

# HILLSIDE GARDENS

STAGE 2 REPORT  
AUGUST 2019







# 1. DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

# THE EXISTING PARK















## AREAS TO RETAIN & ENHANCE

1. Tennis Courts - Possible consolidation to locate together, new surfacing, new toilet block with possible meeting space and refreshments
2. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - Good provision, possible relocation to western edge. Would benefit from new surfacing and possible 5-a-side football pitch
3. Nursery ensure park is well used on a daily basis. Would benefit from a more harmonious boundary treatment and gathering space in centre of park.
4. Playground - Well equipped playground for younger children aged 5-12. Limited facilities for older children / young adults,

## AREAS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

1. Poorly defined entrances. Particularly the primary entrance from Hillside Road, Would benefit from improved signage, opening views into park and a more attractive entrance.
2. No circular walking route. A large areas of the open space within the park is fenced with no access for dog walkers etc. A smaller fenced picnic area could open up the park and provide a circular route.
3. Limited facilities for young adults. Existing modest fitness area could be expanded to include cross fit equipment, climbing, table tennis or skating area.
4. Hard edges defined by back garden fences / walls on the east and west boundary and train line on the south edge. Ecologically rich hedge or flowering shrub planting could improve green character of park and enhance ecology and biodiversity.
5. Existing fencing and furniture in poor state of repair and required replacement with a robust and attractive palette of furniture.

## KEY

	Tennis courts		Toilet block
	Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)		Main entrance
	Nursery		Secondary entrances
	Community gardens / Allotments		Main routes
	Play area		Secondary paths
	Fitness/gym zone		
	Ornamental gardens		










# DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

The following improvement opportunities have been identified:

- 1 Relocate two tennis courts to create a bank of four tennis courts close to the refurbished toilet block. A refreshments kiosk could be opened during summer months to provide a revenue source within the park.
- 2 Relocate two MUGAs to the west boundary of the park. Possible extension to the north to create a new youth area with fitness or parkour equipment.
- 3 Improve the entrance and arrival space from Hillside Road. Sight lines and signage will be improved to mark the entrance and new seating and planting will create an attractive focal point.
- 4 Planting along the central avenue could be improved to enhance the green character of the park. New flowering tree planting would provide a striking feature and frame long range views.
- 5 Opportunity to create a well defined circular walking route within the park.
- 6 Opportunity for new hub space outside nursery with new seating enjoying south and east facing views.
- 7 Opportunity to improve and expand the existing play / fitness space, for young adults, possibly including Cross-fit, climbing wall or skating area, making better use of the large area of tarmac.
- 8 Opportunity to introduce a continuous planted edge to the park, softening edges defined by tall fences and walls and improving the parks ecological and habitat value.

