

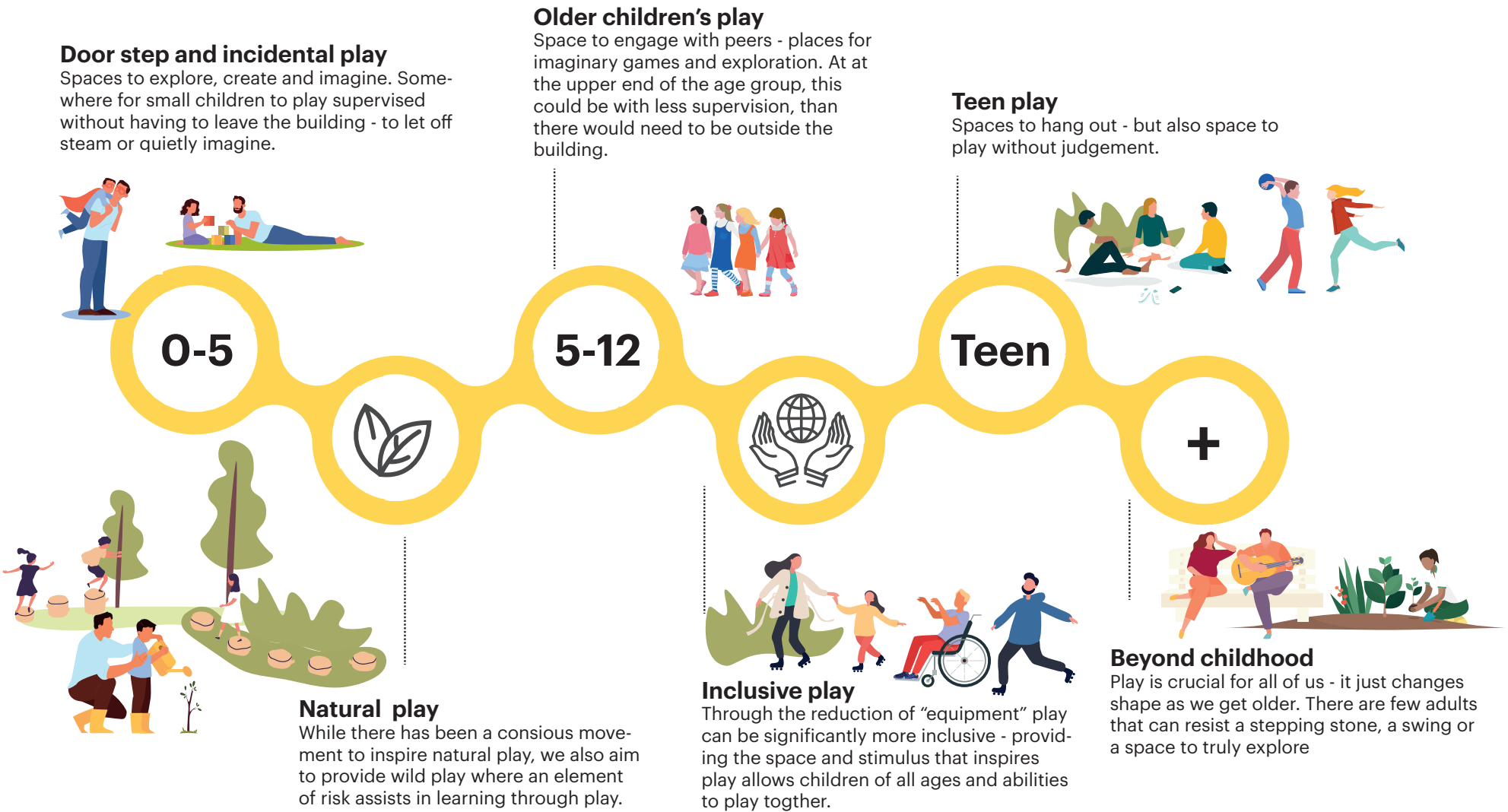
2.4.3 Play

As is set out in the Framework the numbers of children in the District is very small and is expected to remain small. We are also aware that many of the residents are young people and that play continues into adulthood, as such spaces are designed to be playable.

The Framework strategy, however, envisages that:

- Doorstep/ incidental play will be integrated throughout the site
- Opportunities for natural play will be available in the more heavily planted areas of the site and
- Older children/ teen play will be introduced into improvements to Tewkesbury Open Space.

It is anticipated that improvements to Tewkesbury Open Space will be pursued in parallel with the upgrading of the properties on Overbury Road and will be part of a separate consultation exercise associated with this part of the Site.



2.4.3 Biodiversity and Planting Strategy

Throughout the planting strategy we seek to deliver the highest levels of biodiversity, by reinforcing and enhancing the existing plant communities of the area, increasing the range of habitats and promoting the diversity of flora and fauna.

A key principle for our planting strategy is the continuation/strengthening of existing habitats of the wider area of the site. This will be achieved by using native species valuable for wildlife and by providing seasonal variation in the planted areas to encourage ecological succession.

Habitats we are considering including within the district strategy include woodland, grassland, hedgerows and meadows, all of which provide opportunities for biodiversity and integrate well with an urban environment.

Aims:

- To provide diversity of habitat, species and structure (tree canopy, shrubs, ground flora).
- To provide diversity of tree species (evergreen and deciduous).
- To create an intimate and inviting landscape for diverse groups: children, adults, pets and wildlife
- To provide diversity of habitat, species and structure.

