



Dog Park & Exercise Area Nelson Square

Landscape Concept

September 2021

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Site Context



1. Entrance sign.
2. Off street carpark to Volante Street.
3. Recently built verge to Cardiff Road.
4. Existing play equipment and sand areas.
5. Tennis courts (Outside scope).
6. Cricket pitch.
7. Vehicular and pedestrian access towards decommissioned public toilets.
8. Vehicular access loop.
9. Native remnant vegetation.



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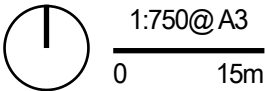
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Overall Site Plan



- Site
- Scope of works



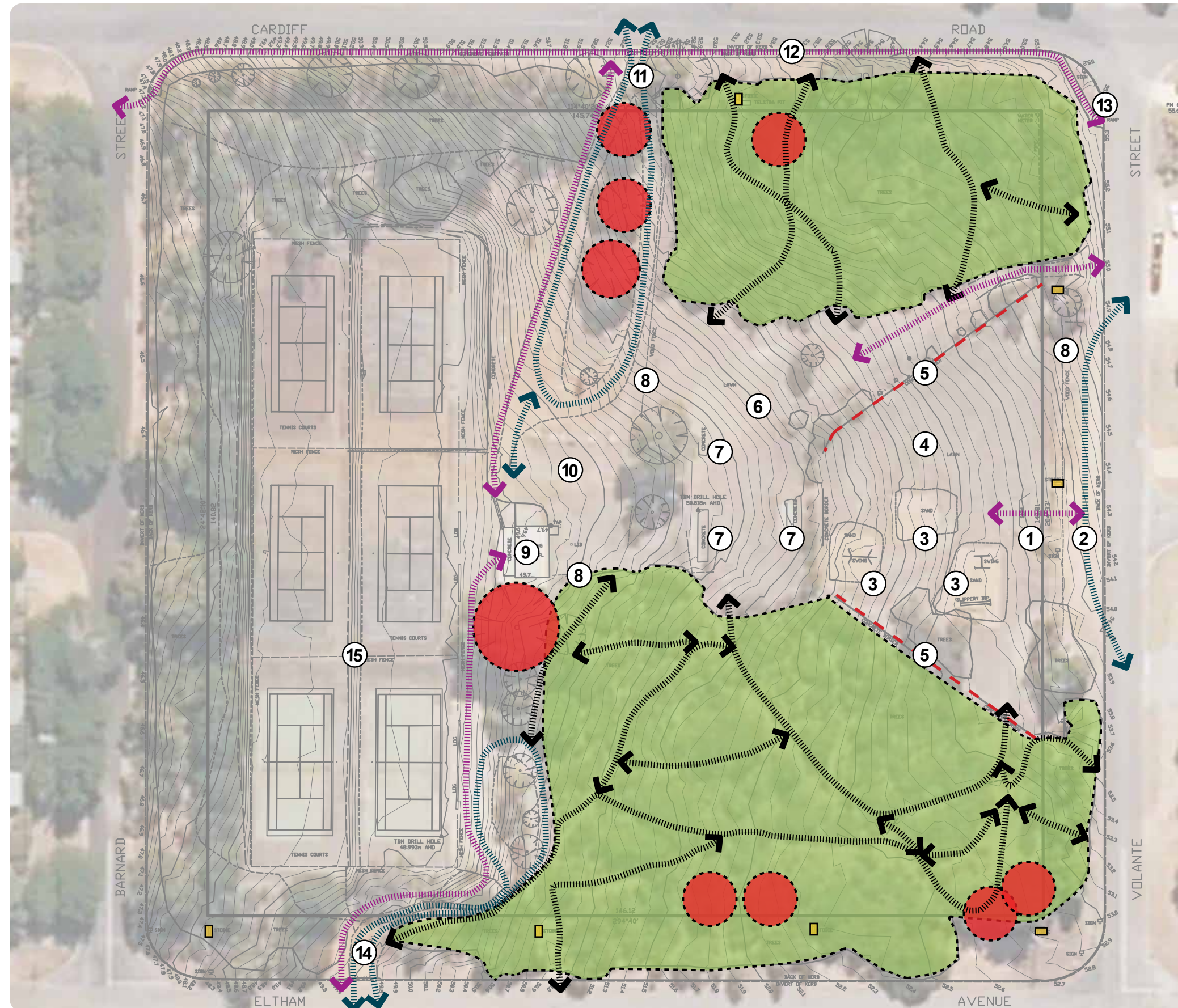
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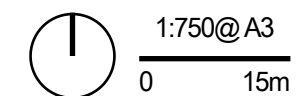


