

Who we are

Brent Community Land Trust

Brent CLT is an independent, not for profit organisation, led by volunteers who live, work or have a connection to Brent. It was established to create genuinely affordable housing with and for the Brent community. Brent CLT registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a community benefit society in October 2020.



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Sapphire Independent Housing

Sapphire Independent Housing is a small housing association providing general needs, supported, temporary, intermediate rent, and shared ownership housing. Founded in 1969 for the Irish community in Camden and Brent, it now supports diverse residents. Our mission is "Providing homes to improve lives and enable people to live independently."



Sapphire Independent Housing

Bell Phillips Architects

As architects who specialise in housing, a fundamental part of our ethos is based around working with local communities. It is critical that they share the benefits of our projects and are involved at every stage of the process in a fair and equitable way.



Bell Phillips Architects - Marklake Court resident opening

Introduction to Brent Community Land Trust

Brent is a vibrant, diverse borough facing major housing pressures, with high private rents and long social housing waiting lists forcing many to relocate. The Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan (2019) identified these challenges and proposed exploring a Community Land Trust (CLT), leading to the creation of Brent CLT.



Celebrating Brent's Vibrancy & Diversity - Sound Shell at Brent Civic Centre

A CLT is a nonprofit that holds land in trust for community benefit, delivering affordable homes for future generations and community control over development. CLTs can also support other assets like gardens, workspaces, and community centres.



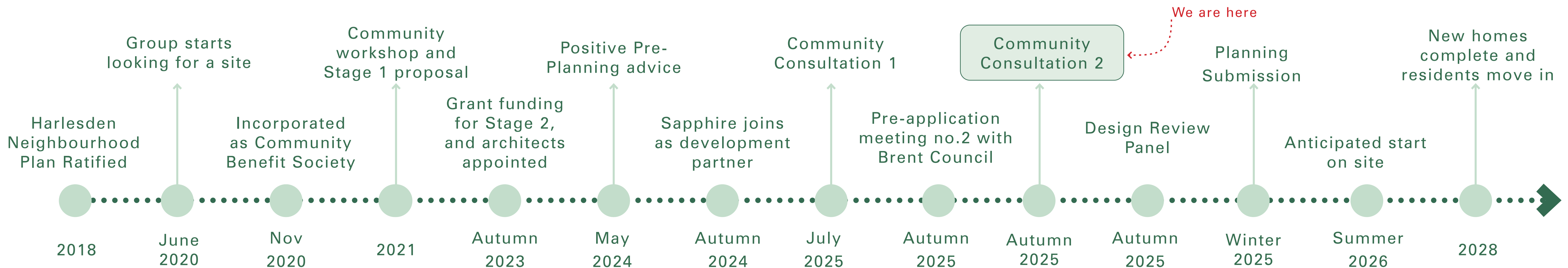
Conversations at Brent CLT Supper Club at Rumi's Kitchen

Brent CLT is the borough's first and only CLT. It's a membership organisation, always welcoming new members interested in shaping community-led housing. Nearly 80 members currently take part in workshops, events, or volunteer.

