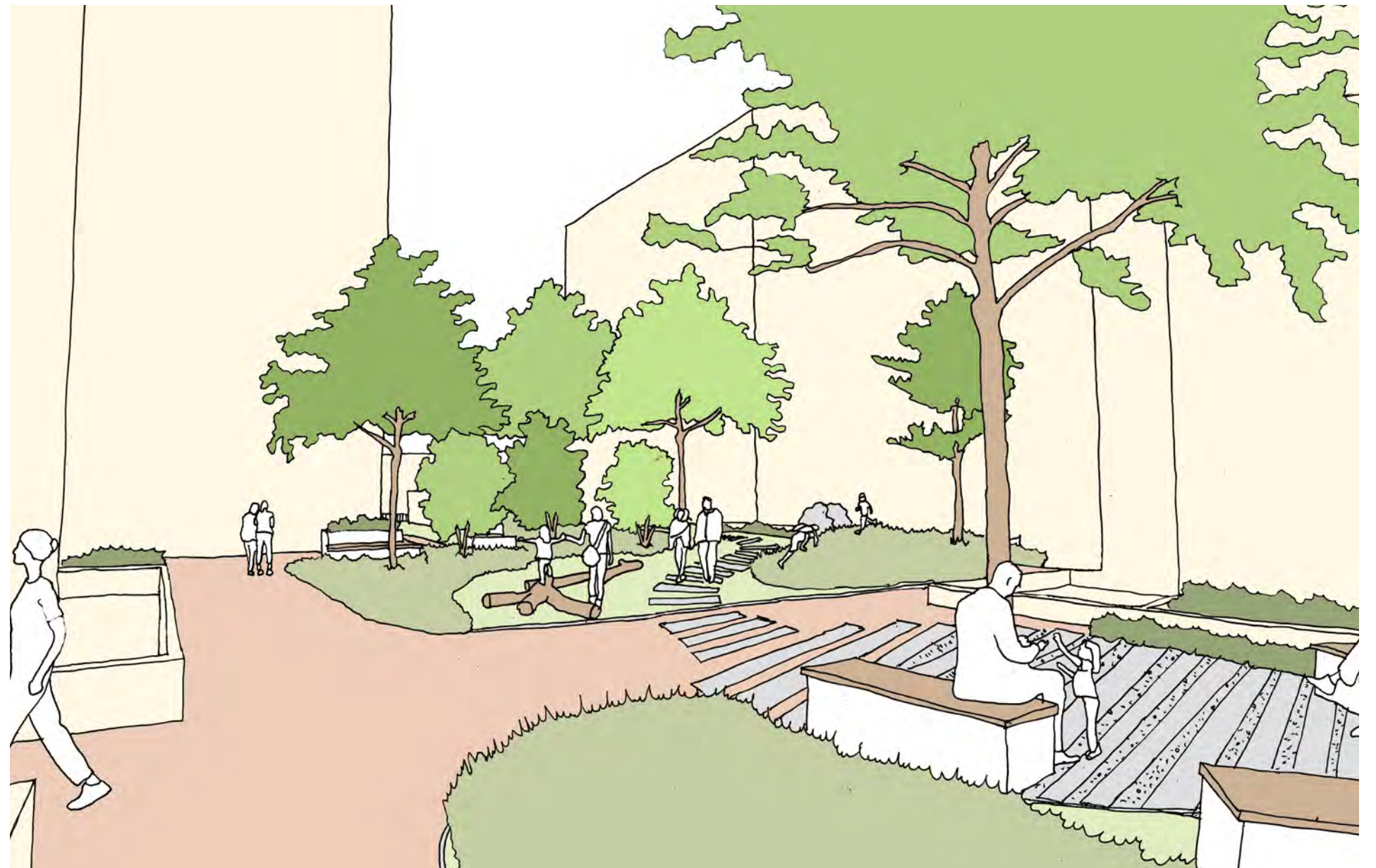


Courtyard Layout

The interplay between a perimeter courtyard route and a more informal linked play route weaving around a new topography of tree clump, knoll and swale creates a clear sense of place and a framework for doorstep play, courtyard amenity, growing and a variety of planting and habitats to coexist whilst also retaining privacy. Courtyards are animated by private terraces while defensible planting and perimeter paths provide both privacy and maintenance access to the blocks.