Existing Site Analysis



- Native remnant vegetation
- Non indigenous pine trees to be removed
- Stobey poles
- Existing formal pedestrian access
- Informal pedestrian tracks
- Vehicular access

1. Main access to existing play area through arched sign
2. Quarry fines parking bay to Volante Street
3. Play equipment to be removed (Sand for recycling)
4. Main open lawn and kick about area
5. Concrete kerb to be removed
6. Open terraced lawn area
7. Concrete cricket pitches to be removed
8. Post and rail timber fence
9. Decommissioned toilet to be demolished (Outside scope)
10. Rubble carpark (Outside scope)
11. Secondary pedestrian and vehicular access to Cardiff Road
12. Newly built verge to Cardiff Road
13. New pram ramp
14. Secondary pedestrian and vehicular access to Eltham Street
15. Tennis courts to be removed (Outside scope)



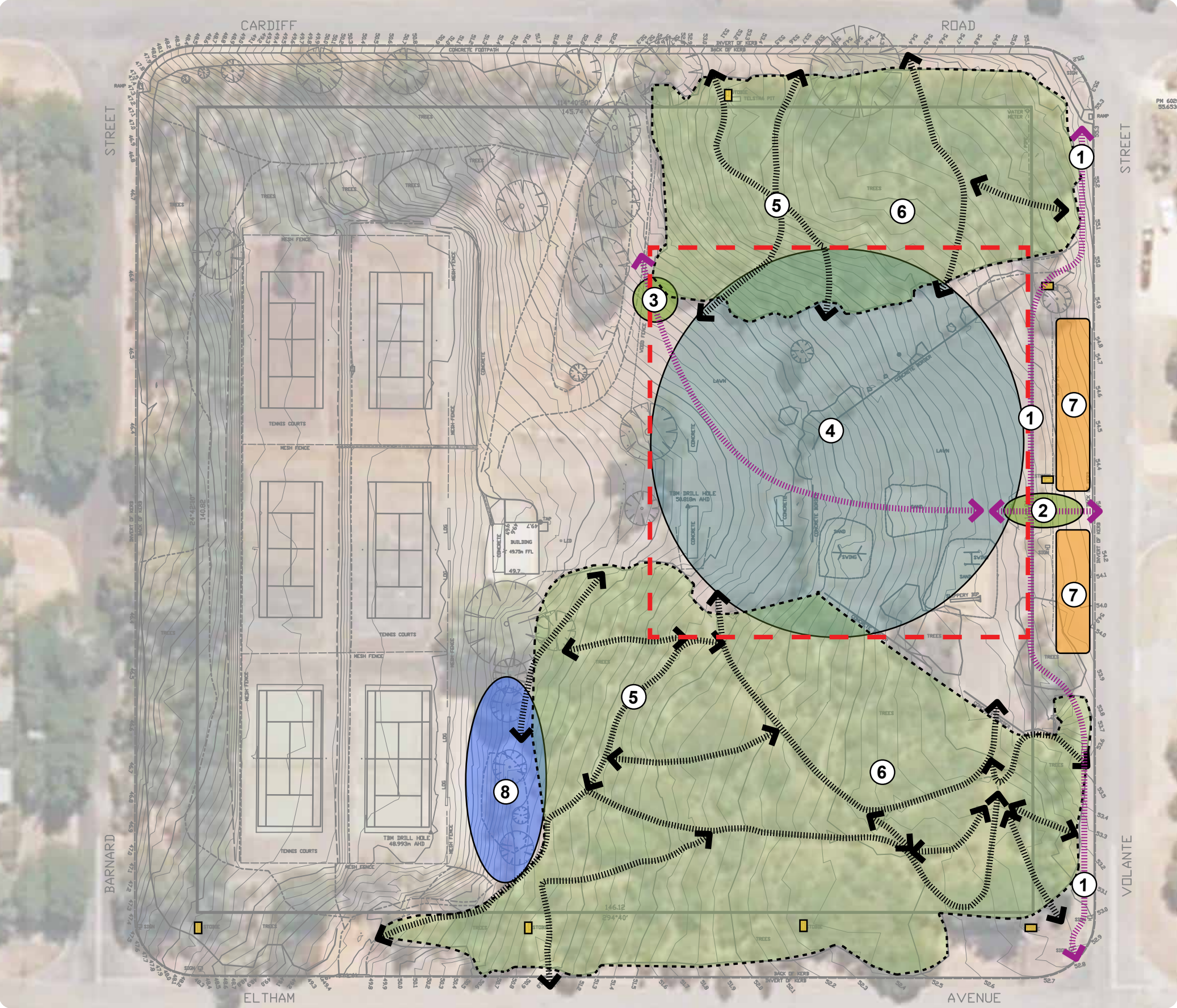
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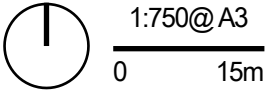
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Spatial Plan



