



West Ward Quirks

West Ward Quirks is a retirement living experience which strives to encourage the fulfilment of the next chapter in life. While the working days are over the business and hustle of day-to-day life does not come to a halt as some may expect.

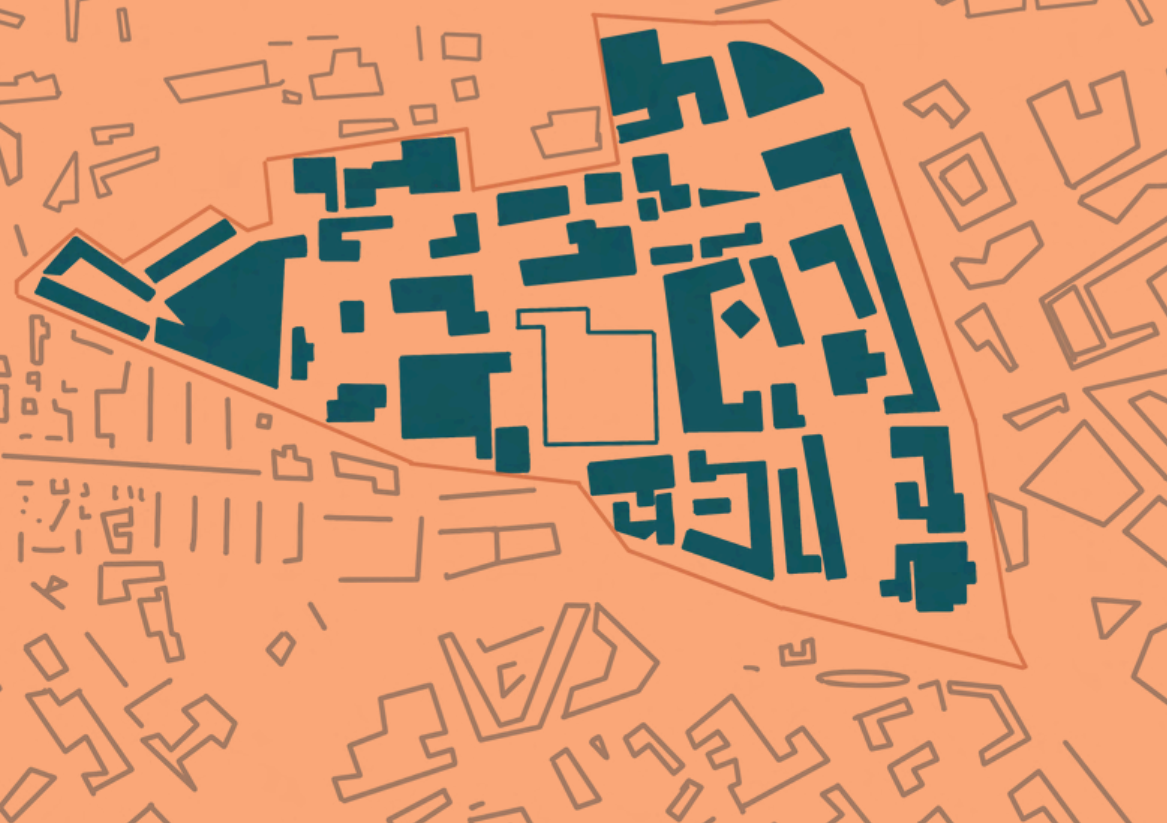
As most retirement living is full of the beige and mundane stereotypes of getting older. West Ward Quirks thrive to be the point in which life re-begins. The experience is all about you. Everyone has their own individual quirks and idiosyncrasies that make them unique and west ward quirks is the place for these to be celebrated. In the bustling heart of Dundee the living space encourages both intimate living with a village type feel while being a doormat to the surrounding community to become the community beacon of blackness.



[West Ward Quirks video](#)

Site

History



Dundee



1806

First fireproof mill in Dundee
During the cities 19th century industrial boom the blackness area was the centre for industry with the development of many mill buildings



Bell Mill

By 1807, at least seven fireproof mills had been completed with interior iron framing
The main period for this type of construction did not come into the city of Dundee until the 1830s

1959

millions of The Broons, Oor Wullie, Beano and Dandy annuals were once made in set to be turned into one of the UK's biggest hubs for culture and creativity.

The print works closed down in 2010 by DC Thomson after more than 60 years of book and magazine production.

West ward works

More than 200 people once worked at the site, where the printing and binding of the famous annuals were carried out, after the plant relocated from Bank Street in 1949.



