Access Association Seminar

Linden Farm I A supported living setting for adults with autism



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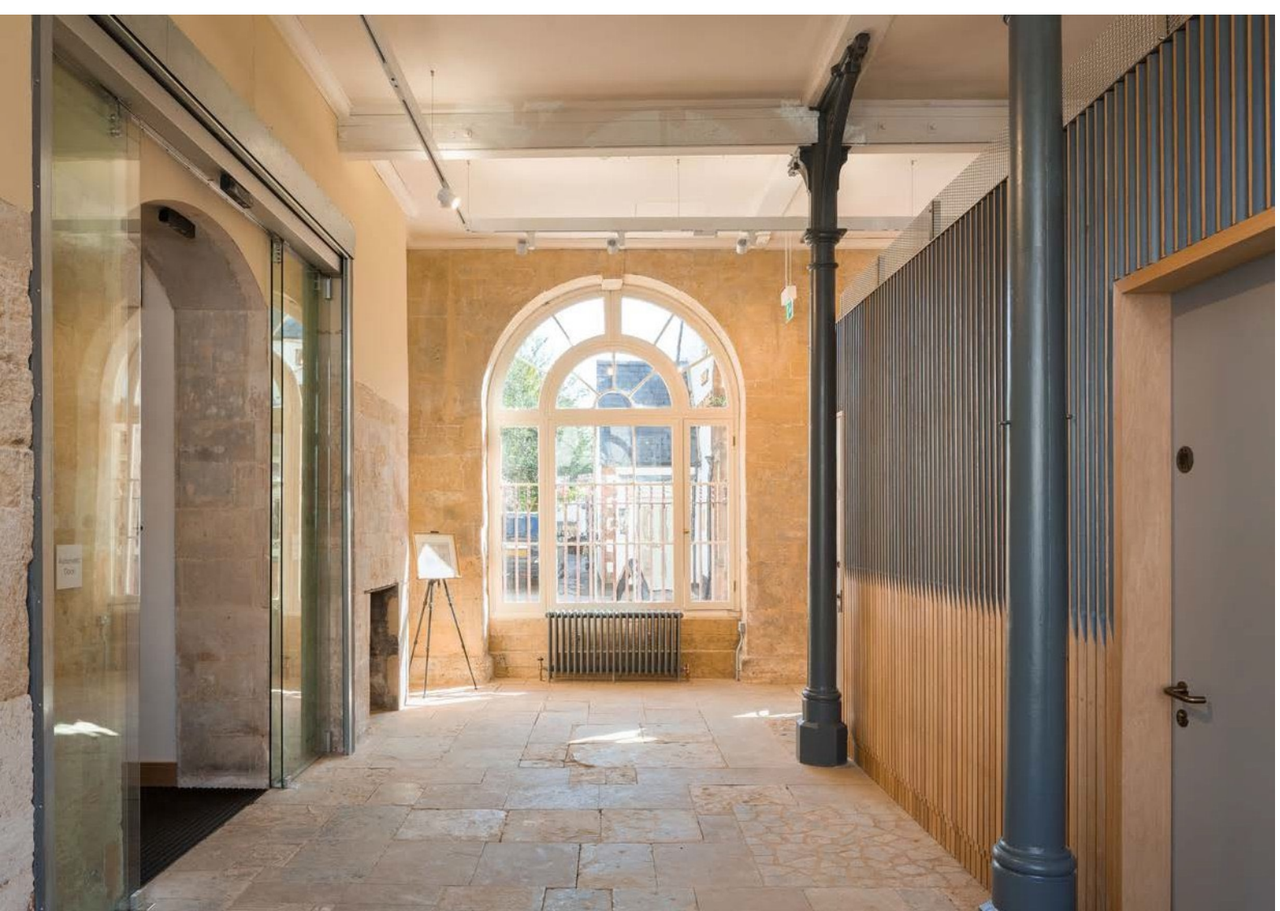


