One less mall, one more OPEN SPACE

The new open public space to be developed above Dhoby Ghaut MRT station features 3 sections. So what can the public expect come early next year? The Straits Times takes you through the plans for the area.

PLAZA ON THE WESTERN SIDE

- Existing trees will be kept, and the ground covered with white gravel.
- Taiji practitioners and line-dancing fans will be able to use the space.
- Power points will also be available for radios and laptops.

CAFE ON THE EASTERN SIDE

- A cafe with indoor and outdoor seating will open on the side of the open space near the Singapore Management University.
- From the cafe, patrons will be able to look out onto the field, which is half the size of a football pitch.
- Here, frisbee or touch-rugby games can be played.

SCULPTURAL OPEN-AIR AMPHITHEATRE

- A sunken amphitheatre will be able to seat about 300 people for musical or visual arts performances.
- Its design comprises interweaving aluminium screens inspired by the lines of a rattan basket.
- The screens will provide shade from the sun but allow breezes through.
- When lit at night, the amphitheatre will look like a giant lantern.