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RHS Garden Bridgewater

The creation of RHS Garden Bridgewater

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Our vision is to enrich everyone's life through plants,
and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place.



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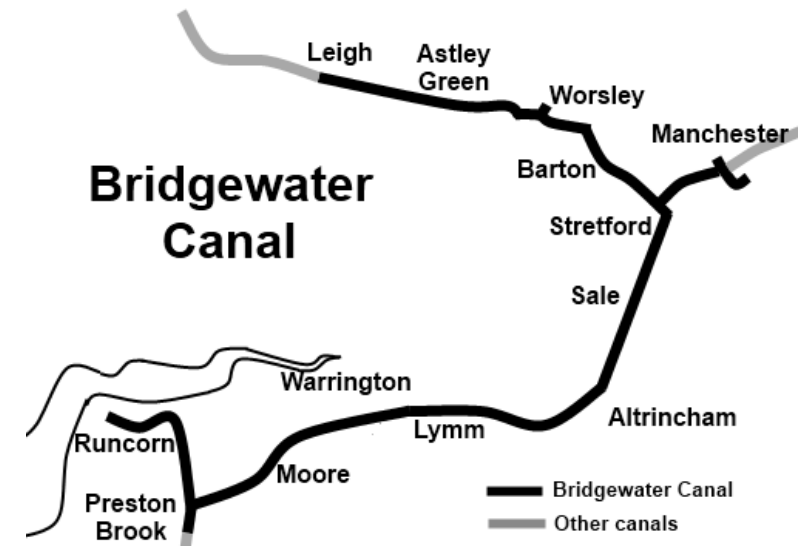
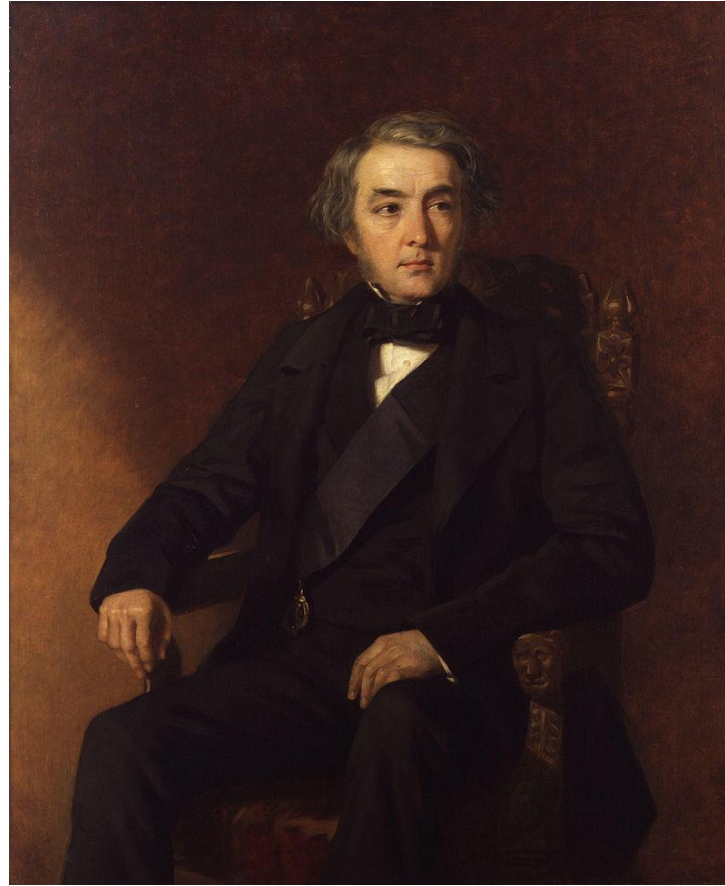
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A heritage site

Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater (1736 - 1803),



Lord Francis Egerton (1800-1857). Later 1st Earl of Ellesmere



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Duke of Bridgewater

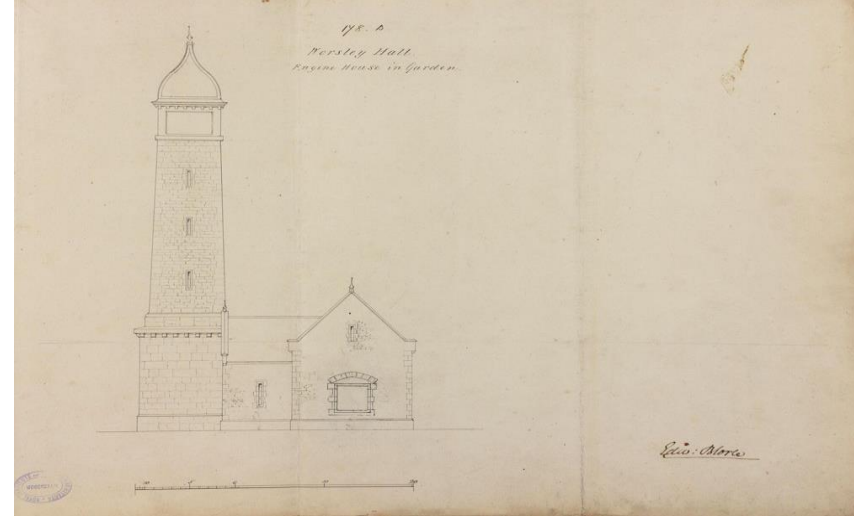
Garden's heyday from 1840s – WWI.

1920 Earls of Ellesmere sold Worsley New Hall to Manchester businessmen.

William Upjohn H.G. for 40 years retired in 1910 but lived in Gardener's Cottage until 1939.

Walled Garden hub of food and flower production 1920.

After sale of the estate became a Nursery.





1948 Worsley New Hall demolished. Scrap sold for £2,500.

Nuclear bunker built! Latterly an illicit rave den!!

Middle Wood became a scout camp.

Worsley Nursery developed into a garden centre.

Angling Club on lake.

Meadows continued as agricultural tenancies.

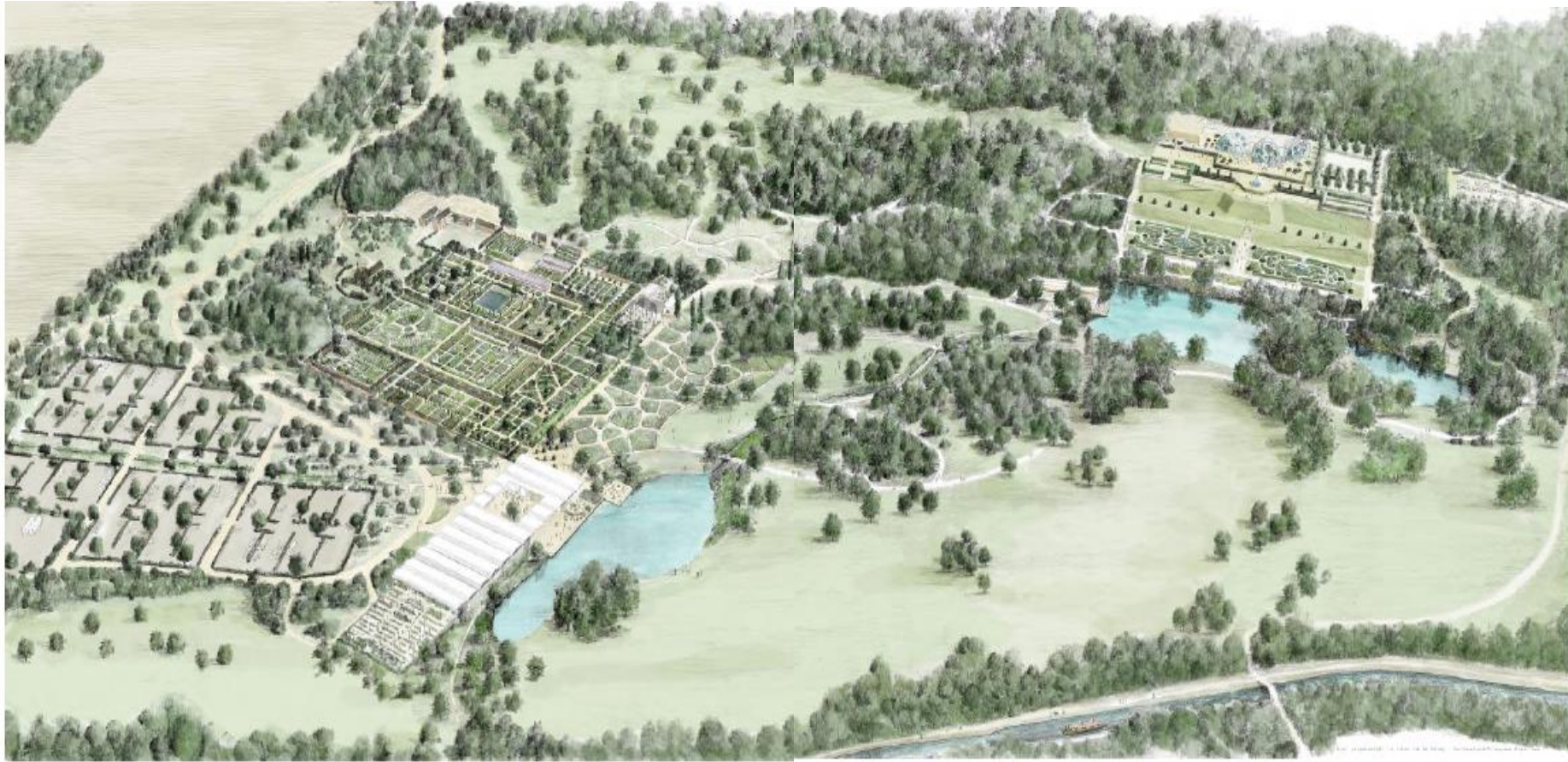
General lack of investment and care.



