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Ivatt Place Playground

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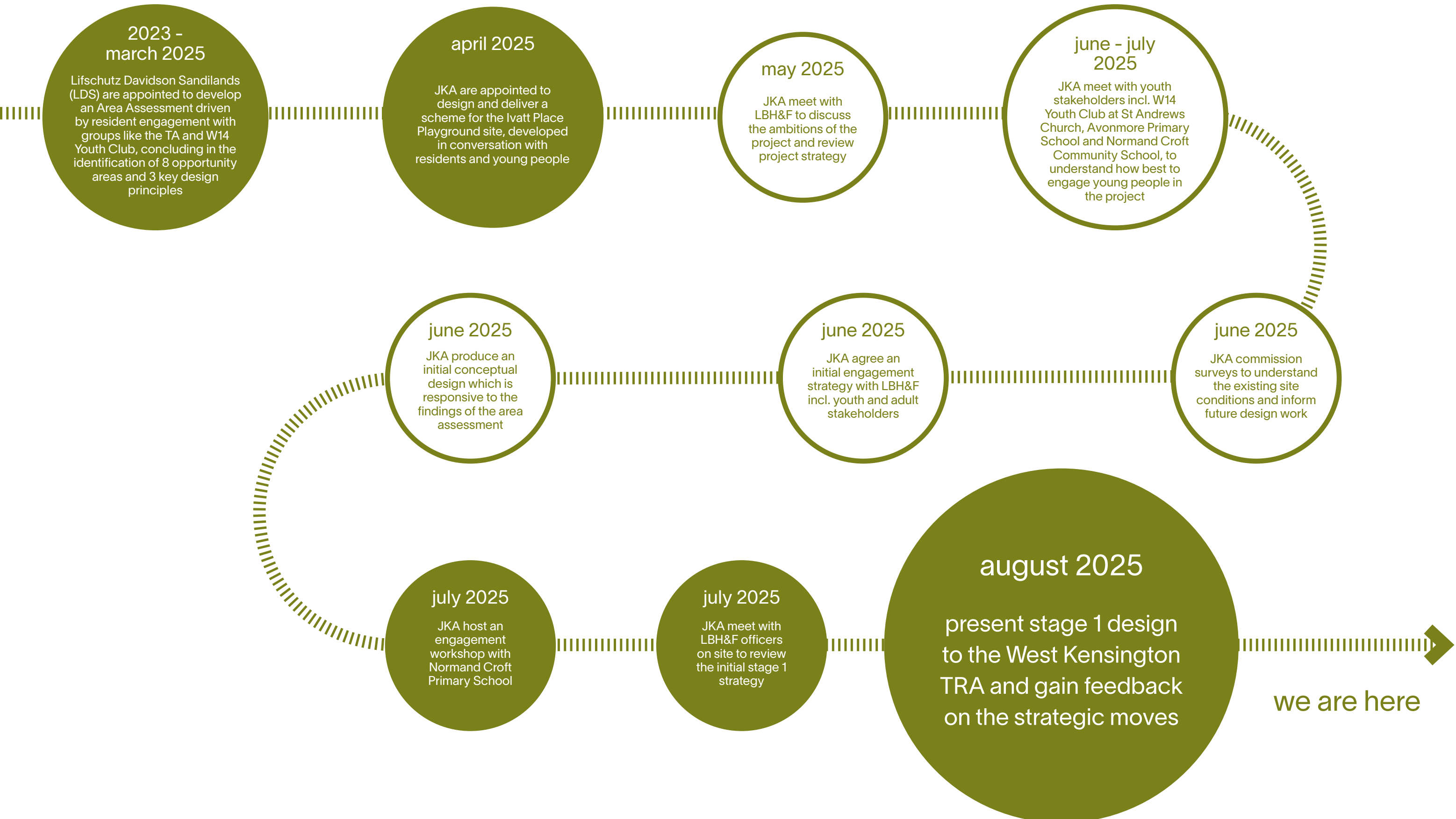


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the Ivatt Place Playground project will...

