre/ Neighbourhood Centre fronting the main roads, forming commercial corridors



Street-fronting lower blocks at Bedok Beacon

LEGEND

- HDB with 1st floor commercial
- Active Streets
- Pedestrian Mall
- Town/ Neighbourhood Centre
- Hawker Centre/ Market

Streetscape and Urban Edge

- Introduce active uses and reinforce urban edge along pedestrian mall and active streets, for example through adding outdoor refreshment areas outside eating houses and F&B areas
- Ensure seamless connectivity along the pedestrian mall and active streets, for clear and direct wayfinding, and introduce landscaping and shelters where possible for pedestrian comfort
- Blocks fronting the pedestrian mall could be lower to achieve pedestrian scale datum and create a more friendly urban environment

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds (West)

Colour Palette

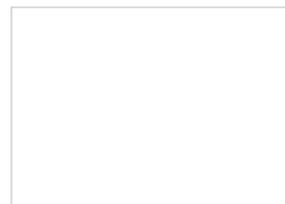
The suggested colour palette consists of green and brown shades inspired by the colours of the historical vegetable markets in Chai Chee.

Facade and Roofscape

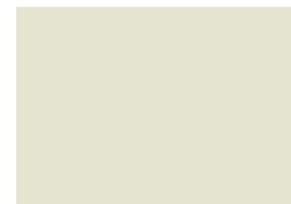
- Simple blocks can be contrasted with the playful weaving patterns on the facade that are abstracted from the geometry of baskets
- Consider the use of organic motifs and patterns to create a sense of adventure and discovery that one experienced in the markets

Primary Colours

Unify the identity of the area, and form the main base of the colour scheme
(choose both primary colours)



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BS 12 B 15

Secondary Colours

Complement the primary base colours
(choose 1 or more secondary colours)



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Accent Colours

Highlight certain architectural features, such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.

(choose 1 or more accent colours)



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Earthy tones of greens, beige and brown found in elements commonly found in markets



Green accents in Bedok North Vale



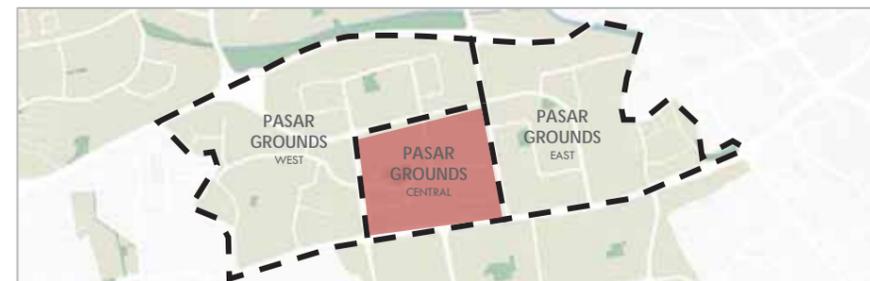
Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds (Central)

Colour Palette

The suggested colour palette has a base of white and greys that give a contemporary urban vibe. This is contrasted against the accents of red and brown brick-like accents that reminisce the older brick buildings in the area.

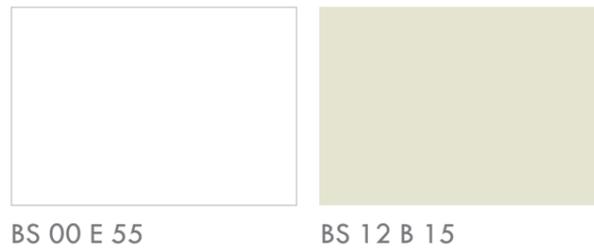
Facade and Roofscape

- Simple blocks can be contrasted with the playful weaving patterns on the facade that are abstracted from the geometry of baskets
- Consider the use of leaf motifs and patterns to create a sense of adventure and discovery that one experiences in the markets



Primary Colours

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Secondary Colours

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Accent Colours

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The social communal building in Bedok Beacon has a brick-like shade, referencing the older brick blocks in the area



Rich brown and dark grey accents in Bedok North Woods

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds (East)

Colour Palette

The suggested colour palette for this area has warm shades of beiges, reds, and salmon orange, to create a sense of warmth and excitement.

Facade and Roofscape

- Simple blocks can be contrasted with the playful weaving patterns on the facade that are abstracted from the geometry of baskets
- Consider the use of plant motifs and patterns to create a sense of adventure and discovery that one experiences in the markets



Primary Colours

Unify the identity of the area, and form the main base of the colour scheme
(choose both primary colours)



Secondary Colours

Complement the primary base colours
(choose 1 or more secondary colours)



Accent Colours

Highlight certain architectural features, such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.
(choose 1 or more accent colours)



Warm shades of salmon red in a neighbourhood



Shades of beige and salmon reds on blocks at Bedok North Road

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds



Canopy trees and layers of vegetation to create cozy landscape seating niches at Bedok Town Centre



From left: *Libidibia ferra*; *Cratoxylum cochinchinense*, *Cynometra browneoides*, *Tecoma stans*

Landscape Approach

Interesting landscaped spaces can be introduced as seating and meeting points around various scales of marketplaces/ activity nodes. The concept of a pocket park is adopted to offer landscape alcoves within a park environment. In precinct gardens, cosy landscape alcoves are to be created among large paved areas.

Planting Concept: Lush intimate greenery

Planting Strategy: Use of medium trees with good canopy spread for shade provision. Smaller trees and large shrubs are added in layers to increase density of greenery at limited planting verge.

Suggested Tree Species

The following list is intended as a guide for tree species selection and is not meant to be restrictive.

