

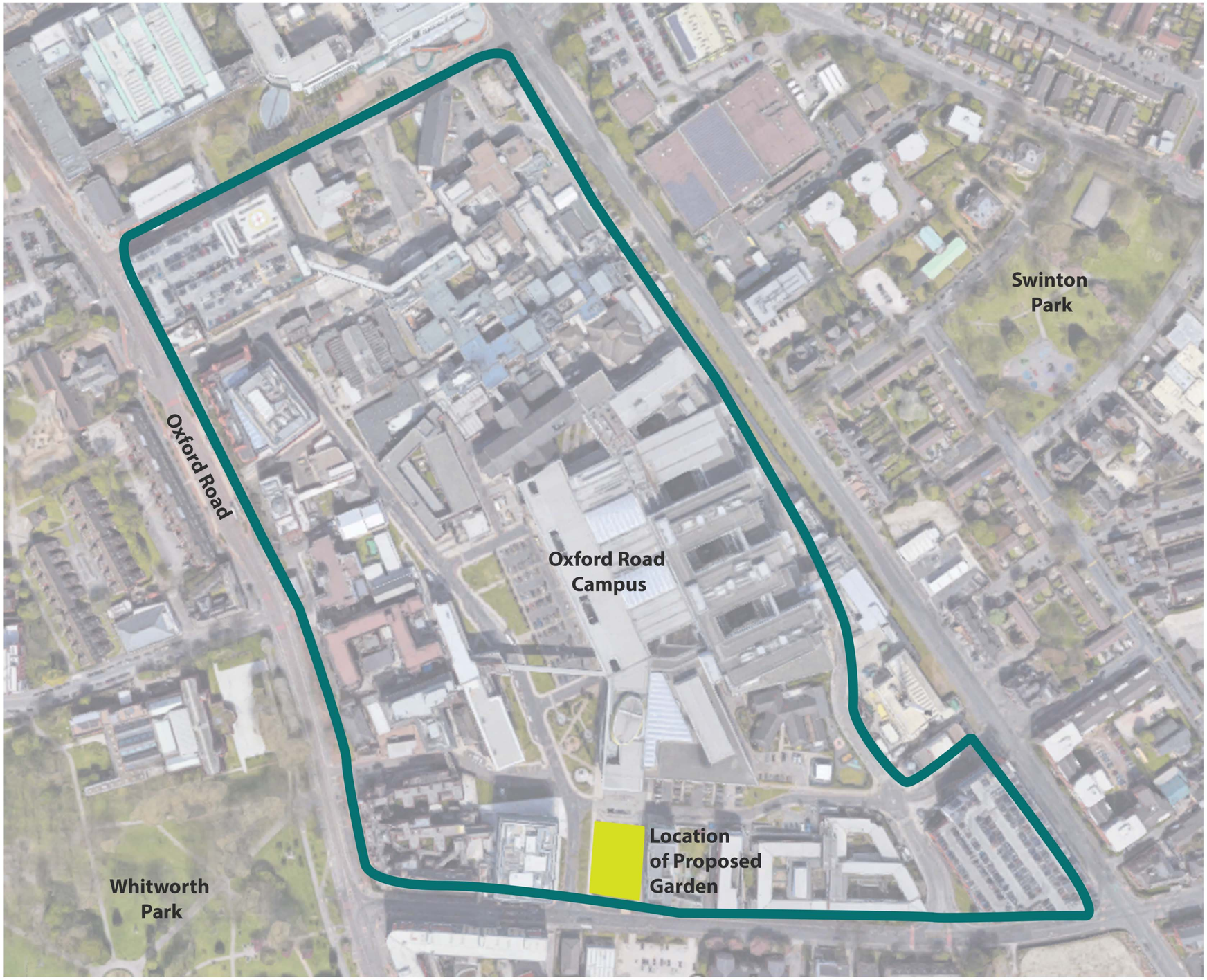
Garden of Reflection

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