



THE COMMUNITY REVIVAL

A place for happiness and creativity in daily adult life

Once part of a busy retail town, this disused 1960s building is reimagined as a dynamic community space that fosters creativity, connection, and rest. In collaboration with The Community Brain and local partners, the project transforms the site into a hub for social engagement. The design respects the original structure while giving it new relevance through adaptive reuse. A communal kitchen and café invite passersby to pause and connect, while the former rear parking lot becomes a community garden—adding much-needed greenery to Kingston's dense urban fabric. A rooftop extension increases daylight and usable space where ground-level light is limited.

Existing Building

19-21 Thames Street, Kingston Upon Thames



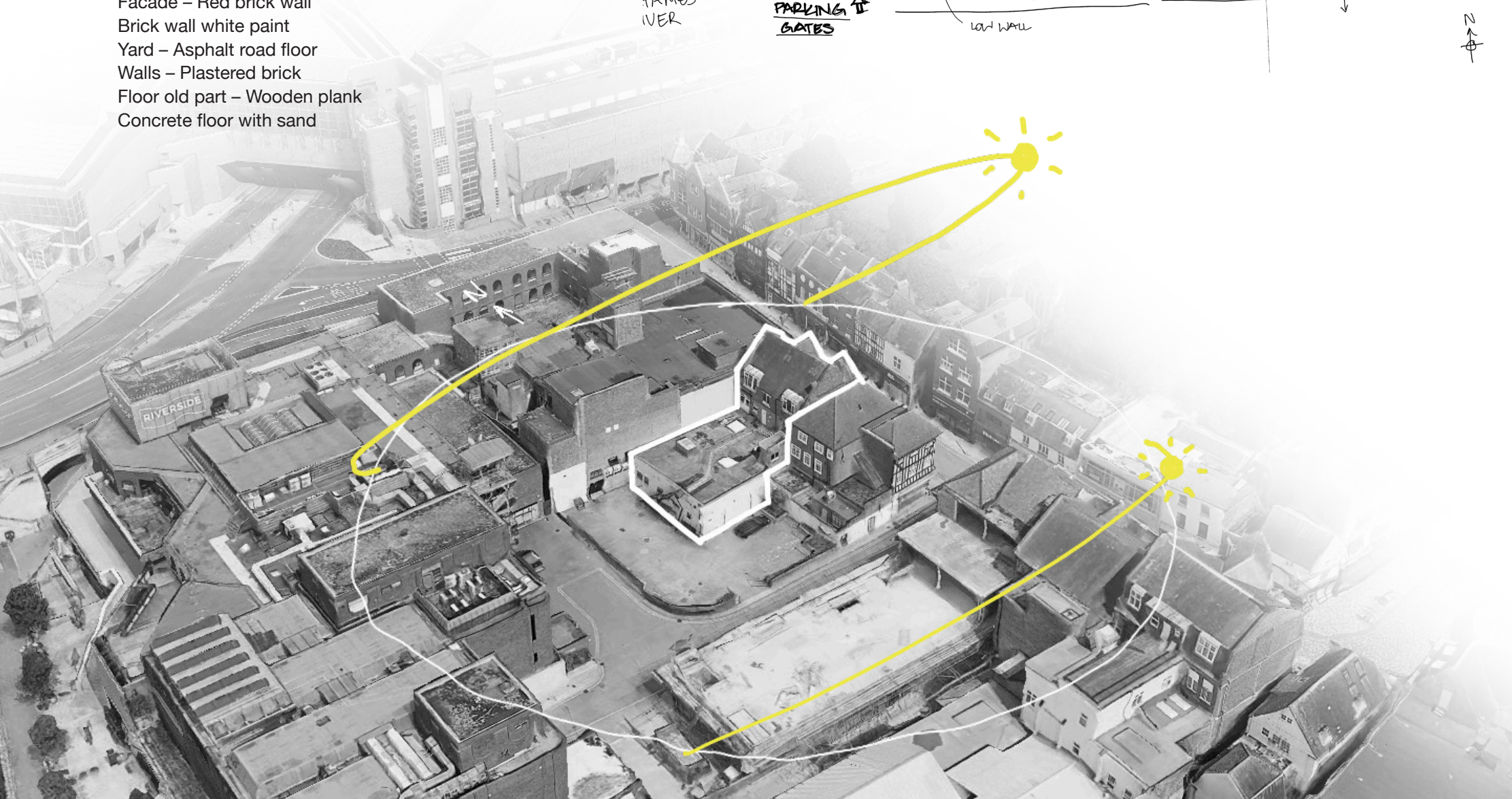
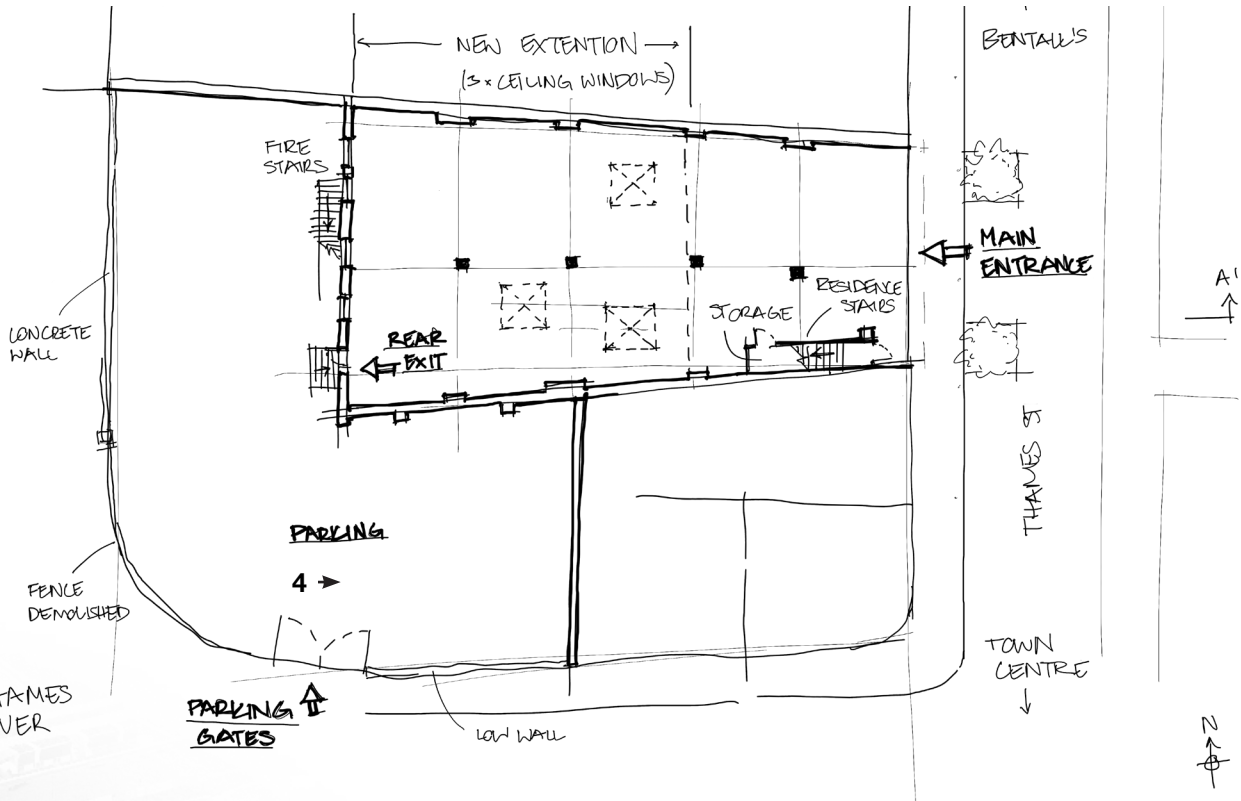
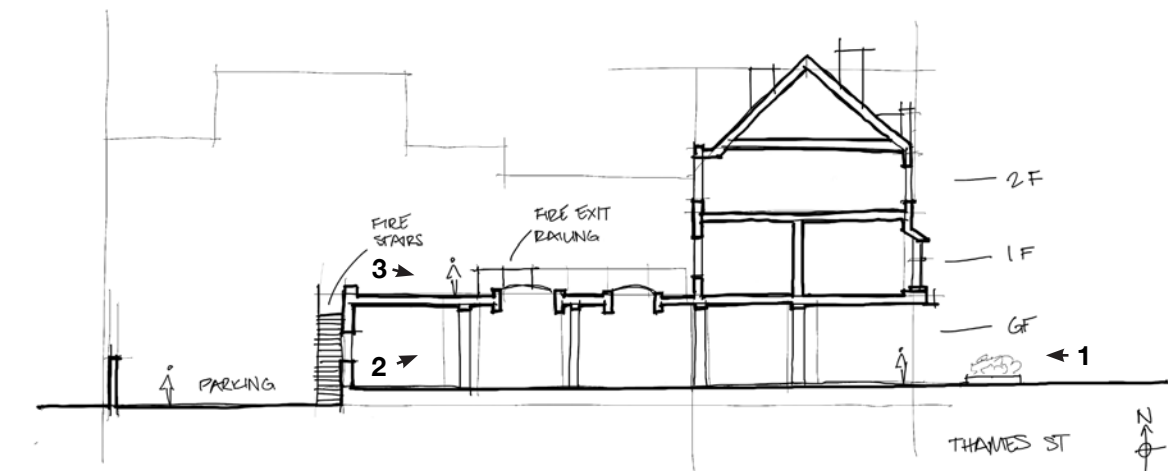
Building Overview

