



Northern Roots

Update for Policy
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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Northern Roots – the UK's largest Urban farm and Eco Park



OUR TOP 3 GOALS

For Northern Roots

1. Create jobs, training and business opportunities for local people!
2. Preserve and enhance biodiversity and the environment at Northern Roots 160-acre site
3. Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and communities

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Project Status

- Project instigated by OMBC
- 3+ years of feasibility, consultation & planning
- NR Charity established
- Small base set up on site
- £7+m external funding raised to date
- Initial engagement, habitat & business projects ongoing
- Partnerships & Profile growing



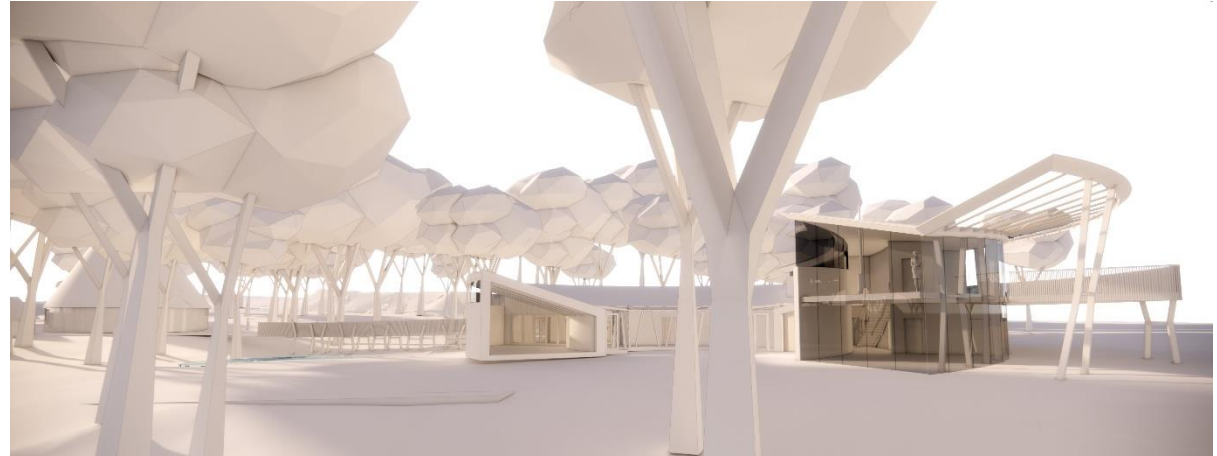
Next steps

- Planning application early 2022
- Youth, arts, environmental & business projects funded for 2022 – recruiting jobs and vols now
- Start to license first businesses on site early 2022
- Bike Hub build – spring 2022
- Phase 1 build – autumn 2022 onwards
- Lease of site to Charity
- Secure further grants, start to generate revenue to invest back into the project



Northern Roots Concept Designs

December 2021



What do you think about... ...the evolved designs?

- Thanks to everyone who participated in Northern Roots' consultation events, site tours, building co-design sessions and online consultation this autumn.
- We've gathered all your feedback and used it to revise the masterplan proposal and Visitor Centre and Learning Centre designs – and we want to know what you think.
- On the basis of your feedback to the evolved designs shown here, the final masterplan and building designs will then be developed for inclusion in the planning application for Northern Roots.
- We aim to submit the planning application in early 2022.



The revised masterplan... ...responding to your comments...



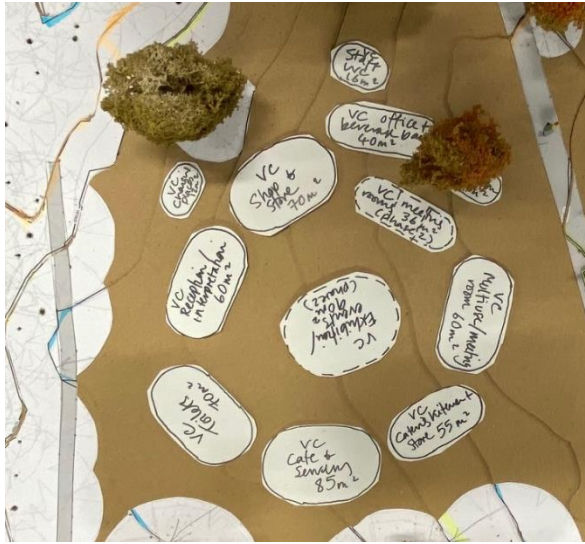
- You would prefer proposed buildings to be located at the northern end of the site near to Alexandra Park, and the southern end of the site to remain largely undeveloped and natural.
- This feedback has clarified that Northern Roots needs to do more work and consultation on proposals for the southern area of the site, before taking them forward.
- As an immediate result of your feedback, we have reduced the scope of the area included in the initial planning application for Northern Roots to focus on the top third of the site.