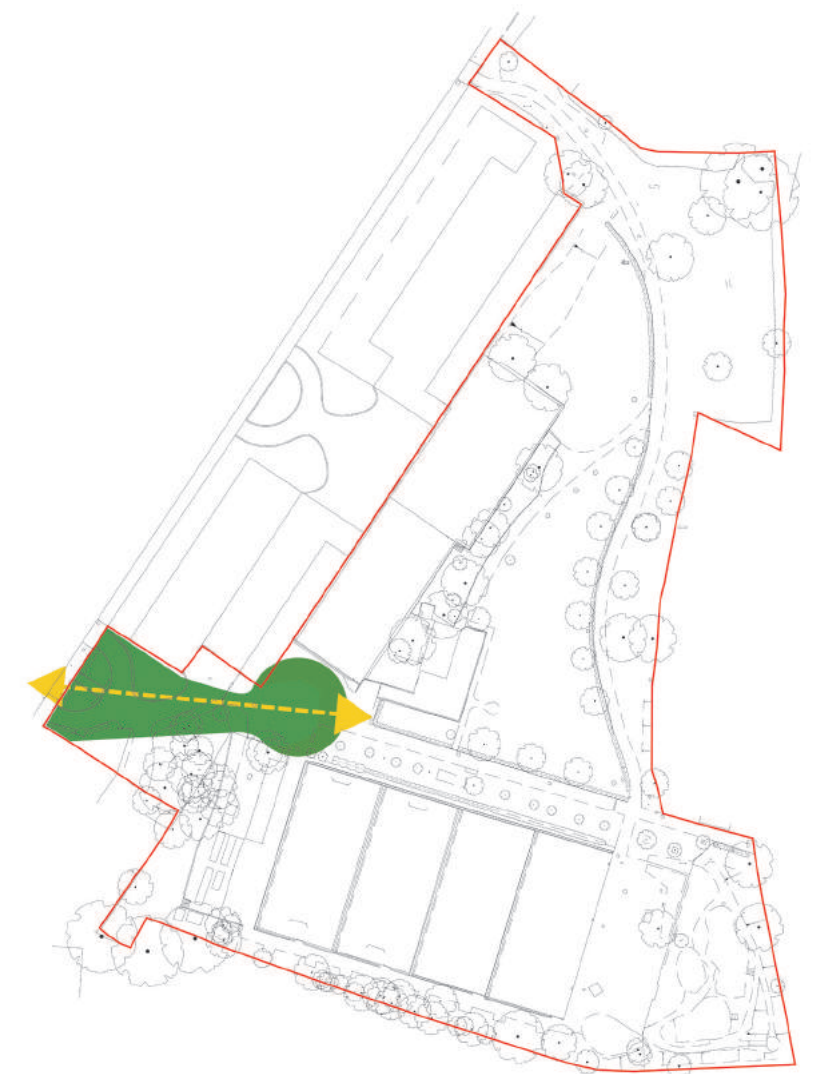
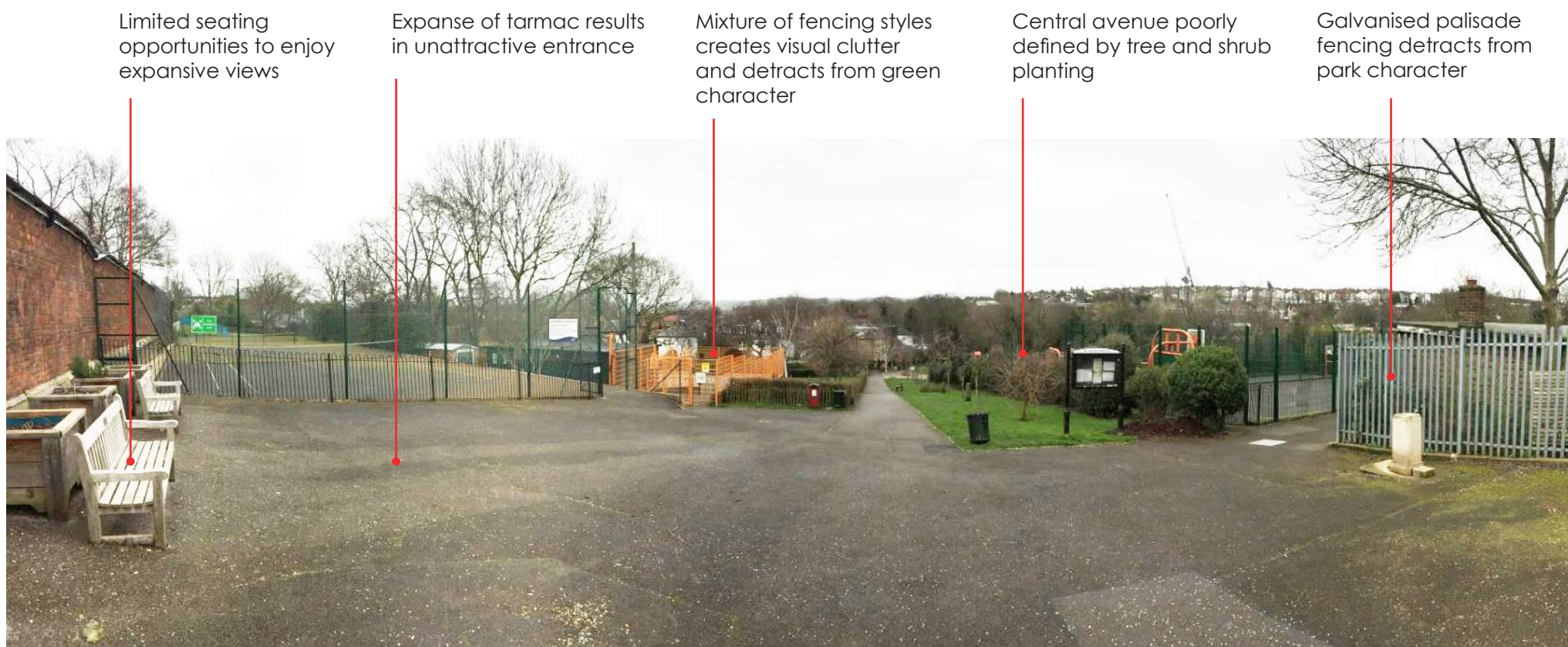


