

# Spiral Space: A Meditative Garden-Courtyard



Existing site

The proposal is based on a design by Taraloka community member Sarah Gilpin and creates a new garden courtyard outside the shrine room at Taraloka.

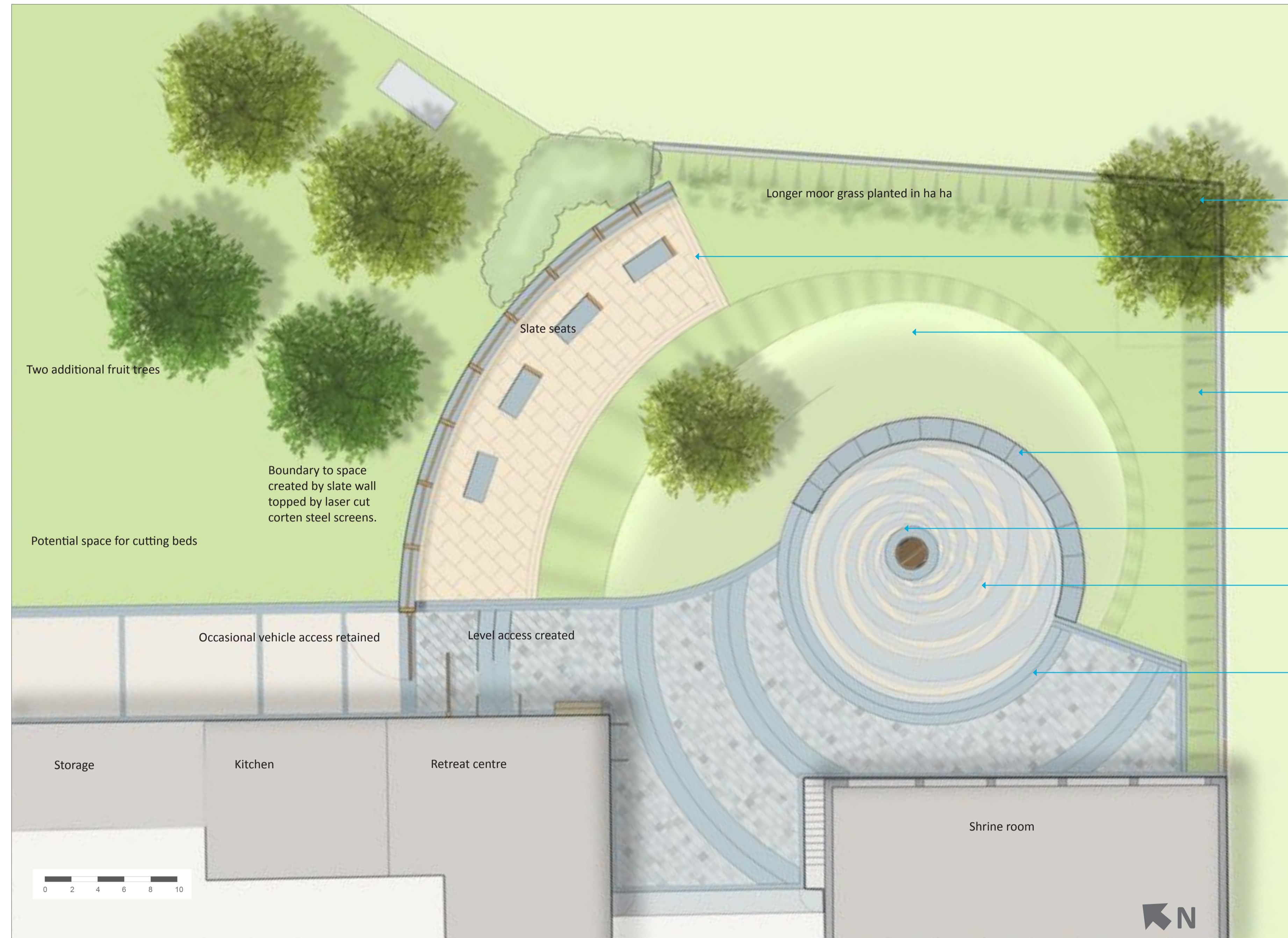
The intention is to make a space that connects with the local landscape while also creating a quiet intimate space suitable for walking meditations and other movement based retreats.

A turf spiral mound surrounds a wide curved slate seat. In the centre of the circular paved area there is space for a fire pit set at ground level. The spiral that flows in from the wider landscape continues as part of the floor pattern. This could be etched with relevant buddhist texts.

The back of the mound provides a chance to lean against the grass and look out at the wider view. The fence will be replaced with a ha ha to remove any visual barriers to the wider landscape.

The space is bounded by a stepped dry stone slate wall built with niches to allow candles and other objects to be set into the wall. It will be topped with laser cut screens to provide privacy for the space. These will need to have 50% open areas to allow the prevailing wind to be filtered and so reduced in strength. In front of these is a paved area slate benches.

