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Councillor P Aves  
Councillor G Cooke  
Councillor G Ellis  
Councillor C Forgacs  
Councillor J Hubbard  
Councillor T Price  
Councillor J Westbrook

3 June 2024

Dear Councillors

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) you are invited to attend the **Asset Management and Amenities Committee** meeting of Melksham Town Council. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday 10th June 2024** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

A period of public participation will take place in accordance with Standing Order 3(e) prior to the formal opening of the meeting. The Press and Public are welcome to attend this meeting in person, alternatively the public and press may join the meeting via Zoom.

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Yours sincerely

Tracy Predeth BA(Hons), MPA, FLSCC  
Town Clerk and RFO

**Melksham Town Council**  
**Asset Management and Amenities Committee**  
**Monday 10 June 2024**  
**At 7.00 pm at the Town Hall**

**Public Participation** – To receive questions from members of the public.

*In the exercise of Council functions. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and the need to conserve biodiversity. The Council also has a duty to tackle discrimination, provide equality of opportunity for all and foster good relations in the course of developing policies and delivery services under the public sector Equality Duty and Equality 2010.*

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**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any Declarations of Interest in respect of items on this agenda as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council.

*Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared on the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.*

**3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the Minutes of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting held on 5 February 2024.

**4. Lighting in King George V Playing Fields**

Full Council on 29 April 2024 received comments from residents and resolved to refer the matter to the next Asset Management & Amenities meeting on 10th June 2024 and ask Paul Weymouth of LightFantastic if he would attend that meeting to make suggestions to deal with the issues.

[Link to Full Council minutes](#)

For discussion and decision.

**5. Motion on Awdry Road Play Area (Pages 7 - 10)**

For decision.

**6. Street Trees (Pages 11 - 12)**

To consider the report of Head of Operations.

For decision.

**7. Play Area Strategy (Pages 13 - 14)**

To consider the report of Head of Operations.

For decision.

**8. Replacement Work Vehicles (Pages 15 - 16)**

To consider the report of Head of Operations.

For decision.

**9. Replacement Ride-on Mowers (Pages 17 - 18)**

To consider the report of Head of Operations.

For decision.

**10. King George V Park**

**10.1 Dog Park (Pages 19 - 52)**

At the Asset Management & Amenities meeting on 5 February 2024 members received a verbal report on the Dog Park and unanimously resolved that the matter be brought back to the next Asset Management and Amenities meeting, with the benefit of the

original Landscape Architects recommendations and advice from officers, to consider all options for the use of that area of the park.

For decision.

**10.2 Sensory Garden** (Pages 53 - 68)

To consider future plans for Sensory Garden. Plans from 2019 and 2021 are attached.

**11. Community Garden** (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider and agree to give the Locum Town Clerk together with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee delegated authority to research the possibility of creating a Melksham Forest Community Garden in partnership with Wiltshire Council, who are funding this project.

**12. Market Place Public Toilets**

Officers have received a request from a resident to reinstate the Radar Key System for the disabled toilet. The resident states that the toilet is frequently used by people for smoking. Other complaints have been received about use by people who are not disabled. Officers acknowledge that not all disabilities are visible.

For decision.

**13. Shurnhold Fields**



## Melksham Town Council

### Minutes of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Price (Chair)

Councillor P Aves  
Councillor S Crundell  
Councillor G Ellis  
Councillor C Forgacs  
Councillor J Hubbard  
Councillor J Oatley  
Councillor S Rabey

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	Hugh Davies	Head of Operations
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk
	Dave Elms	Amenities Team Manager

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** One member of the public and one member of the press were present and one member of the public was present virtually.

Colin Goodhind

Procurement Policy. Asked again about progress on the revision of procurement policy in view of his motion of June 2022.

Bike Maintenance Station. Where is the pump? Dave Elms confirmed it had been damaged. Replacement parts were being sourced but it is not a normal pump. Councillor Hubbard asked if the pump from the second unit could be used. It was confirmed that the second unit had been installed in KGV.

Joe McCann

Mobile CCTV. When will these be deployable? Councillor Price confirmed mobile CCTV would form part of the update at item 4.1.

Park Strategy. What is this, when will it report and what will it include? Hugh Davies confirmed he and Councillor Stokes had met with the Park Strategy group in January but more councillor input is needed. The Strategy will include all play areas in the town. What is lacking, are the areas in the right places and is equipment relevant. Cannot confirm when it will report.

Sensory Garden – Asked for update. Councillor Price confirmed would be part of item 4.1.

High Pavement Railings – What is happening. Councillors were unable to confirm if it was on the agenda for LHFIG.

CCTV – There are two sets of cameras on the pavilion building pointing in the same direction. Clarification would be provided.

**204/23 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**205/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**206/23 Minutes**

Councillor Hubbard asked that it be made clear that Councillor Price was substituted at the last meeting by Councillor Rabey and not by Councillors Rabey, Hubbard and Forgacs.

Subject to this, the minutes of 4 December 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record.

**207/23 King George V Park**

**208/23 Update**

Head of Operations Hugh Davies and Amenities Team Manager Dave Elms gave a verbal update on matter relating to KGV.

Jacks Kitchen -Now open. Kitchen now nearly installed so should shortly be able to increase menu. There are a couple of small items to finalise before signing the lease.

Lighting – columns are up, cables have been pulled and have been advised will be complete by the end of February.

Dog Park – DE has met with Andrew Bloomfield. To ensure safety climbing equipment needs to be low to the ground and obstacles need to be breakaway. Area is not staffed so breakaway equipment could be easily vandalised. AB felt dog agility equipment should not be used by untrained dogs/owners and suggested a ‘dog enrichment area’. A-frame and walkway can be re-used if lowered. Have looked at designs for very low jumps, a maze and tyre mound. Hard standing and rubber matting would need to be removed. Have received a number of quotes with average of around £21500 + VAT.

DE advised that during the recent flooding a gentleman had been led into the floodwater by his guide-dog. As a result, the Dog Park was shut.

Councillor Hubbard felt that the council should seek a refund from the installers as what was installed was not fit for purpose. He suggested that council should look again at what they want with reference to the Landscape Architects original report.

It was proposed by Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor Price and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders.

Colin Goodhind felt that if his motion on procurement policy had been actioned, the current situation would not have arisen.

Joe McCann asked, if members were revisiting the Landscape Architects report, does that mean they are not minded to pursue the Dog Park. Councillor Hubbard and Councillor Rabey made it clear that the proposal was to consider all options. Councillor Forgacs asked for clarification on the removal of the hard-standing and rubber matting. DE confirmed it should be removed if the area is to be used as a dog run.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

It was proposed by Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor Rabey and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the matter be brought back to the next Asset Management and Amenities meeting, with the benefit of the original Landscape Architects recommendations and advice from officers, to consider all options for the use of that area of the park.

Parking – HD, Councillor Hubbard and Councillor Westbrook have met with representatives of the school to discuss use of the car park. Having second meeting with Angela Lewis from Fields in Trust also attending. It has been suggested to extend the car park into a small piece of land behind the eco-loos and identify specific parking spaces for different groups. It was noted that the parking is provided by Melksham Town Council for the benefit of users of KGV. Councillor Hubbard noted that the piece of land suggested previously had cricket nets and buildings so is already hard surface and should not be considered as losing green space.

Sensory Gardens – Awaiting third and final quote.

Assembly Hall Roof – Work will start this month.

Mobile CCTV – BT have refused to allow them to be mounted on telegraph poles and they cannot be mounted on East of Melksham lighting columns. For Wiltshire Council columns there are some that they would be happy are safe, some that would require 12 weeks notice and some that would be a flat refusal.

Allotments – Two spare troughs. Will be installed at sites recommended by the Finance Officer. Allotment rents going up from £40 to £50. 12 months notice has been given as is required. Solicitors costs in respect of land grab is around £600. Councillor Hubbard

asked about recovering costs, taking the matter to court if required. HD will look into this.

Councillor Hubbard asked if there was timeline for completion of the Sensory Garden now that the work has been taken in house. He spoken of the plaque presented to him when mayor which can be displayed in the garden. HD advised the main work requires an excavator and has been outsourced. It was agreed the plans for the garden should come to the next Asset Management and Amenities meeting before the excavation work.

## **209/23     Splashpad Opening Times for 2024**

Members were shown a spreadsheet showing usage details for last year. There had been comments last year about later opening and it was recommended that opening hours be changed to 11am to 6pm, with a decision on opening dates.

There was general agreement on opening times. There was discussion on opening dates and whether opening should be based on temperature rather than a date. DE noted that he had been advised there was a minimum operating temperature, below which there was a risk of damage to the machinery. How resurfacing work might affect opening dates was also discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor Oatley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Splashpad open for the Easter Holiday and then from half-term to mid September 2024, with officer discretion on opening between Easter and half-term. Opening hours to be 11am to 6pm.

## **210/23     Shurnhold Fields**

It was noted that the fund was for maintenance not capital and there was discussion on whether this counted as maintenance. Members were referred to item 8b on the minutes of Shurnhold Fields Working Group meeting of 28 September 2023.

Members asked whether use could be made of a Town Council mower. DE confirmed this had been considered but the spec of the mower available was not sufficient. Councillor Aves pointed out that the maintenance is undertaken by volunteers in their own time and it would be inconvenient to them and Melksham Town Council to access the mower at the times it was needed.

Councillor Forgacs expressed concern about storage, in view of the sum the council is being asked to authorise. It was confirmed by Councillor Aves and DE that the previous mower was normally stored in a shed and generally well looked after. A single user error had resulted in the damage.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Hubbard and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support payment and, if the Area Board is not minded to approve a grant, to support payment of the sum needed to purchase the mower.

Meeting Closed at: 7.55 pm

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**

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## MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL

Proposed by: **CLlr Jack Oatley**

Seconded by: **CLlr Adrienne Westbrook**

Dated: **28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### 1. Purpose of the motion

The purpose of the motion is to enable officers to work with Community Conversations and other companies/organisations to replace and refurbish the children's play area in Awdrey Avenue, Melksham Forest.

### 2. Background (Including previous resolution/s made and date/s if applicable)

A motion was brought to Asset Management and Amenities as follows....

It was proposed by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Oatley and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to set aside £50000 from Major Projects to fund the project, with upto £5000 allocated to the consultant's report.

Since this meeting, Wiltshire Council have created a programme called Community Conversations, the programme is designed to work with communities identified to improve life in those areas. The community conversations residents in Melksham Forest have identified the play park in Awdrey Avenue as an area they would like to see improved, and funding from community conversations has been set aside for this work.

For the funding to be awarded, the panel (made up of residents of Melksham Forest) will vote on the decision at their next meeting at the end of June. If successful, the funding can be granted.

### 3. Current Situation

CLlr Oatley, CLlr A Westbrook, Bridie Hanraads from community conversations and Hugh Davies have met to talk about the improvement works to the play area, and funding has been set aside from Community Conversations for the work.

### 4. What financial implications are there?

There are no financial implications to Melksham Town Council. I will be asking that the already allocated £50,000 get ringfenced to invest in other play areas in the Melksham Town area.

### 5. How does the motion link to Town Council policies and core values?

This motion would fit in with many of our core values, such as being age friendly, representative and inclusive, as well as improving our play area facilities within our town.

**6. What risks are there? (Provide a risk assessment)**

None

**7. What crime and disorder implications are there?**

None

**8. What environmental and biodiversity considerations are there?**

None

**9. What safeguarding concerns are there?**

None

**10. Motion**

To propose that officers can work with Community Conversations and other companies/organisations to replace and refurbish the children's play area in Awdrey Avenue, Melksham Forest, using the funding set aside from community conversations.

To propose that subject to the community conversation panel agreement to the funding, that the £55,000 set aside for the works and consultant's report for Awdrey Avenue play area from the Major Projects gets set aside for works on other play areas within the Melksham Town Council area.

**11. Does the motion impact/ support any previous decisions of council?**

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**12. Confirmation that the item under consideration has not been discussed by Council within the preceding six months. If it has, has there been a material change and what is this?**

Not discussed previously



**13. Please summarise any specific recommendations you have in relation to next steps**

The officers to work with Community Conversations and to replace/refurbish the Awdrey Avenue play area.

**Office Use:**

Date of receipt by Proper Officer:

Date of proposed council meeting for motion

Date/s of relevant resolutions: (record full resolution/s here)

Motion accepted by Proper Officer:

Motion rejected by Proper Officer:

Reasons for rejection:


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**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Street Trees*

**Report of the Head of Operations**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the placement of street trees through the Town Centre.

**2. Current Situation**

The existing tubs have been condensed into two areas in the Town Centre, planted with perennials. It has been suggested to brighten up the Town with tree tubs to extend and retain the floral display year round.

**3. Background**

The Town centre always has a superb display of hanging baskets giving vibrant colour but when the end of the season comes, the colour disappears. Having trees throughout the town would brighten up the ambience with colour to break up the brick, stone and concrete. There are some tree tubs in Church Street but the trees are at their maximum potential in this setting and the plastic tubs will have to be destroyed to get the trees out, when we replant them.

**4. Financial implications**

The wooden containers suggested are to be made by the mens shed at an approximate cost of £150 for a 1m x 1m x 1m unit. Soil would be £60 per unit. Each tree would be £60-£70 depending on size and variety. Total cost per container would be approx. £275 - £300. There is however, the option of seeking sponsors for each of the containers, making the proposal cost neutral.

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

Biodiversity is one of our obligations and this would go towards that aim. We also strive to make the Town a better place to be.

**6. Risk assessment**

There is always the risk of theft and vandalism but we will soon have a comprehensive CCTV system covering the area to protect the investment.

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

This proposal will most certainly contribute to our biodiversity considerations.

**9. Safeguarding**

N/A

**10. Recommendations**

The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.

**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

***Play area strategy***

**Report of the Head of Operations**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to re-consider the play area strategy presented last November / December.

**2. Current Situation**

There has been a desire to develop this strategy for some time but resourcing issues have prevented further progress.

**3. Background**

In November 2023, Several Councillors met with a suitably qualified consultant who would be able to develop a Town wide strategy, which has been needed for some time.

**4. Financial implications**

Following the initial meeting an investment of £14k was mooted to be required to develop a live strategy that the Council would own for the foreseeable future to create a phased investment plan. The final costs of equipment and installation are unknown at this time, pending the outcome of the strategy plan.

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

The Council wants to maintain the quality of the play areas it manages and it has been recognised that a fair amount of the play areas need updating to more modern equipment.

**6. Risk assessment**

The Council needs to make progress in this area otherwise the risk is that the play areas will become unused.

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

The equipment will be responsibly sourced and locally procured wherever possible.

**9. Safeguarding**

**Well designed play areas reduce safeguarding issues.**

**10. Recommendations**

**The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.**

**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Replacement work vehicles*

**Report of the Head of Operations**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the replacement of the work vehicles .

**2. Current Situation**

The existing fleet comprises of one rented flatbed that has approximately 2 years left on the contract and a two owned panel vans that are in excess of 20 years old. The pick up was returned to the lease company earlier on this year. One of the two owned vehicles always needs investment at MOT time. Although the vehicles rarely leave the Town on their travels, only the rented flatbed can enter the Bath Clean air zone.

**3. Background**

The fleet has been operated as frugally as possible but to remain cost effective, I would recommend that we source some local second hand vehicles that are newer and create a rolling sinking fund to replace every 5 years.

