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BACKGROUND

#TeamHamish was established in May 2017 following the death of our son on February 20th. Our Mission Statement was two fold, firstly, the creation of special Community places, spaces and facilities for all ages and abilities to enjoy - we felt this would be an appropriate 'Thank you' to the Community of Nairn for their continued support throughout Hamish's illness. Secondly, as a lasting legacy in Hamish's memory. It soon became evident from the way that our ideas for #TeamHamish were adopted by the Community that this had the potential scale to act as a catalyst for the regeneration and revitalisation of Nairn in a wider context. Our initial conceptual ideas and principles were taken from personal experience or recommendations that had been suggested to us - spaces, places and installations that we thought would work really well in Nairn. Whilst our conceptual masterplan covered a broader holistic approach to Nairn's revitalisation, our focus was on the Links area of the town. With our proposal to utilise the Common Good Land, one of our driving principles is that any intervention must be sensitively integrated into the existing topography as an enhancement to its natural context.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- The regeneration of Nairn as a tourist destination;
- Revitalisation of Nairn for the benefit of its Community;
- Generate more economic activity by increasing the visitor footfall;
- Sensitivity and respect to retain Nairn's beautiful, natural assets;
- Maintained and sustainable.

PROPOSALS

The strategic premise of these proposals is based on a widely recognised circular tourist route encompassing Nairn's primary features. Whilst access points to this circular tourist route are, of course, flexible, the logical starting point for a visitor to Nairn would be the town centre car park. This point is readily available from the A96, the primary artery through Nairn, and gives direct access to the High Street, but most importantly a pedestrian promenade link to Viewfield House.

We would like to see Viewfield House revitalised to incorporate an upgraded museum, tourist information centre, quality toilets, flexible exhibition spaces, perhaps a small cinema / theatre and a café that can take advantage of its beautiful setting in Viewfield. This would offer a different 'parkland' experience to that of the seaside / Links, and a visitor attraction for inclement weather.

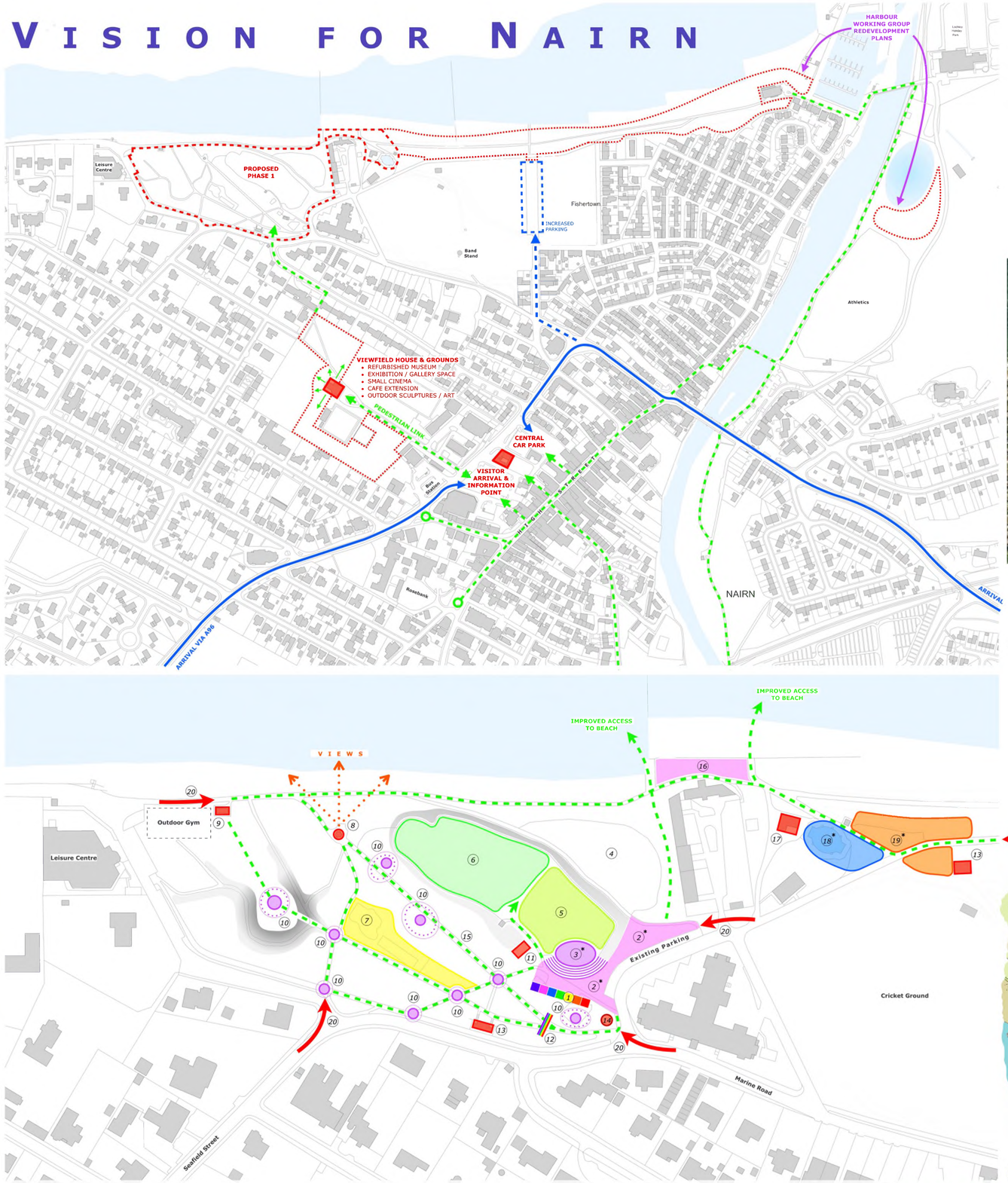
The journey from Viewfield to the seafront is just a few minutes; and it is this area of the Links, between the Leisure Centre and paddling pool, that would be the initial focus of our proposals.

