## WORMHOLE (foramen vermis)

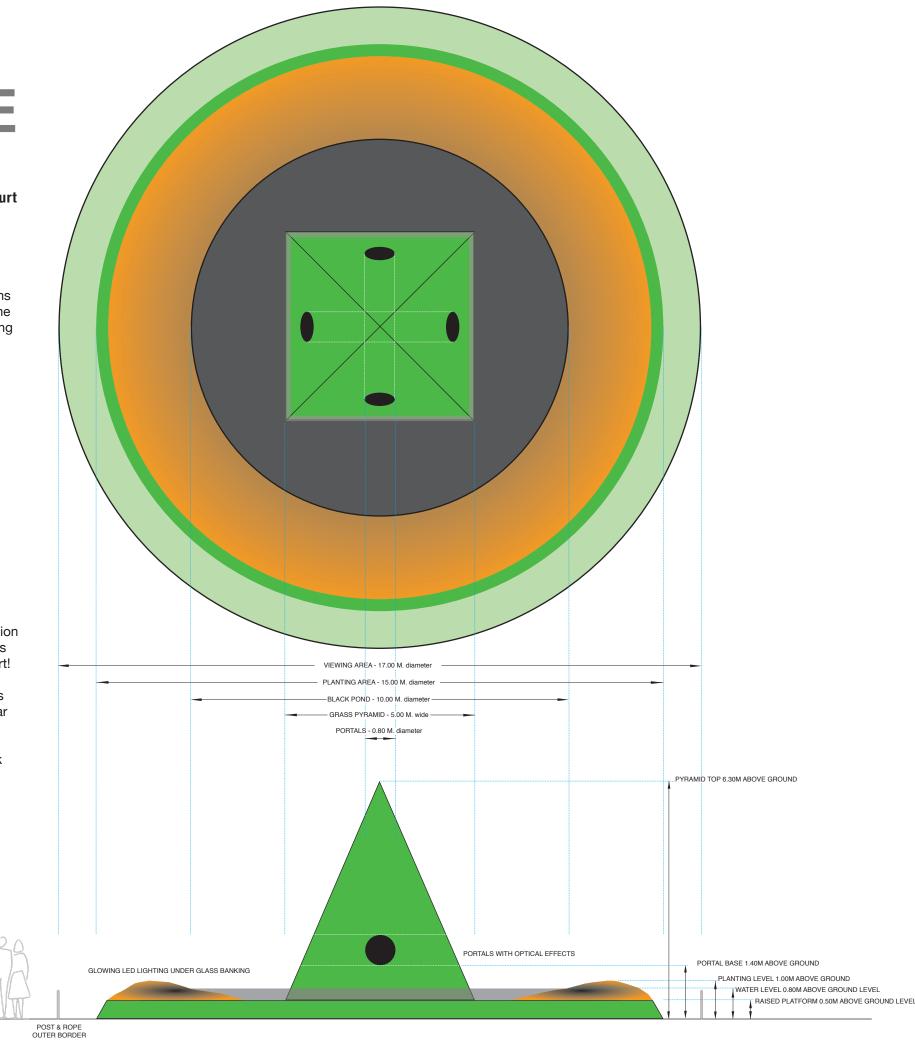
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The Universe has been calculated to be more than 50 billion light years in diameter and nearly 14 billion years old. Within, there are billions of galaxies, octillions of stars and sextillions of earth-like planets where some form of life must have evolved. It is believed that nothing exists beyond the Universe, which has continued to expand since the Big Bang and is infinite. What if the Universe does have an outer limit and there is something beyond existence? What if wormholes lead to parallel universes, other dimensions and civilisations? If so, time and space become meaningless and modern physics obsolete.

When large stars collapse black holes are created from which not even light can escape, and without light there would be no life. Perhaps ultimately all matter will be drawn into a black hole, where our Universe could be reduced in size to that of the full stop at the end of this sentence. This garden poses the question, is this the end or could the worm hole lead to a new beginning?