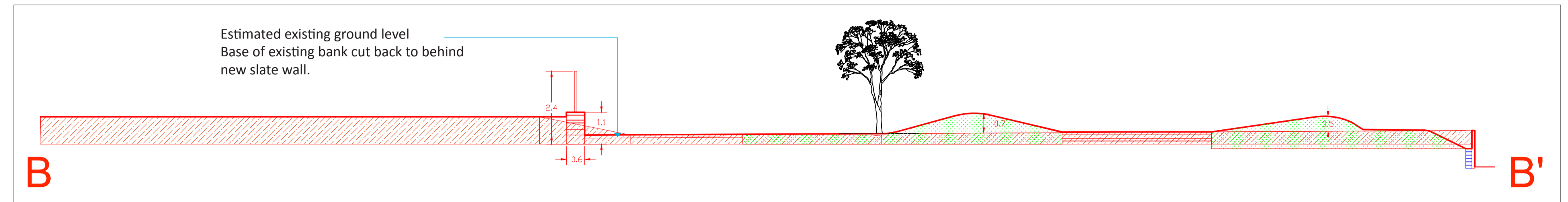
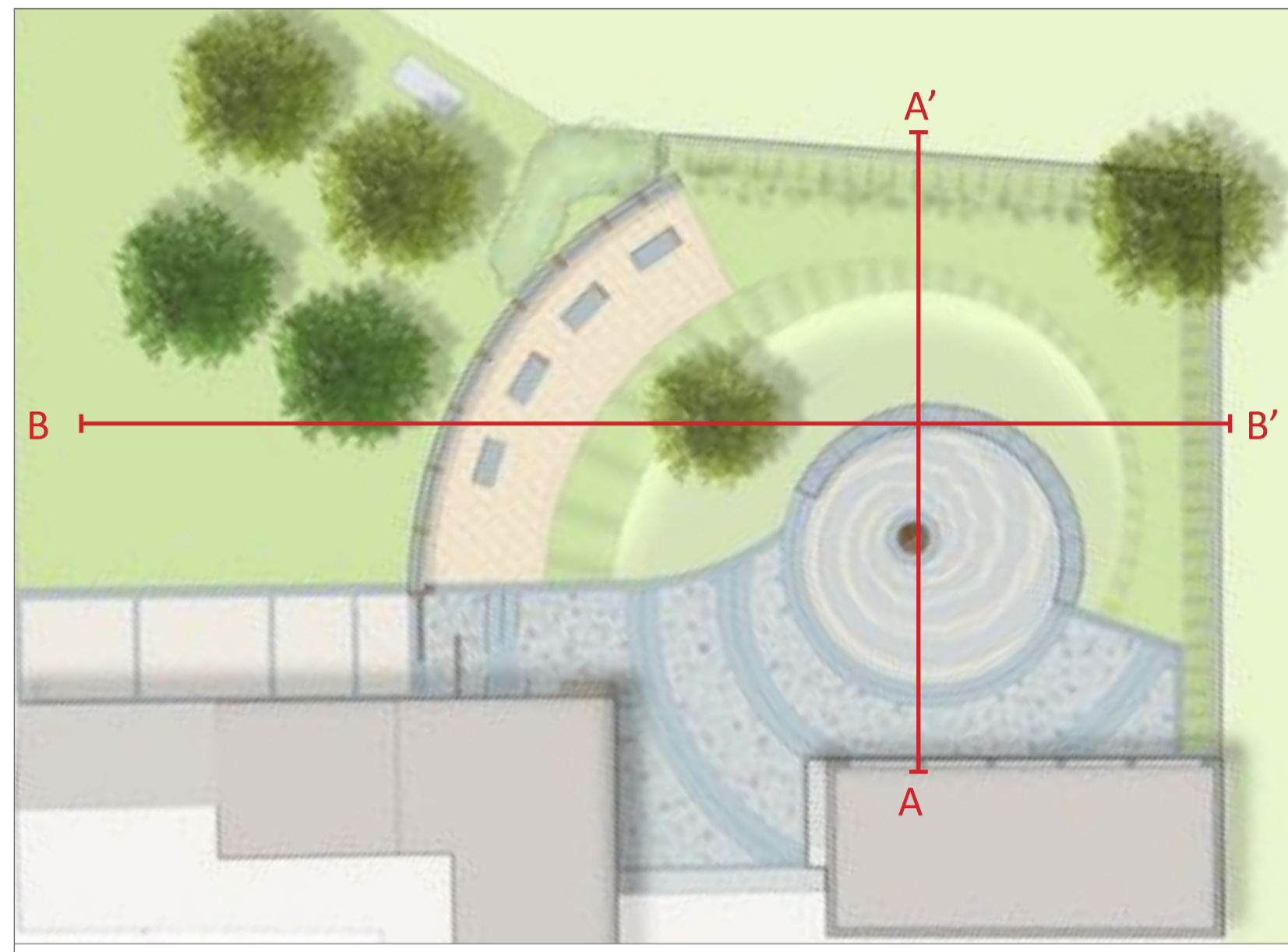
The whole space would provide level step free access and upgrade the current concrete surface which is in poor repair. The new surface would be tiled with porcelain tiles which are non slip and easy to maintain. Occasional vehicle access is retained via the two wide gates.