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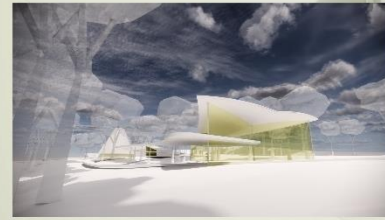
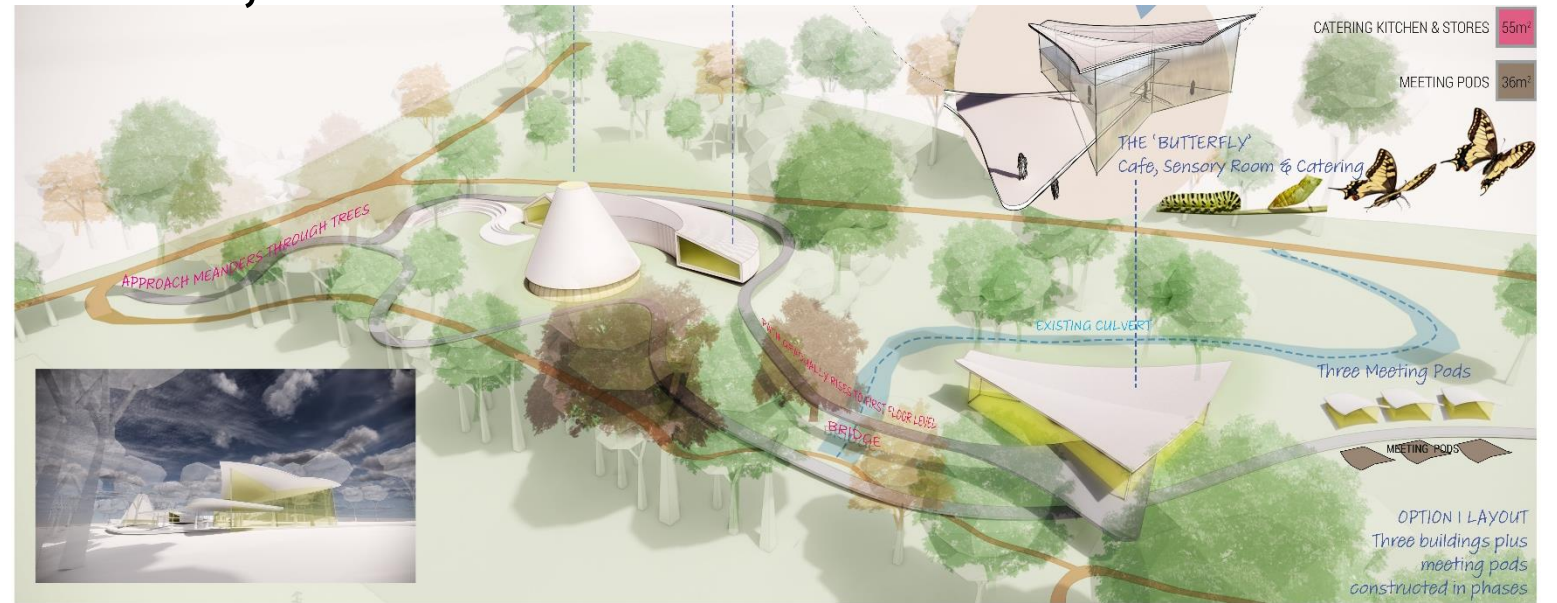


- We have relocated the festival field feature to the northern end of the site close to the Visitor Centre and existing car park.
- We have relocated the amphitheatre to sit next to the Visitor Centre at the northern end of the site, where it is not near to any existing buildings.
- We have relocated the Visitor Centre to sit outside of the woodland, on the edge of it and the Learning Centre in areas of ash die back / clearings.
- We have removed the glamping pods and in future will explore camping for children and young people in an area adjacent to the proposed Learning Centre.
- There are no new roads proposed for the site. There is already a hard-surfaced road (Tip Road) and existing tracks and paths will be improved.
- A carpark already exists at the northern end of the site. Two small additional parking areas have been proposed adjacent to the Visitor and Learning Centres.

Concept designs... Visitor Centre...the process so far...



