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Reimagining the assisted living experience for the ageing generation

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## Home Care Home

## Reimagining the assisted living experience for the ageing generation

Home Care Home is the unique proposal for a care home for the future ageing generation, situated in the grounds of a former Royal Infirmary on the north bank of the River South Esk, where it meets the Montrose Coastal Basin. The care home is divided into two floors; the ground level serves as an open community hub for residents, family members, day care occupants and the public to enjoy every aspect of the space. It is intended to be transformed into a market hall, exhibition space or a performance auditorium, inspired by the ever-changing rockpool environment and the concept of tidal waves, which routinely change their surroundings with every tide. The waves are people who come into the home, constantly bringing fresh and exciting social opportunities for the residents who dwell within. The structure of the care home means residents still keep a form of autonomy over their daily schedule, preserving interests and hobbies in old age and providing a sense of belonging.

The first floor serves the purpose of a residential care home with a mixture of private, semi-private and public spaces to accommodate for the diversity of residents who occupy the space, allowing them to keep their sense of identity.

These spaces are inspired by fishing villages, the rooms however only act as a shell while it is the dwellers themselves who will fill the rooms with their belongings reflecting on their past and backgrounds and creating the sense of a home.

'Harbour' is a gathering spot where residents can look down onto the 'rockpool', admiring the waves of people occupying the space. 'The Pier', is an outdoor terrace where residents can stay connected with nature while taking in beautiful views of the Montrose Coastal Basin.

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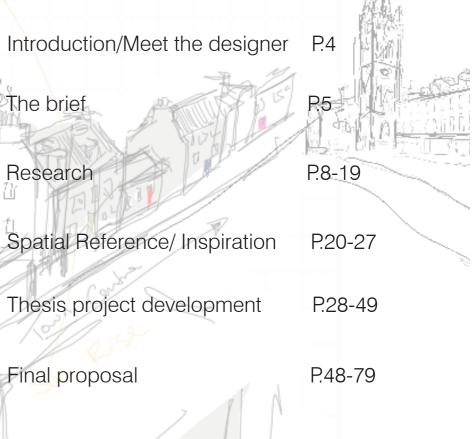
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Why? The UK population is getting older. The need for well thought-out dwellings for current and future generations is important, not only for our well-being but also for the physical and psychological benefits design can bring to the ageing process. The recent estimates by Storey (2018) suggest that there are 12 million people aged 65 and above living in the UK and by the year 2041 the 1960's baby boomers, currently in their 50's-70's will move into the older age bracket. Not only this but statistics show that by 2066 there will be an additional 8.6 million UK residents aged 65 and over; in context this number is equivalent to the size of the present London population. Historically, multigenerational families cared for their elders, however, due to the economic growth and endless possibilities for a younger generation to travel, the need for better design solutions for the elderly is an important task for designers. These statistics were therefore greatly considered and massively influenced the work in this project, with the mental well-being of the residents and practicality being at the forefront of every decision.

What am I designing?

In my final project I am proposing to reimagine the care home environment. After having first-hand experience working in the social sector I think it's vital for our elders to feel comfortable and valued in old age. Such spaces should focus on residents and the vast diversity of people who dwell within. The home should provide its inhabitants with a sense of belonging while embracing their identities, offering control and autonomy over their personal spaces and a variety of different social spaces to accommodate the varied personalities. By opening the doors to neighbouring communities, this will help to improve the overall mental wellbeing of the residents by bridging gaps between generations and encouraging social interactions. This proposal will take inspiration from existing examples of healthcare architecture as well as research studies which have been carried out in several care homes globally. Who for?

About me Home Care Home



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## Hello.

I'm Zaklina, an Interior and Environmental design student at Duncan of Jordanstone University of Dundee. Through the four years of my studies, I have produced a number of projects which each helped shape me into the designer I am today. I am interested in solving real life problems and working alongside people as well as investigating personal subject matters. Within this publication I am proud to present to you my body of work, influenced by numerous research papers and personal observations throughout my time studying and working as a care assistant. Through these experiences and my studies, I have gained a number of skills which helped to influence and give a unique edge to this project. IW

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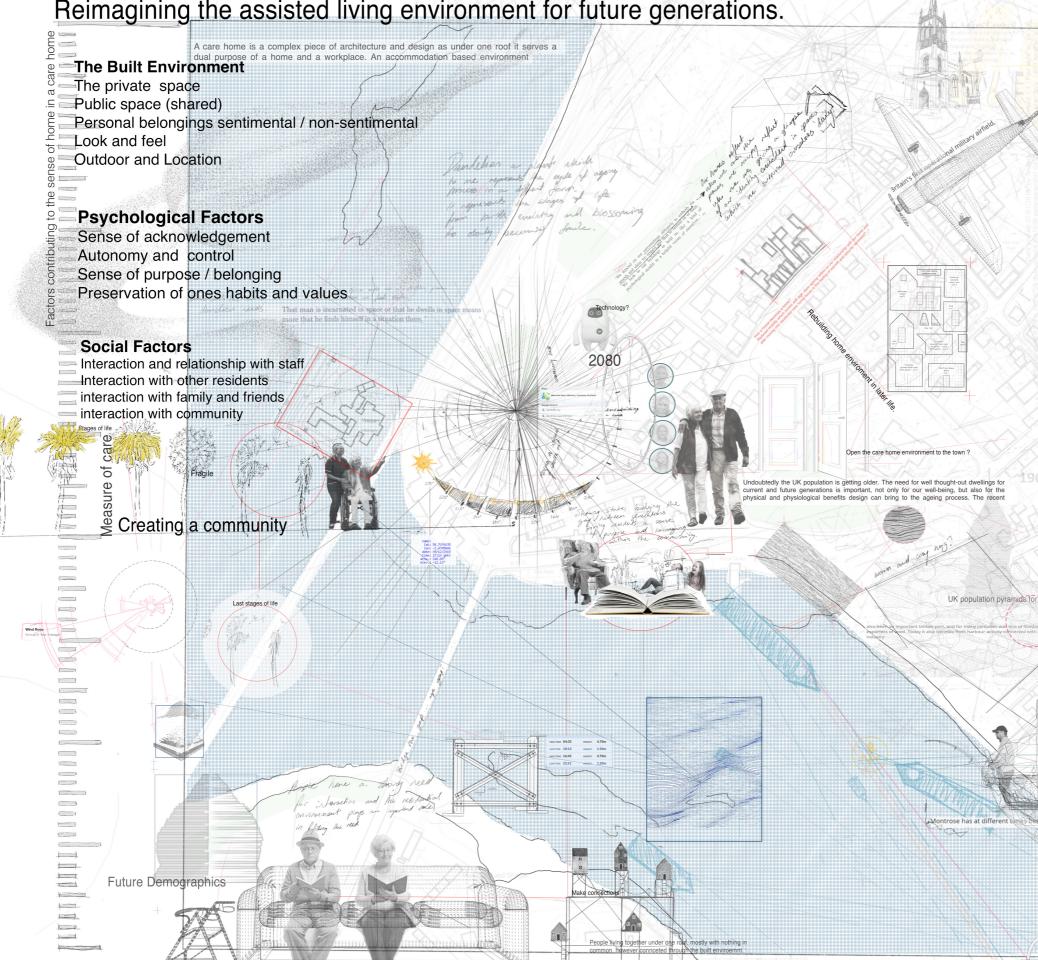
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The design is split in half with ground floor serving the purpose of a community centre open to both the residents and the neighbouring community. The First floor acts as a care home as well as an independent living facility which will act as a retirement based accommodation. Theses spaces will accommodate a variety of user groups starting from the residents to staff, family, friends and the public.

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## Reimagining the assisted living environment for future generations.



IED/djcad 05.2020 UK population pyramids for past, current and future generation

## What is a Care Home?

A care home is a complex piece of architecture and design, as under one roof it serves a dual purpose of both a home and a workplace. It is an accommodationbased environment where residents require personal care including washing and dressing, medical care and hosting for activity programmes. Some care homes can be dual-registered, where both residential and nursing care is provided depending on the occupant's needs and requirements. Establishments can be run by non-profit or privately-owned companies and the architecture of the building can vary depending on design and location, with some homes having been purposely built to serve the need for residential care and others having been adapted from existing infrastructure.



Throughout my time working as a care assistant I have observed small problems which could be corrected by adjustments in the facility's design. The main problem is trying to create a sense of community. Care homes can be a stationary environment, however these spaces contain masses of knowledge, stories and offer the unique experience of visiting the past through anothers eyes. It is a space which often feels closed off from the community.

Through personal experience I have noted that a buzz is created when members from the outside community come into the

home. This sparked an idea of creating a community hub and a care home where knowledge and stories from the past can be shared and passed down to others,  $\stackrel{\text{od}}{=}$  maintaining a sense of identity and purpose in old age. Care homes should b looked at from a different angle than the generic design, although it is usually o last stop in life it should be filled with j and excitement while embracing the p te who dwell within. home.







#### Community in old age survey & Interview

People stated that being a part of community will improve their mental well-being in old age.

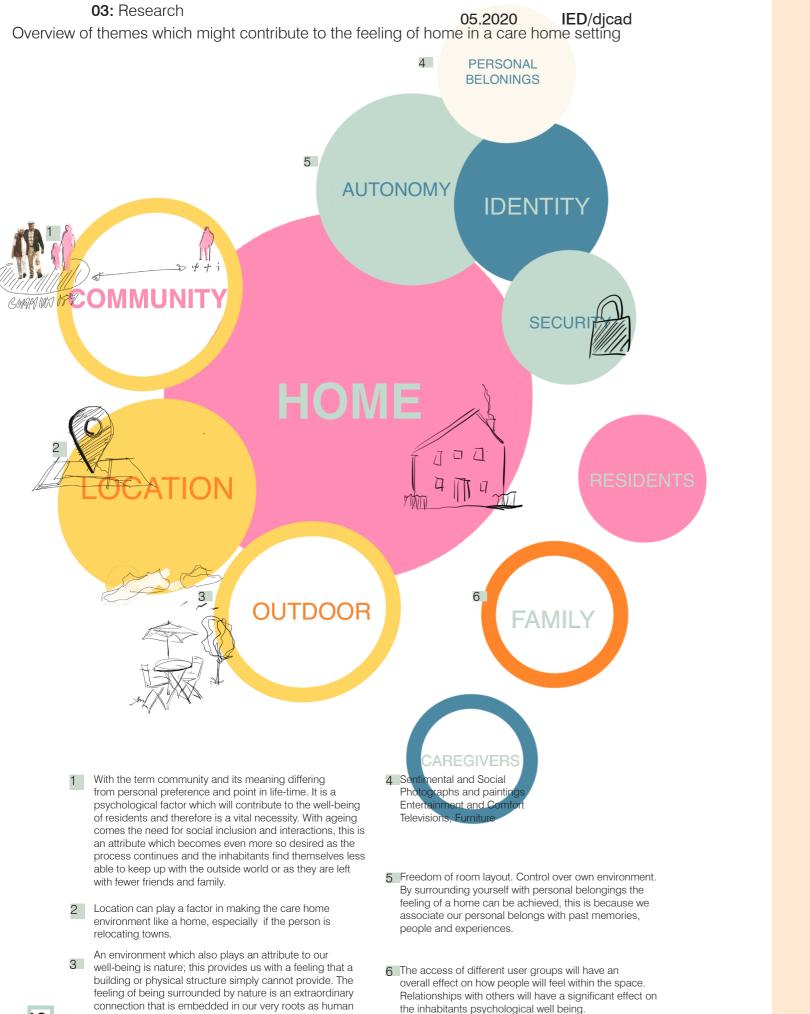


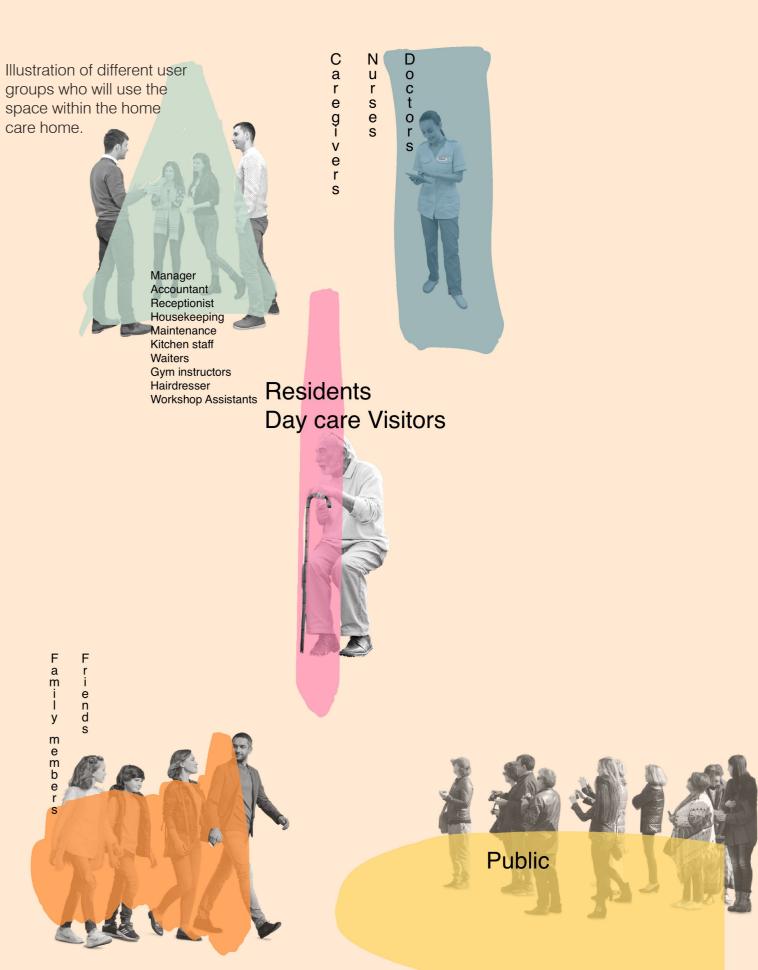
connections are as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. (Holt-Lunstad, 2010)

