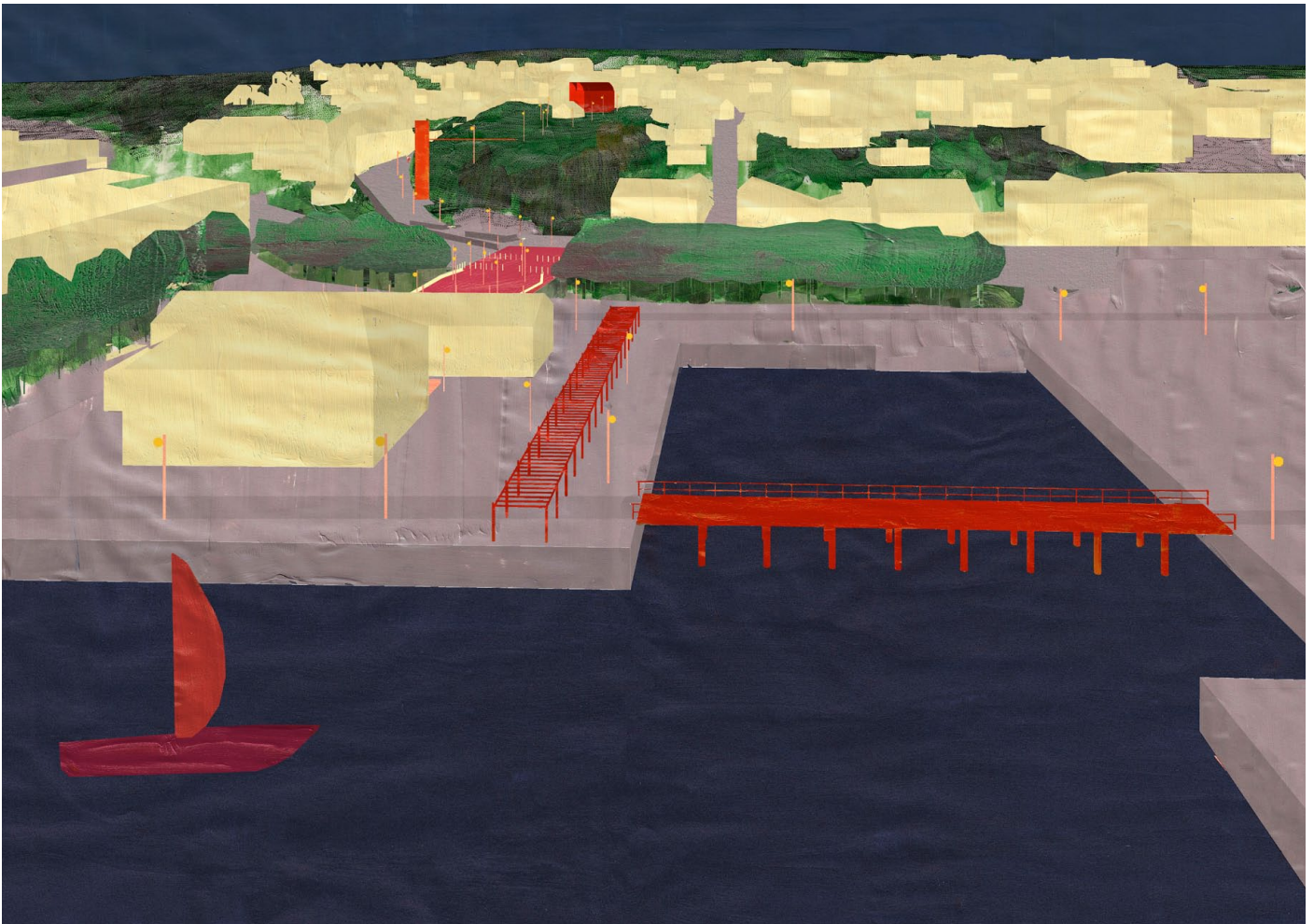


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Beacons link the centre of Larvik to the waterfront

THE CULTIVATED PATH

We propose a strategy of careful site specific interventions which invite people to rediscover and appreciate the latent qualities of Larvik's public spaces and landscape.

For us care encompasses a thoughtful, considered reading of the site and its qualities and complexities; designing interventions which can rehabilitate our environment while minimising their whole life carbon footprint; creating places which communities value and enjoy so that they are looked after for future generations.