Architecture Style: Victorian
Shape: Trapezoid
Interior Use: Vacant
Access: Front, rear via parking

Floors:
Ground Floor
1F & 2F: Residential



Material Palette
Facade – Red brick wall
Brick wall white paint
Yard – Asphalt road floor
Walls – Plastered brick
Floor old part – Wooden plank
Concrete floor with sand



User



The Community Brain

Organization dedicated to fostering happiness and creativity in every-day adult life. Their work primarily involves supporting other community hubs and organizing a variety of events that encourage engagement and well-being within Kingston.

Needs
Office – semi private
Meeting room – private
Communal Area – semi private/public

Kitchen Roots

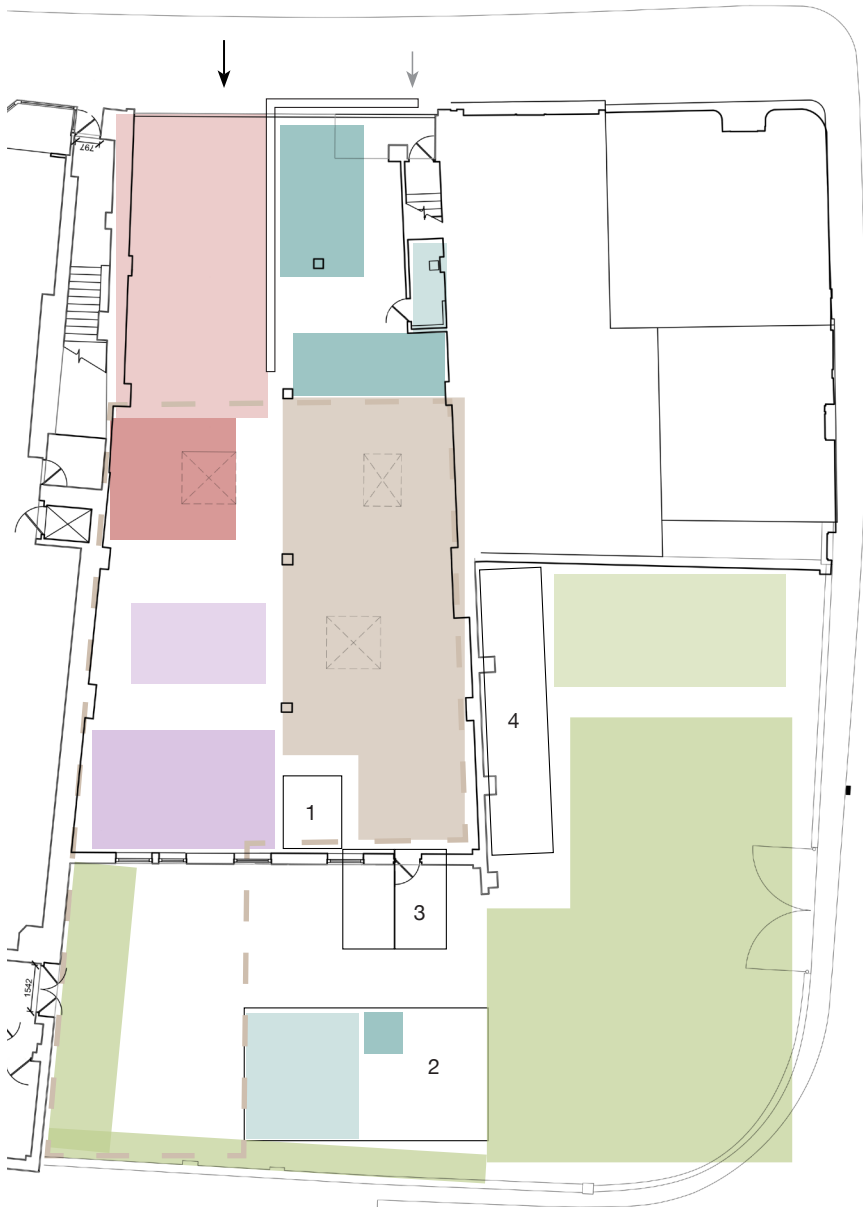
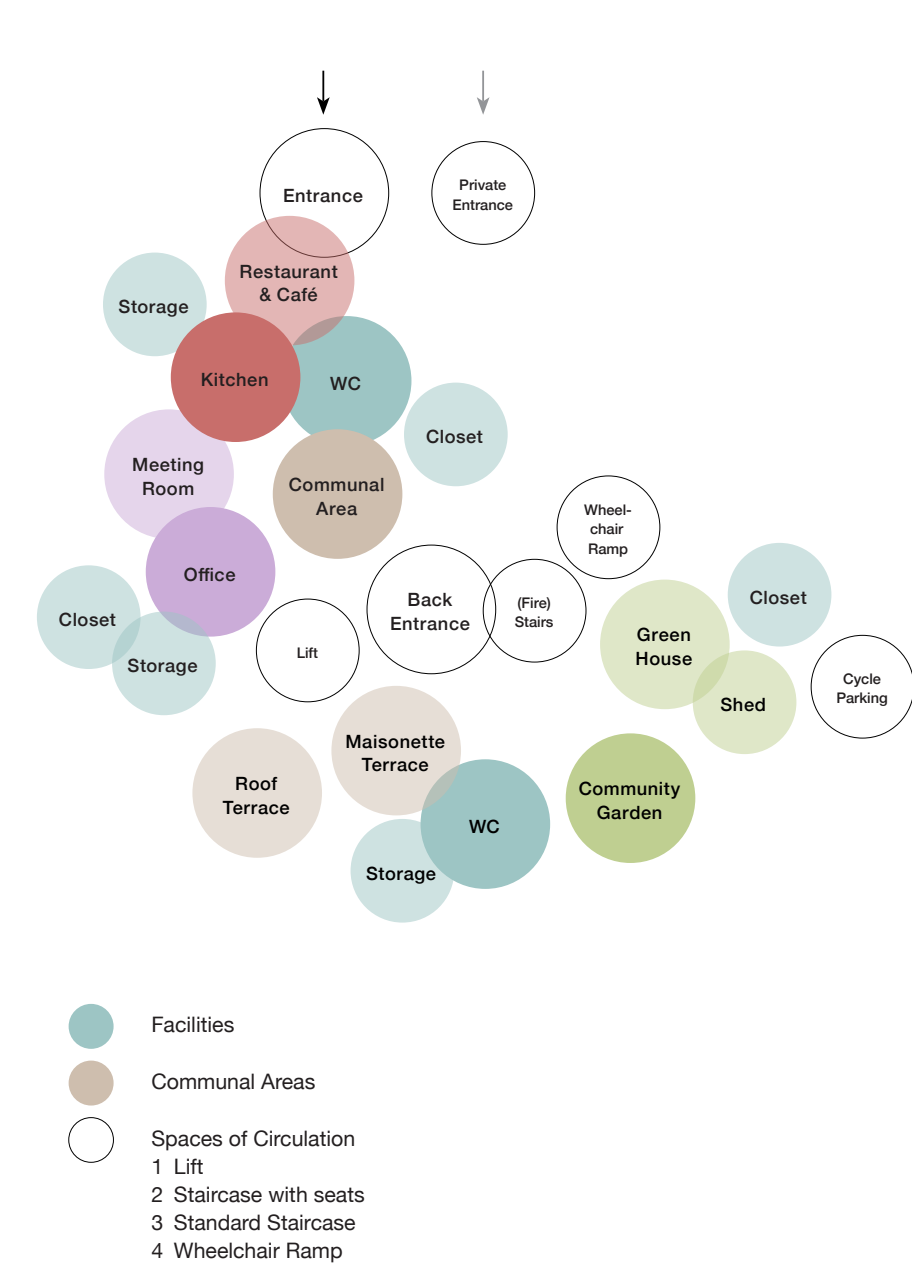
A hub promoting sustainable, inclusive food practices. Supported by The Community Brain, they use seasonal ingredients to provide meals, run a small restaurant, and offer cooking classes

Needs
Kitchen – semi private
Café/Restaurant – public

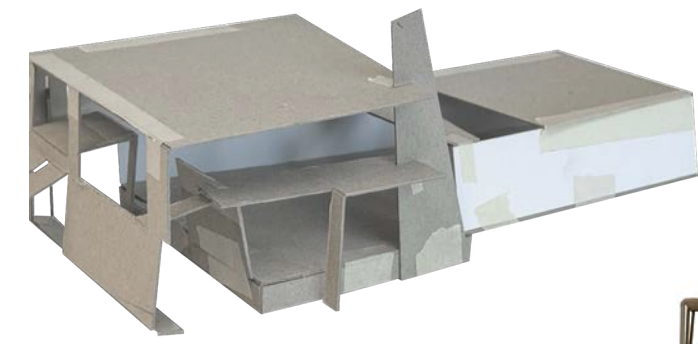
Shed X

A collaborative gardening initiative by The Community Brain that brings together local partners to promote sustainable urban agriculture and community engagement.

