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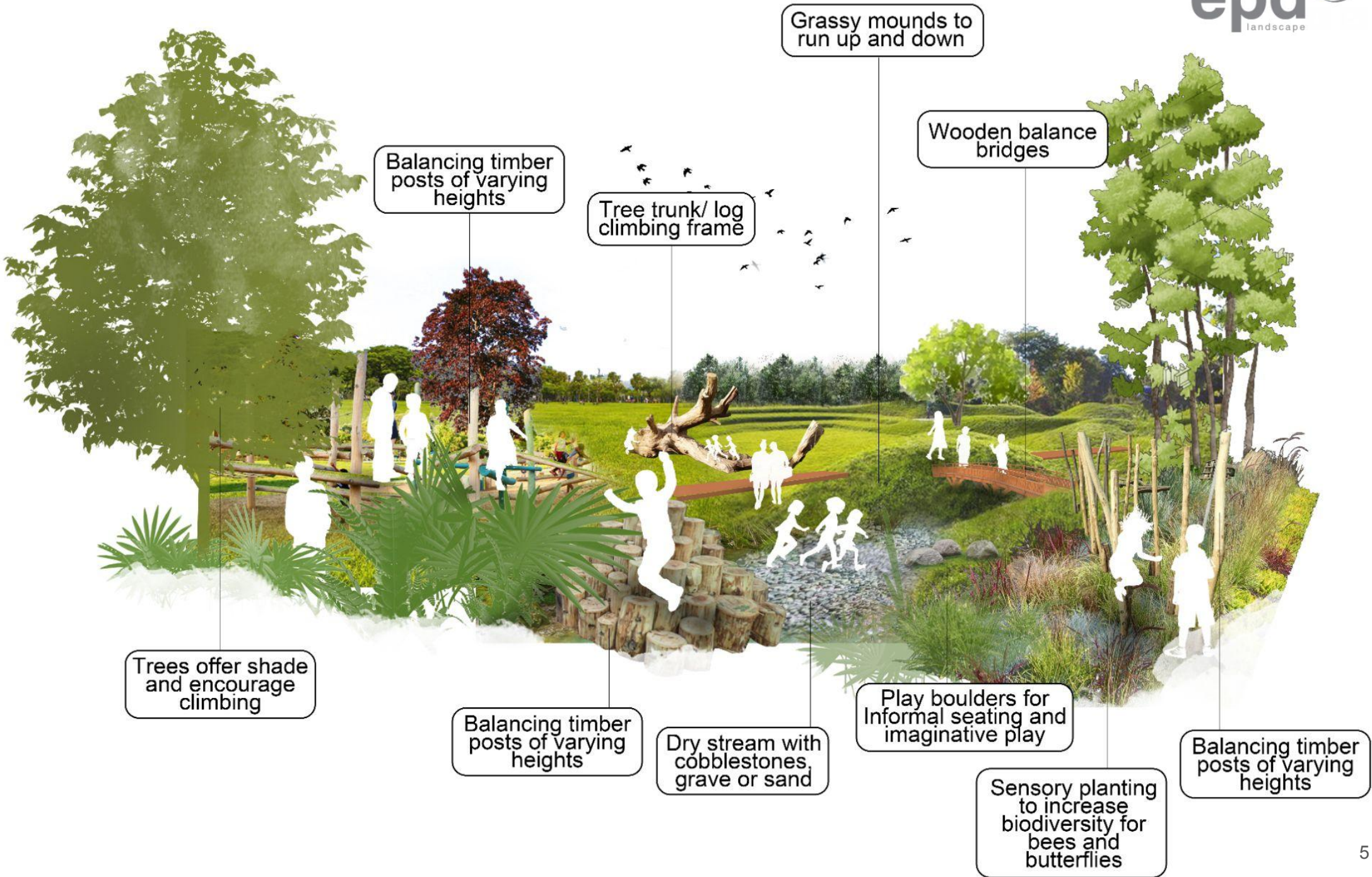
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