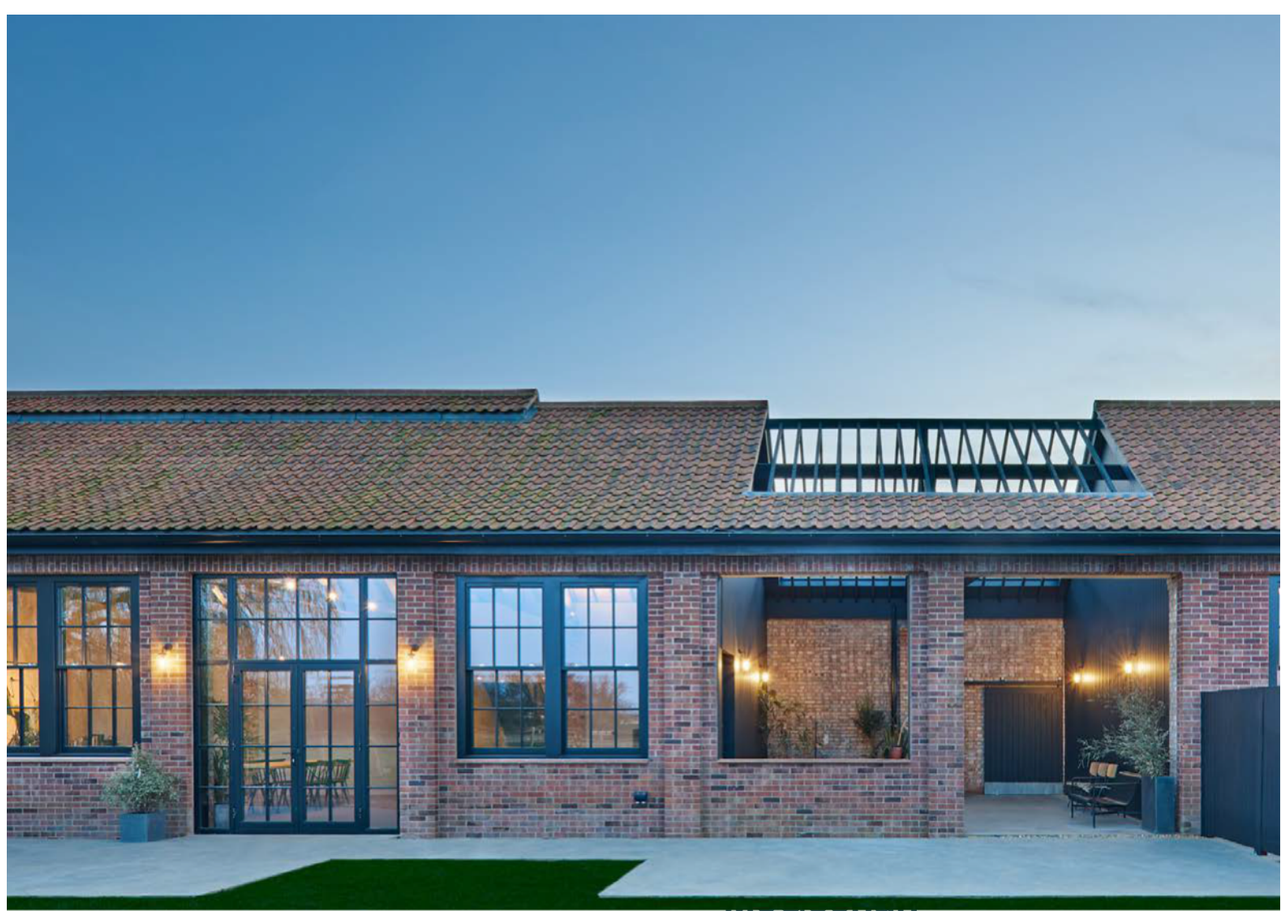
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