**4. Financial implications**

Looking at second hand market, an investment of £20k would be required to replace the panel vans with a newer pick up and a transit type van. The vans could be traded in or sold on the open market. The other option is to lease the vehicles over a longer term, say 5 years. We could also decide to keep the smaller van as a runaround for smaller jobs

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

The vehicles are looking tired and replacement would improve our image.

**6. Risk assessment**

There is currently a risk that one or other of the vans fail and we need a very quick replacement at short notice. Replacing before this happens would be prudent.

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

**This proposal will most certainly assist our biodiversity considerations by running newer more fuel efficient engines.**

**9. Safeguarding**

**N/A**

**10. Recommendations**

**The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.**



**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Replacement ride on mower*

**Report of the Head of Operations**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the replacement of the ride on mowers .

**2. Current Situation**

The existing ride on mowers comprise of 2 John Deere domestic units, each with a trailer.

**3. Background**

The existing mowers are approximately 5 years old and are coming to the end of their useful working life but still retaining some value for the domestic market. Most of the bigger cuts are contracted out which helps the operation in both time and cost but the time has come to replace the ride ons if we want to maintain the quality of our work. The hand propelled mowers are still working well.

**4. Financial implications**

Looking at commercial units, an investment of £10k would be required to replace the two existing units and one trailer with one “out front” commercial grade machine.

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

The Council wants to maintain the quality of the green spaces it manages and this proposal would assist us in achieving that aim.

**6. Risk assessment**

There is currently a risk that we could have a breakdown of machinery at the height of the mowing season and whilst it would be possible to rent a unit, de-risking the possibility of this occurrence is worthwhile.

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

N/A

**9. Safeguarding**

N/A

**10. Recommendations**

The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.

# Stage 2 Report

## King George V Playing Fields

for

## Melksham Town Council

Town Hall  
Market Place  
Melksham  
SN12 6ES

05 March 2019  
Document Issue B



# Document Management

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# Project Team

Client



Melksham  
Town Council

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# Introduction

## Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present a long term development strategy that meets the needs and aspirations for King George V Playing Field. This report has been informed by a programme of public consultations, consultation with key stakeholders and survey visits to the park by NVB Landscape, Design Base, Assured Trees, and Seasons Ecology.

The intention is that this report will form the basis for further discussion with the town council to agree a progressive development strategy, respecting the views of stakeholders within the park including the Rivermead School, Adventure Centre and organisers of the annual festivals.

The report and the masterplan will be adopted by the town council and used as a framework for future fund-raising and marketing for the key development projects.

The overall plan will remain a “live” document and may require updating and adaptation to reflect changes that may occur in terms of the Town Council’s priorities and business plan.

## Background

The site was purchased by the Melksham Cricket Club in 1905, known as ‘Cricket Pitch Field’ and a large area of the site was reprofiled during this period to better accommodate the cricket oval.

The site was not publicly accessible until it became King George V Playing Fields in 1937. It was purchased as a public open space for Melksham in September 1937 following donations of both money and land to commemorate the death of King George V.

It has been a valued part of Melksham town centre ever since forming the backdrop to and location of many cherished memories for the people of the town and visitors alike.

Generally speaking the park remains a popular destination and focal point within the town, however there are key features such as the paddling pool and the cricket pitch which have ceased to satisfy their original function or have come to the end of their economic use and have had to be removed.

In September 2017 NVB were approached to tender for undertaking a masterplan exercise for the Council. Following our appointment in December 2017, NVB Landscape visited the Park, and worked closely with the town council to prepare display boards for the first phase of public consultation held in February 2018.

This first phase of consultation was intended to identify the issues and shortcomings of the park, and to capture aspirations to be included in the masterplan. Representatives from NVB Landscape and the Town Council attended a consultation event in March 2018, after which a presentation board was displayed at a series of public locations around the town along with questionnaire forms.

An emerging masterplan was developed in response to the first phase of consultation. The emerging masterplan was presented to the Town Council at a meeting in July 2018 and with the councils support was released for the second phase of public consultation. The emerging masterplan was displayed in a series of public locations around the town between July and August along with feedback questionnaire forms.

Key stakeholders were consulted through out the consultation process including River Mead School, the Adventure Centre, Party in the Park, Melksham Food and River Festival, the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, Lowbourn Osteopaths and other neighbours. All consultation feedback and responses, and site survey data were gathered and collated to inform the production of the masterplan and this report analysis of the site survey data. The report seeks to define a concise Masterplan that will meet the Town Council’s and the people of Melksham’s aspirations for the next 10-15 years.





# Context

## Location

As illustrated on the maps opposite and below, the park is located within the centre of Melksham, on the River Avon in Wiltshire. The site is bounded to the south and east by car parking and roads and on the north west and southern boundaries by waterways.

The River Avon runs along the north western boundary providing open views along the river corridor and over toward the Cooper Tires factory on the opposite side of the river. To the south is the vegetated corridor of Clackers Brook, an overgrown bank with a shallow water course susceptible to flash flooding events.

The park is largely open in character dominated by the large mown grass playing field at the centre. Buildings within the park are spread along the northern edge, Tree planting is grouped around the perimeter of the park.

The site is largely flat with steeper slopes to the edge of the sports pitch where the terrain slopes toward the River Avon and Clackers Brook.



Aerial view of location



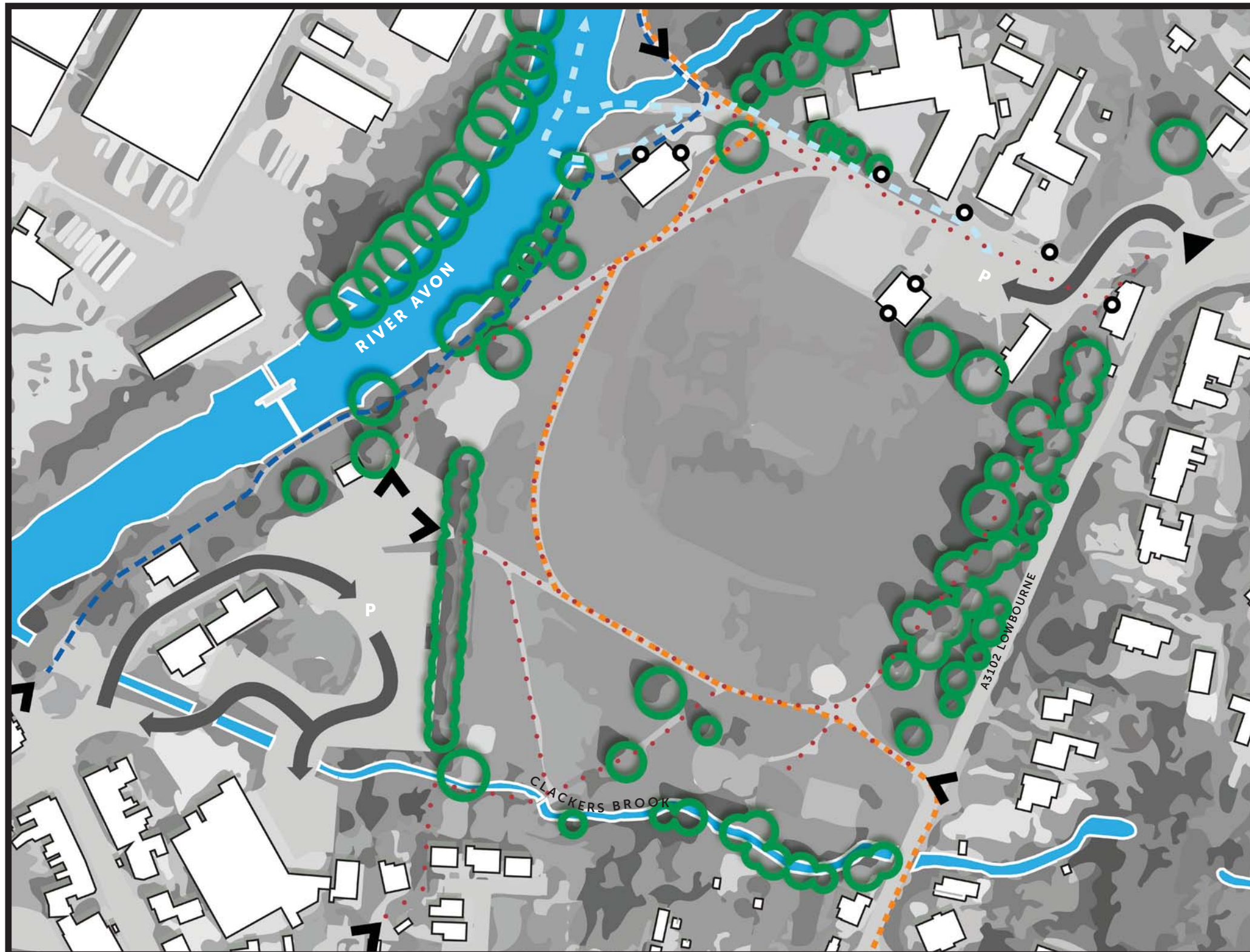
## Key features



- A. Melksham Adventure Centre
- B. The Cricket Pavilion
- C. Old Maintenance Shed
- D. River Mead
- E. Lowbourne Osteopaths (and private residence)
- F. Public Convenience
- G. Waitrose Supermarket
- H. Girl Guides Melksham HQ
- I. Scout Hut
- J. The Riverside Club
- K. Millennium Mosaic
- L. Millennium Footbridge
- M. Weir
- N. Fixed Cricket Cages
- O. Carpark
- P. Fastigate Trees
- Q. River bank trees

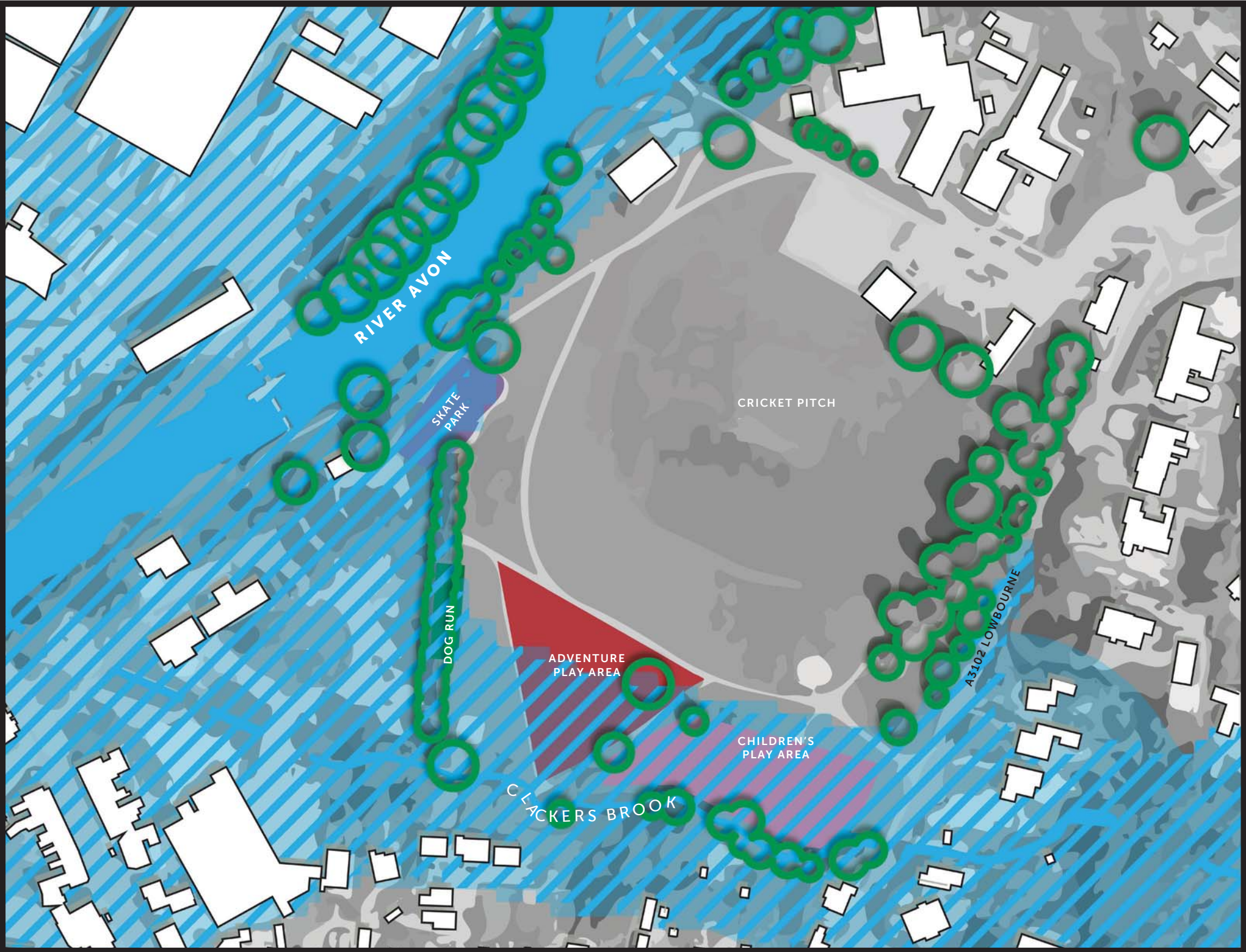


## Access & Designated routes





Flood Risk



 Flood Zone 2

 Flood Zone 3

Areas of the site are subject to seasonal flooding. Bounded by the River Avon to the West and by Clackers Brook to the South the plan shows the extents flood risk as defined by the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning (<https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>).