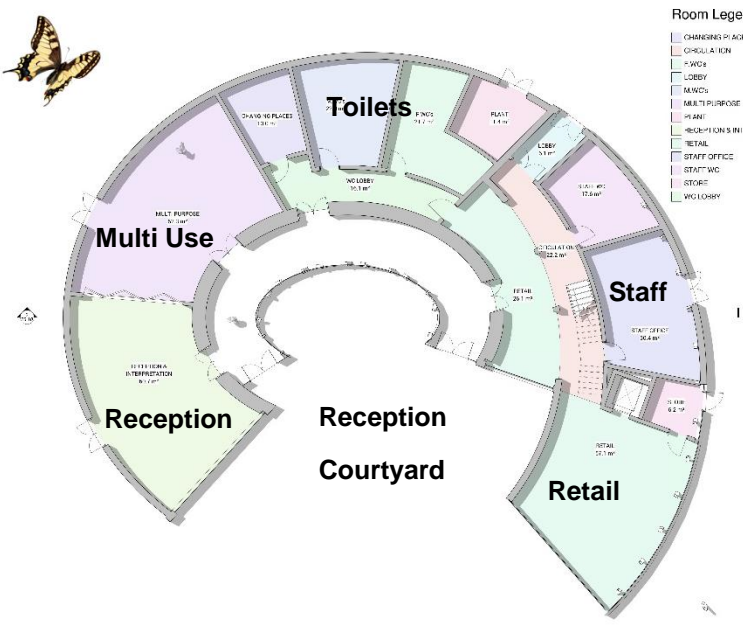
Your ideas of a circular building... of bees, butterflies and transformation...



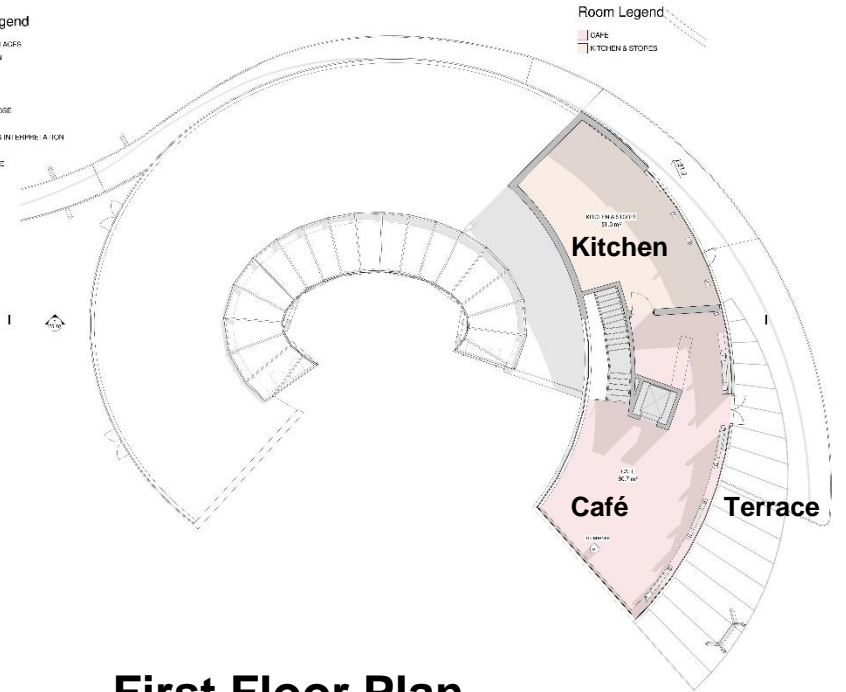
You liked this concept idea of transformation...
caterpillar to butterfly...you also liked these
circular forms...



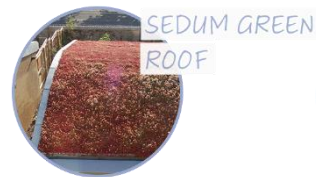
So we've combined the two... ...revised concept designs for the Visitor Centre...



