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SOUTHWARK PARK – OLD NURSERY SITE



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AN ENTRANCE SPACE

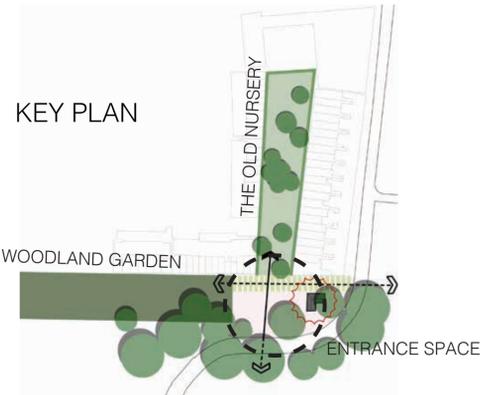
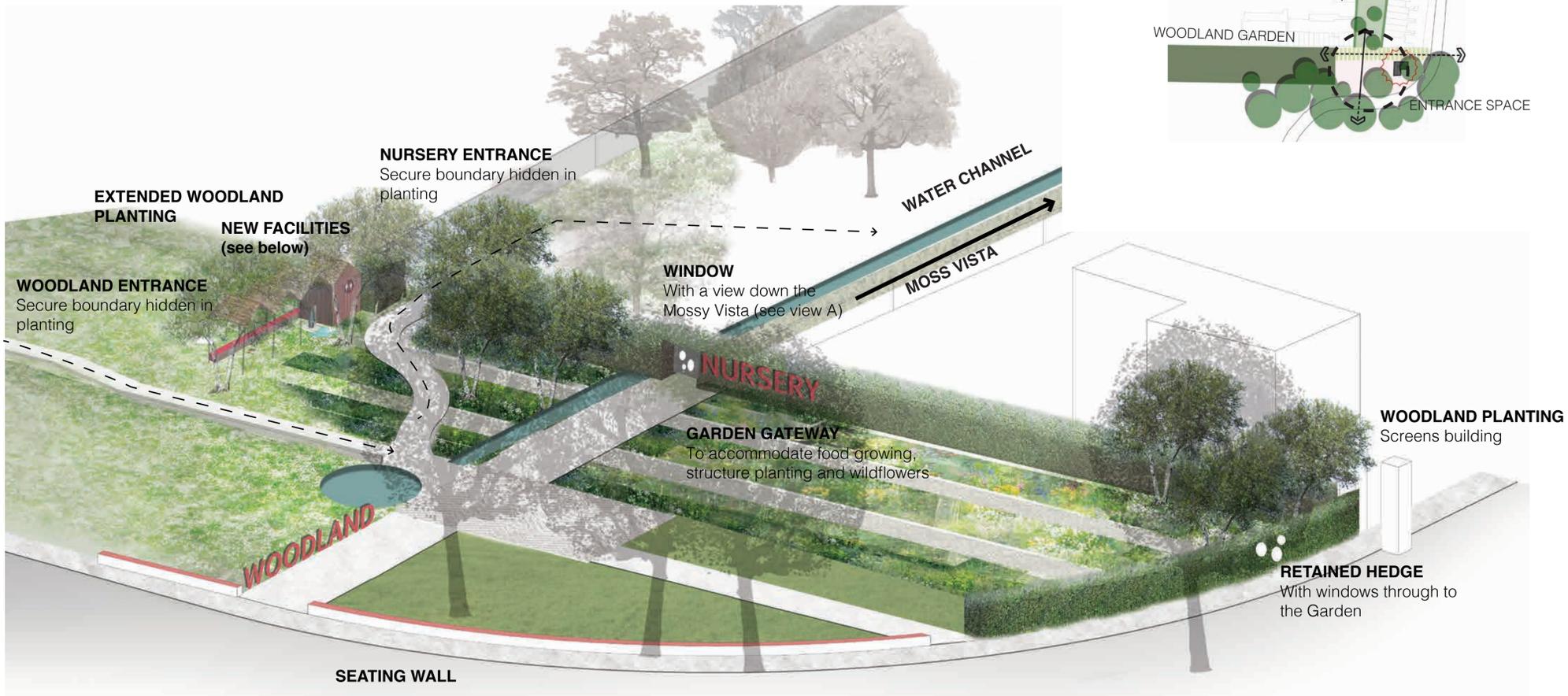
INTRODUCTION

Kinnear Landscape Architects have been commissioned by Southwark Council to develop proposals for the Old Nursery Site and the entrance space where the existing cafe building, community growing space and park offices are currently located.