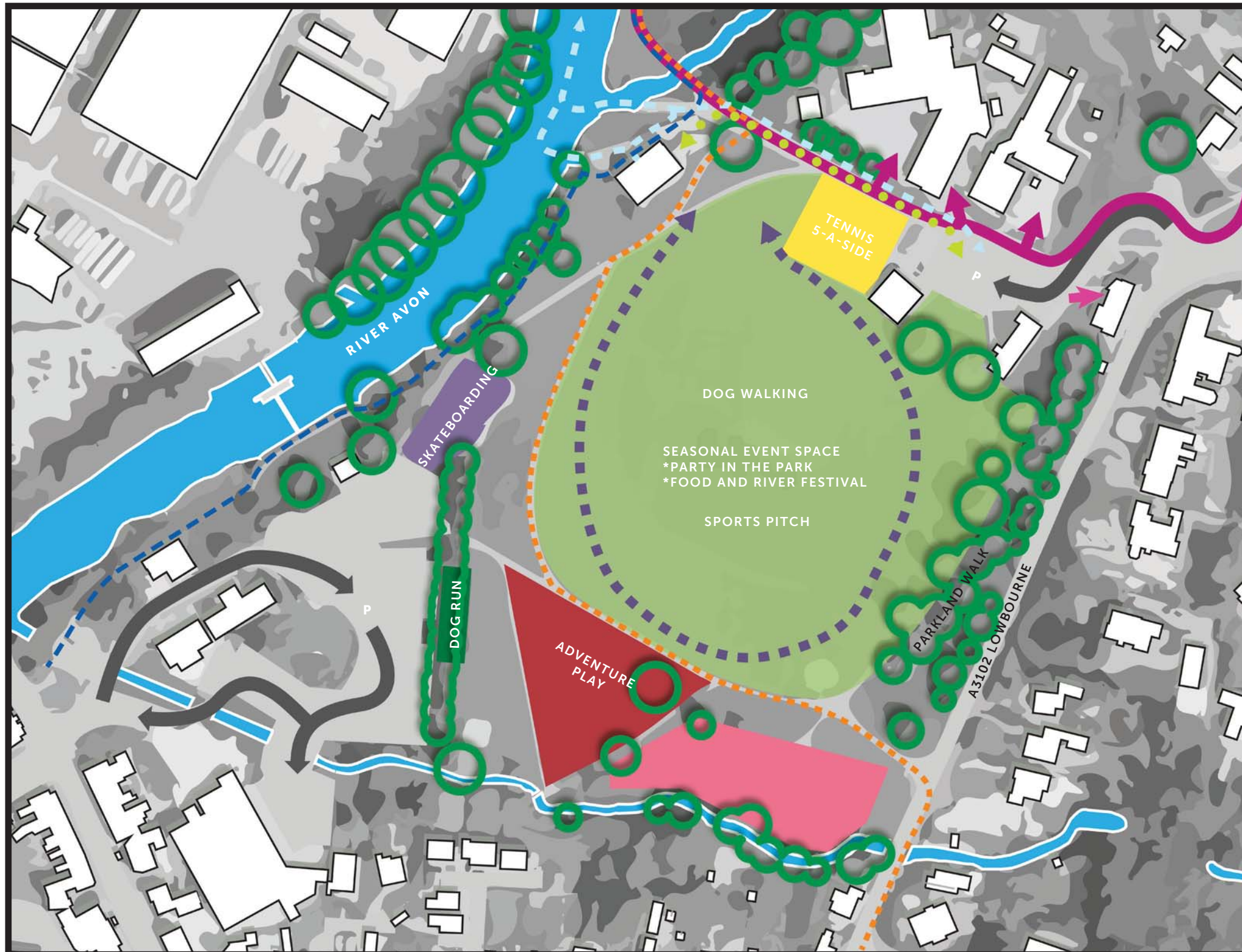
The plan identifies the significant risk of flooding presented by Clackers Brook on the southern edge of the site.

Flood Zone	Definition
Zone 1 Low Probability	Land having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding. (Shown as 'clear' on the Flood Map – all land outside Zones 2 and 3)
Zone 2 Medium Probability	Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding; or land having between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding.
Zone 3 High Probability	Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or Land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding.(Land shown in dark blue on the Flood Map)

Note: The Flood Zones shown on the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) do not take account of the possible impacts of climate change and consequent changes in the future probability of flooding.



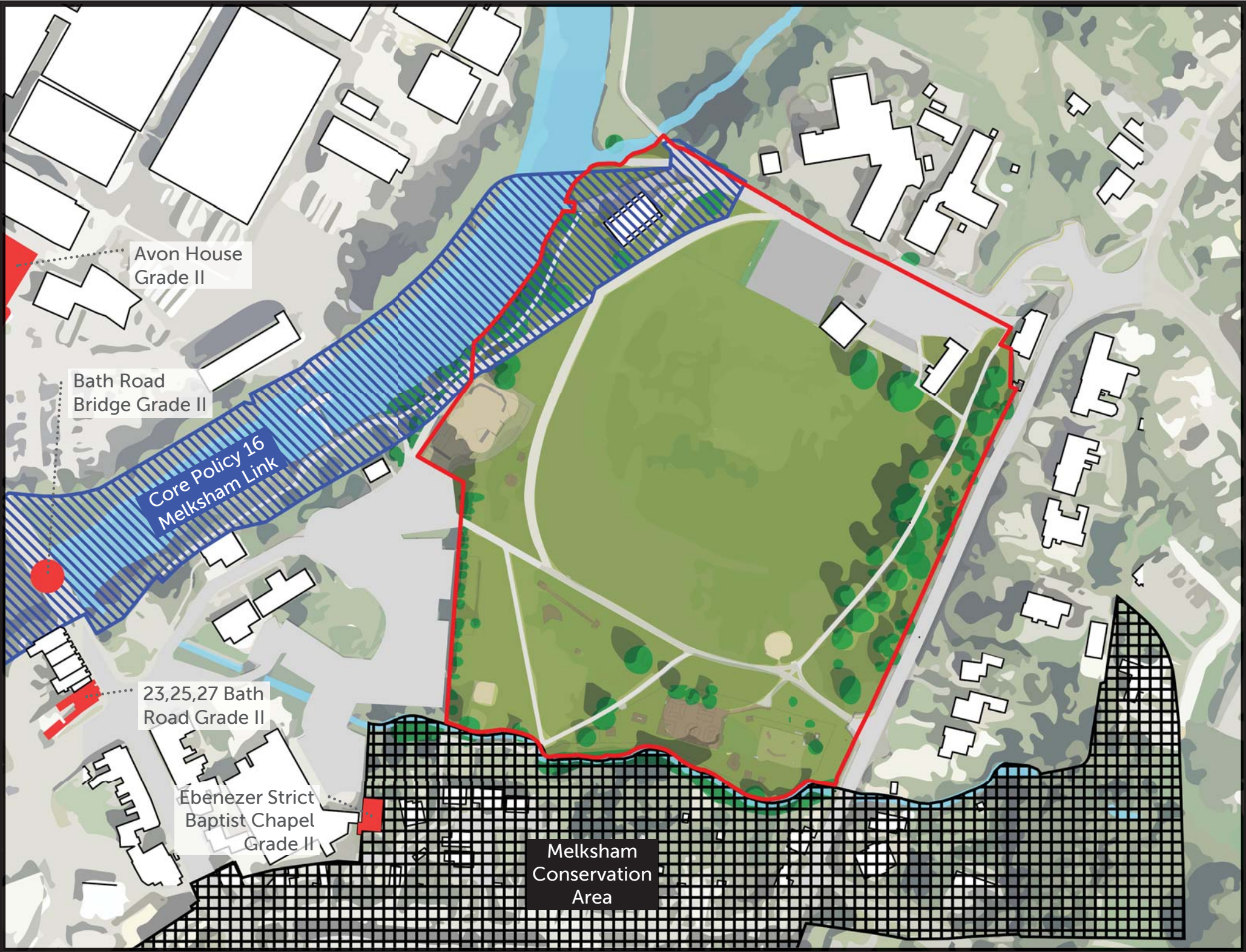
## Movement & Use



- Park Run (Saturday Mornings)
- Millennium Riverside Walk
- Adventure Centre and slipway access route
- Vehicle access to car park
- Cycle route
- Main access routes to School
- River Access
- Lowbourne Osteopath entrance
- Car Park



Planning policy context



Fields in Trust

The charity 'Fields in Trust' legally protects King George V Playing Fields as an open recreational space in perpetuity through a Deed of Dedication. Any non-recreational changes in use of the space or any buildings need specific consent from the Trust.

Wiltshire Core Strategy

Core Policy 16 of the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy makes provision for the Melksham Link Project including safeguarding its route from development. A section of the proposed route passes through the northern edge of the site.

Leisure and Recreation Development Plan Document (January 2009)

The vision laid out for is for West Wiltshire to have a network of safe, accessible, high quality spaces, and sport and recreation facilities that makes West Wiltshire a place to be proud of, meets local needs and enhances the "liveability"<sup>1</sup> of the district, promotes health and well being, promotes sustainability, supports biodiversity and makes the best use of land.



# Public Engagement

# Phase 1 Consultation

NVB landscape and Melksham Town Council launched a process of consultation beginning in february 2018. The process asked the people of Melksham the question 'What changes could be made to improve your experience of the park?'.

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD PUBLIC CONSULTATION


What do you most like to do in the park?	
What prevents you from visiting and making more use of the park?	
What is the priority improvement that you would like to see made in this park?	
What do you like least about the park?	
Any other comments	


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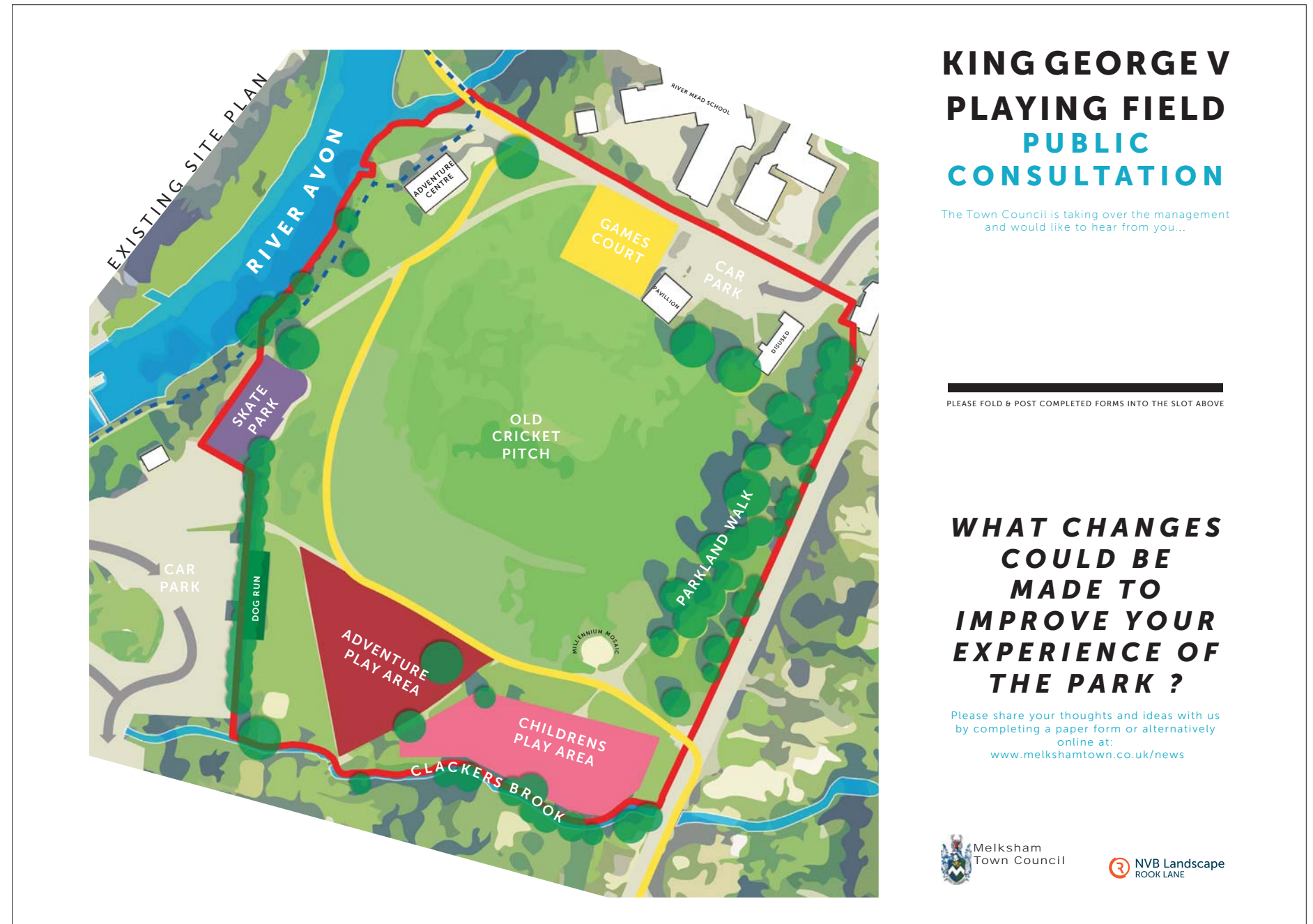
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## Consultation Response

All responses to the consultation were recorded and reviewed. In reviewing the responses it became apparent very quickly that there were common themes running throughout. Wordclouds (worditout.com) were generated from the responses relating to the targeted questions;

- What do people dislike about the Park?
- What do people like most about the Park?
- What are the improvements that people would like to see?

The word size and colour are a reflection of frequency.

The green space and open quality of the park was valued by many of consultees. This is key for dog walkers and events such as the Party in the Park. The park is on many peoples route to and from the town centre and it is also part of longer distance walks out from the town along the river Avon. The promised splashpad was much anticipated and would make the park a destination.

This was part of a recurrent theme throughout the responses for a broadening of appeal to provide something for all ages. A café, public toilets, a broader provision of play equipment suitable for all ages of children and also a call for providing improved amenity value to the older generation and people visiting without children.

This first phase of consultation concluded in June 2018 and informed the design of an emerging masterplan.



What are the improvements that people would like to see?



What do people like most about the Park?

What do people dislike about the Park?



The completed forms were collected in a collection box attached to the presentation board.

