The provision of play in Burgess Park West is a key design objective to be executed with a creative and thorough approach. The play experience aims to incorporate opportunities for children to engage the senses, encourage creativity and imagination and develop motor skills and coordination.

The location of the proposed Play Area has been moved further east into the Park to an area containing scattered existing trees and gentle topography, which form part of an exciting and attractive play space to be used by local residents and visitors to the Park. Trees felled as part of the regeneration project will be reclaimed and reused as part of the play space, building on themes of sustainability and wildlife through Burgess Park West.

The Play Area will comprise a number of elements primarily aimed at children ages 5-12, with inclusive play for children with mobility issues and additional elements suitable for younger children. These will include:

* 1 no. large bespoke structure, such as a specialist structure built amongst existing trees
* 3 no. big items, likely off-the-shelf pieces of equipment incorporating slides, climbing frames / nets, balance beams and rope pieces
* 8 no. smaller items, favouring natural timber elements such as swings, logs and stumps for balancing/stepping, and carved wood and willow structures for resting / scrambling.

Moreover, the landscape will include complementary natural play elements such as small land form mounds, surfacing and planting.

Art and colour to inspire

Elements for young children

Opportunities for creative play