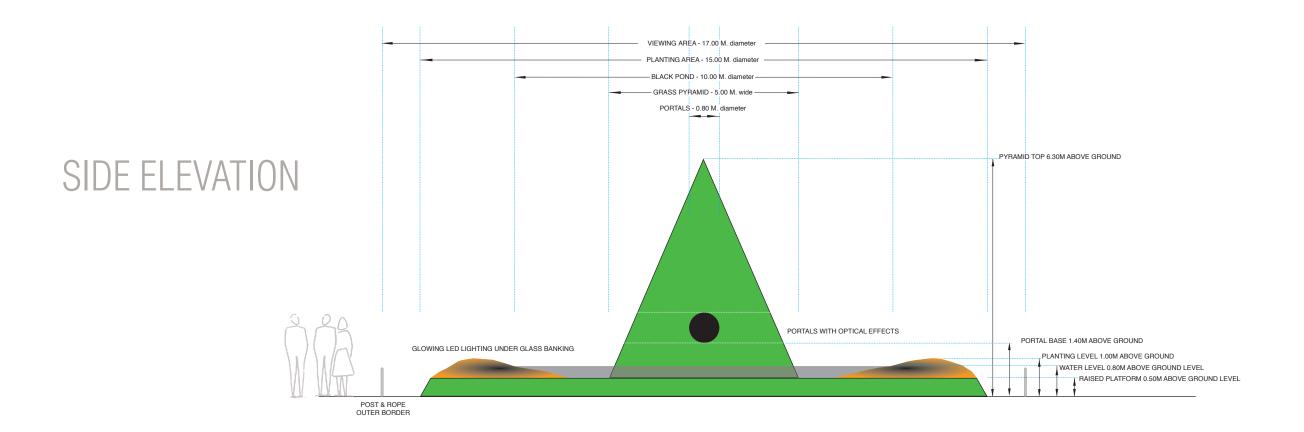
The turf pyramid in the garden is an abstract interpretation of the Universe, with the wormhole running through its centre, possibly leading us to a parallel Hampton Court! The pyramid is encircled by a pool of black water, a ring of gleaming hot looking translucent glass rocks and fiery-coloured flowers. They represent a dying star becoming an all-devouring black hole.

The planting is designed to blend into the glass bank and hint at the final solar flares of the doomed star.





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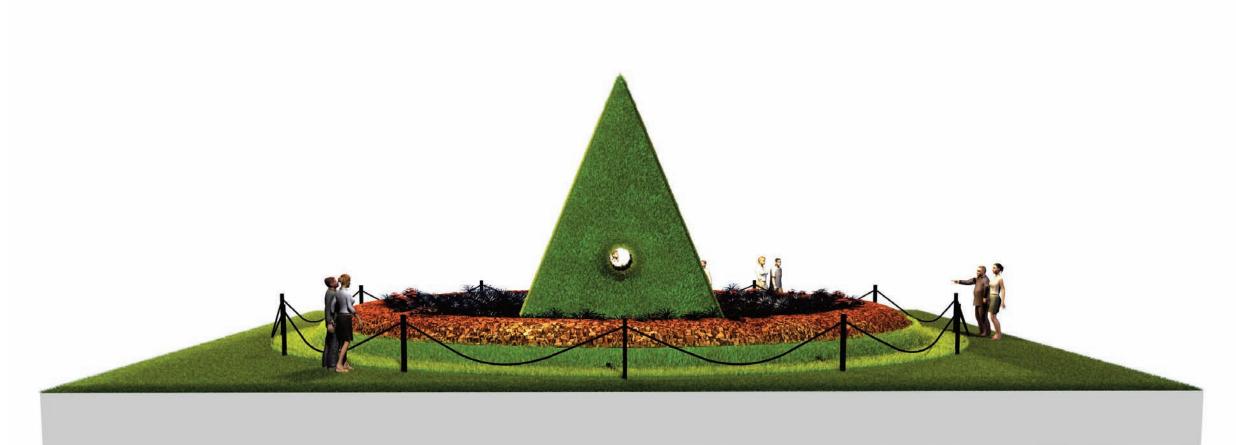








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## PERSPECTIVE THREE