Case studies

The Earthship, New Zealand



Amazon HQ, Seattle



Flow Fields, PAACADEMY

1871

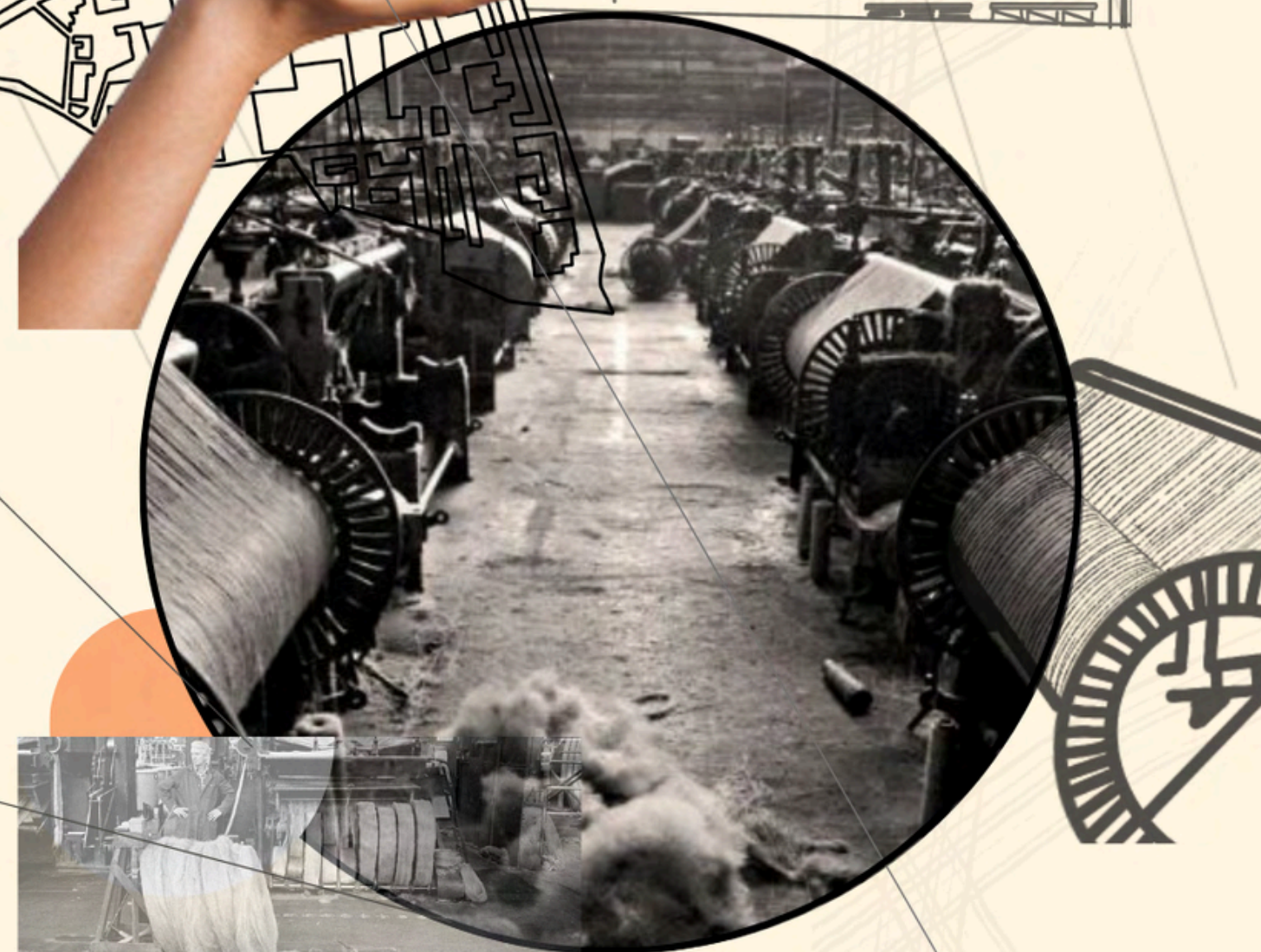
West Henderson wynd running along the west of the site is one of the few remaining streets with the original setting of stone setts. Ageing back to the late 18th Century

The jute industry transformed Dundee into one of the earliest urban industrial areas in Scotland.

Weaving shed

At the peak of the jute industry in 1860/70 there was over 50,000 people were employees over roughly 60 mills across Dundee

