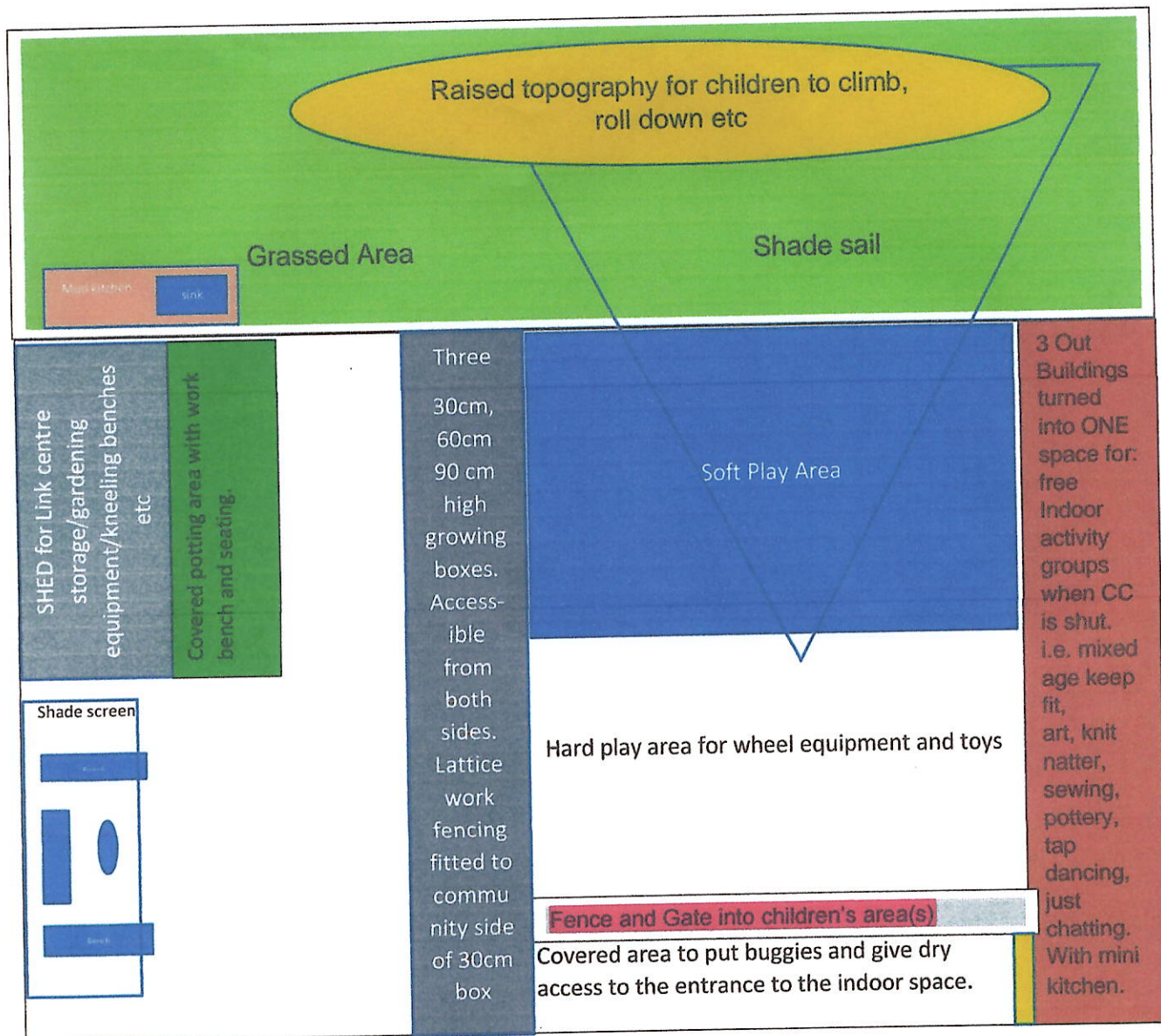


Kirkby Stephen Children's Centre COMPF Outdoor area draft plan



Suggestions for remodelling the outdoor space and increasing access for Children Centre (CC) and community use: This could be a phased approach where current funding falls short.

- The area becomes a multi-functional space for community and a safe space for young children should there be community access to the Links and community space use when the Children's Centre (Barnardos) are in situ.
- Consider reconfiguring the 3 sheds into one larger indoor facility that can be used for children and community activities. Add a simple kitchen tea making facility. Community use could be free and include a range of activities that currently cost money to host elsewhere. Would need a booking system and a cleaning management system. If not required by CC, or on CC days, doors that access directly onto the children's play area could be restricted as long as it met fire/planning regs.
- For the CC/families with small children outside CC opening hours facilities would include: Indoor space, outdoor hard and soft play space, grassed area adapted to offer physical challenge for slightly older as well as young children. A large shade sail to keep children safe in hot weather. The area would be fenced at the front and divided from the produce growing/coffee morning /gardening community by 3 tiered raised growing beds. Tiered according to use, starting at one end for young children building up to adult use at the other. The low raised bed could have a trellis fence attached to the side where community largely reside to support safeguarding and inappropriate access to children when the CC are in situ.