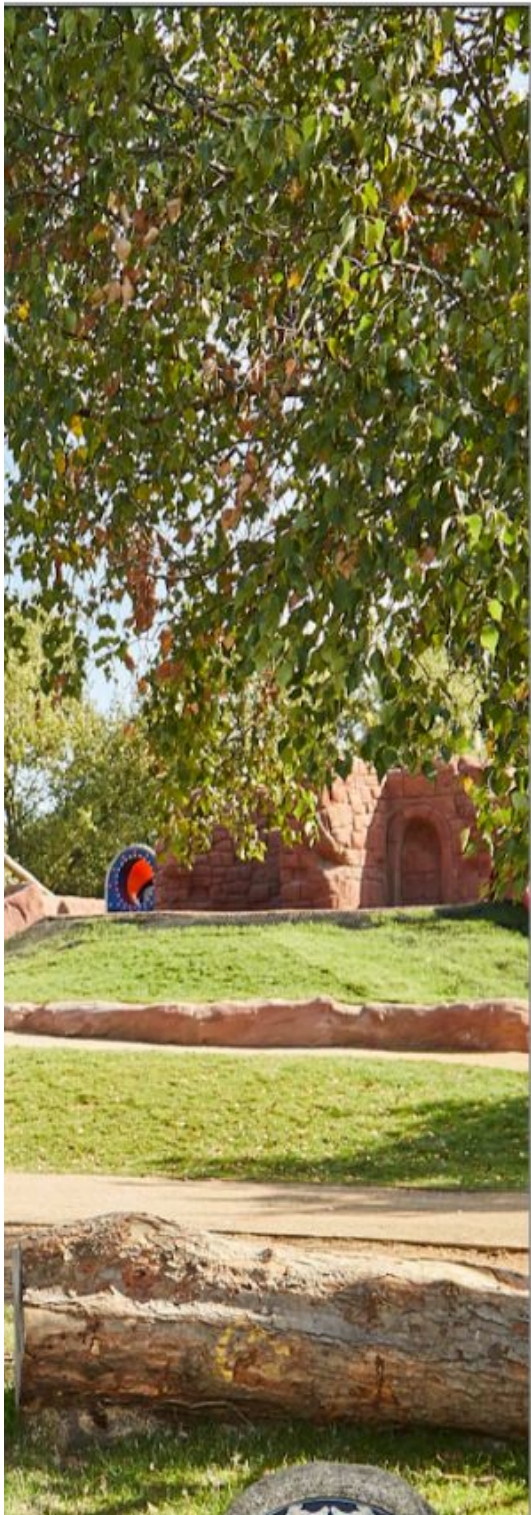
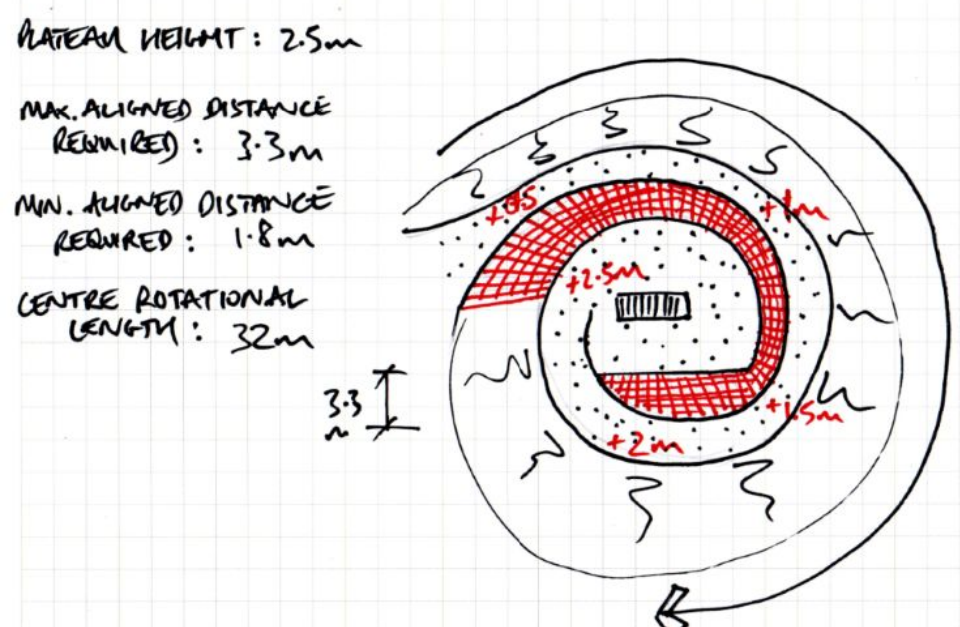
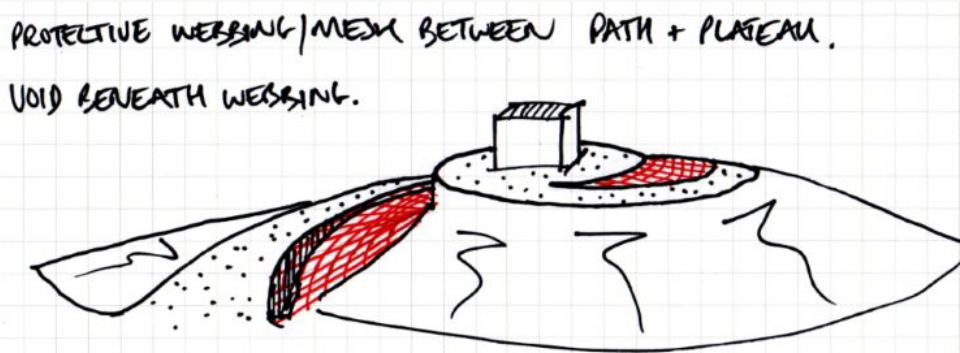