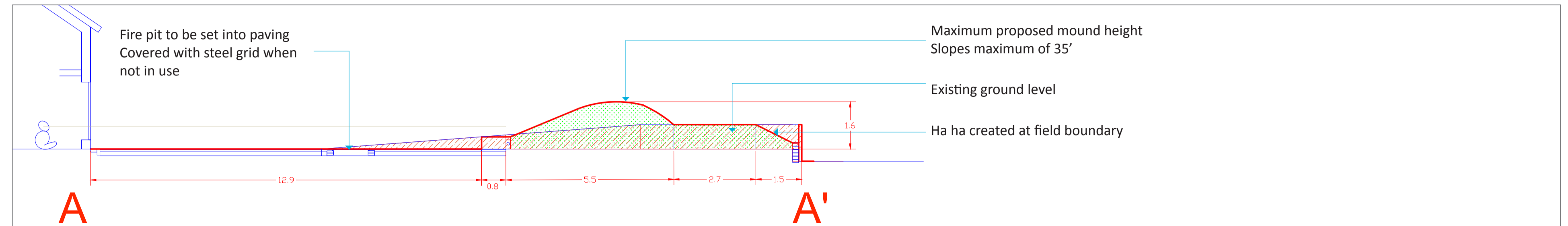
Sketch view looking west

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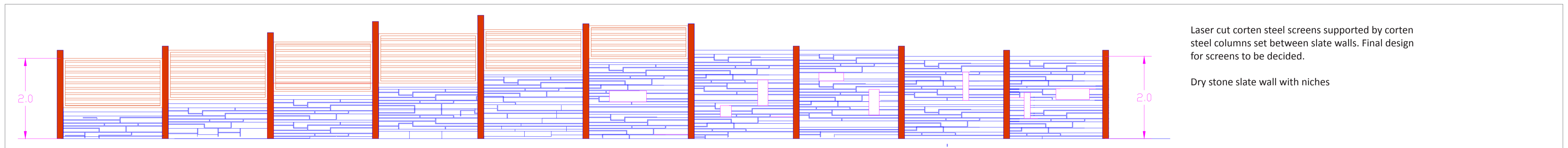
# Sections showing level changes



Section BB'



Section AA'



Laser cut corten steel screens supported by corten steel columns set between slate walls. Final design for screens to be decided.