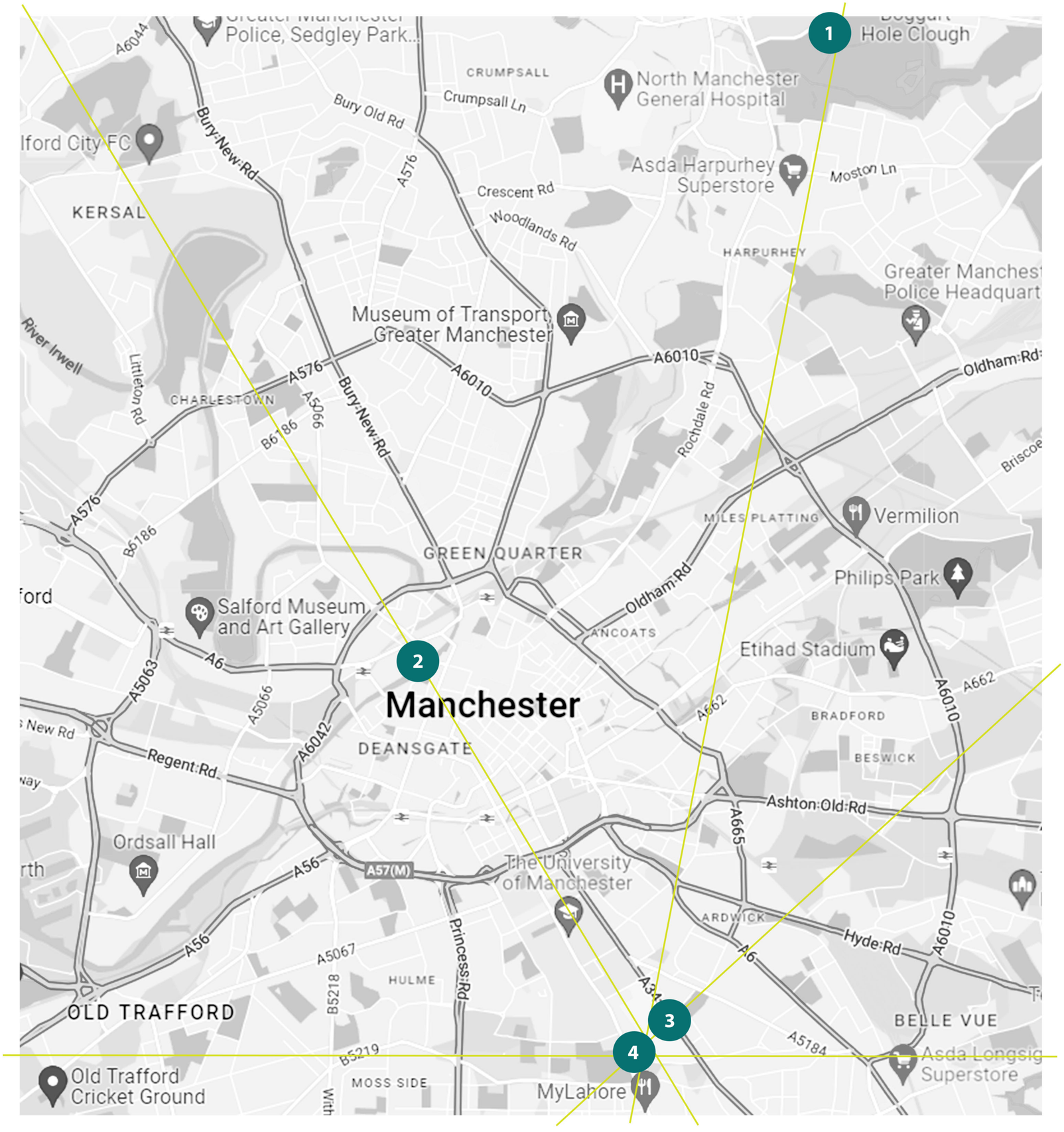








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1. Booth Hall Children's Hospital



