

KENSINGTON STREET RETAIL, DINING & OFFICE



NEW RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS (BLOCKS 6&7)

This component of Central Park features a high quality and sensitive adaptive re-use of the Edwardian, Georgian and Victorian period terraces and warehouses which are a feature of Kensington Street. Many of these buildings date back to the 1840s.

The project will feature:

- Boutique retail and commercial shop fronts, including cafes, bars and restaurants
- 2 new retail buildings
- A new pocket park
- Upgrade of Kensington Street into a shared zone, which will be heavily pedestrianised, discouraging vehicle movements.

A leading heritage consultant, Paul Davies, was engaged to advise on the design of this precinct.

- Existing terraces, which are between 25 and 40 square metres in size, will be restored from their currently dilapidated state.
- The design of terraces will optimise living and working space, using the rear courtyard area.
- The design for Block 6 (previously FraserStudios) will see the retention of the existing corner warehouse (number 10) and the replacement of the non-heritage building at number 14.
- Block 7 will see the retention and adaptation of the Victorian/Georgian terrace houses into commercial and retail buildings and replacement of non-heritage building at number 42-44 Kensington Street.
- A new pocket park will be integrated into the new retail building at 42-44 Kensington Street.

Timing:

- Project Application lodged in November 2012.
- Construction scheduled to start in late 2013, completing in late 2014.