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A contemporary garden for the twenty-first century



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The clean up







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Construction begins



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The time of the diggers July 2018 through 2020



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Repairing the walls

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Paradise Garden and Chelsea flower show



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The Walled Garden June 2019



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The Walled Garden August 2019 (T/L) March 2021 (T/R & B/R)



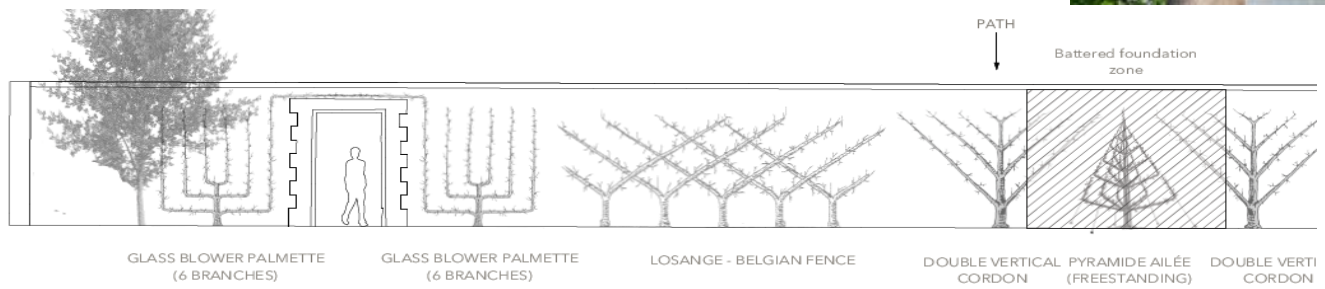
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RHS Bridgewater – Welcome Garden



RHS Bridgewater – Paradise Garden



317-1.1 North wall elevation - Part 1

RHS Bridgewater – Kitchen Garden



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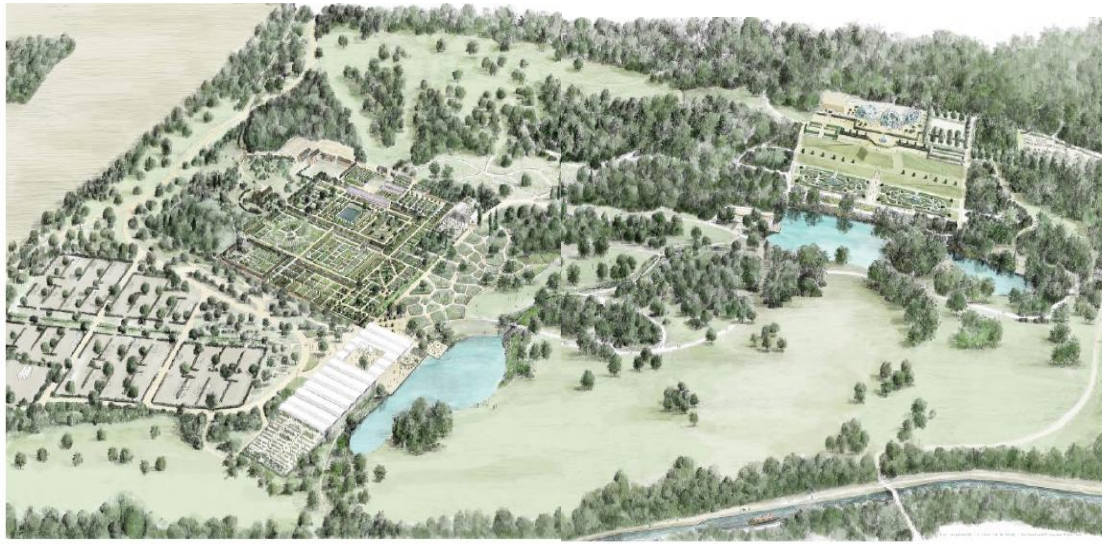
Orchard



