

## 4.4 Play Strategy

### PROPOSED PLAY SPACES



#### 1 Accessible Play Space

Prescribed play space at the heart of the development for doorstep play.

Area: 25sqm

Age Range: 0-5

#### 2 Woodland Trail

A path through the SINC to encourage explorative play. Not an accessible route.

#### 3 Woodland Glade

Play elements and woodland habitat made from felled trees on site.

#### 4 Jekyll Garden

Although this is a formal garden there are opportunities for doorstep play. The area is defined by Jekyll style planting and statue for sensory and visual amenity and unprescribed play.

#### Play Proposals

One of the primary uses within the proposals is for residential play opportunities that inspires exploration and triggers imagination. The requirements of play space, in relation to the proposed occupancy of the development have been in line with the Mayor of London's Shaping Neighbourhoods: Play and Informal Recreation Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) 2012 (referred to as best practice). The play can be split into 2 typologies; natural (non-prescriptive) and formal (prescriptive) play space, creating places that make it easier to take part in physical activity.

#### On-Site Play Provision

"All developments with an estimated child occupancy of ten children or more should seek to make appropriate play provision to meet the needs arising from the development." *Play and Informal Recreation SPG 2012*

Areas of verdant and pioneering plant species enclose a glade for non prescriptive play and will consist of a minimal collection of natural and informal play pieces to encourage children of varying ages. Timber from trees removed on site can be used to create play pieces and habitats for wildlife for children and adults to observe.

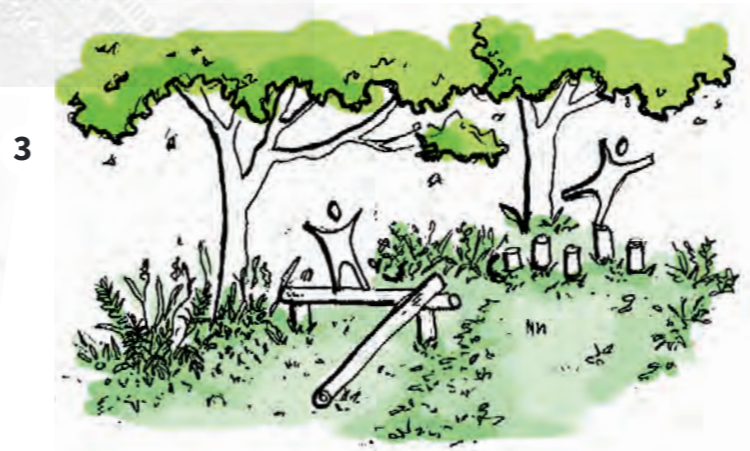
Formal play is located within the arrival gardens with soft play surfacing and passive surveillance from flats. Play equipment in this area will cater for doorstep play.

By the nature of the site and its existing topography, not all play space will be accessible. Accessible play within the site caters for children under the age of 5, and play space for children from 5 to 17 is provided in the SINC and by play spaces within walking distance\* from the site.

#### Existing Play Provision

"If there is the opportunity from the new development to access existing provision that has excess capacity or is capable of enhancement from the new development, the benchmark standard... does not need to be applied." *Play and Informal Recreation SPG 2012*

The site benefits from its close proximity to external play spaces that are located within the maximum walking distances from Under 5 to 12years+ in line with the Accessibility to Play Spaces SPG 2012 from the London Plan. Spedan Close Park and West Heath, Hampstead Heath are both located within 150m walk away.



\*Accessibility to Play Space (Existing Provision) SPG 2012 London Plan