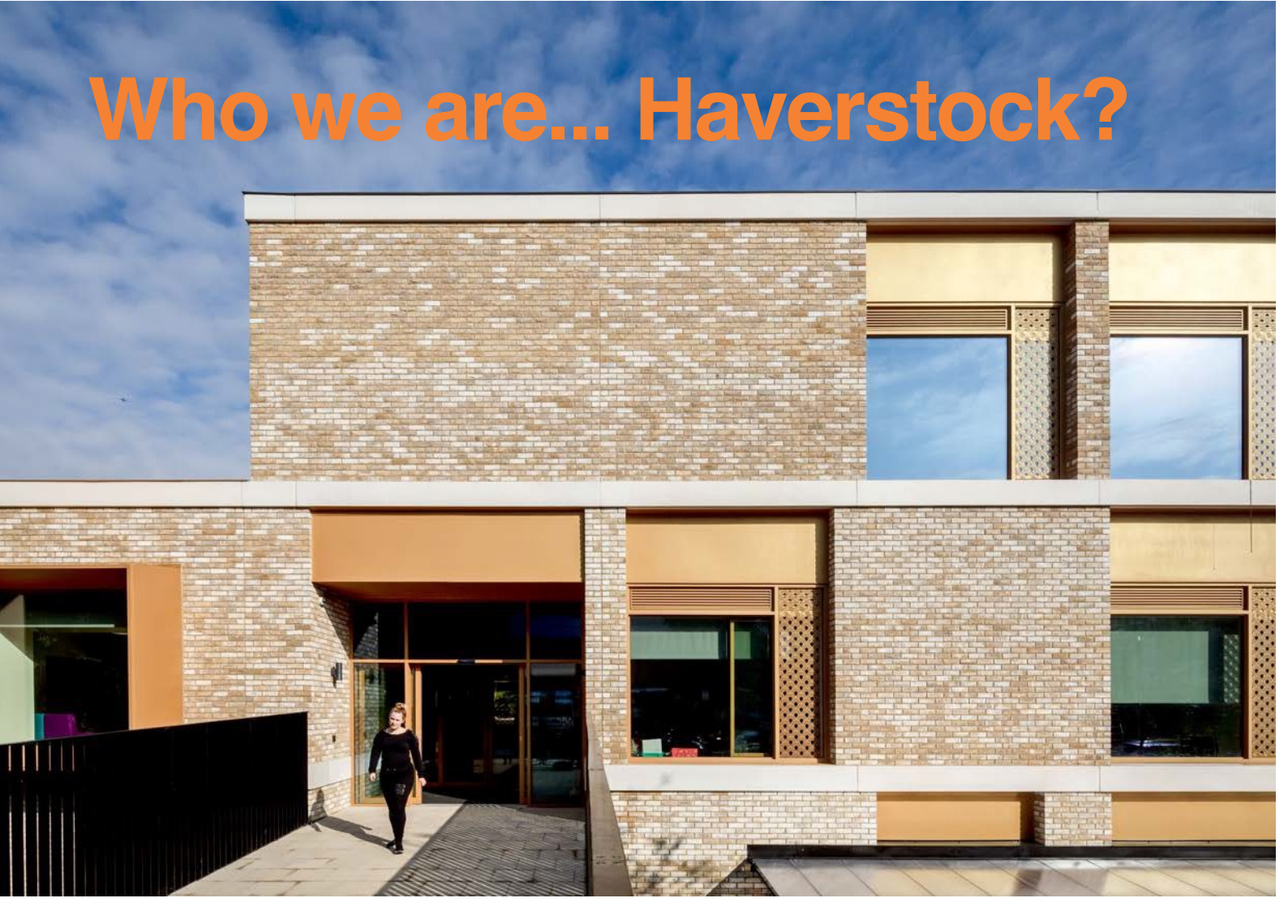