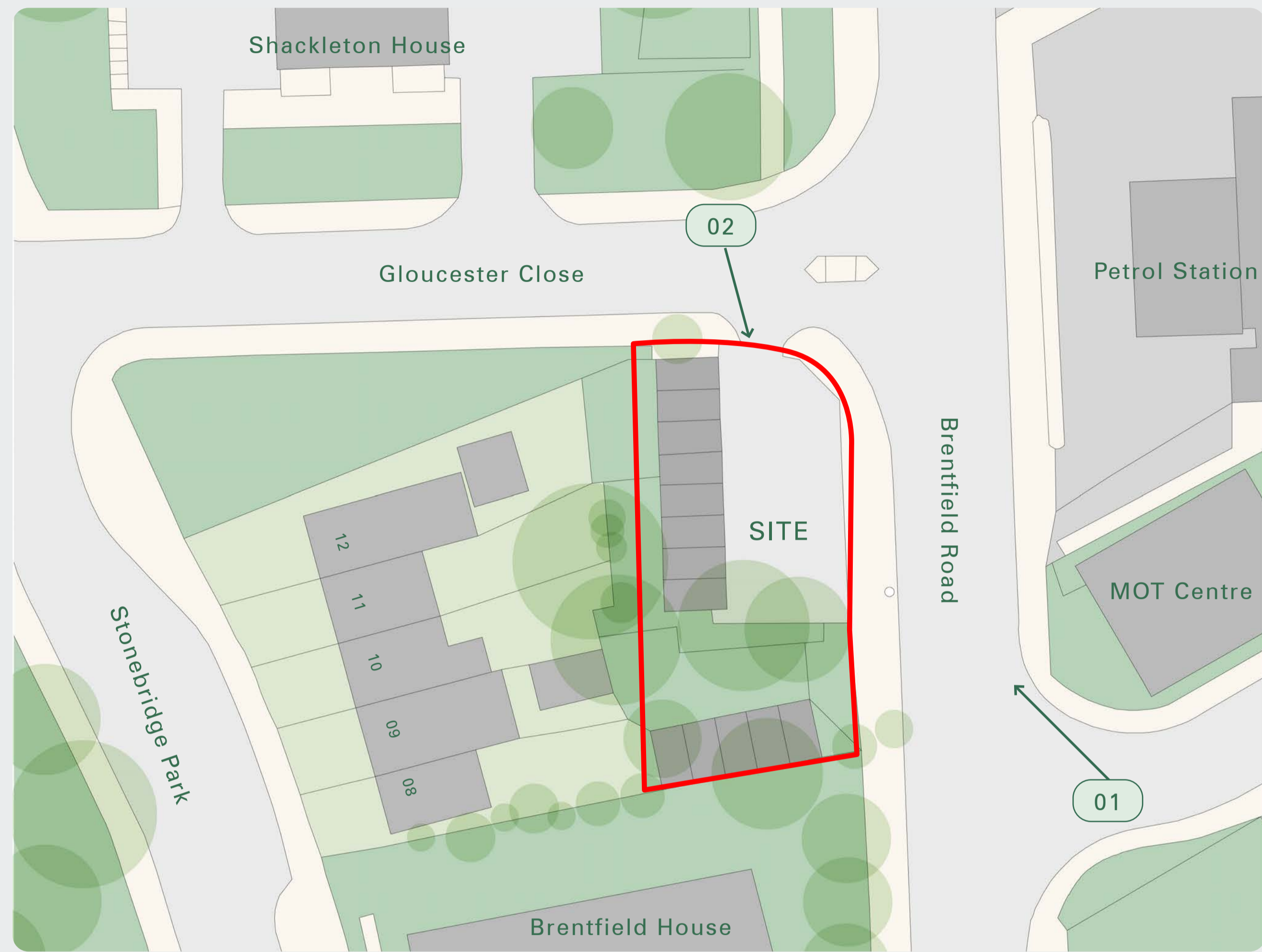


Community Connections at Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Since its founding, Brent CLT has secured support to form a community panel, establish design principles, run workshops, and carry out feasibility studies. The project is now at an exciting stage, with early plans ready for further community feedback and engagement.



Existing Site Plan



Proposed Site Plan



Key Changes:

- Additional low level planting and a new tree has been incorporated at the corner of Brentfield Road and Gloucester Close.
- Increased privacy on rear walkway to reduce visibility of rear gardens of no. 8-12 Stonebridge Park.
- The communal garden to the rear of proposal has increased in size.

Proposed view from Brentfield Road



03 Artistic impression of proposal

Proposed view from Gloucester Close



04 Artistic impression of proposal

Key Changes:

- The design has been developed with brick chosen as the primary material. Brick is a long lasting and robust material that requires little maintenance.
- The colour of the brick references a number of brick tones found on buildings surrounding the site.
- The balustrades on the rear walkway are angled to obscure the view into rear gardens of no. 8-12 Stonebridge Park.
- External roller shutters have been added to the windows to reduce overheating within homes as well as reduce costs of energy bills for residents.

