



The Design Team

**Transformation:
Education Estates
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**Cuckmere Flooding
2023**

10 year average:
64mm

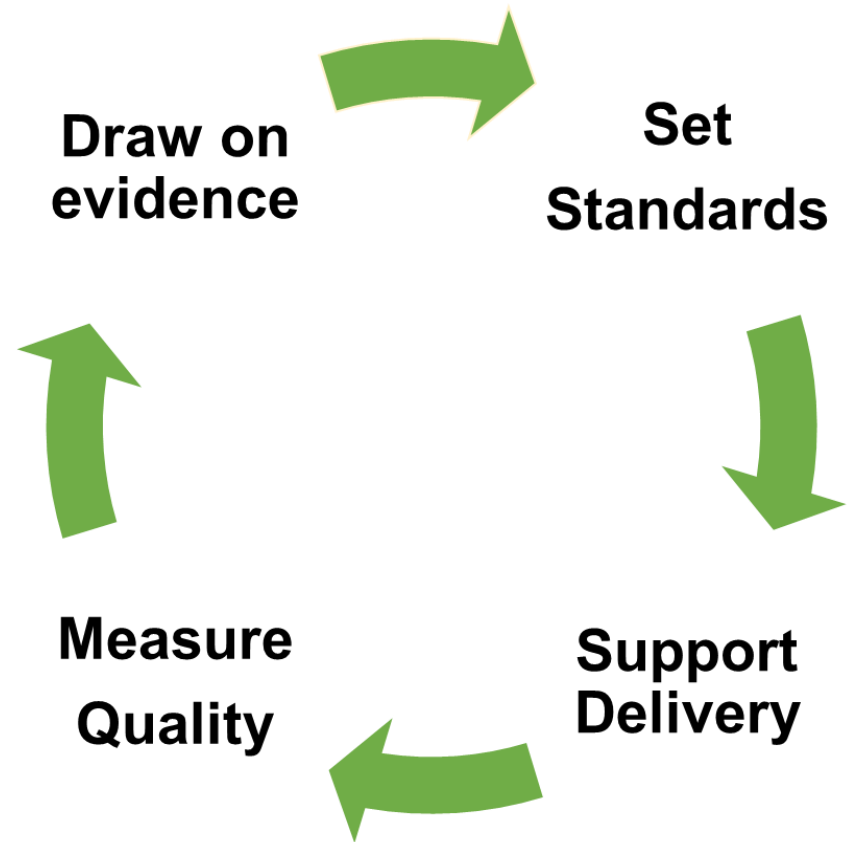
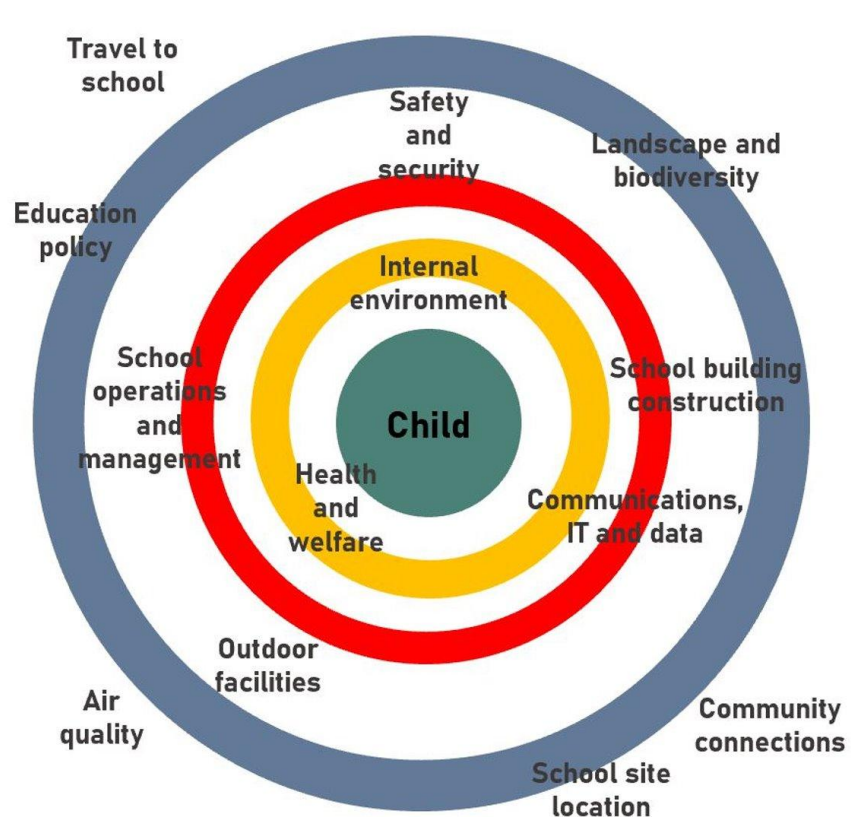