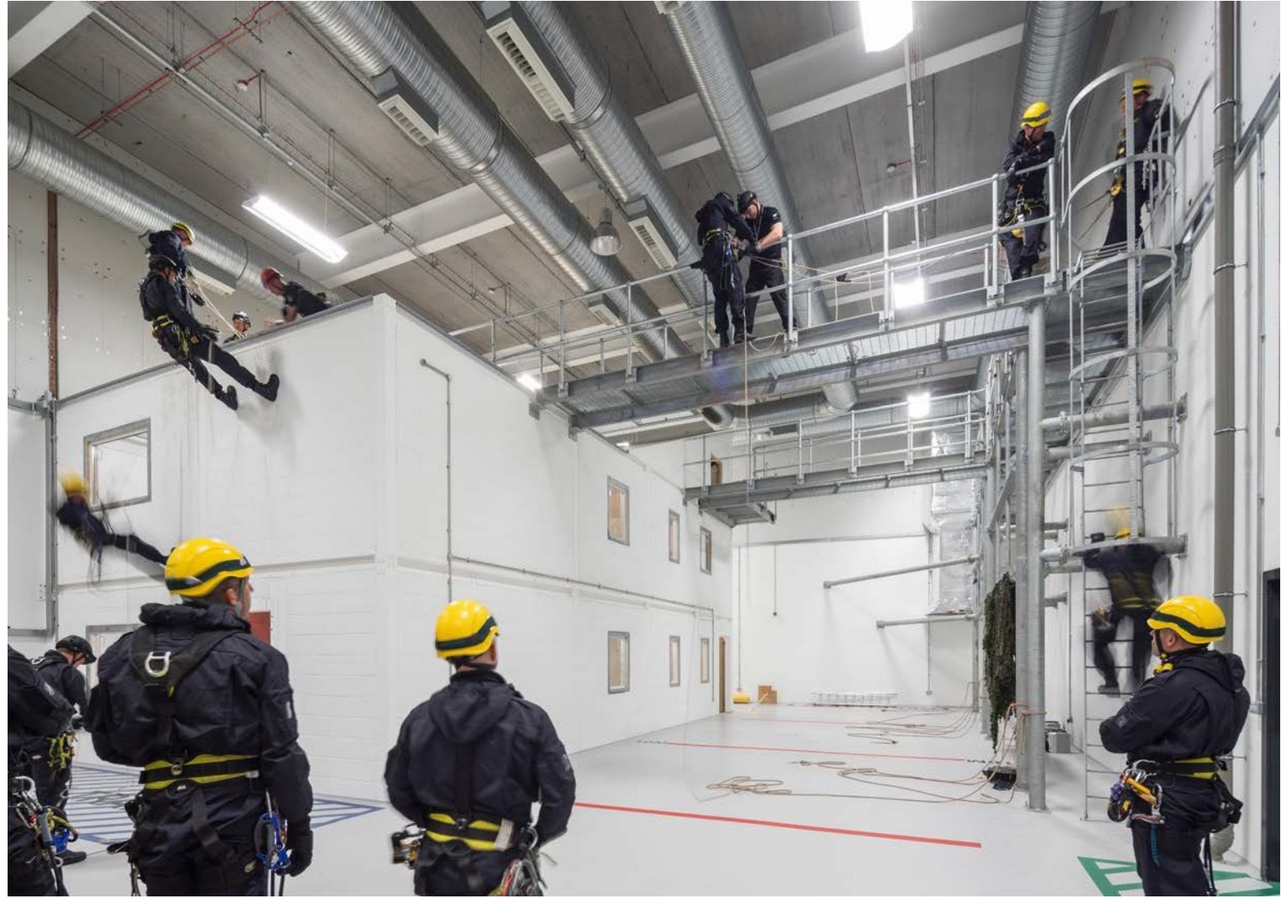






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