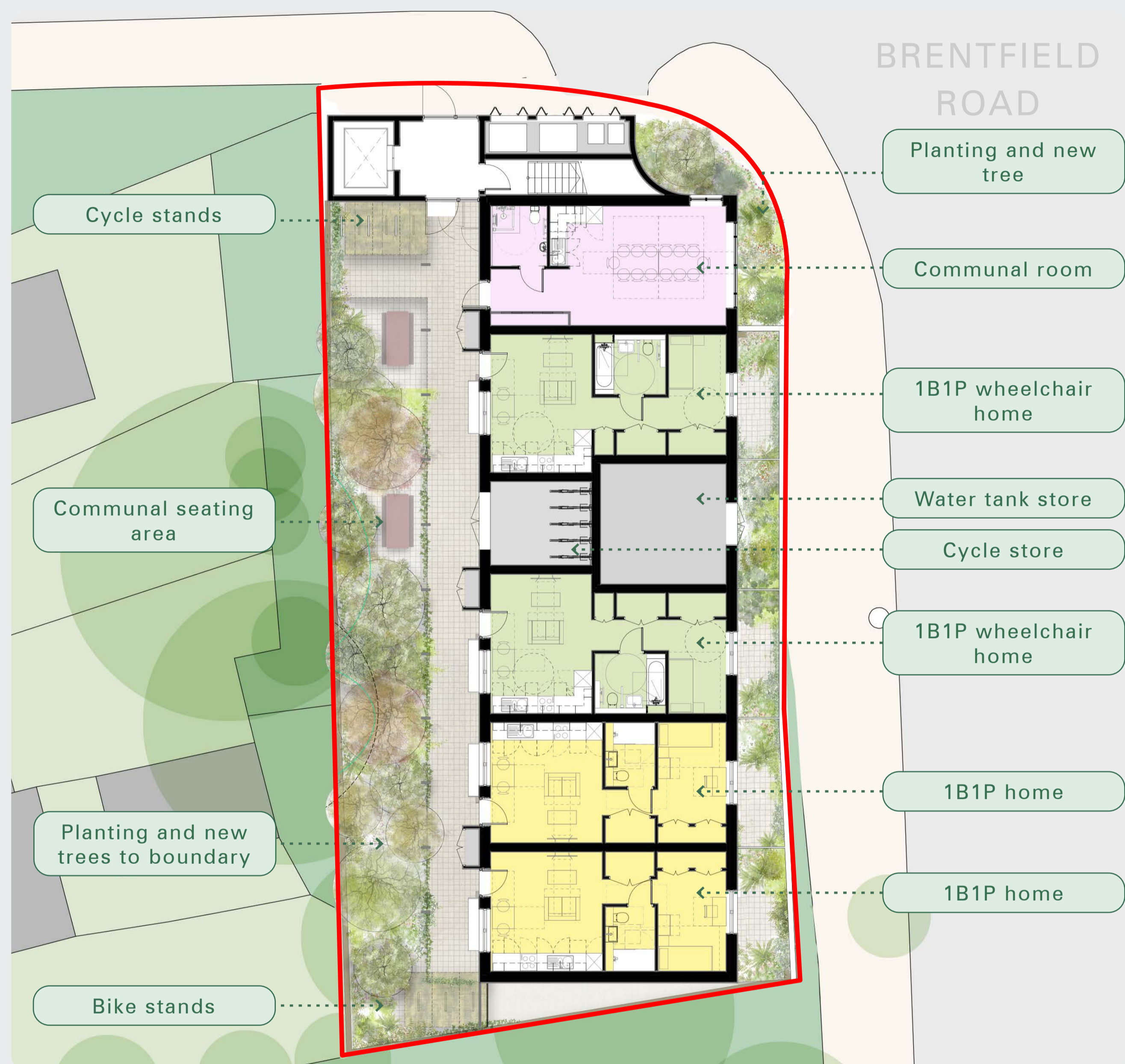


Current view from Brentfield Road

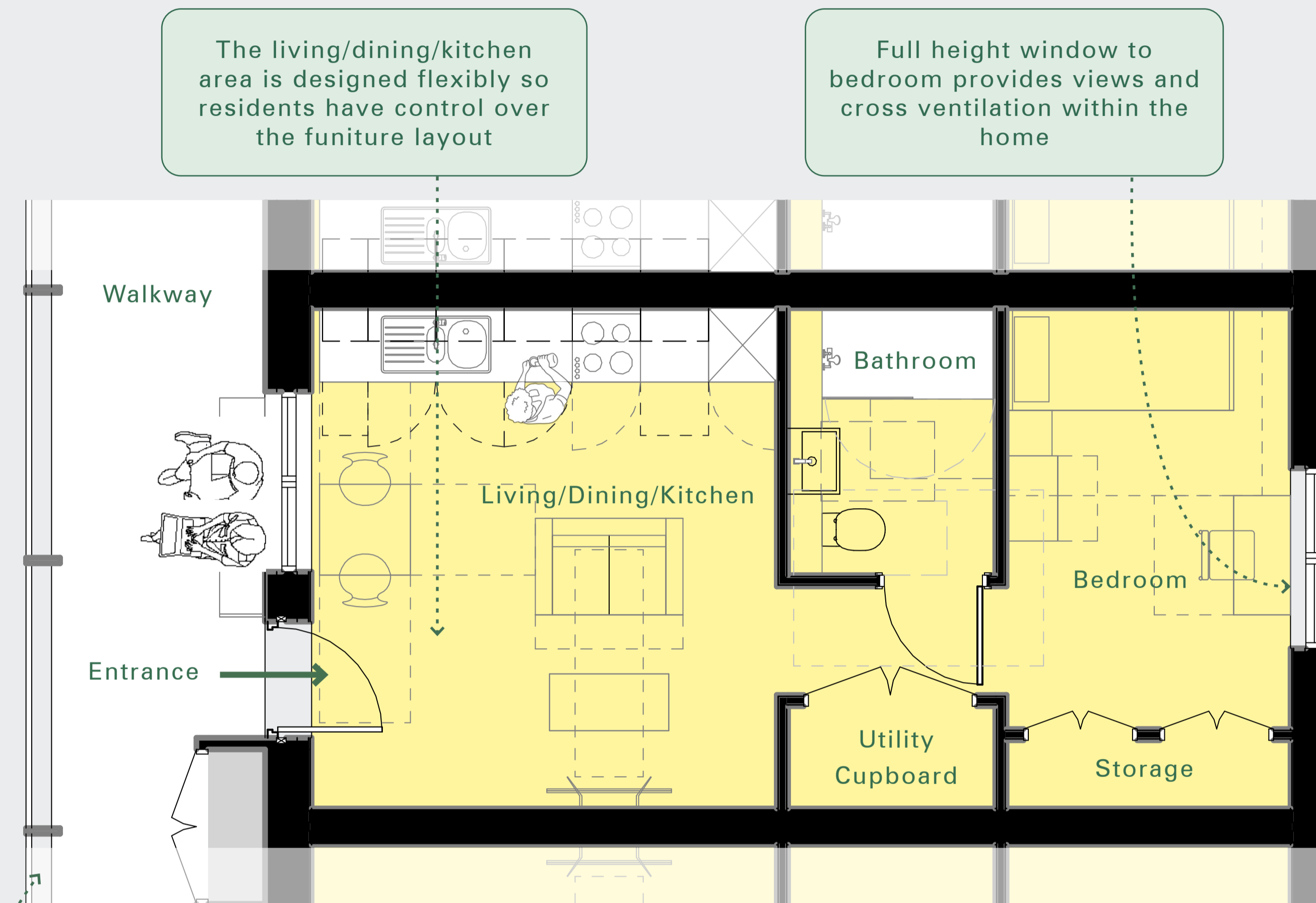


Current view from Gloucester Close

Ground Floor Plan



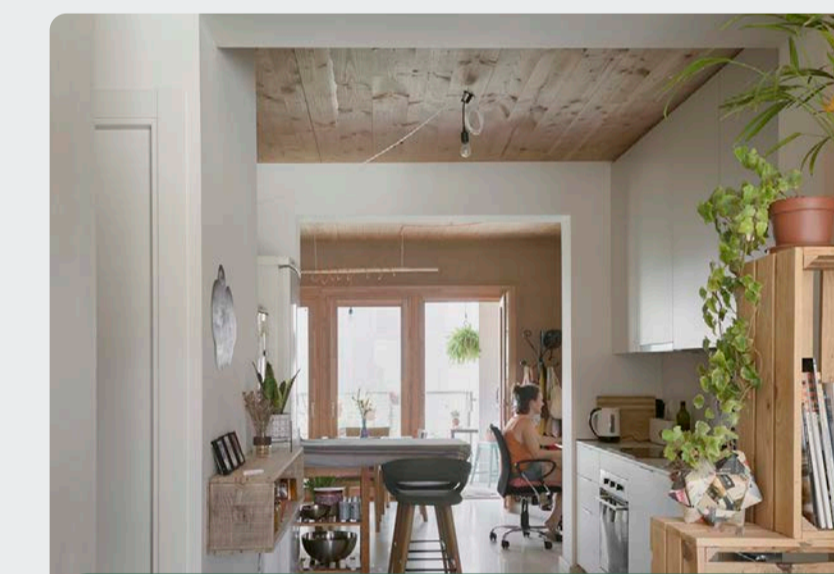