- take stock of the existing condition of the playground, in response to the West Kensington and Gibbs Green Area Assessment (March 2025)
- listen and engage with local people and key stakeholders to inform a truly intergenerational brief + project narrative
- propose a strategy for re-design and implementation of high quality works on the playground that are easy to maintain
- deliver a vibrant, accessible and multi-generational play and public space with increased bio-diversity and recreational offer for all residents

timeline so far...



site context...

KEY	
	WKGG estate boundary
	site focus area
	primary pedestrian routes
	primary vehicular routes
	secondary vehicular routes
	dead end routes
	key transport nodes
	community uses
	ivatt place playground
	steiner close community garden
	aisgill avenue open space
	mund street south
	mund street north
	mund street MUGA

site aerial demonstrating the existing conditions surrounding the playground



existing challenges...

1

limited suitable seating



doesn't offer multi-use settings for a range of community uses

2

play offer too limited



dated play equipment, targeted at younger children, doesn't allow a large age range to use the playground

existing challenges...

3

isolated access



fencing creates an uninviting environment, reducing access with inconsistent opening times

4

lack of shade and greening



the playground should offer areas of shade for different users and increased trees / variety of planting

existing challenges...

5

lack of lighting



minimal street lighting reduces the sense of safety around the playground

6

poorly signposted



the playground doesn't have a distinct identity and is poorly connected to other green spaces across the WKGG estate

area assessment...

outcome

CHALLENGES - ROUTES

sense of safety - routes
finding your way around
accessible and sociable

KEY THEME - ENJOYING THE DAY-TO-DAY

a colourful setting
a learning landscape
an inclusive neighbourhood

CHALLENGES - OPEN SPACE

lack of awareness + purpose
lack of play + youth activities
underused spaces

KEY THEME - ENGAGING IN THE ENVIRONMENT

a playful place
a sociable community
an active environment



extract from the area assessment, highlighting the opportunities around Ivatt Place Playground © Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands

A photograph of a playground area with a brick building in the background. The sky is cloudy. A yellow text box is overlaid in the center. The playground has a green rubber safety mat and a metal climbing structure. The building has many windows and a flat roof. The grass is green and there is a small white object on the left.

what could this actually
look like?

initial response...