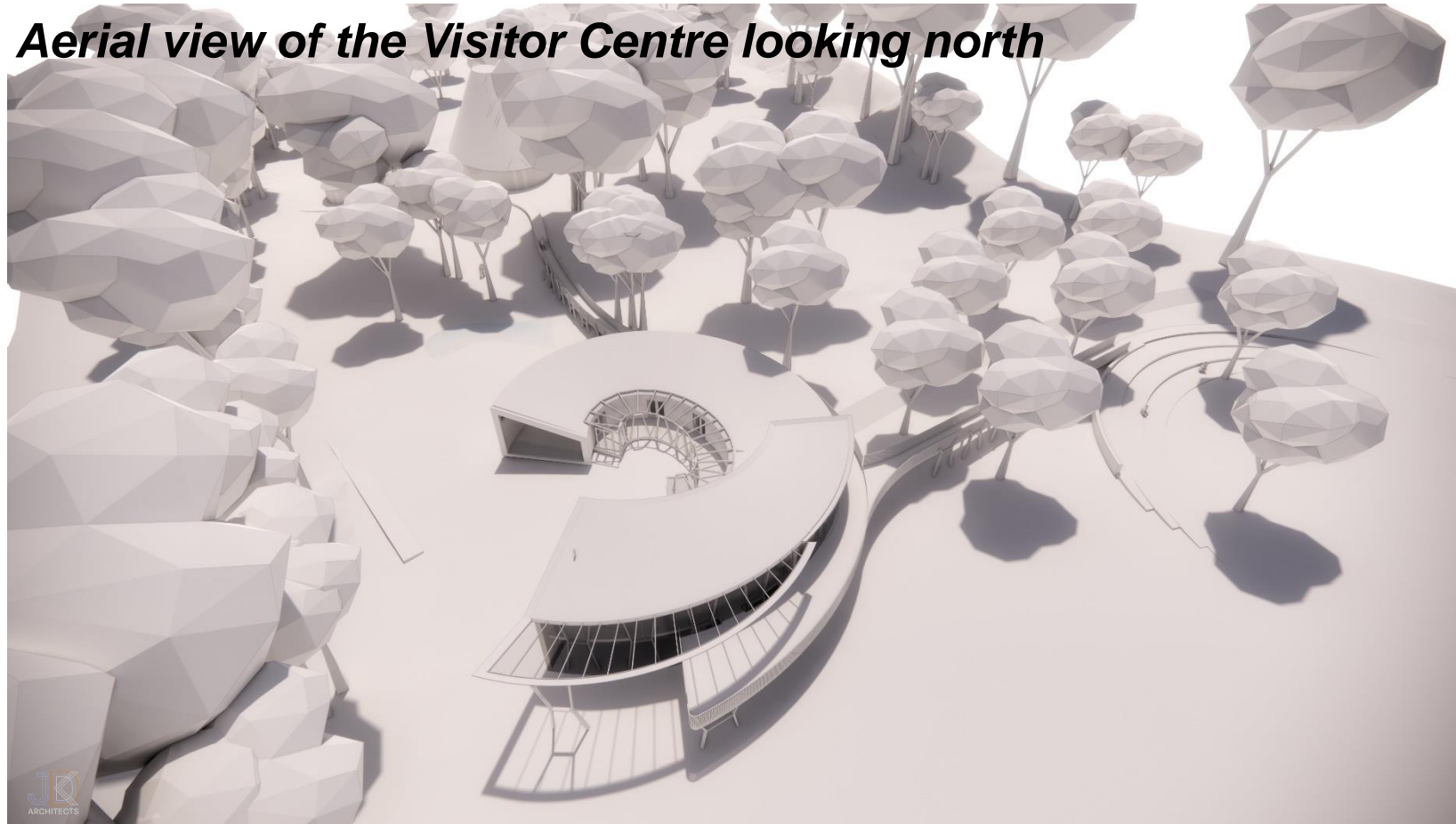
Ground Floor Plan



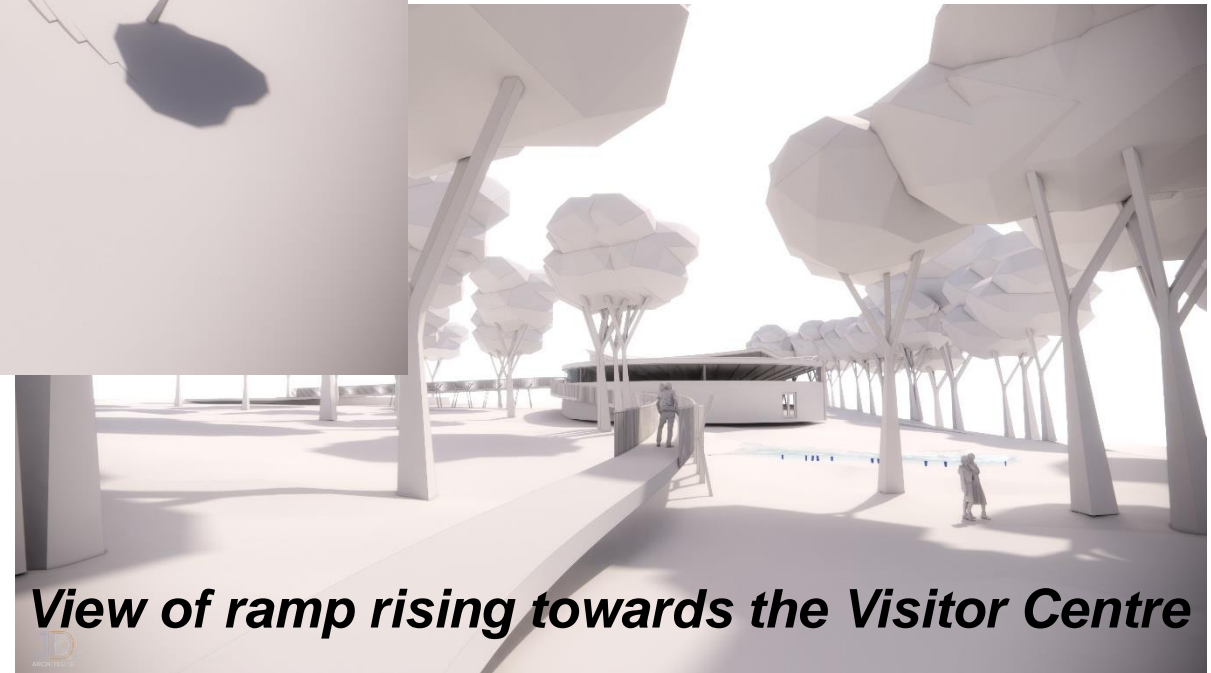
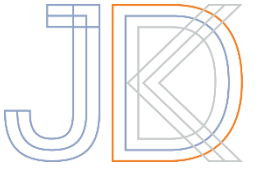
First Floor Plan