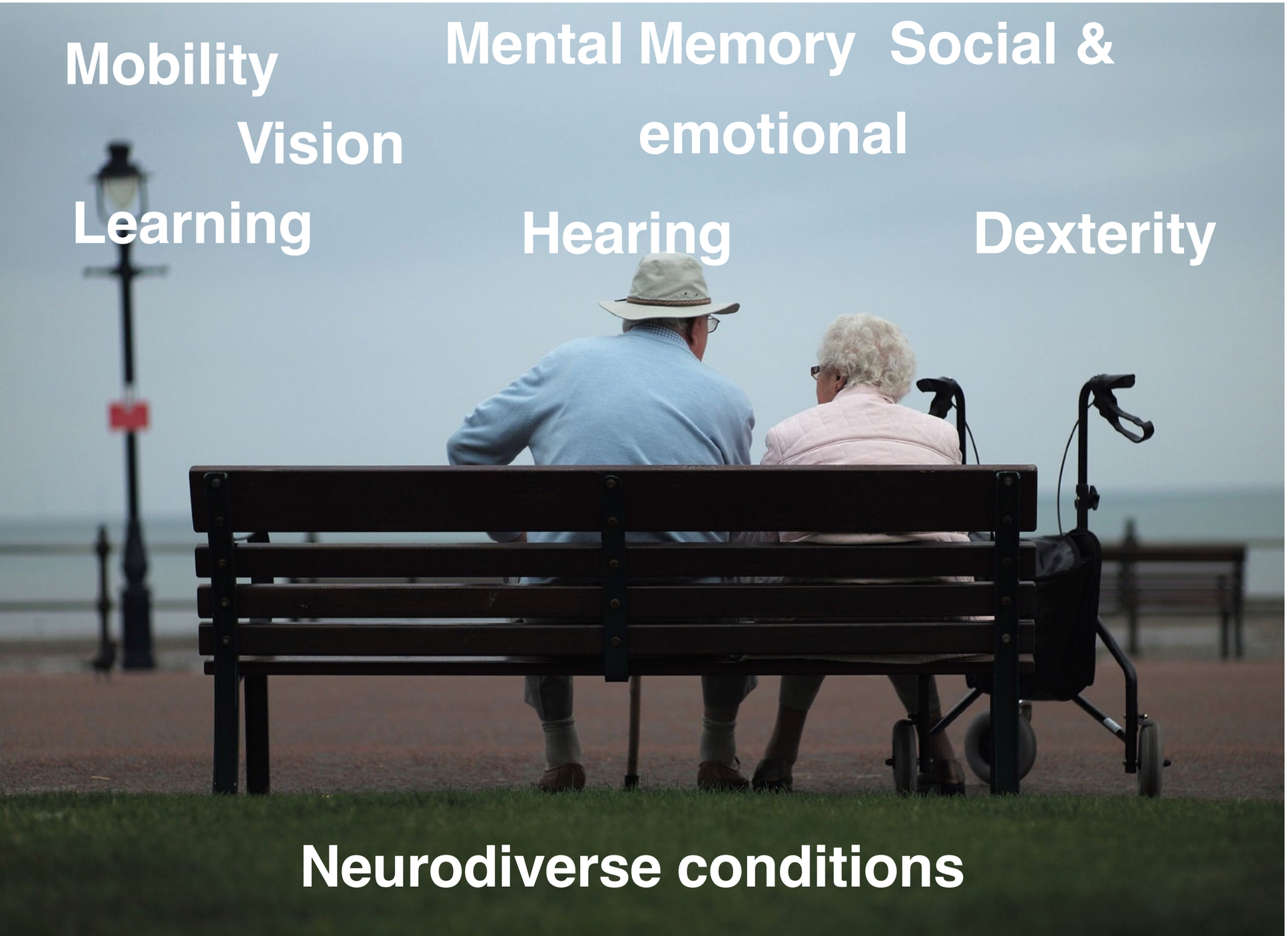
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