In the broader intervention area of which the largo vasco da gama is part of, there was a spatial richness which the left plan, part of analysis conducted of the preexisting status, at the top tries to catalog.

At right top, the strategy for the intervention area seeks to reemphasize the old road (in dark red) role as a distributor to the ribeira quarter, by taking advantage of various (mostly irregular) squares that dot its path and use them as distribution nodes.

The plan at left shows the use of granite slabs against a background of cobblestones, both to emphasize the streets axes that compose the inward paths and the squares - the nodes - and to mark the entrances to the quarter with the aim of inviting users in.

In addition, water fountains where possible, are introduced or recovered to mark nodes, enrich spatial sensory experience and soften the local microclimate in order to further attract users.

Tree alignments, together with their respective planters, are used both to stabilize the spaces (in this helped by the pavement design), provide thermal comfort and moderate rainwater runoff.