Community in old age



- 'It's very important for the resident to be a part of community, because if the resident is not mobile the community can come to them.' A.A eral Manager at 1 - 2 F. Care Home 'I once worked in a care home combined with a day centre. It was the best home I
- ever worked in. Permanent residents loved the variety of people visiting the space and it made me so happy as a carer to see



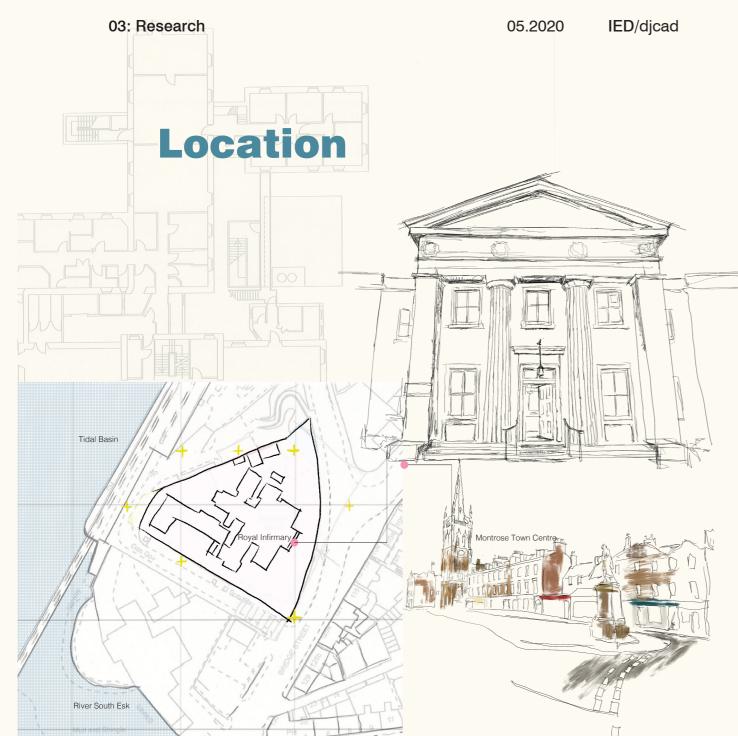


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beings. This feeling has a positive effect on both people

and residents of a care home.

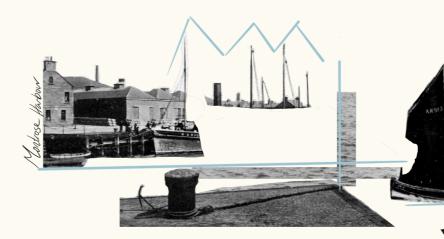
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Home Care Home is situated in Montrose, with a population of around 12000. The town/is located 30 miles north of Dundee and 40 miles south of Aberdeen. With attractive townscape, harbour and basin, the structure is located off Bridge Street on the edge of the town centre. Originally built as a Hospital it is located on the north bank of the River South Esk where it meets the Montrose Coastal Basin. Surrounding properties are mainly residential with some commercial users close by. The structure has exceptional views over the basin and river. The Structure formally used as a hospital is of traditional sandstone construction Greek Revival Design and 2 storeys in height. Designed by James Collie and William Alexander in 1836, the infirmary served the purpose of a hospital for locals from Montrose. Throughout the years this Victorian piece of architecture brought many lives into this world as well as providing end of life care. It closed its doors in 2018 due to high running costs and the decaying structure making it too expensive to run. Currently on the market for sale, it is an A listed structure.

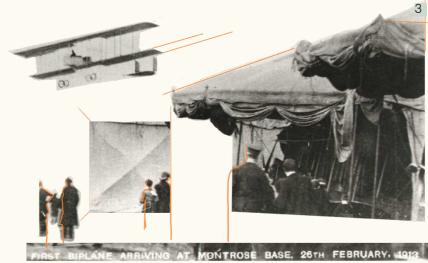
## **Montrose History**

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2 During the 16th century, Montrose had a thriving tobacco trade, vessels would leave the harbour for North-America, taking cargoes full of locally manufactured textiles, and returning with holds of tobacco leaves.

At the end of the 1700's, the town became one of Scotland's main timber ports. Pine came imported from Scandinavia and Canada for the British market and to be treated and re-exported to America as dressed timber. These trading ships often carried extra cargo, emigrants who were bound for life in the New World.



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1 Montrose is a town that thrived as a seaport, this is reiterated by its motto; Mare Ditat, Rosa Decorat which means 'the sea enriches, the thorn adorns' and portravs its nature as a trading town. Historical data shows that Montrose had an offshore, commercial fishing industry dating back to 1420, where the main export was dried cod. During the medieval years, Montrose had a legal monopoly on exporting fish which meant all fish caught along the entire Angus coast had to be exported through Montrose.

Montrose Basin was a source of bait for the fishing communities which inhabited the Angus coastline with the shallow water and regularly exposed sandy bed providing extensive mussel beds, and quantities of both g-worm and rag-worm.

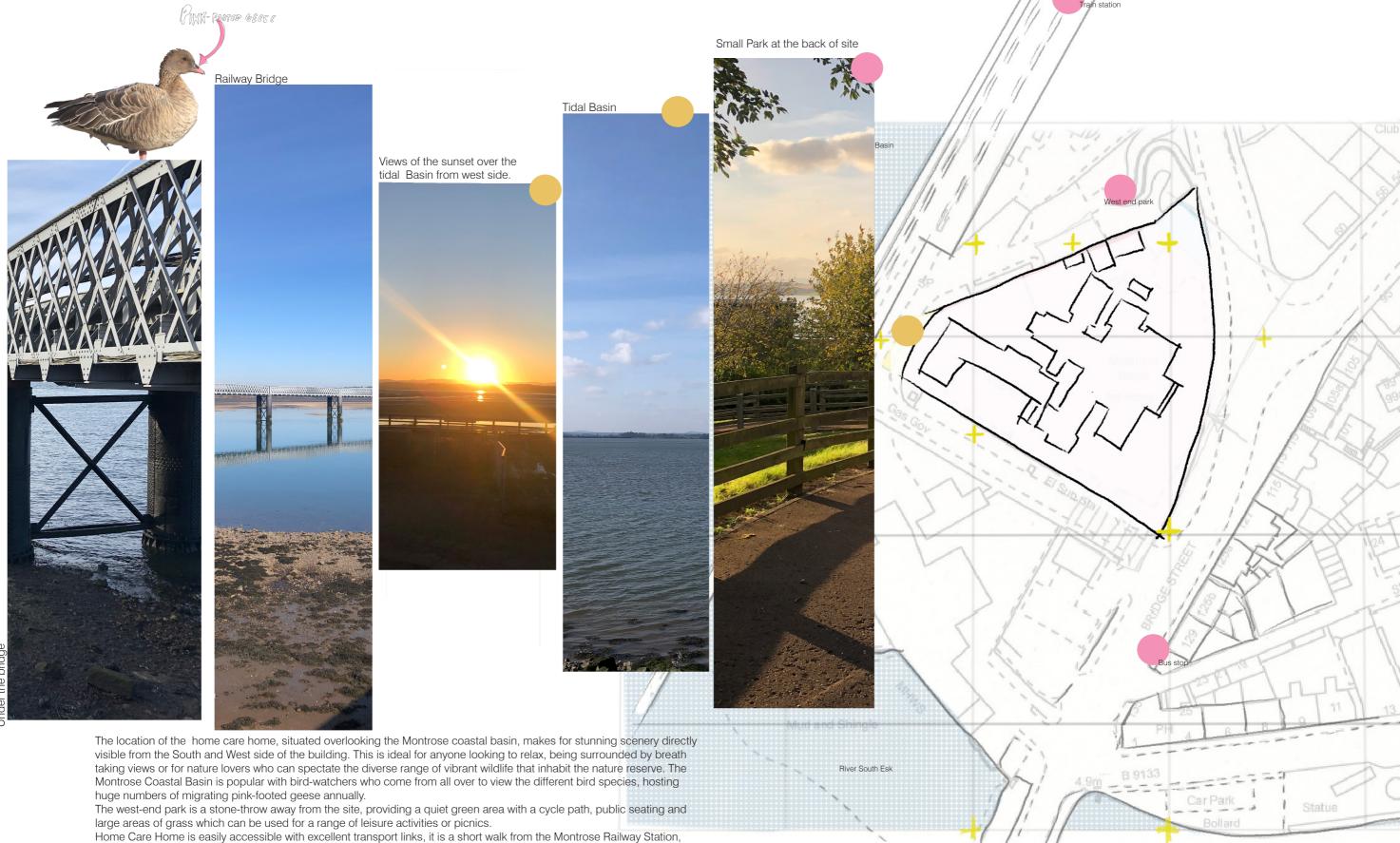


3 On 26th February 1913, RAF Montrose opened to become the first operational military airfield in the UK and the first military airfield in Scotland. The airfield trained and stationed some of the best and most well-known pilots and squadrons from all over Europe and the allied nations, playing a pivotal role in both World Wars.

Post World War 1 one the airfield grounds were used for the production and maintenance of the Lewis machine gun and in 1936 was re-opened as 'No.8 Flying Training School'.

After World War 2 the airfield was used for the repair and maintenance of a range of military aircraft, before it was permanently closed in 1952.

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which offers regular train journeys all over Scotland, with Dundee and Aberdeen only a short ride away. It is easily accessible from car being situated near Montrose town centre, a short drive from the A90 motorway which connects the cities of Aberdeen and Dundee. There are a number of bus stops nearby which can be used for transport all over Scotland. There is plenty of shopping opportunities nearby, with large supermarkets such as Tesco and Aldi within 200m of the location, and smaller local shops providing a range of goods on Montrose high street which is also within walking distance.





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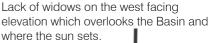
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Montrose Royal Infirmary Observations



Metal mesh staircase

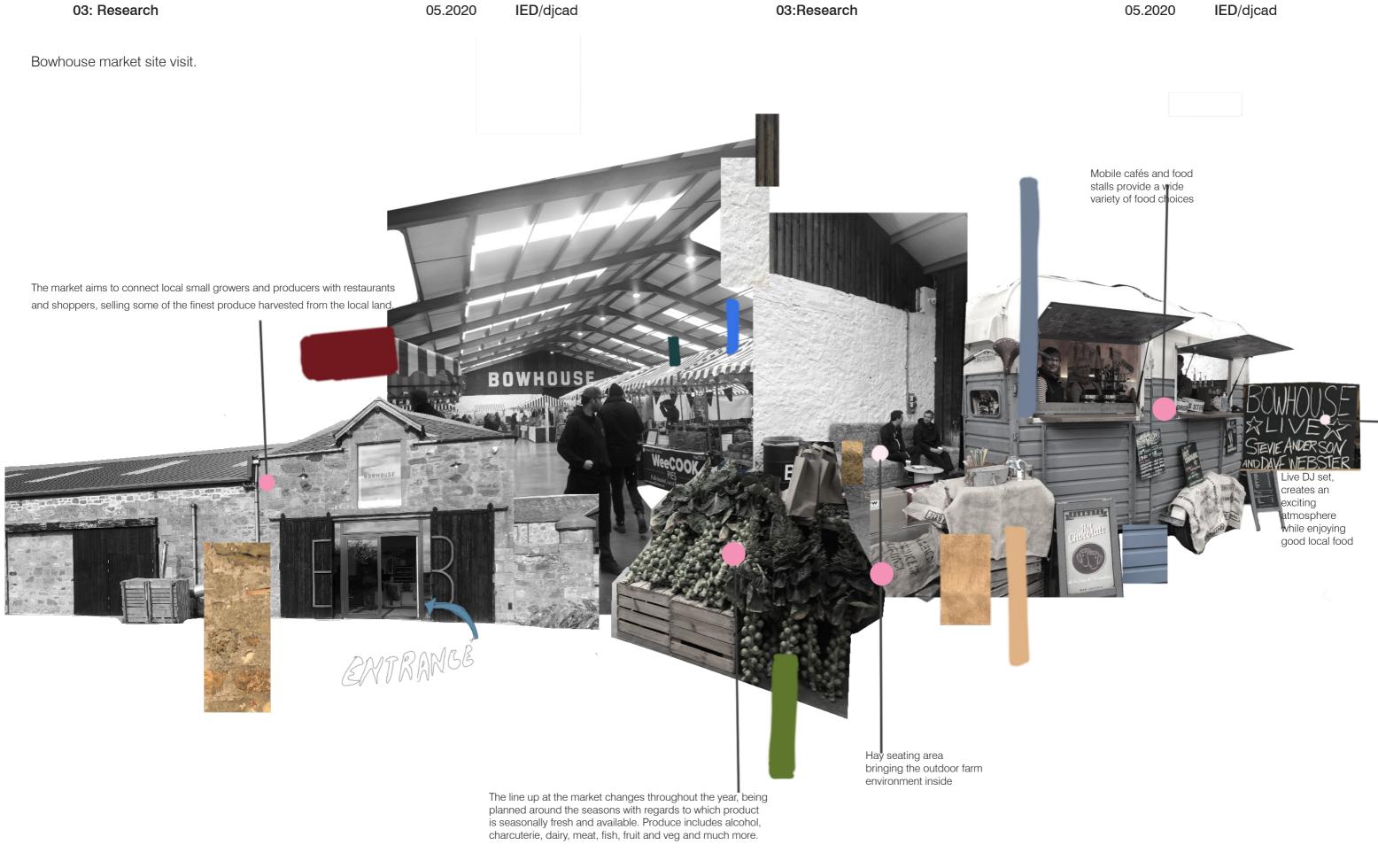
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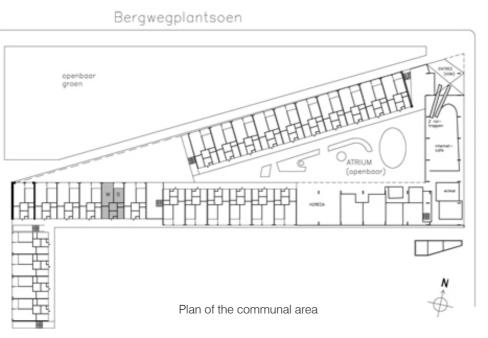
#### Humanitas Bergweg EGM Architects 2013

Located in Rotterdam Netherlands built in 1996. the concept behind it is the 'apartment for life', with a recent renovation by EGM Architects in 2013. The emphasis being on positive well-being of its residents and enhancing the ability to live independently throughout the ageing process.