Our principle concept is to enhance the existing natural topography with the formation of enjoyable spaces and places that appeal to the broad demographic of Nairn and its visitors. This would see the inclusion of areas for a wide spectrum of activities; from fun, colourful spaces to places that offer quiet contemplation; through to areas that can be multifunctional, educational and even inspirational. Our interventions will be accessible and offer all year round use.

The continuation of our journey around Nairn leads along the beautiful seafront to the harbour, around the riverside path and back into the town centre and High Street.

COMMUNITY

We believe that this is a Community project. Throughout the last year and a half we have been truly overwhelmed and astounded by the level of support that has been shown to #TeamHamish and we are reliant on the support of Nairn's Community for the ongoing momentum of the incredible fundraising achievements. Additionally, we wish to entrust elements of the proposals to a wide variety of Community Groups within the town for both its design and execution.



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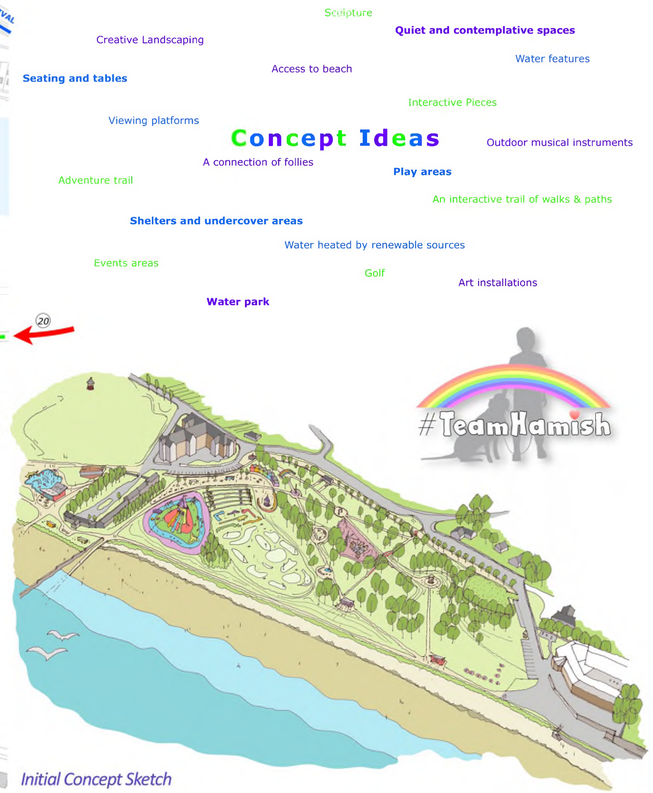
2. * **Main social gathering space** - bespoke fixed seating, tables, shelter
3. * **Amphitheatre** - terraced seating, multipurpose events space, sheltered / partially covered
4. **Existing natural wooded area**
5. **Rainbow themed crazy golf**
6. **Putting Green**
7. **Adventure play area** - natural environment, timber construction, accessible equipment
8. **Viewing shelter**
9. **Shelter**
10. **Spaces and places to discover** - sculptures, water features, art, follies, quiet, contemplative, interactive
11. **Refurbished chess / draughts board**
12. **Rainbow arch 'Gateway'**
13. **Public Toilets**
14. **Keeping Nairnshire Colourful orienteering flowerbed**
15. **Paths** - suitably illuminated, themed directional signage, accessible
16. **Bespoke seating and tables adjacent to improved beach access**
17. **Refurbished and extended Links Tearoom**
18. * **'Splash Pad' for use all year round** - warmed water, sheltered / partially covered, accessible
19. * **Upgraded and extended Play Park** - multi-age, multi-ability, all weather, sheltered / partially covered
20. **Primary Access Points**