Dry stone slate wall with niches

Outline boundary detail

# Boundary and paving ideas



Dry stone slate wall



Low wall/seat



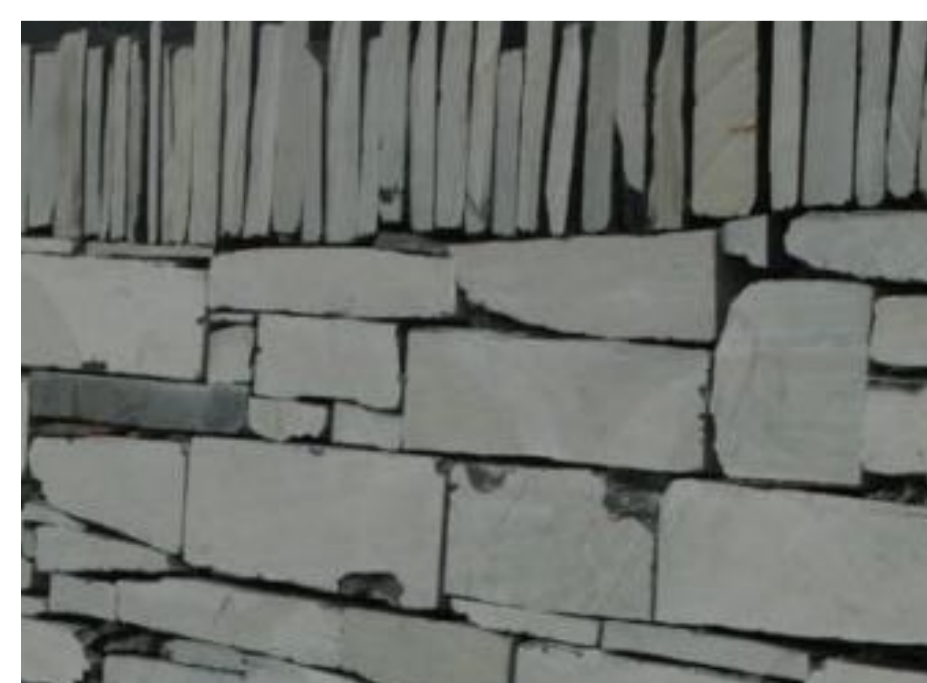
Corten steel laser cut panel ideas 1



Corten steel laser cut panel ideas 2



Corten steel laser cut panel ideas 3



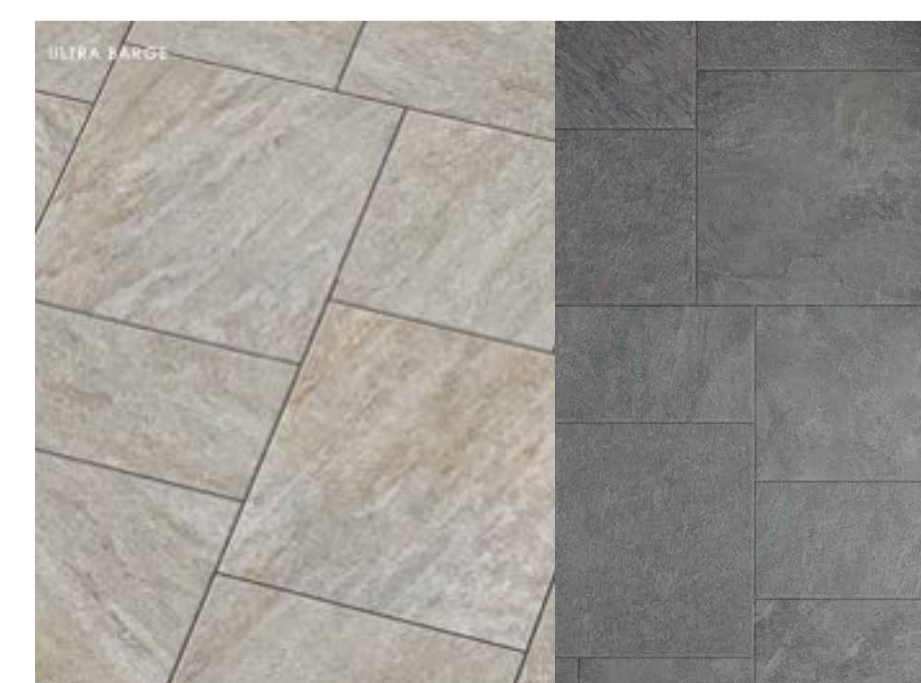
Alternative dry stone slate wall



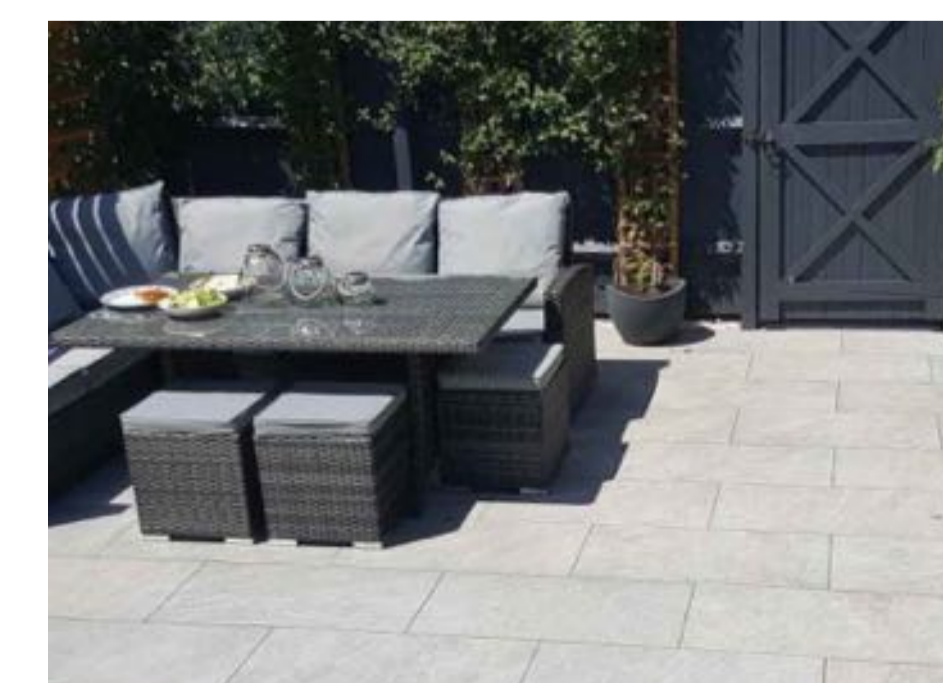
Niches in wall for candles



Text edited into slate



Regale Porcelain tiles - final colours to be decided



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