

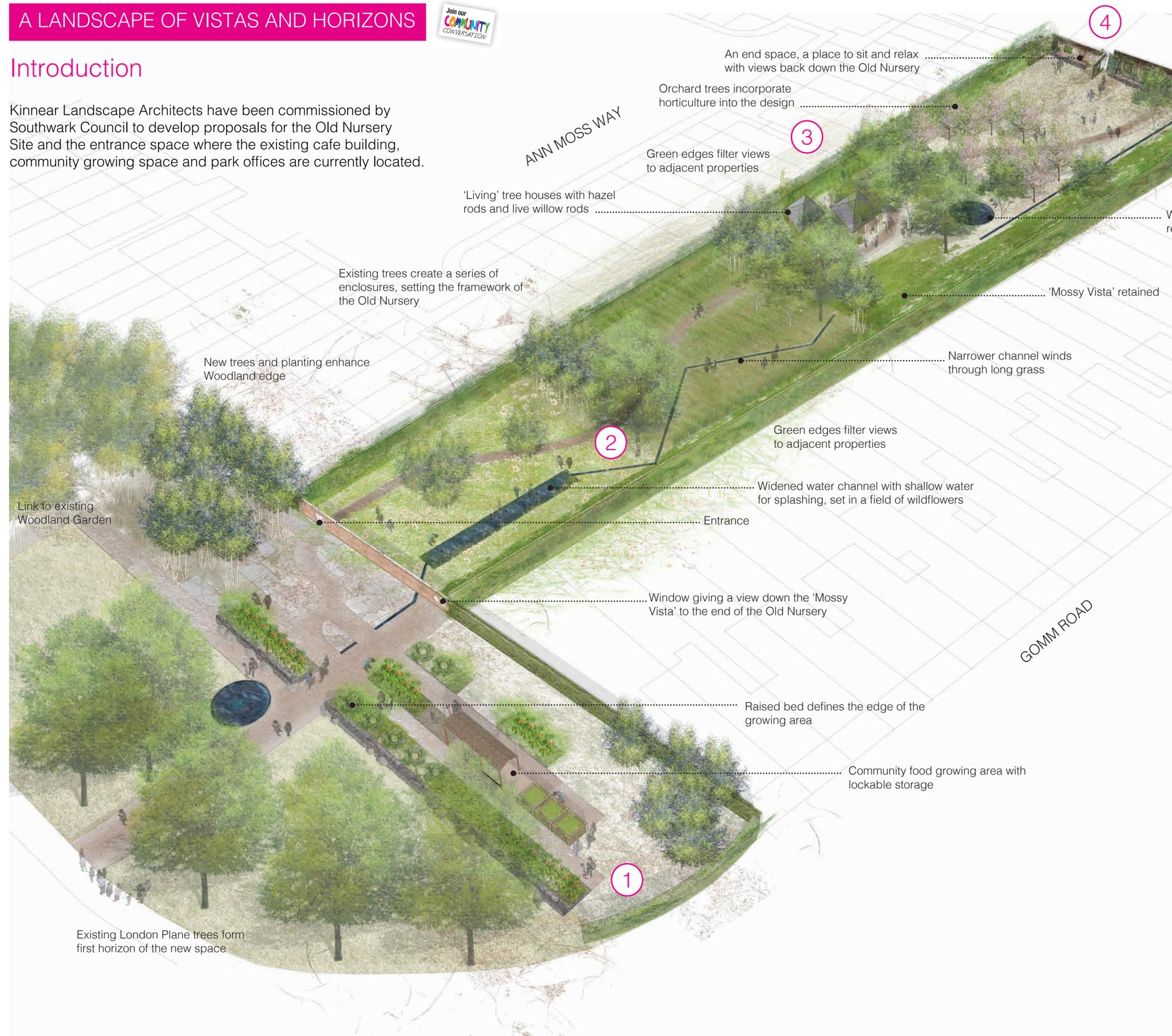
# SOUTHWARK PARK – OLD NURSERY SITE

## A LANDSCAPE OF VISTAS AND HORIZONS



### 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.



An end space, a place to sit and relax with views back down the Old Nursery

Orchard trees incorporate horticulture into the design

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Green edges filter views to adjacent properties