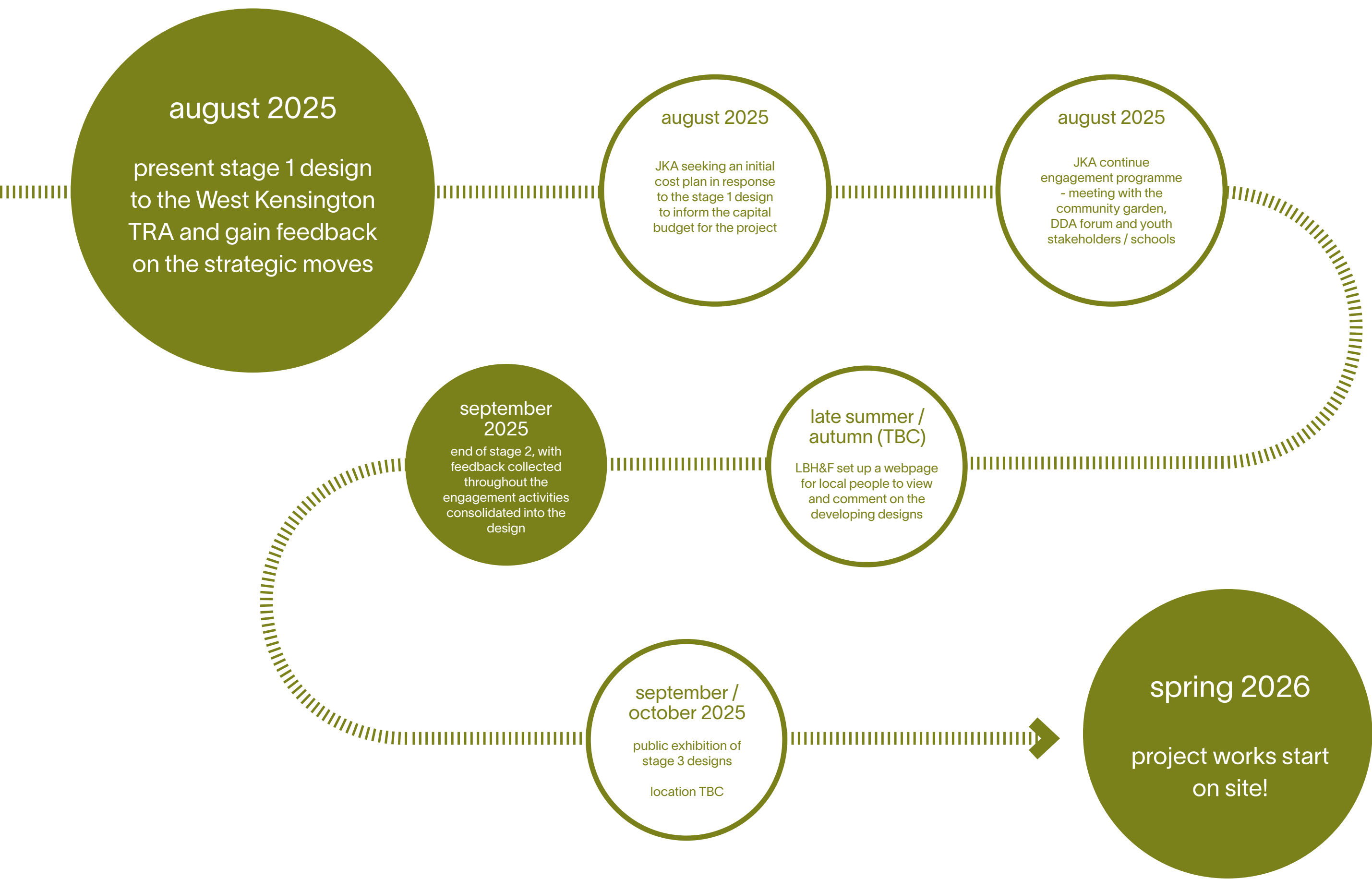


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| <p>1</p> <p>challenge: limited suitable seating</p> <p>log seating and new benches in the civic square offer places to rest + socialise</p> <p>multi-purpose structures provide moments of rest alongside play</p> | <p>2</p> <p>challenge: play offer too young</p> <p>play furniture includes a variety of scales / types to appeal to different age groups including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + ping pong /games tables + multi-user equipment to encourage social connection + bespoke exercise benches for low impact body weight exercise + trim-trails, log swings and balancing structures for imaginative play | <p>3</p> <p>challenge: isolated access</p> <p>a natural boundary creates a sense of ownership by all, increasing the types of users and subsequent passive surveillance</p> <p>play structures + denser low-level planting shield young users from the road</p> | <p>4</p> <p>challenge: lack of shade / greening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + tree planting with high crowns screen parking and give shade, whilst maintaining sight lines at low-level + a new green link through the playground provides opportunities for active play and transitions through three different landscapes + green link connects to Mund Street South green space and the new Steiner Closer community garden | <p>5</p> <p>challenge: lack of lighting</p> <p>street lighting is complimented with ambient lighting along pedestrian routes, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + feature lighting over the civic square + luminaires integrated within new benches + up-lighting rings within new tree planting | <p>6</p> <p>challenge: poorly signposted</p> <p>new fences and rear gates to resident gardens create an identity for the playground and active boundary</p> <p>(potential) public artwork creates a focal point / marker</p> |
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precedents...



Next steps in the conversation...



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