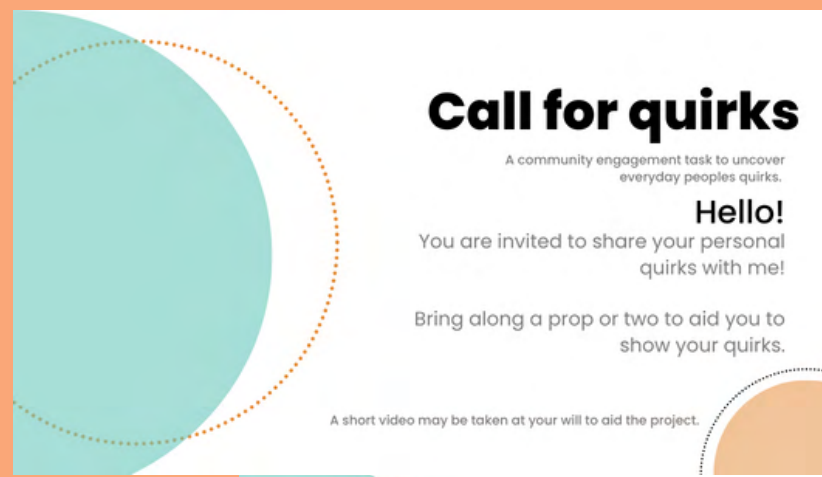
Alongside the jute industry Dundee was how to ship building as well as a thriving whale industry which hand led to the industrial boom of the 18th Century



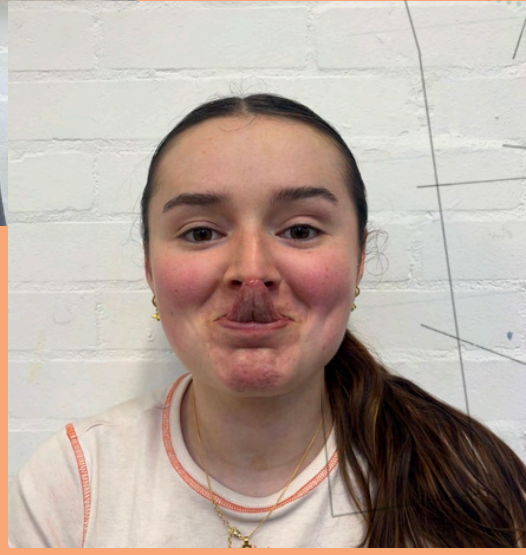
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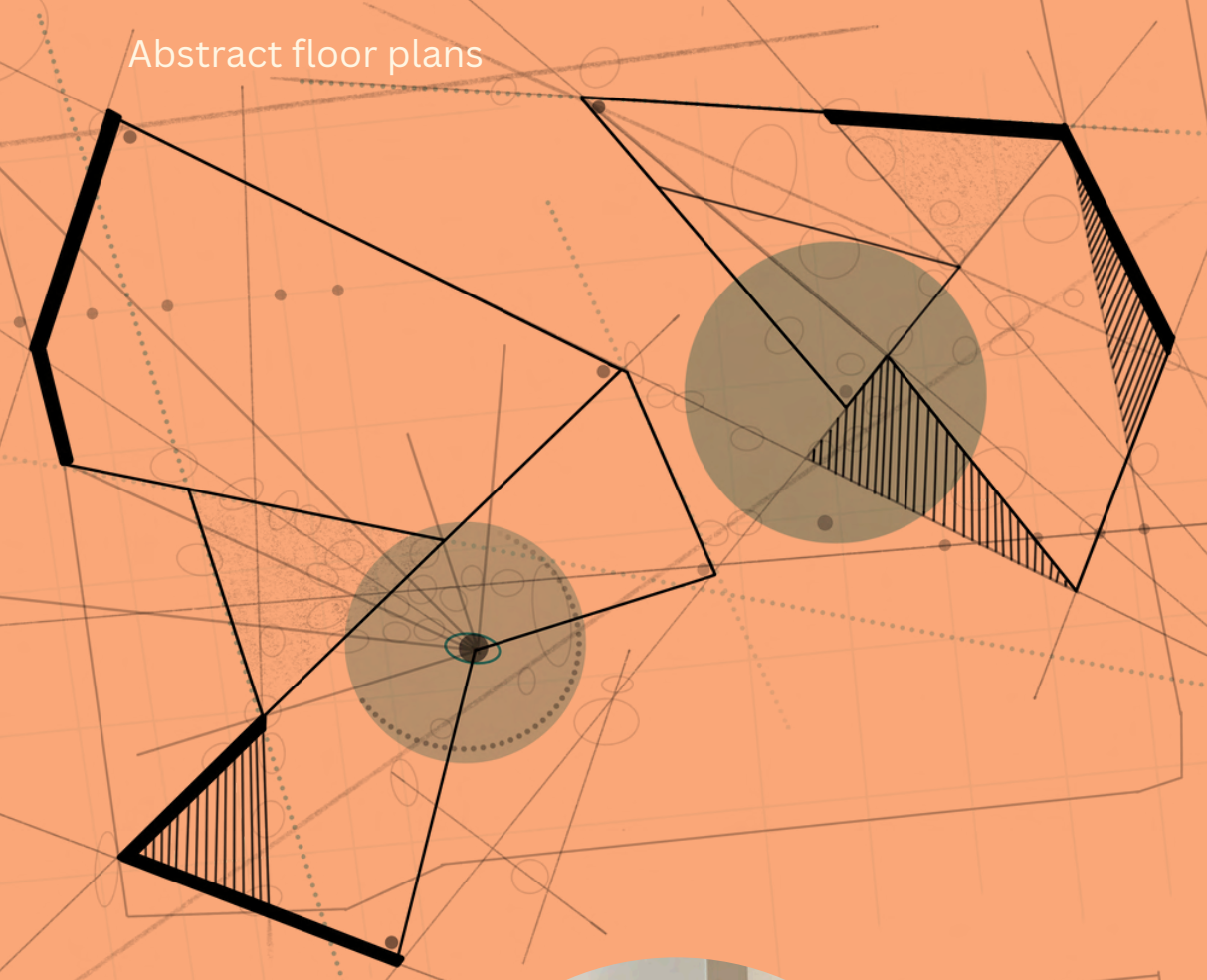
Inspiration