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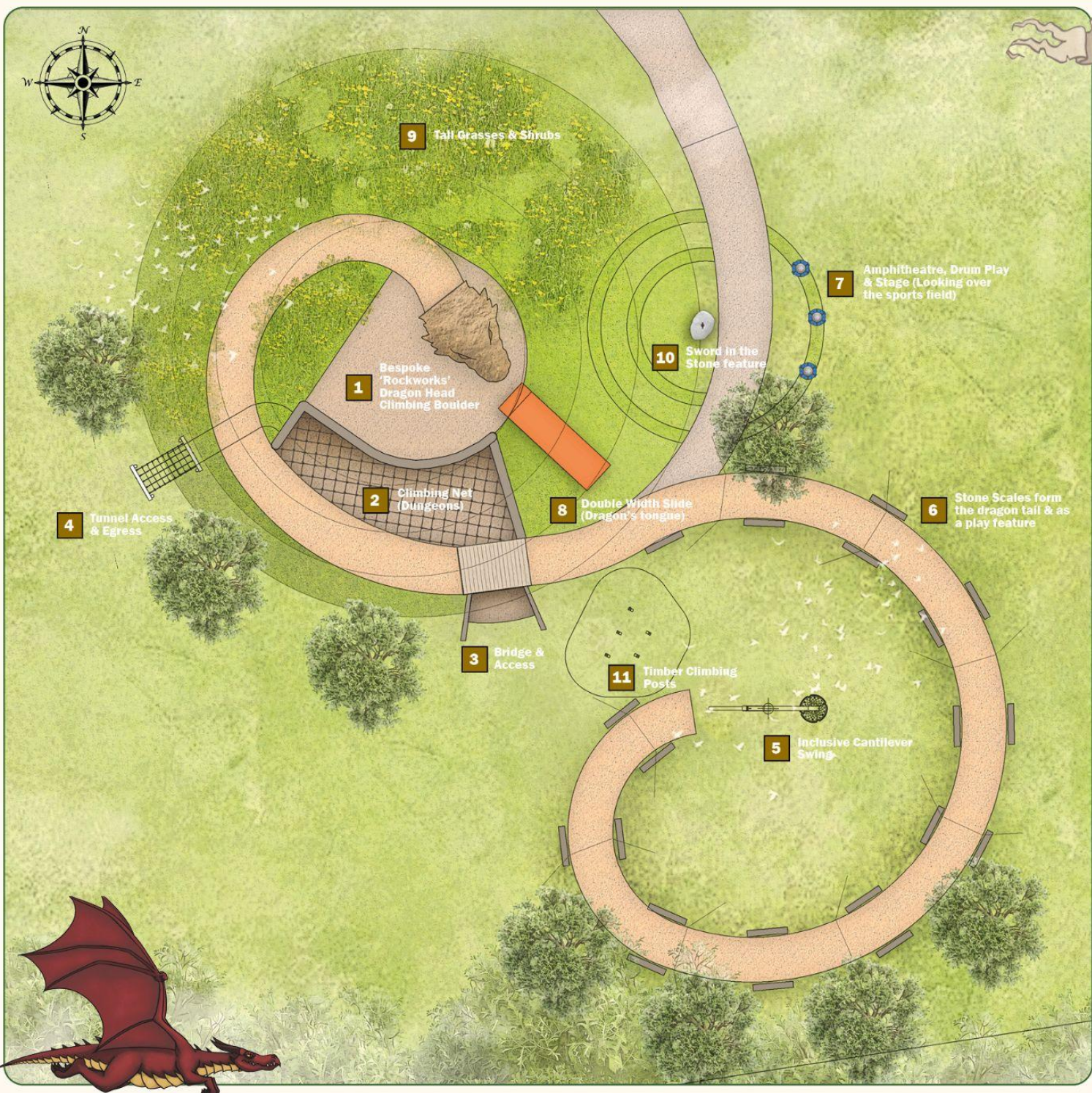
Inclusive/ Sensory Play Elements