- Main pedestrian movement
 - Informal pedestrian movement
 - New dog fence (Approx. Area 6,200m²)
 - Existing remnant vegetation
 - Entry statement landscape
 - Dog park and exercise area
 - Carpark
1. New verge with pram ramps to Volante Street
 2. Main pedestrian access with entry landscape and refurbished sign
 3. Secondary pedestrian access point with entry landscape and signage
 4. Dog exercise area
 5. Informal tracks retained and enhanced with reduction of understory planting to improve sight-lines and CPTED
 6. Native vegetation cleared of invasive species
 7. Existing parking bay refurbished with inclusion of DDA compliant park
 8. External sensory nook and waiting/gathering area



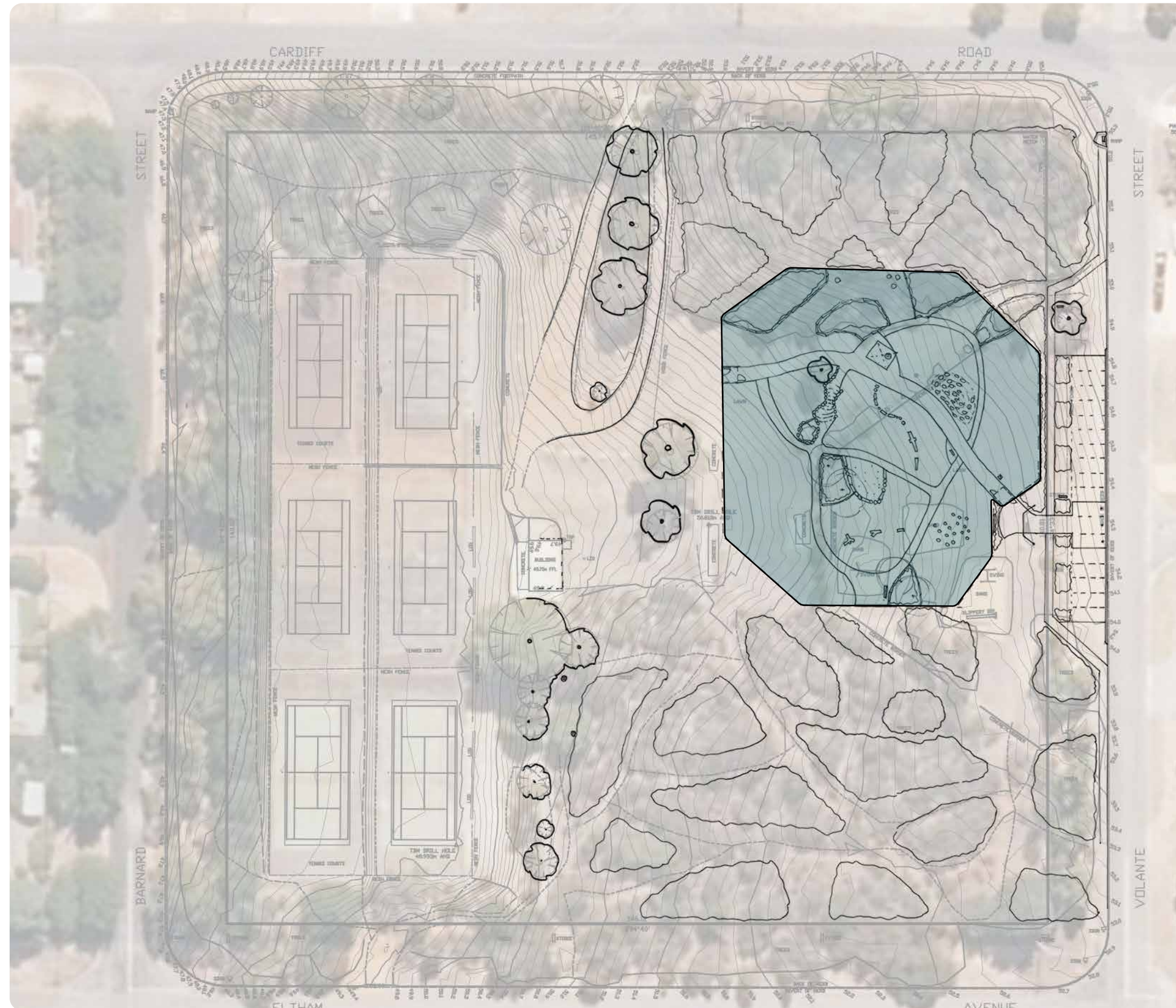
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Concept Plan - Overall



 Dog Park Area (approx 3000m²)

Design Statement

The new dog park is located centrally in the existing open space of Nelson Square and maximizes the retention of the native vegetation to the north and south of the site. It provides an asset for the whole community, revitalising the reserve, retains connections to existing trails and provides opportunities for a range of users.