2025: 9mm

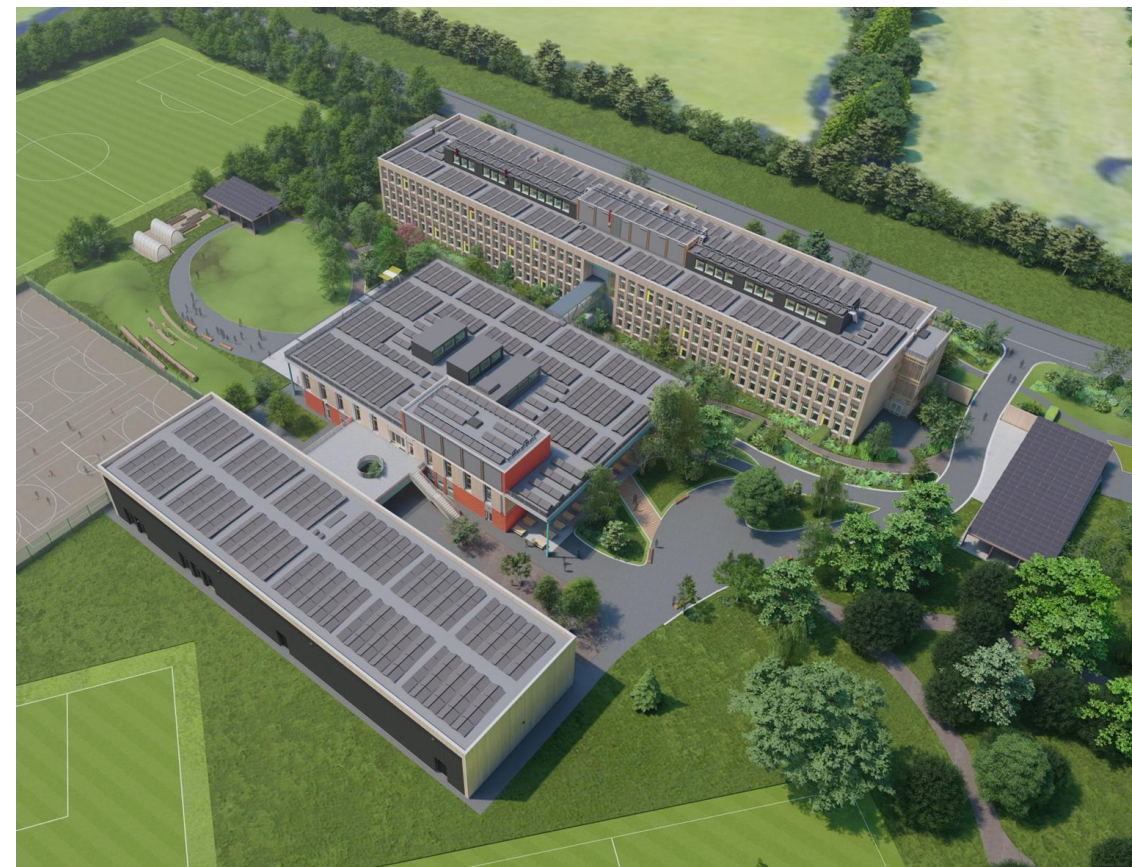
Alfriston rainfall August 2025



“we must cultivate our garden”

