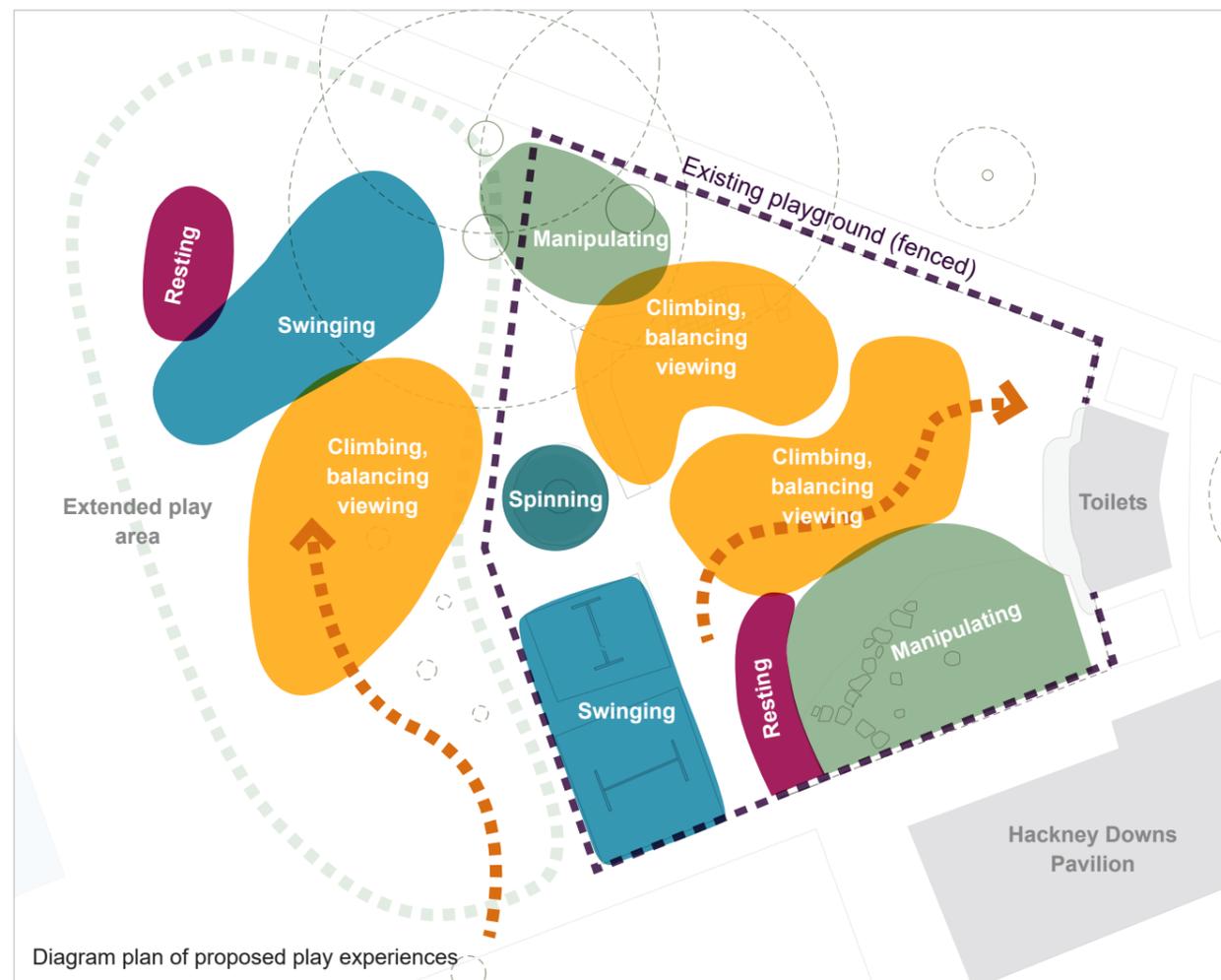


HACKNEY DOWNS PLAYGROUND

We are improving Hackney Downs Playground and would love to hear what you think. We are adding new play equipment, and enlarging the playground to provide play opportunities for older children. There will also be new planting and landscaping and aiming to make it more wildlife friendly.

The theme for the playspace takes inspiration from the mosaic and its beautiful depictions of wild animals. The use of planting, colour and stone will look to create a sense of the habitats of the animals depicted and introduce more play into the landscape.



