

## **BOARDWALK**

Area 5 of the River Walk passes through a steep and heavily treed section of the riverbank. Due to the terrain, this section of the River Walk should be developed to bring the walk and its users close to the river's edge. The River Walk should take the form of a boardwalk constructed over the rock-lined shore that allows the river to rise and fall and without damaging or restricting use of the route. The boardwalk would allow users to appreciate the movement of the river and hear the sounds of the water washing the rocks below.

Where the riverbank widens under the base of the New Bridge the boardwalk would link users to a natural, landscaped area with pathways linked to the New Bridge walkway and beyond to Gyro Park. Currently the underside of the new bridge base is an eroding landscape of soil, sand and rock. The eroding bank should be restored with large rock, as it would be difficult to establish any vegetation in this area. The River Walk should wind itself up through the rocks toward the bridge crossing as a ramp to maintain full accessibility.

The lower shoreline that leads to Gyro Park is wide, subject to flooding and exposed to noise generated from the bridge overhead making it unsuitable for recreation. It is recommended that this area be landscaped into a natural park using crushed rock for the pathway. The River Walk should branch off into smaller meandering paths through tall grasses and vegetation capable of withstanding occasional flooding.