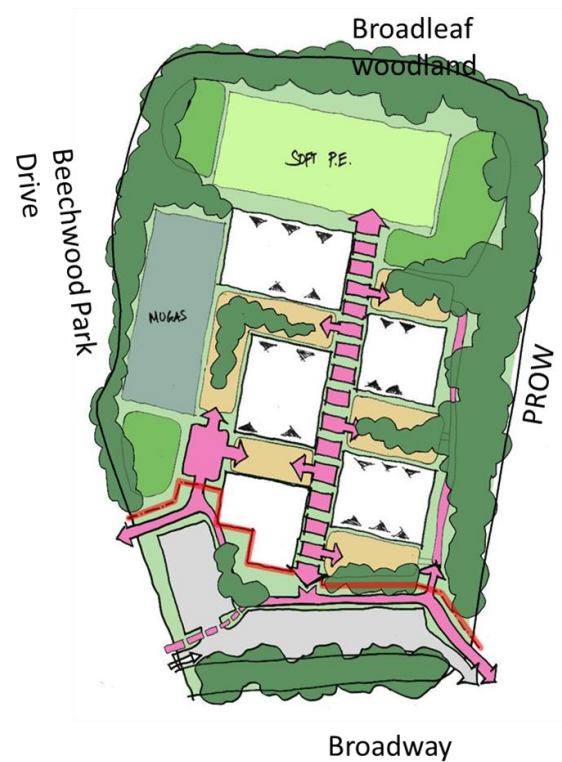


The Ecology of the School and our learning cycle



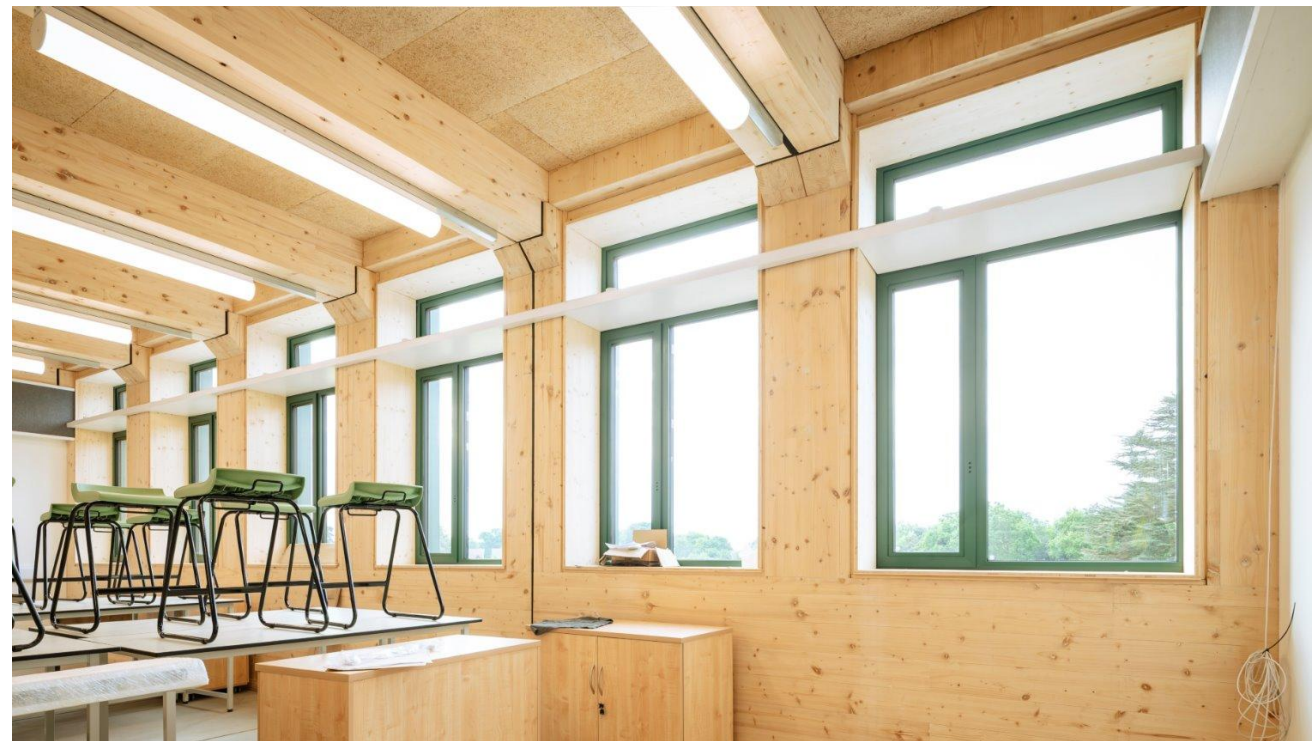


The Prototype Classroom





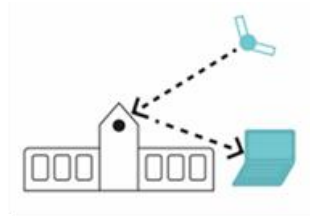
Merstham Biophilic Landscape



Sustainability Pods



Improve ventilation



Improve connection



Energy generation and efficiency



Increase resilience

Resilient School Programme



Resilient School Programme: Keelham Primary School, sketch scheme.



Resilient School Programme: Thornton Primary School, sketch scheme.