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD PUBLIC CONSULTATION


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Any other comments	

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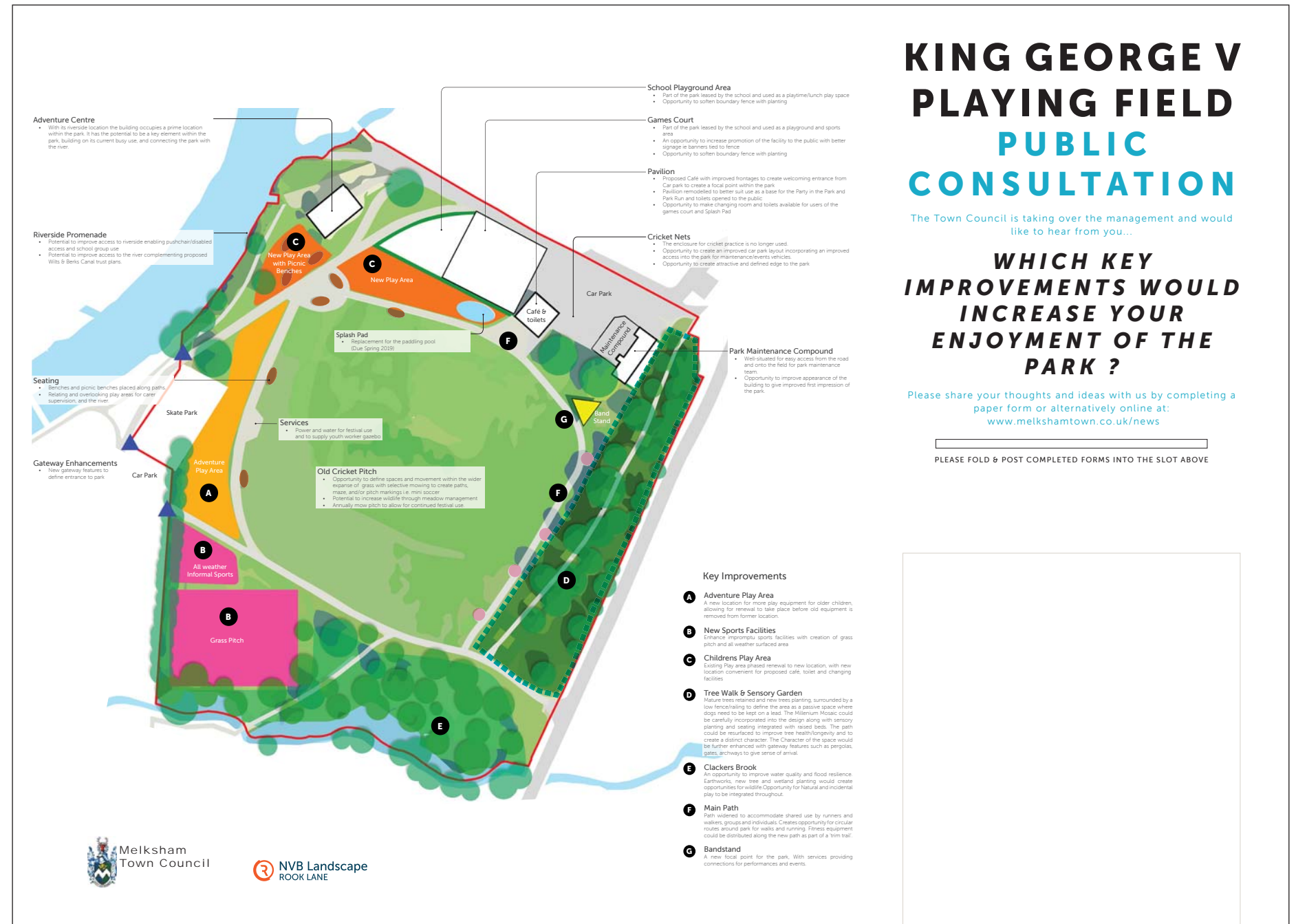
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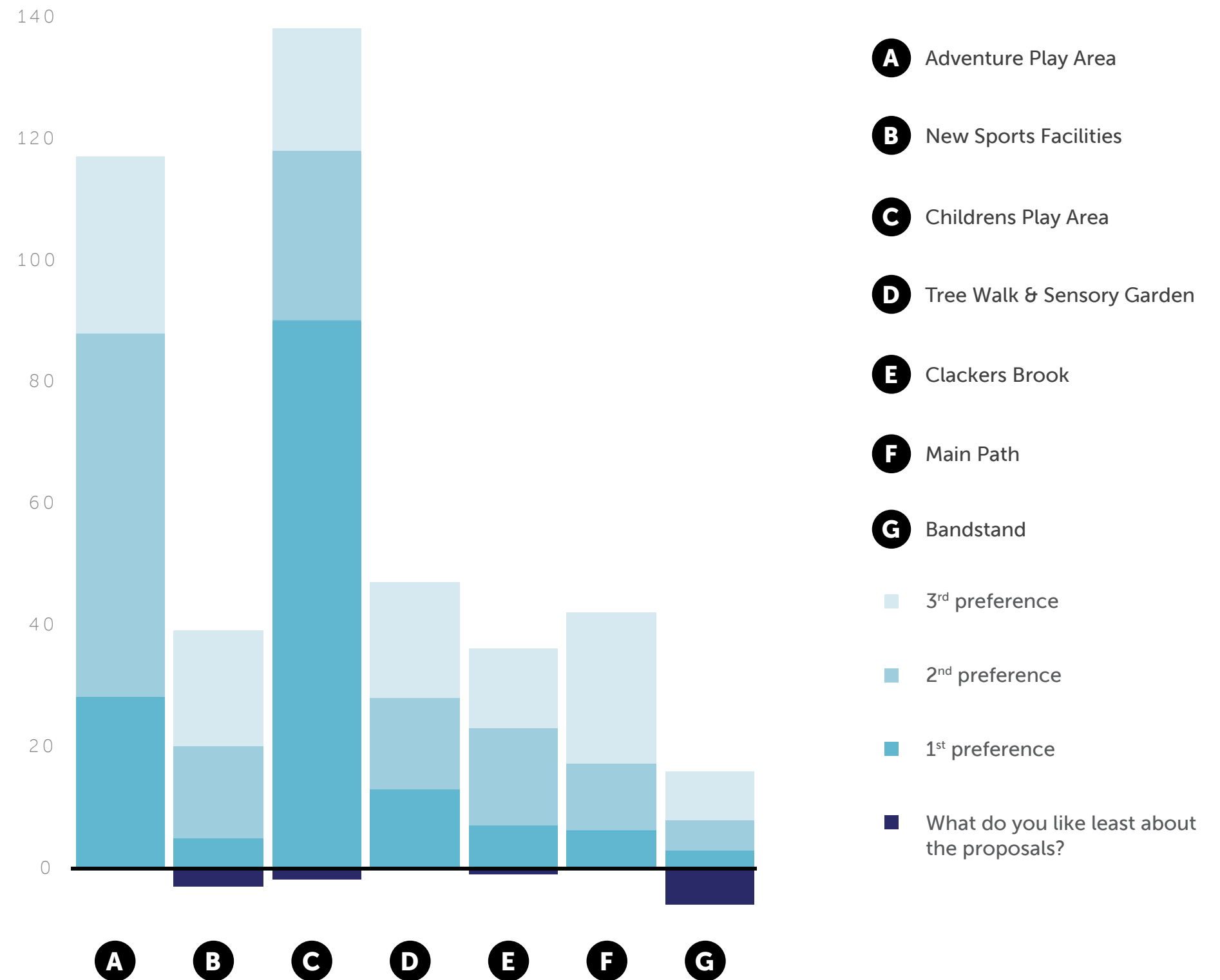
# Public Consultation Conclusions

The response to the masterplan was overwhelmingly positive. In particular the Splash pad was eagerly anticipated by many of the respondents. A café is something that people would like to see in the park and toilet provision was highlighted as essential to encouraging and enabling longer visits.

In answer to the question 'Which three of the proposed key improvements (A-G) should be prioritised?' Respondents gave a clear preference for the childrens play area proposals, followed by the adventure playground. The next key improvement by first preference is the sensory garden followed by the main path and the Clackers Brook.

In reponse to the consultation the proposed new sports facilities were amended. Consideration was given to the location of the grass pitch to move it away from the Clackers Brook flood zone.

The key improvement that was least popular by preference and also attracted the greatest negative response was the proposed bandstand. Service connections are proposed to be integrated for temporary stages currently used by events however it has been agreed that the proposals for a permanent bandstand will not be developed in the short term. The masterplan will be developed so that it wouldn't prevent development of this feature in the future.



Graph showing how respondents to the consultation ranked their three choices in order of preference. The bars in the graph describe for each option the breakdown of votes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference

# Existing Park

## Key Assets

Two features particularly define the character of the park, the River Avon and the expanse of green open space.

Cricket has historically dictated the layout of the park. The level area for the pitch was created approximately centred within the park, all tree planting and structures have subsequently been positioned around the edge of the park to avoid any inference with cricket. The Cricket Club no longer plays at the park but the open space is valued by the people of Melksham particularly as the location for events and the annual festivals.

The Cricket Pavilion formerly associated with the cricket club has food preparation, toilet and changing facilities.

The River Avon defines the north western boundary and offers open views and connections to the countryside beyond the town.

A Public slipway provides the opportunity to access the river for canoes and small boats.

The Adventure Centre benefits from a commanding location on the river bank. It features storage and facilities for the canoe club local groups including changing rooms, showers, toilets.

The MUGA is available for hire and is used by sports clubs and for team sports.

The Skate park is a recent addition to the park and is a popular amenity for both local teens and also teens from beyond Melksham.

There are many mature trees around the edge of the park, the most notable of are the mature parkland trees planted along the path running immediately parallel to the Lowbourne and the row of fastigate trees that runs along the boundary of the supermarket car park.





## Ecology

An appraisal of the ecology was carried out in December 2018.

The site is afforded a level of rarity, being a large area of open green space within its urban surroundings.

With consideration to protected and notable species, the site provides opportunities to roosting bats (buildings and several trees), foraging and commuting bats (grassland, trees and shrubs, and in particular the watercourses along two of the site's boundaries), badger, small mammals, and common and widespread species of reptiles and amphibians.

The site is assessed as having local value overall, with the adjacent River Avon and Clackers Brook having Borough value. The river and brook are valuable both as habitats in their own right and due to the species they are known to support which includes; kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), otter (*Lutra lutra*), water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) and water shrew (*Neomys fodiens*).



## Trees

The park benefits from many good quality mature trees. A tree survey was undertaken in December 2018 by a qualified arboriculturalist who assessed all trees on site. Trees are spread around the outside of site, but can be loosely grouped within four distinct character groups.

Along the eastern edge of the park on both sides of the path running immediately parallel to the Lowbourne is a very established group of mature specimens. The combination which includes of Birch, Beech, Horse Chestnut, Lime and London Plane is typical of post war municipal park tree planting. As a group collectively they significantly contribute to the feel and character of the park.

On the western boundary, beside the supermarket car park is a line of mature fastigate Lombardy Poplar. Although recently reduced in height and of little individual merit they have greater value as a landscape feature defining the park boundary and contributing a distinct character to the park.

Along the banks of the River Avon are several groups of native trees including Birch, Alder, Hazel, Willows and Hawthorn. Collectively these trees contribute to the waterside character and ecological importance.

Along the banks of the Clackers Brook the trees are of mixed mostly non native species. Some specimens are spread along the northern bank however the main grouping of trees sits beyond the site boundary on the opposite bank of the brook. Within this group several large horse chestnut and willow trees have been managed as high pollards and are the subject of a TPO.

The survey also identified that there are some trees which will require immediate action due to dieback and/or decay.







# Masterplan

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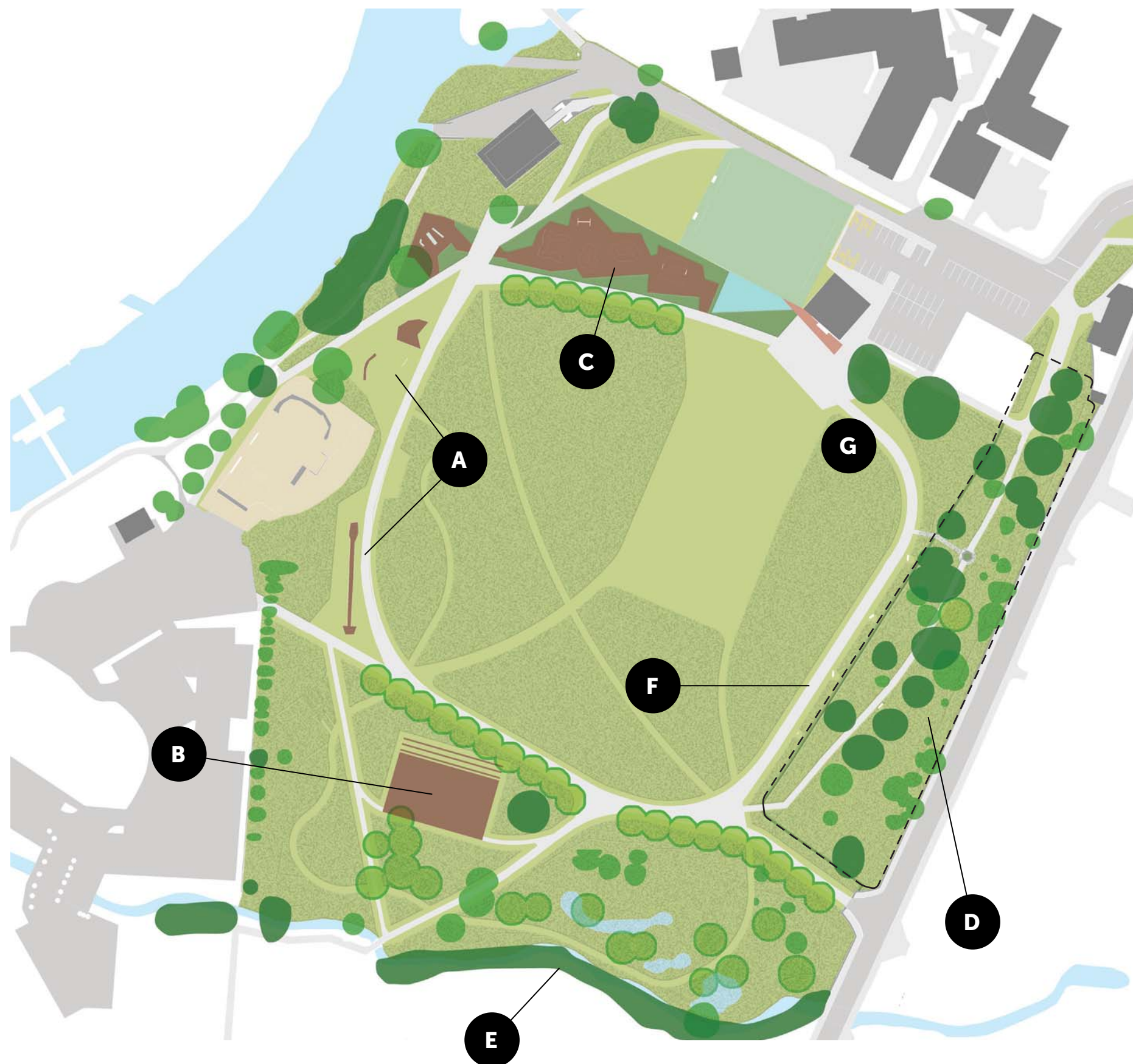




## First improvements

- A** Adventure Play Area
- B** Informal Sport facilities
- C** Children's play area
- D** Tree walk sensory garden
- E** Clackers Brook
- F** Main Path
- G** Bandstand

The following pages describe a brief for each of the improvements





## Adventure Play Area

The existing adventure play area is a popular feature within the park, particularly the zip wire. The area of play equipment is intended for use by an older age group than use the children's play area but includes children who have not completely grown out of the children's play area and/or are not necessarily quite independent of parental supervision.

The proposed move of the children's play area gives an opportunity to relocate the adventure play area closer to the younger play area.

Moving the two areas to be closer will improve convenience for use by families with children of ages that straddle the two areas. It will also ease the transition for children from the younger equipment up to bigger adventure equipment.

The location will also be more convenient for the proposed café, picnic area and toilets.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Options for play equipment that can be relocated
- Options for new equipment





## Informal Sport Facilities

The site has historically been laid out to host cricket matches but this no longer takes place. Sport is supported elsewhere within the park with a recent all weather games court associated with the school which is available for hire and there is a small area of tarmac with a basketball hoop available for informal use.

The existing small area of tarmac and basketball hoop is within the flood zone and approaching the end of its useful life. There is an opportunity to create a new and improved informal sports offer within the park by creating a new multi purpose space.

Working with the existing topography a series of terraces could be formed to create informal seating for spectators and informal meeting point. The mix of sports will be explored further during the detailed design, but could include basketball, football, street snooker, table tennis, cricket.