* **Proposed 'Demonstration' Projects**



Initial Concept Sketch

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Proposals Development & Demonstration Projects

This presentation has been prepared to illustrate the development of our ideas and proposals within Phase 1 of our 'Vision For Nairn'.

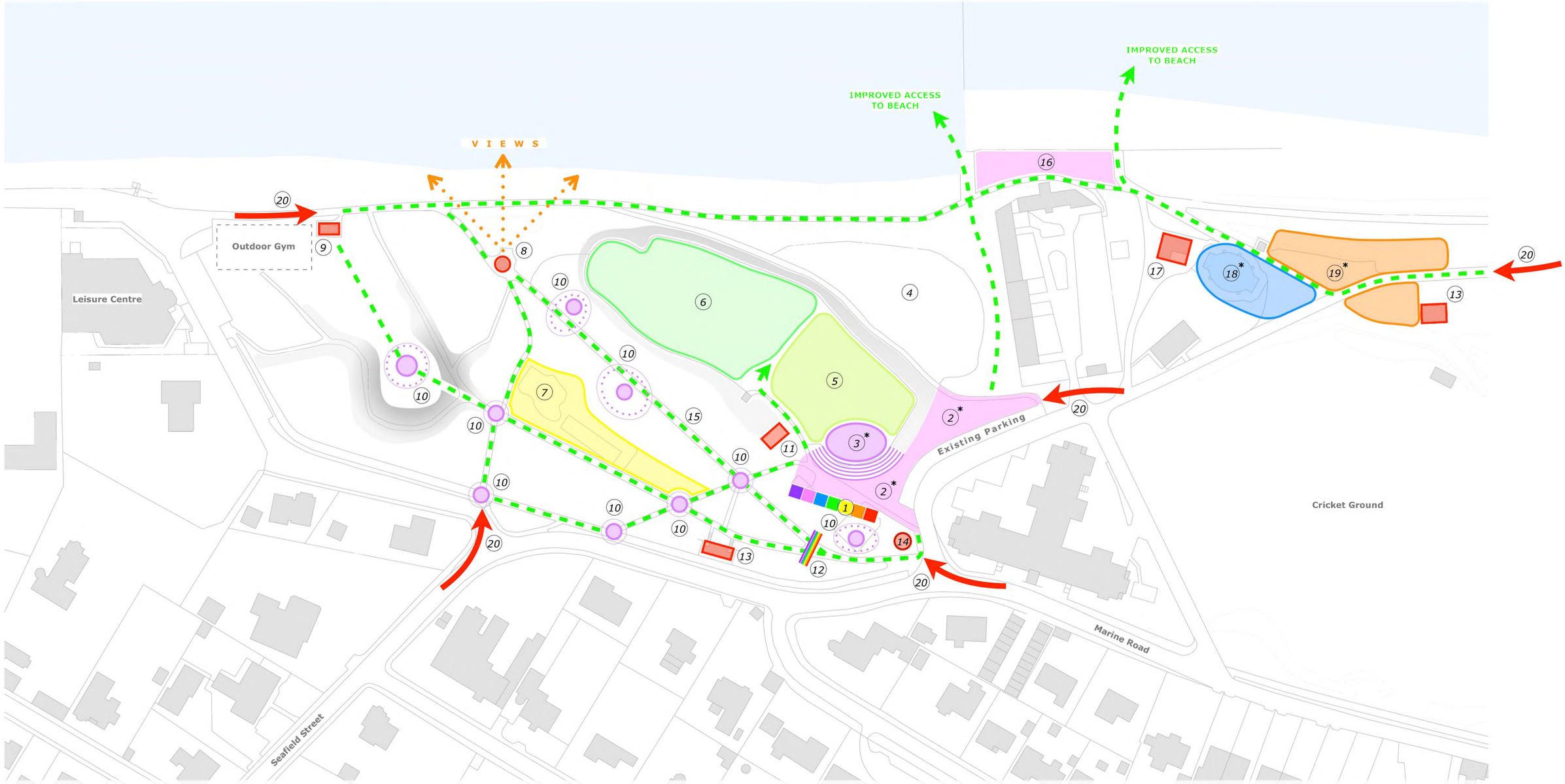
In developing our Conceptual Masterplan, we have endeavoured to incorporate all of the considered and constructive feedback and comments that we received following our Open Public Meeting on the 20 June 2018.