ENTRANCE SPACE KEY PRINCIPLES

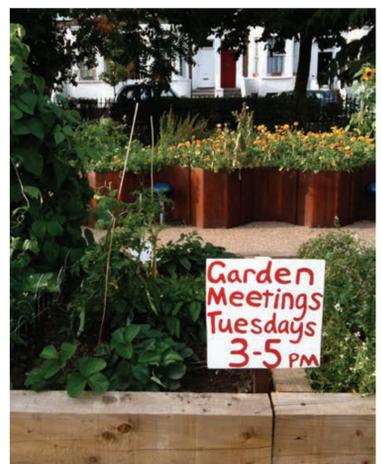
- Create a open and welcoming space that acts as a gateway to the Old Nursery and the Woodland Garden
- Make the Old Nursery and the Woodland Garden more visible within the park
- Provide facilities for specific user groups who use the Old Nursery and the Woodland Garden

ENTRANCE SPACE AERIAL VIEW



OPTION 1 - HORTICULTURE

Defining the entrance to both the Old Nursery and the Woodland Garden, the Garden Gateway contains a combination of food growing beds, herbs and wildflowers. Within the Old Nursery itself a Collection of Apple Trees explore the diversity within a single species and along with the existing mature trees define the structure of the space. This idea of putting planting centre stage harks back to the old Chrysanthemum House which once sat on the site as well as the site's later use as a working nursery.



FACILITIES

The removal of the existing buildings onsite including: the park offices, the existing cafe building and the container allows the space to be opened up to the park. In providing facilities for groups that use the space a new outdoor classroom, watering point and toilet will be provided. Further cafe and toilet facilities will be provided nearby at the new cafe.



Facilities

- Watering point
- Outdoor classroom
- Toilet for use by specific user groups eg. School groups

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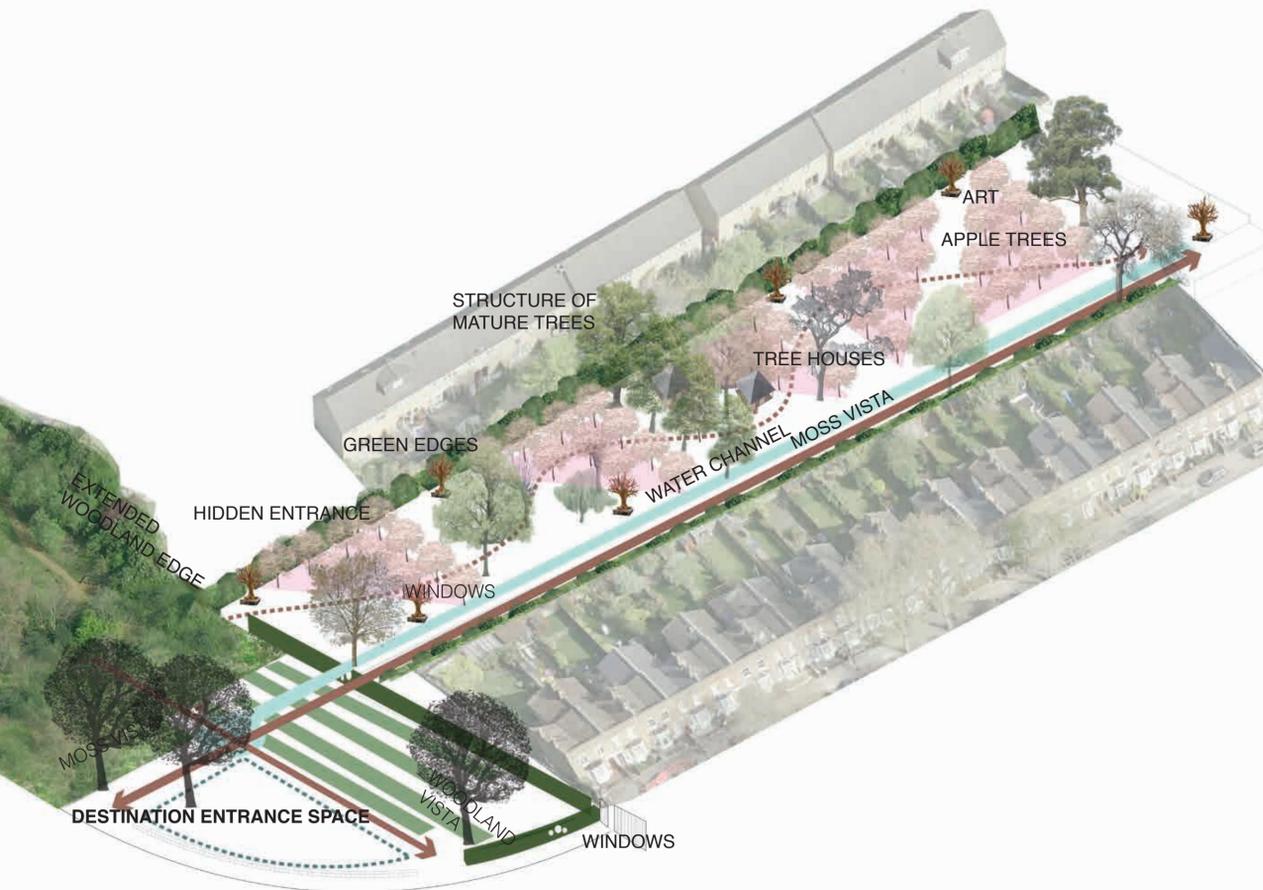
THE FUTURE OF THE OLD NURSERY