Markings for a grass sports pitch or goal posts for impromptu sports could also be comfortably accommodated within the former cricket pitch.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Terrain remodelling including amphitheatre seating
- Options for impromptu all weather sports pitch layout
- New path
- Options for improvements or removal of existing basketball court
- Options for grass pitch layout



Multi use games court with cricket



Multi use games court with street snooker and basket ball hoop



Table tennis



The all weather surfaced area could be designed to work with the existing topography to create an area for spectators/informal meeting point



## Children's play area

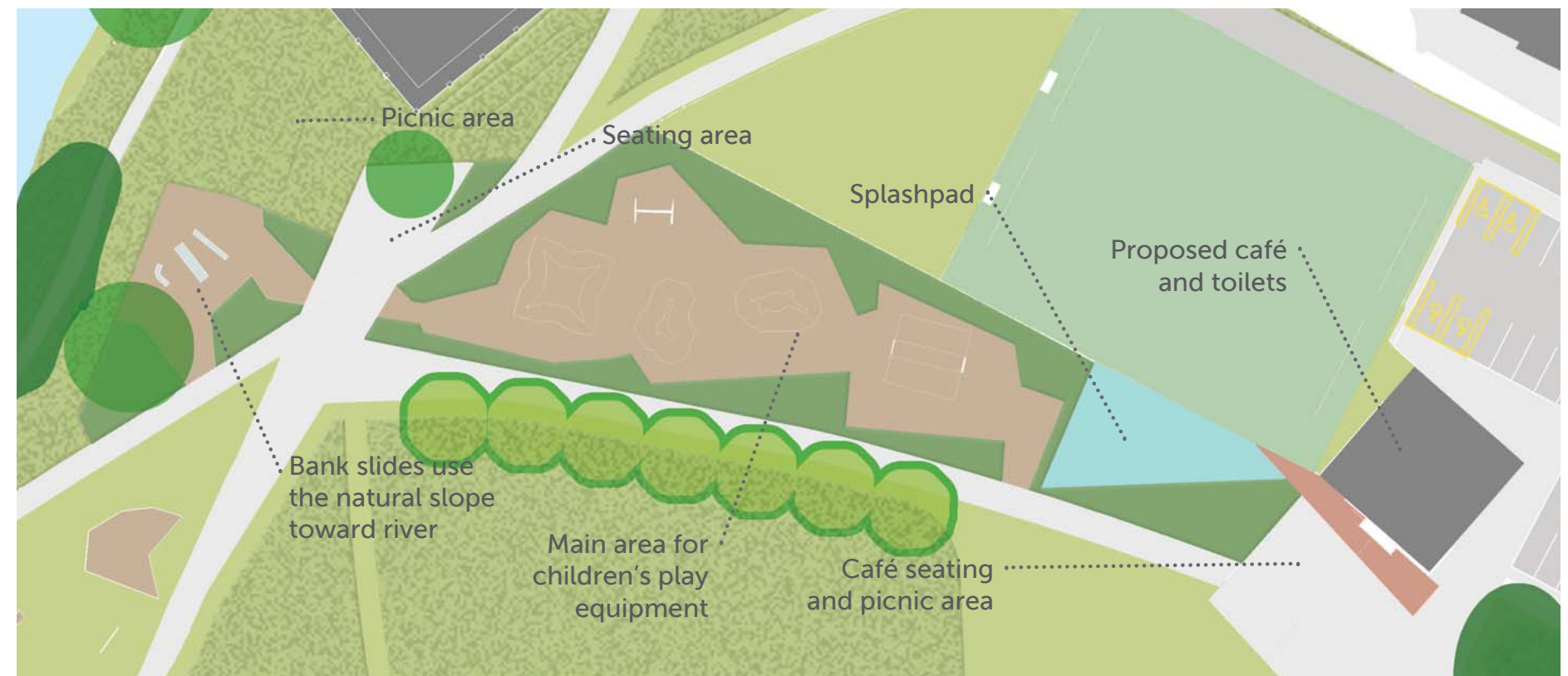
The existing children's play area is within the flood zone of Clackers Brook. Moving the play area out from the flood zone was the improvement most prioritised by respondents to the second phase of consultation.

The proposed location for the play area would be more convenient for public toilets, changing and café facilities. It will also be closer to the new splash pad feature.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

River bank including picnic area and proposed area for bank slide is within Melksham link safeguarded route area.

- Options for new/relocated play equipment
- Options for picnic area
- Options for slides set into bank
- Seating
- Planting



Play tower, climbing framework and interactive sensory play made from organic natural materials



Play tower and climbing framework



Slide set into slope of bank



## Tree walk sensory garden

The park benefits from a fine selection of mature parkland trees which line a walk that runs parallel to Lowbourne. It is proposed that the genteel quality of this area of the park could be enhanced with new planting and bench seating to create a sensory garden. A raised planting bed or similar raised feature acts as a central focal point and could incorporate the panels from the millennium mosaic.

The boundary will be defined by traditional rail fencing which will keep a portion of the park separated from the more active uses beyond. The area would continue to be open at either end for access through and along the walk but gates would prevent access by unsupervised dogs. Dogs would only be permitted if on leads. Pergolas or similar gateway feature would mark the entrance/end of the walk. The character of any proposed trees and planting would reinforce the existing woodland/garden character.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

Trees within this area were assessed as part of the wider arboricultural survey which is discussed on page 18. A tree management plan should be developed as a next step to explore options for additional planting and or phased renewal.

- Options for central feature
- Options for entrance feature
- Options for character of planting
- Seating
- Fence



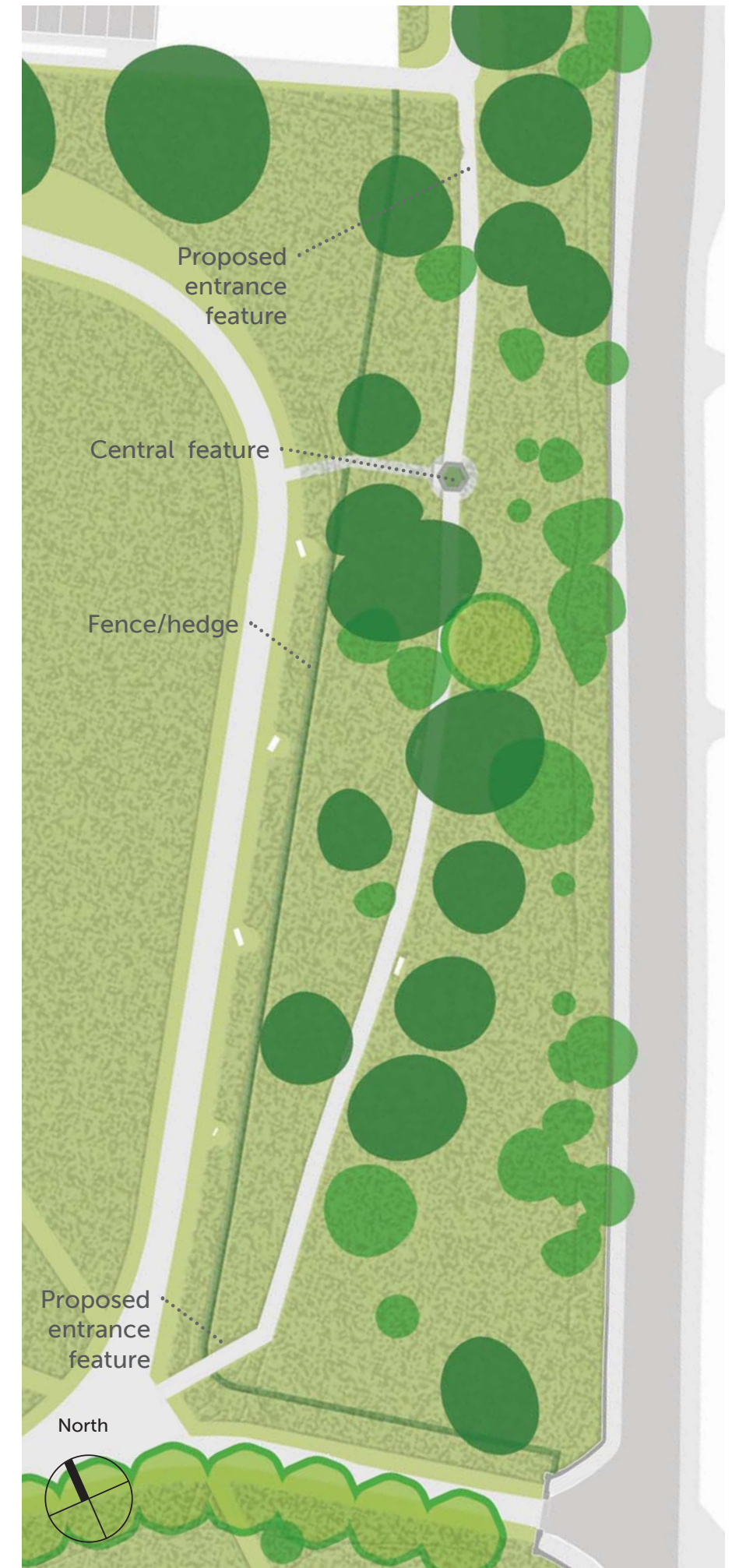
Existing mature trees are an asset.



Pergola entrance feature.



Bench set within planted border.





## Clackers Brook

Flooding effects the banks of the Avon and Clackers Brook. Environment Agency flood risk data supports the many respondents to the consultation who highlighted the issue of flooding in the park. The brook is liable to flash flooding events that anecdotally disrupt the function of the children's play area at least twice a year.

Relocating the children's play area would give the opportunity to take a different approach to the brook corridor.

It is possible that the brook could be reformed from a disruptive force into a key feature within the park. The potential is there to make the brook corridor a place for wildlife, flood prevention and an area for natural play. Features such as swales and ponds could contribute to flood prevention and improve water quality. Low intensity management of the area could improve biodiversity and safeguard routes for wildlife. The wet woodland habitat created could accommodate woodland paths, play trails, tree climbing and stepping stones. A natural foil to the formal tree lined walk and the play areas elsewhere within the park.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Option for educational use as a Forest school
- Option for flood water attenuation
- Option to extend to include area occupied by basketball hoop and tarmac surface
- Nature trail
- Play trail
- Habitat enhancement



Play trail



Opportunity to improve flood resilience and improve water quality with attenuation swales



Stepping stones passing through wet woodland habitat



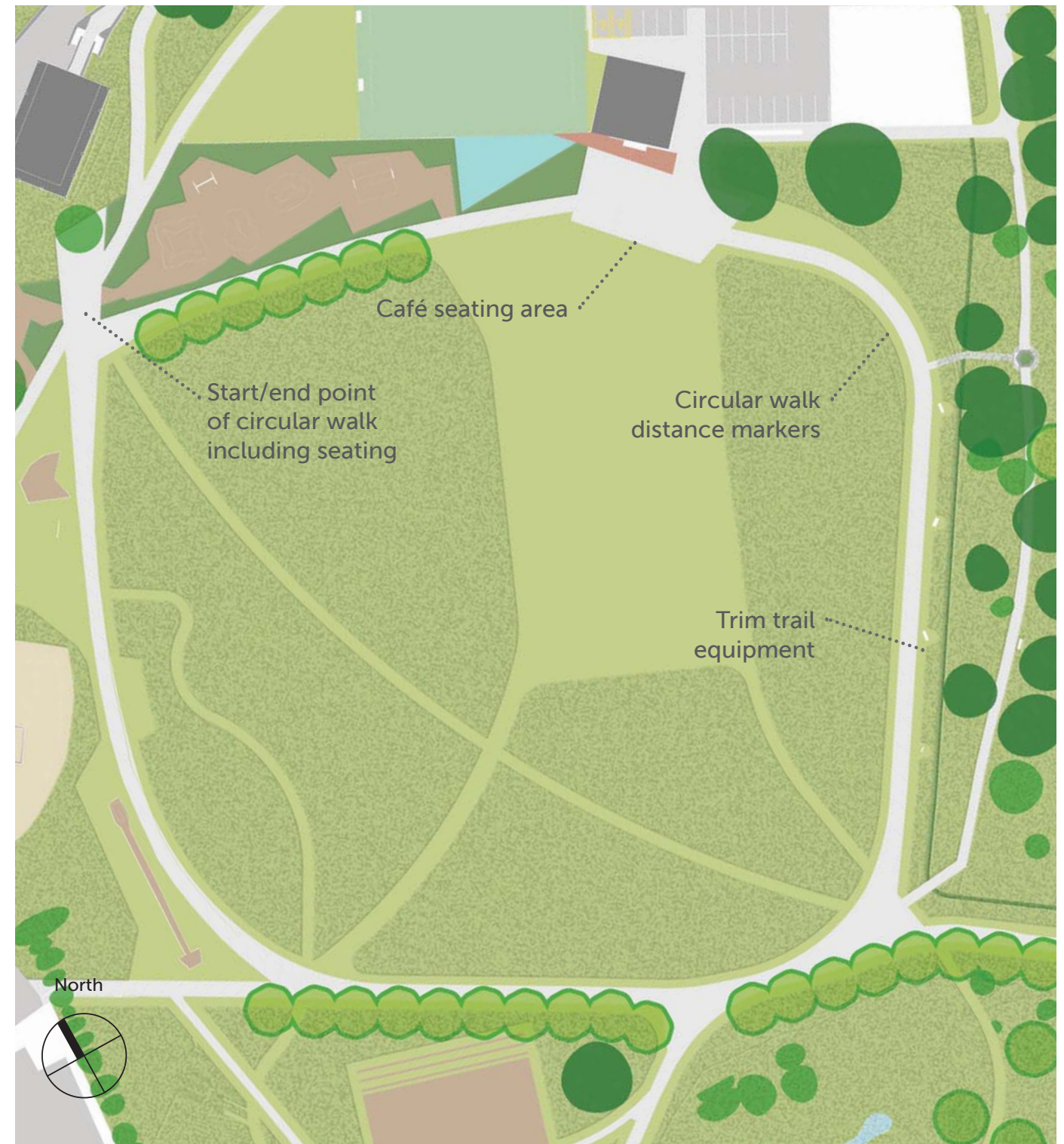
## Main Path

Though possible to 'do a circuit' of the park the current route is not clearly marked and would include negotiating a narrow lane with vehicular traffic and crossing a car park. Creating a clear route around the park could have broad appeal giving opportunity for measured fitness activity as well the social ambler. The path would be designed to be of a suitable width to accommodate individuals, small groups, and runners.

To further encourage activity in the park and in answer to a call for more 'exercise equipment' from the first phase of consultation it is proposed that along the route could be a trim trail.

