

Eckington Community Fields

Vision Document
for Eckington Parish Council

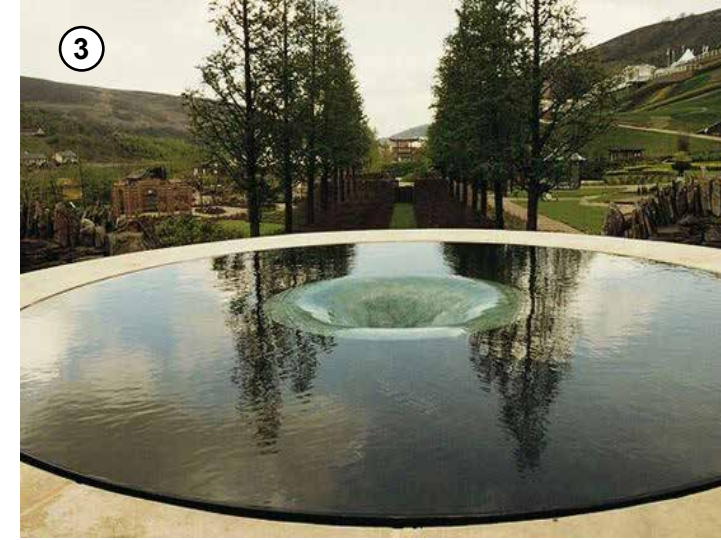
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Landscape Proposals



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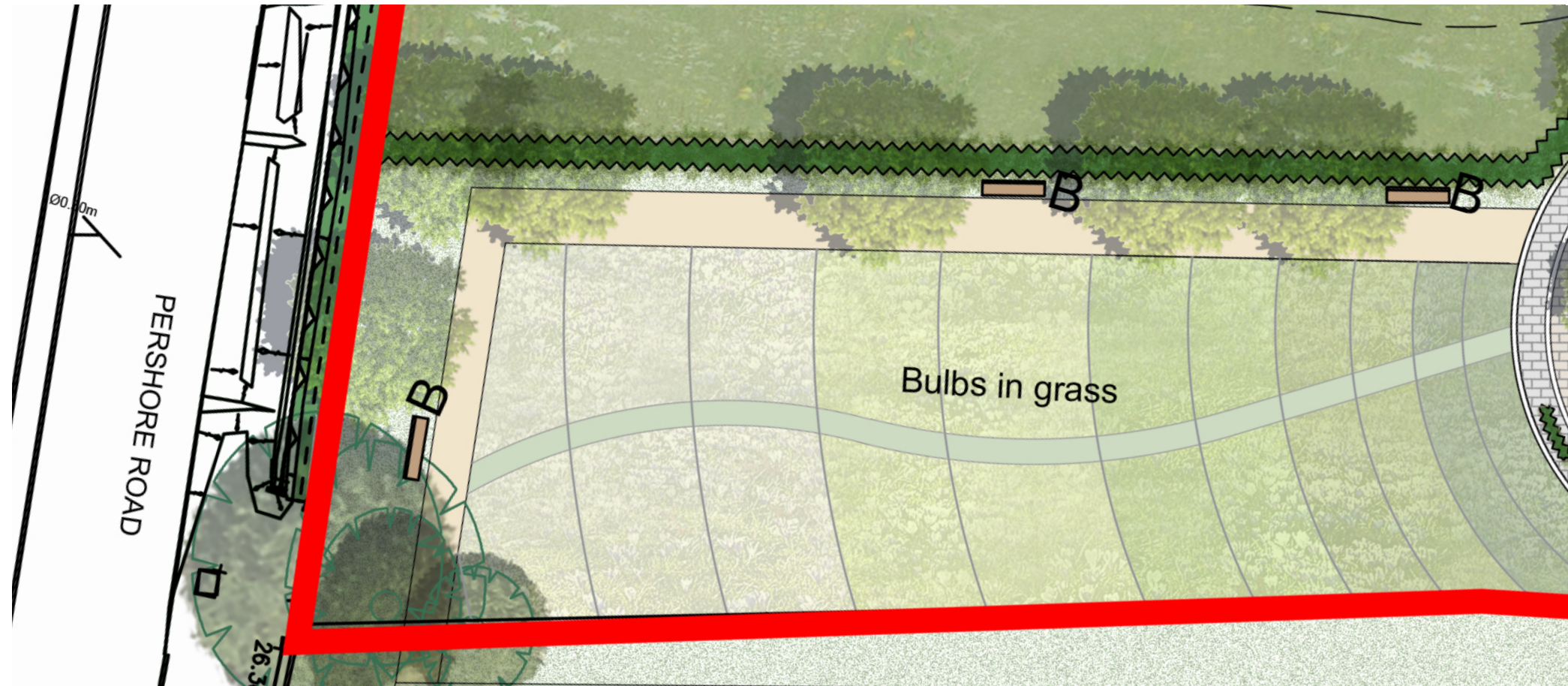
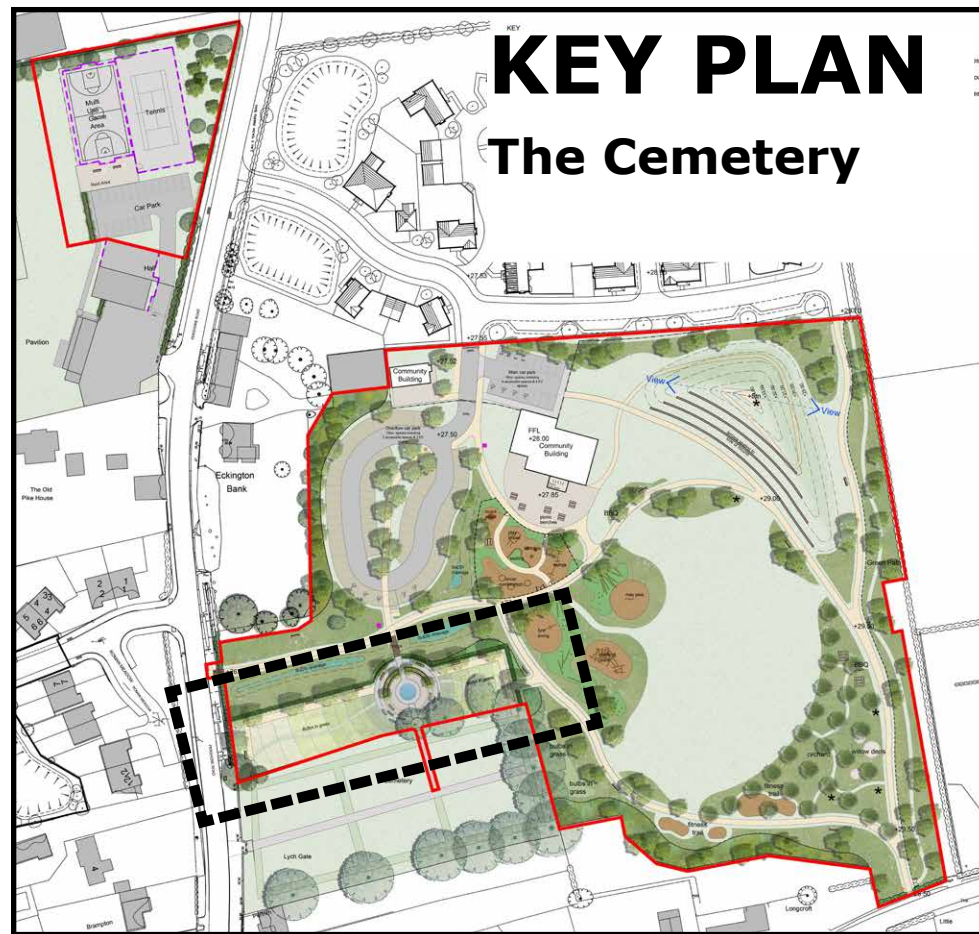
1. New Community Building
2. Car Park
3. Garden of Reflection
4. Fenced Play Area
5. Challenging Play Area
6. Fitness Trail
7. Eckington View
8. Orchard
9. Open space / Playing Field
10. Proposed MUGA / Sports Facilities