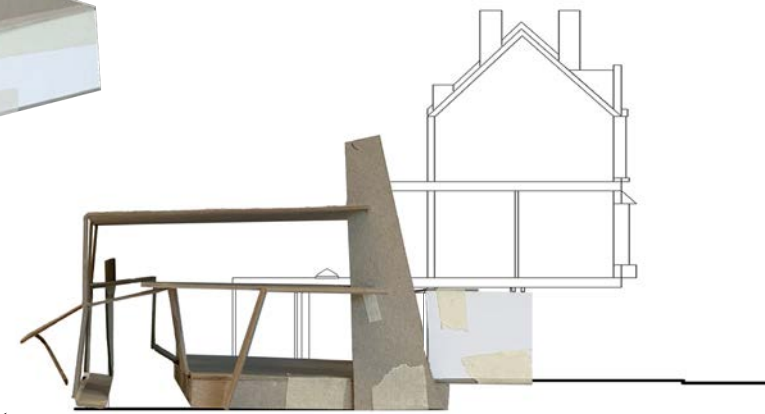
Needs
Garden – public
Greenhouse – semi private



CONCEPT & MODEL MAKING



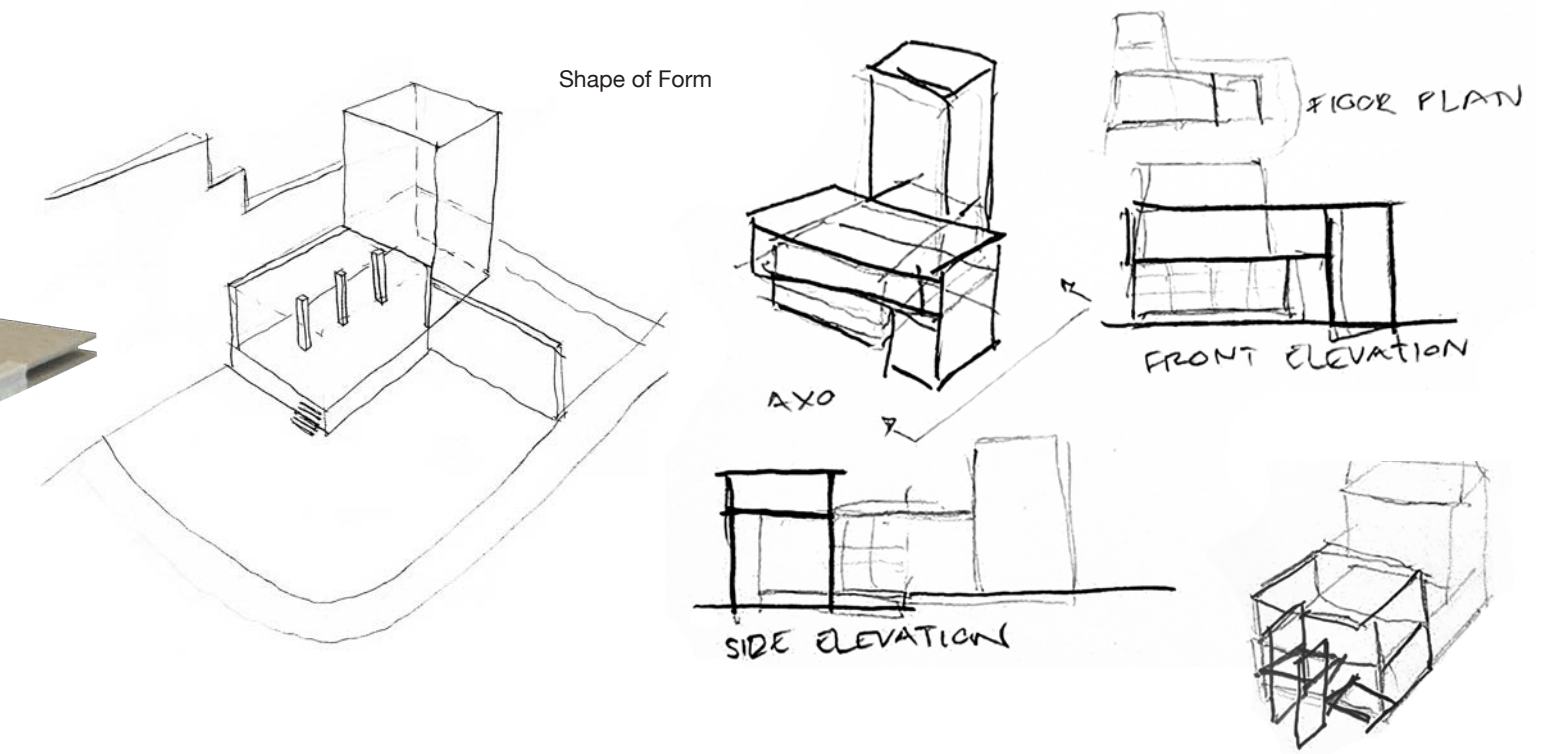
1st Sketch Model



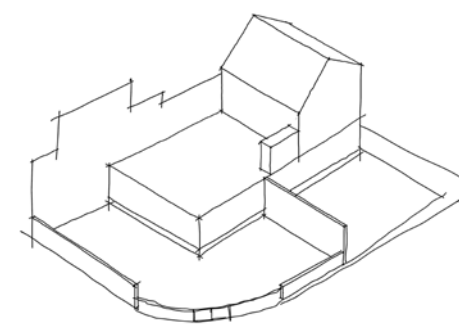
1st Model onto Section Drawing



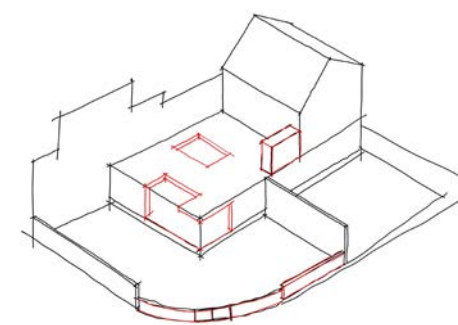