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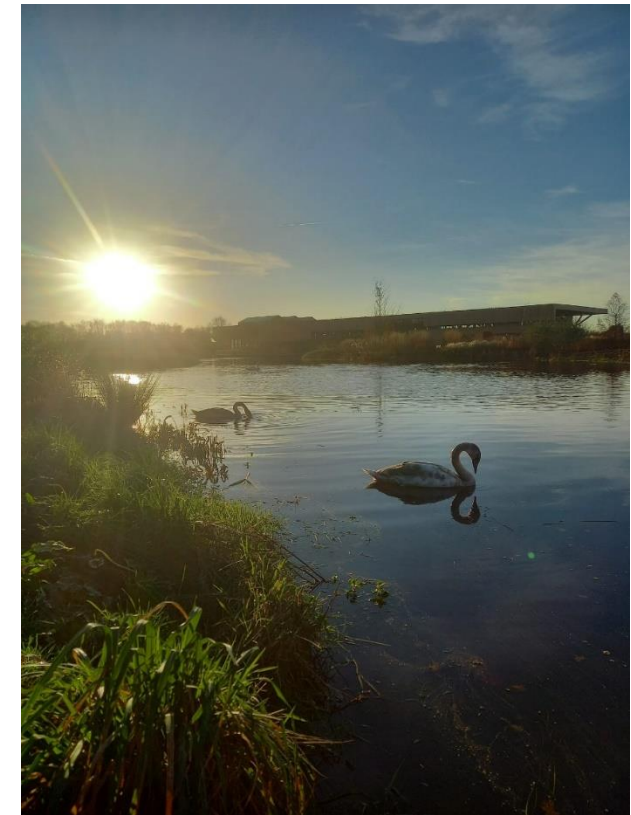
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The vision



The Holy Trinity of Bridgewater

1. Place
2. Plants
3. People





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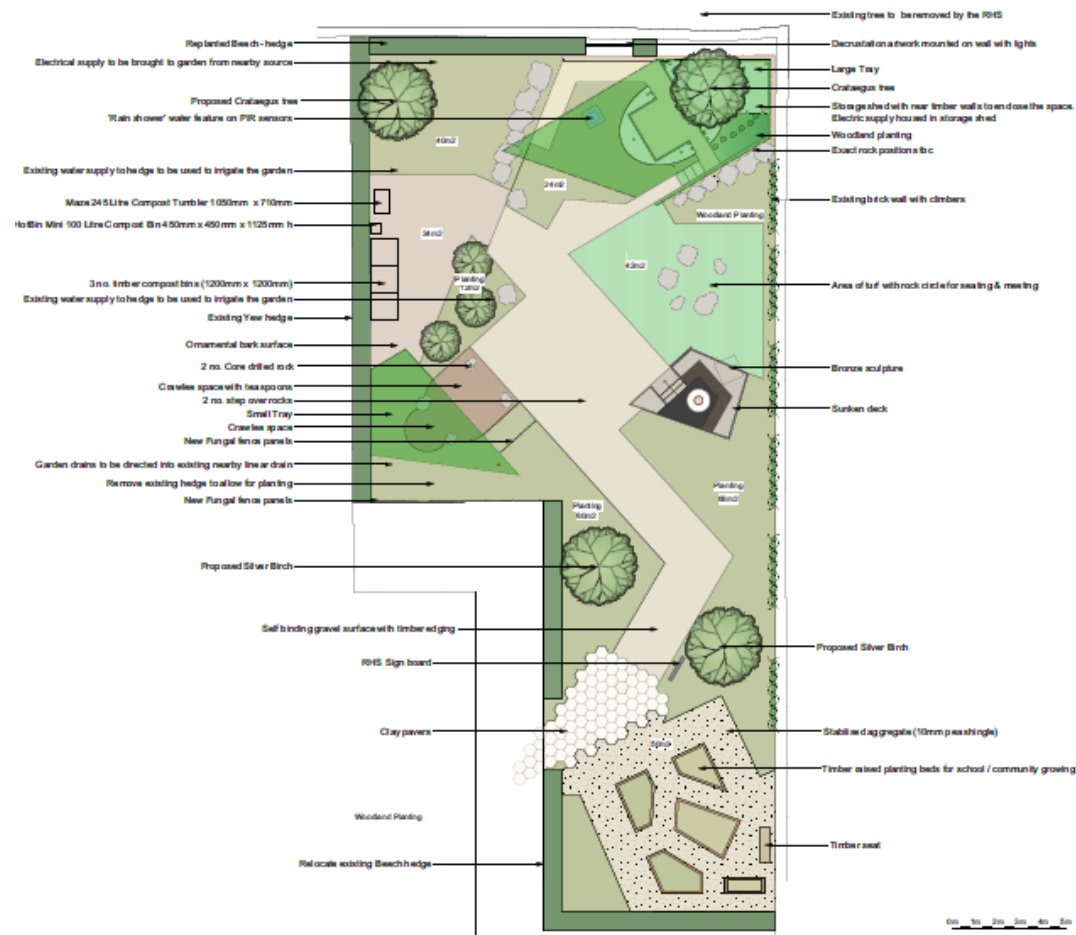
Chinese Streamside Garden