Eckington Community Fields

- 1.1. Eckington Community Fields is a new park to serve the community and the surrounding area. The design of the park has evolved through community engagement and input from village residents to incorporate a wide variety of ideas.
- 1.2. The park will have a natural character, using natural and sustainable materials and native species that blend into the surrounding landscape.
- 1.3. It will provide a broad range of recreational opportunities while also incorporating wildlife and biodiversity enhancements to create an attractive place where local residents want to meet and spend time.
- 1.4. The park is inclusive, it has considered all age groups, genders and abilities through wide paths with gentle gradients regularly and benches located at regular intervals. The play area and fitness equipment have inclusive items for all impairments.

Eckington Garden of Reflection



SEQUENTIAL BULB PLANTING



Colchicum

September / October



Allium

August



Gladiolus

July



Iris ensata

June



Tulip

May



Tulip & Muscari

April



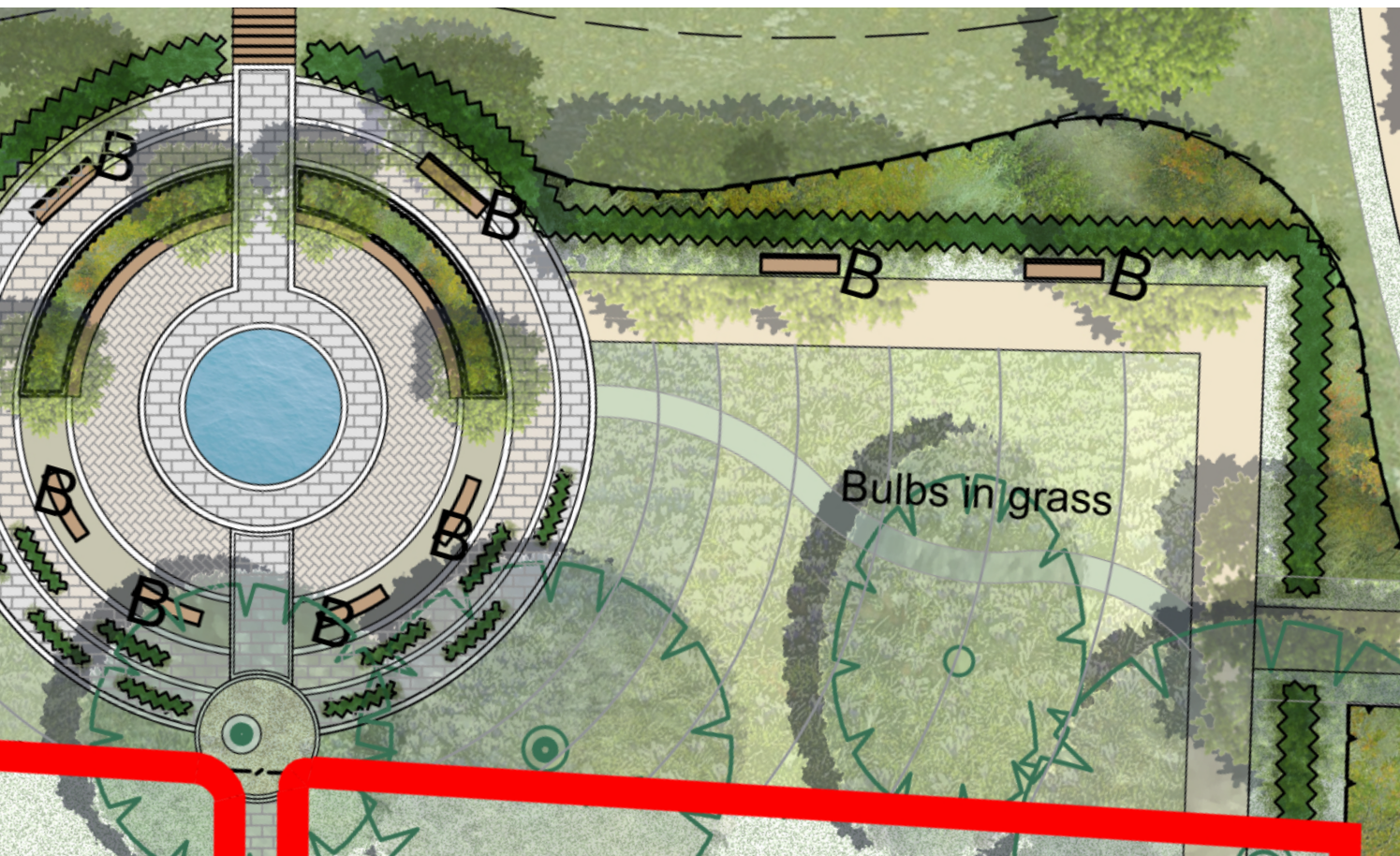
Narcissus

March



Galanthus

January



Garden of Reflection

- 1.5. The proposed garden of reflection will create an entrance to the cemetery and a quiet space for people to sit.
- 1.6. The reflective garden focuses on a central water feature with the design and planting radiating outward emulating a ripple. The garden includes seating amongst broken hedges that provides a sense of enclosure and privacy.
- 1.7. Access to the reflection garden will be through the existing cemetery, and via two pathways to the North and East of the garden which leads to Eckington Community Fields.