The communal living room has an opening to the surrounding neighbourhood. The purpose of this is to reinforce social connections with approximately 20 activities planned per week in this space. The principle behind the design is autonomy, giving the occupants freedom of choice, the 'use it or lose it' approach which in Dutch philosophy is related to personal goals and strength and provides encouragement of living independently as long as possible. (ljeh, l. 2013). The philosophy of the apartments for life will have a positive impact on its occupants letting the elderly age in a controlled environment but where there is still a sense of independence and choices are made through preference. This piece of architecture allows interaction to happen in an interesting way and by adapting such choices it is evident that the dwellers feeling of inclusion will be fulfilled.



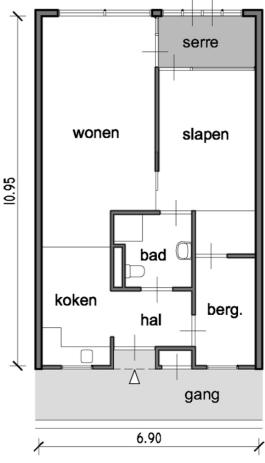




The apartment for life is designed carefully to encourage social interactions; each floor has a living room, kitchen and laundry room. Residents are allowed to eat their meals in any area from personal space to living room or restaurant, providing autonomy and control over parts of daily routines. The special layout of the Humanitas Berweg encourages residents to live as a community. The design concept is formed around the creation of public space like the 'village square' which is encouraged to be used by residents and members of the surrounding community. The atrium can be observed from the apartments where residents can overlook a busy environment without participating.

This allows people with physical limitations who have no remaining family or friends left to benefit from social interactions in communal spaces, all owing to the layout of this design. Theoretically this reduces the chances of social exclusion for those who would otherwise be isolated by physical barriers and suffering from loneliness. As a result, it will give a sense of acceptance and belonging which will create a more homely atmosphere.





Plan of the Appartment

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Examples of architecture for ageing population and health care facilities





#### 1 Greenwich housing Bell Phillips Architects

Bungalows designed after the council identified the number of retirement age tenants occupying large houses. With this in mind the architects came up with a solution of bungalow dwelling for the ageing population who wish to downsize.



Cancer centre Nord Architects 2005 A place for recovery, healthcare cancer centre facility for patients in Copenhagen

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3 Selfoss Care home Laving close to nature and family (2017) Nord Architects Place where the elderly live in close connection with the surrounding nature and in varied social networks adjusted by the individuals

needs and preferences.





1 New Ground Pollard Thomas Edwards Senior co-housing project in the UK. Cre-

identity and community.

spaces that establish a sense of group

#### 2 Bioscleave Madeline Gins and Shusaku Arakawa

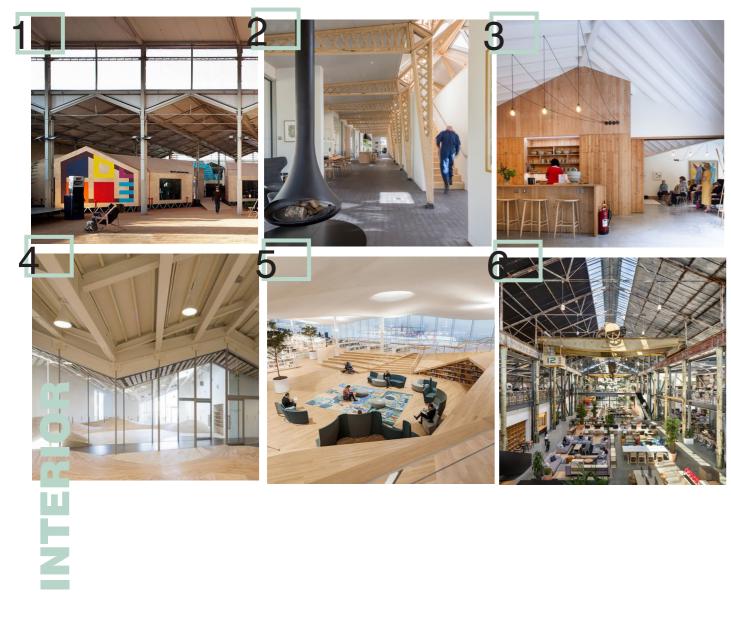
A dwelling which is intended to conquer the ageing ates 25 bespoke homes and several shared process. The design is intended to keep the user's senses active in an interesting and engaging manner through architectural elements and its characteristics. It encourages residents to be actively challenged within the space, using tactile materials and irregular pathways, the user's mind is actively working while navigating the space. The vivid colours and different patterns constantly challenge the brain.



#### 3 Santa Rita Geriatric Center / Manuel Ocaña 2003

The idea behind this design is to create a characteristic atmosphere in a vital space where spare time prevails and where residents spend the last years or months of their lives.

# Inspiration



Red Bull Music Academy Langarita-Navarro Arquitectos



Maggie's Centre Cardiff Dow Jones Architects 3

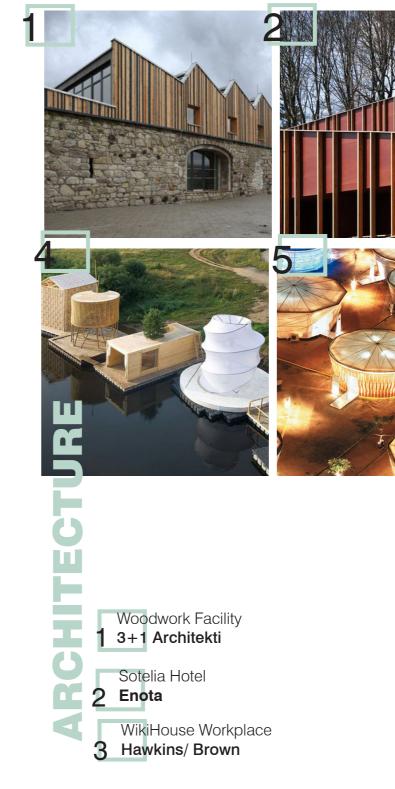




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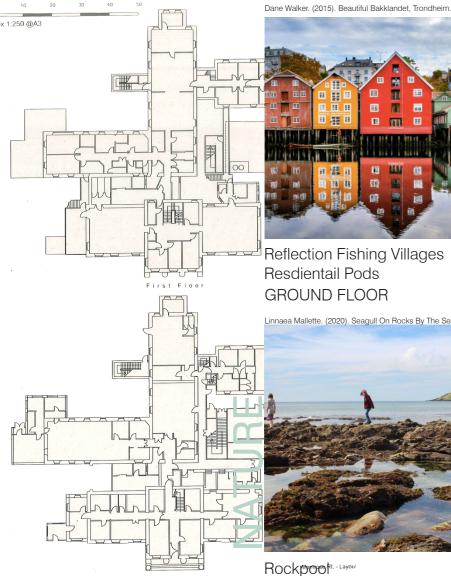


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- Kaluga Floating Sauna Rintala Eggertsson Architects 4
- Translucent Gems for India Markus Heinsdorff 5
- Lugano Kindergarden 6 Bruno Fioretti





Reflection Fishing Villages

everchanging enviroment

with every tide.

Linnaea Mallette. (2020). Seagull On Rocks By The Sea.

Curious World . (2019). Square Waves - Dangerous Natural Phenomenon



Waves Crashing **Roof Sturcture** 

Dane Walker. (2015). Beautiful Bakklandet, Trondheim.



Rocks Varying levels of rocks allow for natural seating.

Taking inspiration from the coastal landscape surrounding the location. This helps to represent movement over time, these environments are forever changing and reflective of life's cycles. The intention behind this inspiration is to bring life to its residents and staff and to enjoy a shared experience of community in later life.

Ken Bagnall. (2020). Crail Harbour

Liam Kay. (2018). Hastings Pier sold after charity owner went into administration.