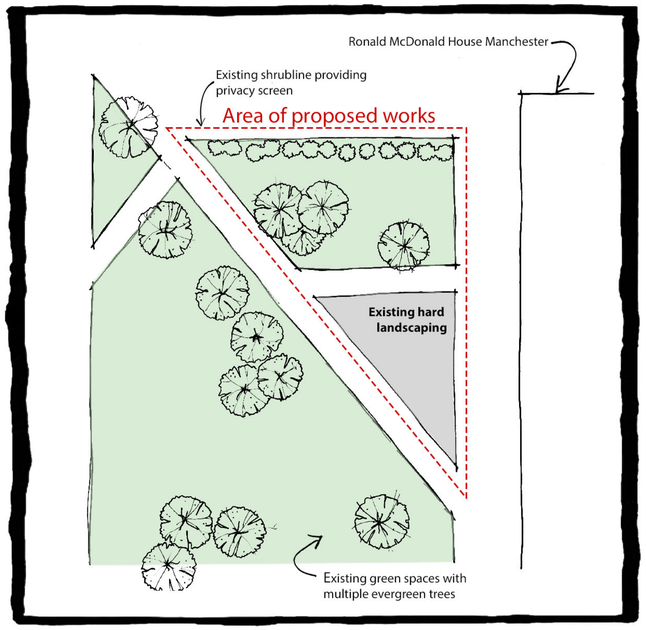
2. Pendlebury Children's Hospital



3. Saint Mary's Hospital

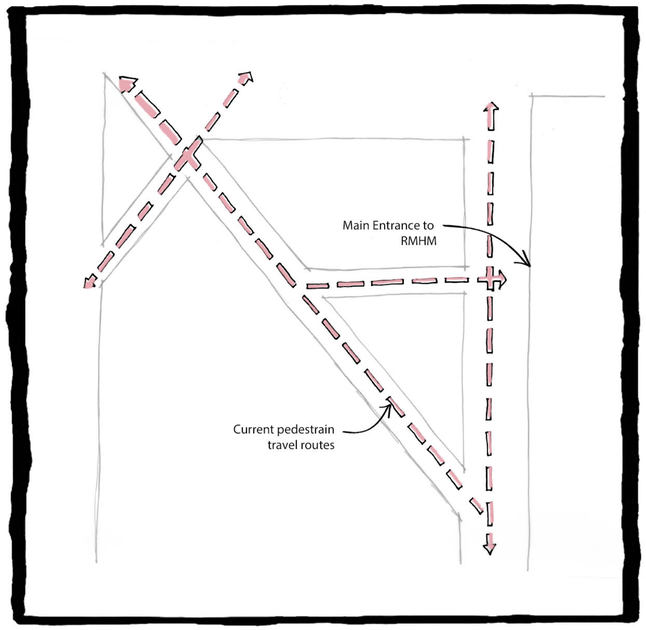


4. Royal Manchester Children's Hospital



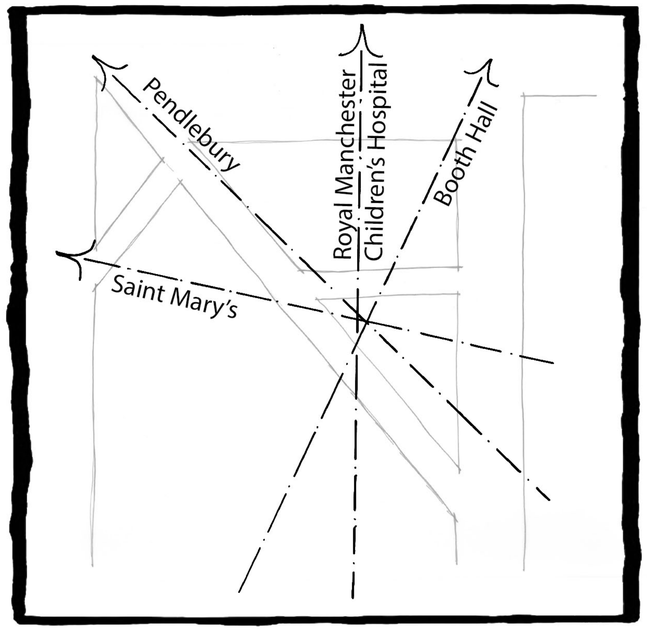
1. Existing Features

The existing site contains a number of established trees and shurbs of various species, and a mixture of hard and soft surface finishes



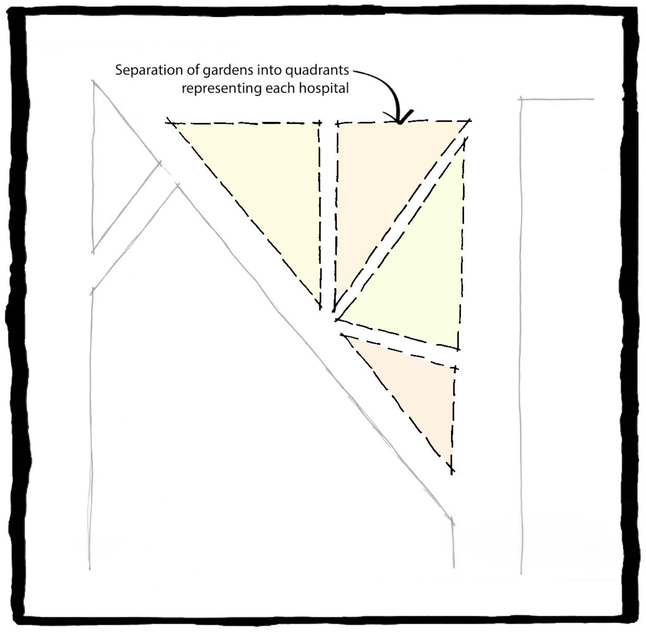
2. Current Use / Routes of Travel

The location for the proposed garden is between the CityLabs 2.0, The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House buildings. These already have established directional routes for pedestrians.