Resilient Schools Programme

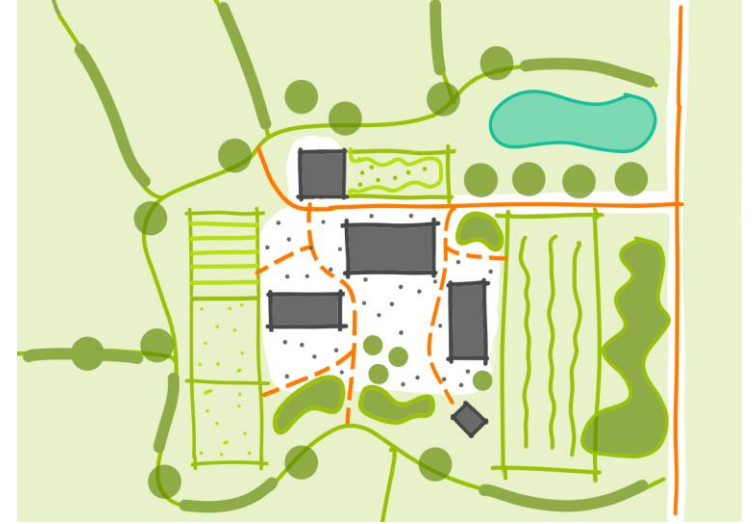
Garden Suburb

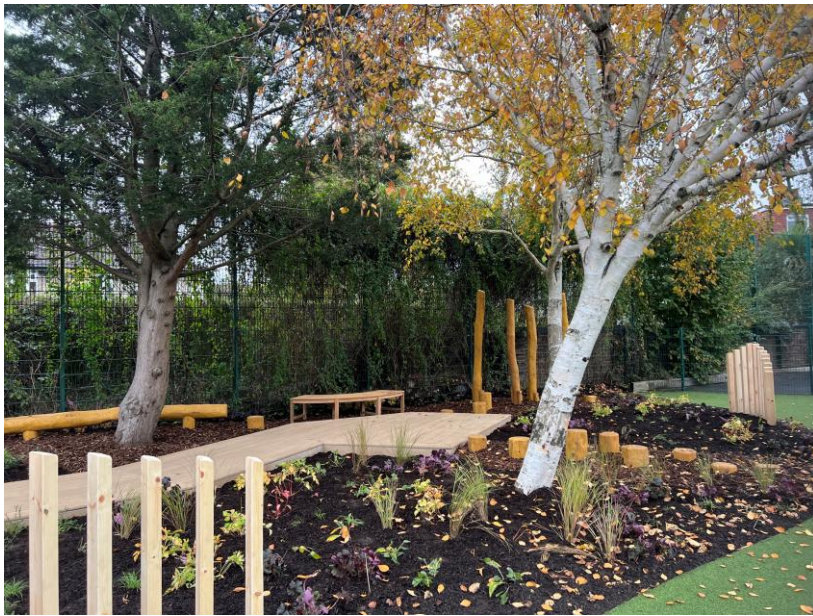


Campus



Farm