Harbour Primary Path

Pier Primary Path Vantage Point

Brooks Hays. (2017). Limpets repair their damaged shells with

Vanessa Amaral-Rogers. (2015). 7 beadlet anemone facts you



Limpits Market Space



Sea Anemone Performance Space



Mike Campbell. (2019). Brighton West Pier



Array Structural Support

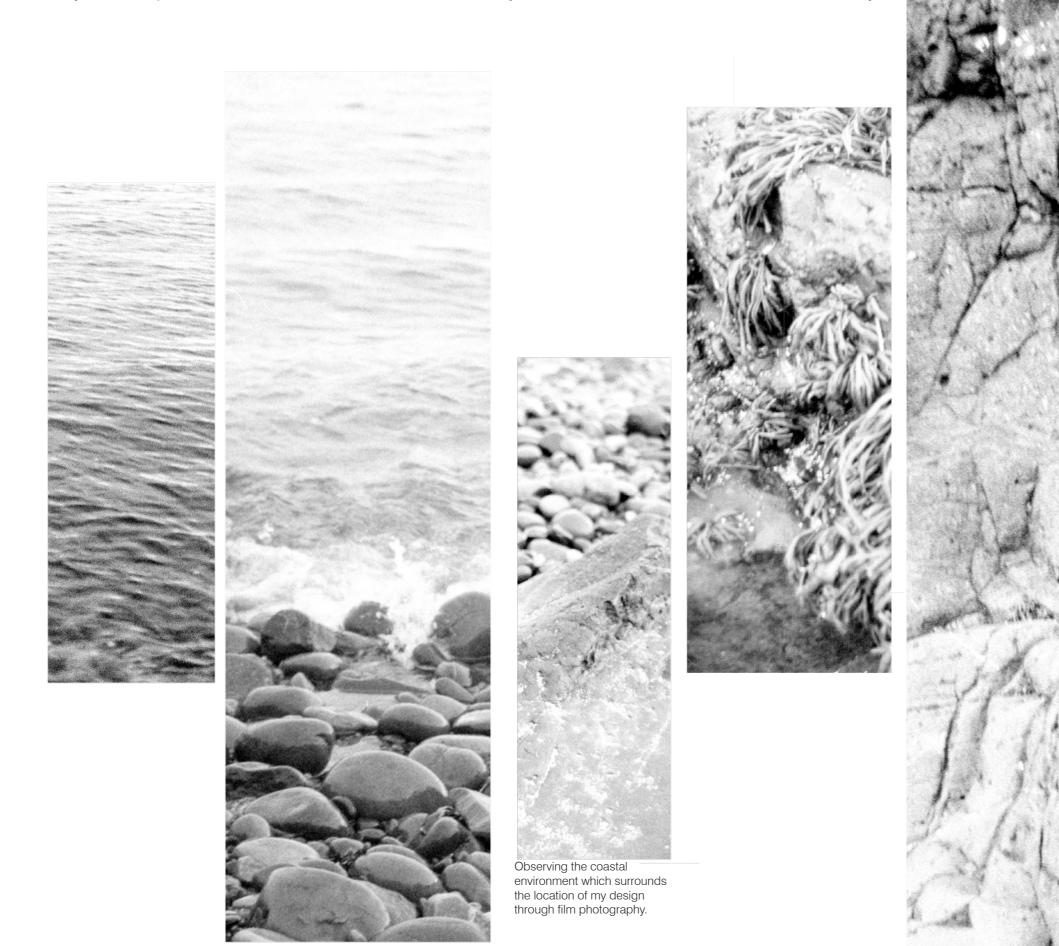
Nick Hobgood. (2020). Starfish

Starfish **Exhibition Space** 

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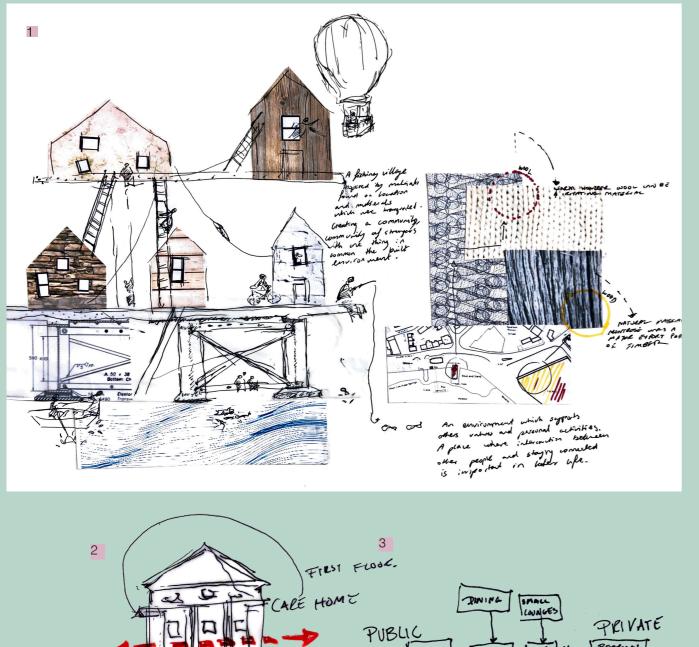
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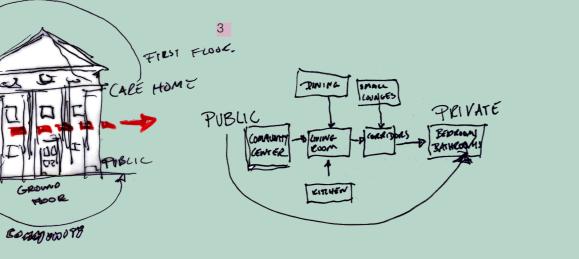
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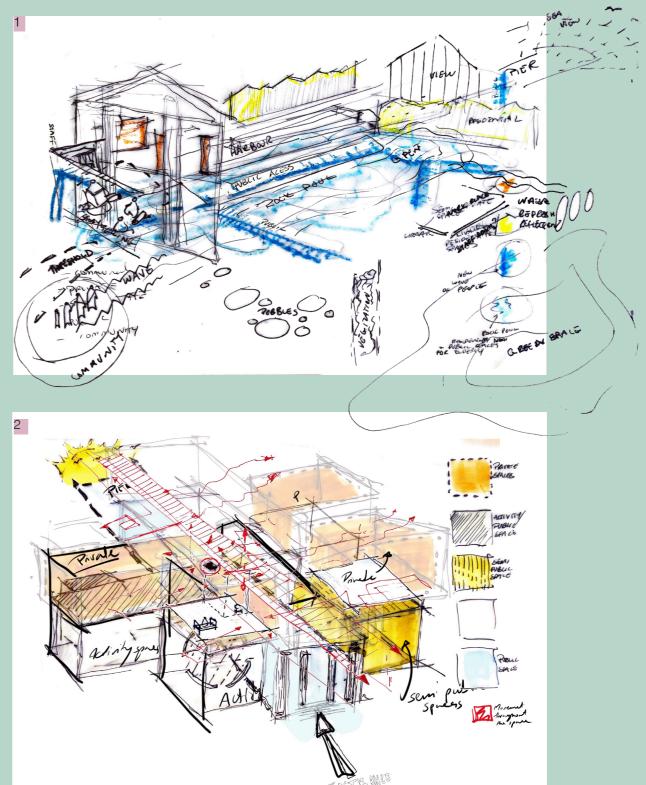


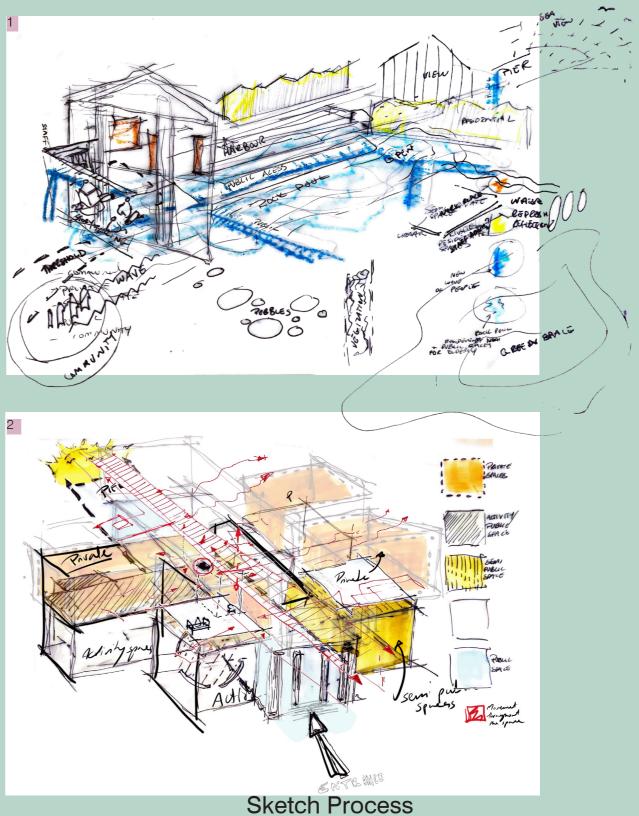


#### **Sketch Process**

- 1 Sketching the fishing village and interactions which might take place within the space.
- 2 Dividing the care home into two. Ground floor serving the purpose of communi-ty center open to public, first floor is the care home.

3 Investigating the transition between public and private spaces from ground floor to first floor.





- **1** Sketch illustrating the waves of public entering the space while residents are engaging in storytelling. Blue signifies the waves of public occupying the ground floor space.
- 2 Blocking different zones where a variety of activities will take place; Orange private spaces, angled stripes signify the activity rooms, vertical stripes show the semi- public spaces, Blue is the public space located in the middle of the structure.

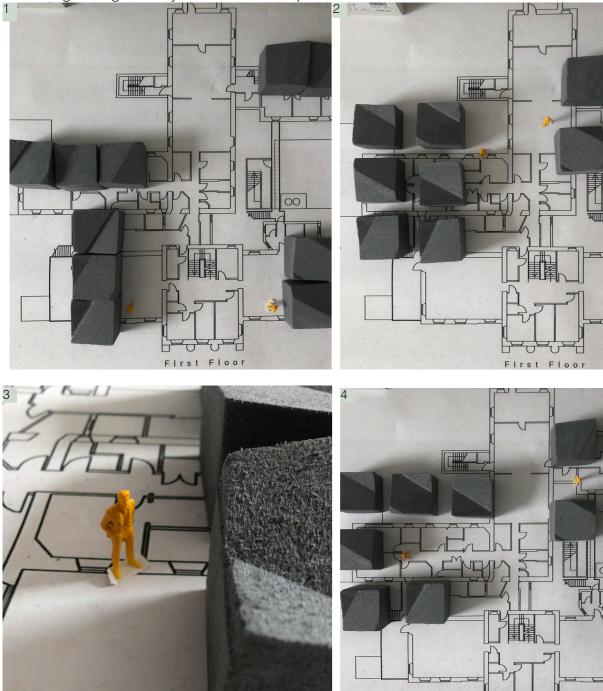
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Thinking through the layout of residential pods



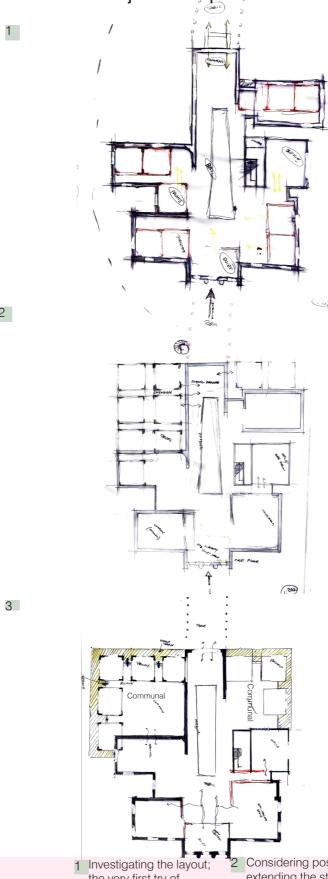
1 Testing with the layout of the res-idential pods with cnc'd model at scale 1:100 and plans.

A close up photograph of the model at scale 1:100 and plans.

2 Placing the pods in grid pattern

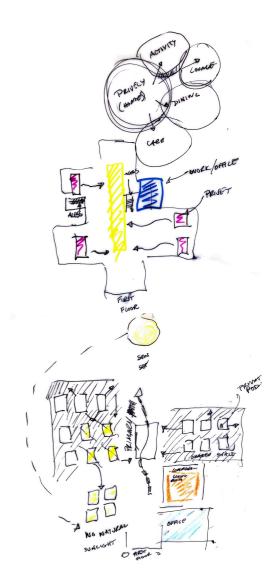
BOUT First Floor

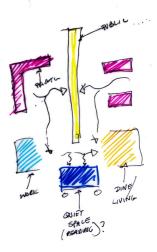
The grid pattern continues however its spread apart for constant natural sunlight and 4 views outdoors.



the very first try of composing a layout of the first floor, however this is not successful due to the low number of rooms, the building itself is restricting with the layout.

positioning the pods in a grid pattern, this layout will not work due to the limited amout of natural sunlight coming into the space.





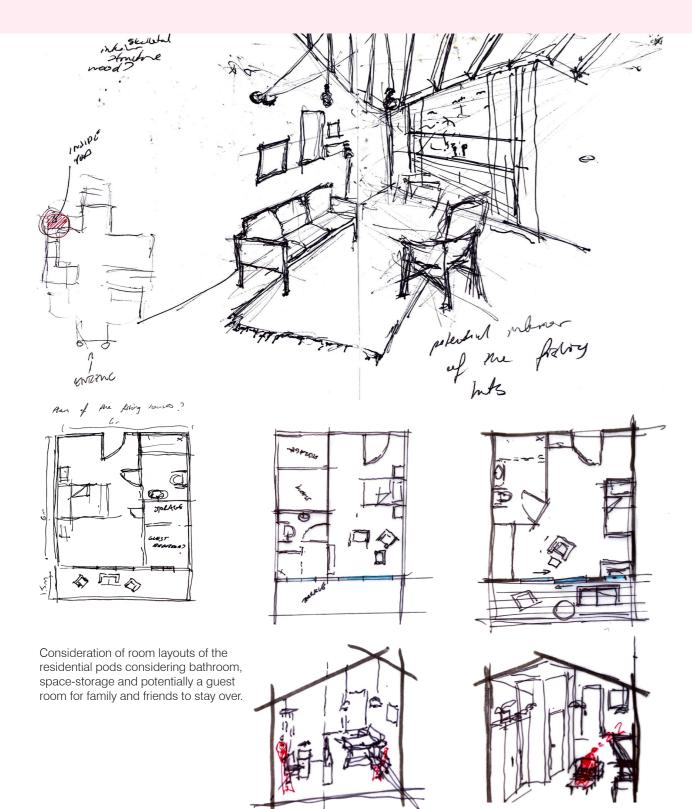
Considering possiblity of extending the structure and creating south and north wings with accommodation based pods and a communal balcony visible in yellow. Both wings have large open communal spaces, shown in the middle.

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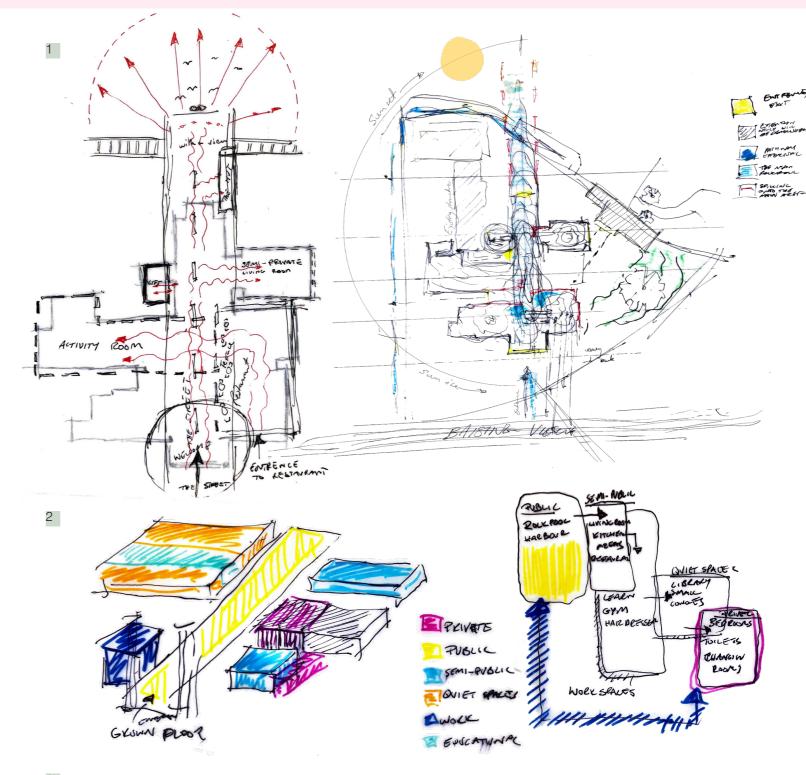
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Room Layout First floor