Multi stem trees providing enclosure



Gateway for sense of arrival / departure into the space



Potential to incorporate memorial messages into the landscape design



Reflective pool/ water feature at the centre of the garden

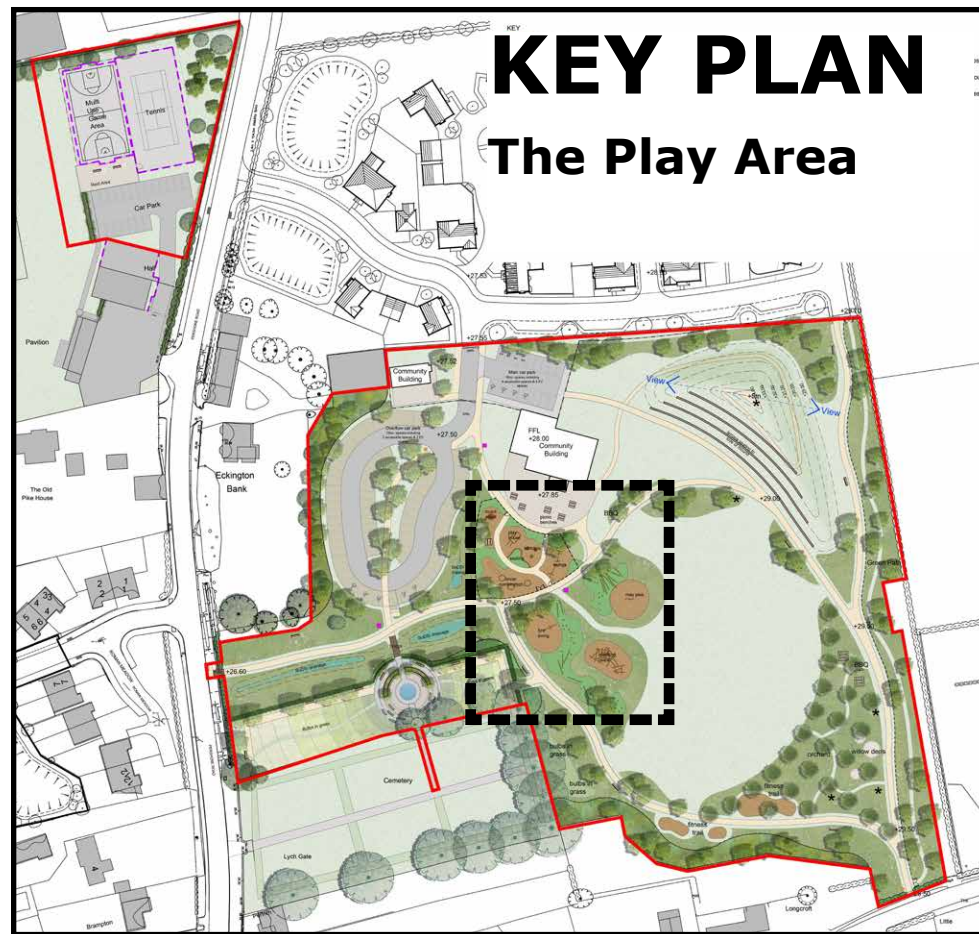


Quiet seating area/ reflective space



Potential to include remembrance messages

The Play Area



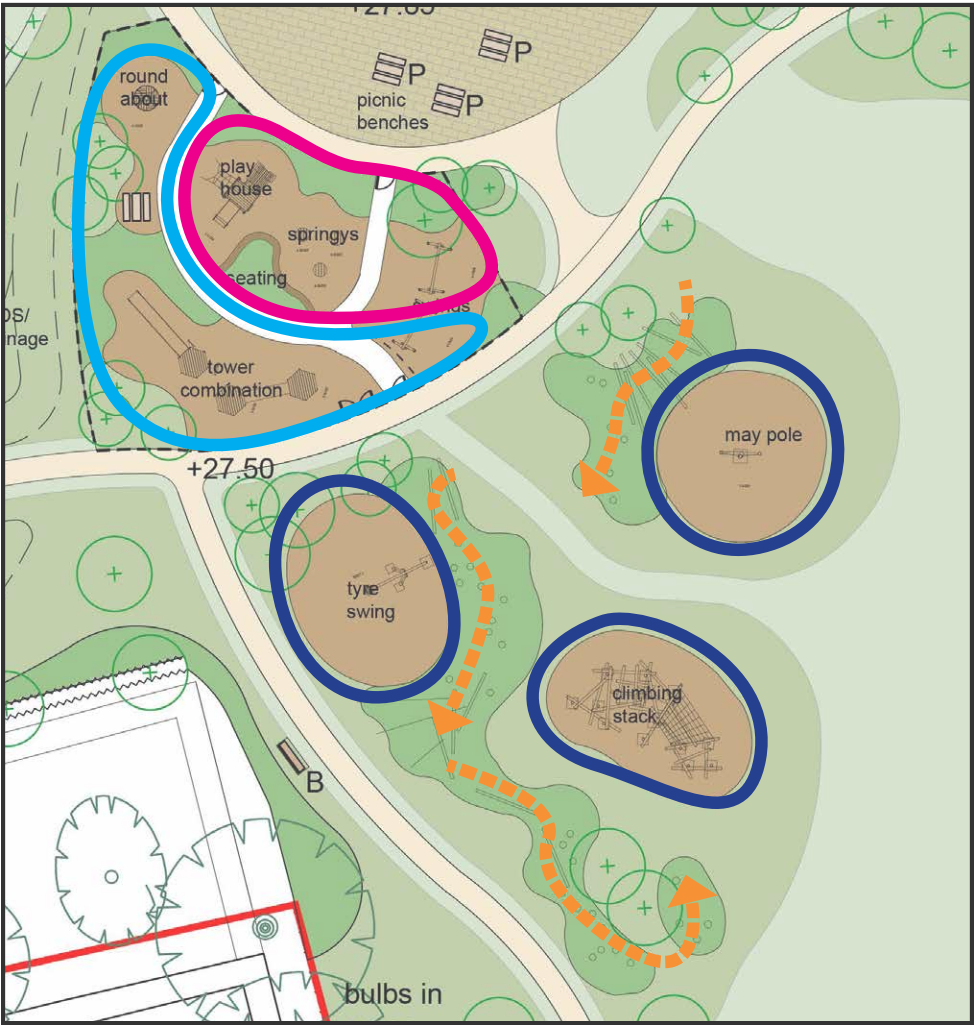
Play Area & Fitness Trail

- 1.8. The proposed play area is suited children of all ages and abilities with inclusive design at the forefront of the proposal.
- 1.9. 4 main areas define the play space, these include a fenced play area for younger children, challenging play, balancing and climbing trail and fitness trail.



The Play Area

Fenced play area



KEY

- Under 6 years in fenced area
- Under 12 years in fenced area
- - - - - Balancing and climbing trail +5 years
- Challenging equipment +12 years



Hexagonal Hut combination equipment up to two levels with connecting climbing and balancing equipment and slides (5-12 years) - timber play equipment by Timber Play or similar



Timber swing set 3-14 years with cradle seats for children aged 2-5 years - by Timber Play or similar



Timber roundabout (inclusive equipment for all ages) - by Timber Play or similar



Small Big Play House (2-5 years) - timber equipment by Timber Play or similar



Jumping Disc - Timber play equipment by Timber Play or similar



Timber fence to play area - Playtime, Jacksons fencing or similar



Fenced play Area

- 1.10. Designed with a range of equipment aimed at children between the ages of 2 to 12 years. The area has a low timber fence to the boundary so parents can manage young children .
- 1.11. The equipment has been selected to create a range of challenges and play types including climbing, balancing, moving, sensory play, imaginative and role play and three pieces of equipment specifically design to be inclusive will be included within the design.



Play area safety surfacing - artificial turf and loose wood chippings

The Play Area

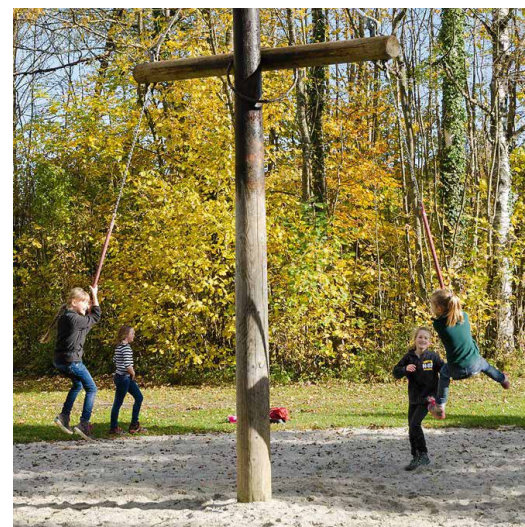
Challenging play



Climbing Structure/ Timber Stack (ages 8+) - by Timber Play or similar. An irregular round log stack that is integrated into the natural surroundings and allows many children to play within a small space.



Tractor Tyre Swing, move freely in every direction, enabling all kinds of swinging and turning games (ages 3+) - timber equipment by Timber Play or similar