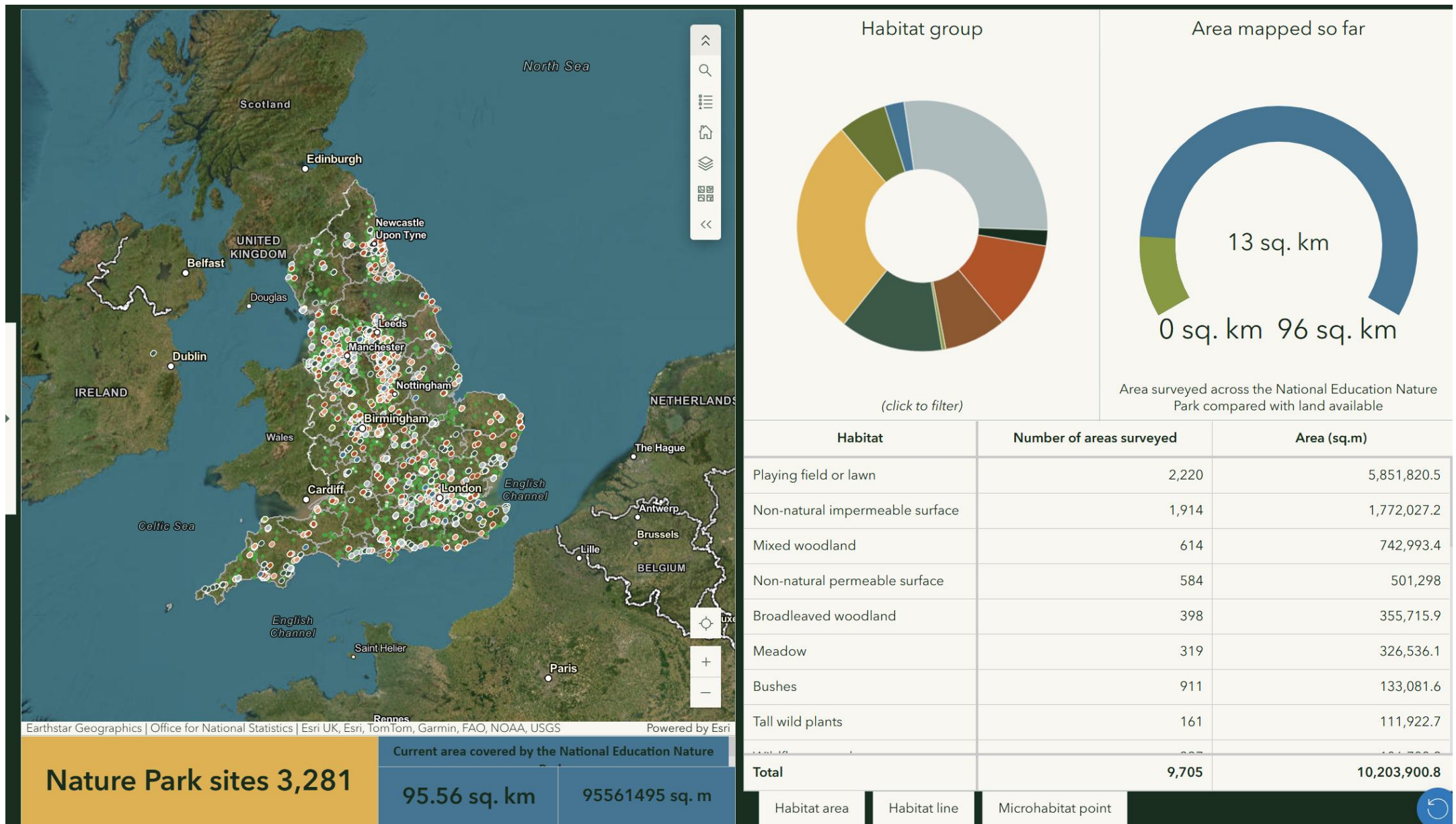




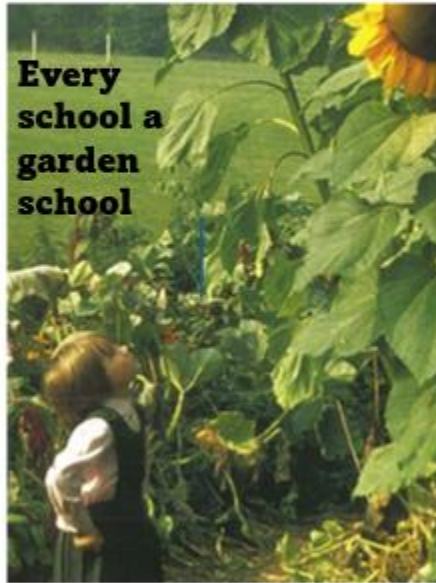
Flood Adaption Scheme: reactive nature-based solutions