NURSERY SITE KEY PRINCIPLES

- A space that is intriguing and which compliments the Woodland Garden and the Wider Park
- Establish a central footpath keeping visitors away from the boundaries with gardens
- Maintain key mature trees and add new fruit trees to set up a structure for interventions
- Strengthen the planted boundary to adjacent back gardens

OPTION 2 ART

Carefully considered paths and views allow a series of objects and sculptures to be revealed as the visitor moves through the space. The Nursery becomes a place where art and sculpture is revealed to the visitor as they move through the space. The first of these views is from the entrance where a view down the Mossy Vista reveals a key piece of art at the end of the space. A windy path then leads through the site as further pieces of art and curiosities are revealed around each corner. With some permanent pieces of art along with others that are changeable, and with each piece there is a chance for visitors to stop and reflect.



The old Chrysanthemum Glasshouse, showcasing a varied collection of Chrysanthemums, used to attract 30,000 people a year

VARIATION IN FORM



VARIATION IN FRUIT



VARIATION IN FLOWER



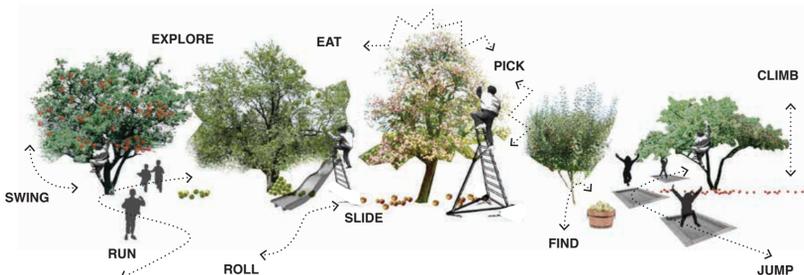
Horticulture - A Collection of Apple Tree showcasing variation of species



Entrance - Window with a view down the Mossy Vista to a piece of art

OPTION 3 PLAY

A series of playful elements thread through the Nursery to create a varied, intriguing and yet understated Play Path. For example the watering point in the garden gateway provides water for a modest water play feature; structures that aid children to be able to reach and pick fruit have a playful element; art or the plinths to accommodate art may also be climbing features; while the water channel alongside the Mossy Vista can be crossed by play bridges. Two tree houses give the play a focal point.



Concept Image - Playful Fruit Picking Structures



Water Channel



Tree House

NOTE: The location and orientation of the tree houses is to be such that views to and from adjacent properties is limited.



Water play (part of Garden Gateway)



Play - Playful route between apple trees with Tree houses



Art - View through trees to a piece of art