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## Melksham Town Council

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To: Councillor G Cooke (Chair)  
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Councillor G Ellis  
Councillor C Goodhind  
Councillor C Houghton  
Councillor J Hubbard  
Councillor J Oatley  
Councillor T Price

15 August 2022

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 22nd August 2022** 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.

In accordance with the Council's commitment to being open and transparent; all Town Council meetings are recorded and broadcast live. The right to do so was established under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A Roberts BA(Hons), PGCAP, FHEA, FSLCC  
Town Clerk and RFO

**Melksham Town Council**  
**Asset Management and Amenities Committee**

**Monday 22 August 2022**

**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.*

Virtual Meeting Access

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88095063251?pwd=a21lMUhRWVF1ejVRQWtiL0U2eGJJUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 880 9506 3251      **Passcode:** 780809

**Participants will be directly let in the meeting by clicking on the above link. There is no waiting room.**

**AGENDA**

**4.2 Sensory Garden Update** (Pages 1 - 14)

To receive the report of the Head of Operations and to approve the tenders for the Sensory Garden (see attached).

## MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING OF THE Asset Management & Amenities COMMITTEE

22/ August/ 2022

#### *Sensory garden Design and Tender Specification*

#### Report of the Head of Operations

1. **Purpose of the report.** Following the last Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting, it was decided that the tender specification for the Sensory Garden should invite a blue-sky proposal from suitably qualified contractors with the guide of an £80k budget and some critical features that had been identified by Councillors, incorporating previous work that had been done on the project.
2. **Current Situation.** One of the most important aspects of the work is to remove the spoil generated from the creation of the pathways in King George V Park which has been compacted in the area below the trees along Lowbourn. The other aspects that have been identified are:
  - a. Water features
  - b. Varied range of seating / benches / stepping stumps
  - c. Restore Mosaic either inside or just outside the garden, inviting additional contributions from local clubs and organisations
  - d. Meandering pathways in various materials
  - e. Sustainable planting – perennial / tropical / aromatic/ textural
  - f. A mixture of wall-based / trough-based textures
  - g. Animal structures – concrete?
3. **Financial implications.** A budget of £80,000 has been proposed.
4. **Links to Town Council policies and core values.** The Sensory Garden has been proposed as one of the final pieces of the KGV masterplan and is overdue for consideration and completion.
5. **Crime and disorder implications.** It has been suggested that the area be fenced off which would demarcate the area and protect from unauthorised dog ingress. Consideration in the design must be given to avoiding the opportunity for drug crime.

6. **Biodiversity considerations.** It is envisaged that the planting and construction will take note of biodiversity and sustainability as well as arousing the senses.
7. **Safeguarding.** N/A.
8. **Recommendations.** The Asset Management and Amenities Committee approve the requirements for the tender specification, making any additions and task the Head of Operations to prepare and issue the tender specification obtaining quotes from suitably qualified contractors, having regard to their trading history and previous projects undertaken, to undertake the works.



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# KING GEORGE V PARK SENSORY GARDEN