Typical Flat Plan



Front door opens onto walkway



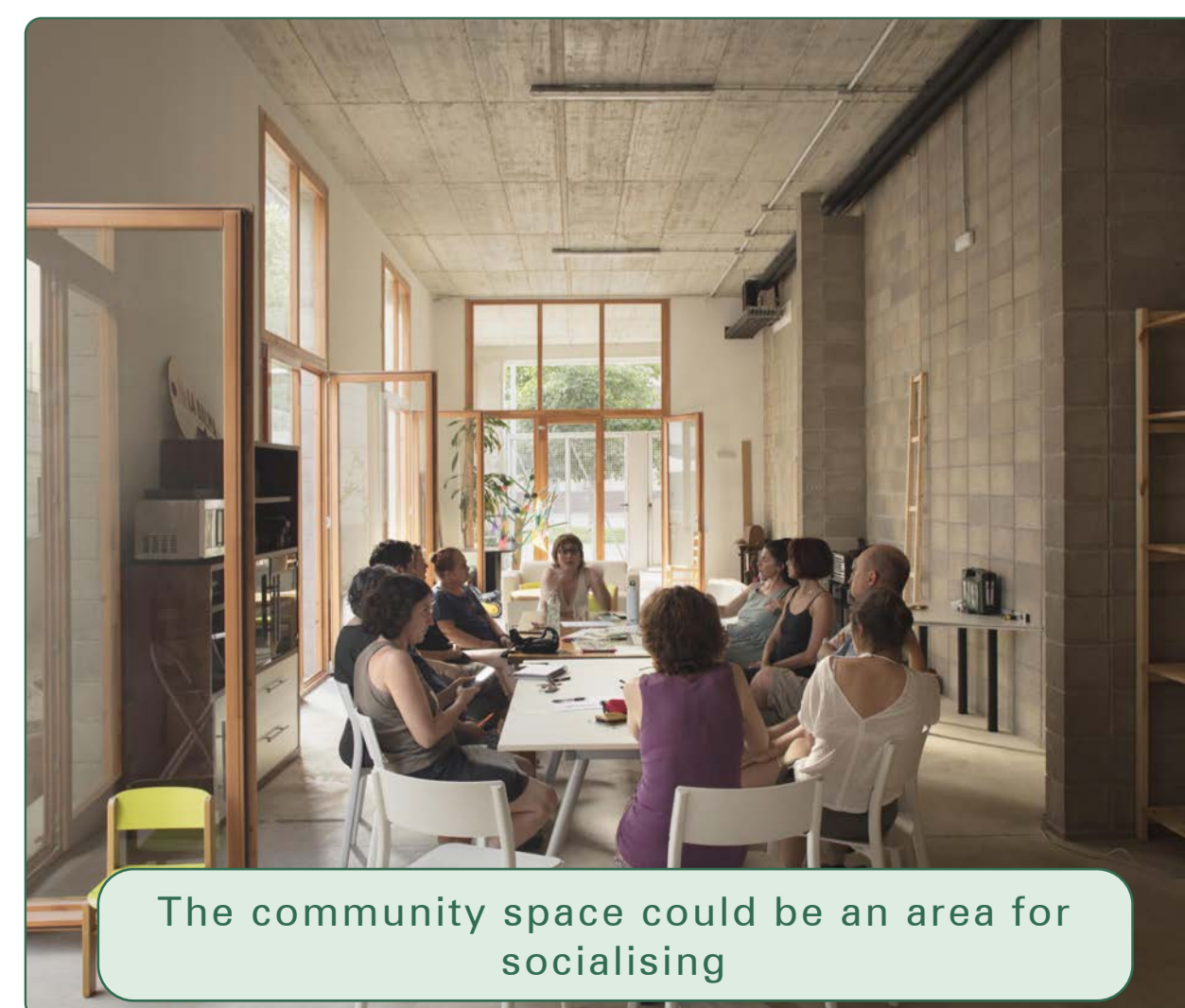
Bathroom located centrally in flat



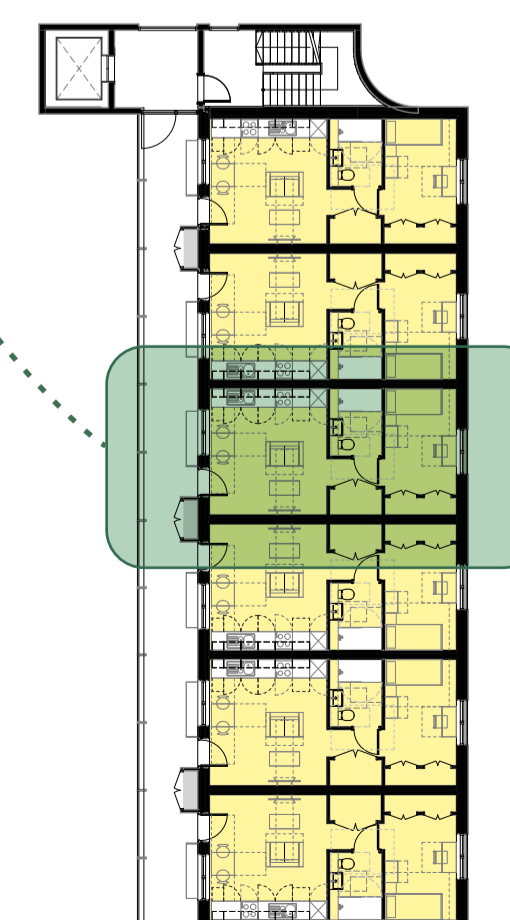
Flexible use of space



The community space could be a flexible space for different uses



The community space could be an area for socialising



Key Changes:

- The communal room features a kitchenette, an accessible WC and a flexible space for events and activities.
- A secondary line of security has been incorporated into the entrance of the building to improve safety.
- External lighting has been incorporated to create a safe, well lit development for residents and the public.