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Creating Sanctuaries for the Imagination

PLAYGROUND PLAN & ELEVATIONS COPYRIGHT

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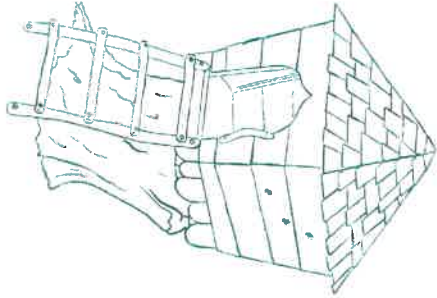


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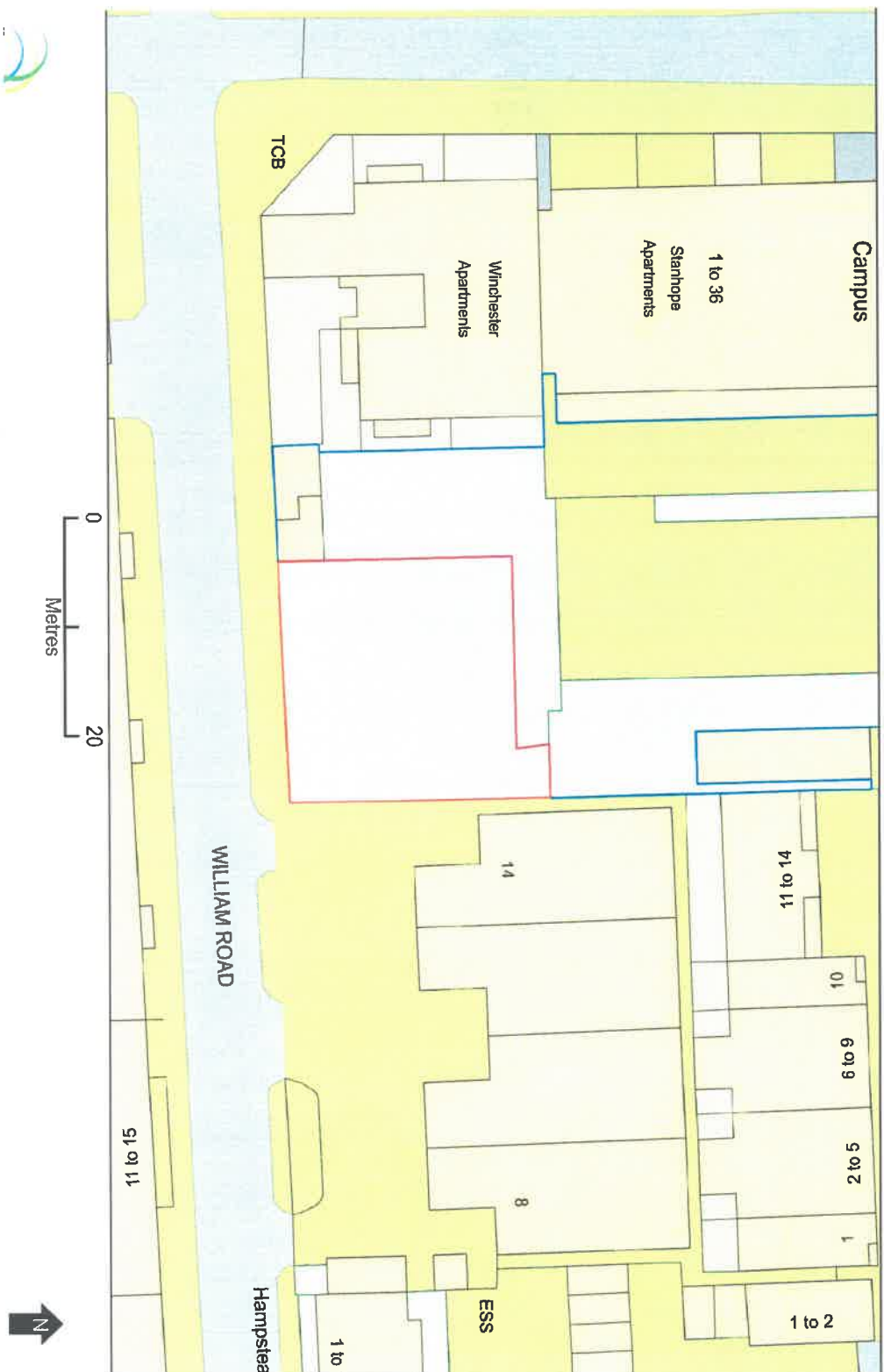
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SITE OVERVIEW



