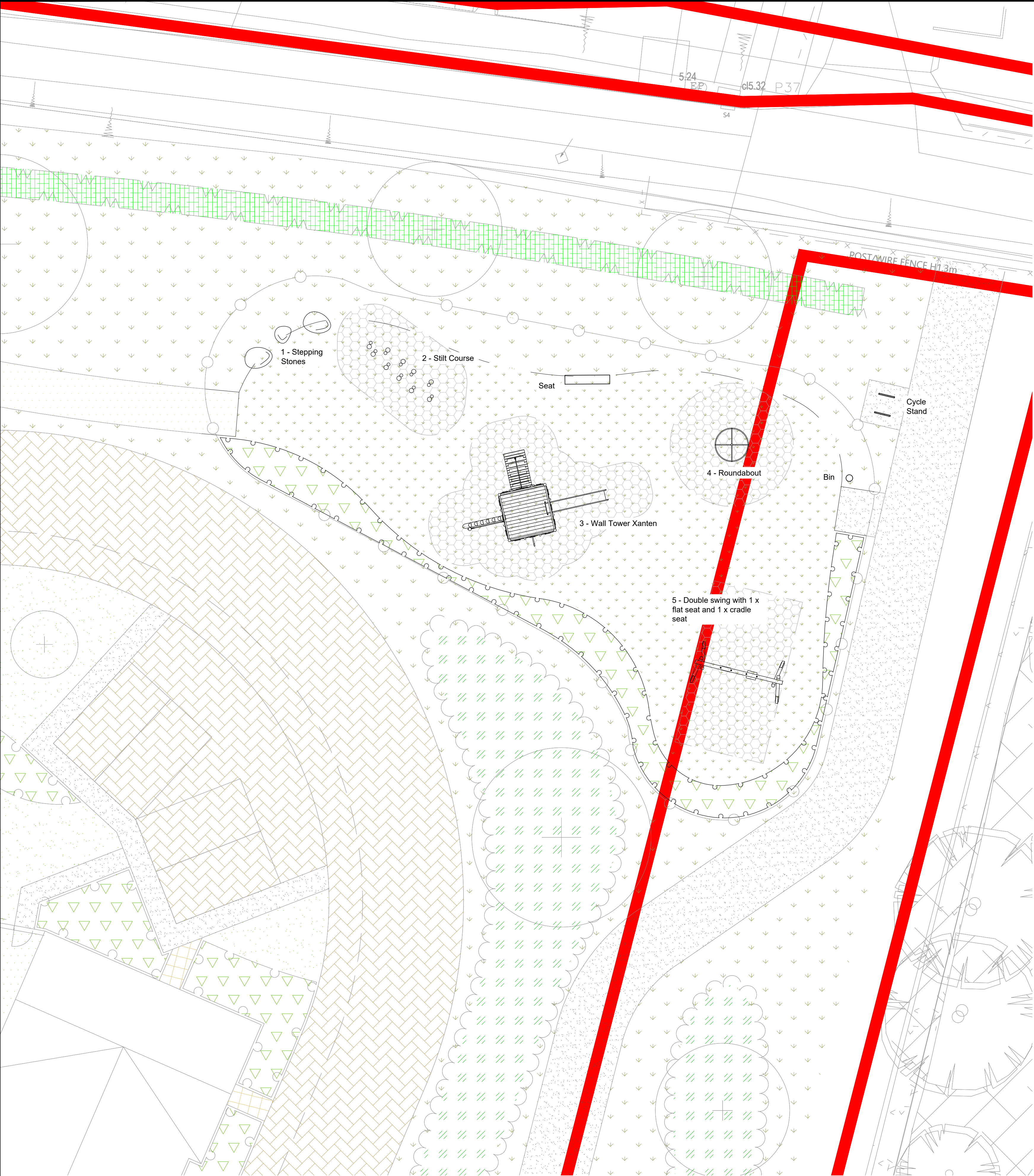




LEAP (Local Equipped Area of Play) - Design Approach

Provision has been made to the northern and southern residential areas for a LEAP. Following the wider aspiration for a preference for natural equipped play and in keeping with the semi-rural setting, and position amongst the informal open space, the design of the play area seeks to encourage children to experience the outdoor natural environment and gain health benefits from this interaction. The main characteristics of a LEAP are:

- It is intended primarily for children who are beginning to go out and play independently;
- It is within 5 minutes walking time of the child's home;
- It is best positioned beside a pedestrian route that is well used;
- It occupies a well drained, reasonably flat site surfaced with grass or a hard surface, together with impact absorbing surfaces beneath and around play equipment or structures as appropriate;
- The recommended minimum activity zone is 400 sq m;
- A buffer zone of 10 metres minimum depth normally separates the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest property containing a dwelling. A minimum of 20 metres should normally be provided between the activity zone and the habitable room façade of the nearest dwelling.
- It is designed to provide a stimulating and challenging play experience that may include equipment providing opportunities for balancing, rocking, climbing, overhead activity, sliding, swinging, jumping, crawling, rotating, imaginative play, social play, and play with natural materials.
- Provision for a minimum number of six play experiences is recommended
- The question of enclosure is one for the manager but the boundaries should be recognisable by landscaping. Perimeter fences are generally considered inappropriate though some fencing may be necessary if the site adjoins one or more roads. If the LEAP is enclosed there should be two, outward-opening, self-closing gates on opposite sides of the LEAP. If fencing is used, a height of 1 metre is suggested. Depending on location, there may need to be a barrier limiting the speed of a child entering or leaving the LEAP;
- Seating for accompanying adults and siblings should be provided, together with one or more litter bins; and
- There should be a sign indicating that the area is for children's play and that dogs are not welcome. The name and telephone number of the facility operator should be provided with an invitation to report any incident or damage to the LEAP or the play equipment. The location of the nearest telephone should also be indicated.



1. Stepping Stones - Boulders



2. Stilt Course



3. 'Wall Tower Xanten'



4. 'Lighthouse Buk'



5. Double Swing



6. Rusland Seat



7. Timber Slatted Bin



8. Tiger Mulch



9. Entrance Sign



10. Bow Top Fence & Contrasting Gate

NOTES:

1. This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all relevant contract drawings and specifications with any conflicting information to be brought to the attention of Deacon Design before works commence on site.
2. Do not scale from this drawing. (except for planning application purposes only) always work to noted dimensions.
3. All given dimensions in mm.
4. Safety surfacing and play equipment to be in accordance with latest BSEN1176 & 77 recommendations. Play equipment and play area furniture to be supplied by Jupiterplay or similar and approved.

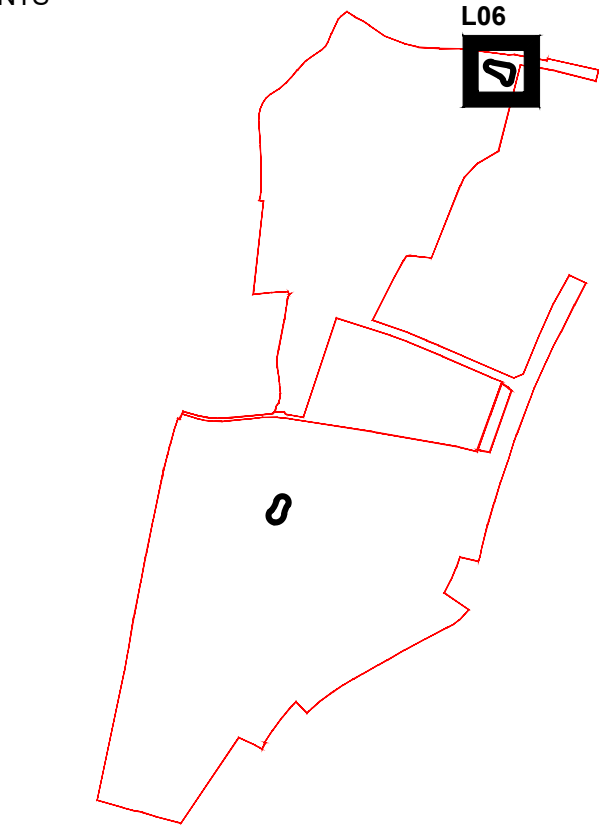
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LEGEND

- Proposed sensory planting (native and ornamental shrubs and herbaceous planting)
- Proposed species rich, native wildflower meadow
- Closely mown grassland
- Proposed tarmac surfacing to pathways
- Footpaths through open space - Proprietary self-binding gravel
- Grass mat play surface
- Green bow top fence with self-closing gates (gates in contrasting, yellow colour)
- Bin and Seating

Location Plan
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