A workshop to uncover the quirks of residents living in Dundee



Outcome



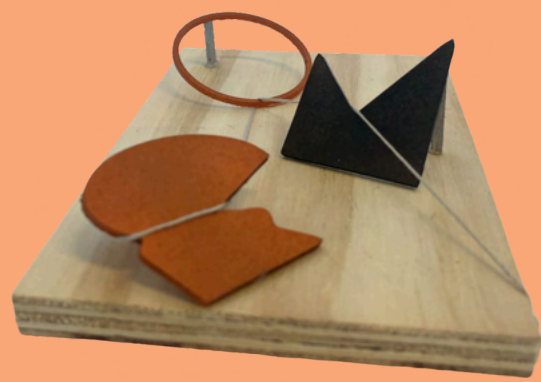
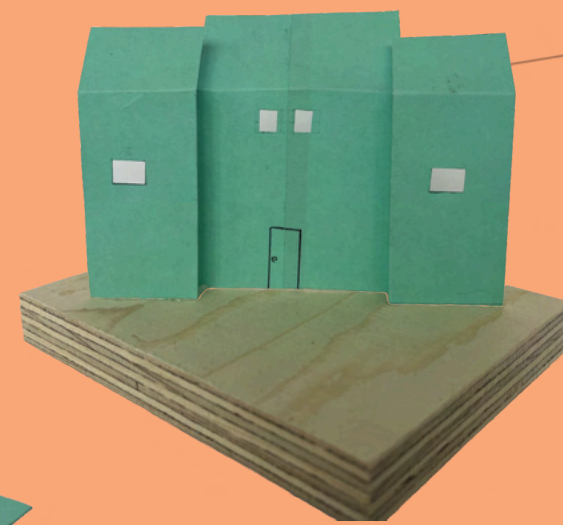
Abstract floor plans