01 EXISTING SITE
LOCATION PLAN



01 EXISTING SITE LOCATION PLAN - PHOTOGRAPHIC



01 PROJECT OVERVIEW

EXISTING SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Netley Site Notes

MFS Ltd were invited to visit the grounds of the Netley Campus in Summer 2020 to survey the wild garden area surrounding the external Art room building.

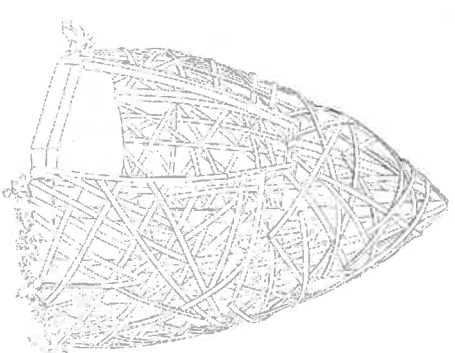
Currently this part of the school is accessed through the school playground, and is fully separately enclosed by 4m high railings, and on the south side runs parallel to William St.

A large pond is sited adjacent to the art room. This provides a habitat for wildlife, but requires additional fencing, and would benefit from a pond dipping platform and improved access. The current building dominates the space, but the surrounding grounds are full of mixed planting, mature trees and the opportunity to create a secret natural playground. Access from the playground is step free, across timber decking.

The school dreams of creating a playful tree house sanctuary in this underused ground for access by the families and children most affected by Covid. Many families of the school in the area live in overcrowded flats with no outside space, with no easy access to green space.

There is great potential in transforming the area both for play, and increasing biodiversity.

