

**Instant Green and Parklets**  
**Chichester City Centre**  
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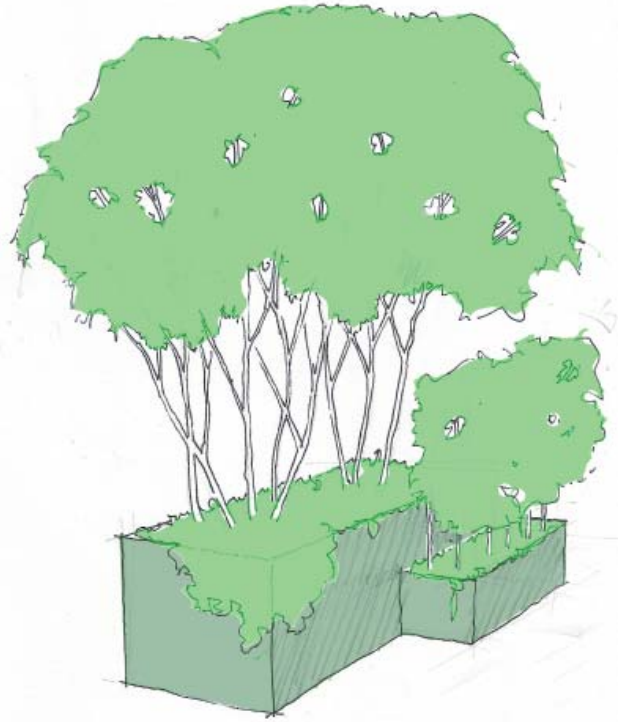


Street tree planting can be a difficult and expensive undertaking primarily due to service proximity. In the UK this is particularly pronounced with the prohibition of tree planting within 6m of a water main often creating a 12 m wide no plant zone in our High Streets. Internationally this problem has been dealt with in recent years with the development of “Parklets” and ambitious temporary planting units. These have the benefit of not breaking into the ground, being temporary and relatively cheap to create and install.

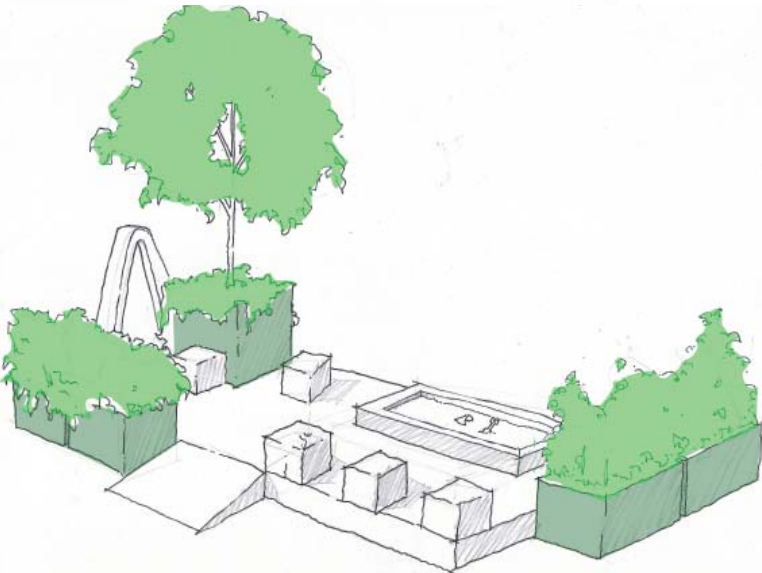
Utilising readily available off the shelf industrial components and nursery stock it would be possible to create a significant green impact and provide almost instant family friendly, creative spaces by utilizing this idiom of space creation through the city centre. Parklets could be used to fill parking bays and appropriate sections of pedestrianized space bring animation, socially distanced seating and dining areas. The impermanence of these would be an asset, they could be refreshed and redeployed over short time periods and at minimal cost to give the street scene a regular green facelift changing the city users experience every few weeks as many indoor retail centres do.

The form and location of the parklets could be utilized as a theming device for events or effectively an outdoor gallery of curated short term spaces. The scale of the initiative could also be varied and the refreshing of the parklets and planting could correspond with PR events and the use of artist commissioned parklets giving the city centre a unique brand identity both regionally and nationally whilst providing a new level of utility and in time the potential to utilize parklets as lettable space. High impact planting schemes might be seasonal and removed to make way for stalls in the Christmas trading period.

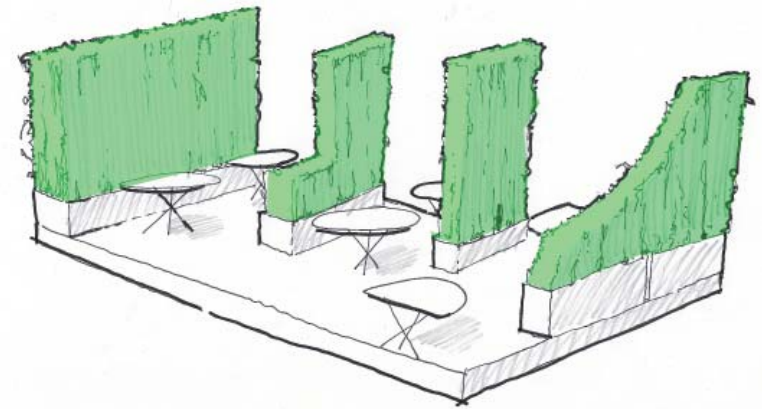




Tree Planter and Shrub planter Combination  
Estimate - £2000



Play Parklet  
Estimate £7000



Café Parklet  
Estimate £6000 plus furniture.

## Primary Components



Tree Container  
1m x 2m x 1m  
Cost ex delivery £700



Shrub Container  
1m x 0.8m x 0.65m  
ex delivery £200



Flat Rack  
2.5m x 6m  
ex delivery £2750