We also illustrate in this presentation a series of precedents for potential 'demonstration' projects which were specifically highlighted as being priorities within the feedback that we have received.

We would propose these individual elements as forming the initial stages of the holistic framework masterplan for the wider Links area.

Phase 1 Concept Proposals Masterplan

Revision A - Updated Following Feedback Comments From June Open Public Presentation



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Precedents for Proposed Demonstration Projects - Phase 1

2 **Main social gathering space** - bespoke fixed seating, tables, shelter

La Arcada Courtyard, Santa Barbara, California

Steel Ribbon Bench, Manchester

Metal 'Butterfly' Bench

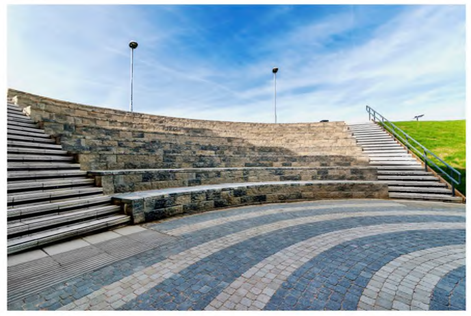
Metal 'Nest' Bench

Seaside Cast Stone Bench by Urbastyle

Santa Barbara, California

Esperance Waterfront, Western Australia by HASSELL

3 **Amphitheatre** - terraced seating, multipurpose events space, sheltered / partially covered


Denbigh School, Milton Keynes

Jackson-Triggs Estate Amphitheatre, Niagara, Canada

Proposed Amphitheatre, Bath Spa University

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Bath Spa University Amphitheatre

18 **'Splash Pad' for use all year round** - warmed water, sheltered / partially covered, accessible

Drusillas Park, Alfriston, East Sussex

Victoria Park, Cardiff

Filmore Thomas Park, Macon, Georgia

Willen Lake, Milton Keynes

Victoria Park, Cardiff

19 **Upgraded and extended Play Park** - multi-age, multi-ability, all weather, sheltered / partially covered

Mission Dolores Park, San Francisco

Robertson Park, Renfrew, Paisley

Le Mee Sur Seine, France

Organic Robinia 'The Village'