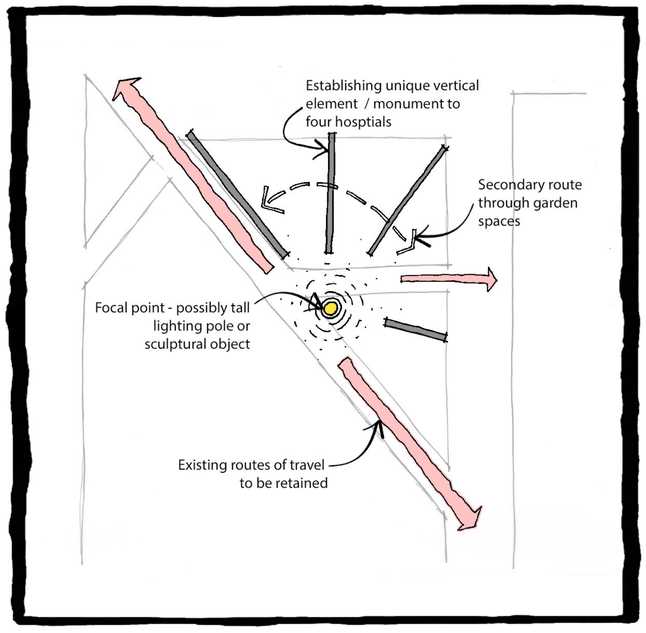
3. Wider Context

The proposed garden will serve as a place of remembrance for four local hospitals (two current, two former), the sketch above identifies their geographical location and how these axis lines converge on the proposed garden site. This is the design generator for the design concept.



4. Zoning

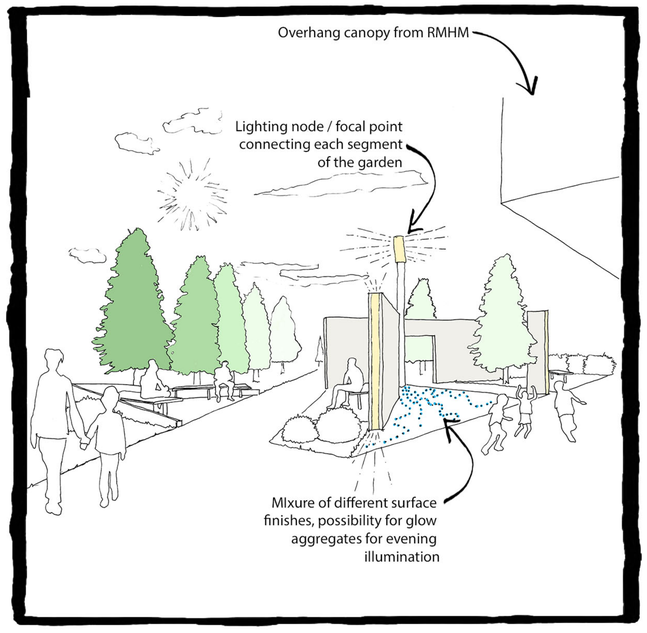
Using the directional axis formed from mapping the hosptial locations; four zones can be created, offering distinctive garden zones with unique identities representive of each hospital.



5. Unifying and Focusing

Elements of vertical structure will help give visual clarity to different segments of the garden. To unify these elements a vertical sculptural element be placed at the convergence point of the axis lines.

