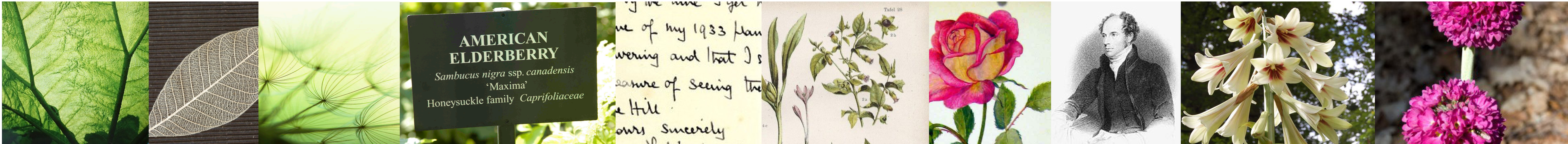
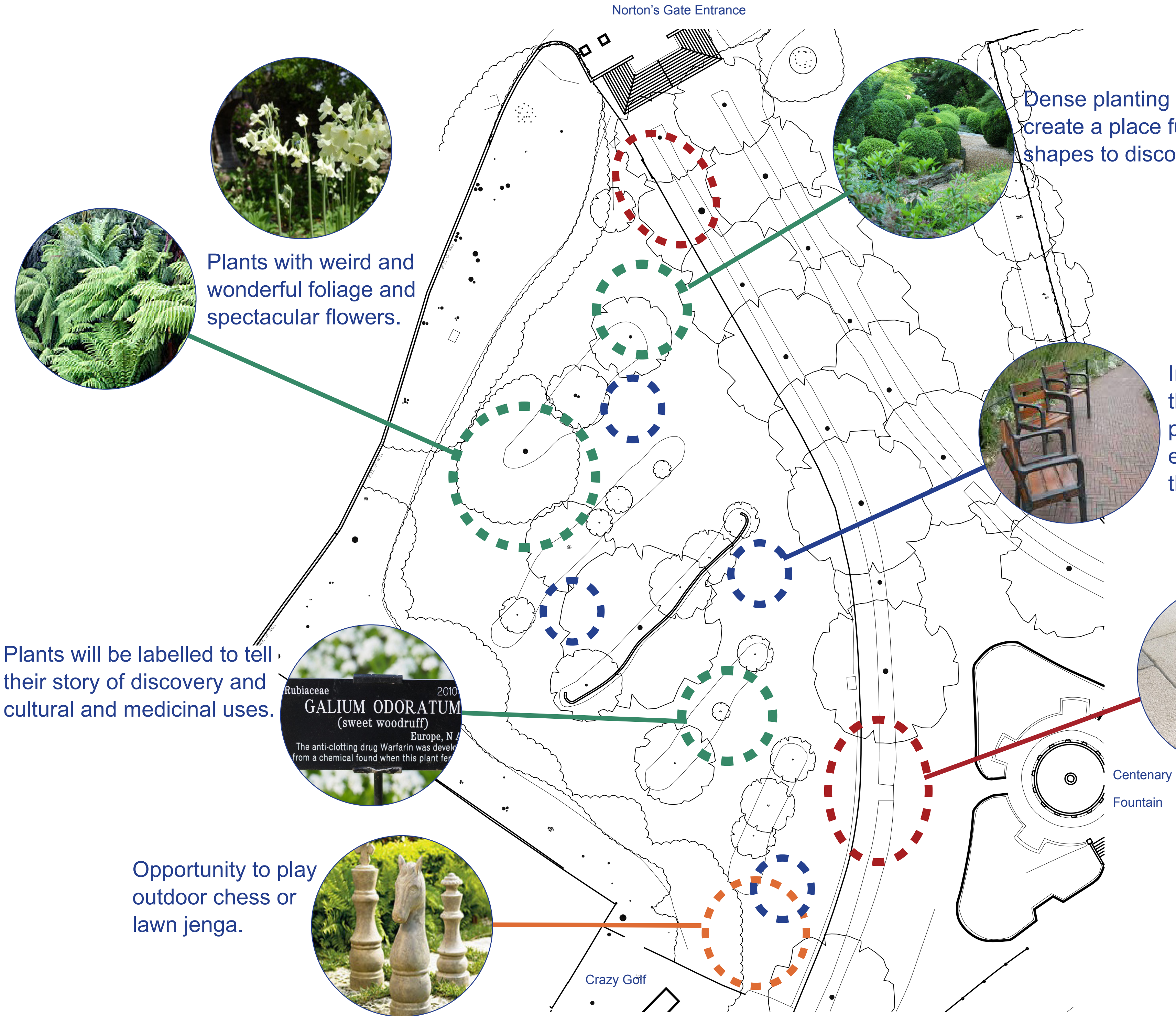


The design proposals build on the passion for plants and gardening ignited by the Victorians that is still enjoyed by many today. The Victorian plant hunters brought back curious and wonderful species from their explorations to different parts of the globe and made them available for cultivation.

The Plant Collector's garden celebrates the shape, colour and beauty of plants by displaying them either as a specimen or in a group contrasting with other vegetation. Key plants will be labelled with their name and the story behind their discovery. The existing ornamental planting will be augmented with ornamental shrubs, grasses and herbaceous plants to illustrate their origin or growing conditions required according to their vegetation type; this may include a fernery for shade loving plants or coastal planting introduced in the more exposed parts of the site.

The proposals also explore the idea of a 'private garden' – a space that provides privacy but also is a place for entertaining and meeting. It is a place for the exchange of information, 'seeds' and memories. For this, seating will be provided that allows observing from a distance as well as socialising in small groups and play games such as outdoor chess.

- Additional proposals subject to further funding:
- Circular paths connecting areas of the garden;
 - Additional planting areas to break up linearity of existing planting beds;
 - Stepping stones through the planted areas to provide an alternative route; and
 - Wildflower seeding to north and north-west of site.
 - Further outdoor games such as ping-pong.



Sensory Garden Project

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