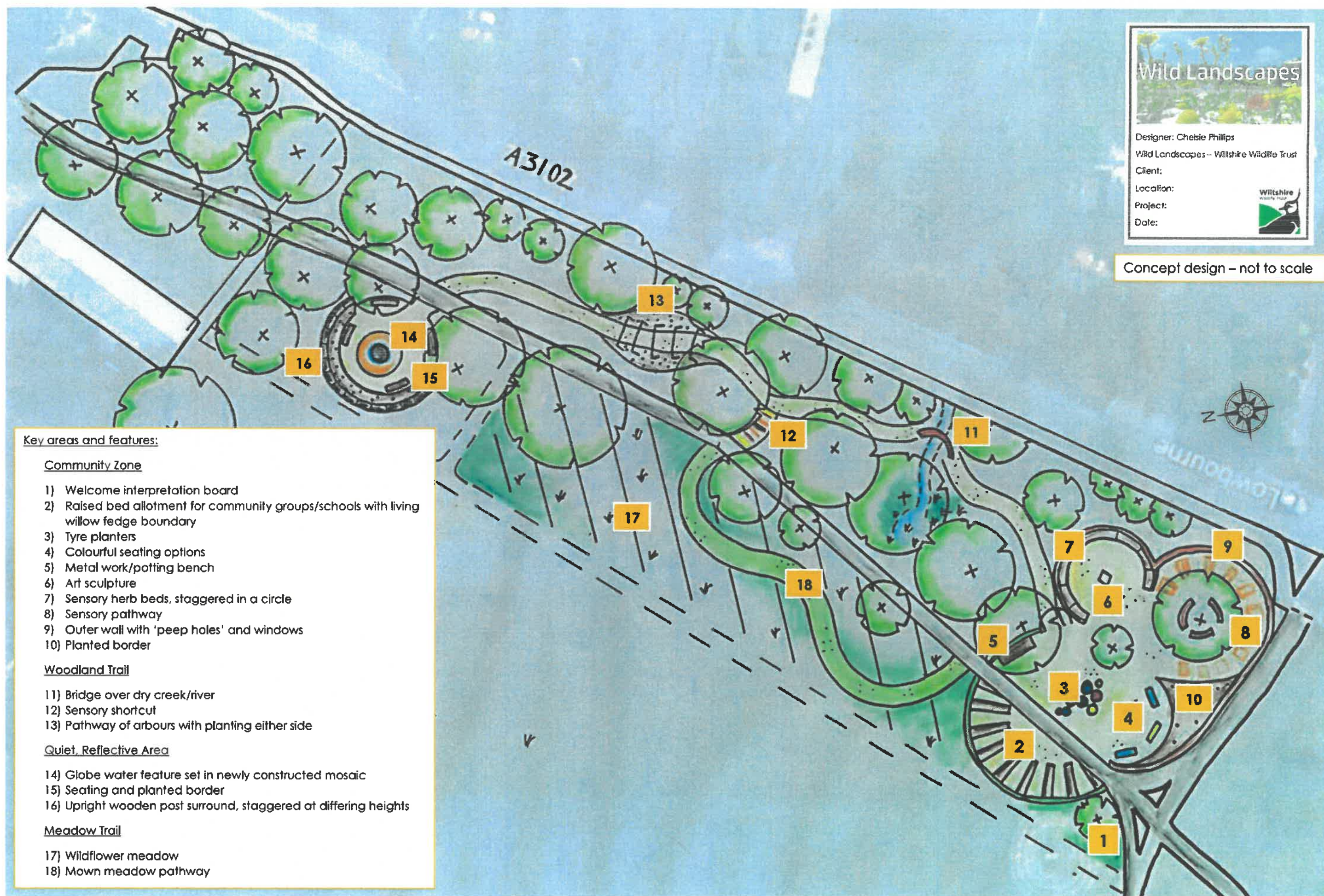
Public Consultation Designs

## DESIGN BRIEF

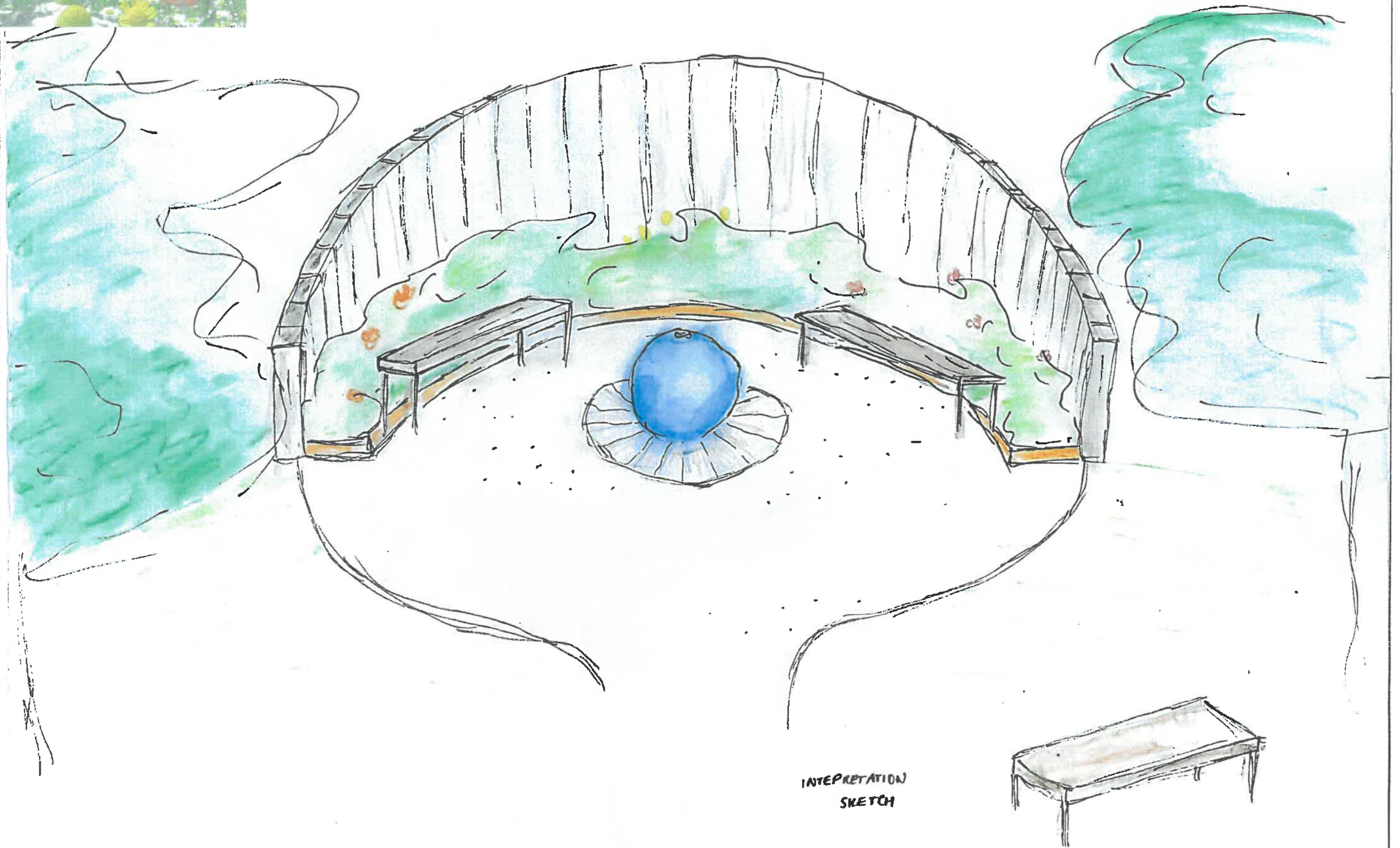
Wild Landscapes has worked together with Melksham Town Council and various community members to design a community sensory garden within King George V Park, Melksham. The design had to work around the existing tree plantings and footpath, provide an accessible and stimulating environment that would meet 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