Maypole, swinging and rotating (recommended for ages 8+) - timber equipment by Timber Play or similar

Challenging Play Equipment

1.12. Outside the confines of the fenced play area and spilling out into the parkland three pieces of equipment that encourage risk and adventure for children 8 years and over.

1.13. The large climbing timber stack is a focal feature drawing children to the centre.

Balancing and Climbing trail

1.14. Balancing and climbing trails are designed to develop physical abilities and motor skills for children aged 3 and above.

1.15. Features can be combined to create a trail offering different levels of difficulty whilst giving children greater fun in the natural environment.



A variety of climbing difficulties will be provided to suit a range of ages.



A combination of bespoke and off the shelf play features to create an interesting and varied trail.



Trails suited to children of all ages.



Potential to include natural features within the trail such as logs and boulders



Natural materials

Balancing and climbing trail

Fitness trail



Fitness Trail

- 1.16. The fitness trail promotes physical fitness to the residents of Eckington. It creates a focal area and draw for people to the south of the park with proposed paths providing opportunity for a circular running route.
- 1.17. Suitable to adults and children the fitness trail will help to develop balance, strength and coordination for its users.



Climbing Ladder, timber by Jupiter Play or similar
This climbing ladder promotes muscular and vascular movement and helps with upper body strength.



Timber climbing wall and scramble net by Jupiter Play or similar.
As users climb, the scramble net encourages concentration and agility.



Senior Nordic Walking Push Bar Combination by Jupiter Play or similar.
For the coordination of arms and legs. The key focus on this piece of equipment is in a forward and backwards movement and can be used individually or as a pair. The push bars are also suitable for wheelchair users.



Workout Bench, timber by Jupiter Play or similar.
A diverse piece of sport equipment can be used for multiple exercises challenging and developing several muscles in the body.



Senior Kettle Bells by Jupiter Play or similar.
Three cylindrical weights act similarly to kettle bells. Users lift weights which help to activate and tone their upper body.