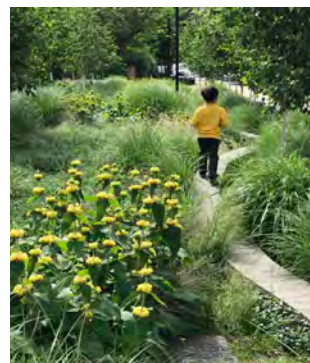
Indicative cross section through courtyard



Plot H indicative view



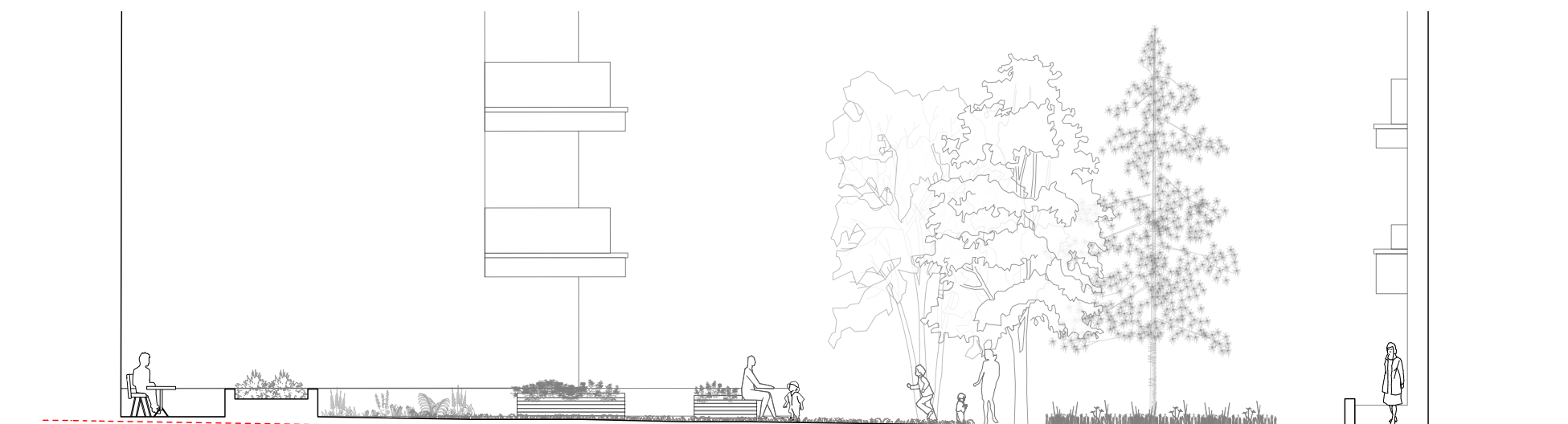
Grassy knoll and tree clumps



Playful routes rain gardens



Grassy mounds & boulders



Plot H section

Planting Palette

The planting selection within the courtyard will ensure that these spaces are varied and multifunctional whilst forming a calm and coherent green setting.

Species used will be robust and shade tolerant, suitable to varied conditions across the two courtyard spaces while offering good seasonality and biodiversity with a large portion of edible planting used in both formal and informal ways, such as edible groundcovers and herb gardens.

Selected trees will include species with light canopies as well as evergreen species for year-round interest. Trees will be positioned to maximise light within the courtyard open spaces. Each courtyard one or more orchard trees which will provide spring blossom and harvests in summer/autumn.

Climbing plants will be planted along courtyard fencing with evergreen species selected for north facing spaces and flowering species featured on elevations facing the south.



Plot F section



Trees with rich understorey planting
Tree species:



Alnus glutinosa



Cercis siliquastrum



Betula pendula
'Dalecarlica'



Pinus sylvestris



Nyssa sylvatica



Prunus avium 'Sunburst'

Courtyard swales:



Allium ursinum



Carex pendula



Athyrium filix femina



Clematis armandii



Trachelospermum
jasminoides



Hydrangea seemanii

Edible shrubs:



Ribes nigrum



Rubus fruticosus
'Adrienne'



Aronia melanocarpa



Fragaria x ananassa

Herb gardens:



Allium schoenoprasum



Chamaemelum nobile



Defensible shrub mixes to create soft buffering to private amenity

4.3 Villas: Growing Hub

The Growing Hub is envisaged as a space for community growing located in publically accessible amenity space between two villas in Plot J to the south east of the site. Set within edible hedgerows forming a secure space with raised beds, facilities for composting and garden storage sheds that can be used for shared food growing, tool storage and community gathering this space could be a focus and resource for more informal food growing opportunities across the site.

The space could also potentially contain elements like shared areas of fruit trees and soft fruit shrubs, forming small forest gardens as well as bee hives, further adding to the story of food production.



Growing hub indicative view