'Living' tree houses with hazel rods and live willow rods

Water Dish provides still reflective element of water

Large mosaic tiles produced in collaboration with an artist, form an end point to the 'Mossy Vista'

Existing trees create a series of enclosures, setting the framework of the Old Nursery

New trees and planting enhance Woodland edge

Link to existing Woodland Garden

Narrower channel winds through long grass

Green edges filter views to adjacent properties

Widened water channel with shallow water for splashing, set in a field of wildflowers

Entrance

Window giving a view down the 'Mossy Vista' to the end of the Old Nursery

Raised bed defines the edge of the growing area

Community food growing area with lockable storage

Existing London Plane trees form first horizon of the new space

GOMM ROAD

### Last Consultation

Last time we consulted 3 themes were presented in Play, Art and Horticulture. You said you wanted the following things:

Play and Horticulture were the most popular themes although there was also support for incorporating all 3 themes

Some respondents wanted the Old Nursery to open to the general public during park opening hours

Some respondents wanted the Old Nursery to be accessible by schools and community groups only

Provision of adequate facilities for school and community groups including lockable storage

### What we have done

Opening up the entrance space creates a welcoming destination that invites people in

Existing trees set the framework for the Old Nursery creating a series of spaces that the visitor passes through

The existing macadam path backing onto Gomm road back gardens is green with moss. The path is retained as a key view into and through the site becoming a 'Mossy Vista'

A central path keeps the main route through the site central to the space

A water channel will act as defence for the 'Mossy Vista', while reinforcing the site's axis and forming part of the play on offer

Orchard trees, growing beds new planting mixes will incorporate horticulture into the design, linking to the site's heritage

'Living' tree houses will form exciting play elements

Planting along the boundaries will create separation between the Old Nursery and adjacent back gardens

Nursery to operate on reduced opening hours for example 10 to 4

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### Garden Gateway ①

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.

The entrance section of the Old Nursery will provide accessible and inclusive gardens which improve the entrance setting.

A single raised bed will provide a strong element that defines the front of the space and adds to the layers of horizons people will pass through.

Community growing area with lockable storage, will give an inclusive space for people to learn and garden. Food growing beds will also provide an educational resource about the origin of food.

Woodland planting will define the ends of the space, linking to the existing woodland garden to the west.



A new wall, built from recycled brick, will create windows into the Old Nursery giving the feel of a secret garden



A single raised bed faced with stone will create a striking linear element across the entrance and define the front of the space. Boulders set into the wall will increase its play value.



The gardens will become a sociable place for people to come, to be used and enjoyed by all ages

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### Water Channel ②

Children love playing with water. It can offer a sense of freedom and exhilaration, presenting opportunities for them to play creatively and of their own accord.

Running through the Old Nursery, the water channel will produce varying states of water, be it shallow and slow or meandering through long grasses.

The channel will be a simple, strong element that helps reinforce the site's axis.



Narrower channel sections will create faster flowing, noisier water.



Two large dishes, at either end of the course, will anchor the channel in place. These dishes will provide the still, reflective element of water.

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### Tree House and Orchard ③

Within the Old Nursery 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.

Oak framed tree houses (below) will be clad with coppiced hazel and living willow rods to become Living Tree Houses. These natural and playful elements will merge into their woodland context.

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



Tree Houses with walls of vertical hazel rods (static) and living Willow rods (growing)



The Orchard will be a space for people to pick and play and learn about the site's horticultural past.

### The Back Wall ④

A focal point and an end point to the space, the back wall incorporates a bold piece of mosaic which is to be developed in collaboration with an artist. The mosaic can be viewed down the 'Mossy Vista' from the start of the visitors journey and invites visitors to find their way to it.

The existing back wall has outlines of the Old Nursery buildings, reminders of the sites past which are slowly being concealed by the encroaching greenery. Proposals preserve and celebrate these traces, while providing sheltered place to sit and relax.



The back wall of the Old Nursery provides both a focal point for the space and a place to sit and reflect



View from midway down 'Mossy Vista' towards mosaic

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