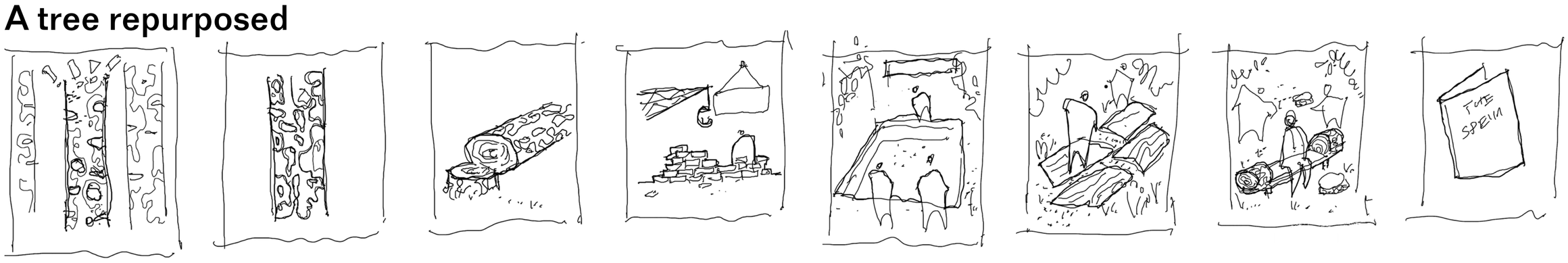
# 11 Landscape and Play

**The proposed landscape design includes:**

- A welcoming entrance to the family hub including a rain garden and seating feature.
- Raised planters for learning how to grow food.
- Sustainable drainage features such as rain gardens.
- A secure play space for young children including a play hut and sensory planting.
- Naturalistic planting schemes with different characters.
- Utilisng the felled Plane tree within the tranquil garden to make seats and stepping logs.
- A connection in to Queen's Park Gardens for community access.

**A tree repurposed**




One Plane tree will be taken down to make space for the new building, but it will live on as part of the Family Hub. We will make wooden seats from the tree trunk and slices of its branches will be used to pave the ground in the retreat garden.

## Planting Strategy

- Wildlife friendly species selected to attract pollinators as well provide forage for birds.
- Species which will provide year-round visual interest and help with boundary screening.
- A mixture of shrubs, grasses and perennials to provide layering and structure.
- Different character areas such as woodland understorey planting in the quiet garden and sensory planting in the Drop-in centre.
- Climate change resilient species that require minimal maintenance and tolerate drought and wet conditions.

## Play Strategy

- Child friendly sensory species with different textures, smells and sounds
- Two tier play structure utilising the decking as part of the structure.
- A 'play wall' which includes spinning and rotating play elements.
- A clear area of decking for free play with toys.