Aerial view of the Visitor Centre looking north



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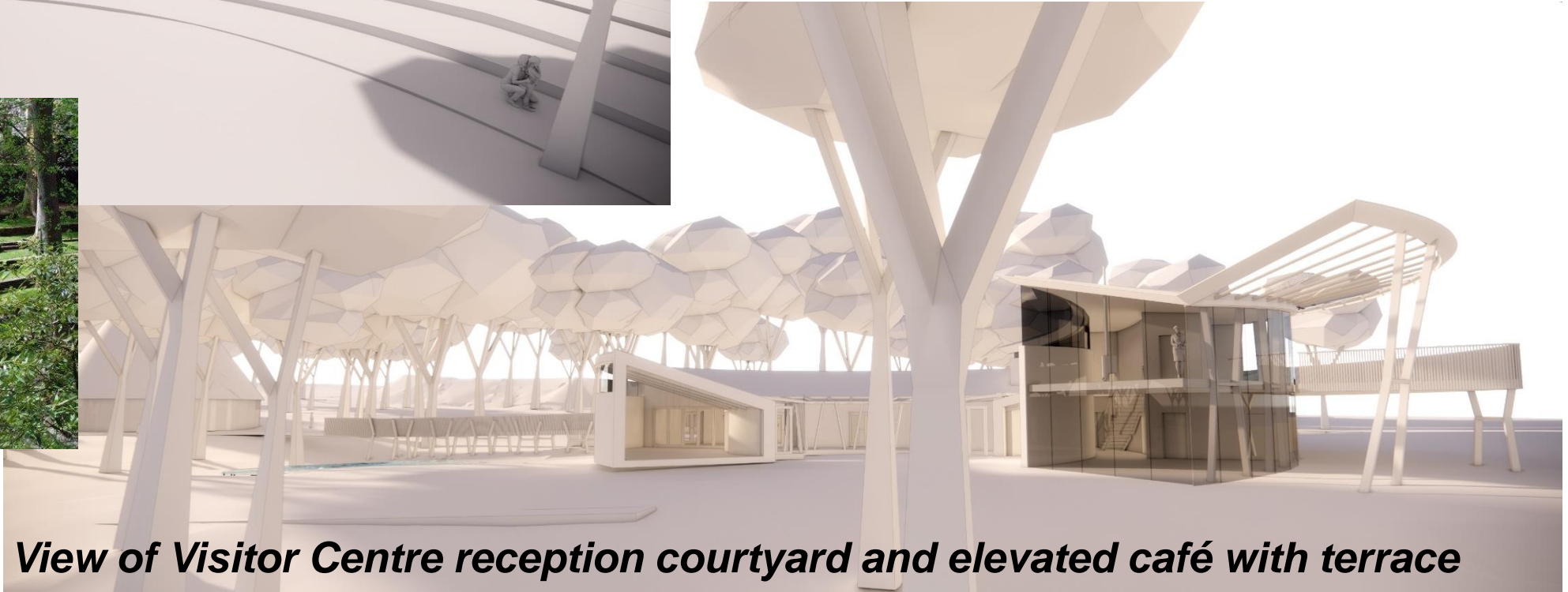
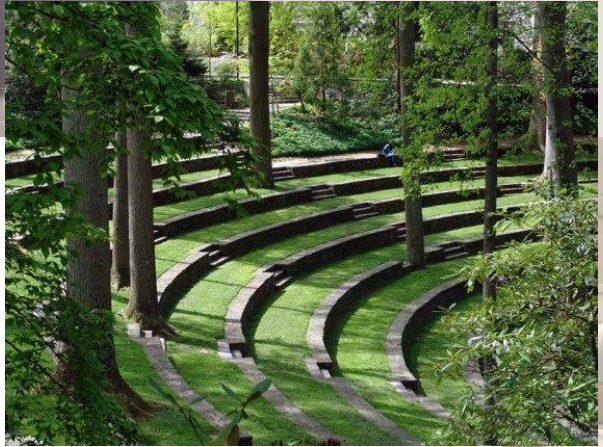


