

4.4 SWEET WALK PROPOSALS

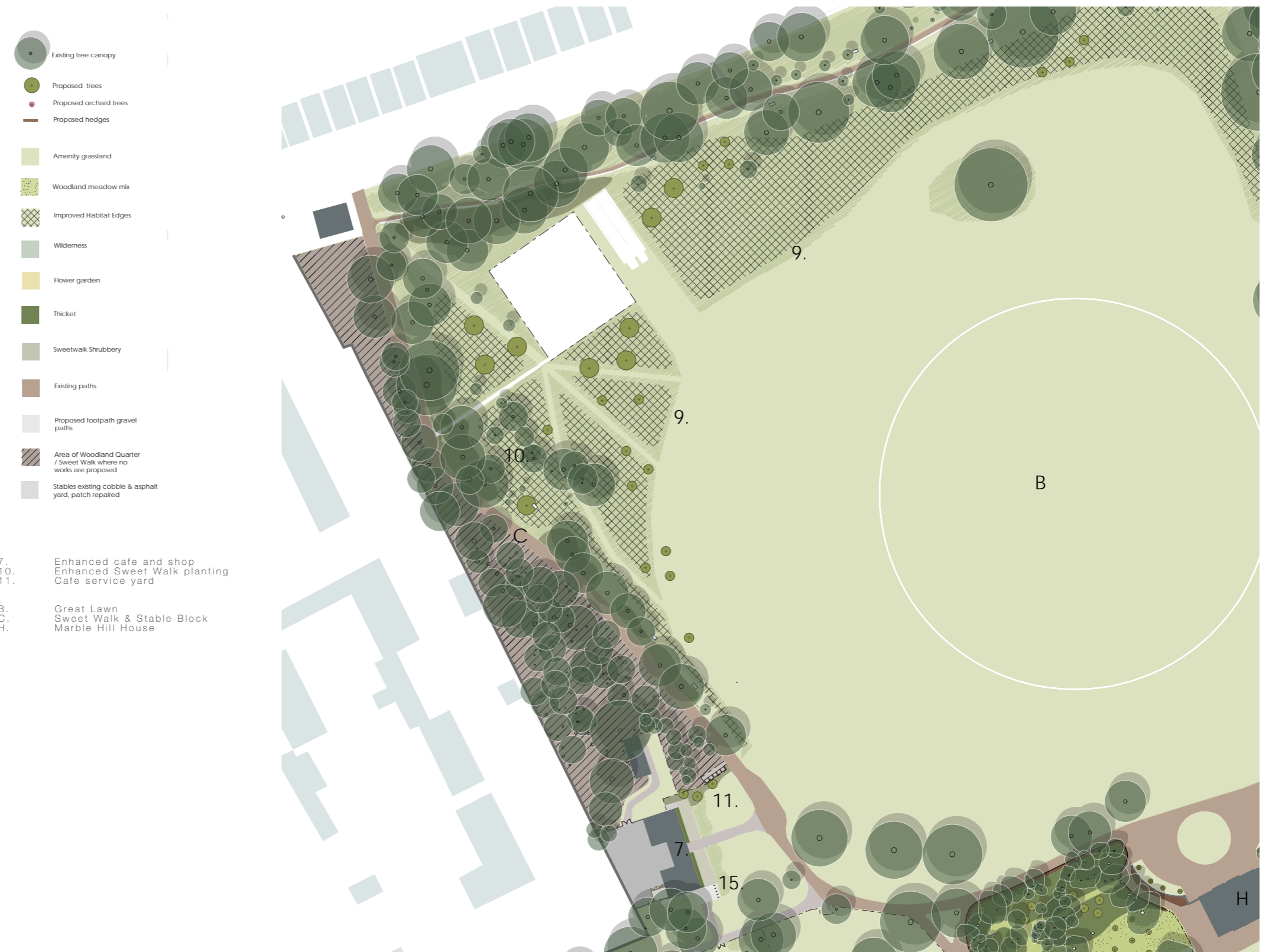
This area encompasses the entrances from the north on Richmond Road and winds along the western boundary until it reaches the Stable Block. The area along the north boundary has moderate tree cover but remains open in feeling and has an understorey of improved grassland. A narrow asphalt path connects the pedestrian entrances along this edge until it reaches the wider vehicular road. Along the western boundary tree cover is more dense and understorey predominant in self-seeded holly and yew making it dark and overshadowed. This is also the primary vehicle route for deliveries to the café and House.

The aim is to restore the Sweet Walk to its 18th century character of trees, flowering and sweet smelling shrubs and ground cover, which will be enjoyed from a meandering walk running through it. The plantation will be thickened up to screen the traffic and form an attractive and effective boundary along the north of the park. Enhancing the Sweet Walk would re-introduce elements of the late 18th century landscape of the site enabling this era of the site's history to be explored and interpreted.

The existing wooded area to the west of the Sweet Walk road will remain as it is, retaining an important habitat for low and ground nesting species such as song thrush, which are known to be present.

Key considerations and opportunities for this area:

- Enhance the woodland of the Sweet Walk to restore historic character and increase biodiversity interest.
- New tree and shrub understorey planting.
- Improve habitats and biodiversity promote access to nature.
- Explore opportunities for managed extensive volunteer tree planting projects.
- New tree planting around tennis courts and cricket nets for screening with a tall grassland understorey.



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Enhanced cafe and shop
Enhanced Sweet Walk planting
Cafe service yard

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Great Lawn
Sweet Walk & Stable Block
Marble Hill House

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