Ground Floor



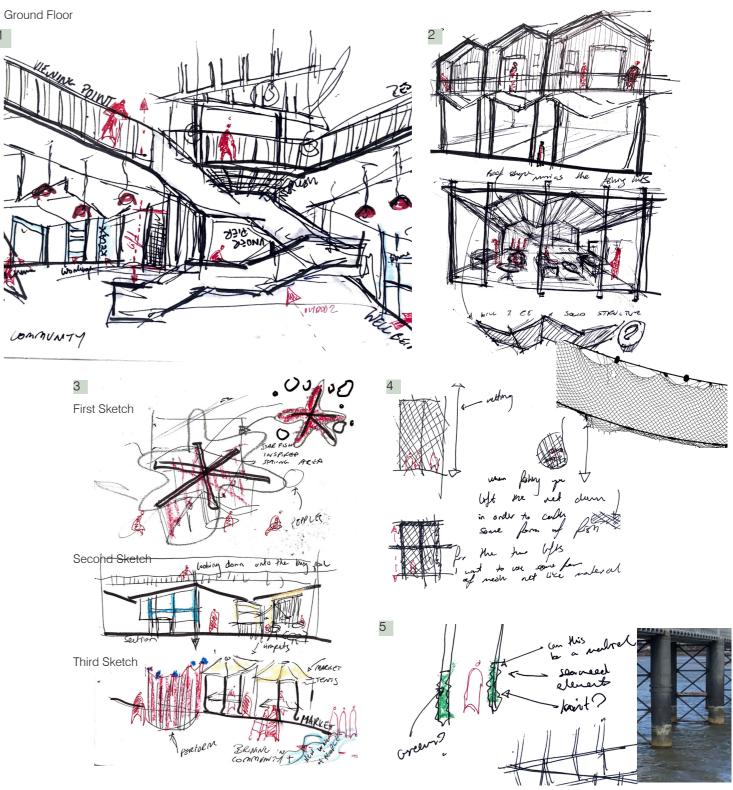
 Visualising the potential movement through the ground floor space

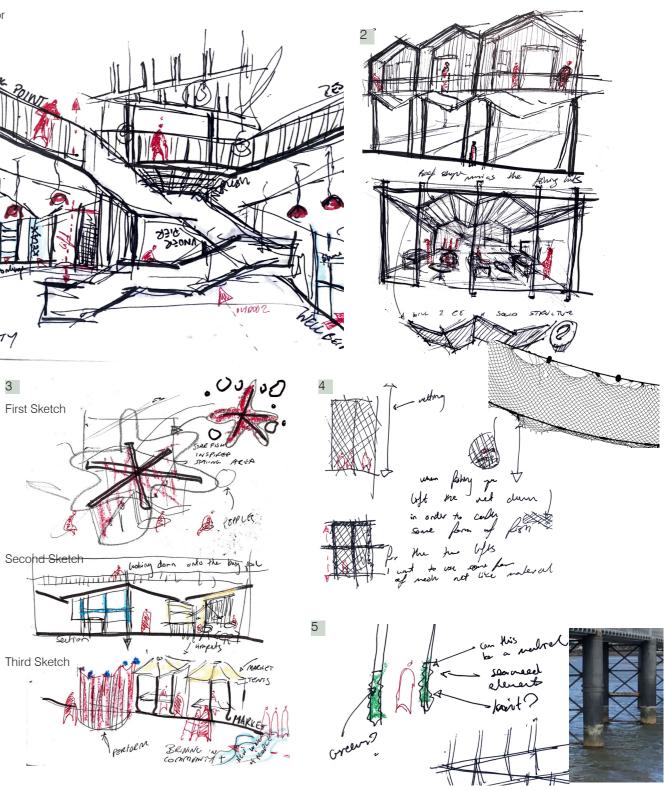
2 Zoning the different spaces.

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Rock pool Ground Floor (MUNITY POY/SELB VERS SAT EVERY SAT MARKET AT HOME CARE HOME EOPEN SVI

Sketch of the rockpool environment showing different temporary structures that will be in the space, attracting new visitors. This shows the market space influenced by limpets, where local farmers and others can sell their goods.





1 Perspective drawing of the 2 Exterior sketch 3 First sketch- shows the seating community space showing the of the residential area influenced by the starfish levels within the structure and pods showing some interactions which will the reflected roof Second sketch- Elevation take place within the space. structure of the Here, people can look down ground floor. onto the space if they do not feel like taking part in the activities happening below.

with pebble seating around it. showing entrance to the north wing of the wellbeing centre, followed by bar and restaurant open to the public Third sketch- shows the market and performance space inspired by limpets and sea anemone.

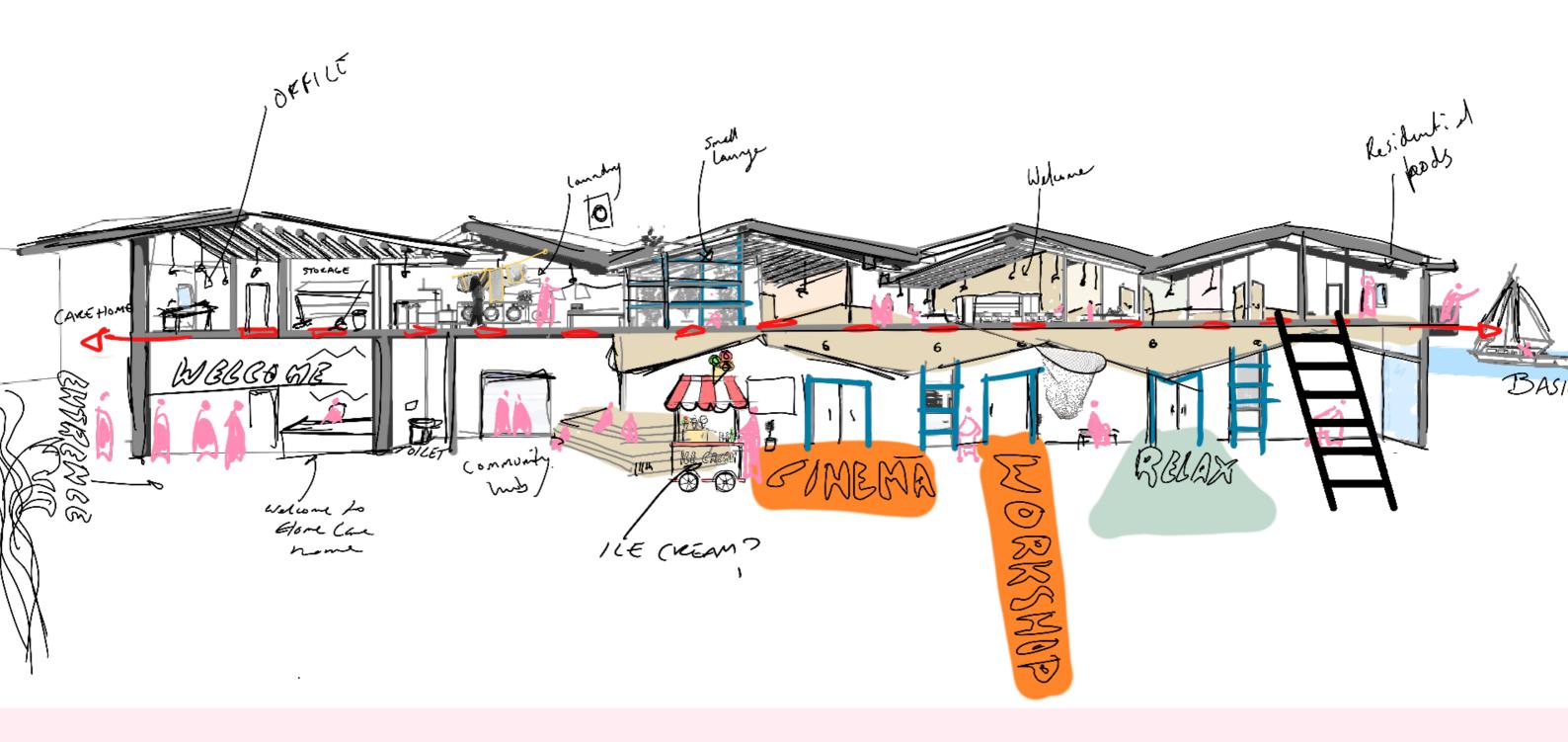
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for the lift, influenced of the pillars which by the concept of fishing nets and the idea of descending down and up.

4 Developing the idea 5 Sketching out ideas support the roof above, covering these with green plants or paint to suggest the build-up of algae and seaweed like pillars would if they were 37 under water.

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Section illustration the layout out and highlighting the roof structure.

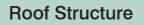


## **Model Making**





First sketch model of the fishing village

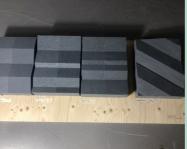






Prototype 1

Prototype 2





All 4 Protoypes

Final Roof Shape



Experimenting with window

Photograph of the final roof structure

Cnc'd models experimenting with roof structures for the first floor internal residential pods.

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Prototype 3









Performance space sketch model

# **Final Model**









Development of the residential pods inspired fishing villages.



Façade of the structure



Residential pods



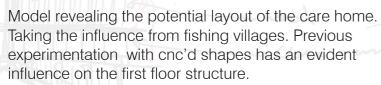
Sketch model revealing the ground floor layout





Sketch model revealing the first floor residential pods

North facing communal corridor





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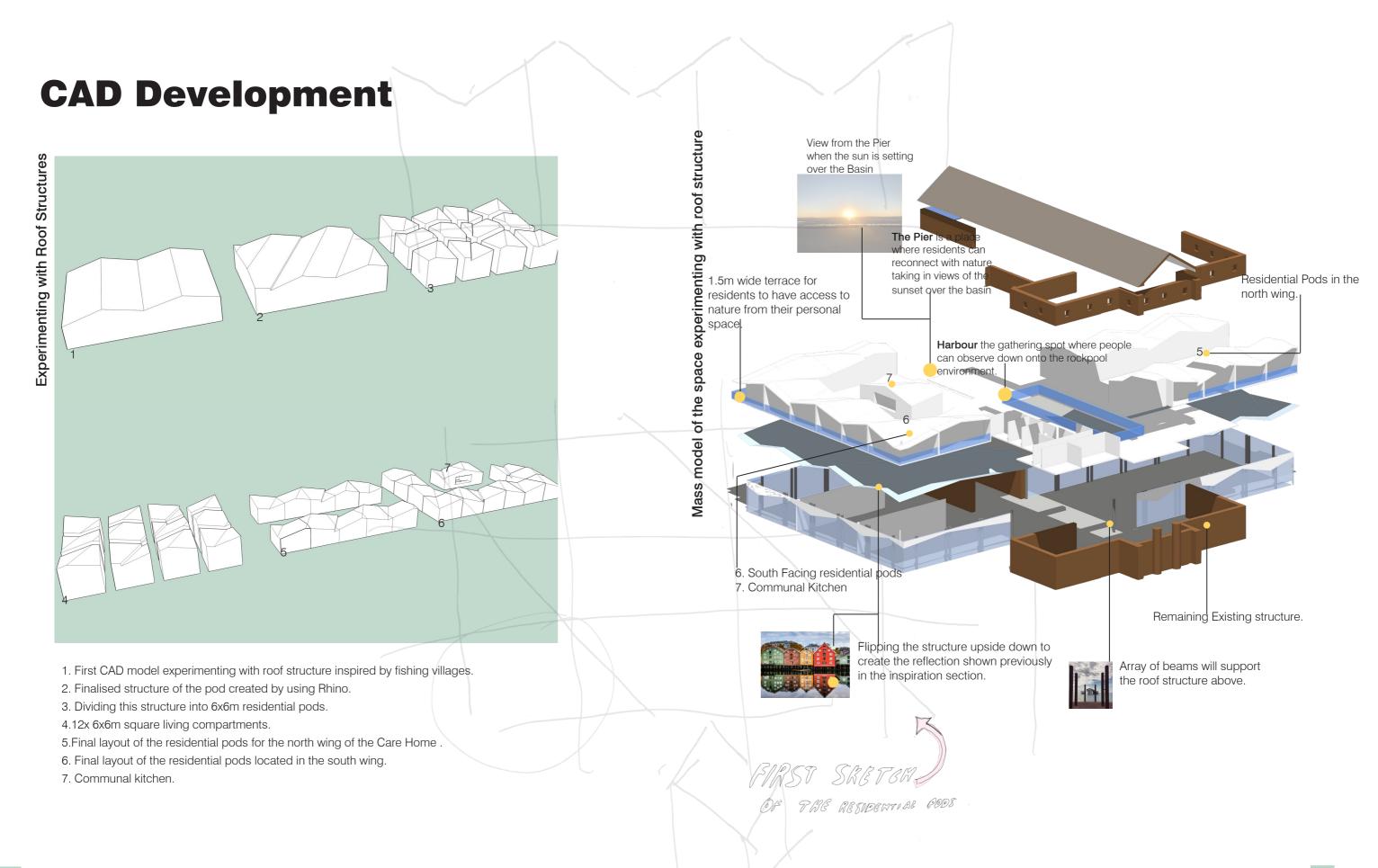








