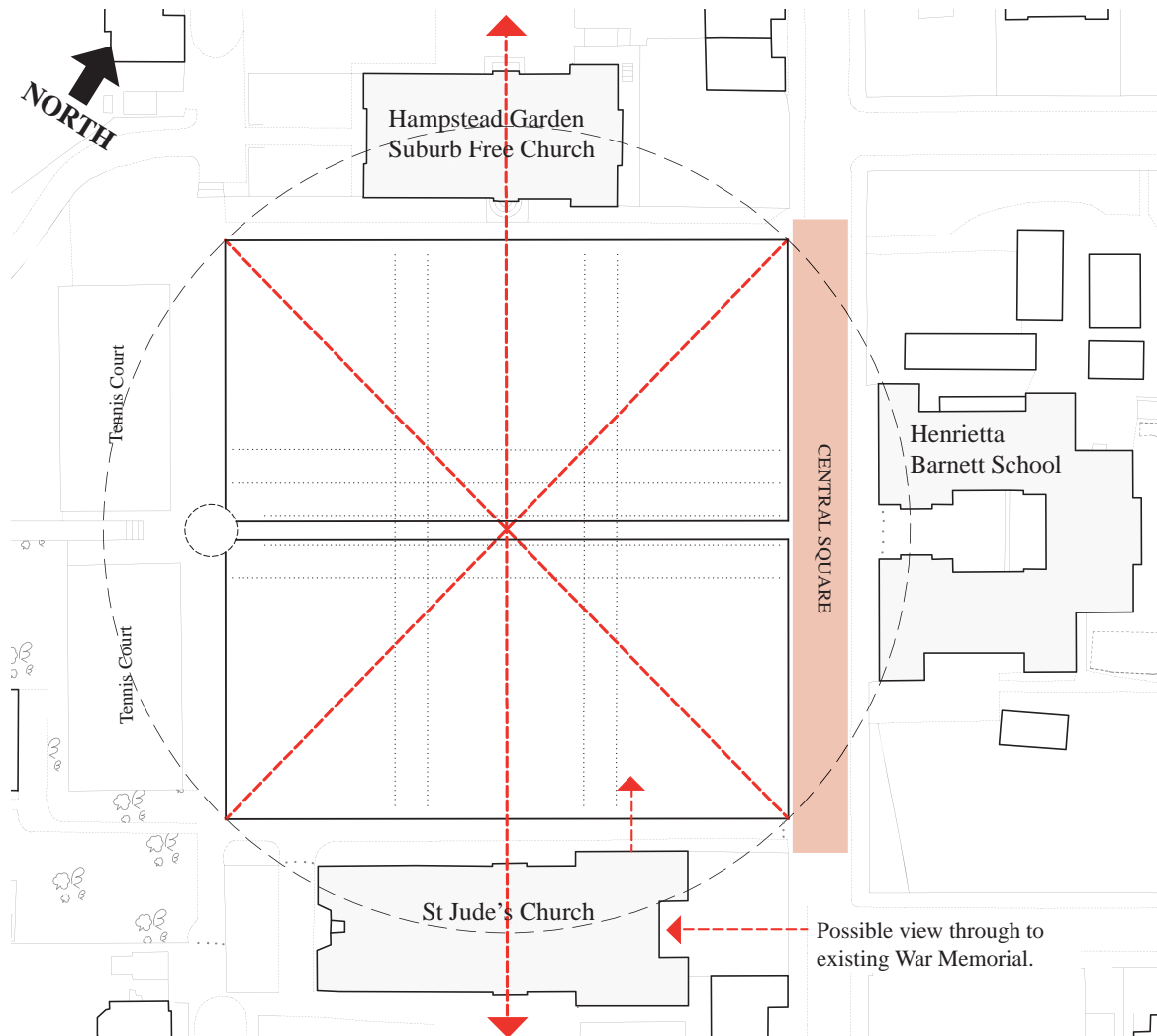


Central Square : Hampstead Garden Suburb **NW11**

6. Central Square: Design Principles



GENERAL DESIGN ELEMENTS TO CENTRAL SQUARE:

Central Square is a perfect square and a device for the presentation of the three remarkable buildings which surround it (St Jude's Church, the Free Church and the Henrietta Barnett School). However, although the buildings retain their grandeur the Square itself is in lack-lustre condition following some years of neglect.

- We propose that Central Square is enhanced to help unite the space and give it a stronger sense of identity. All proposals will include:
 - Street furniture to be unified (litter bins, dog bins, seating and appropriate signage).
 - An interpretation strategy for the sites heritage.
 - A lighting scheme to the Square with consistent lighting columns.
 - Hedging within/directly around the Square to be enhanced and managed to an acceptable height for both privacy and views throughout the Square.
 - Tree planting within the Square to be enhanced.
- The existing central axis of Yorkstone paving is to be repaired/re-laid, with the surrounding pathways in Central Square echoing this Yorkstone detailing.
- Drainage to be improved through SUDS (sustainable drainage systems), (ie: infiltration basins, decompaction, filter drains & natural soakaways).
- Road in front of the Henrietta Barnett School is to become raised to adjacent paving levels, creating a greater pedestrian link between the Square and school, whilst discouraging vehicular parking in front of the school/Square, but retaining it's use for through traffic.