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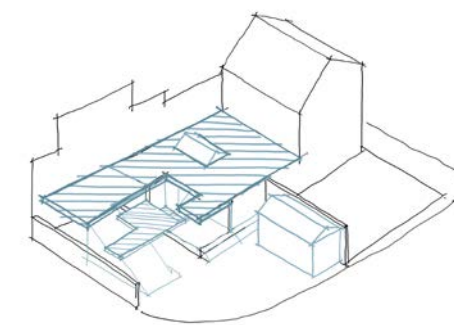
- 1 Roof Terrace
- 2 Maisonette
- 3 Green House
- 4 Garden
- 5 Stage



Existing Building



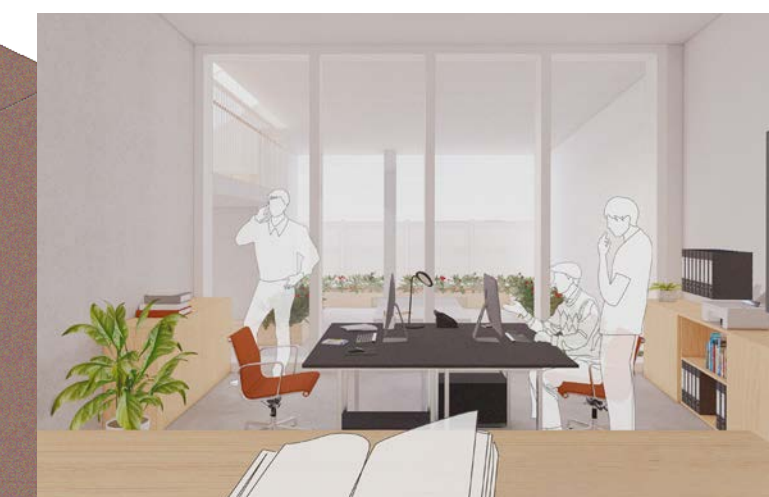
Red line marks the parts that are getting removed or changed.



Blue mark the additional parts.



