

Elia Mews and Widford House Communal external space concept design

Following the resident consultations which took place in February and March 2024, the Council have developed proposals to make improvements to the communal outdoor spaces of Elia Mews and Widford House.

A summary of the proposed improvements is provided below. Further details of the proposals to the Widford House Community Garden, the multi-use games area (MUGA) and children's play area are provided on the following pages.

A Widford House Community Garden

The proposals include re-design of the community garden as follows:

- Removal of part of the existing brick wall adjacent to the ballcourt and replacement with railings to open up views across the site.
- A new fence boundary adjacent to Widford House, increasing the size of the garden to incorporate areas of pavement where fly tipping has historically been an issue.
- Dedicated growing area with accessible raised beds and retention of the no-dig growing area.
- Tool storage shed, compost bins and a watering point.
- Low maintenance sensory garden with seating.
- Support for the gardening group from Green Growing Solutions.

B Multi-use games area (MUGA)

The proposals include providing a new multi-use games area to replace the existing worn-out facility.

Vegetation to the boundary of the court has been thinned to remove hidden spaces where anti-social behaviour has been reported.

C Children's play area

Proposals include upgrading the play area to provide a greater diversity of play equipment and seating.

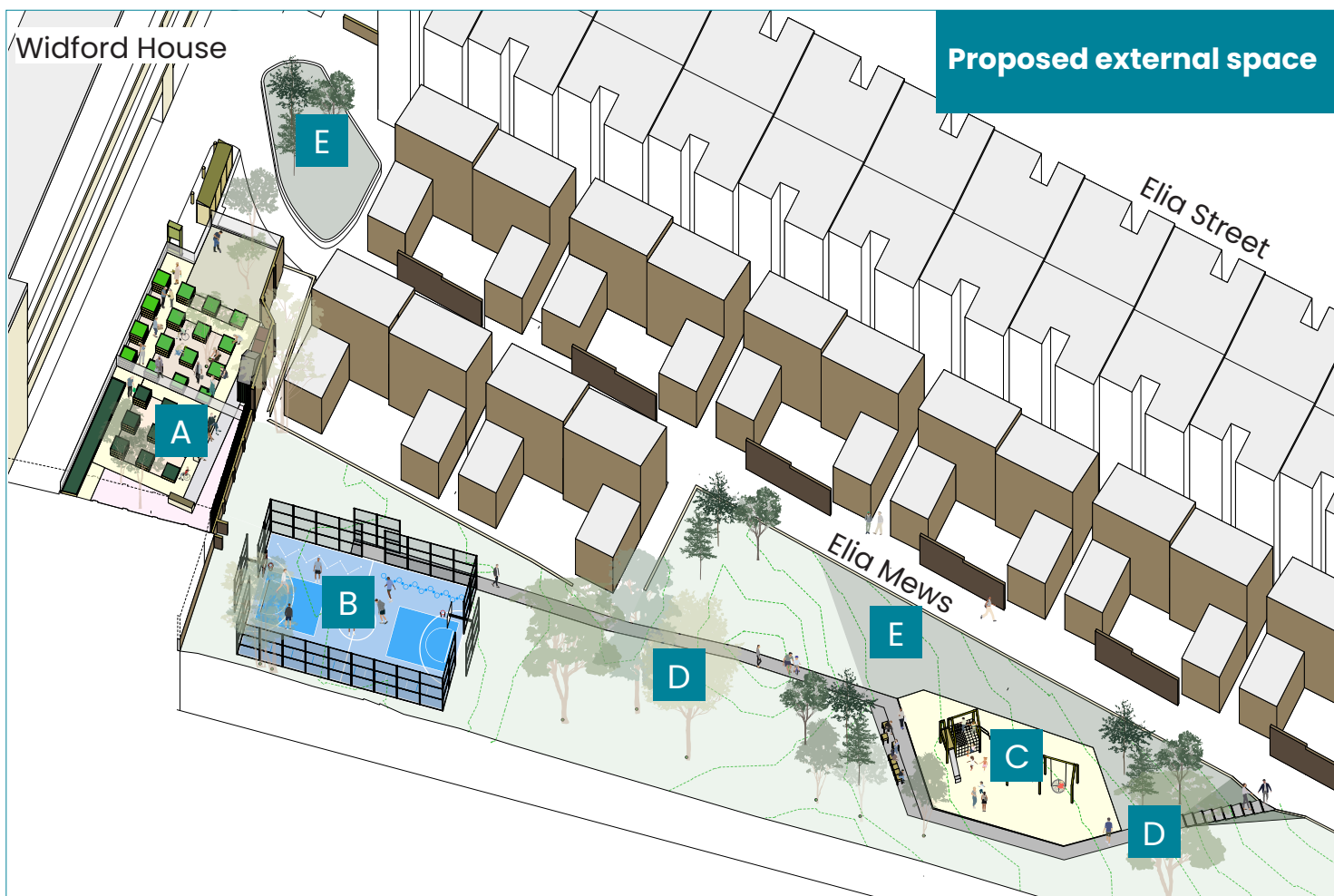
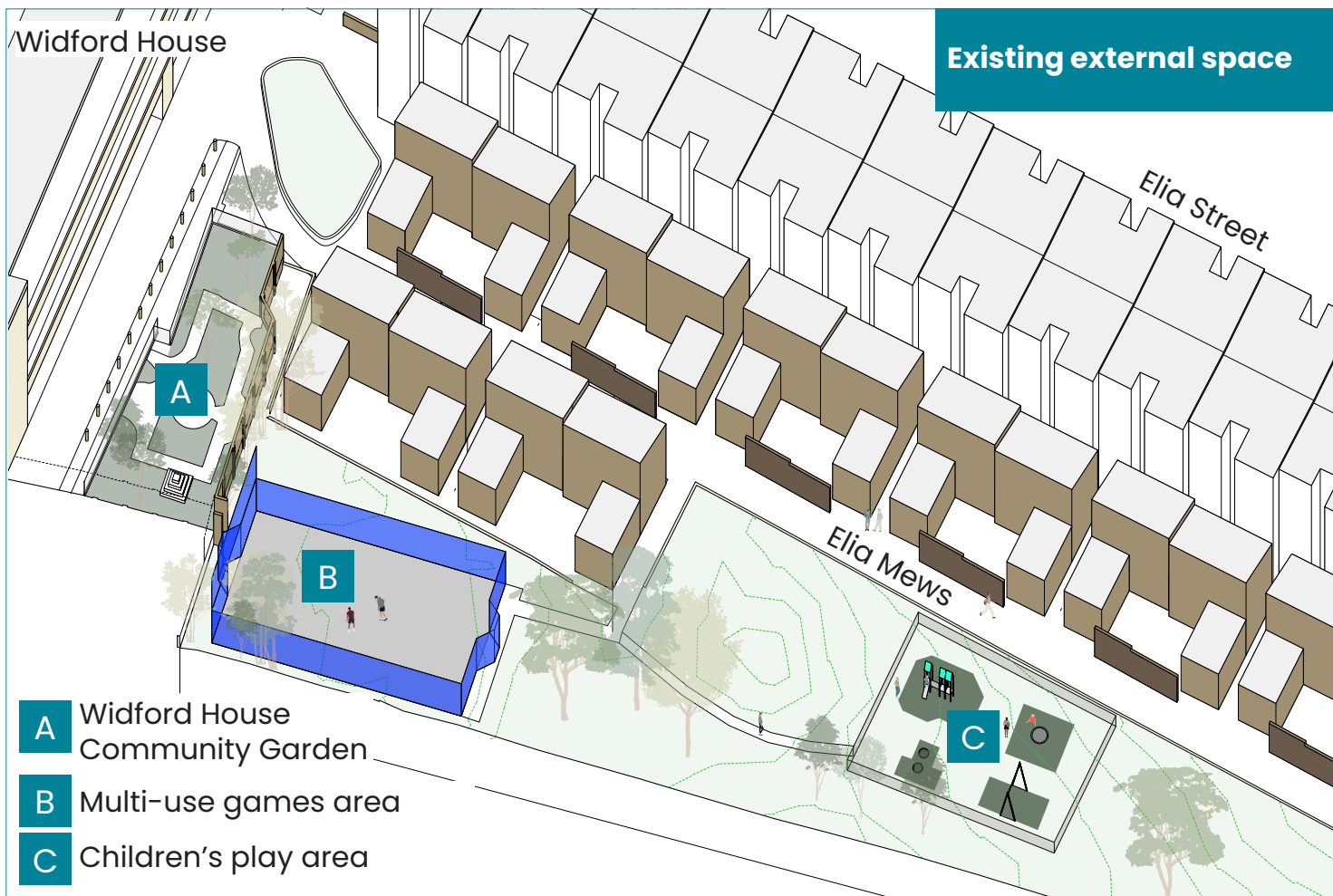
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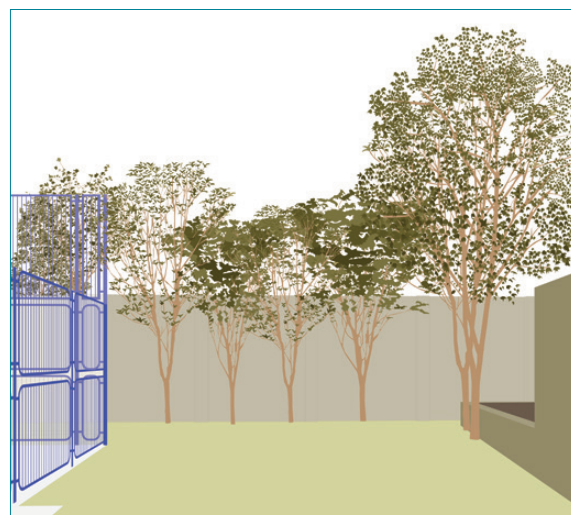
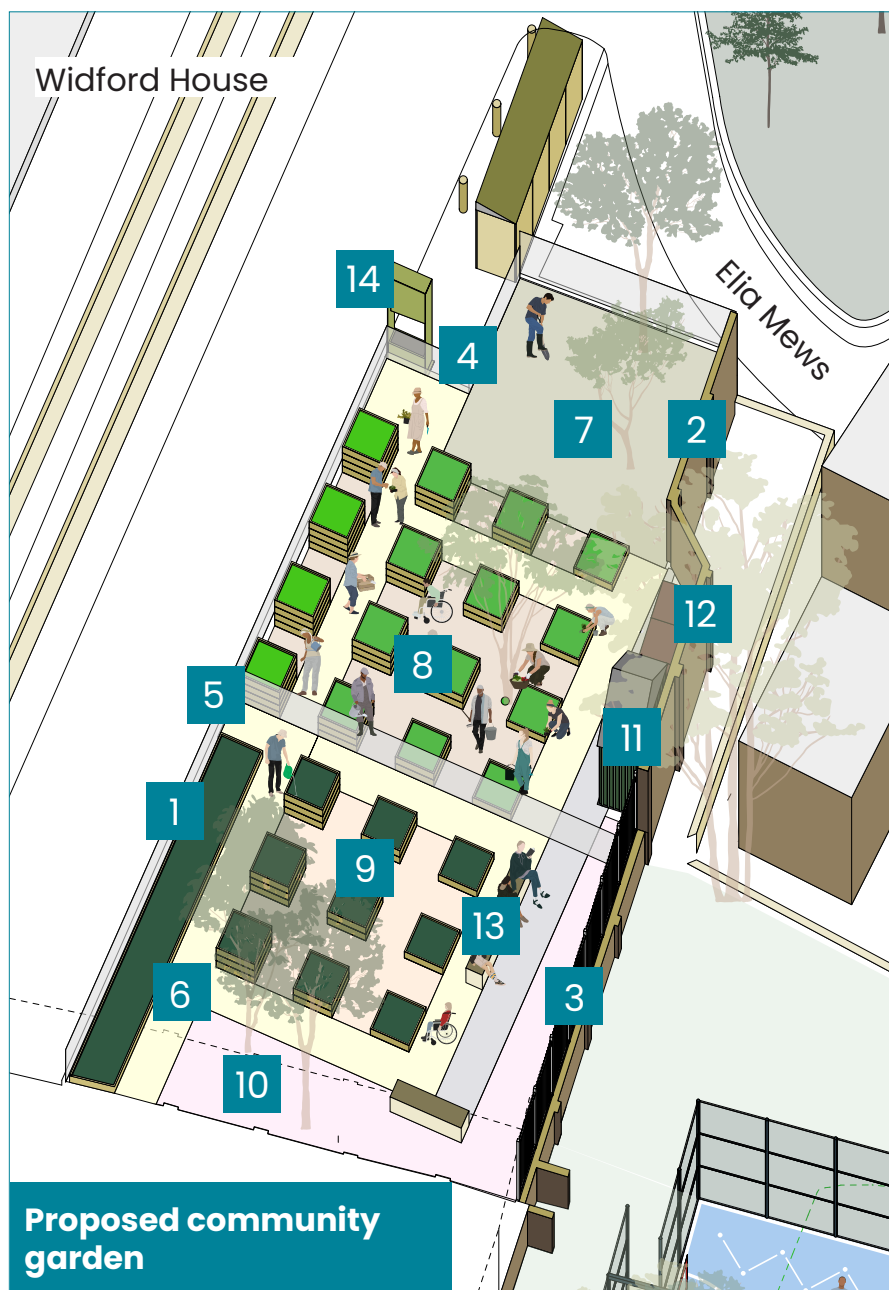
Access improvements include a new footpath link between the multi-use games area and playground, and an additional access to the east of the playground to Elia Mews.