### Key improvements:

- Options for number exercise spots on trim trail
- Options for lighting
- Option for extent of café 'patio'
- Benches
- Integration of power supplies for events.
- Tree planting



Generous seating provision partitions wide path

Trim trail exercise equipment

Broad path with segregated shared use



## Bandstand

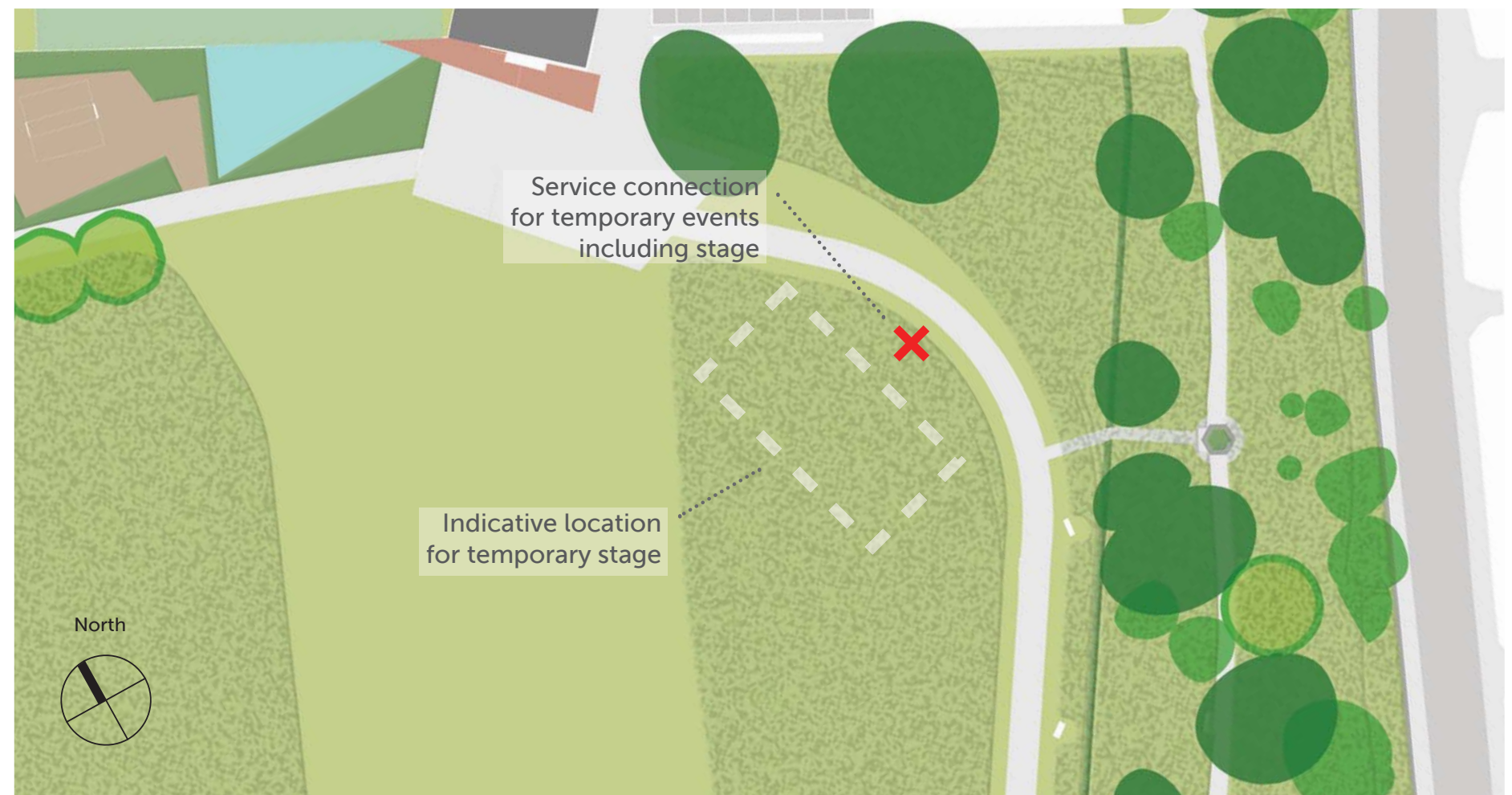
The Park holds various outdoor events and activities throughout the year, such as the popular 'Party in the Park'. Improving the provision of services including electricity and data would better support the delivery of these events.

Many respondents to the first phase of the consultation wanted to see a bandstand added to the park for performances. In the second phase of the consultation the proposed bandstand was the lowest priority improvement and there were also a number of people who were opposed to the Bandstand proposal. The concerns raised were focused around a lack of use, antisocial behaviour and the impact of noise on local residents. Also adding a permanent structure may require a planning application.

Noise from such events is tolerated on the understanding that the event is of a relatively short duration and is currently dealt with on an event by event basis

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Building permanent stage structure will likely require planning permission
- Option to improve access for events support vehicles will require removal of maintenance shed and car park works
- Option for Service connection



Temporary stage

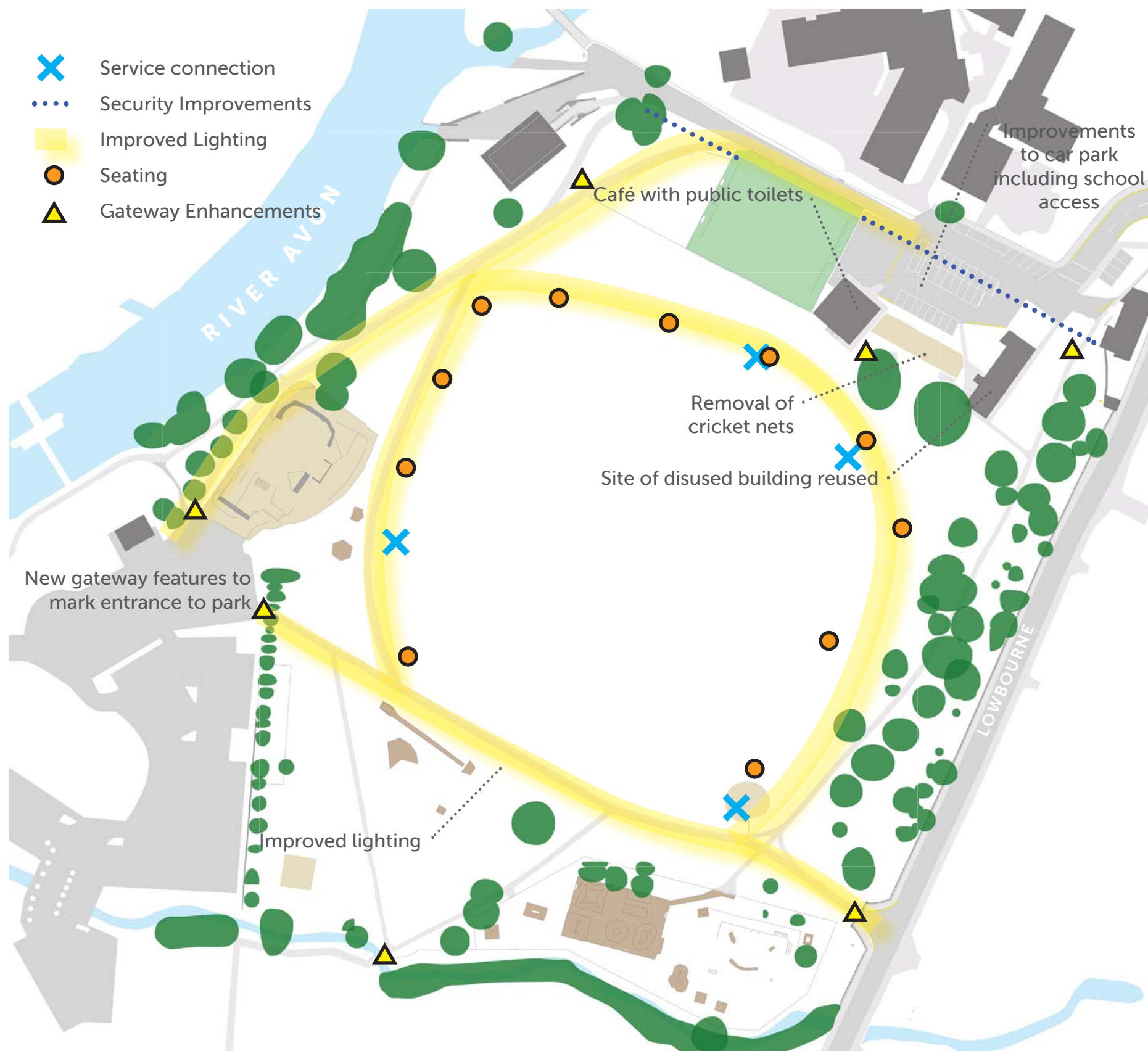


Performance Canopy



Respondents to the public consultation were given a choice of which key improvements should be prioritised. The most popular improvement was the relocation of the children's play area. This along with the sensory garden and the scheduled works to create the splashpad will form the basis of the Phase 1 works.

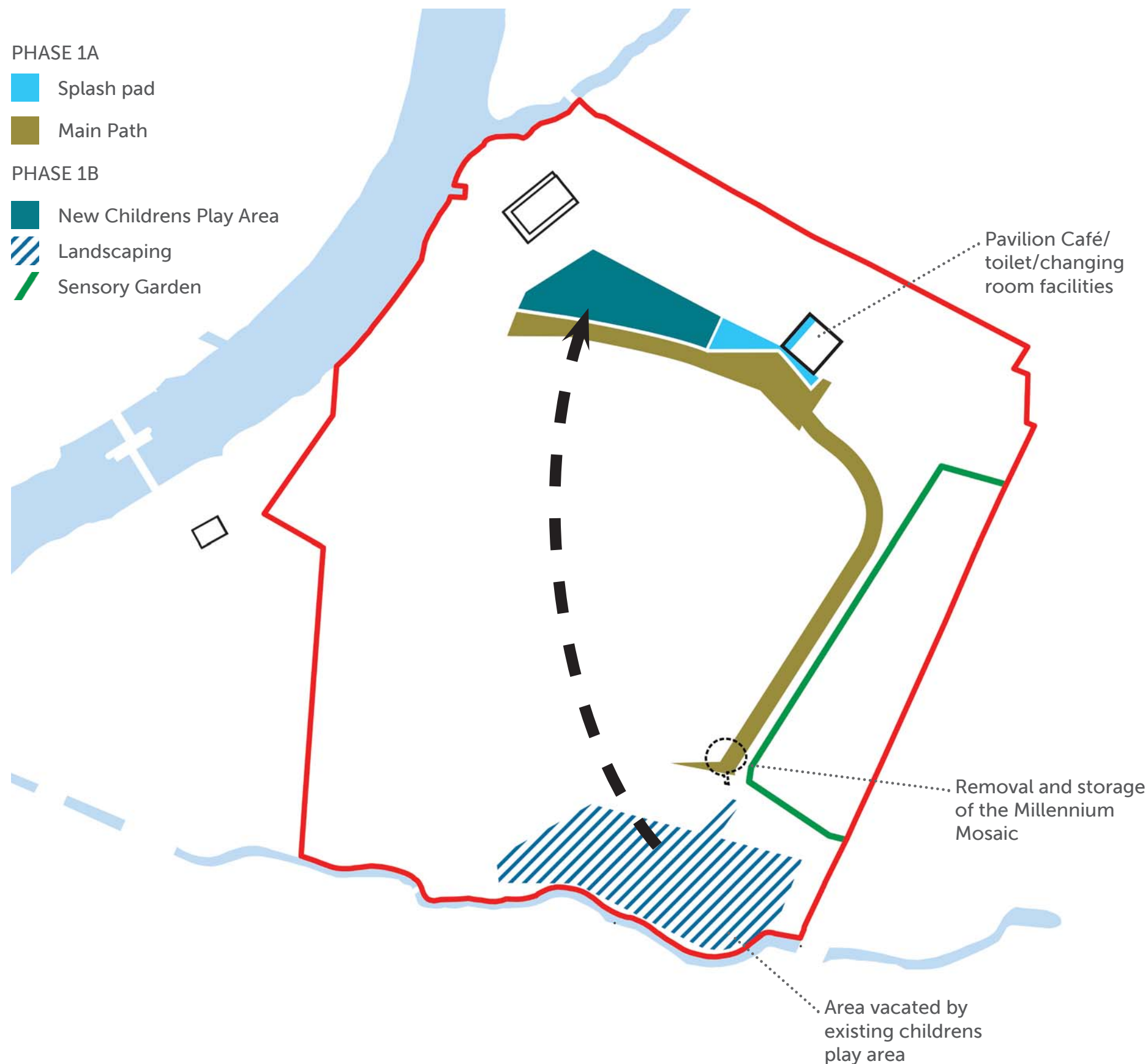
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  - The adventure play area could be phased with equipment installed in the new location as and when the existing requires renewal.
  - The area vacated will require reinstatement, or could include works toward the proposed sports facilities.
- B.
  - Creation of the all weather sports area is dependent on the removal of the adventure play area.
- C.
  - Final works to the New children's play area are within the Wiltshire Core Strategy 'Core Policy 16 Melksham Link' area. Works may require planning approval.
- D.
  - Completion of the proposed access routes is dependent on the removal of the existing derelict maintenance shed.
- E.
  - Improvements to the Clackers Brook wet woodland area could be phased.
- F.
  - Works to complete the circular route around the Park could include the proposed works to improve lighting and the creation of electric/data access points.
  - The trim trail exercise equipment is accessed by the main path. Installation is not dependent on any other element being complete.
- G.
  - A permanent structure may require planning approval.



## Strategic Improvements

- A revised management plan for the areas of grass could be developed to lower maintenance input, cost and promote biodiversity. The management plan would incorporate a layout of pathways and to distinct activity spaces within the long grass.
- Toilets within the Cricket Pavillion opened for public use.
- New improved lighting along key pathways for safe access through park
- Improved seating provision
- Disused maintenance shed is well-situated between the car park and field for vehicle access by Park maintenance team - Proposed reuse as the location for Park maintenance compound.
- Cricket nets removed as enclosure for cricket practice is redundant. Opportunity to create an attractive and defined edge to the park and improve the car park layout incorporating a new access into the park for maintenance/events vehicles.
- Gateway enhancements to improve arrival from carpark on western edge of the site.
- Improved lighting to access routes through park.





## Phase 1

### Phase 1a.

The splash pad area is to be made ready for use in summer 2019. Its position within the park has been informed by the masterplan, but its functionality is not dependent on any other aspect of the masterplan being completed. Works will include the installation of pipe work and equipment inside the pavilion building.

A stretch of path beside the children's play area would enhance the user experience of parents and children. It would also be of benefit to other users of the park by providing an all weather connection between the Pavilion and the existing path that runs parallel to the Avon. This will bypass the narrow lane behind the Games Court.

### Phase 1b.

Moving the children's play area will complement the new splash pad. Where practicable existing play equipment will be relocated or alternatively new equipment installed in the new location.

Play equipment unsuitable for relocation, the perimeter fence, benches and bins will be removed. The area will be relandscaped to make good. The Landscaping works could include initial works toward the Clackers Brook improvements 'E'.

A fence will be erected to enclose the proposed Sensory garden and initial planting improvements.





- C Children's Play Area**  
Existing Play area phased renewal to new location, with new location convenient for proposed café and toilet and changing facilities



- A Adventure Play Area**  
A new location for more play equipment for older children, allowing for renewal to take place before old equipment is removed from former location.



- Youth work**  
• Power and water for festival use and to supply youth worker gazebo

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- B New Sports Facilities**  
Improved provision of impromptu sports facilities with creation of all weather surfaced area.



- F Main Path**  
Path widened to accommodate shared use by runners and walkers, groups, individuals and improve vehicle access for temporary stage. Creates opportunity for circular routes around park for walks and running. New bench seating and fitness equipment distributed along the new path as part of a 'trim trail'.



- Central Space**  
• Spaces and movement within the expanse of grass defined by selective mowing to create paths, maze, and/or pitch markings i.e. mini soccer  
• Potential to increase wildlife through meadow management  
• Annually mow to allow for festival use.

- KEY**
- Existing Tree
  - Proposed Tree
  - Trim Trail
  - Seating
  - Gateway Enhancements
  - Services
  - Security Improvements
  - Improved Lighting

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD MASTERPLAN

First Steps: • Splashpad • Path connections to Splashpad & Pavilion • Move Childrens Play Area • Sensory Garden

- Car Park and Park Maintenance Compound**
- Car Park layout rationalised and enlarged
  - Pedestrian access improvements
  - Maintenance compound created as part of Car park rationalisation following demolition of derelict building.

- Bandstand**  
Improved provision of services i.e. electric and data to better support the delivery of events and for temporary stages.