Extracted simplified shapes and forms from Dundee

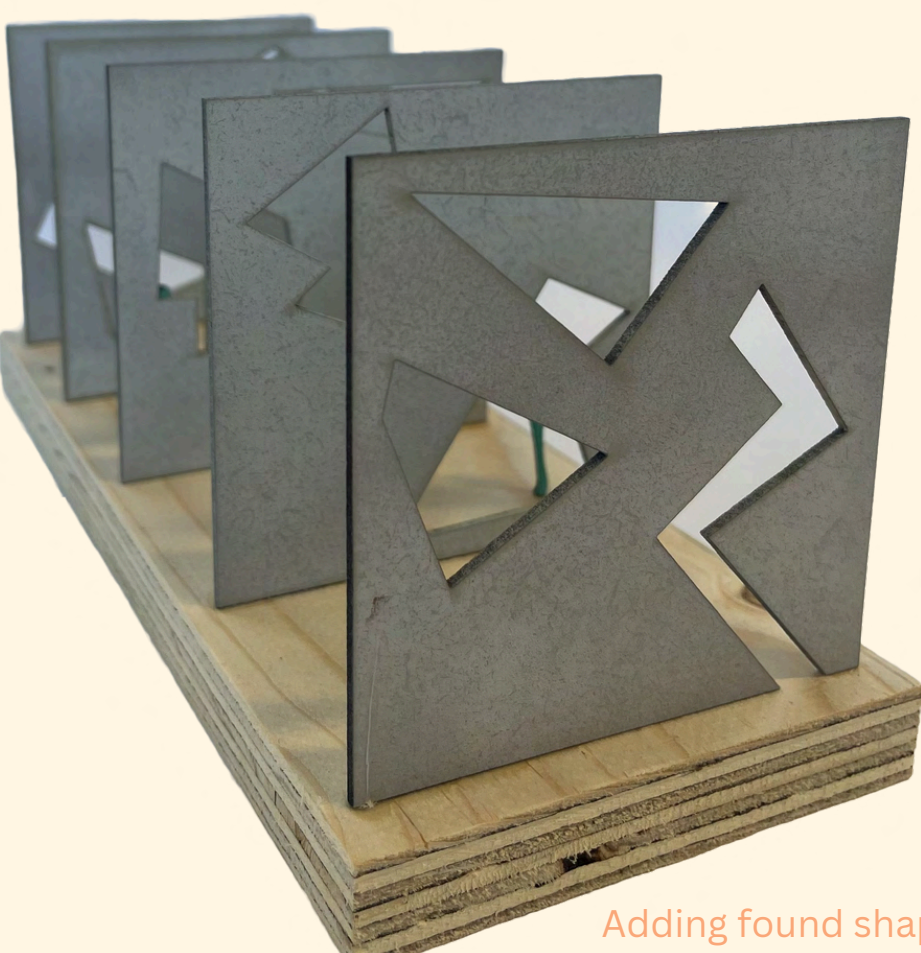


Sketch modelling

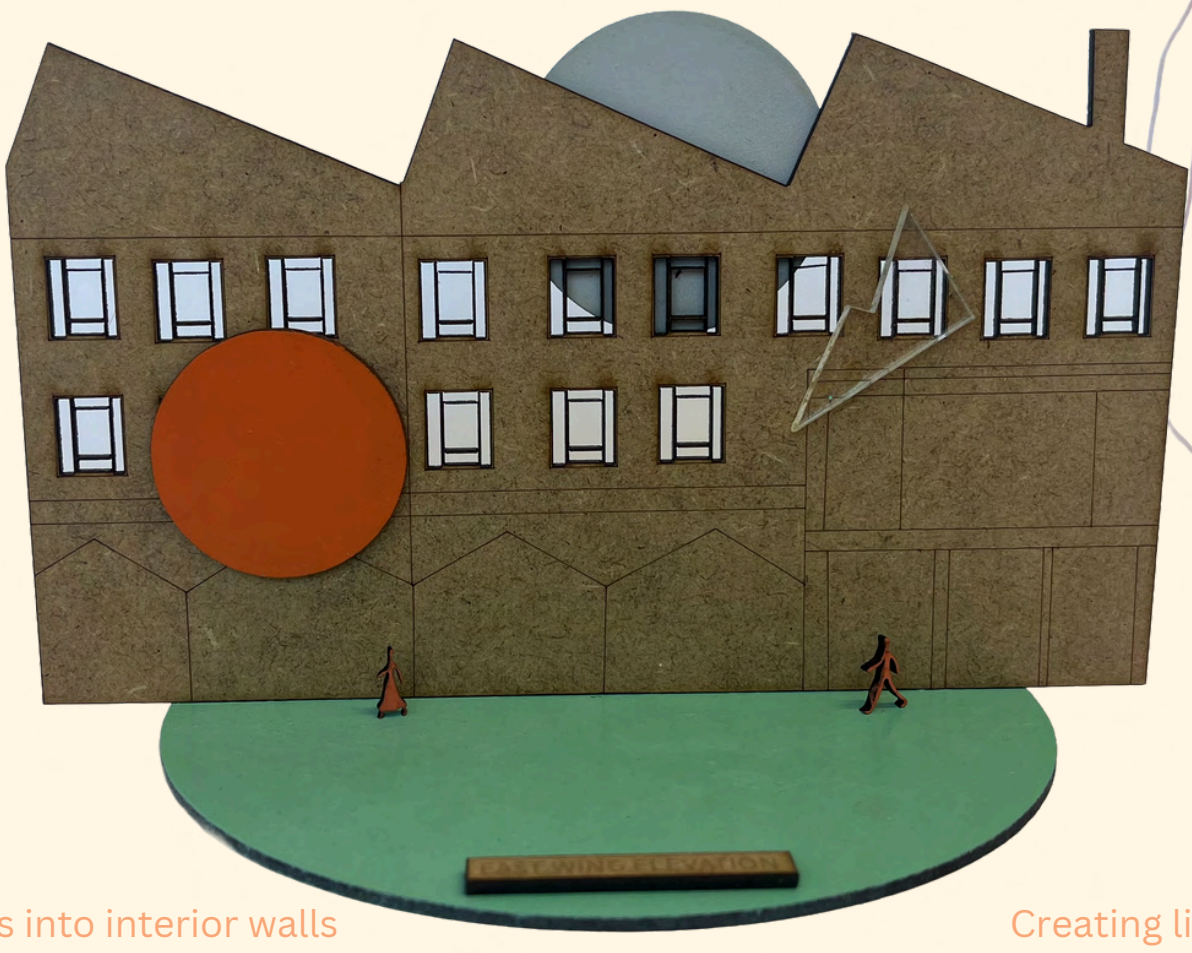


User interviews

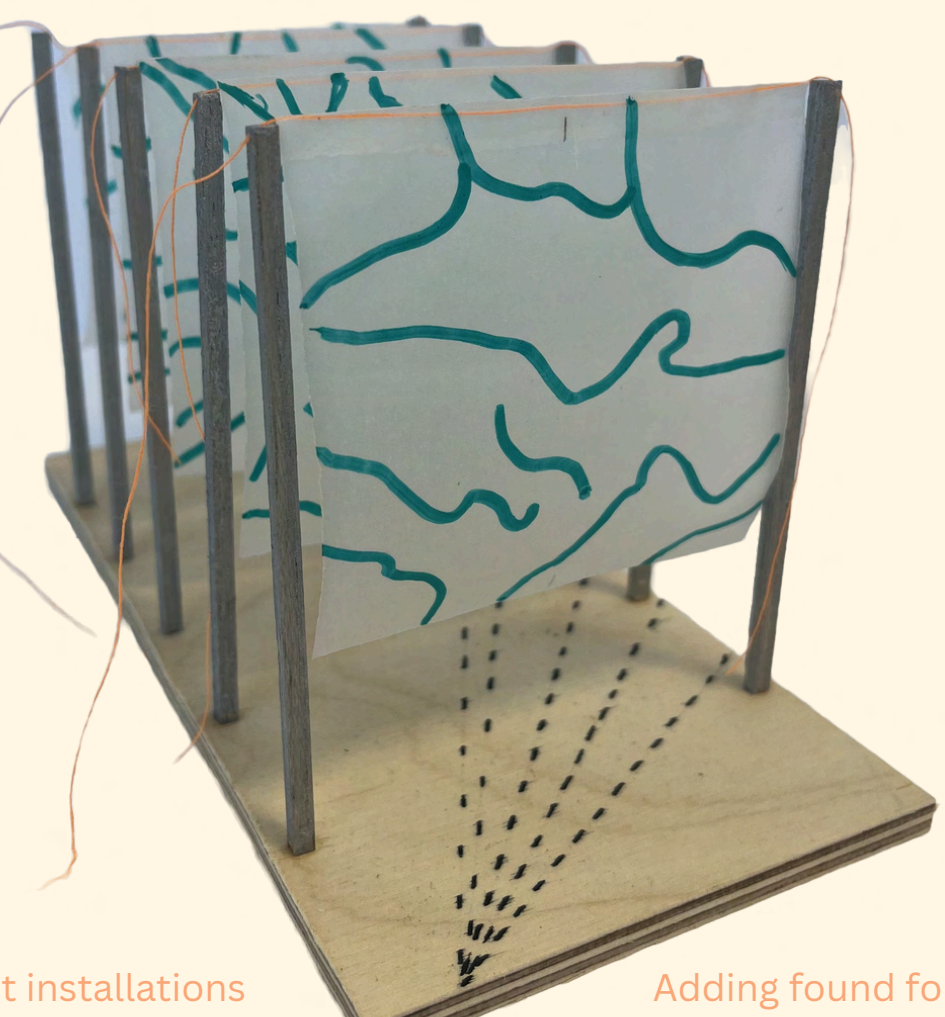
Models



Adding found shapes into interior walls



Creating light installations



Adding found forms into existing facade

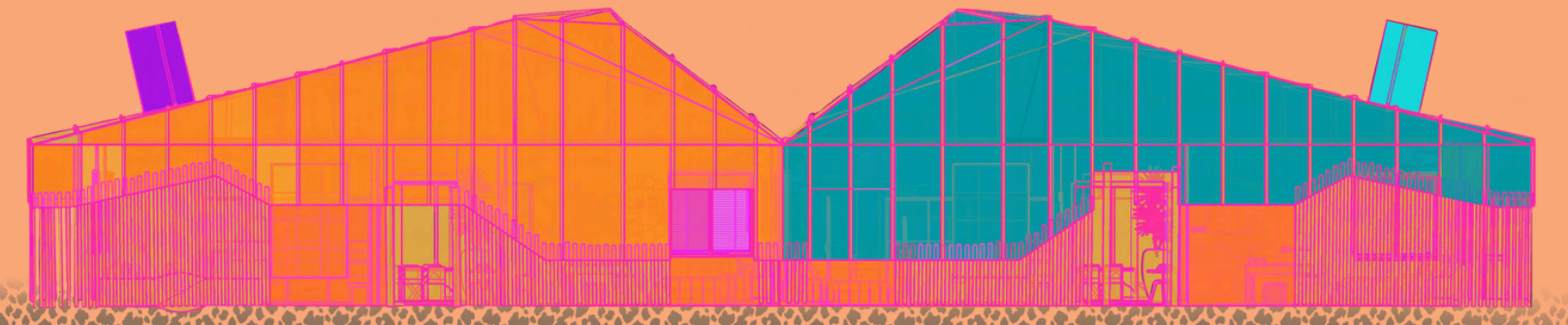