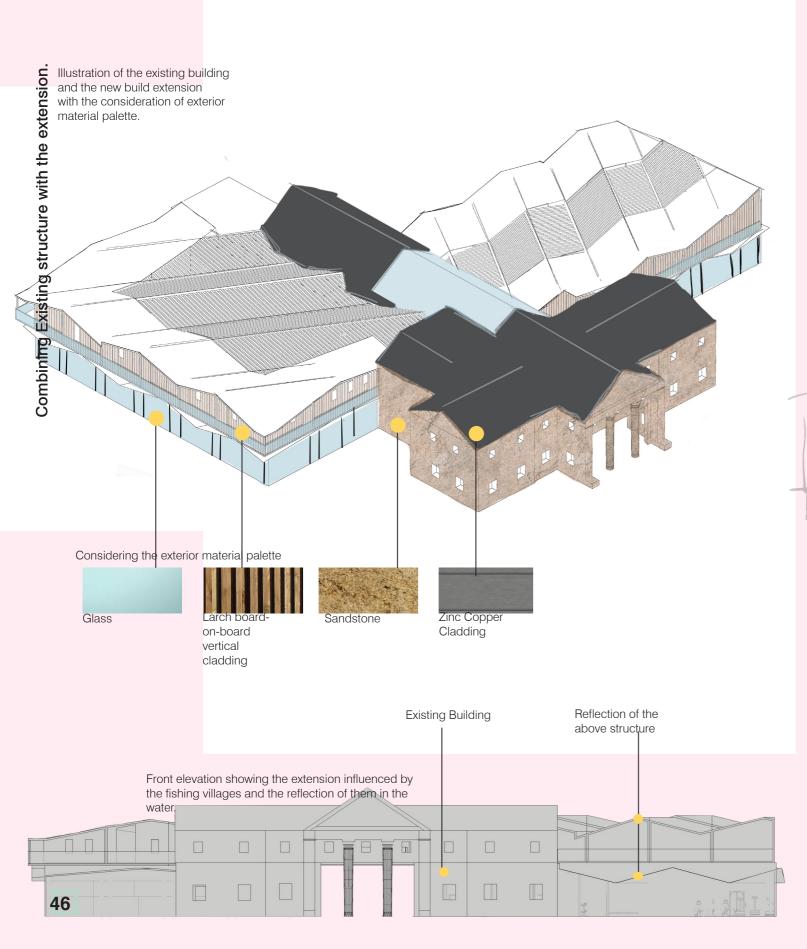
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Colliding waves was the main influence of carrying beamed roof through the architecture. In the middle of the building two waves collide from the south and north wing creating this zig-zag pattern. Whilst unaltering the existing façade of the building to preserve the Greek revival architecture

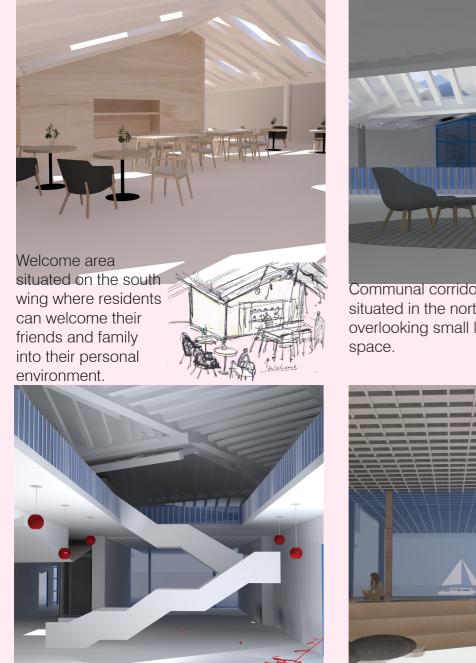


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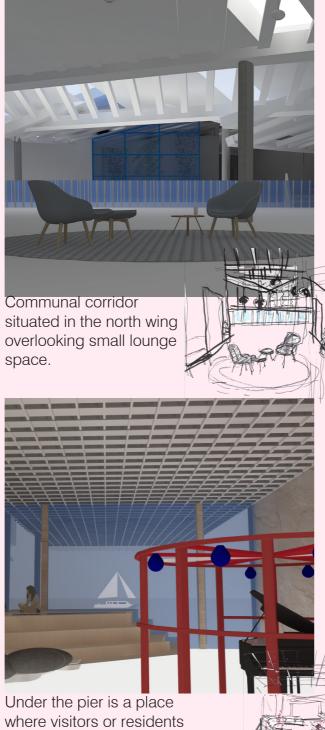
# **CAD Development**

Interior development renders and initial sketches First floor

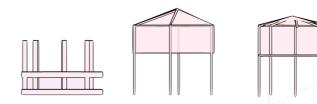


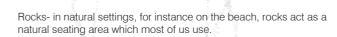
Ground floor

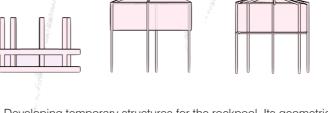
Grand staircase which follows through to the residential part of the care home.



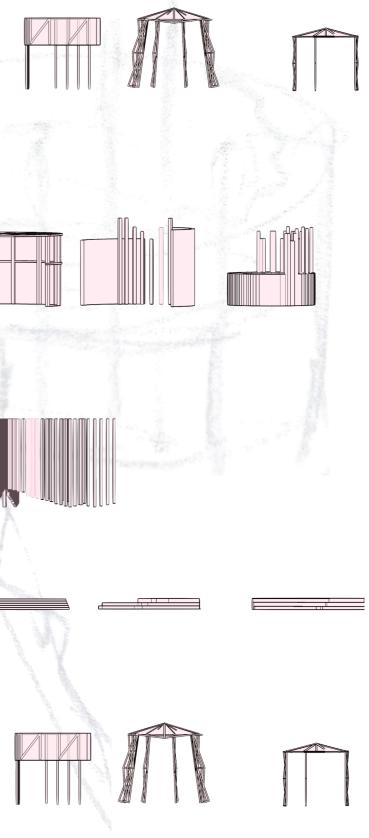
where visitors or residents can play music and a place they can reflect while taking in views from the Basin. Ground floor







Developing temporary structures for the rockpool. Its geometric shapes are inspired by life species such as sea anemone, limpets, starfish and also rocks which surrounds the pools. These structures will change depending on the event in the communal part of the care home, attracting new waves of people who will visit the space, creating new social opportunities for the care home residents.



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Colliding waves

Reflection

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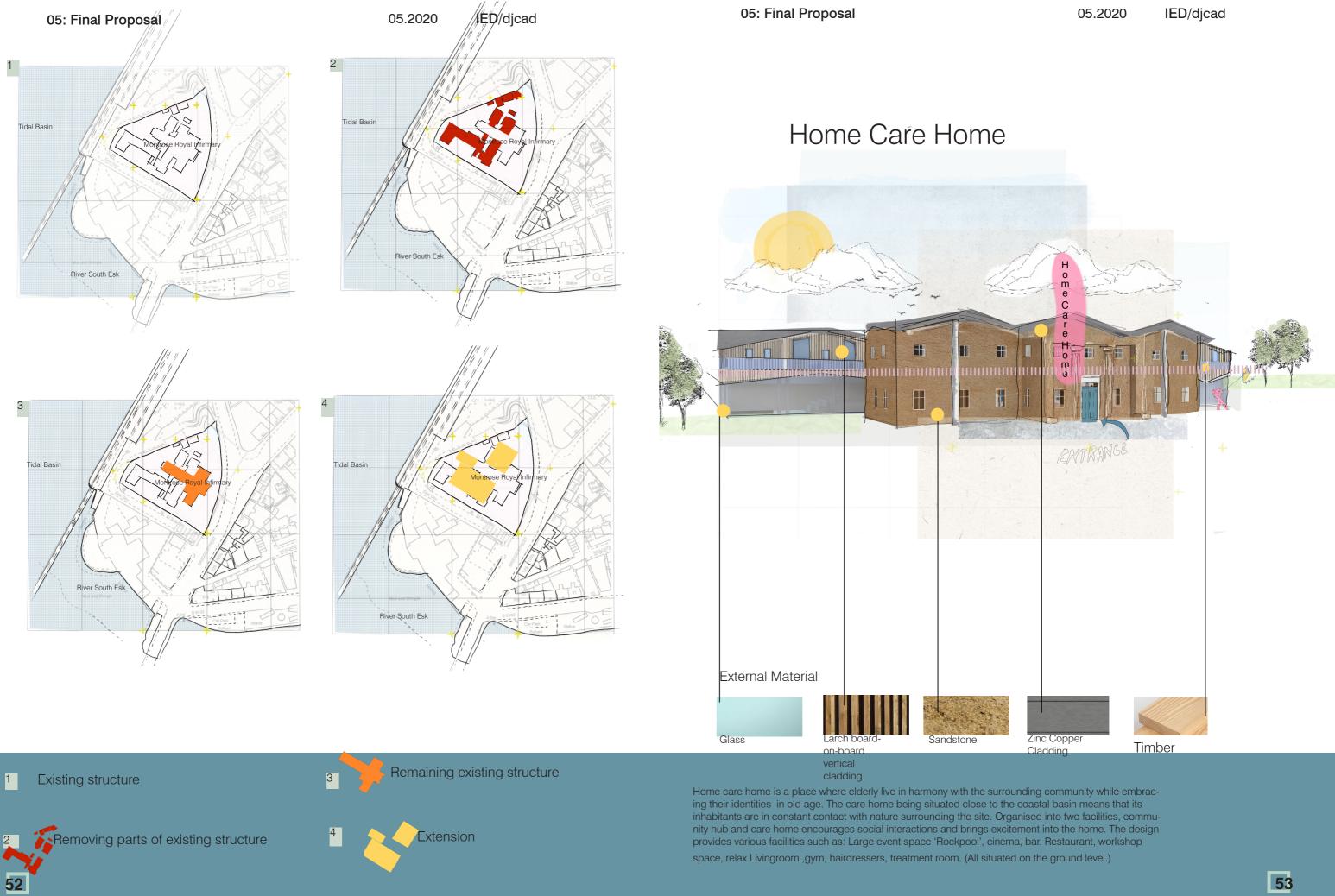
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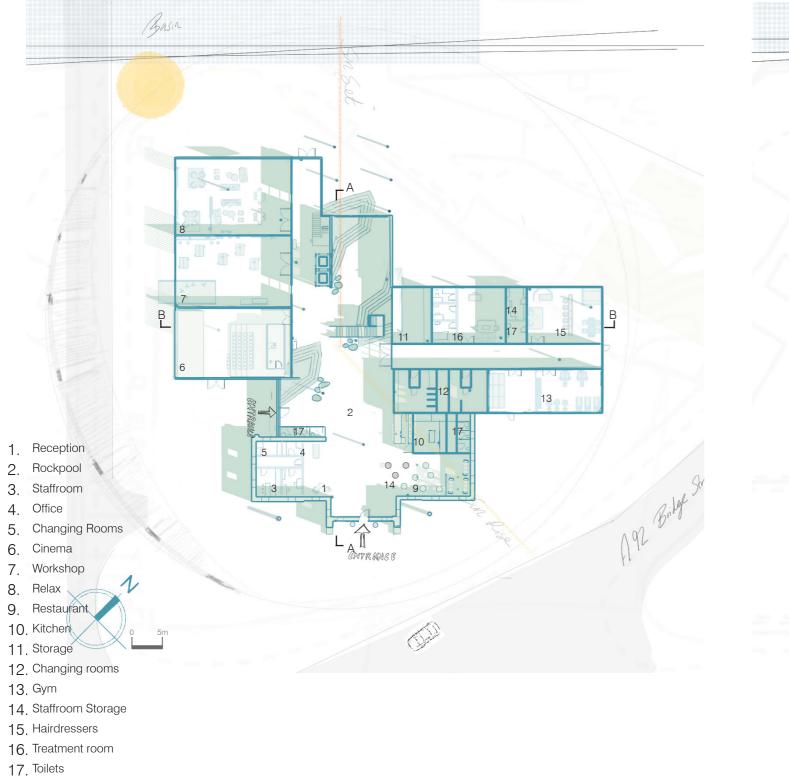
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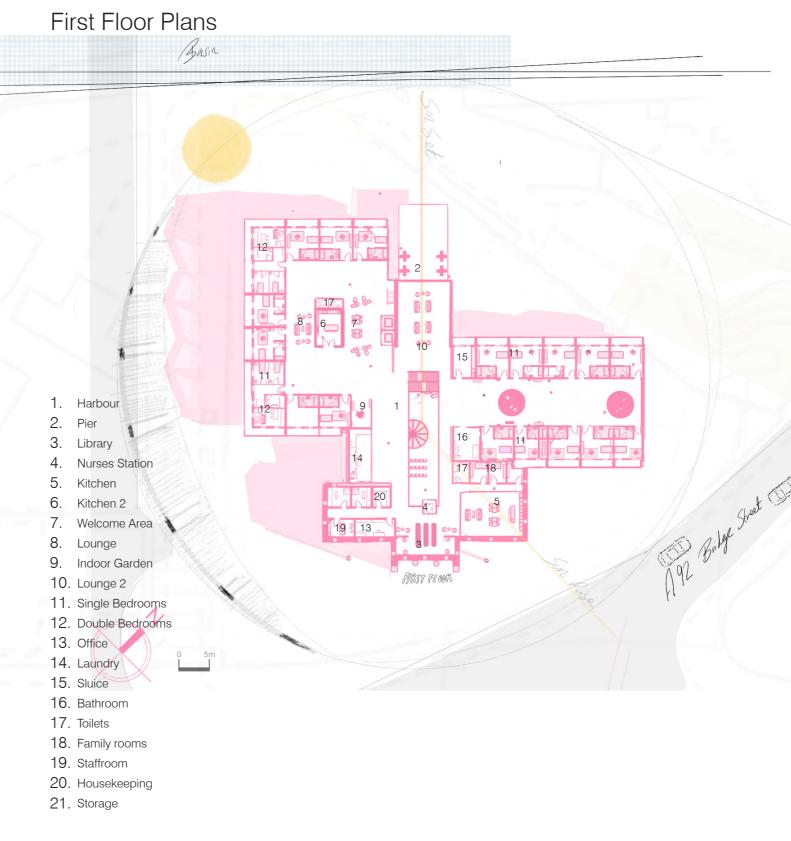
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## Ground Floor Plans