- Tree Walk & Sensory Garden**  
Mature trees retained set within a newly defined area with distinct sensory garden planting with raised planters and boundary defined by gateway features such as pergolas, gates, archways to give sense of arrival



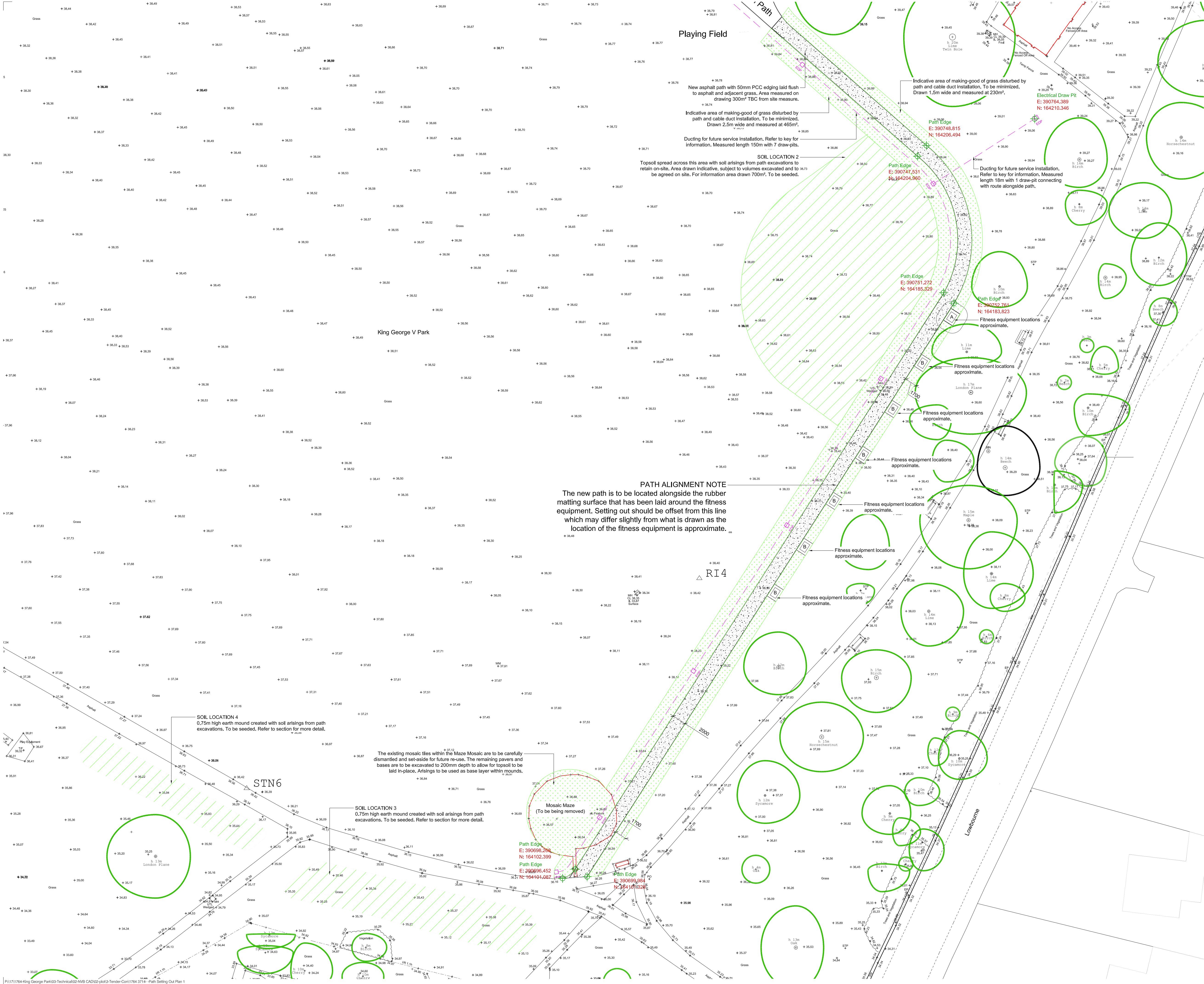
- Clackers Brook Nature Trail**  
An opportunity to improve water quality and flood resilience. Earthworks, new tree and wetland planting to create opportunities for wildlife. Natural and incidental play to be integrated throughout.





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**Key**

- Existing Trees Retained**  
Red = Root Protection Area (RPA)
- Asphalt**  
50 x 150mm PCC kerb edging laid flush with asphalt. Construction build-up "CONTRACTOR DESIGN PORTION".
- Grass seeded areas**  
Grass seed to be Geminal A19 Amenity mix or similar approved by client. Rates of spreading as per manufacturer recommendation.
- Mounds to be seeded**  
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- Electrical ducting**  
3no. 100mm diameter ducts buried to 750mm depth
- Electrical Draw Pit**  
Spaced at 25m centres alongside kerb haunch
- Fitness Equipment**  
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Product: Double Hand Bike R7160  
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- Fitness Equipment**  
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Product: Sit Up Board - SD310  
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Air Walkers - SD120s  
Multi Traction - SD260  
Combined Fitness Bike / Stepper - SD304  
Double Skier - SD309  
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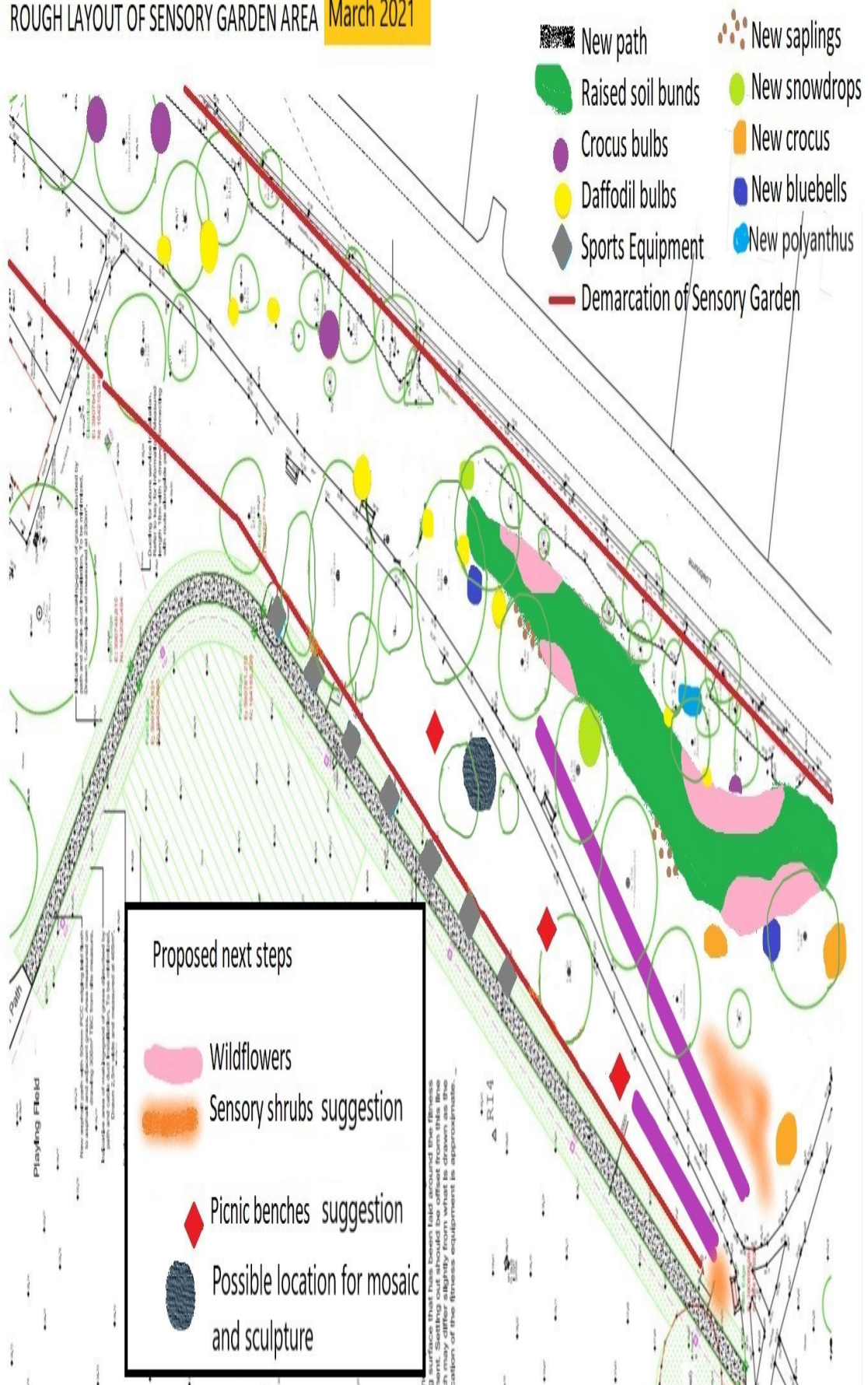
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# ROUGH LAYOUT OF SENSORY GARDEN AREA March 2021



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# KING GEORGE V PARK SENSORY GARDEN

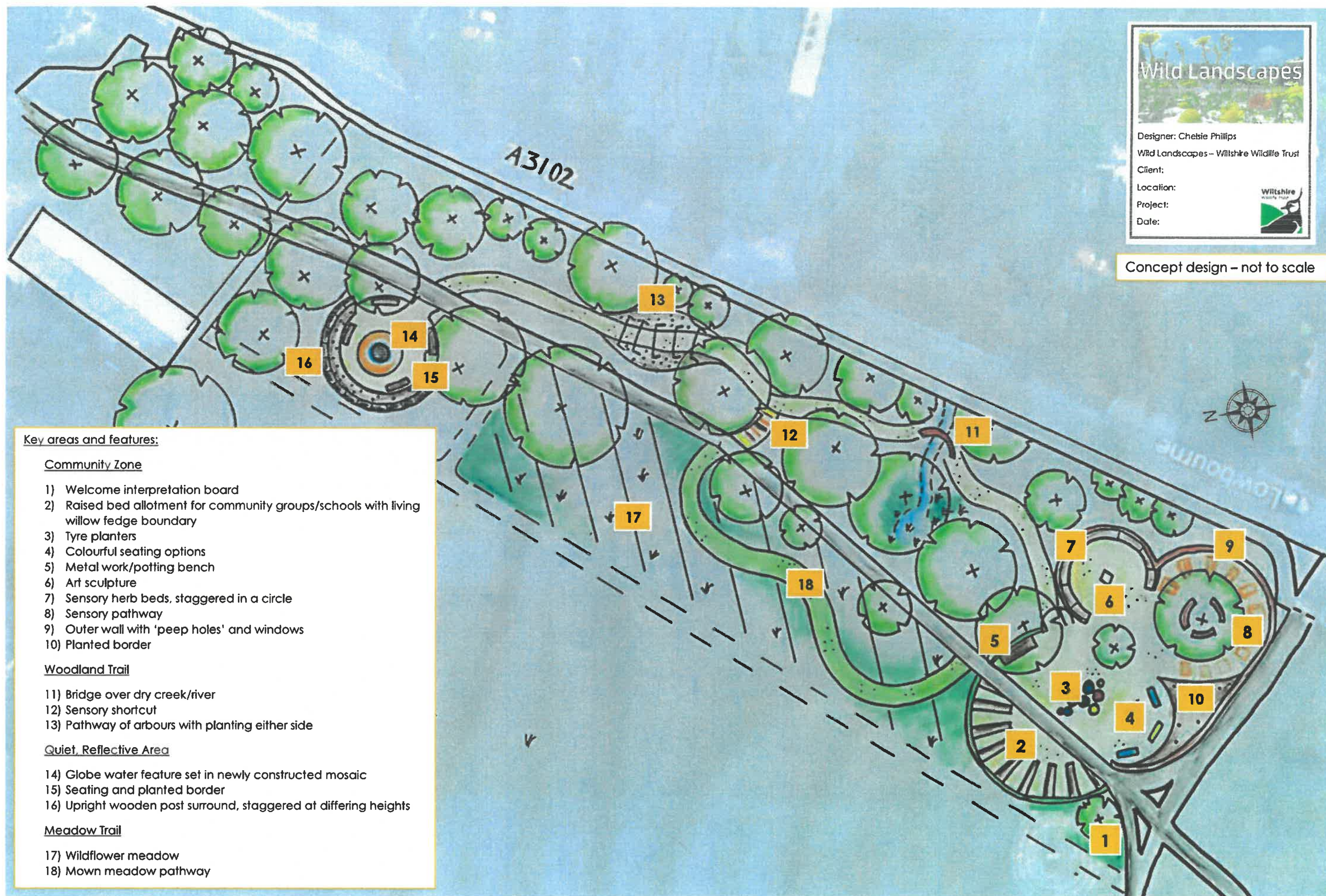
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## DESIGN BRIEF

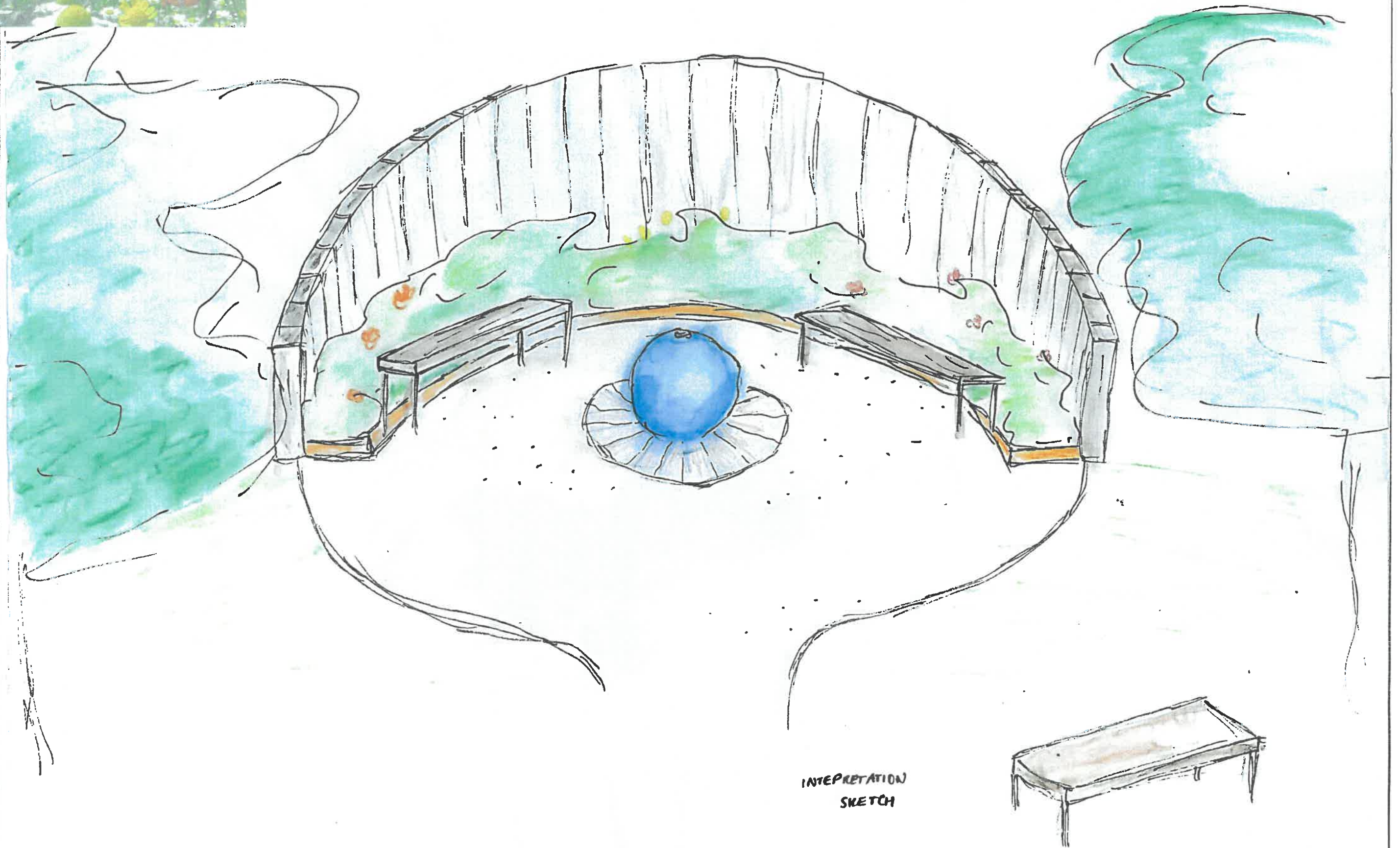
Wild Landscapes has worked together with Melksham Town Council and various community members to design a community sensory garden within King George V Park, Melksham. The design had to work around the existing tree plantings and footpath, provide an accessible and stimulating environment that would meet the needs of every user whilst providing the opportunity for exercise, relaxation, reflection, and sensory stimulation. Community usability was high on the agenda, focussing on not only children but also adults with a variety of trails and different zones, contrasting textures, designs and colours.