Larvik could benefit from more coherence in its public realm. Our design seeks to stitch together Larvik's urban and natural landscape which has become fragmented. The waterfront by the old custom's buildings is within walking distance from Larvik Torget but the broken up nature of the journey, the steep slope of the Bøkkerfjellet

and the uninviting road and rail crossing make it unappealing if not impossible for some.

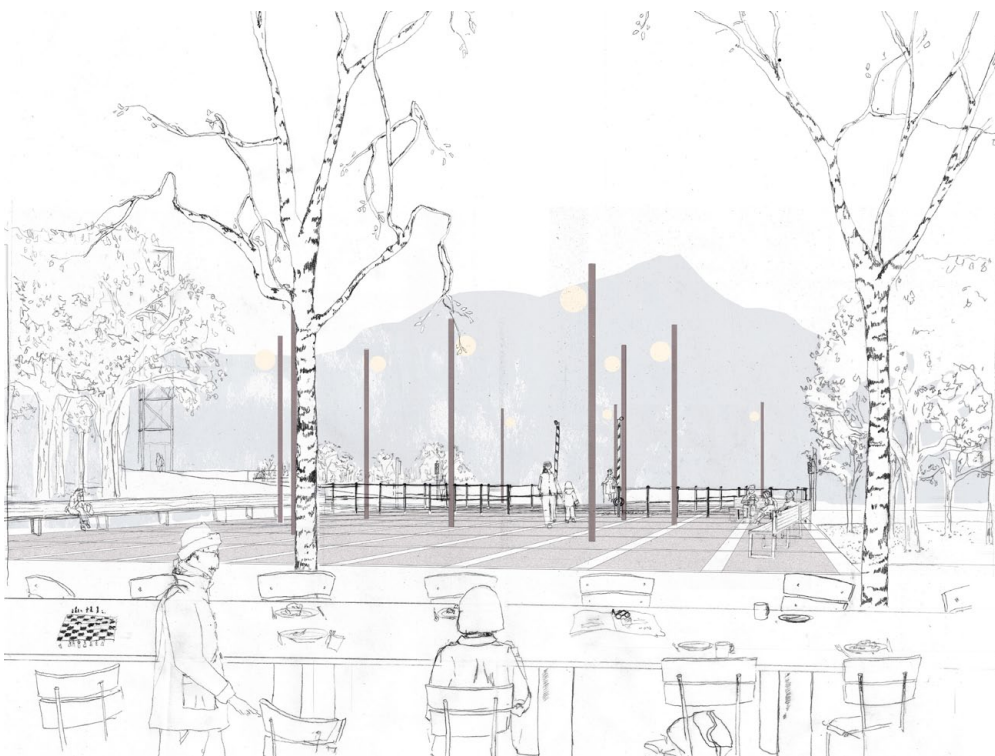
Rather than proposing a single gesture to overcome these obstacles, we believe that a series of small interventions that build upon what is already there through enhancement and additions can have a greater impact on the quality of the public space and civic life of the city. Not only do they lower the risk and upheaval but also widen the potential radius of the transformation both spatially and temporarily. However, they should be thought of as a coherent set of projects with a logical order and not a list of individual actions. There are four main projects from sea to city centre that unfold along the walk like peals on a necklace.

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A public waterfront

A variety of stone surface help define the public space around the reinstated harbour. Courser stone towards the water's edge, while smoother stone for the pedestrian and bicycle routes. A pergola links the arrival from the level crossing and a new footbridge over the harbour mouth.



Crossing the road and railway.

The level crossing is moved 50 metres to the west to coincide with the crossing of the road. A bold pattern stone surface is laid out creating a clear, large gesture which reclaims the public space for the pedestrians while achieving an important visual connection from the base of Bøkkerfjellet to the reinstated harbour.

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Walk on top of Bøkkerfjellet to a public lift.

Two paths lead you through the park atop of Bøkkerfjellet; a wide main path and a smaller looped footpath. This is a park landscape which can encourage both fauna and flora biodiversity. Community vegetable beds with generous benches help foster a social environment. At the base of the public lift, Bøkkerveien is pedestrianised and terraced, providing small gardens and public benches with views over the sea.



A public library.

At the north of the site, half way between Larvik Torget and the Bøkkerfjellet is an appropriate place for a small public library. This is a building at the scale of the surrounding neighbourhood, with a small, stone paved public square to one side and a footpath through a planted garden on the other.

