



“Tramspotting” Crewe Toll, Edinburgh

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Recognising that the new tram system proposed for Edinburgh offers opportunities for creating new places within the city, ARCADE looked at Crewe Toll where the new tram route will cross Ferry Road, a major road running east / west across the north of the city.

Based on the idea of the ‘walking city’ and creating a new places for people, ARCADE’s proposal was to form a new pedestrian plaza around the tram stop, covered by a glazed canopy roof, surrounded by new mixed use buildings and connected to a new park to the south. The tram passes through this new space which becomes a neighbourhood centre drawing together the communities served by this tram stop, as well as a destination accessible city wide.

Ferry Road becomes a boulevard that is more pedestrian-friendly and the existing open space is landscaped to define a series of green spaces which relate better to the human scale. New mixed use buildings with active frontages are introduced to enfront the road, turning it from a rat run for large lorries into a more people-friendly street.