View of ramp rising towards the Visitor Centre

View from the amphitheatre to the Visitor Centre looking west



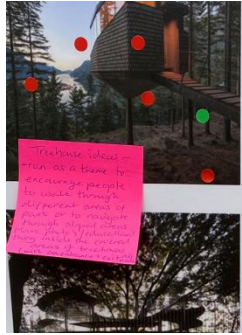
View through the café



View of Visitor Centre reception courtyard and elevated café with terrace

Concept designs... Learning Centre...the process so far...

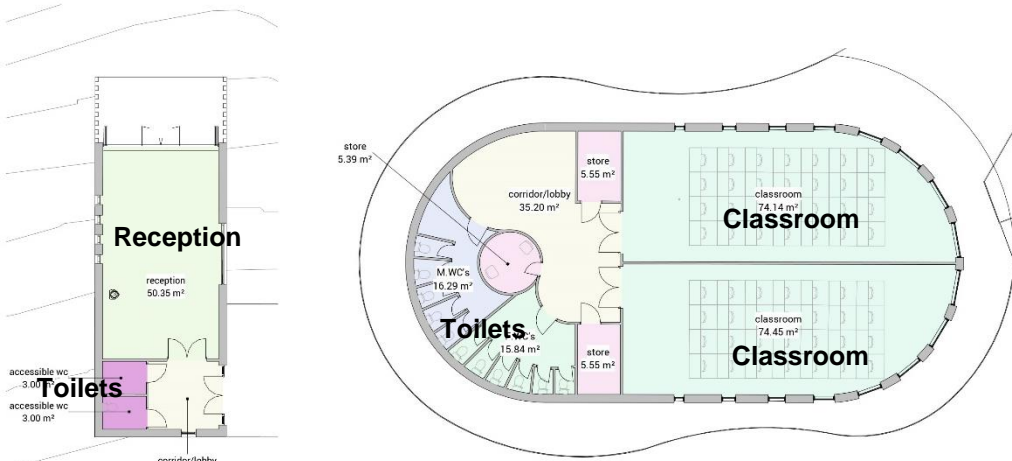
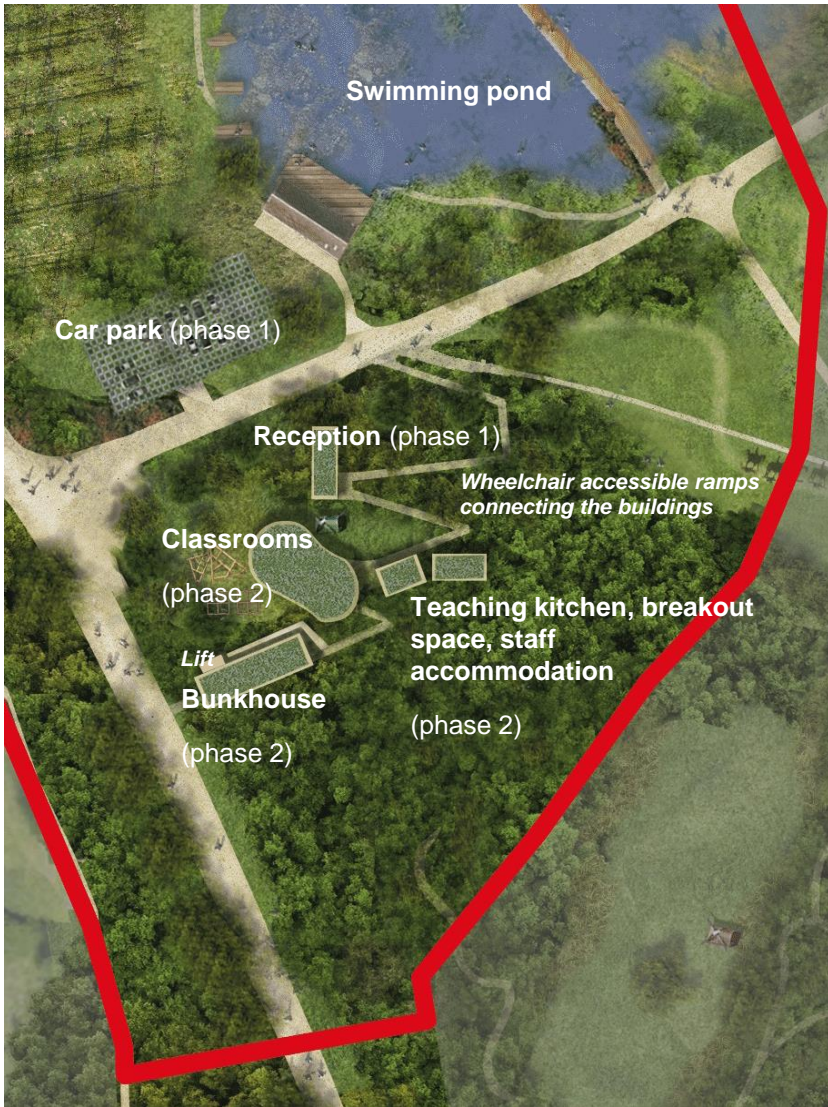
Your ideas of buildings spread out among the trees...