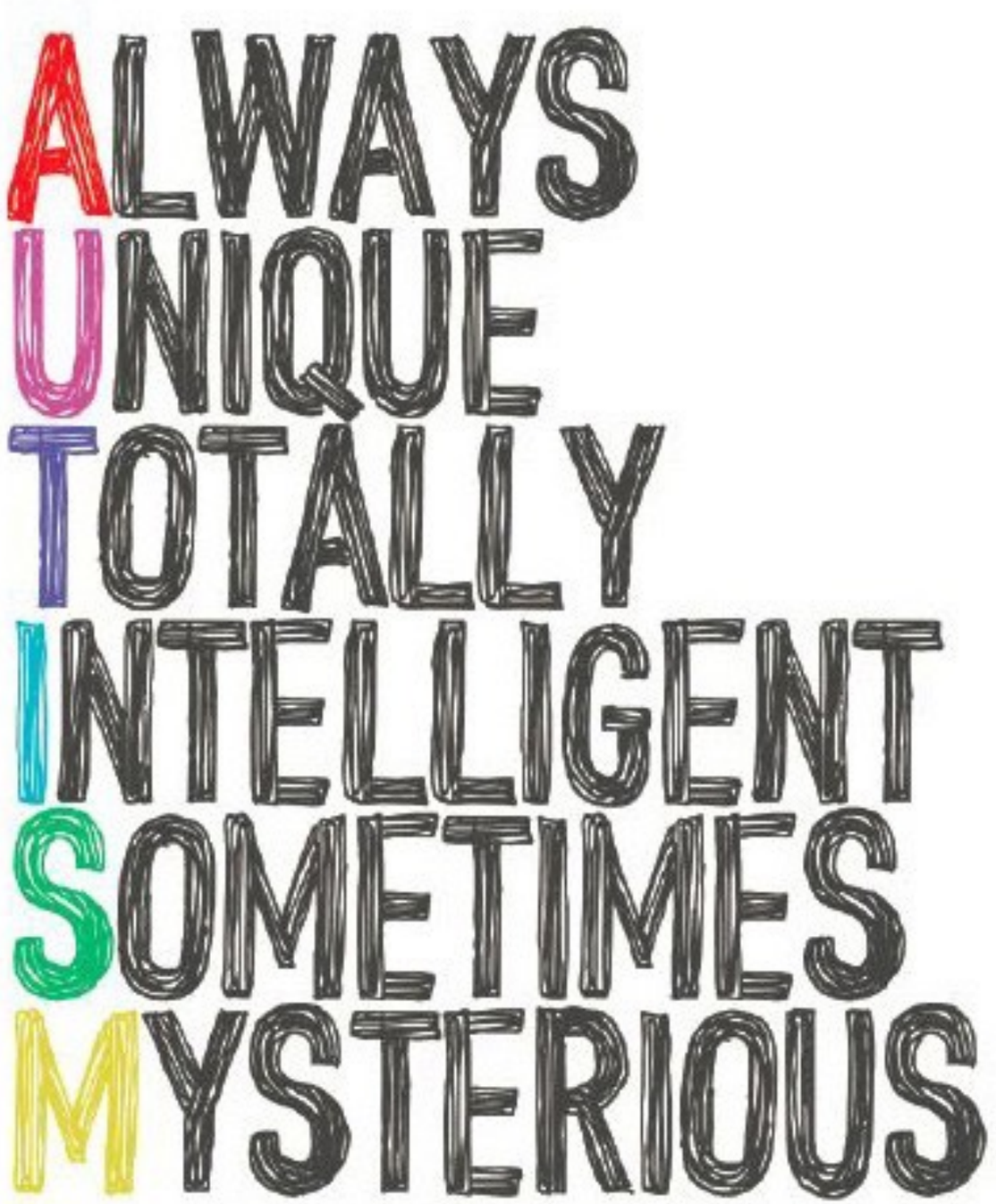
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Context