Datum Tree

- *Libidibia ferra* (Leopard Tree)

Medium size trees with good shade

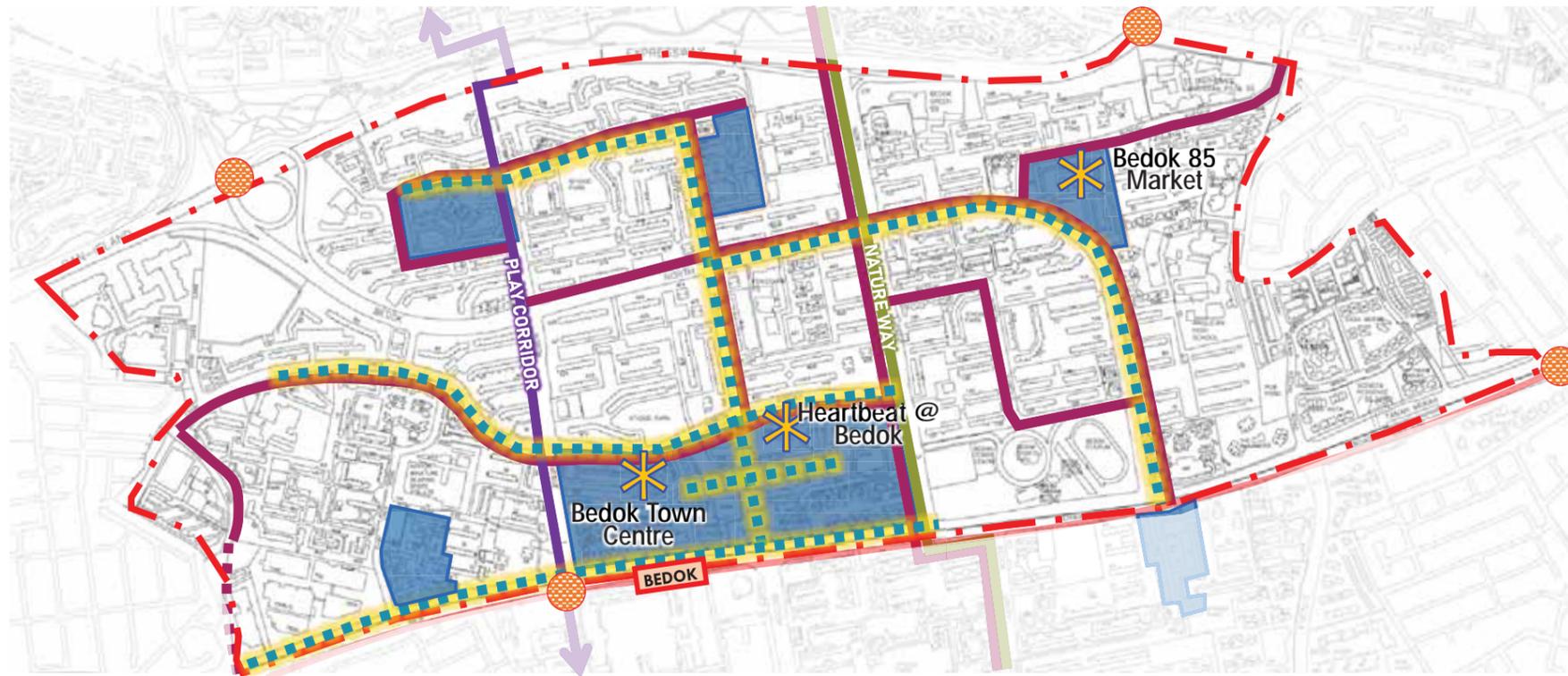
- *Cratoxylum cochinchinense* (Red Mempat)
- *Maniltoa browneoides* (Handkerchief Tree)

Small Trees for Visual Interest

- *Syzygium zeylanicum*
- *Pisonia grandis*
- *Tecoma stans*
- *Calliandra emarginata*

Bedok (Central) – Pasar Grounds

Overview of Key Urban Design Considerations



Transport

EXISTING PROPOSED

MRT Station

Facilities

Neighbourhood/ Commercial Centre

Parks and Waterbodies

Park

Waterbody

Nature way

Key Corridors

Play Corridor

Cycling Network

Key Nodes and Junctions

Landmark

Key Junction

Streetscape and Urban Design Response

Proposed Commercial/Pedestrian Spine

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens



Nature Way along Bedok South Ave 2



Community Garden in Bedok South



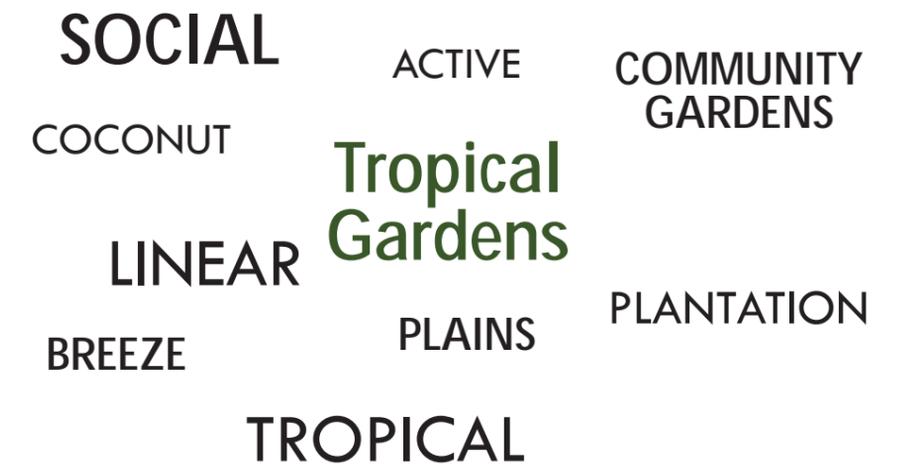
Heritage murals at Blk 40 Bedok South Road



Playful facades in colourful shades at Blk 18 Bedok South Road

Sub-theme and Concept

Once filled with coconut plantations fronting the sea, the Bedok South area has linear blocks with wide, breezy green spaces between them with regular planting that are reminiscent of this earlier time. Adjacent to Pasar grounds, the estate also reflects a strong community spirit showcased through community artworks and murals, as well as a large number of community gardens filled with tropical vegetables and flowers.



Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens

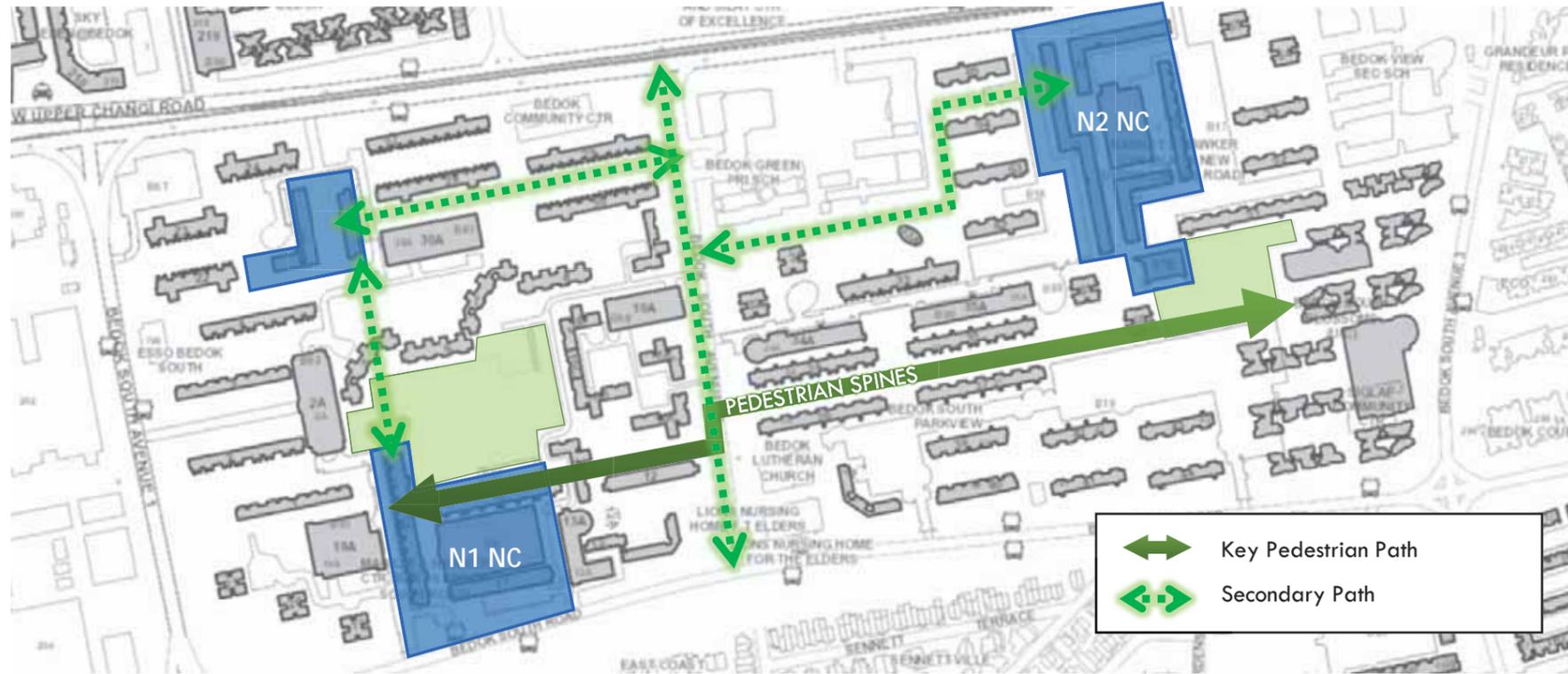


Sub-theme and Concept

Planning and Design Considerations

- Modern interpretation of 'plantation', using a more regular and orthogonal organisation of spaces with emphasis on axis and symmetry, with spacious linear parks
- Continuation of the existing wall murals of hibiscus flowers and coconut trees to enhance the neighbourhood identity
- Encourage residents' participation through community art works and community gardens

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens



Pedestrian spines weaving through the linear architecture, linking the Neighbourhood Centres and community gardens

Public Spaces

- Provide and enhance public spaces along the key pedestrian spines to continue the linear form and encourage communal gatherings
- Pedestrian spines can be lushly landscaped or thematically landscaped to match the surrounding garden palette
- Encourage pockets of community gardens to be located near communal spaces, bringing residents closer to nature



Linear green links



Community garden at the multi-storey car park roof at Bedok South Horizon

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens



Aerial view, illustrating the linear form of the blocks and use of murals on the gable end walls



Artist's impression of Bedok South Blossoms, showing blocks in a linear arrangement fronting the road

Form and Massing

- Building form should continue the linear forms of the existing blocks, parallel to key pedestrian spines

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens

Colour Palette

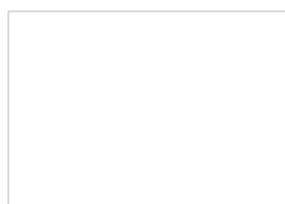
The suggested colour palette has playful accents that reference the colourful shades found in tropical gardens. These are complemented by a base of neutral shades of white and greys.

Facade and Roofscape

- Consider deep overhangs and louvres for low-rise buildings to emphasise the language of tropical design

Primary Colours

Unify the identity of the area, and form the main base of the colour scheme
(choose both primary colours)



BS 00 E 55

Secondary Colours

Complement the primary base colours
(choose 1 or more secondary colours)



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Accent Colours

Highlight certain architectural features, such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.

(choose 1 or more accent colours)



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BS 04 D 44



Colourful accents reminiscent of tropical leaves seen on a Sea Almond Tree



Deep overhangs for low-rise blocks is a feature of tropical design (example from artist's impression of Harmony Village @ Bukit Batok)

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens



Open concept community garden (example from community garden at Ivory Heights condominium)



From left: *Manilkara zapota*, *Artocarpus altilis*, *Averrhoa bilimbi*, *Ficus auriculata*

Landscape Approach

The Bedok South area has numerous community gardens carved out from the precinct greenery. The turf fields around offer opportunity for extension or set up of new ones to promote participatory gardening. The planting approach is to introduce open concept community gardens around the enclosed ones. The open community gardens create a transition zone, which can be organised by community gardening participants but approachable by all. The *kampung* spirit of sharing and welcoming is reinforced through this new additional community gardens zone.

Planting Concept: Participatory gardens

Planting Strategy: Provision of preferably small community garden trees allowing participants to take over and add new plants

Suggested Tree Species

The following list is intended as a guide for tree species selection and is not meant to be restrictive.