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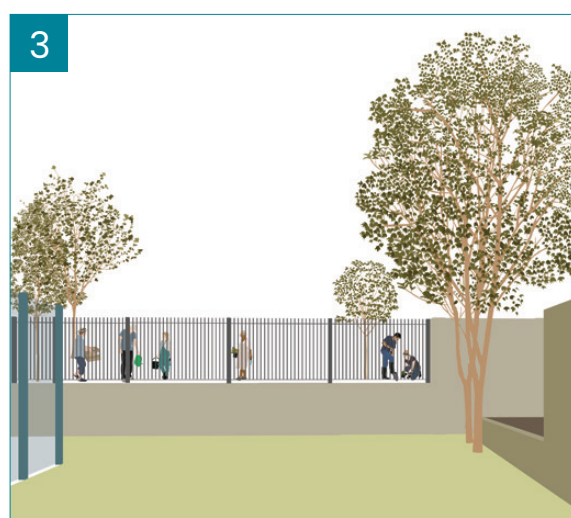
The proposals include:

- New tree planting.
- Seasonal bulbs within grass areas.





Existing community garden boundary wall and MUGA



Proposed community garden boundary fencing and MUGA

Community Garden Boundary

- 1 Boundary fencing (1.3m high)
- 2 Existing brick retaining wall
- 3 New boundary fence (1.8m high) to allow views from the community garden to the sports court and children's play area.

