

## 4.9 PARKLAND PLAY STOPS

An adaptive playable trail circuit around the park. Natural play elements that can be added to as and when trees are felled on site. A few basic structures could be introduced to the wooded edges to the south and east of Marble Hill, to encourage exploration of the more 'wild' areas of the park.

The play stop locations are indicative and will be finalised following the conclusion of pre-construction badger survey work. Final locations will be developed alongside an ecologist to ensure any badgers present are not disturbed.

Elements to include:

- Stacks of logs to climb
- Staggered poles to weave in and out
- Stepping stumps
- Balancing beam logs
- Hollow log tunnels
- Carved logs arranged into musical features





## 5.1 SUMMARY OF LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS

The Marble Hill Revived project aims to once again connect the historic house with its landscape, as was Henrietta Howard's vision and outlined on the c. 1749 plan.

The Park will retain its function as a well-used open green space with sports pitches, places to sit and relax and opportunities for play. The existing wildlife habitats will be retained and enhanced to encourage a more biodiverse range of species, creating a richer experience for all to enjoy.

The park offer will be complimented by the proposed upgrade to the Stables cafe and increased access to Marble Hill House. Please refer to the respective Design and Access Statements accompanying this application.

A summary of the landscape proposals is as follows:

- Planting 342no. new trees, in the form of new avenues, orchard, groves and woodland canopy extensions
- Re-introduction of understorey in the Woodland Quarters through shrub and ground cover planting and on-going management
- Removal of dilapidated palisade fencing around Woodland Quarters and replacement with estate railings and post and wire fencing with gates for public access
- Creation of a new ninepin skittles alley
- Sports pitch surface improvements
- An extension to the existing fenced free-play area to include low-level play equipment made from natural materials
- Creation of a new flower garden and planted palisade
- Provision of new bins and benches
- Enhanced habitats in the Woodland Quarters and wider movement corridors across the east meadow
- Provision of habitat boxes for birds, bats and insect hotels and retention of stumps and standing dead wood habitats
- New interpretation elements within the landscape and enhanced wayfinding
- Demolition of redundant structures
- Path upgrade to western park boundary between the gates on Orleans Road

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