Designed by Chelsie Phillips

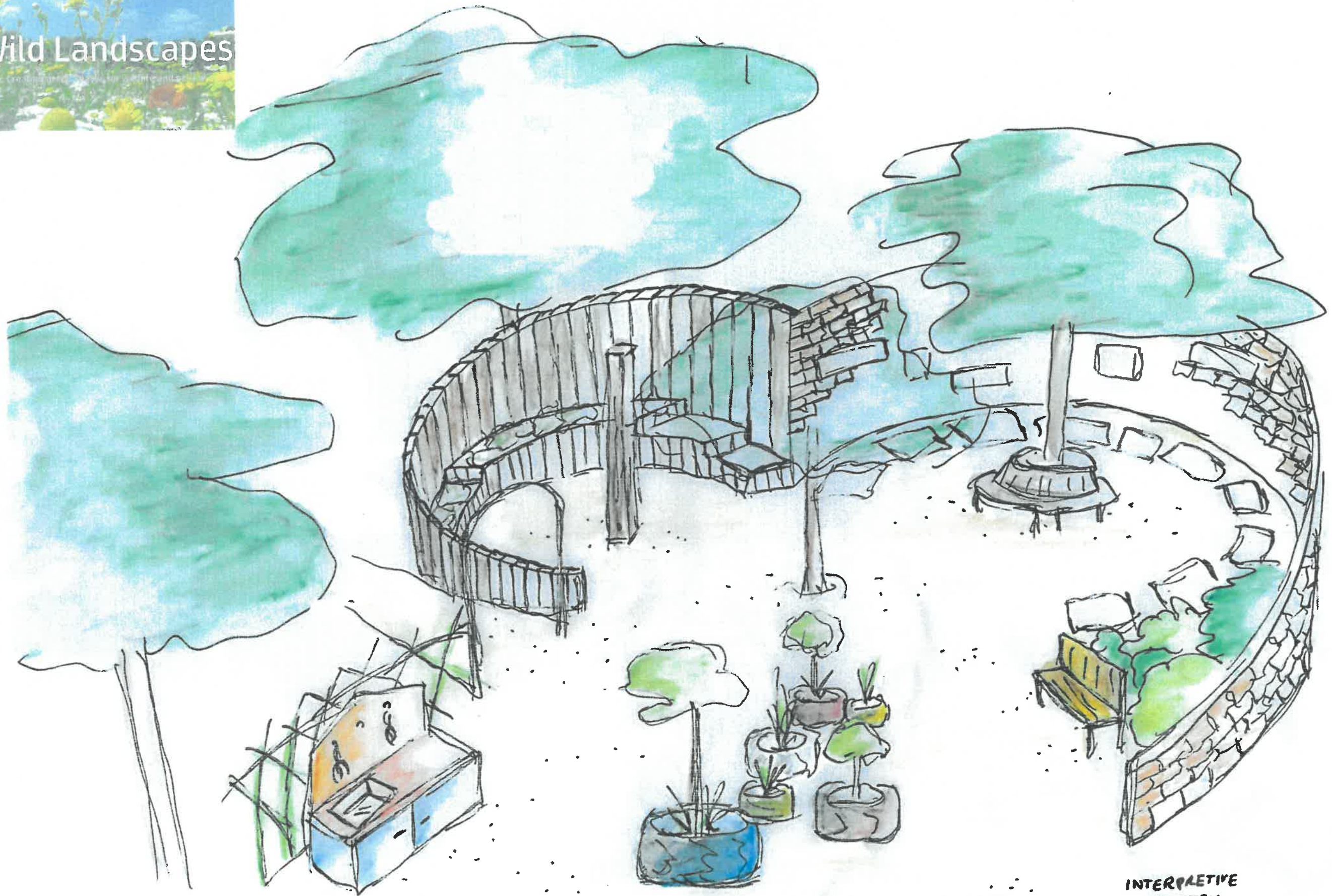












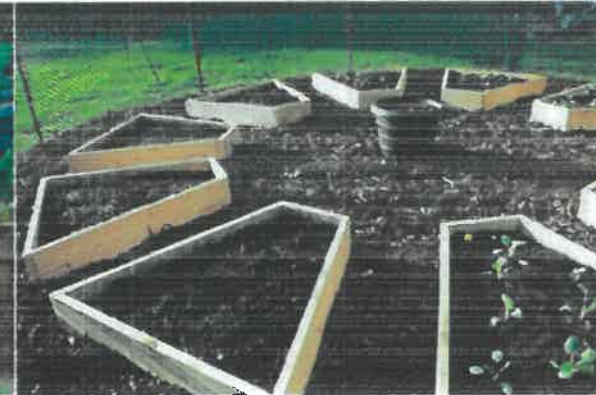
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# COMMUNITY ZONE



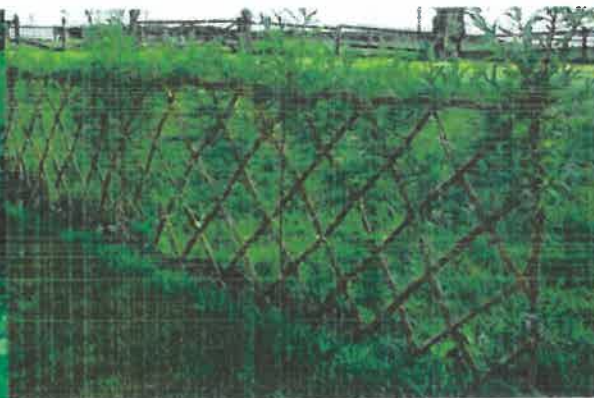
Raised vegetable beds



Natural Hoggin surface



Living willow fedge



Upcycled tyre planters



Colourful seating options



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Tree seating



Central art sculpture



Potting / work bench



Staggered sensory planting circle



'peep hole' wall





# WOODLAND TRAIL



Woodland pathway edging – habitat piles

Woodland bridge



Dry creek

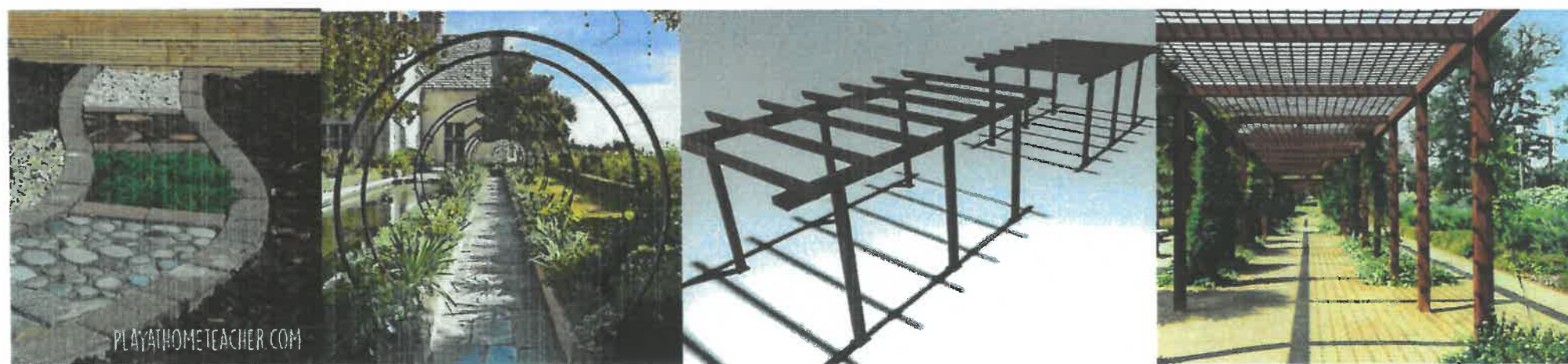
Dry bog area with planting

Woodland wildflower planting



Sensory pathing shortcut

Arbour pathway



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## QUIET, REFLECTIVE AREA

Globe water feature as central focus



Naturalistic, calming planting surrounding the central area



Upright, staggered wooden sleepers as the circles boundary for privacy

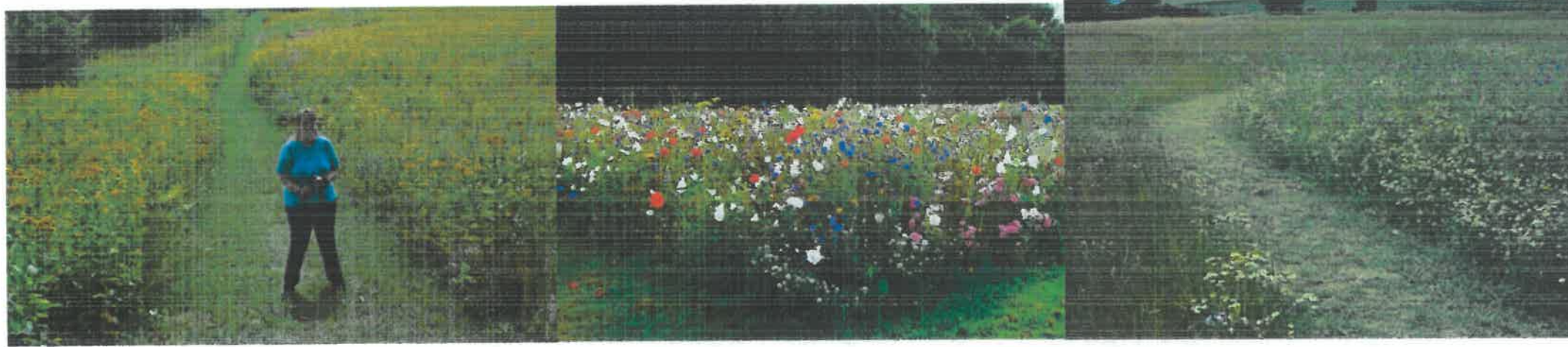




# MEADOW TRAIL



Seeded wildflower meadow



Mown pathway for natural trail

Insect homes







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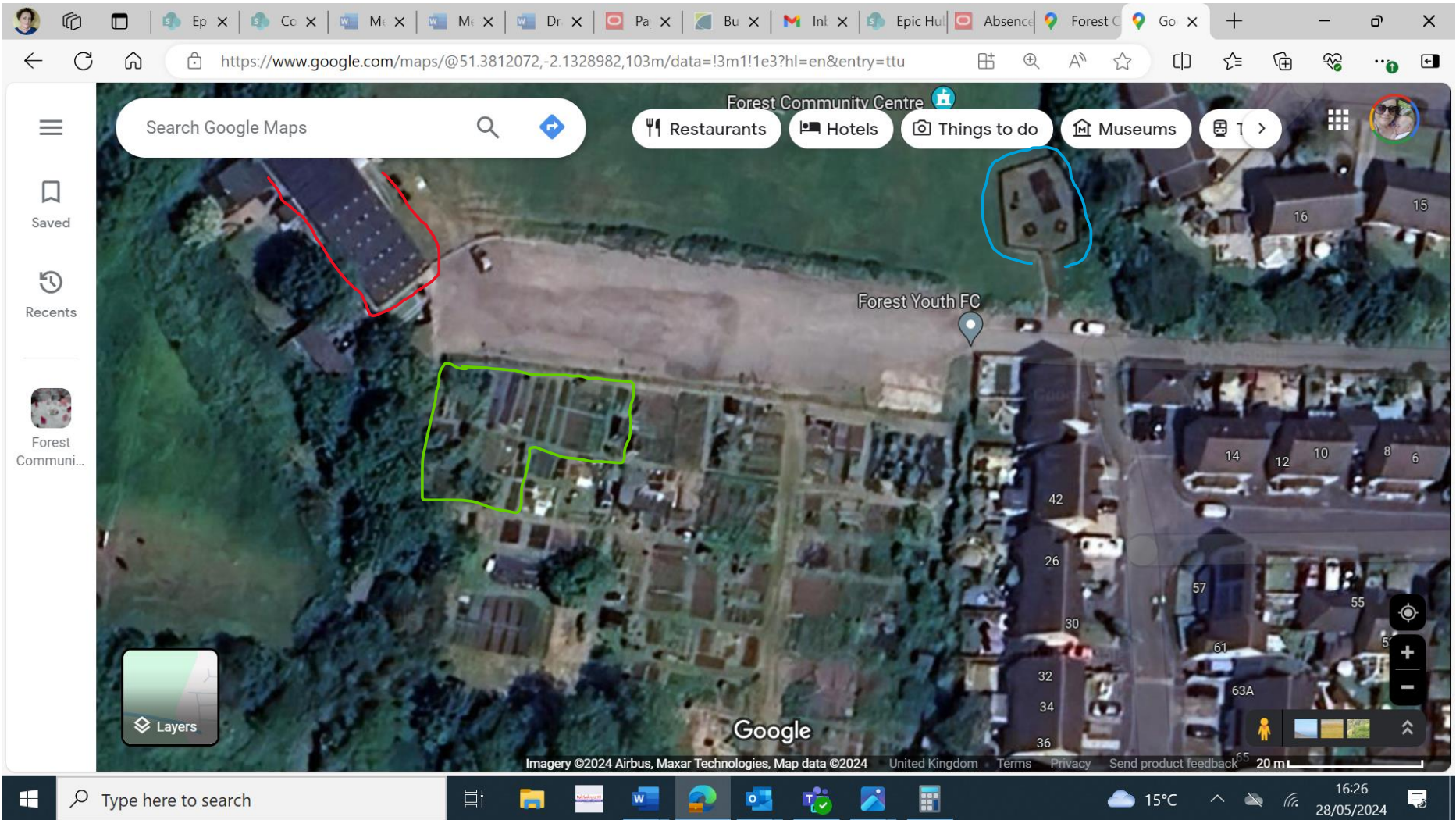
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