02 PROPOSED DESIGN



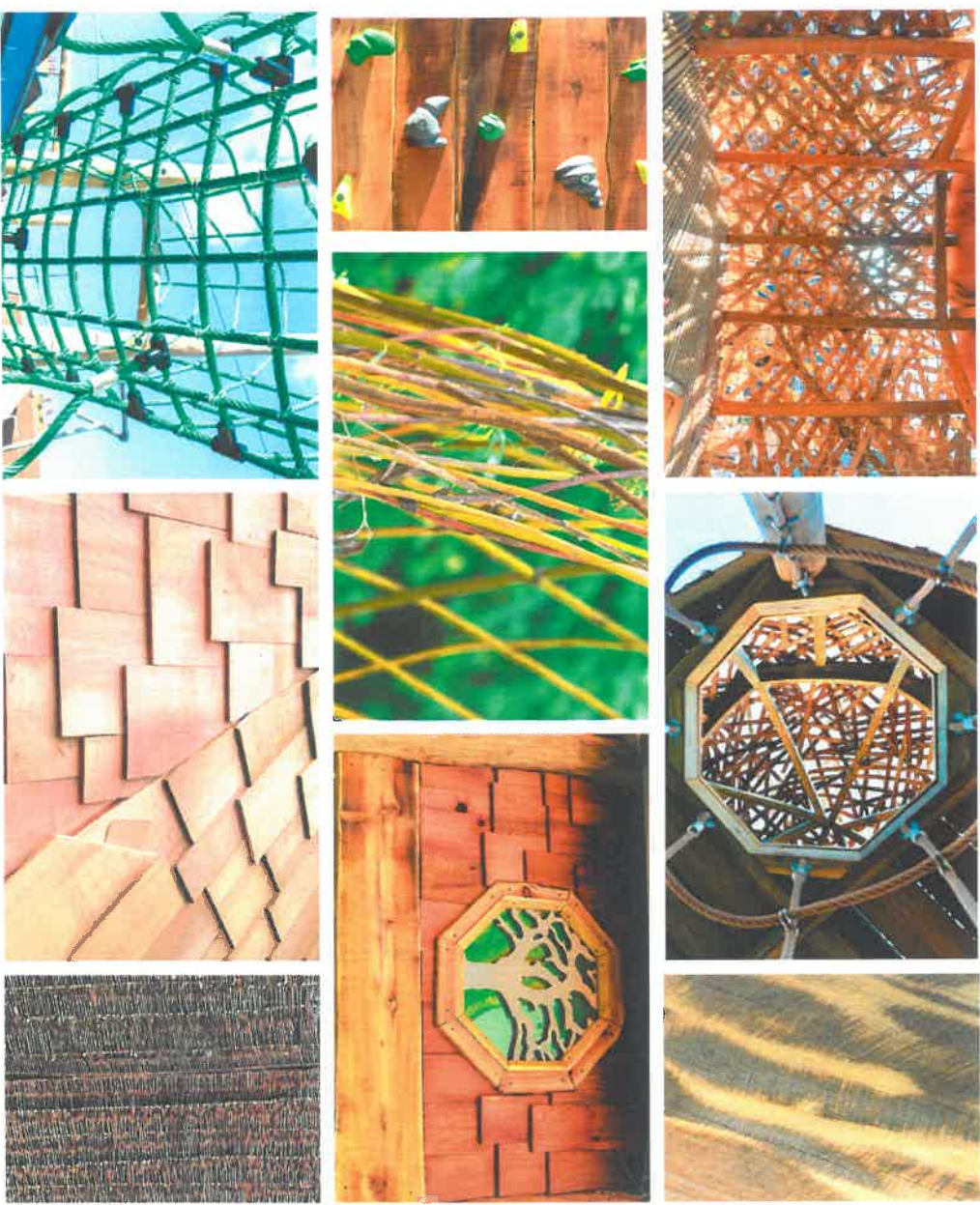
02 PROPOSED DESIGN MATERIALS MOODBOARD

Natural Materials

The palette of the proposed playground is composed of oiled durable Robinia, Cedar and Larch. Splashes of complementary colour in the form of green cargo nets, and bright climbing wall holds entice children into the space without dominating.

The planting is extended, with living willow platform pods tucked amongst the existing willow trees. Perennial shrubs and wild flowers screen the fence, and border the proposed timber boardwalk and pond dipping platform.

CARGO NETS
OILED HARDWOOD
WILD AREAS
WILLOW DOMES



02 PROPOSED DESIGN CONCEPT NARRATIVE

SEEKING SANCTUARY...

The proposed play area is inspired by the concept of migration and sanctuary. To provide a home from home, a place that transports imagination from the dense urban landscape to a magical secret garden that nurtures and heals.

The morphology and nest habits of the parakeet, pigeon, and grey squirrel have inspired the design of the following structures. These creatures have survived and thrived in London, finding home as have many of the families who rely on the community of the Netley campus.

Natural materials and a non linear design, made by hand by MFS, in-situ responding to the trees- as a bird would.