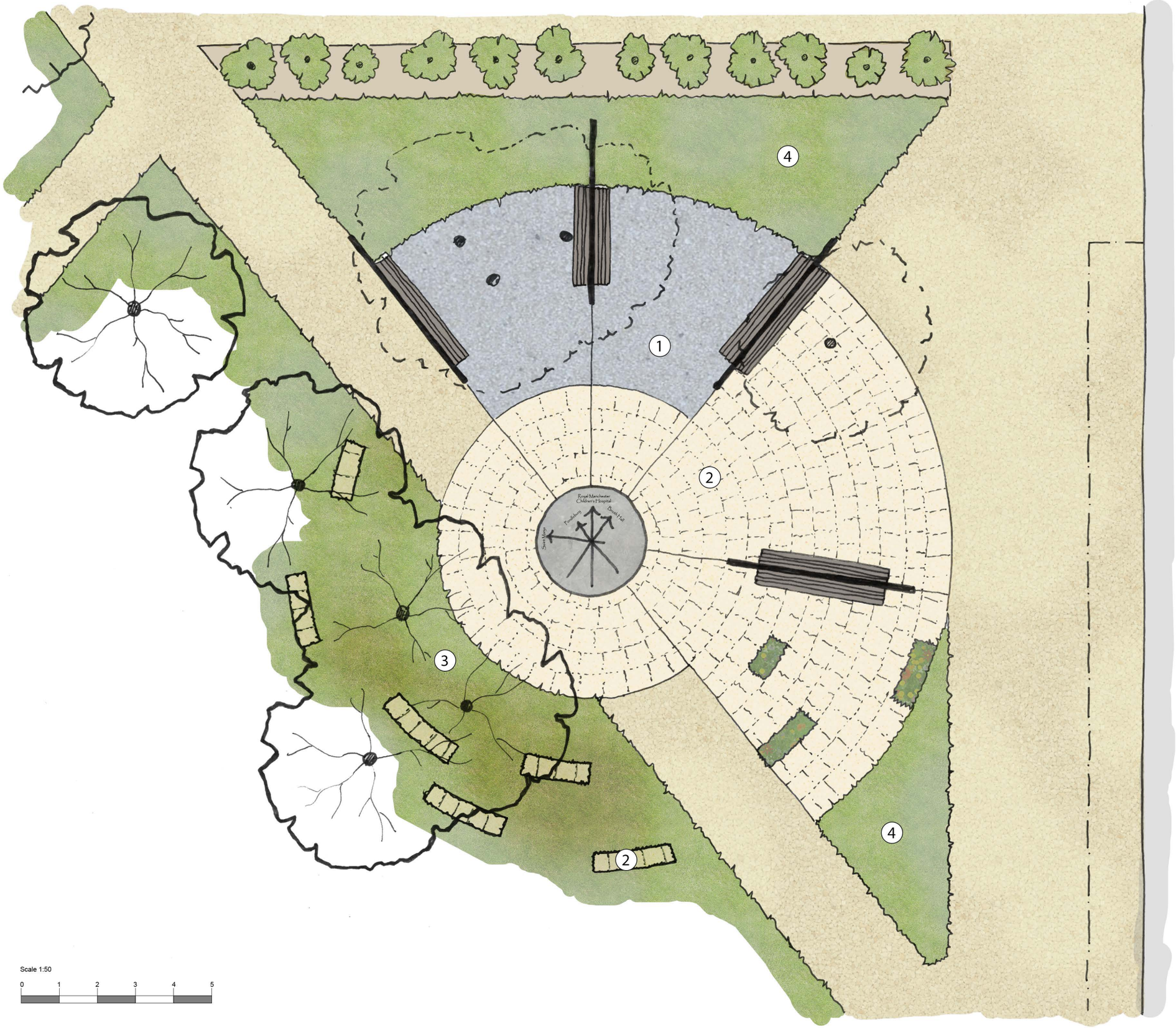
Existing primary pedestrian routes have been retained, with secondary routes between the garden zones encourages.



6. Sketch Perspective

The above sketch explores how the additional landscape features would interact alongside the retained aspects of this site.

Views out to wider landscaped area would also provide scope to extend the formal garden and offer views out to existing trees and lighting features.





Materiality Key



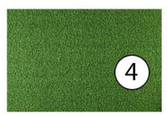
Resin Bound Gravel with glowing gravel (optional)
Colour: Grey Slate
Manufacturer(s): The Resin Mill & CORE LP



Paving Flags
Colour: Laurel Bank Sandstone
Manufacturer(s): Marshalls



Wildflower Meadow
Mix of wildflower seeds for bees and butterflies



Turf
to match existing adjacent grass

Scale 1:50

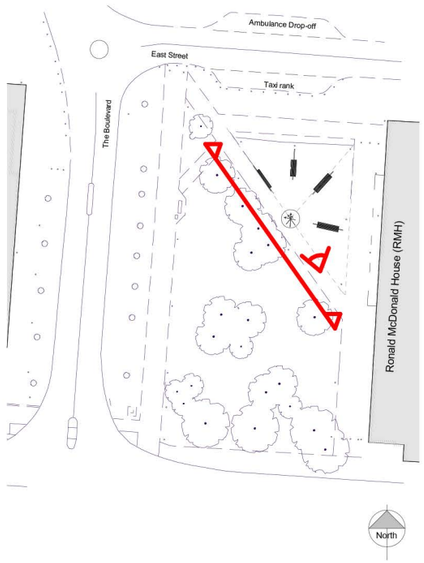
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Design intent is to create a unique environment, reverent in its purpose, and respectful to its history.

The garden can accommodate all who wish to take time for reflection and will also enhance the immediate and wider hospital site.

Areas of hardstanding within the garden could be used as a 'stage set" to offer patients outside experiences such as picnics and even more playful experiences such as recreating a beach environment.

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Elevation & Artist Impression

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