Popular Community Garden Trees

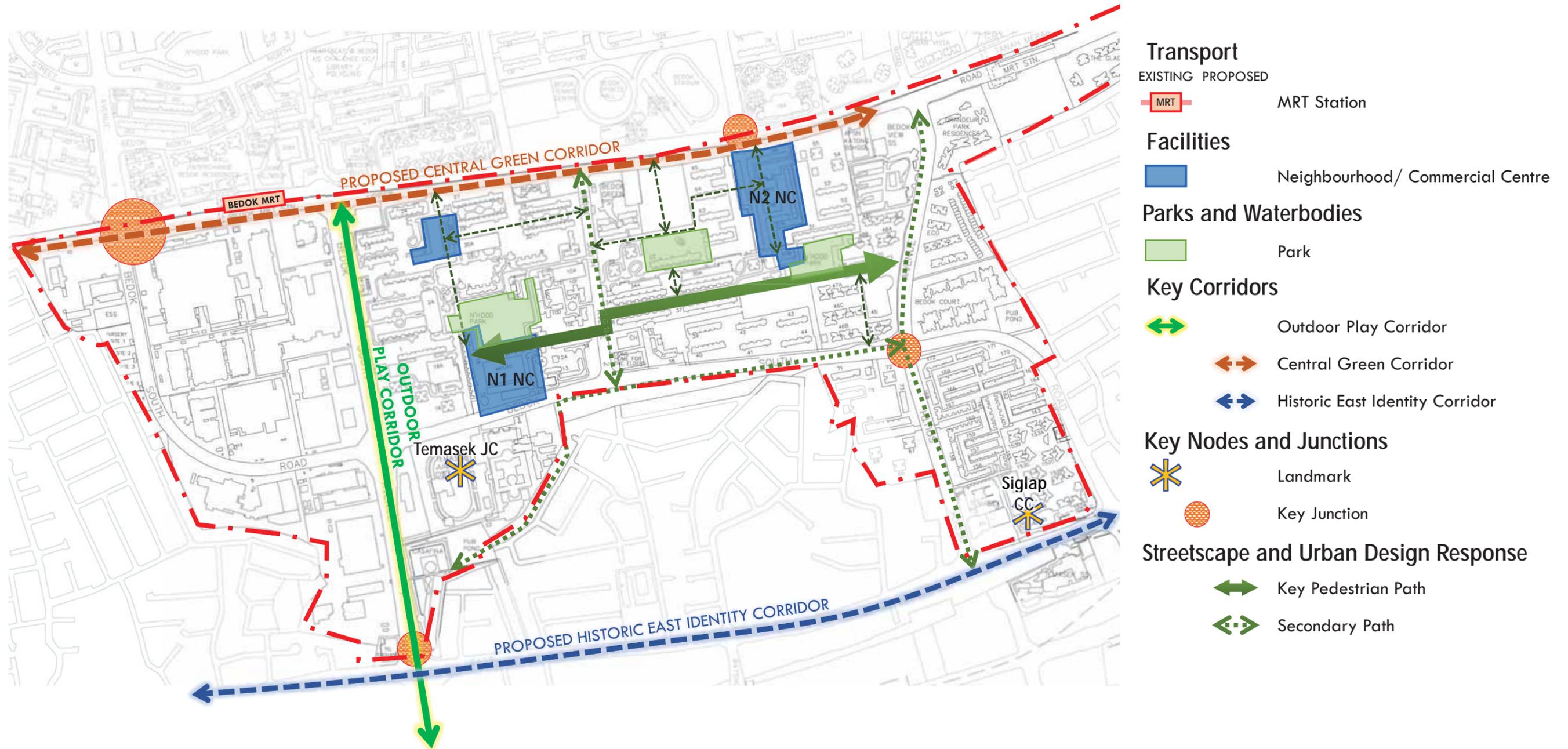
- *Spondias cytherea* (Kedondong, Golden Apple)
- *Manilkara zapota* (Chiku)
- *Artocarpus altilis* (Breadfruit)
- *Averrhoa bilimbi* (Bilimbing)

Edible shrub trees

- *Ficus auriculata* (Fig)
- *Psidium guajava* (Guava)
- *Punica granatum* (Pomegranate)
- *Murraya koenigii* (Curry leaves)

Bedok (South) – Tropical Gardens

Overview of Key Urban Design Considerations



Transport

EXISTING PROPOSED

MRT MRT Station

Facilities

Neighbourhood/ Commercial Centre

Parks and Waterbodies

Park

Key Corridors

Outdoor Play Corridor

Central Green Corridor

Historic East Identity Corridor

Key Nodes and Junctions

Landmark

Key Junction

Streetscape and Urban Design Response

Key Pedestrian Path

Secondary Path

Bedok (Bayshore) – Urban Waterfront



Strategically located between the old and new coastline



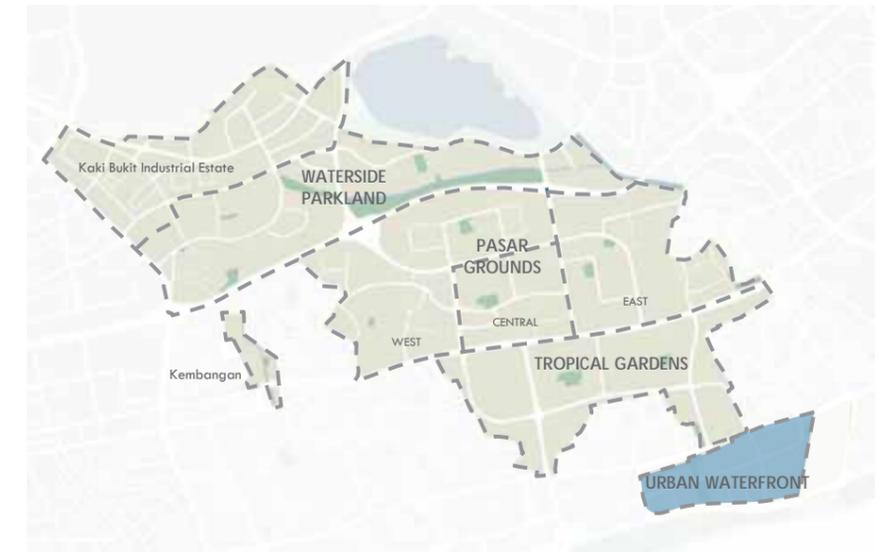
Artist's impression of unique waterfront homes



Artist's impression of new master planning area for more housing and amenities as an additional to Bedok town

Sub-theme and Concept

Bayshore will be a new waterfront residential neighbourhood of approximately 10,000 new homes, with a good mix of public and private housing. Located right along the edge of East Coast Park, Bayshore will provide the experience of living in an urban, vibrant environment that is close to the waterfront. The developments in Bayshore should leverage the unique assets of Bayshore to create an imageable estate with a distinct identity, responding to the Bayshore street, greenery and its coastal location.