Final Outcome

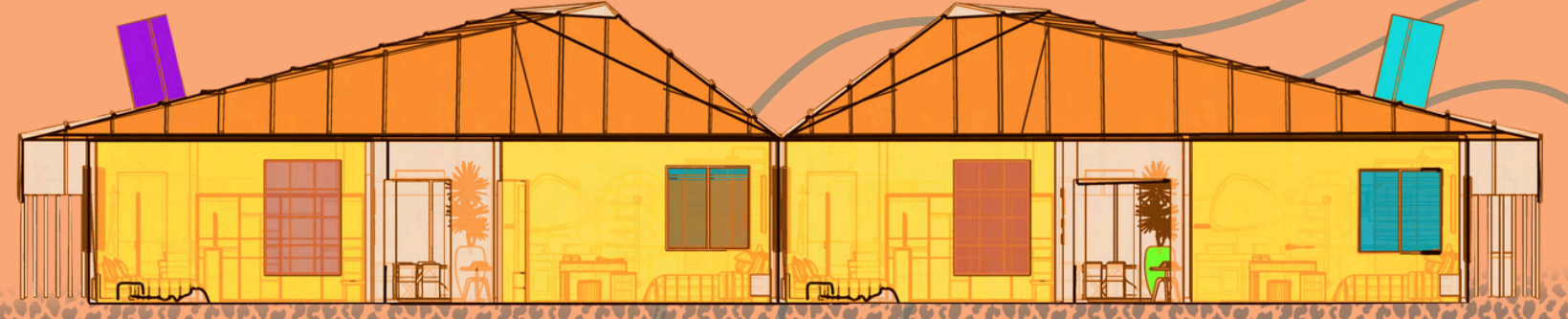
Detail model of social markets 1:25



Front elevation of Twisty Tongue Terrace



Section of bedrooms



Section of bathrooms



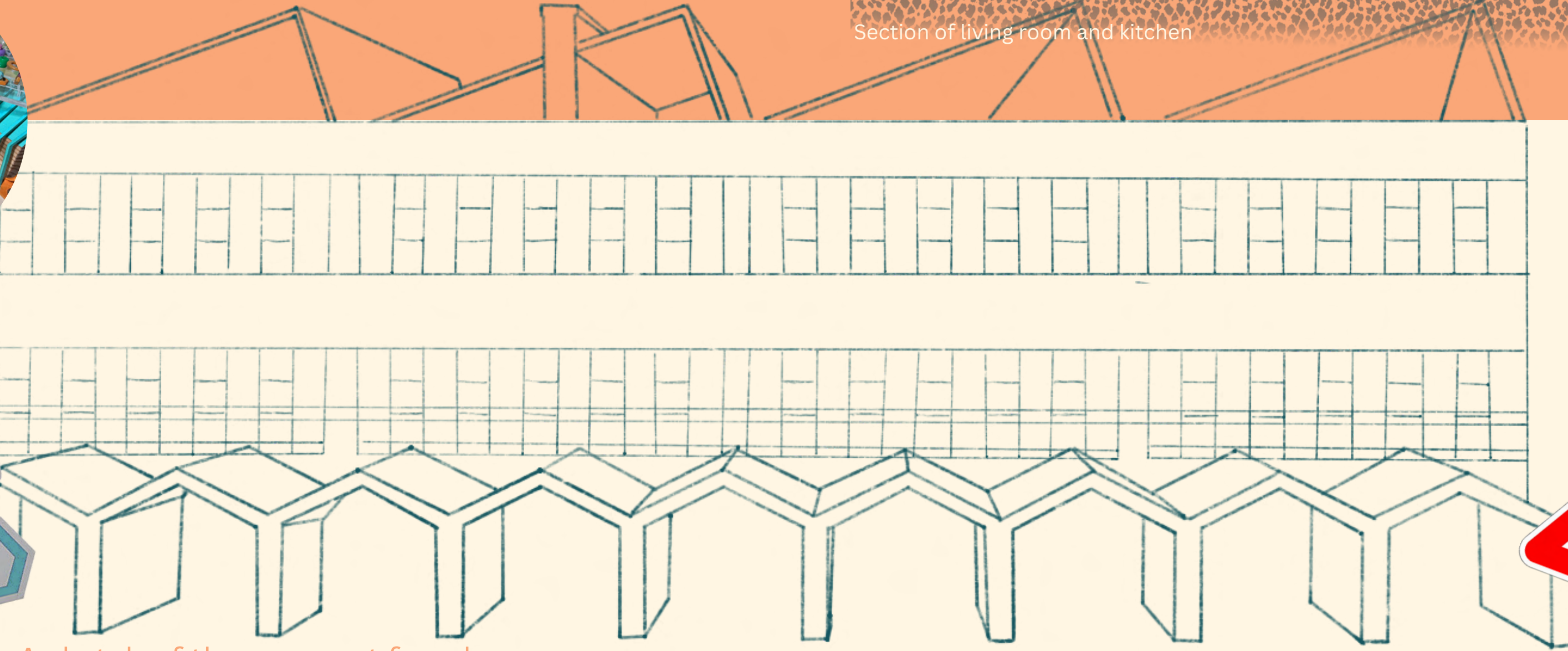
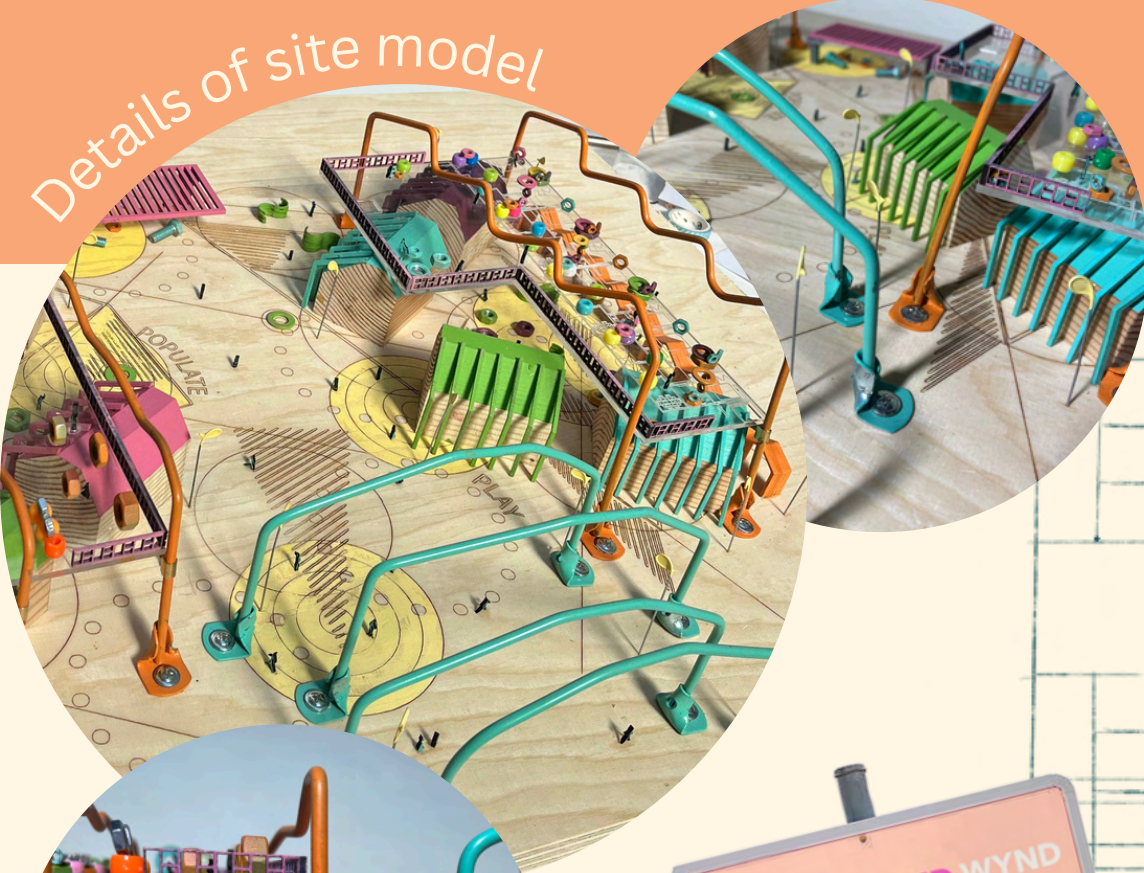
Section of living room and kitchen



Detail model of a bungalow 1:50



Details of site model



A sketch of the new east facade



Final Outcome

Social Justice

West Ward Quirks is the new and improved aged living experience for the retirement community of Dundee. Providing a living environment for the ageing generation to thrive while maintaining dignity and individuality. The village is designed with the user at the heart. Taking inspiration from both Dundee as a City and the individuals who live within. The design takes great consideration to providing a diverse range of facilities to both the residents and the wider community, bridging a gap between the ageing population and the younger generations within Dundee.



Social markets on Wonky Eyed Wynd



Lanky Leg Lane holding 5 flats



The entrance arches to West Ward Quirks