## KEY

	Consolidated tennis courts		Consolidated MUGA with improvements to surfacing and 5-a-side football pitch
	New toilet block with possible refreshment kiosk linked to tennis courts		New circular walking route
	Possible fitness / gym zone		Possible hub seating space linked to nursery
	Improved entrance area		Continuous planted edge
	Improved planting along central avenue		



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## CIRCULAR ROUTE / ENHANCED PLANTING

Limited seating opportunities adjacent to nursery

Large area of park is fenced off with no access for dog walkers, preventing a circular walking route

No seating along primary route



Boundary with back gardens consists of exposed fencing with limited planting

Large area of park is fenced off with no access for dog walkers, preventing a circular walking route

Underused area of the park, possible location for youth activity adjacent to proposed MUGA



### KEY



New seating area link to nursery with S-E views



Fences removed from main park area to create circular routes



Proposed fence and hedge boundary to picnic area



New planting to park edge



## 2. MASTERPLAN PROPOSALS



# PROPOSED MASTERPLAN



- ① Enhanced Hillside Road entrance with new seating and planting to mark arrival to the park and enjoy long range views over south London. Possible new cafe and external seating
- ② New shrub and flowering avenue tree planting along central avenue
- ③ New multi-use games area (MUGA) and 5-a side sports pitch
- ④ Improved picnic area adjacent to the nursery with seating enjoying S-E views.
- ⑤ Footpath re-aligned and ornamental planting bed enlarged
- ⑥ Additional footpath to create circular route within park, opening up north-east area and connecting primary route to youth fitness / football pitches.
- ⑦ New area with fitness or climbing equipment aimed at young adults, linked to relocated MUGA / football pitch.
- ⑧ New planted edge to park boundary, consisting of native hedge edge with ornamental species improving the green character of the park and enhancing biodiversity.
- ⑨ Tennis courts relocated, new court surfacing, nets and boundary fencing.
- ⑩ Replacement of damaged benches and new surfacing marks southern arrival into the park.
- ⑪ Coloured paving or acrylic surfacing defines circular route for bikes and scooters. New youth shelter, planting and playful timber verticals. Existing outdoor gym equipment and table tennis retained.
- ⑫ New signage at all entrances.



# HILLSIDE ROAD ENTRANCE



## KEY

- ① New signage / entrance feature to park. Tall hedging replaced with lower ornamental planting encouraging views into the park from Hillside Road.
- ② Footpath and fencing realigned. Possible new low level planting to frame views into site from Hillside Road. Gate realigned and widened to allow free pedestrian movement into park
- ③ Future new cafe / community building with seating terrace providing focal point within park with long range south-east views
- ④ Densely planted edge to fencing, to soften hard edges
- ⑤ Possible new shrub and flowering avenue tree planting along central avenue frame views and creates attractive garden character to primary route within the park.
- ⑥ Opportunity to rationalise different fencing types, replace steel palisade fencing with more attractive consistent style