HEALTHY SHORELINE
 COASTAL BREEZY URBAN
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Sub-theme and Concept

Planning and Design Considerations

- Located right at the edge of East Coast Park, unique waterfront homes can be designed to maximise the expansive views of the water
- New developments are envisaged to be nestled in greenery, while new parks and convenient access to East Coast Park offer residents a healthy lifestyle and living environment close to nature
- Centred along a car-free Transit Priority Corridor, walking and cycling will be prioritised. Bayshore will be a walkable neighbourhood where each parcel is within a 5-minute walking distance to the nearest MRT. Additionally, the sidewalks are envisaged as vibrant community spaces for activities to spill out and chance encounters between neighbours.

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Artist's impression showing the urban design control of 7 storeys fronting Bayshore Drive



Artist's impression of continuous sheltered walkway along amenities lined along Bayshore Drive

Form and Massing

The overall form and massing is envisaged to contribute to a unique and distinct identity for Bayshore.

- Developments are to step down to Bayshore Drive for a more intimate, human-scale and pleasant street-pedestrian experience. This approach also helps to create a consistent and unified urban edge that frames the street
- As a sensitive response, developments are also to step down towards the Bayshore Central Park and the existing developments along Upper East Coast Road
- Landmark blocks can be located at strategic corners (such as the junction of Bayshore Road/Drive and at the corners interfacing with park and Transit Priority Corridor) to serve as vehicular and pedestrian cues and aid wayfinding

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Artist's impressions of Bayshore Central Park

Public Spaces

- Envisaged as the centrepiece in Bayshore, approximately 3 ha of land is safeguarded for the Central Park at the heart of Bayshore
- Heritage elements such as sea pavilion and sea walls will be retained to recall the history of the area and former coastline, and integrated within the linear park
- Public spaces are designed to be well connected to nearby key areas, such as East Coast Park



Artist's impression of the Linear Park and Heritage Trail

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Artist's impression of Bayshore Drive



Artist's impression of the Transit Priority Corridor

Streetscape and Urban Edge

- Well-defined urban edge along Bayshore Drive – an active street front lined with:
 - Retail and community facilities
 - Vibrant public spaces
 - Continuous covered walkway
- Communal facilities are encouraged to front the streets to create more active streets
- Tiered planting approach to closely mimic the vertical profile of natural forests, with host plants to restore and increase the abundance of butterfly species recorded from the environmental surveys

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Colour Palette

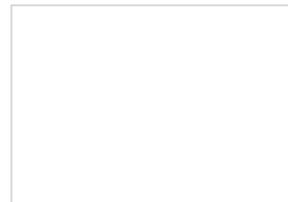
The suggested colour palette has a base of silvery whites, creating a light and breezy atmosphere. Ash blues and deep green hues accentuate the colours of the waters and sky.

Facade and Roofscape

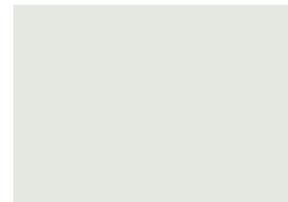
- Sleek and contemporary building with sloping roof forms reference the qualities of sailing yachts
- Consider the use of perforated panels and reflective panels to create a sense of elevated transparency

Primary Colours

Unify the identity of the area, and form the main base of the colour scheme
(choose both primary colours)



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BS 22 B 15

Secondary Colours

Complement the primary base colours
(choose 1 or more secondary colours)



BS 20 C 33



BS 18 B 21

Accent Colours

Highlight certain architectural features, such as fins, ledges, canopies, spandrels, selected parts of gable end walls, etc.

(choose 1 or more accent colours)



BS 18 C 35



BS 18 D 43



BS 18 C 39



BS 16 C 37



BS 16 D 45



Mood image of a sailboat amidst the blue and green shades of the waters and sky



Artist's impression of blocks with ash blue and green accents

Bedok (Bayshore) – Urban Waterfront



Artist's impression of concept of coastal resort garden with small lawn, palms, and plants with large leaves



From left: *Plumeria rubra*, *Dyopsis lutescens*, *Euterpe edulis*, *Ptychosperma macarthurii* and *Licuala grandis*

Landscape Approach

Bayshore is a new estate near the sea that aims to create a relaxing environment by introducing a tropical courtyard garden with a resort atmosphere. This garden includes a small lawn with a canopy tree, surrounded by plants with large leaves in various shades of green, and long blooming flowering trees and shrubs for visual interest.

Planting Concept: Tropical resort courtyard garden

Planting Strategy: Use of tall cluster palms along building edges to serve as backdrops of the garden scene. A lawn to be arranged as front view of the garden. Low-branching trees and shrubs with large leaves are added in layers allowing intimate contact with nature. Coastal plant species to strengthen its identity near the sea.

Suggested Tree Species

The following list is intended as a guide for tree species selection and is not meant to be restrictive.

Datum Tree

- *Plumeria rubra* (Frangipanni)