A sense of arrival to the park is created through restoration of the existing park entrance sign and a new pedestrian connection to Volante Street. Access to the park is improved with an upgrade of the existing informal car parking to Volante Street, and the inclusion of two new DDA compliant access parks.

The design of the dog park considers the needs of both humans and dogs and embraces the various interactions that can occur between dogs and people. A secure fenced space where dogs can sniff, play and exercise off leash in a naturalistic environment that is in keeping with the existing amenity of the Reserve.


A central main pathway leads visitors through the site between the two double-gated entrances (doggie airlocks) and to a central shelter and seating node. Informal secondary paths are provided to encourage dog owners and their dogs to keep moving in the space, helping to reduce dog-dog conflict.

The park provides numerous nature based canine play and sensory opportunities including an in ground sand pit, balance logs, a low rock clad mound and a vertical timber log 'forest'. These play nodes are distributed throughout the park, between non-programmed areas to allow for informal and unstructured play and socialisation opportunities.

Existing native vegetation is included within the northern aspect of the dog park, providing shade, visual amenity and a sense of connection to place. Additional pockets of new planting and shade trees are included within the park and are protected with raised timber and log edging. These plantings provide exploratory opportunities that will enrich the dogs experience at the park.

Additional park amenity is provided including a drinking fountain and a tilting dog bowl, rubbish bins with dog bag dispensers, bench seating and informal congregation areas and signage outlining good etiquette and behaviour in the dog park and surrounds.

The existing landscape surrounding the dog park is retained with some of the native vegetation thinned and under story pruned to improve sight lines into the Reserve.

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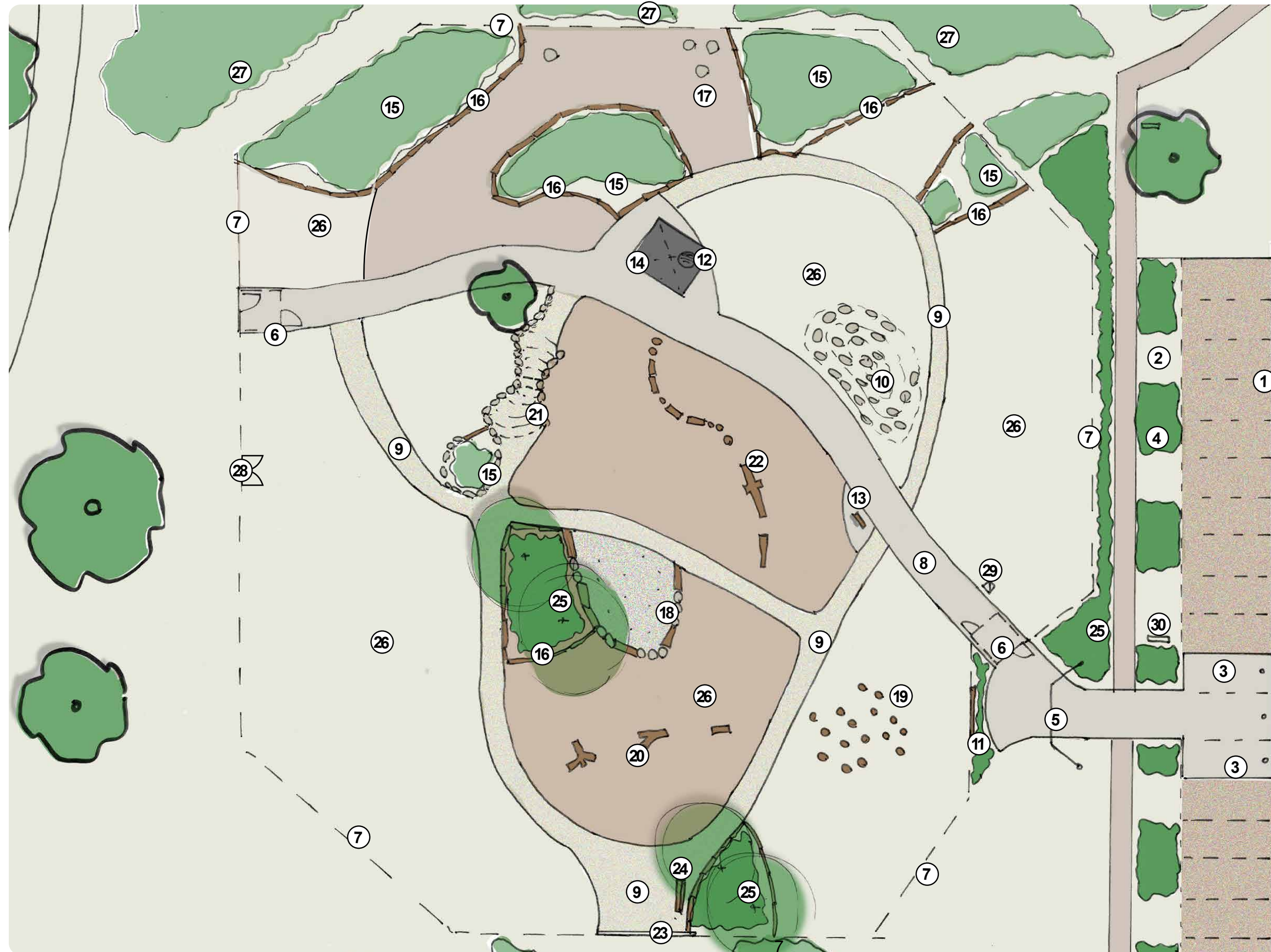
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Concept Plan