Kompan Octa Net, Sky Cabin, Tunnel Slide

Kompan Organic Robinia Explorer Ship

1a - Splash Pad + Play Park

Proposed Conceptual Zoning + Approach

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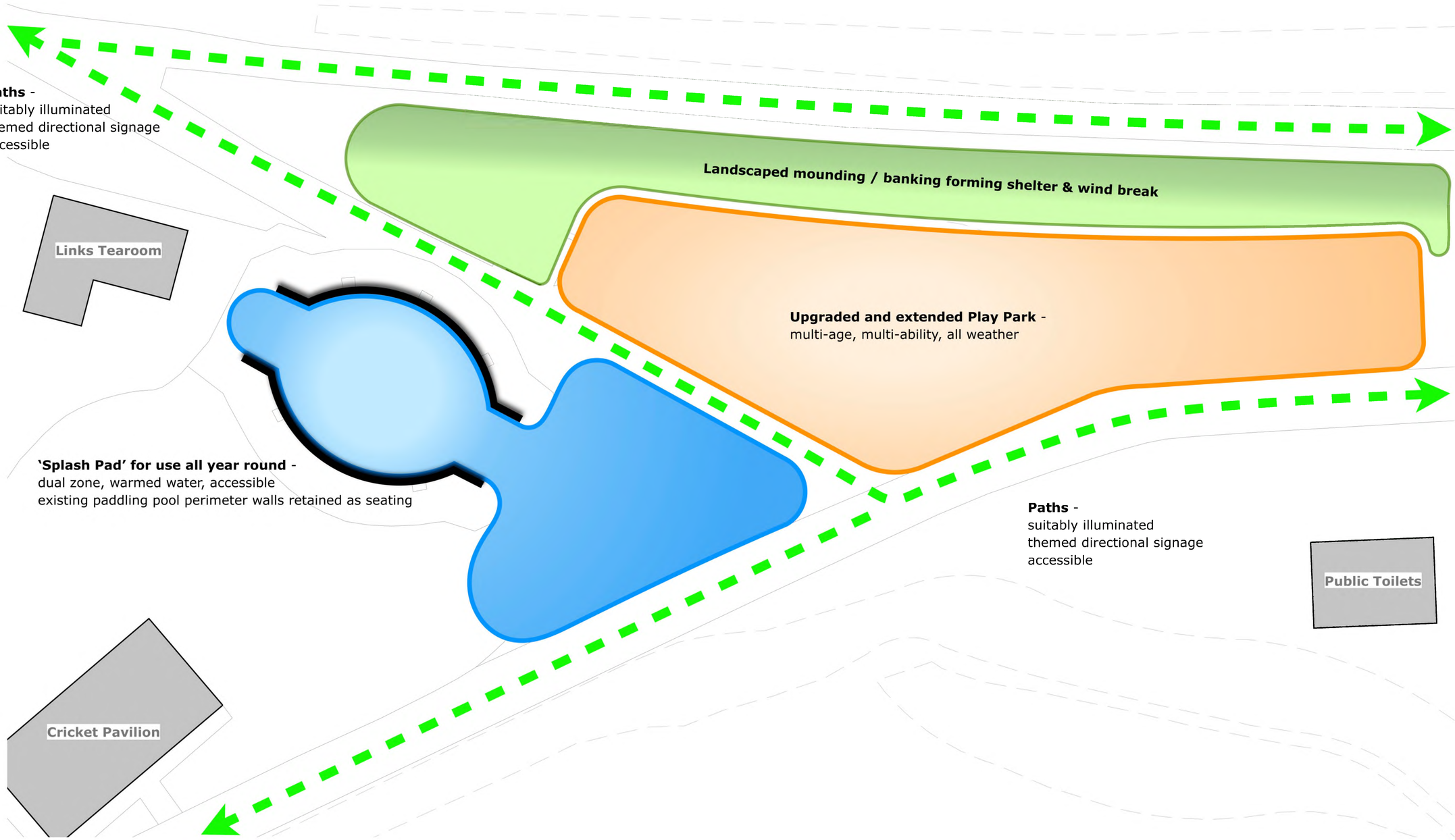

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1b - Amphitheatre + Social Gathering Space

Proposed Conceptual Zoning + Approach

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Paths -
suitably illuminated
themed directional signage
accessible

Marine Cottages

Main social gathering space -
bespoke fixed seating
tables
shelter

Existing Car Parking

Amphitheatre -
multipurpose events space
terraced seating

Paths -
suitably illuminated
themed directional signage
accessible

James's

Marine Apartments