Coastal Trees with Shade

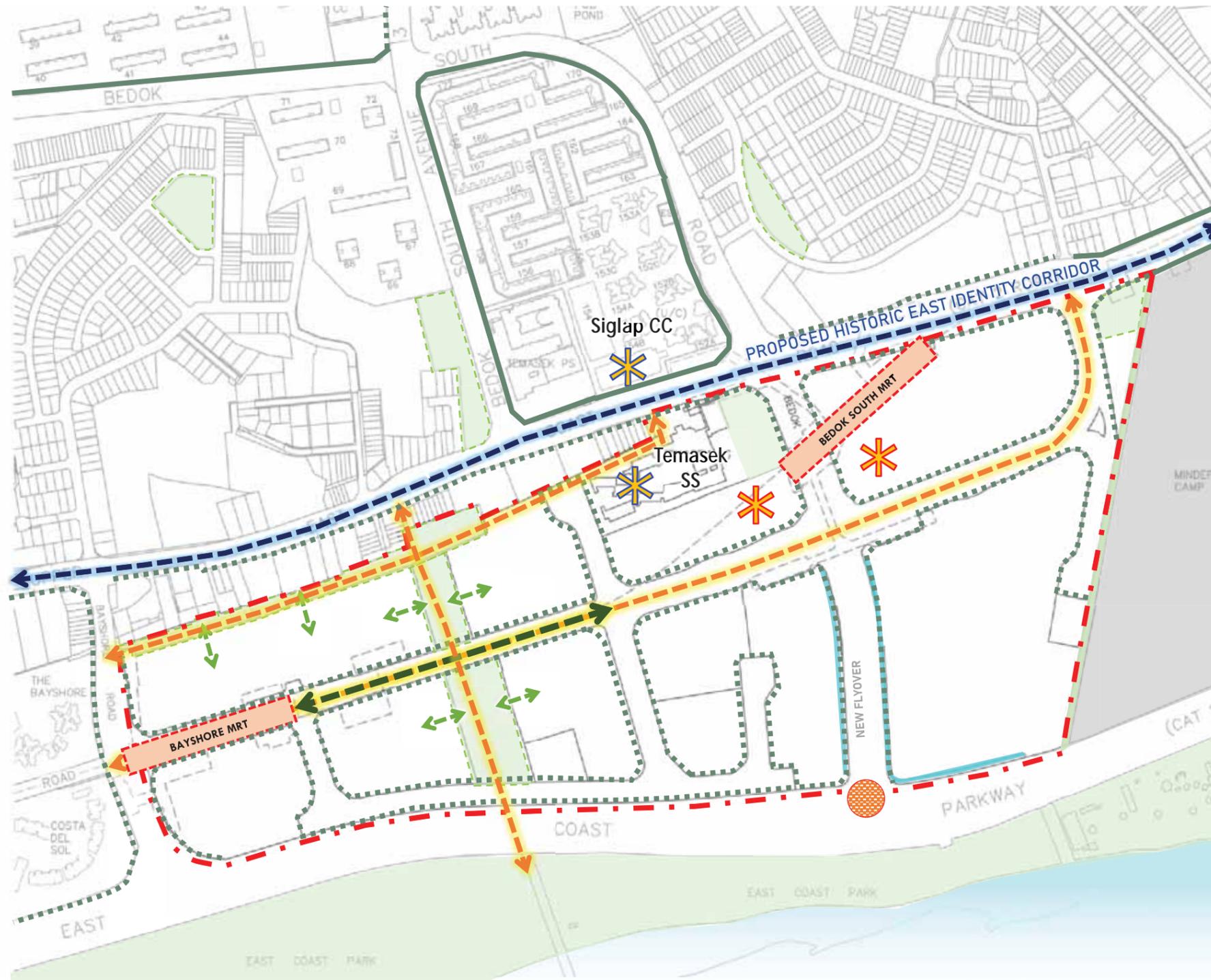
- *Barringtonia racemose*
- *Calophyllum inophyllum*

Cluster Palms and Small Palms

- *Dyopsis lutescens* (Yellow Cane Palm)
- *Euterpe edulis* (Juncara Palm)
- *Ptychosperma macarthurii* (Macarthur Palm)
- *Licuala grandis* (Fan Palm)

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Overview of Key Urban Design Considerations



Transport

EXISTING PROPOSED

MRT Station

Parks and Waterbodies

Park

Waterbody

Park Connector/ Cycling Path/ Round Island Route

Green Finger into Precinct

Key Corridors

Historic East Identity Corridor

Transit Priority Corridor (TPC)

Key Pedestrian Spine

Key Nodes and Junctions

Landmark

Key Junction

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Precinct Facilities

Precinct facilities include structures like precinct pavilions, shelters, trellises, drop-off porches and precinct markers.

Here are possible ideas of how precinct facilities could be designed to express the respective sub-themes.

Bedok (North) Waterside Parkland

Design Considerations

- Consider materials that blend seamlessly into the natural context of the park
- Simple forms that integrate into the landscape



Use of rustic wood-like textures that blend seamlessly into the landscape (example from Alila Villas Uluwatu)

Bedok (Central) Pasar Grounds

Design Considerations

- Express vibrancy through organic lines and playful forms



Playful organic structures at Fengshan neighbourhood centre

Precinct Facilities

Bedok (South)

Tropical Gardens

Design Considerations

- Use of simple and pure geometry
- Clean bold lines and deep overhangs that frame views towards the garden



Use of modern geometry with clean lines

Bedok (Bayshore)

Urban Waterfront

Design Considerations

- Use of sleek geometries and curves that reference the form of sailboats
- Light structures with thin edges
- Rhythmic curves that mimic the waves



Artist's impression showing curved edges that mimic the shifting edges of the coastline

Playgrounds

Playgrounds are one of the key facilities in our housing precincts. They are commonly co-located with adult and elderly fitness facilities to form a 3-Generation (3G) playground to foster inter-generational bonding.

Themed playgrounds are opportunities to contribute to a unique precinct identity, enhance wayfinding by serving as nodes or landmarks, and also form part of the social memories of residents. The design of themed playgrounds can draw reference from the area's sub-theme, character, heritage or historical context.

For larger playgrounds in neighbourhood parks and common greens, inclusive elements could be incorporated within the playgrounds to cater for children with special needs. Nature play spaces, sensory gardens or lawns can also be incorporated for a greater variety of learning experiences.

Design Principles

Value and Variety of Play

Playgrounds should have sufficient play values to activate the cognitive and motor skills of the young, spark their imagination, allowing children to learn through play and interaction with one another. Playgrounds in adjacent precincts and parks should not be repeated to ensure variety among the playgrounds.

Creating Identity

Playgrounds can help in creating precinct identity, enhance wayfinding and also form part of the social memories of HDB residents.

Practicality

Practical considerations for playgrounds include space to accommodate play equipment and their safety zones, meeting safety standards, maintainability and cost, particularly with customised playgrounds. For a more comfortable play environment, playgrounds should be sited in areas shaded by buildings during the anticipated times of usage, or adequately sheltered by larger trees.