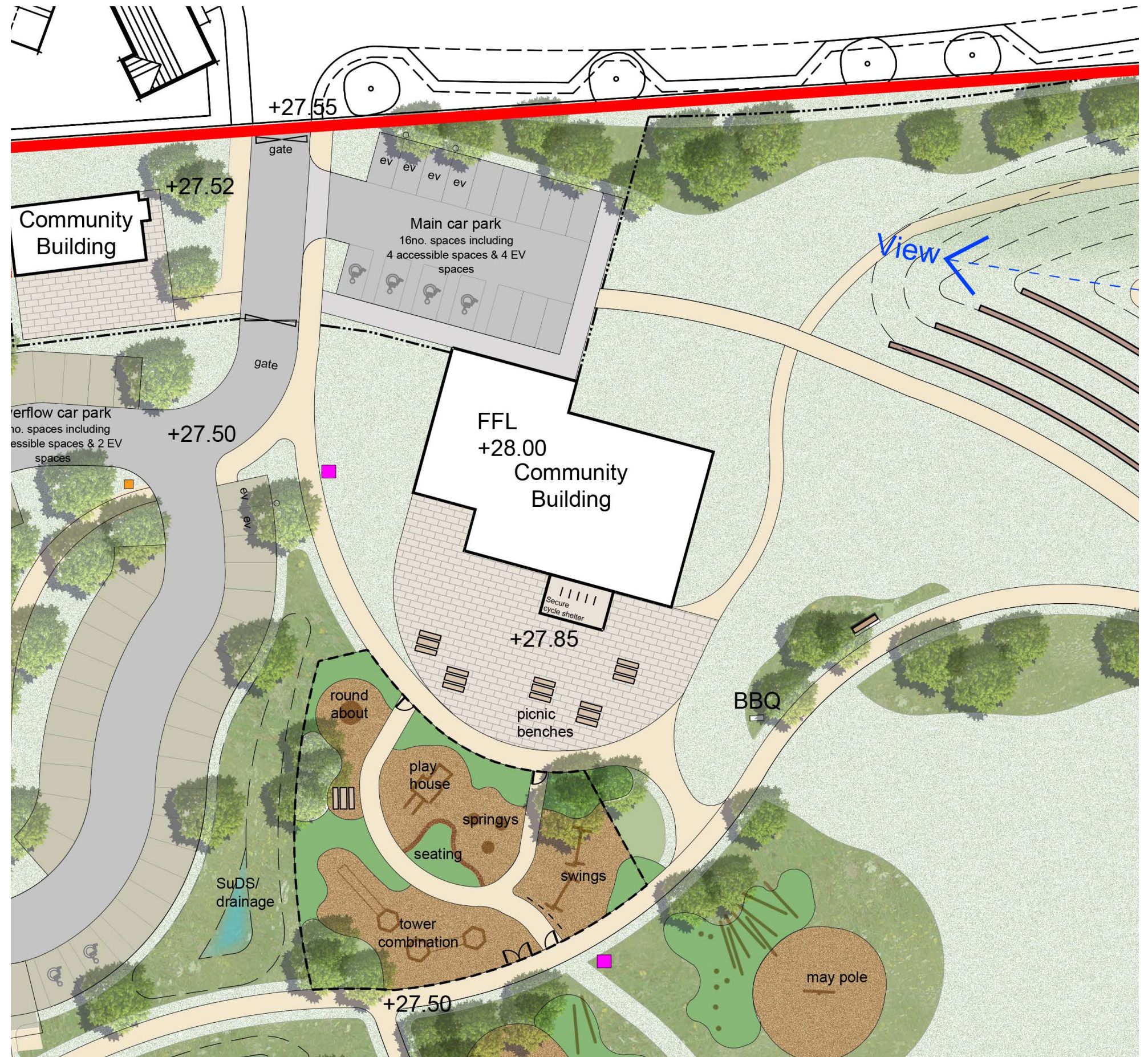
An example of signage for fitness trails, showing instruction and layout of the selected equipment.

Community Building



Community Building

- 1.18. The community building is to be a single storey structure located at the entrance to Eckington Fields. The building will use renewable materials and sustainable construction techniques.
- 1.19. A large plaza creates a spill out space to the south of the building with permanent picnic benches and space for loose furniture. The building and plaza are positioned in close proximity to the car park while also overlooking the play area.



Community Building



Single storey sustainably designed building



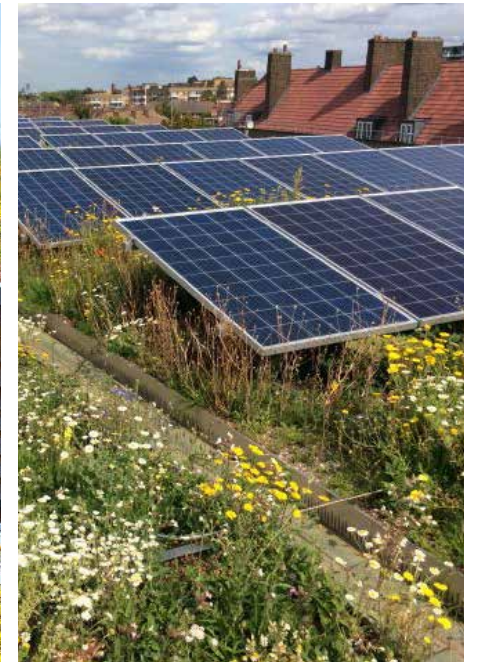
Open and airy indoor space



Building to be constructed using sustainable materials such as timber cladding



Opportunity for biodiversity enhancements such as a green roof



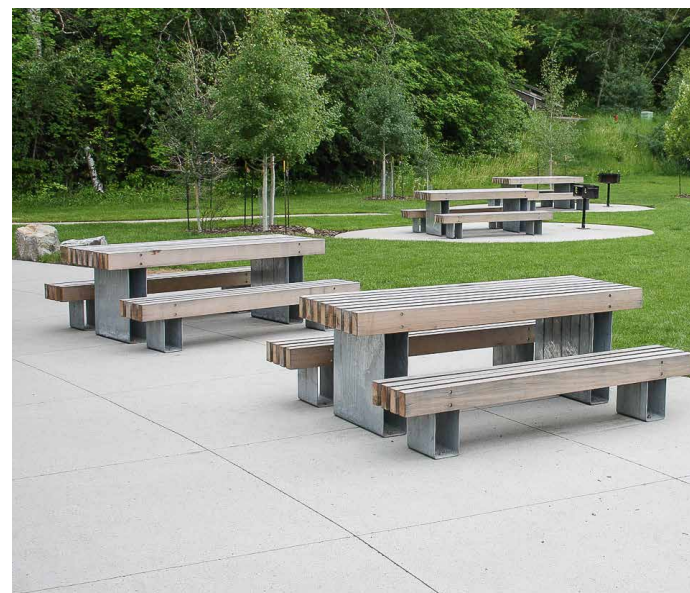
Potential to include solar panels or other sustainable energy sources



