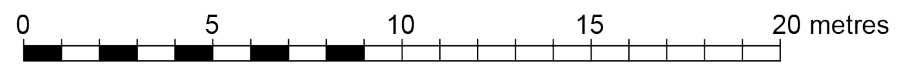
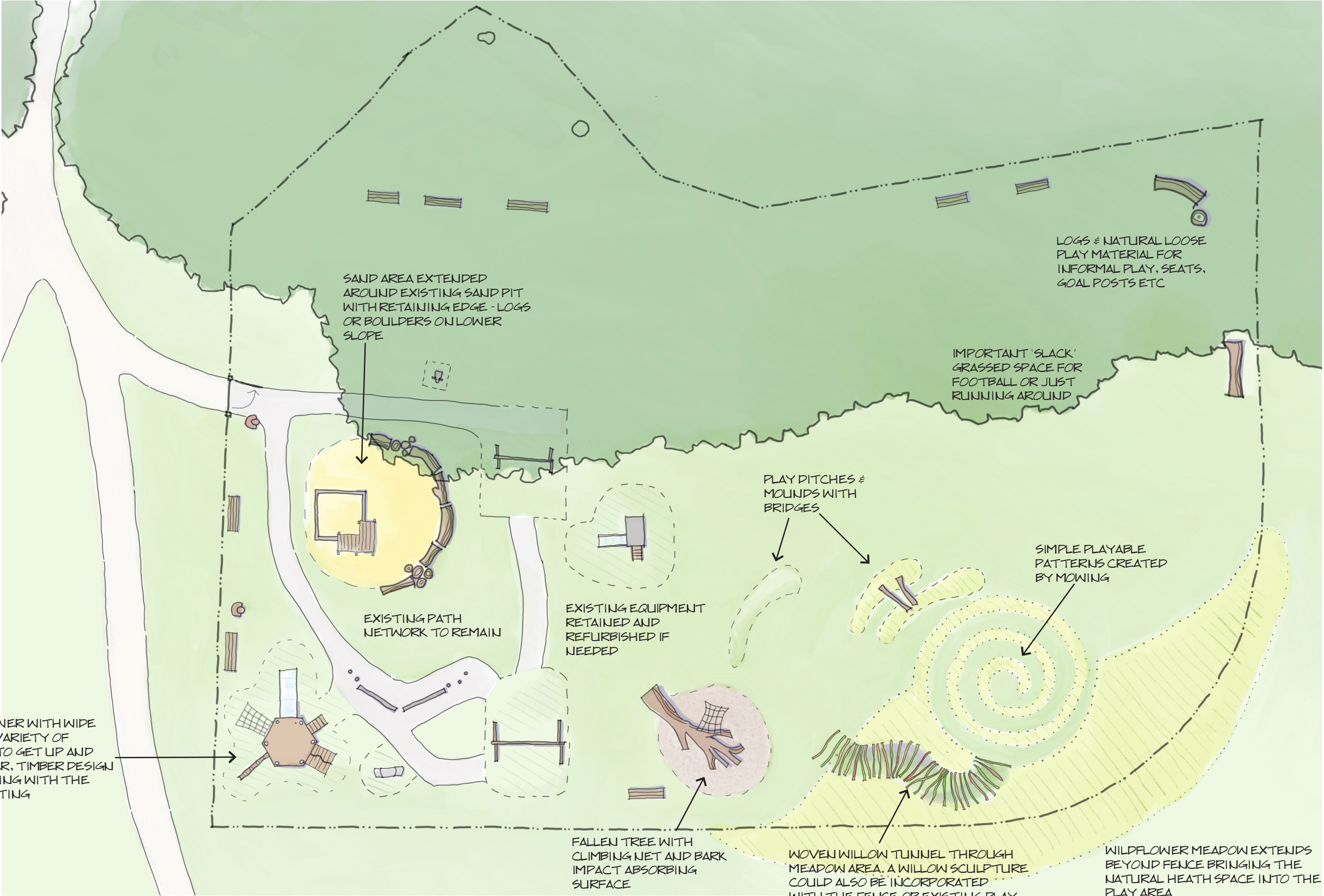


- Existing trees
- Mown grass
- Meadow grass
- Sand play
- Existing rubber surface path
- Impact absorbing surface - grass mat
- Impact absorbing surface - bark
- Existing benches





Sand play

Extend the current sand play by creating a larger area than the current sand pit, with natural edges of grass and oak logs / trunks that also provide informal seating.

Sand play areas, if well designed, create a different feel to an open space increasing the time people spend in that space and provide a natural gathering spaces for socialising. Sand also has the advantage of being part of the natural geology of the Heath and is a relatively low key visual intrusion in any natural space.



Natural interventions

Often, low key, natural interventions using existing resources can provide the most absorbing and better quality play experience whilst creating a landscape that is truer to its natural setting



Fallen tree with net using a suitable oak tree from the Heath



New slide tower

A new slide tower the same height as the existing with 1 metre wide slide so children can slide together or with adults. The tower or platform in a more simple timber design to fit the natural setting and keeping a variety of challenges to go up and down such as ramps, nets, fire pole and easier steps



Low mounds and ditches for endless play



Willow tunnel



Planting

Introducing new planting brings children into direct contact with nature as they play, creating a more diverse landscape with places to hide and 'disappear' as well as enhance the look and feel of the play area. Planting could be of native or varieties of native species natural to the Heath. Shrubs such as dogwood and willow with colourful twigs in winter and grasses such as varieties of purple moor grass and wavy-hair grass greatly enhance the playability of a space as well as meadow areas of longer grass with wildflowers.