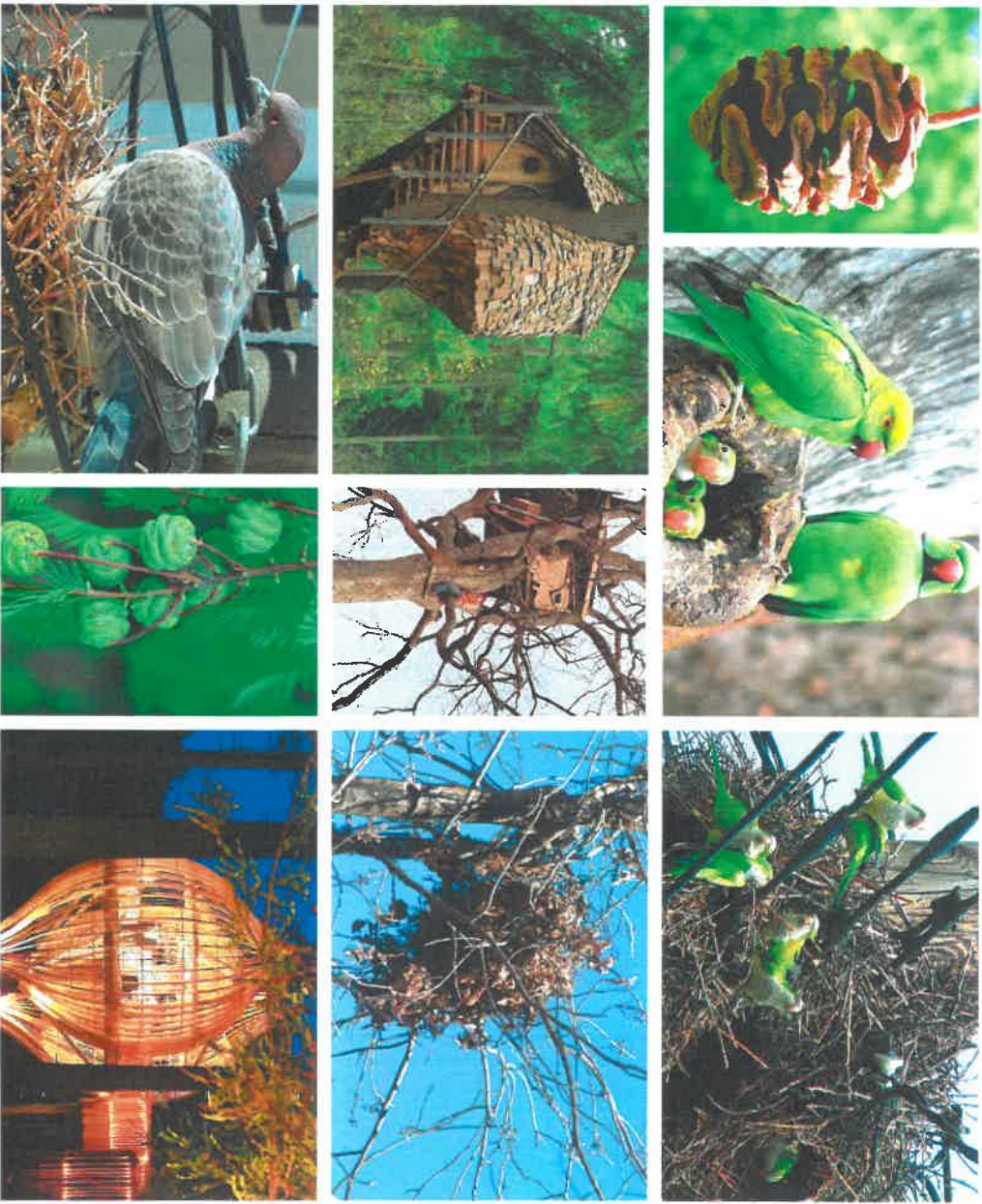
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SECRET GARDEN