Sandstone paving to the plaza



Opportunity to integrate art into the paving at the building. For example a map of the area or Rover Avon could be engraved in the stone.

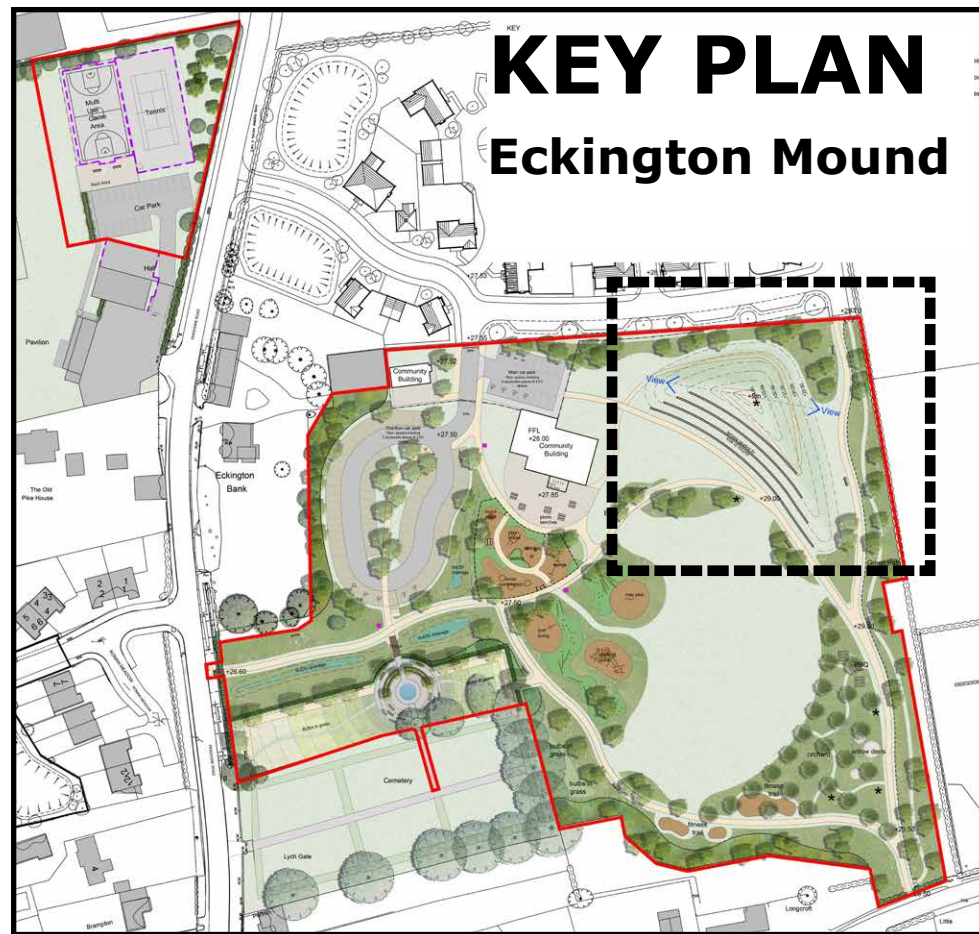


Picnic benches



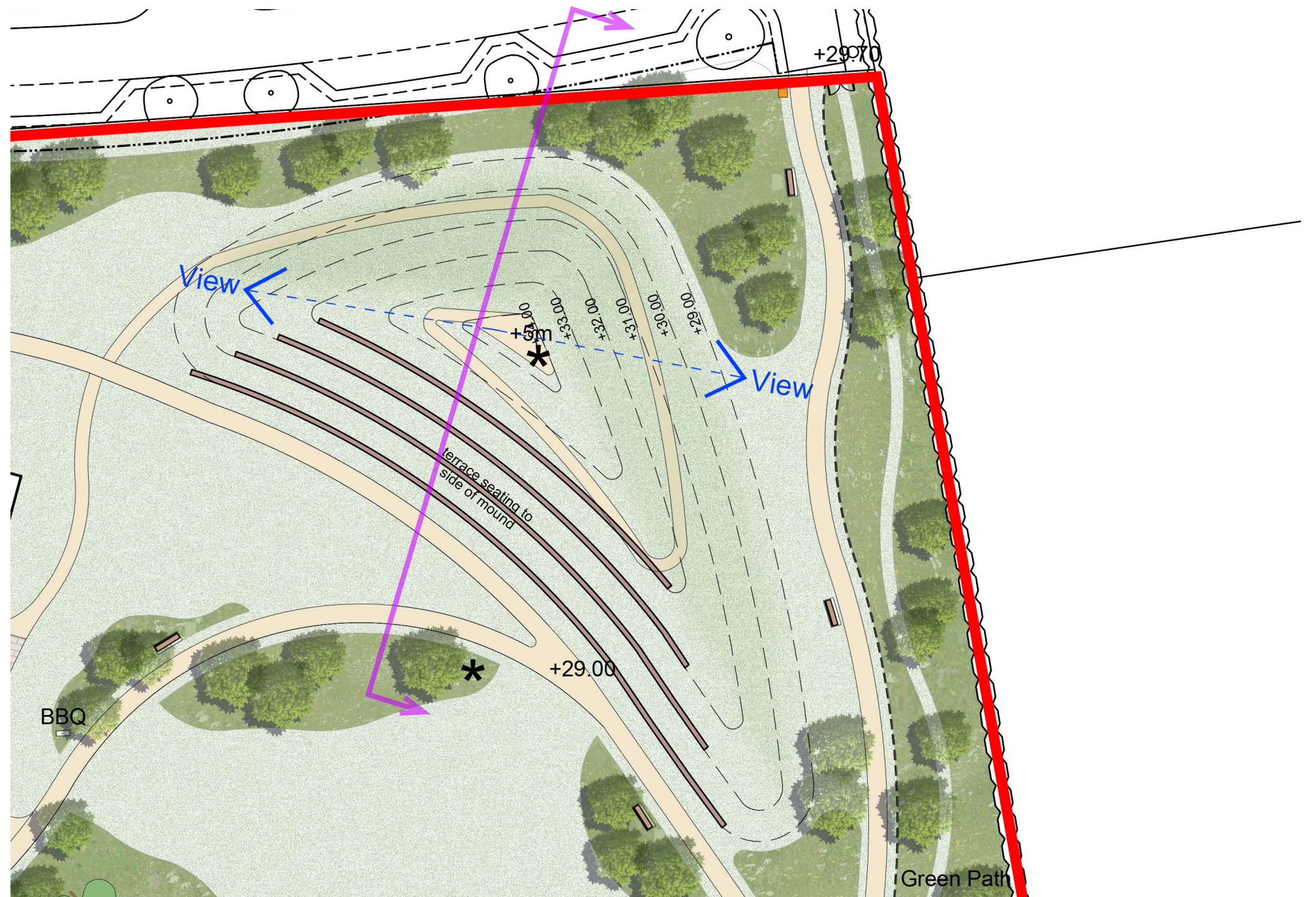
Potential for an outdoor table tennis on the plaza