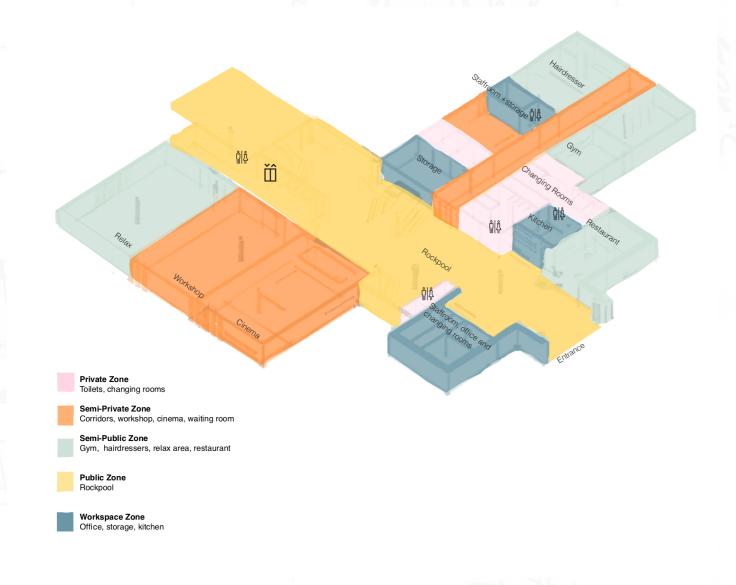




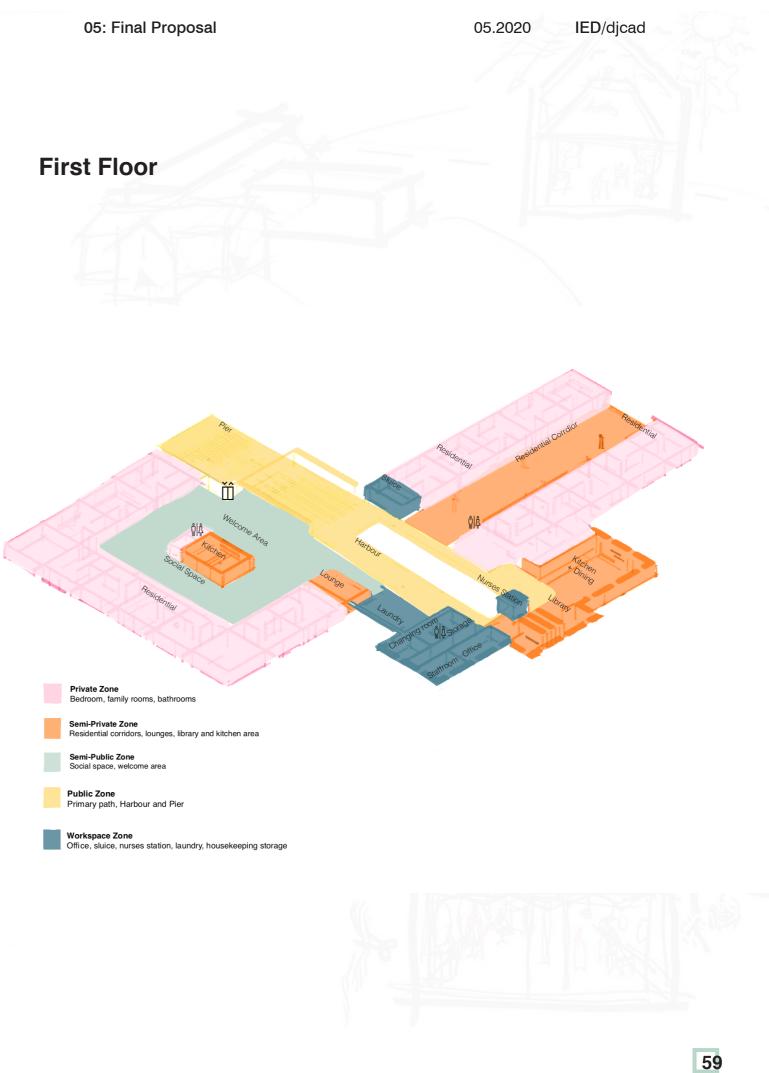
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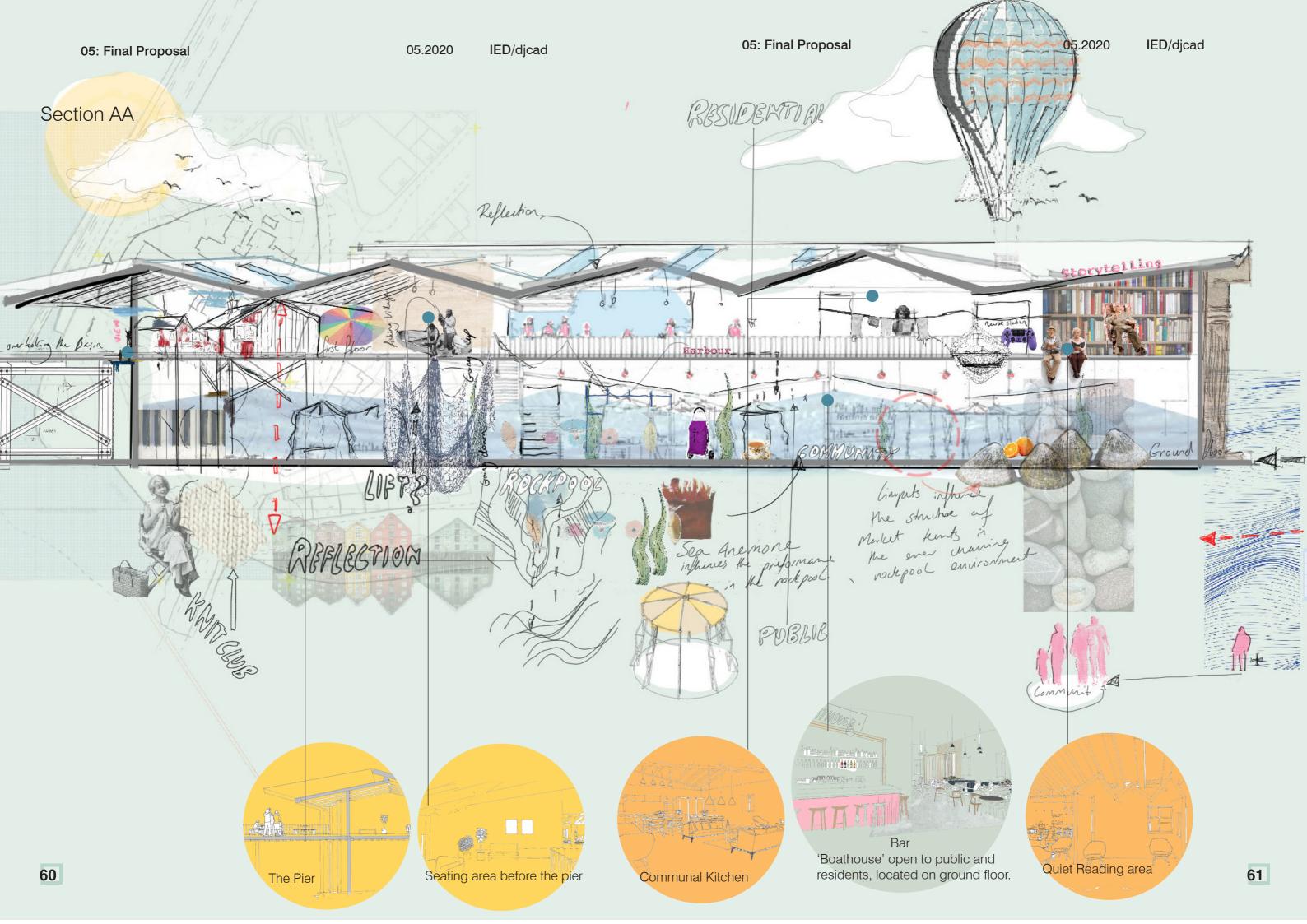
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## **Privacy Zones Concept Illustration of Ground Floor**

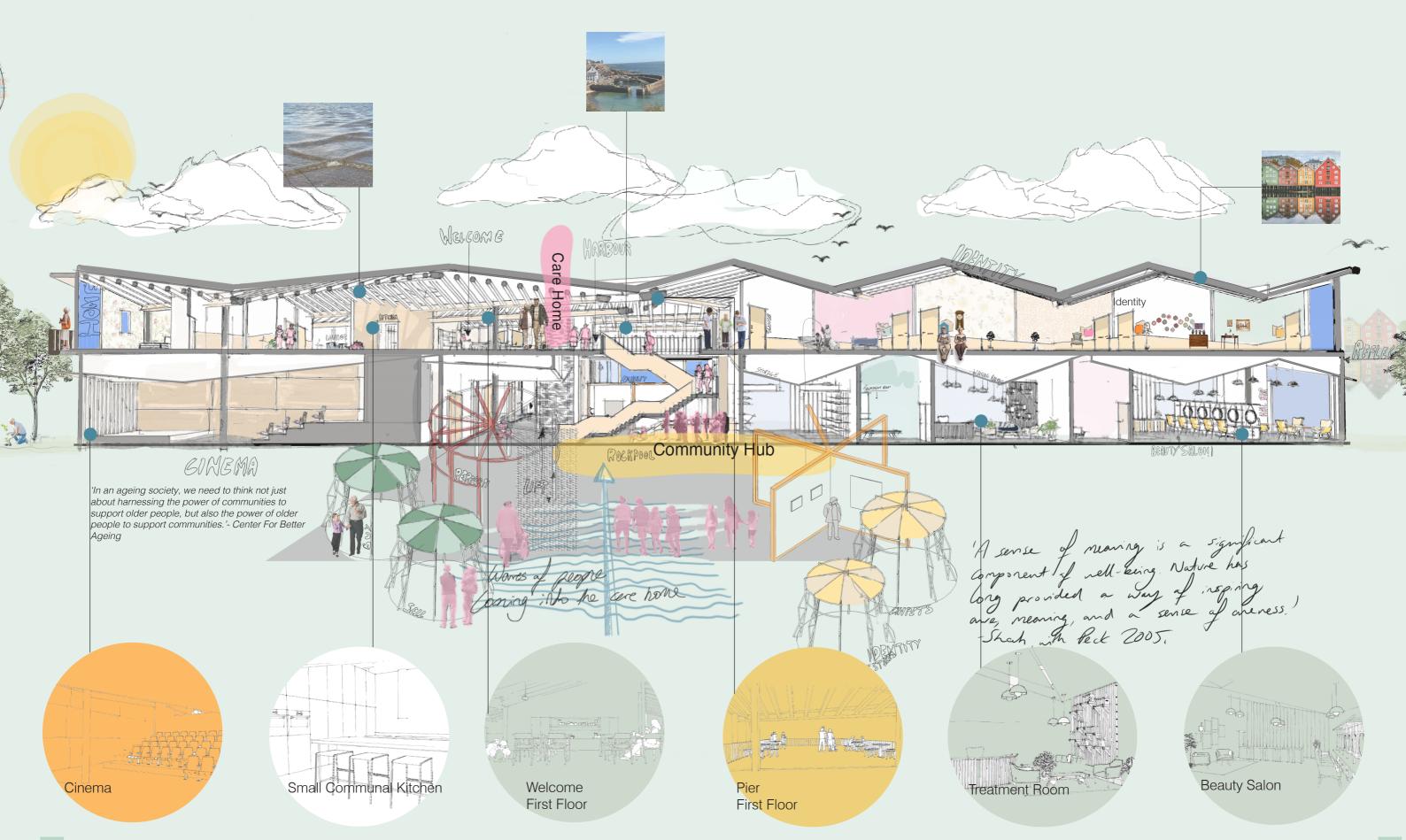


The built environment acts as a shelter, a place of different environments; private, semi-private and public. From private space where the inhabitant can feel in control in their personal environment to semi-private and public spaces where small social interactions take place. Both of these diagrams illustrate the different privacy zones within the care home and the community hub. The layout is designed to accommodate all personalities which will dwell within this structure and day visitors who will spend a great amount of time in the space .