CHALLENGING PLAY



02 PROPOSED DESIGN

PLAN AND LANDSCAPING



1. Adventure climbing



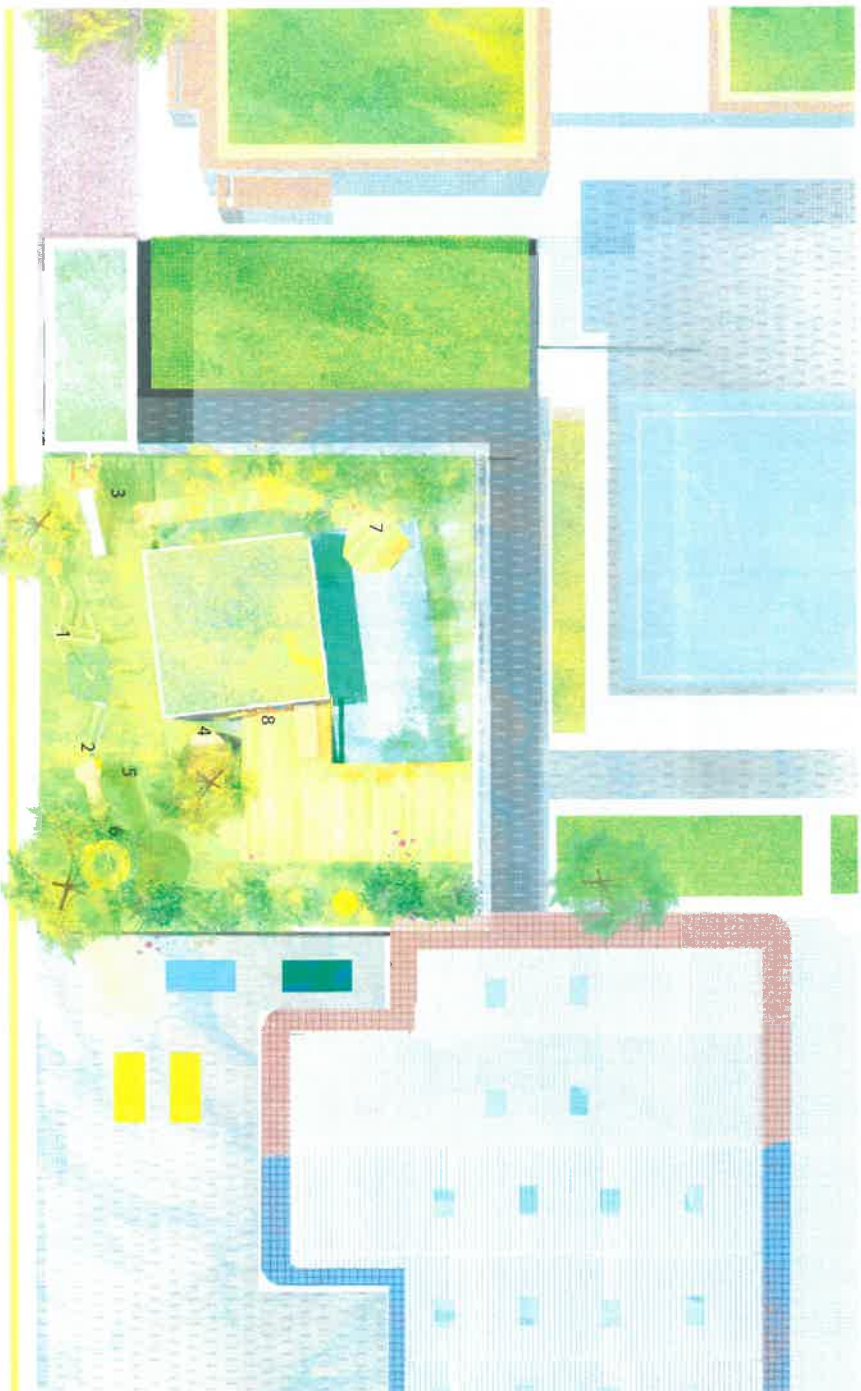
2. High Tunnel



3. Pigeon nest with slide



4. Nest Interior



5. Trapeze hoops



6. Parakeet palace treehouse



7. Pond dipping and boardwalk



8. Kinetic Ball run

02 PROPOSED DESIGN AXONOMETRIC PROJECTION

NATURAL SANCTUARY

This Axonometric projection of the proposed developments and landscaping depict the improvements by increasing the greening of the boundary and improving access to the pond area. Planting climbers on the existing building provides a wildlife habitat and softens the harsh edges.

The location of playable structures around all side of the building provides "hidden" spaces that have a sight line to adults, whilst transporting childrens imagination to a secret garden.



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02 PROPOSED DESIGN EXTERIOR ELEVATION



02 PROPOSED DESIGN INTERIOR ELEVATION



02 PROPOSED DESIGN STRUCTURAL DETAILS - CHILDS EYE VIEW

These images depict details of the location and form of the proposed structures.

Surface finish and final placement would be determined after the ground survey of the Netley site and the determined budget, and final priorities of the users of the space.

MFS have created a 3D digital environment from which the illustrations on preceeding pages have been produced. The round treehouse we propose to be clad in green cedar shingles to resemble parakeet feathers.

The pigeon nest, and pine cone pod will be hand woven on site, and wrapped round and amongst the existing trees. These features create a space particularly calming for children with ASD. The visual experience of being inside "a scribble" is a respite from the hard edges and echoing spaces of conventional buildings.

Spinning trapeze hoops and rope bridge provide essential upper body strength challenge.

