

Weldale Street

Courtyard B Play Strategy

General Layout:

The courtyard will be designed to offer versatile play options throughout the entire area, instead of providing a distinct ‘play area.’ Seating clusters of varying sizes will facilitate outdoor social interactions among families, featuring tables suitable for picnics and family games.

Attractive planting will help to define the spaces, allowing residents to select their desired level of privacy. Multi-stem trees and parasols will help to provide shade. Consideration will be given to sightlines across the area to ensure that younger children can be easily supervised.

Features:

Sensory planting will introduce a variety of textures, colors, sounds, and scents, enriching the environment for all residents, particularly young children and those with autism, who can benefit from engaging their senses in a secure and familiar environment.

Paved pathways will ensure smooth circulation throughout the courtyard, connecting the seating areas and accommodating wheeled toys and informal games. The entire area will be accessible for wheelchair users.

An additional element of exploration will be introduced through the incorporation of natural boulders, which will form stepping stone paths among the planting, offering opportunities for balancing and imaginative play.

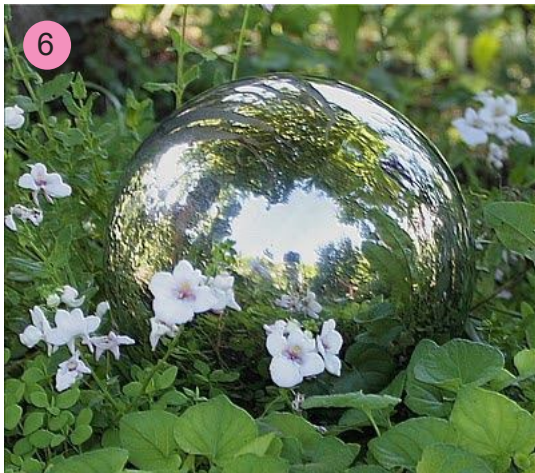
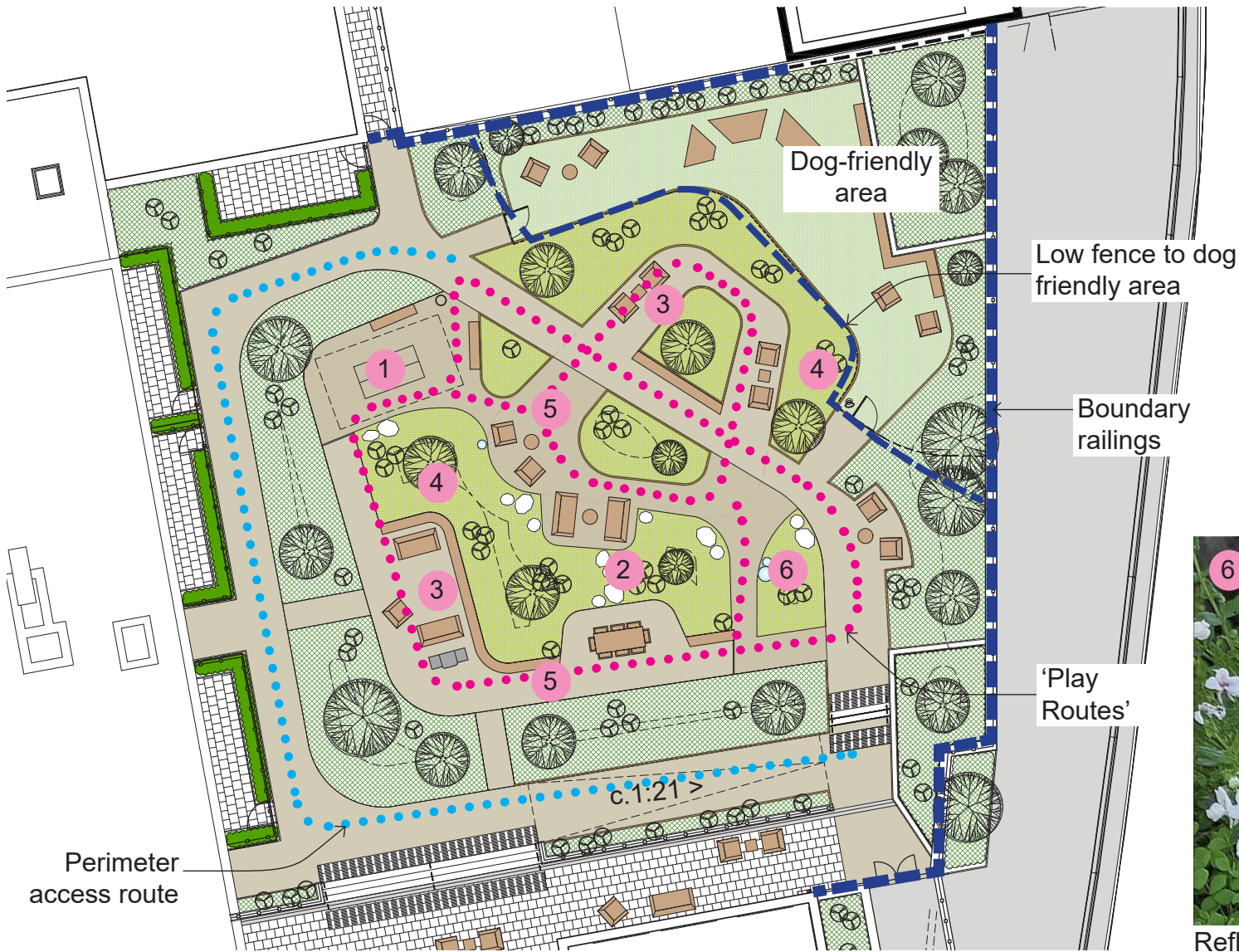
Mirror-like reflective steel spheres will be integrated within the landscaping to provide sensory stimulation and avenues for creative play, while also serving as visually appealing decorative elements.

A table tennis table will be available for older children, family groups, and adult residents to enjoy.

Boundaries:

Railings will enclose the perimeter of the courtyard to prevent unauthorized access and mitigate the risk of falls. The entrance to the courtyard will feature a gated entry.

A designated dog-friendly area will be established for residents to exercise or relax with their pets. This space will be separated by a low fence and gated to ensure the comfort of other residents. It will include seating for dog owners and timber platforms for both seating and dog activities.



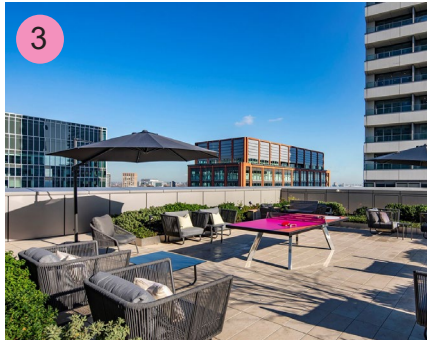
Reflective steel spheres, providing decorative sensory play elements



Outdoor table tennis



Stepping boulders within planting



Varied social seating areas, creating opportunities for play and socialising in groups



Tactile, sensory planting



Hard surfaces suitable for wheeled play ('Play Routes')