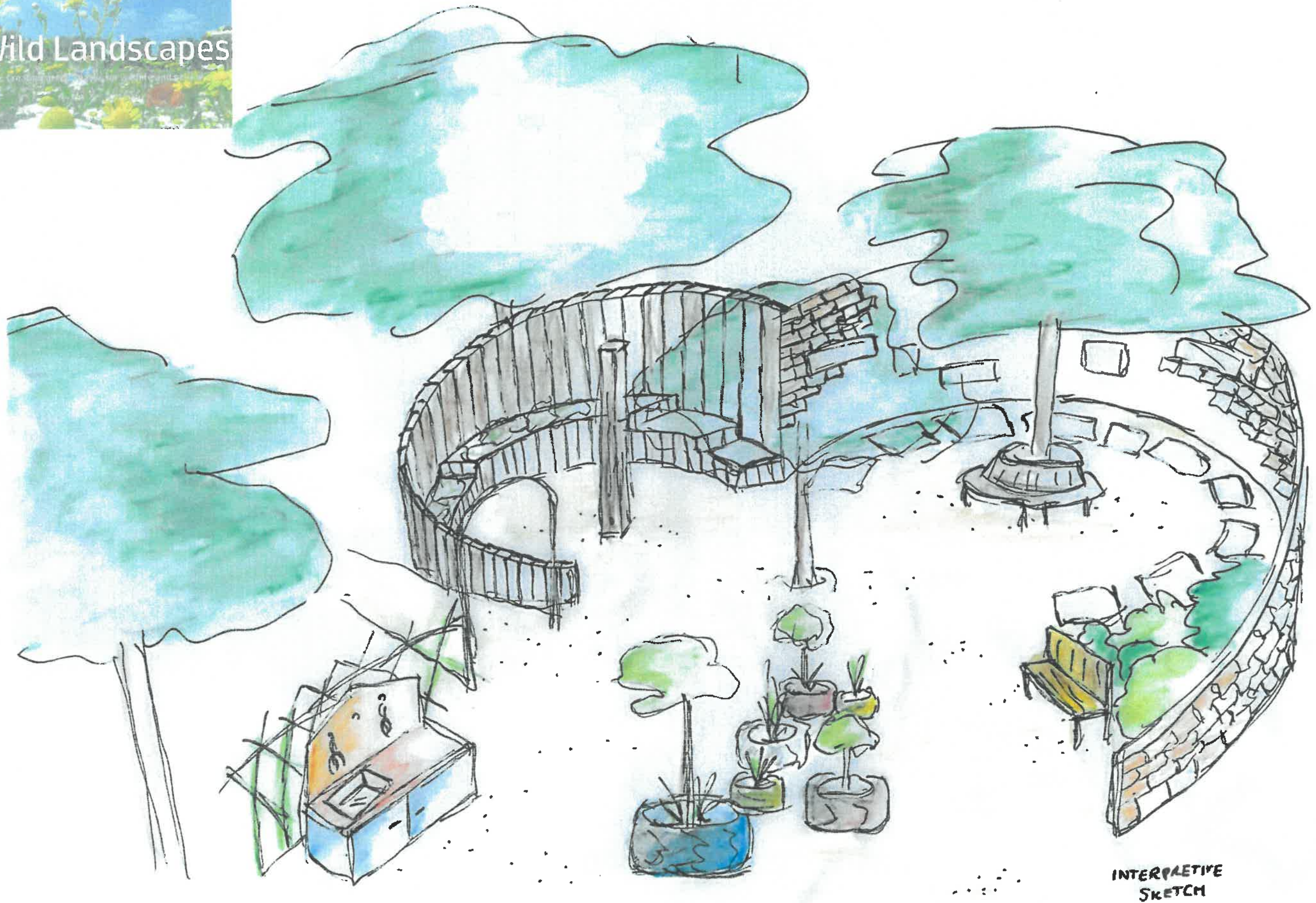












INTERPRETIVE  
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# COMMUNITY ZONE