Playgrounds

Bedok (North)

Waterside Parkland

Design Ideas

Tree- or flower-inspired forms, shapes or colours; artistic expression and articulated forms of plant elements



Artist's impression of a tree-inspired themed playground (example from Tengah Plantation Farmway)

Bedok (Central)

Pasar Grounds

Design Ideas

Compact structures with vertical play zone for tight spaces; clean, contemporary and creative forms



Vertical playground for tight spaces in Bedok North Vale

Bedok (South)

Tropical Gardens

Design Ideas

Kampung-related playgrounds to celebrate diversity, or interesting cultural elements



Artist's impression of a *kampung*-inspired themed playground (example from Plantation Grange in Tengah)

Playgrounds

Bedok (Bayshore)

Urban Waterfront

Design Ideas

Curvilinear or wavy forms, playful shapes and cheerful colours to express dynamic sea waves or water



Playground that uses articulated curvy forms to achieve a wavy effect (example from Admiralty Park)

Street Furniture – Seating

Seating is found in various locations within the precinct, such as community living rooms, etc. They are used for rest, people and activity-watching, social interaction, and can also be used for exercise.

Design Principles

Aesthetics

The design of the various seats in the precinct can draw reference from the area’s sub-theme.

Adequate Weather Protection

Seating in sheltered but unenclosed spaces like precinct pavilions, should be placed such that they are adequately shielded from rain.

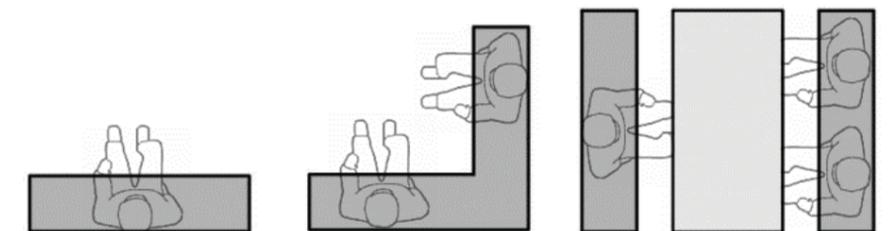
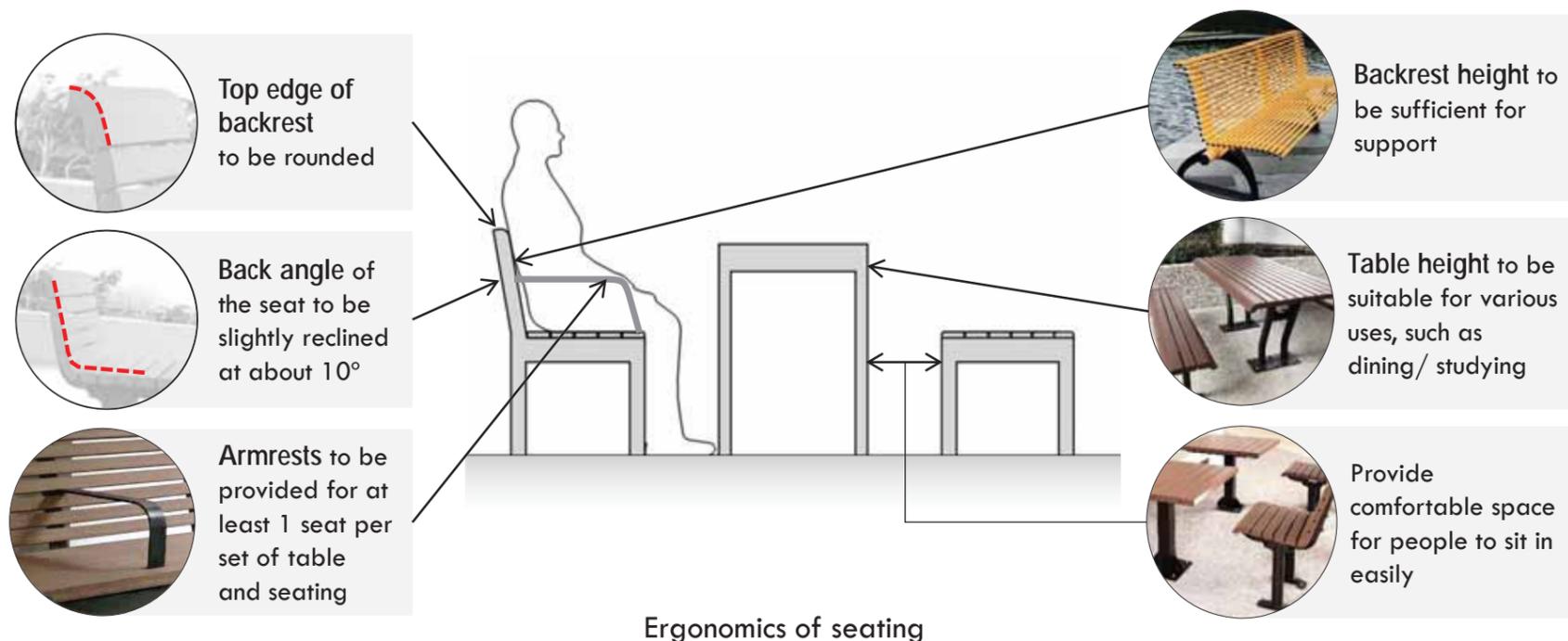
Universal Design

It is important to consider the needs of children, elderly, and users of different heights and abilities, to ensure a user-friendly and inclusive design.