Animals of the wild and their habitats



A more playful landscape





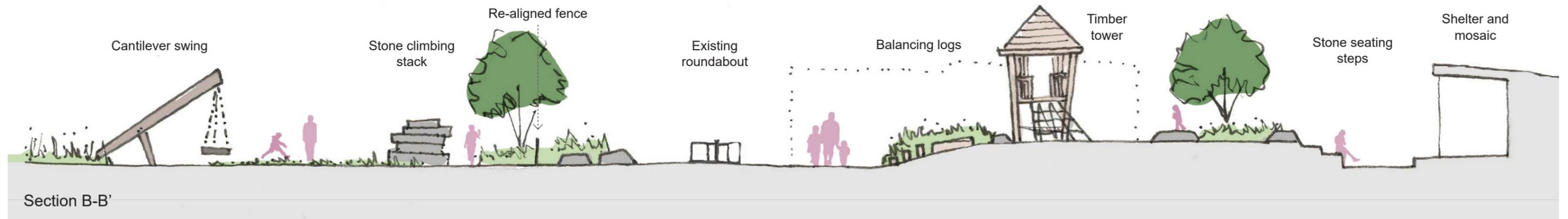
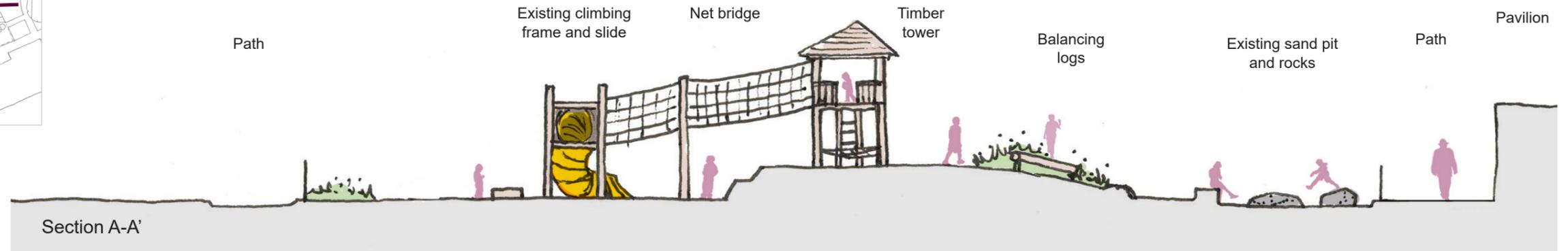
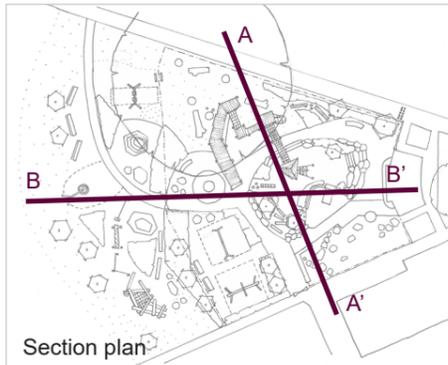
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- 1 Existing timber climbing structure retained, including the slides.
- 2 Existing round-about retained.
- 3 Existing play mound enlarged with boulders, planting and climbing logs on its slopes.
- 4 Existing shelter and mosaic retained, with seating steps on the mound introduced to face towards it.
- 5 Existing sand pit with rocks retained. New timber decking and seats introduced around the edges.
- 6 Existing swings retained with additional seating and boundary planting introduced next to them.
- 7 New tower introduced on top of the mound linked by a net bridge to the existing timber structure.
- 8 Wide slide from the top of the mound to land in a new sand pit area.
- 9 New boundary planting, seating and small climbing log trail.
- 10 New entrance to extended play area with area of seating stones and benches.
- 11 Area of bark-chips and existing trees retained with logs, seating and small table introduced to encourage loose-parts play.
- 12 Stile over the re-aligned fence, to provide a playable access point between the two areas.
- 13 New swings suitable for over-5 year-olds.
- 14 New seating.
- 15 Stone climbing stacks of different heights.
- 16 New cantileaver swing.
- 17 Log climbing frame and trim trail.
- 18 Seasonal meadow of long grass and wildflowers to define the extended play area and provide a degree of enclosure.



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Balancing logs through planting on the mound slopes



Existing timber climbing frame retained and connected to the mound via a net bridge



Wide slide landing in a new sand pit area



Decking and seating surrounding sand pits



Cantilever swing



Boulders and rock climbing stacks



Timber climbing logs



HACKNEY DOWNS CHILDREN'S GARDEN

We are also want to improve the Children's Garden. We are replacing benches and some of the surfaces but retaining the Blue Train at the centre of the garden. We would also like to selectively prune and clear areas of over grown shrubs and lift the crowns of some of the large trees to let more light into the area and improve views in and out of the garden. We are also looking at whether a new gated entrance on the eastern side would help improve access and percetions of safety.



View through the gardens from the northern entrance to the Blue Train



The Blue Train



Visibility between the gardens and the surrounding park to be improved



Diagram of improvements being considered

Legend

- Fence
- Views to be opened out
- Existing gates
- Existing mature trees - careful tree works to thin and lift crowns and allow in more light
- Dense vegetation to be pruned and thinned or cleared
- 1 Benches to be replaced and surrounding brick paving to be re-surfaced
- 2 Potential new gated entrance
- 3 Blue train to be retained