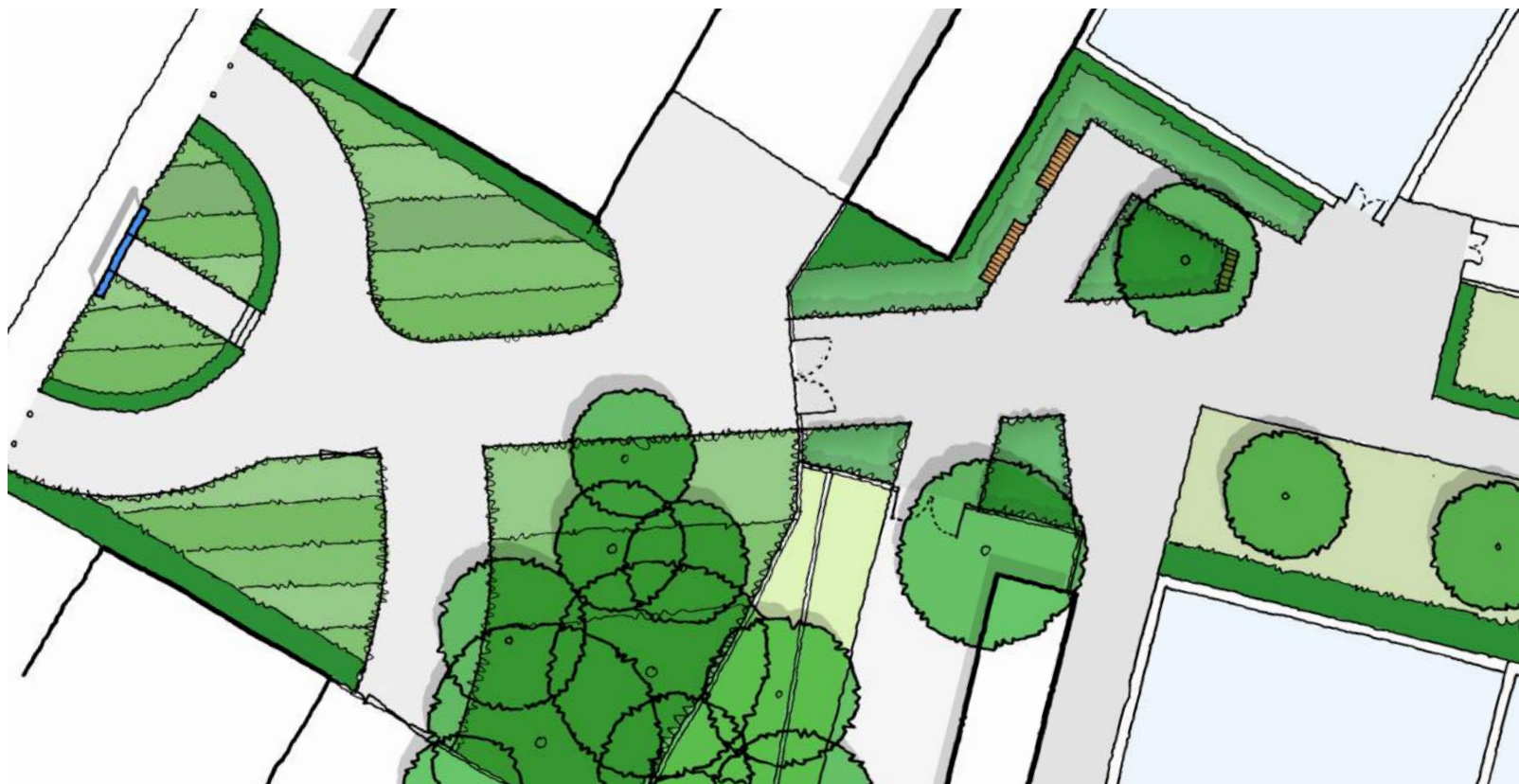




# HILLSIDE ROAD ENTRANCE



Precedent image for proposed community building. Image supplied by Studio Cherry,



Sketch to show rationalised entrance and improved planting. Revised option for entrance space including seating and planting in lieu of proposed community building.