- Provide a variety of seating arrangements, to facilitate different levels of social interaction
- Place along pedestrian routes at regular intervals as specified in BCA’s ‘Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment’
- Proprietary systems recommended for better ergonomics
- Cater to different heights
- Benches with exercise elements should be provided at non-dedicated fitness areas to encourage residents to do simple exercises
- Space for wheelchair users

Maintenance

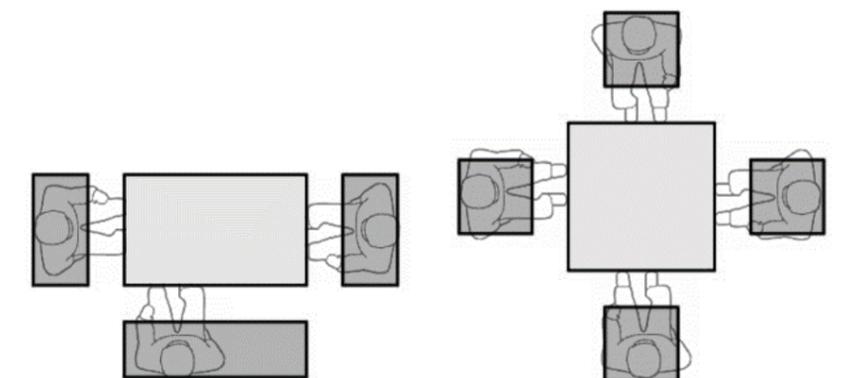
- Proprietary systems are generally easy to replace
- Select materials that are durable against weathering and vandalism (e.g. avoid natural wood, recommended to use metal with wood grain finish, powder coated metal etc.)
- Place seating in the landscaped areas on paved surfaces to avoid the need for grass cutting below



Individual seating for resting and solitary moments

L-shape seating for views and small group conversation

Face-to-face seating for conversation



3-sided seating creates greater intimacy and opens up towards views

4-sided seating for social gatherings and interaction

Variety of seating arrangements for different uses

Street Furniture – Outdoor Lighting

Besides its functional purpose, the choice of outdoor lighting also lends ambience and character to the space.

Selection Principles

Function and Aesthetics

The selected light fixtures should serve the purpose intended for its location either for functional or ambient lighting. It can also complement the design of the development and reinforce the identity of the precinct. In addition, the placement and colours of the various types of outdoor lighting within the development should be carefully chosen and coordinated.

Driveway/ Service Road

The light fixtures should have the appropriate lux level for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians. The choice of these light fixtures contribute to precinct identity as they usually envelop the development along the service road.

Hardcourt

The light fixtures should provide sufficient lighting levels for the activities/ games intended at the hardcourt, while not causing glare to the users and the residential units in the surrounding blocks.

Landscape/ Playground

The choice of light fixtures should create a welcoming and relaxed ambience in these spaces, and also contribute to the unique character of the precinct.

Covered Linkway/ Precinct Pavilion

Light fixtures selected should be well integrated with the design of the covered linkway and precinct pavilion structure, and also be functional for the usage of the space.

Maintenance

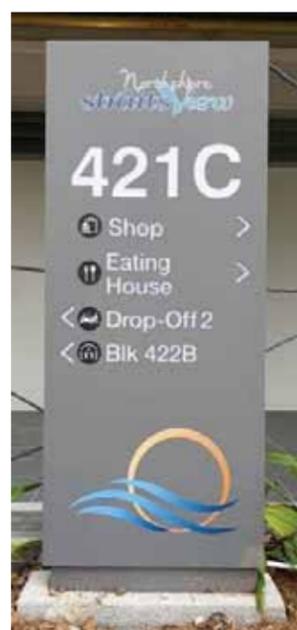
Easy maintenance of the light fixtures and cost-efficient replacement of parts is recommended.

Wayfinding

A clear wayfinding strategy is important so that users can find their way around the precinct easily.



Use of simple motifs, colour and tile bands for wayfinding



A precinct map and block entrance signage (example from Northshore StraitsView)

Main Circulation Route

Demarcate the main circulation route through the blocks connecting to the key nodes (e.g. lift lobbies, community living rooms, drop-off porches, etc.):

Clarity and Aesthetics

- Use visual cues such as tile bands, motifs, column and wall painting
- Use clear and consistent floor demarcation
- Use simple floor patterns, avoid dark colours and avoid using too many colours to reduce confusion, in particular for people living with dementia
- Design and colours should complement the overall design concept

Sense of Familiarity

- Consider placing distinctive design features (e.g. motifs, sculptures, murals, etc.) that relate to the site's heritage and context as well as to serve as familiar references for people living with dementia

Maintenance and Safety

- Use materials and floor finishes that are easy to maintain and replace
- Avoid using floor finishes that would be slippery when exposed to rain

Signage

There are various types of signage in a precinct, such as precinct maps, and directional signage. They should be designed with reference to the 'SS 599 Guide for Wayfinding Signage in Public Areas'.

Aesthetics and Identity

- Design the various signage in a precinct for consistency in aesthetics and precinct identity

Legibility and Clarity

- Use appropriate font sizes for the intended viewing distance and avoid cursive fonts, to ensure that the font is legible
- Use pictograms/ motifs that are easy to recognise and not too abstract
- Ensure good colour contrast between the font and the background
- Provide well-lit signage so it can be clearly seen at night

Location

- Locate signage at key decision points along the pedestrian and vehicular flow to give clear directions
- Ensure signage are not blocked from view

Covered Linkway Design

Covered linkways provide shelter and can be found extensively in the built-up environment in our towns. Hence, the design of covered linkways should recede into or match the surroundings and existing contexts (in terms of profile and colours), rather than stand out. Only at appropriate areas where the intention is to create a gateway, can covered linkways be designed as features. The following design principles apply to covered linkways within HDB precincts.

Design Principles

Neat and Elegant Design

Columns are only provided on one side of the linkway for a more seamless walking experience. Services such as M&E conduits and junction boxes should be detailed to be integrated with the design and hidden from pedestrian view. Added attention should be paid to details such as the column stumps, light fixtures, roof edge, location of the grated drains, interfacing details between the linkways, high links, drop-off porches and buildings. Neutral colours and shallow roof profiles are recommended. If necessary, block numbers, directional signage, floor patterns and other visual cues are encouraged to be included to improve wayfinding.

Adequate Weather Protection

Width \geq to height is recommended for linkways, to minimise rainwater splashing.

Lighting Ambience

Lighting should be pleasant and non-glaring. Placement of light fixtures should avoid lights shining directly at pedestrians', cyclists' and motorists' line of sight.

Materials

Materials used should be commonly available in the market, and easy to maintain or replace.



Covered linkway in a new HDB precinct



A covered linkway added to an existing HDB precinct has block numbers to help in wayfinding (example from Blk 618 Yishun Ring Road)



Careful interfacing between linkways and a new drop-off porch added to an existing HDB precinct (example from Choa Chu Kang North 7)

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