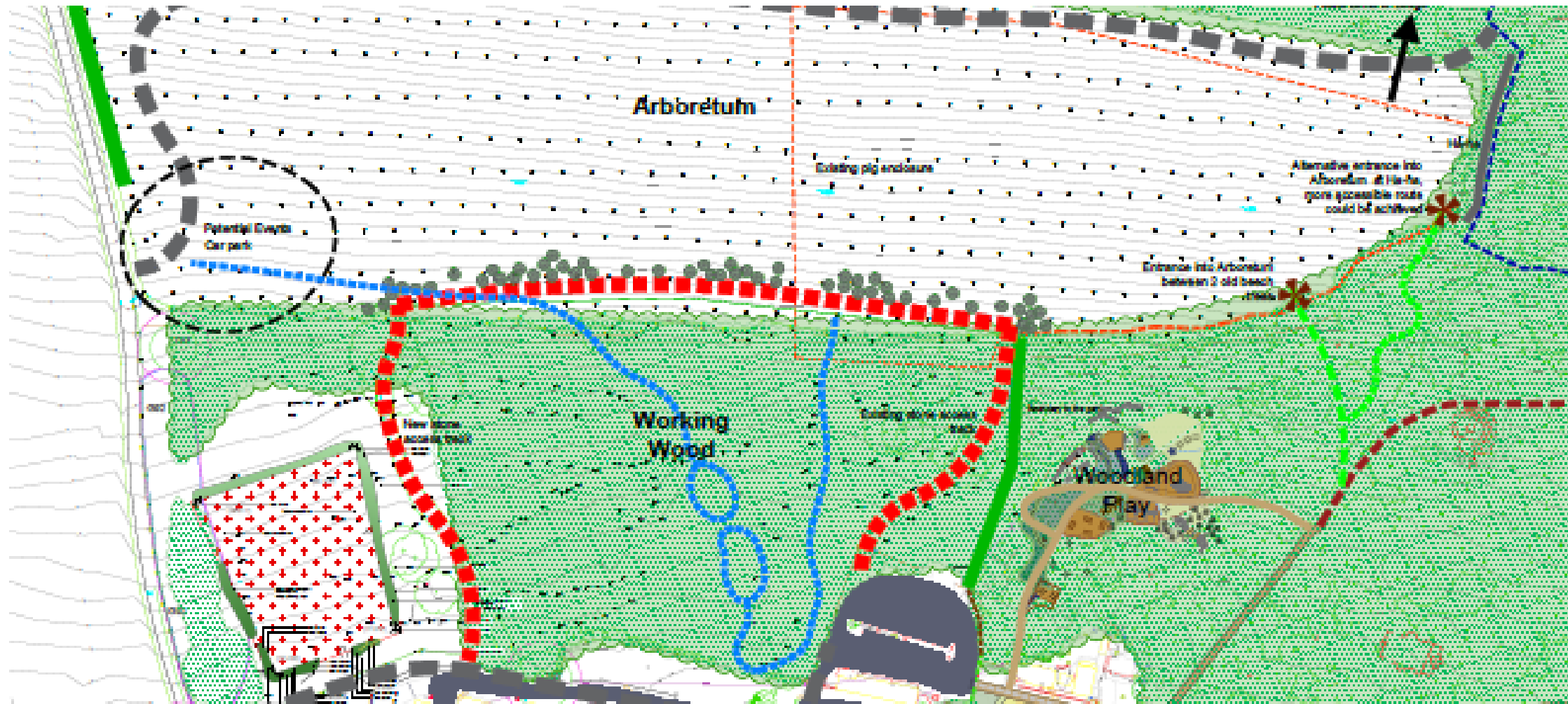
Diversity – Plants and People. A cross-cultural collaboration



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Garden

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Native hedgerow

Wood

Ground
Flora/Edibles/Medicine

Wild Food
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FOR FORAGERS

Coppicing

Waters



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Plants, people and place - Working Wood







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