You liked this concept idea of a journey through the woodland to treehouse structures... but thought they could be closer together...

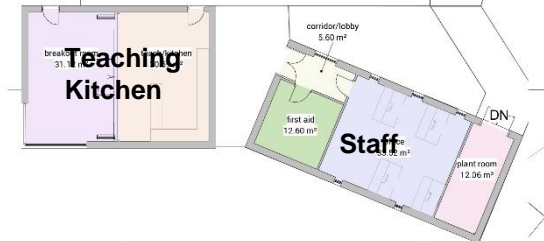


So we've made it more compact... ...revised concept designs for the Learning Centre...



Reception

Toilets and Classrooms



Teaching Kitchen & Staff



Bunkhouse



SEDUM GREEN ROOF



SCULPTURAL ROOF



TIMBER SHINGLES



HABITAT WALL



SCULPTURAL ROOF

Aerial view of the Learning Centre looking south



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View looking from classrooms



View of the classrooms from the central area

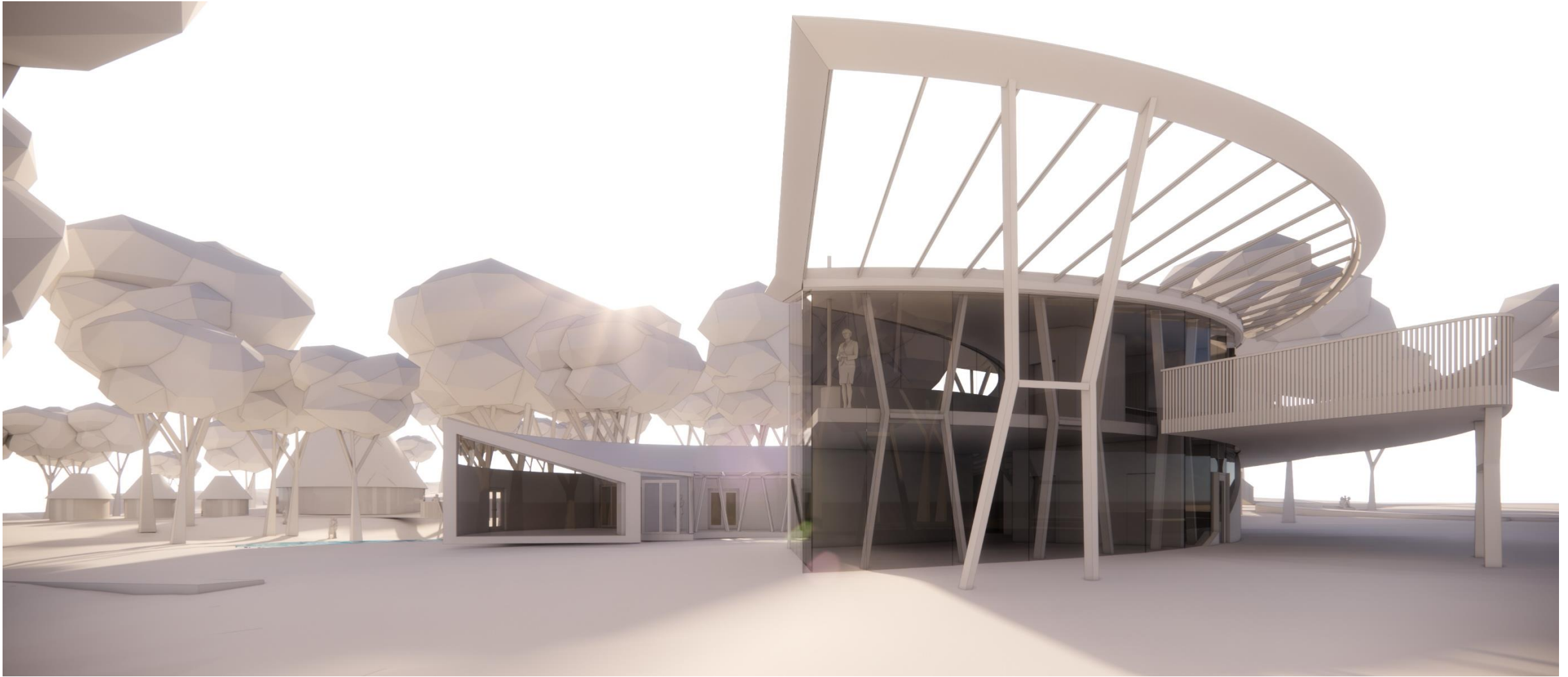
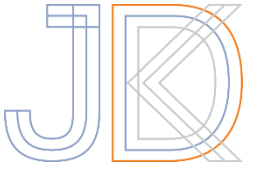
***View from the ramped approach to the Learning Centre
looking south-west***