New Model Designs School: integrated environmental design approach



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**Indoor
Gardens**



**Forest
Gardens**



**Regulating
Gardens**



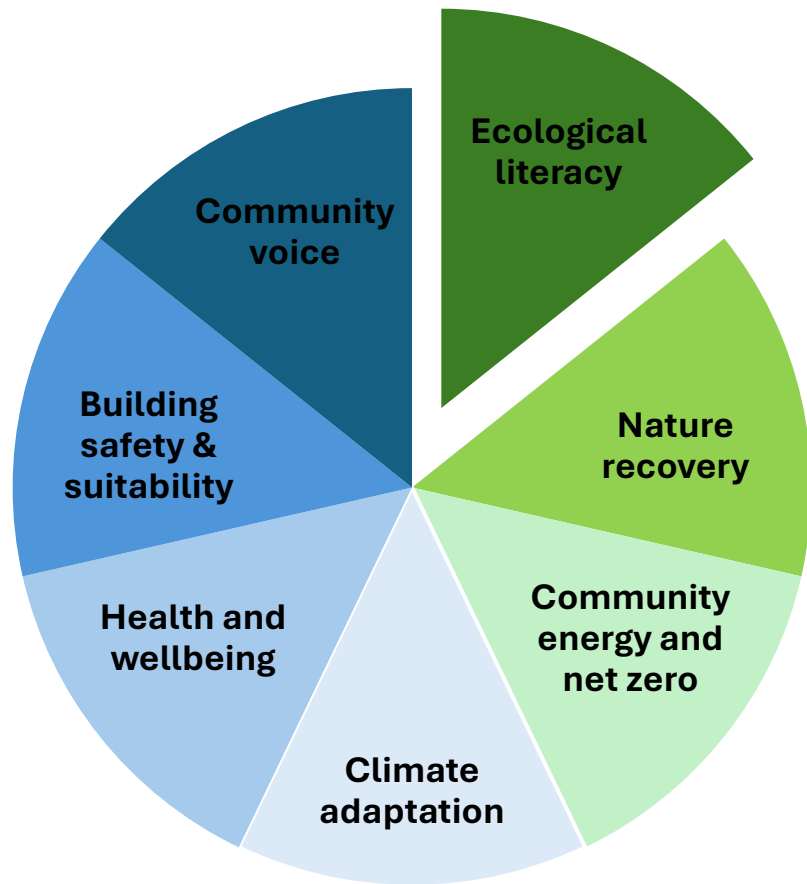
**Activity
Gardens**

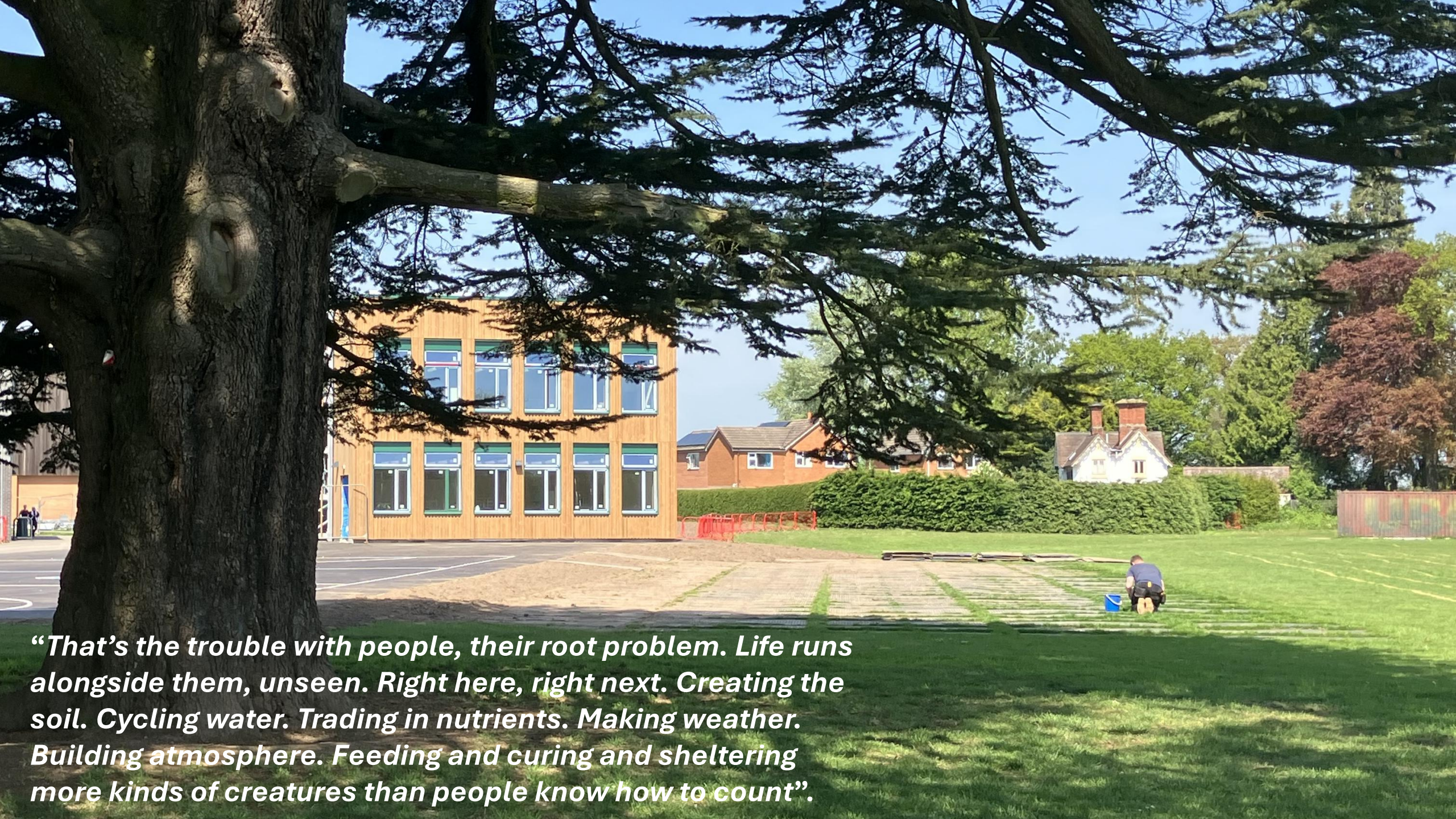


**Allotment
Gardens**



Every School a Garden School





“That’s the trouble with people, their root problem. Life runs alongside them, unseen. Right here, right next. Creating the soil. Cycling water. Trading in nutrients. Making weather. Building atmosphere. Feeding and curing and sheltering more kinds of creatures than people know how to count”.

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