What is autism?



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What are supported living settings?



The masterplan



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The plans



Farmstead typology



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Materiality & legibility



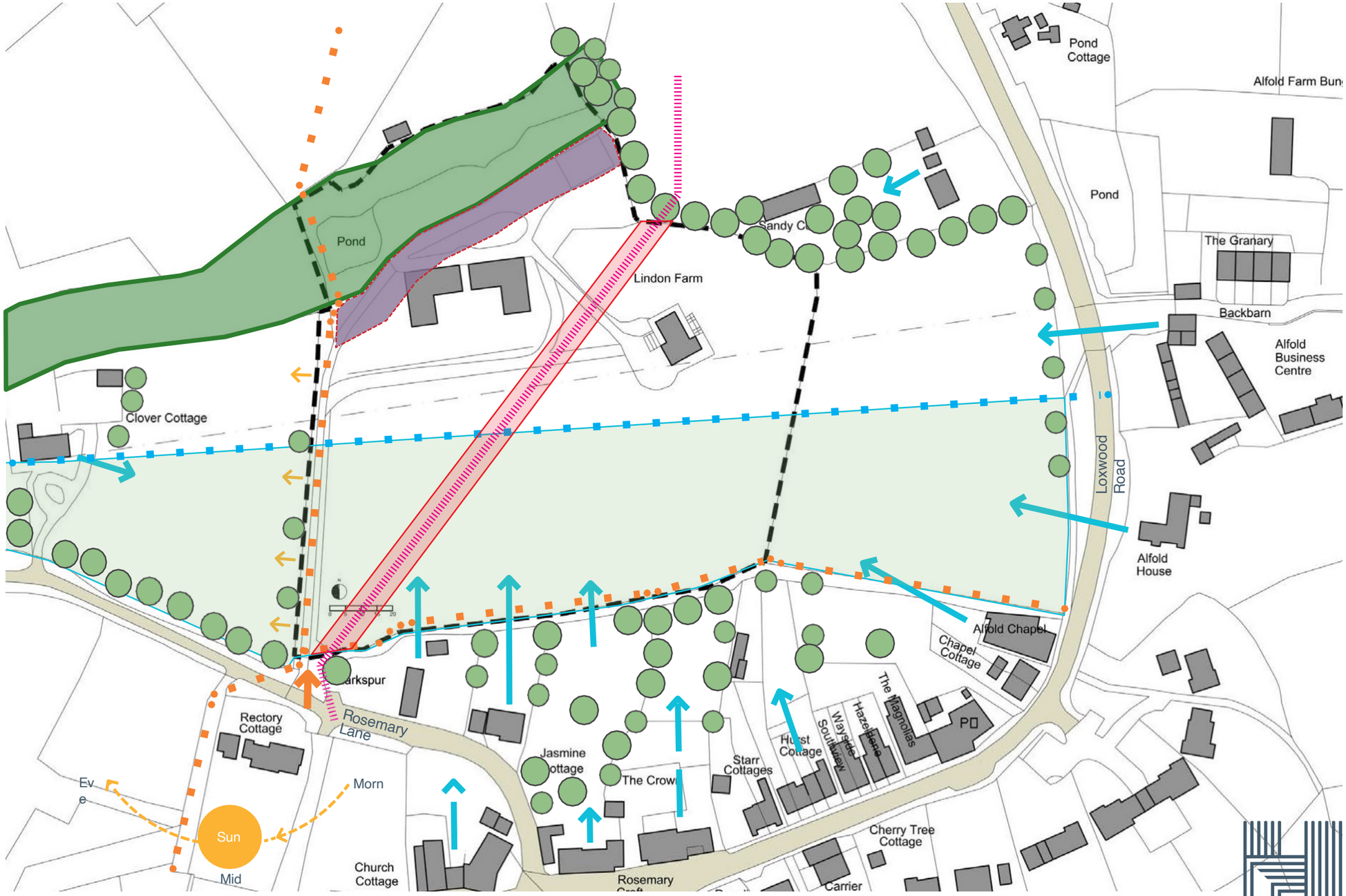
Challenge #1
Finding a site that is affordable and developable

Key

- Site boundary/ Proposed boundary for planning application
- Self imposed building line
- Green wedge - No building works proposed
- Significant existing trees around site (aprox)
- Ancient woodland
- belt Access point on
- to site
- Considered views across site
- Considered views across site (limited view) Public right of
- way Public road
- Existing sewer (6m building clearance required)
- Access right from access road to Clover Cottage
- Tree protection zone for ancient woodland

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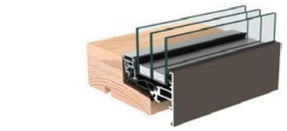
Full site/ planningred line. 22,700m² (2.27ha)