# PARK IMPROVEMENTS

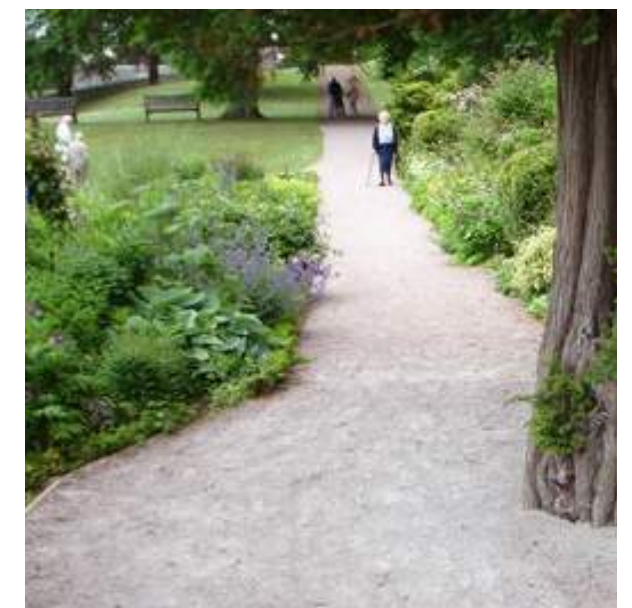


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Climbing structures and CrossFit equipment for new youth space



Native flowering hedge and perennial planting to boundaries to improve park ecology



Proposed self binding gravel circular route and new benches



# SOUTHERN ENTRANCE



- ① Coloured paving or acrylic surfacing defines circular route for bikes and scooters.
- ② Flexible paved space for informal games. Timber verticals and relocated shelter create vertical interest.
- ③ New planting beds soften hard paved space and tennis court fencing.
- ④ Existing outdoor fitness area to be retained.
- ⑤ New paving and seating to mark arrival space from Kingsmead Road.
- ⑥ Existing play area retained.
- ⑦ New signage to southern entrance.

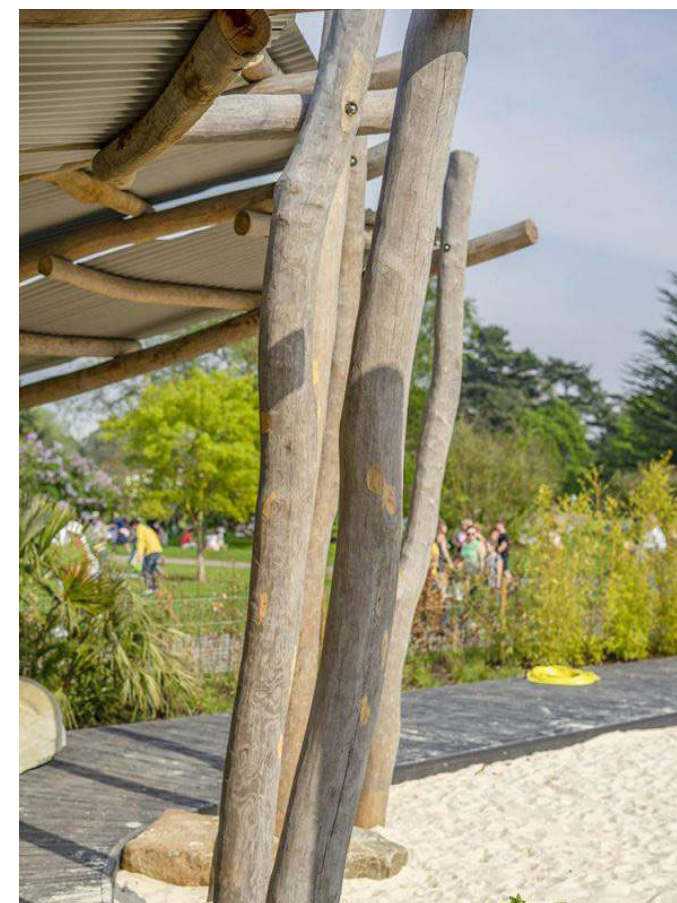




# SOUTHERN ENTRANCE



Coloured paving / acrylic surface defines circular route for bikes and scooters



Playable timber vertical elements and relocated shelter



New pallette of furniture to be installed throughout park