1. Sealed car park with wheel stops, utilising existing crossover.
2. Verge path connection (outside scope)
3. DDA compliant parks and central access path 2.5m wide
4. Buffer planting to car park
5. Existing entrance sign refurbished
6. 2.5x2.5m airlock gate entrance with accessible locks & self closing gates
7. 1.6m high black cyclone fence with top & bottom rails
8. Central 2.0m wide brushed concrete path
9. 1.2m wide compacted quarry rubble path
10. Earth mound (800mm high) with rock steppers & retaining
11. Entrance sign on arrival garden
12. Timber seating pod
13. Drinking fountain on brushed concrete with tilt round dog bowl & overflow to adjacent garden bed
14. 4x4m Landmark skillion roof shelter
15. Existing remnant vegetation & trees. Mid storey planting thinned to maintain sight lines
16. Informal log edging to garden beds to protect vegetation
17. Rock seating node in compacted earth path
18. Raised rock & log edge to sand pit with flush entrance adjacent path
19. Vertical timber log 'Forest'
20. Natural logs
21. Concrete pipe tunnel with rock retaining to edge of mound and compacted quarry fines path to top of mound
22. Split log balance in softfall mulch
23. Full height signage to fence line
24. Park bench seating with back support
25. New indigenous plants & trees with protective log edge
26. Existing dry land grass area
27. Existing remnant vegetation pruned & thinned around informal pathways with some mid storey vegetation & existing weed pines removed
28. Maintenance gates
29. Bins with dog bag dispenser
30. Way finding lighting to existing stobey poles at entrance and car park

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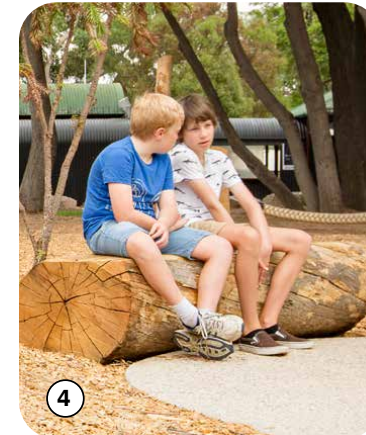
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Moodboard Images Dog Play



1. Earth mound with rock steppers
2. Informal logs & softfall mulch
3. Sand pit
4. Log seating
5. Rock seating node
6. Split log balance
7. Compacted quarry fines path
8. Carved log balance
9. Vertical timber log forest
10. Rock & log edge to sand pit
11. Remnant vegetation mid storey pruned for sight lines
12. Informal log edge to path



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Moodboard Images Amenity



1. Drinking fountain with tilt round dog bowl
2. Dog bag dispenser
3. Park bin
4. Signage to fence line
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6. Airlock gate entrance with accessible locks & self closing gates
7. 1.6m high cyclone fence with strip kerb to base
8. Compacted quarry fines path
9. Central brushed concrete path
10. Timber pod seats
11. Park bench with back rest
12. Timber skillion roof shelter