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Challenge #2

Creating a homely environment







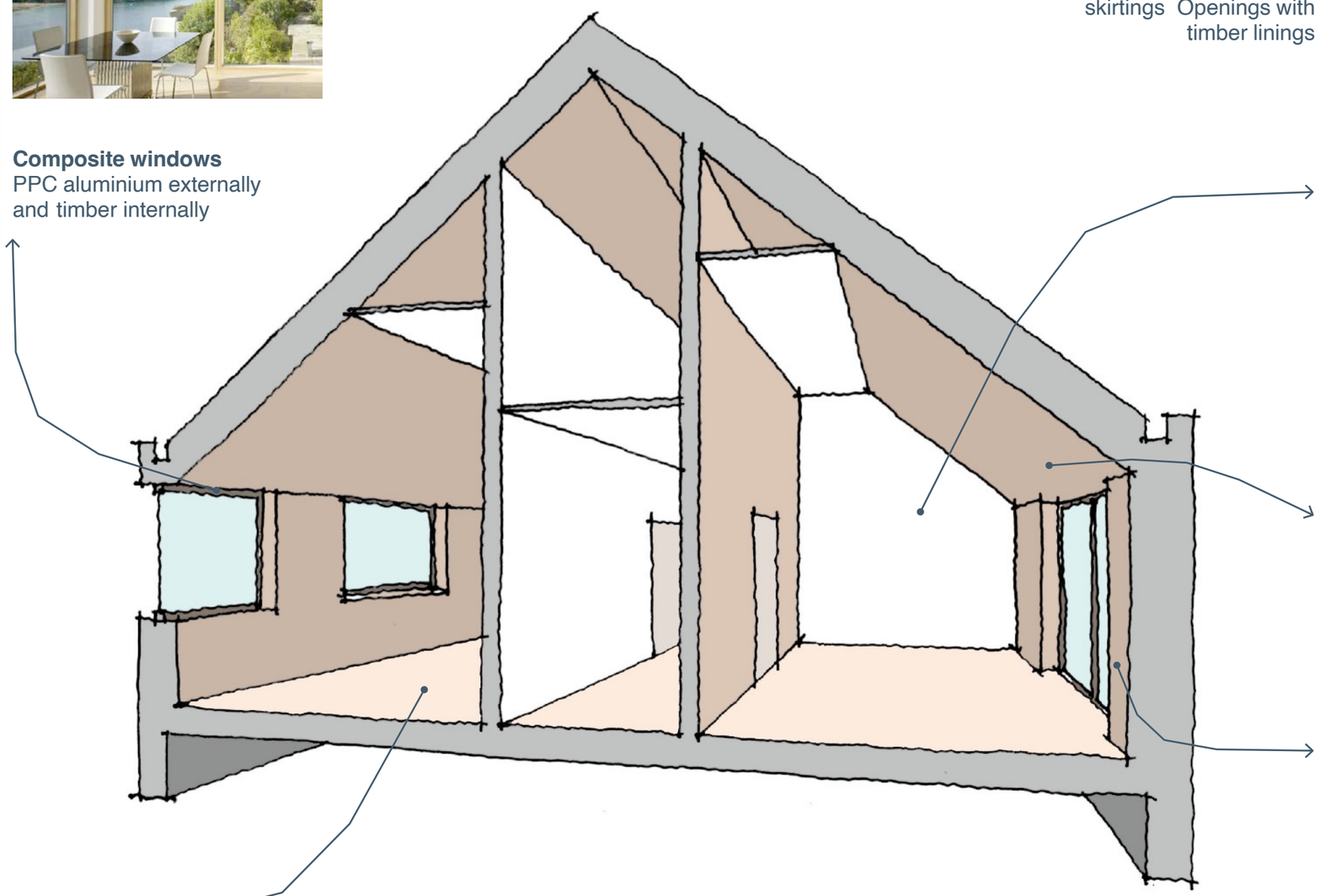
Composite windows
PPC aluminium externally and timber internally





Lined crosswalls & bulkhead
Impact resistant plasterboard lining to walls & bulkhead ceiling Flush skirtings

Lined hallways
Impact resistant plasterboard lin- ing to walls & ceiling Flush skirtings Openings with timber linings









Parquet flooring
Limed or white laquered oak Solid parquet blocks for durablity

Exposed visual grade CLT Living spaces have 2 CLT walls (circulation and external facade walls) and underside of the pitched roof

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Challenge #3

Safety in the home





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Challenge #4

Bathrooms and toilets



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Lesson Learned #1

Everyone loves CLT



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Lesson Learned #1

‘Completely Lovely Timber’





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Lesson Learned #2

Importance of a well being



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Lesson Learned #3

Importance of telecare technology & lighting controls





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Lesson Learned #4
Robustness yet softness of finishes



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Conclusion

Special housing projects are an exciting opportunity to design better.

Why? Working for clients with complex care needs challenges architects to listen more and to design for disability first.

I believe that when we design for disability first, we often develop a solution that is better than designing for the ‘norm’.

Thank you for listening



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