Eckington View



Eckington View

- 1.20. The Eckington View will be a striking landform that provides views to Malvern and Bredon Hills.
- 1.21. A pathway with an accessible gradient allows for visitors to walk to the summit which also gives views to the park.
- 1.22. Stone retaining walls are proposed within the southern face of the mound which can also be used as an amphitheatre. The large open space south of the mound could be used for events or performances, overlooked by the mound and seating steps.



Eckington View



Landscape Earthworks



Accessible path route to the top



Events space

Sports Facilities



Sports Facilities

- 1.23. New sports facilities are proposed at the existing recreation ground as two enclosed sports courts with tarmac surfacing;
 - A Multi Use Games Area for basketball
 - A tennis court
- 1.24. There will also be a new car parking providing 20 parking spaces and seating area.



Sports Facilities



Multi use games area



Multi use games area in use



Multi use games area by Proludic or similar



Tennis court on macadam surface.



3m high Top Rail Tennis Court Fencing by Steelway Fencesecure or similar in dark green



Inclusive games space.

Parkland



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Ecology features such as insect houses



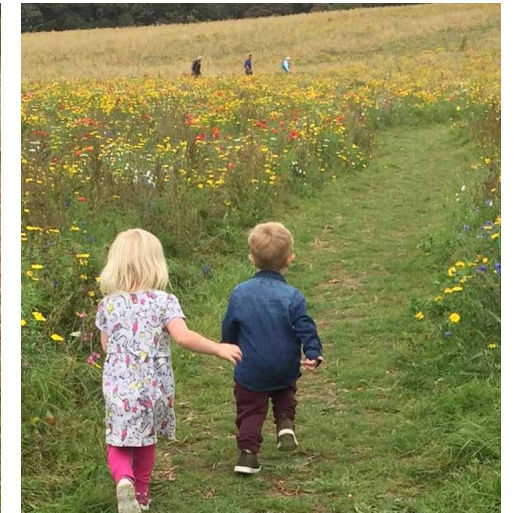
Willow dens



Swales and open drainage features



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Mown paths through meadow



Paths through meadow



Art features



Community orchard



Orchard trees



Orchard trees



Barbecue area



Engaging with nature

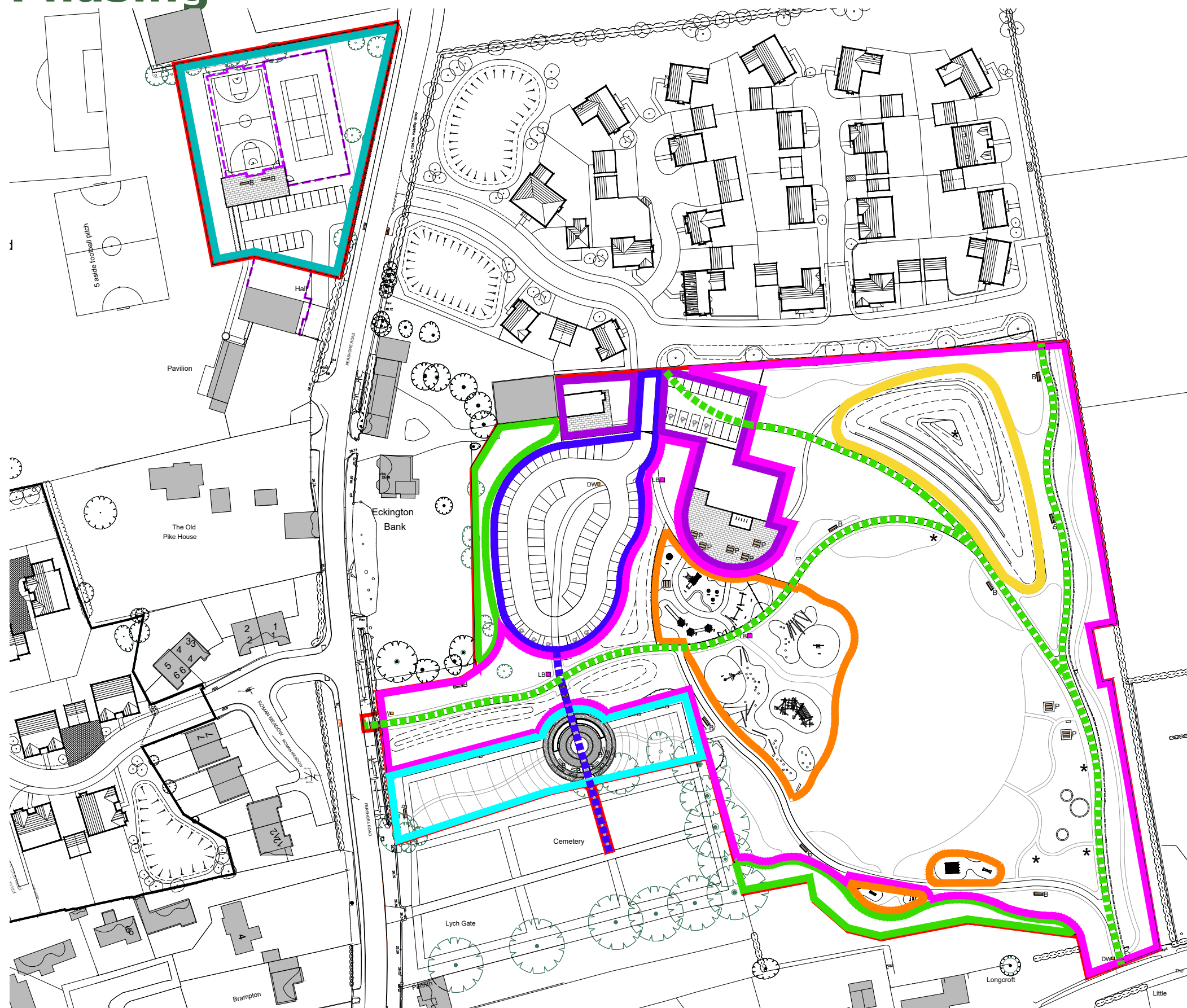


Picnicking



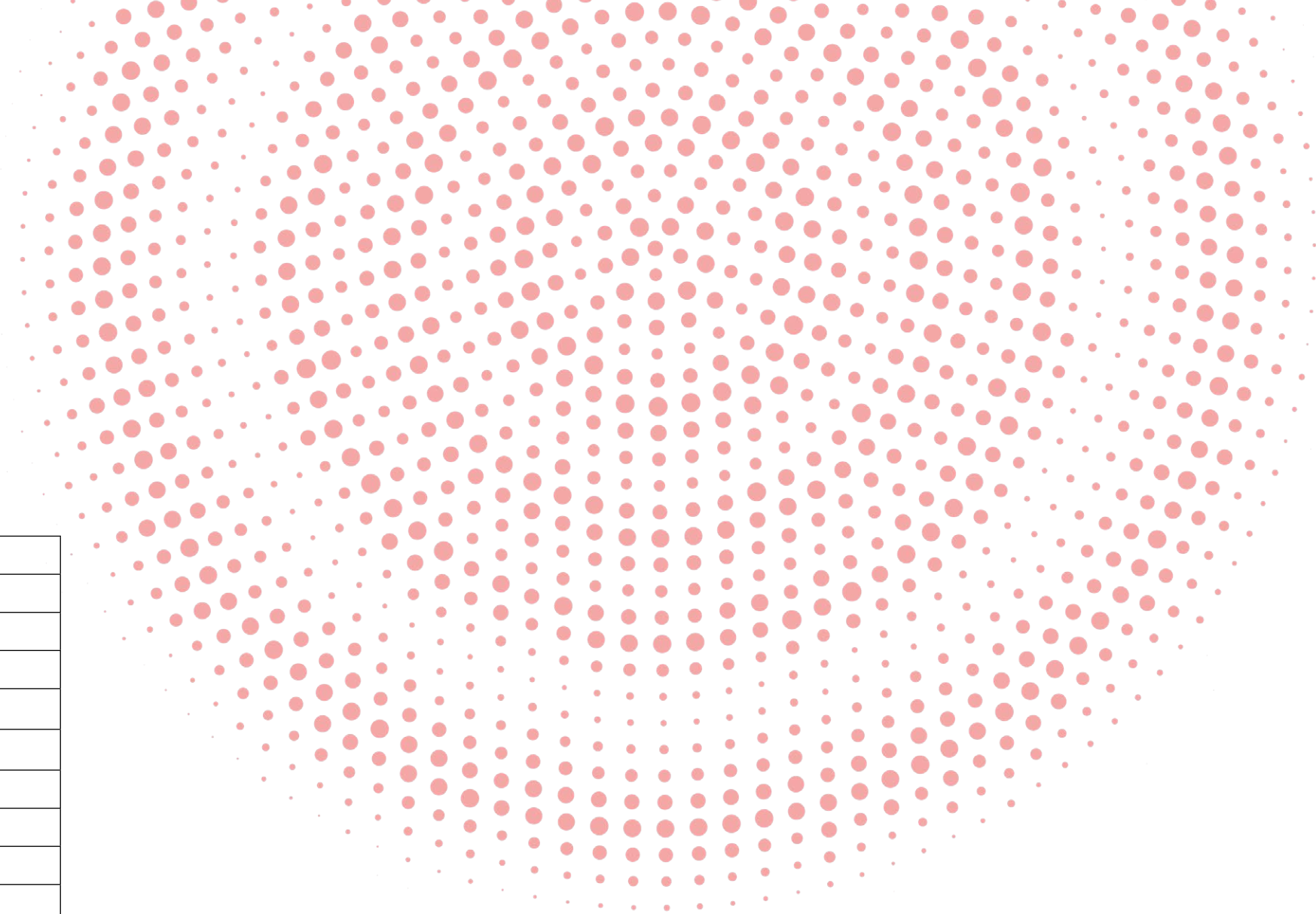
Quiet seating areas

Phasing



KEY:

- Site Boundary
- Phase 1
- Buffer planting
- Main footpaths connections
- Phase 2
- Car Park and footpath connection to Cemetery
- Phase 3
- Garden of Reflection
- Phase 4
- MUGA, tennis court and parking
- Phase 5
- Play ground and fitness trail
- Phase 6
- Community building, plaza and car park
- Phase 7
- Site wide landscaping works
- Phase 8
- The viewing mound



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