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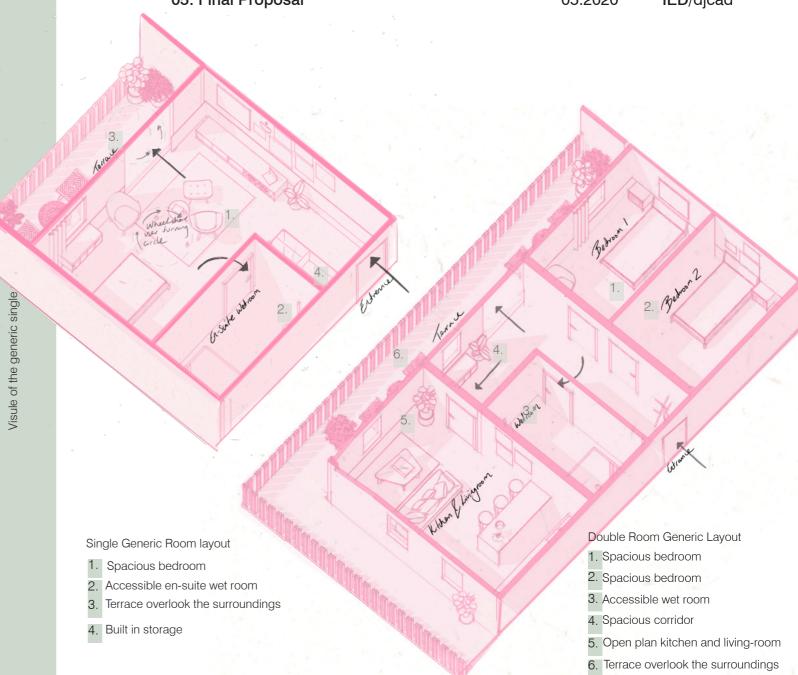
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## Home Environment

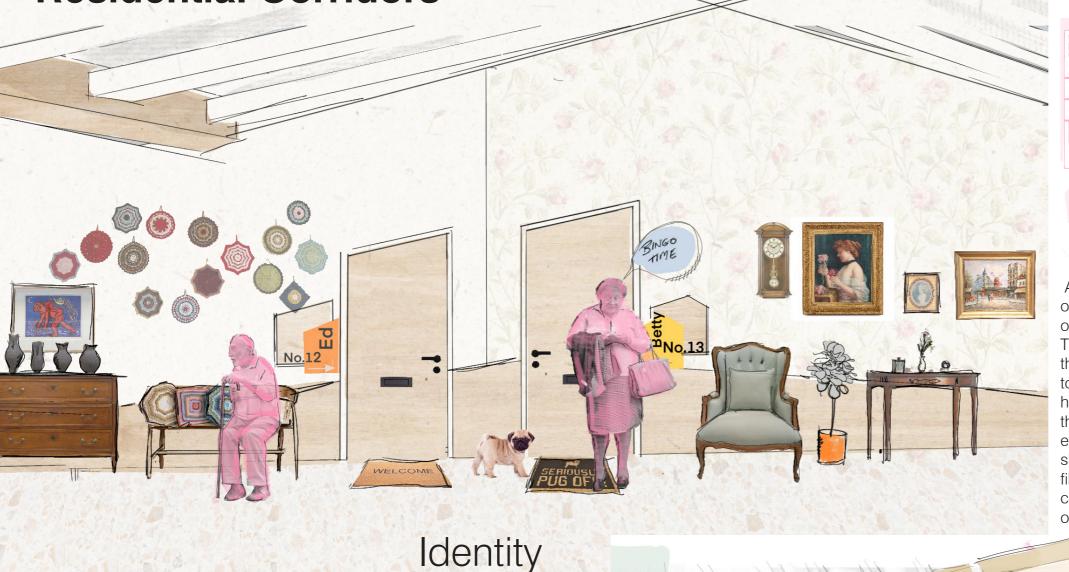


'It is evident that home is not an object, a building, but a diffuse and complex condition that integrates memories and images, desires and fears, the past and the present.' (Pallasmaa 1994)



Home is not a feeling of physical presence. Home is an interesting setting, a mixture of ingredients. Therefore, the design is intended to embrace the identity and personality of its residents. By providing freedom of choice in the interior of the residential setting. This freedom will allow the dweller to bring in physical belongings such as furniture from their home in order to have more control over their private setting, easing the transition and the act of moving into a new environment. The choice of a generic designed room is available, the dweller can bring sentimental items such as paintings, photographs and objects which will bring emotional value into their personal space. These two diagrams show the choice of room size, single and double which can be suitable for couples.

## **Residential Corridors**



As humans, we assign meaning to objects and assign certain memories of time creating a sentimental feeling. These objects or memories which they are attached to may contribute to the feeling of a home. Home Care home allows its residents to create their own façade of their personal environment and allows them to show a glimpse of their personality, filling the communal corridors with collections of unique sentimental objects.

## 'The permanent care facility should put the person first; because every elderly person is an individual having a unique past, present, and future; hence,

having a unique past, present, and future; hence, there must be room for differences, also among the old age residents themselves.' (Dinesen and Topp, 2019)



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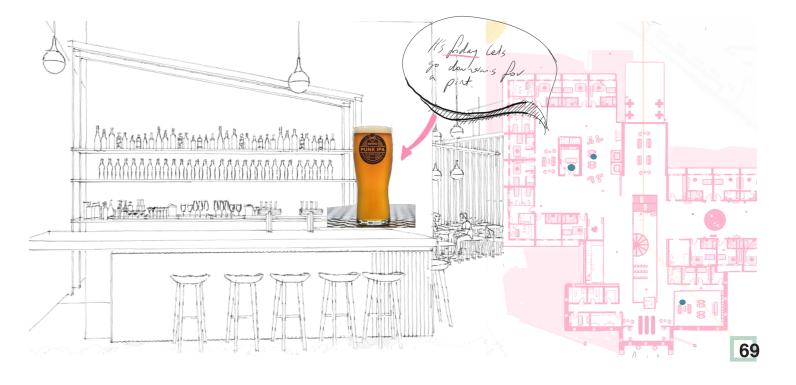


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## **Social Spaces**







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Harbour serves a purpose of a communal meeting path; it is a public place in the residential half of home care home situated on the first floor. It is a place where residents can look down onto the rockpool, beaming with interactions from the waves of people who occupy the space below. It is a place where the inhabitants who don't want to partake in daily activities can still feel involved by observing.



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## The Pier

The pier is created for residents, family members and caregivers. As the transition from a home to a new environment can be unsettling for some, the pier is a place where its inhabitants can connect with nature while observing the breath taking views of the Montrose basin

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## Ever-changing Environment

## Community



Moving into a care home facility often results in a loss in the sense of community that the person was once a part of and so the need to recreate this feeling is an important factor which must be considered while designing such space. Community is a term which is challenging to define, and it consists of three themes; 'place attachment, shared interests and sense of identity'. These three themes must work in harmony together to create the feeling of community. These themes are personal, therefore the outcome of a design will affect each occupant differently. While designing such spaces we must consider the different users and personal preferences. Therefore the ground floor has a selection of rooms designed with consideration of end users. Spaces include: Cinema, Workshop space, Relax room, Gym, Beauty salon, treatment rooms. Bar. Restaurant Visual of the Relax area located on ground



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## Market Space

Rockpool can also be transformed into a limpet inspired market space where local growers can sell their goods. Influenced by the visit to Bowhouse and their successful changing themed market.

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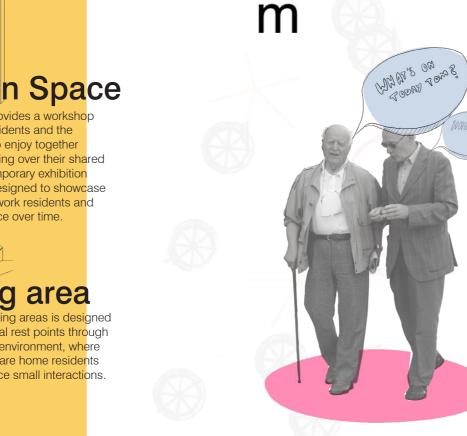
Preform space is a temporary structure which can be assembled and reassembled providing a space for entertainment in the rockpool. The structure is inspired by sea anemone which is a terrestrial flower plant. These species are very colourful. They are simple animals often attached to hard surfaces such as rocks and boulders

## Exhibition Space

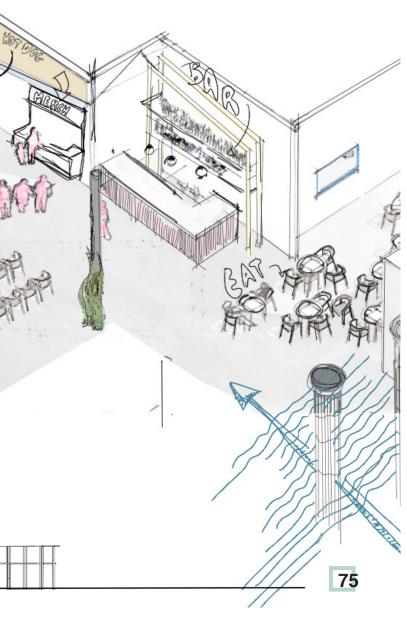
The home provides a workshop facility for residents and the community to enjoy together while socialising over their shared interests. Temporary exhibition stands are designed to showcase some of the work residents and public produce over time.

## Seating area

Stepped seating areas is designed to invite casual rest points through the rockpool environment, where visitors and care home residents can experience small interactions.



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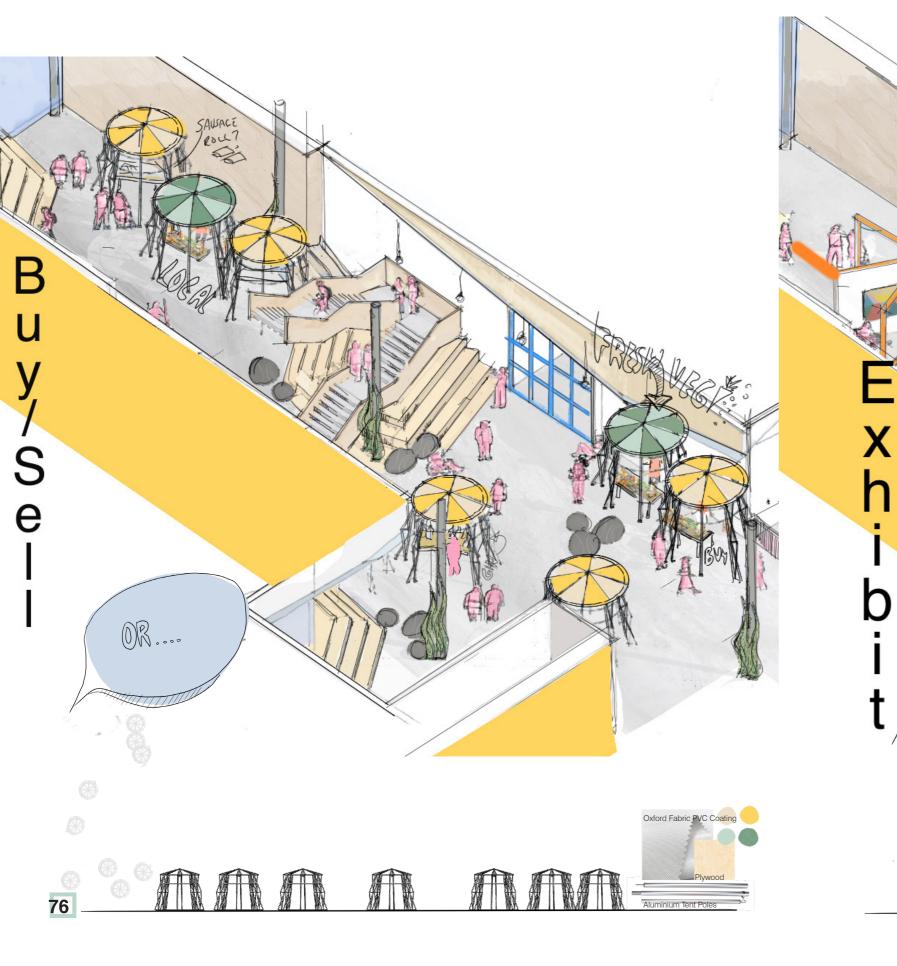


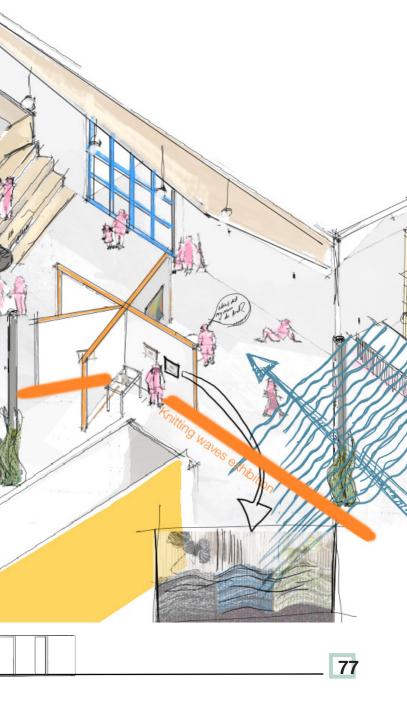
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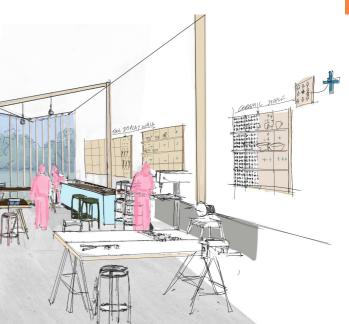




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One of the main outputs of communities is social interactions, these depend on the interest and identity of each person and are an important factor in the ageing process to the personal well-being and contributing to the sense of a home. In a care home environment, the feeling of community may attract potential residents to a specific location or care home, be however there must also be sufficient private space which is essential to allow users to spend time by themselves. Studies in this field by Evans and Mearns, (2007). suggest a mixed reaction by residents living in a care home facility; some inhabitants are happy to spend time on their own and have no desire or are not willing to make new connections. This often signifies people who have a close relationship with family and friends and feel additional socializing is not necessary. In contradiction an Owen, T.E. study (Cited in Evans and Valley, 2007). of a care home concluded the interaction with neighbouring community was well received and was noted of high importance to residents at the home. Observing changing events and visits from other communities is also viewed by residents as a positive attribute. These findings highlight the diversity in opinions of the users of the space and again re-iterate how complex an environment a care home can be. It is important for designers to think about how, in the future these environment will look like because it is likely you or I may be the person sitting on that pink velvet chair in the next 60 years time!

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