Access and circulation

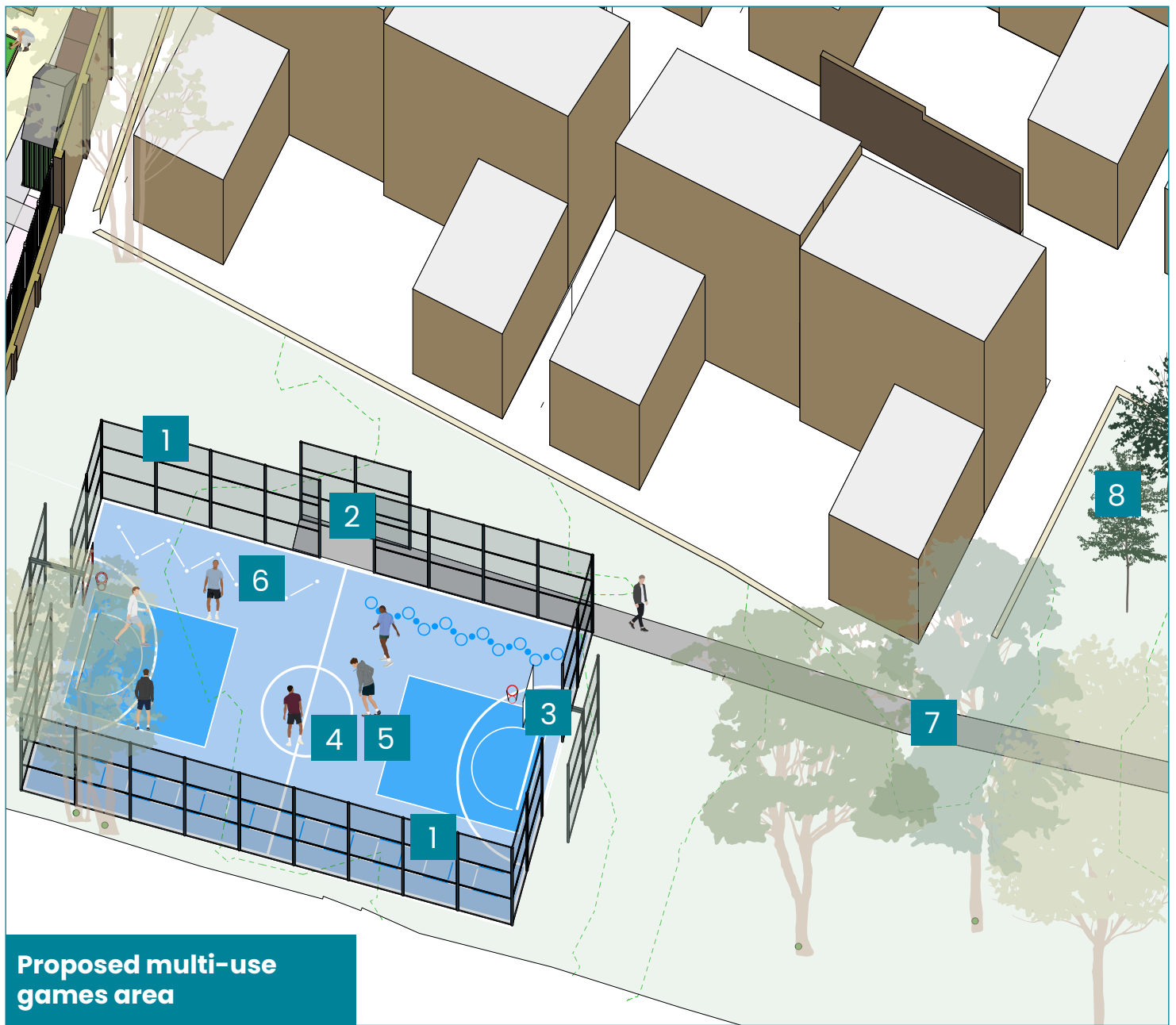
- 4 Growing area entrance gate
- 5 Sensory garden entrance gate
- 6 New footpaths

Planting and growing areas

- 7 No dig growing area
- 8 Raised beds (varying height)
- 9 Sensory garden beds (varying height)
- 10 Shade garden

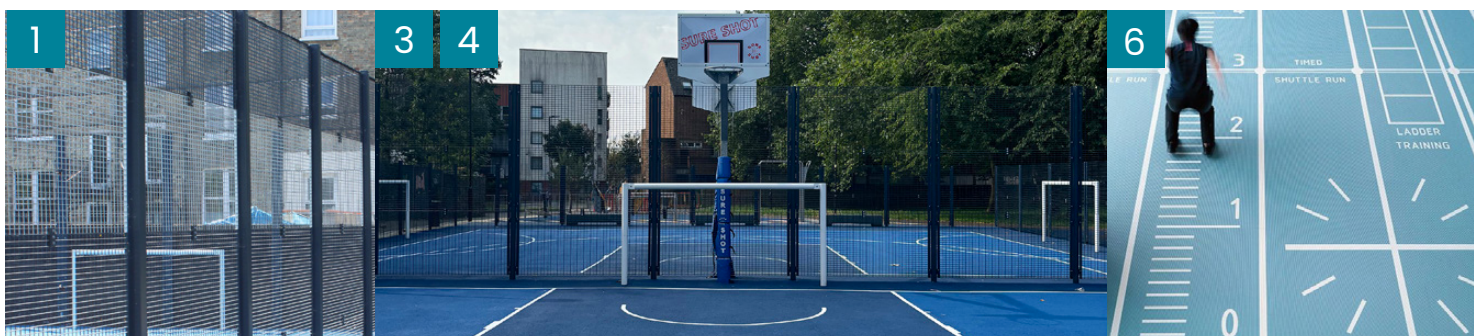
Furniture

- 11 Tool store
- 12 Compost bin
- 13 Seating
- 14 Entrance signage and notice board