TREEHOUSE

View to the Learning Centre from Tip Road looking south-east

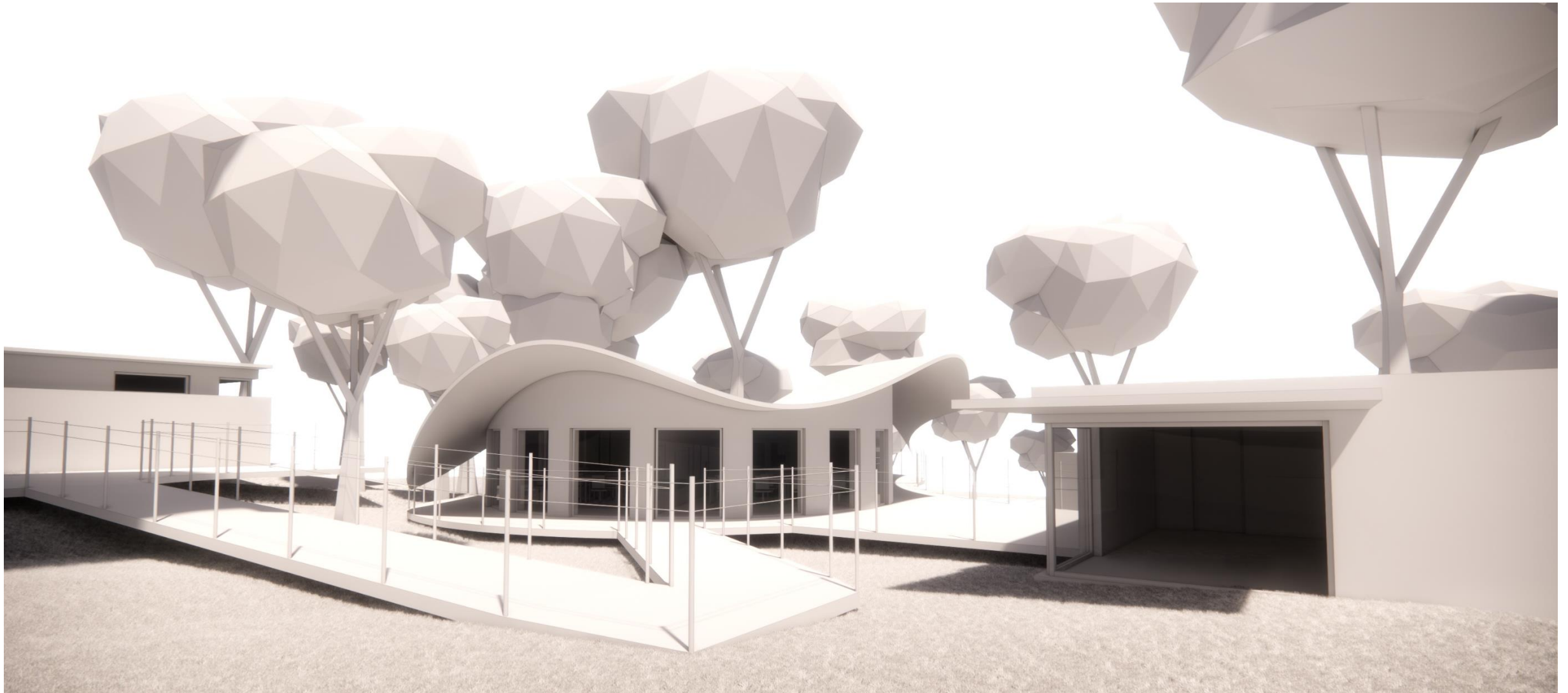
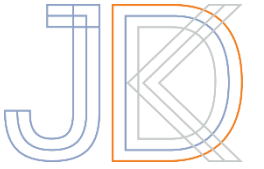
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Any Questions?