Raised vegetable beds



Natural Hoggin surface



Living willow fedge



Upcycled tyre planters



Colourful seating options



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

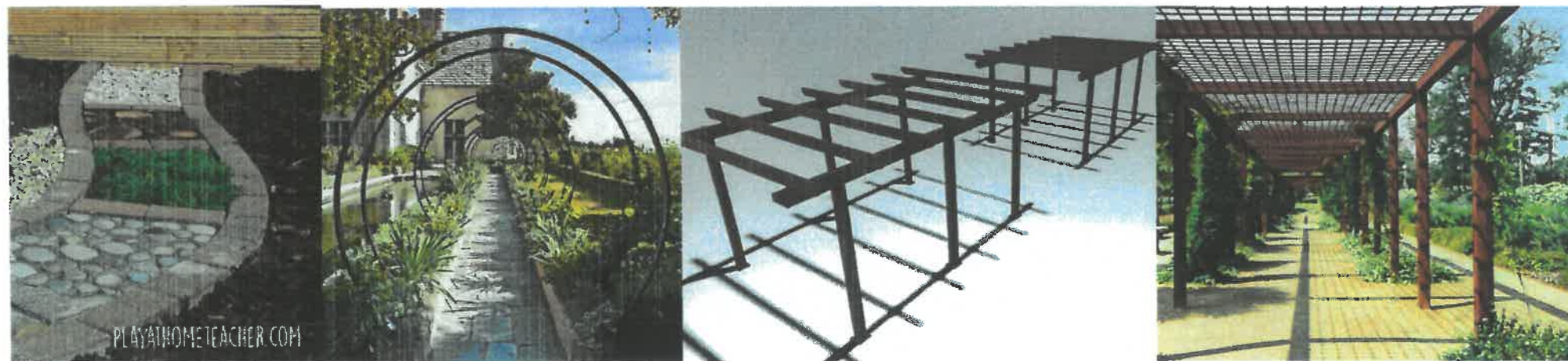
Dry bog area with planting

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



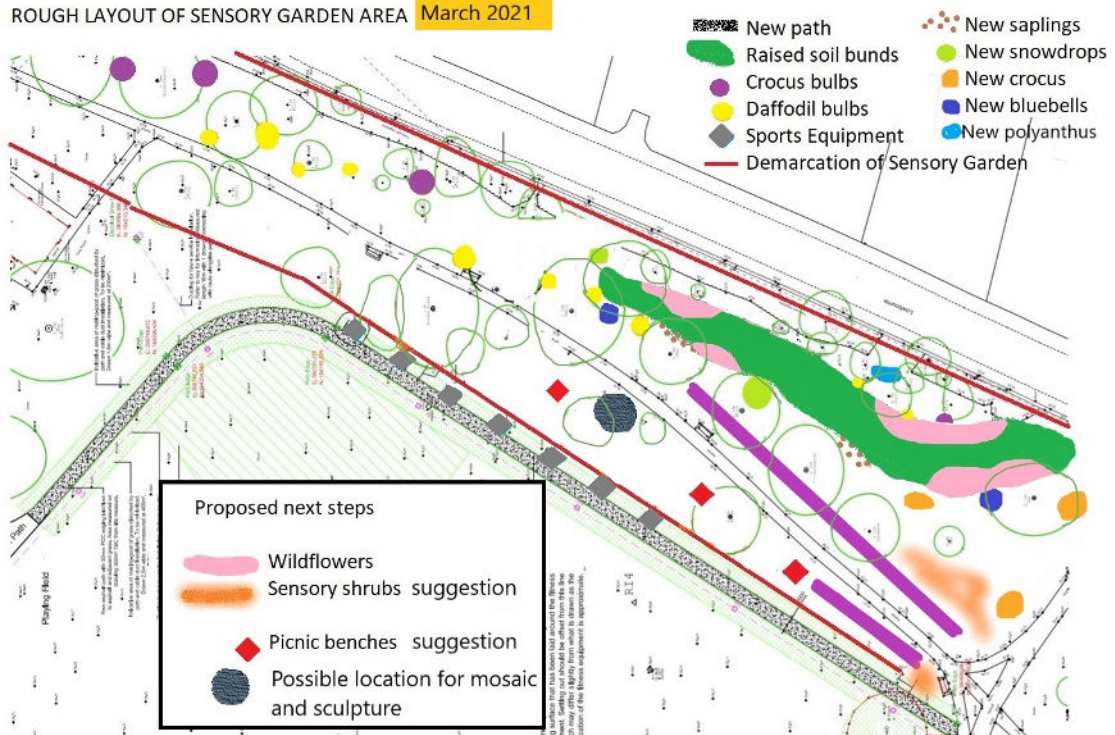
Mown pathway for natural trail

Insect homes





# ROUGH LAYOUT OF SENSORY GARDEN AREA March 2021



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