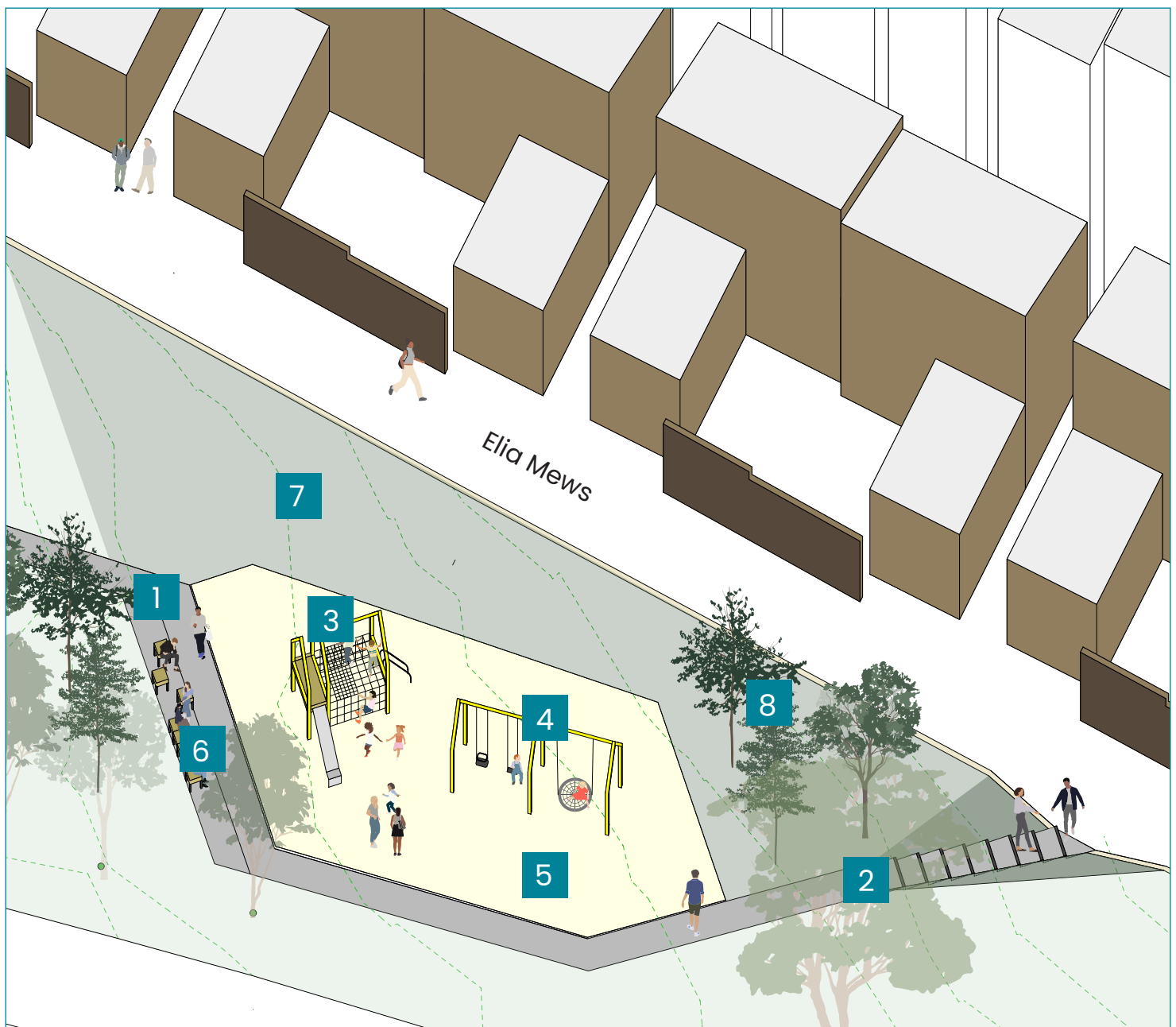


Multi-use games area (MUGA)

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| 1 New fencing (3.0m high) | 5 Informal football/basketball courts |
| 2 Ballcourt entrance | 6 Fitness training line markings |
| 3 Basketball hoops and football goals | 7 New footpath link to play area |
| 4 New coloured surfacing | 8 New tree planting |



Multi-use games area



Children's play area

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| 1 | New footpath link to play area | 5 | Impact absorbing surfacing |
| 2 | New footpath link to Elia Mews with steps | 6 | New seating |
| 3 | New climbing structure with slide | 7 | Grass with seasonal bulb planting |
| 4 | New swings | 8 | New tree planting |



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