Communal Kitchen – Kitchen Roots Community



Office – The Community Brain

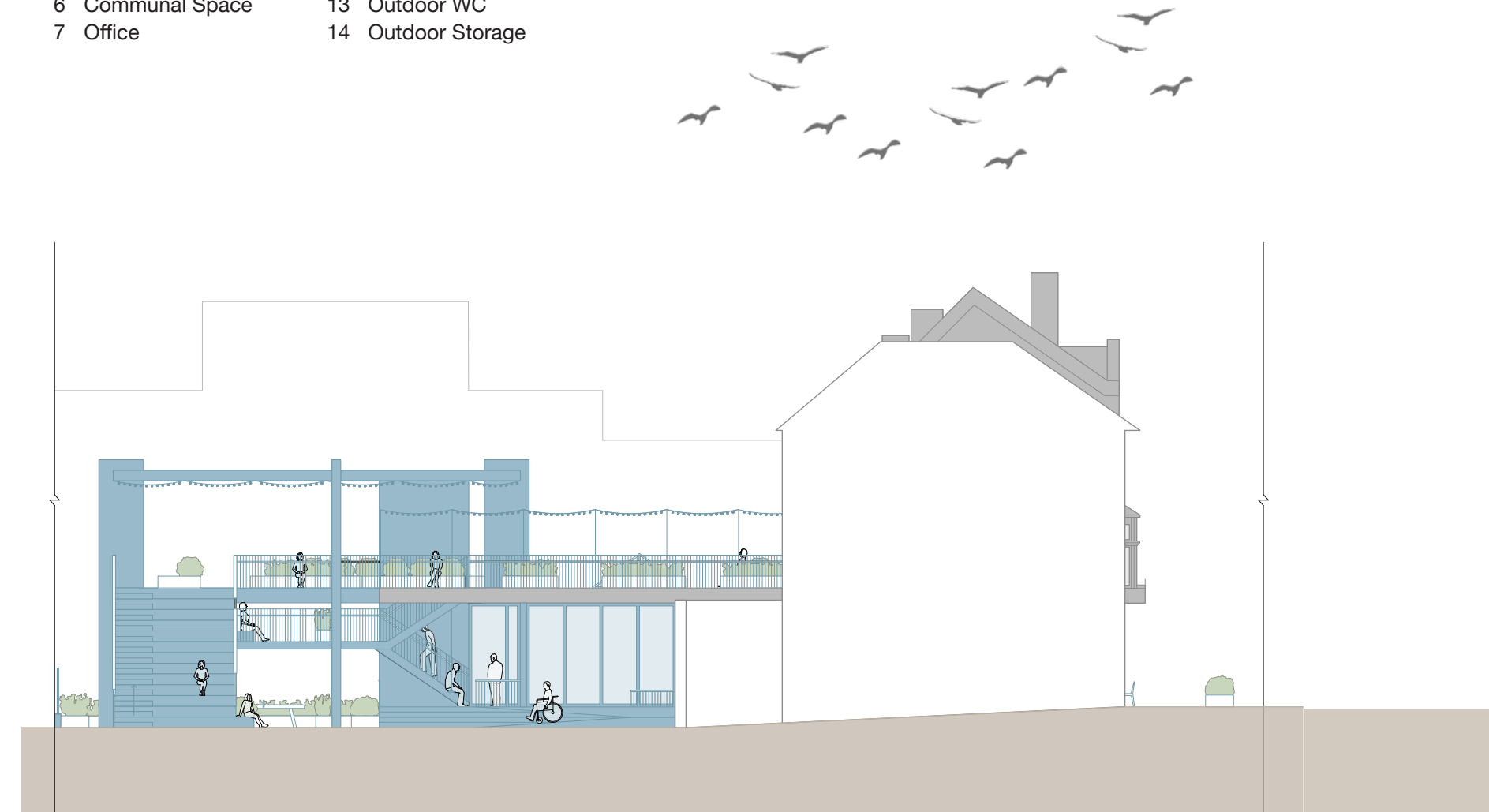


Green House – ShedX

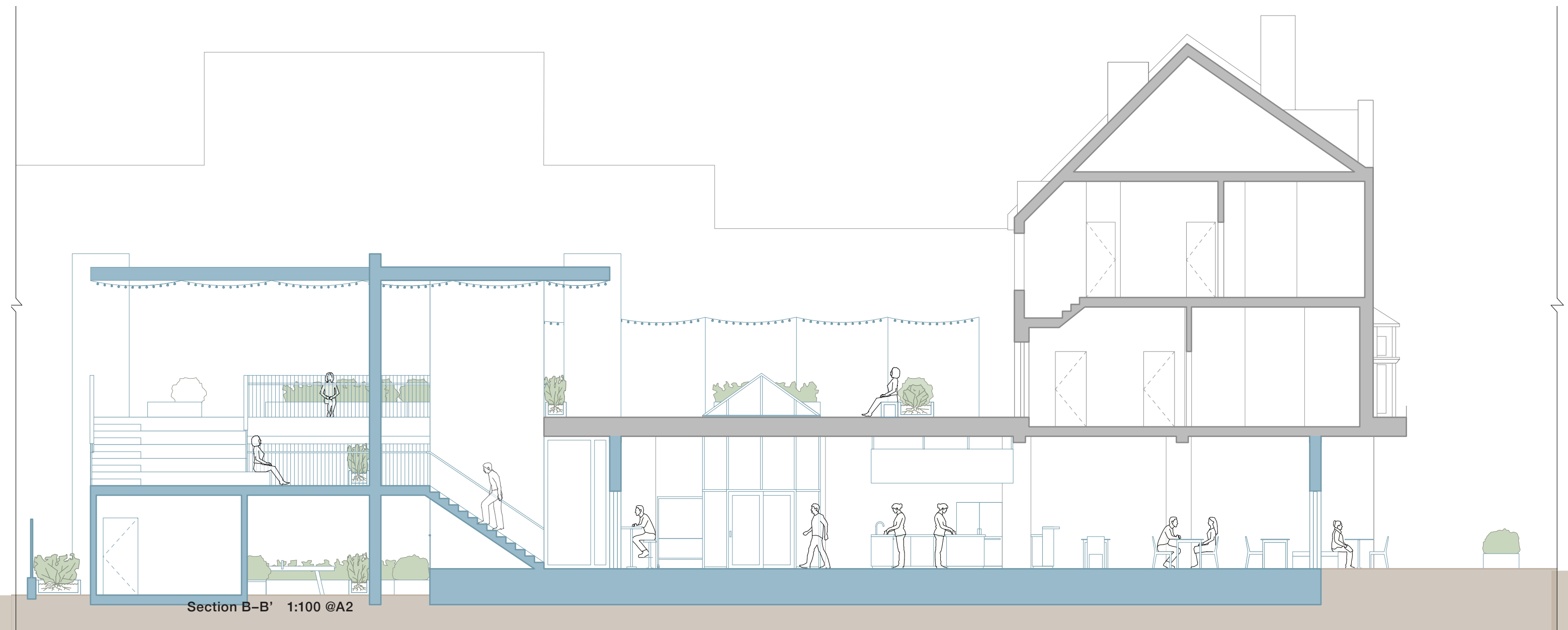
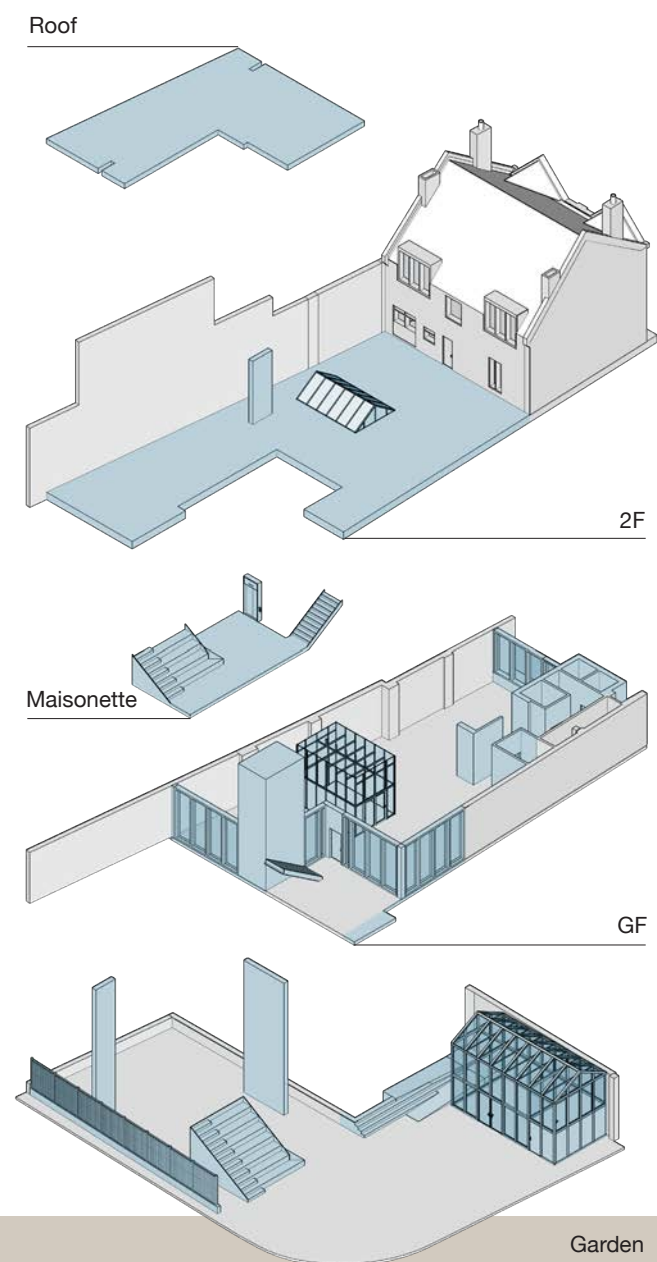


Ground Floor Plan 1:150 @A2

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| 1 Café / Restaurant | 8 Meeting Room |
| 2 Community Kitchen | 9 Green House |
| 3 Clothes Rack | 10 Shed |
| 4 WC | 11 Garden |
| 5 Storage | 12 Small Stage |
| 6 Communal Space | 13 Outdoor WC |
| 7 Office | 14 Outdoor Storage |



Elevation A-A' 1:150 @A2



Section B-B' 1:100 @A2