Inspiration and Concept Sketches







Pendragon Play Area

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Imaginative Play

- The craggy rock dragon head (a bespoke rockworks bouldering structure) and mounded, spiralling, coiled body create a strong play destination, transporting children into fantasy worlds of quests, mythical beasts, and ancient Arthurian legends.
- The sword in the stone provides a focal point for role-play (e.g., pulling the legendary sword), encouraging cooperative storytelling and dramatic play.
- The catacombs beneath the hill create an enclosed, cave-like atmosphere for secret hideouts and exploration.

Physical challenges

- The undulating spine and mounded landforms encourage natural physical exercise such as running, scrambling, rolling, and balancing across varying slopes, stepping stones and elements.
- The cantilever swing delivers inclusive, high-energy swinging and spatial awareness.
- The climbing rock and net structure challenges agility particularly upper-body strength coordination and problem solving as children navigate up and over the structures.
- The inclusive, wide slide provides descent, allowing multi use for carers, and different age groups to play together.

Inclusive & Multi-Sensory Design

- Using mounded a spiralling terraced path up to the hill top allows access to children of varying mobility levels, including wheelchair users and encourages carers to play alongside children.
- The play area balances contrasting textures, such as rough craggy rock, smooth slide surfaces, flexible rope netting, and soft landscaping including sensory planting to create a destination space.
- High-thrill areas (swing, net, bouldering rock and slide) are balanced by low-stimulation, shaded refuge areas with seating provided under the trees for children and adults who need a break.

Social & Community

- Positioned toward the sports area, the amphitheatre provides informal seating: a comfortable vantage point for parents, carers, and spectators to watch sports and an informal stage for group gatherings, outdoor classes, or story telling.
- The large landform of the coiled body along with the mounded undulating landscape encourages unstructured group games like tag and hide-and-seek.