

1 Houses 12 - 20

Each house will be designed for busy family life; whether that's a nuclear family, extended family or a group of individuals sharing. Each house will have a small annex property to further support the household and encourage engagement with others; this might be for grandparents, a teenager, student, au-pair / HelpX / intern etc. The houses will be built using sustainable techniques to keep the build and occupancy costs low. They will look gorgeous, overflow with creativity and will make effective use of natural light. There is vehicle access to the homes but cars will not be parked in front of each property; these will either be in the main car park or in a separate car park close to the homes, but out of sight. The homes overlook the children's play area and are situated to allow for further building of new homes and site expansion.

4 Guest Lodges

The guest lodges will be creative, yet simple spaces that have similar eco-credentials to the main houses. The lodges will be designed and built for use by guests on a short to medium basis. These might be guests of the residents, those attending courses or events or those enjoying a holiday or respite of some kind.

5 Car Park & Bike Store

Use of cars on site will be discouraged. The main car park will sit close to the site entrance and will be screened as much as possible. There will be charging points for electric vehicles and residents will be encouraged to share cars or journeys where possible. Use of bicycles will be encouraged and there will plenty of dry and secure storage areas.

6 On Site Storage

Resource sharing is vital to the success of low-cost community living and ample shared storage space is an essential part of this. This will be a place to store gardening equipment, bike parts, tools, baby equipment, clothing and second hand items etc. This model will reduce unnecessary purchase of new things and reduce waste.

2 Office Space / Workshops

There will be a mix of creative workspaces including private and shared offices and workshops. These are available for those living on site and for those living nearby that are pursuing a socially impactful project, business or social enterprise. By being at the heart of the site there will be less travel time and commuting expense. There will therefore be less time away and a much lower environmental impact; there will also be more time for output, collaboration and support. This space will also generate revenue for further expansion and growth of Twigloo.

3 Community Hub

The Community Hub is about getting together; having space to meet, learn, discuss, experiment, be challenged, celebrate, eat together, relax and have fun. Twigloo will be an incubator where courses are run, workshops are held and learning is captured and shared. This space will be designed to maximise opportunities for residents, guests and the local community. The community hub and adjoining spaces such as the play area, woodland or other recreational space will be used to engage the local community in a meaningful way. It is also likely that the community hub will incorporate space for childcare delivered via a cost-effective and innovative model.

7 Play Park

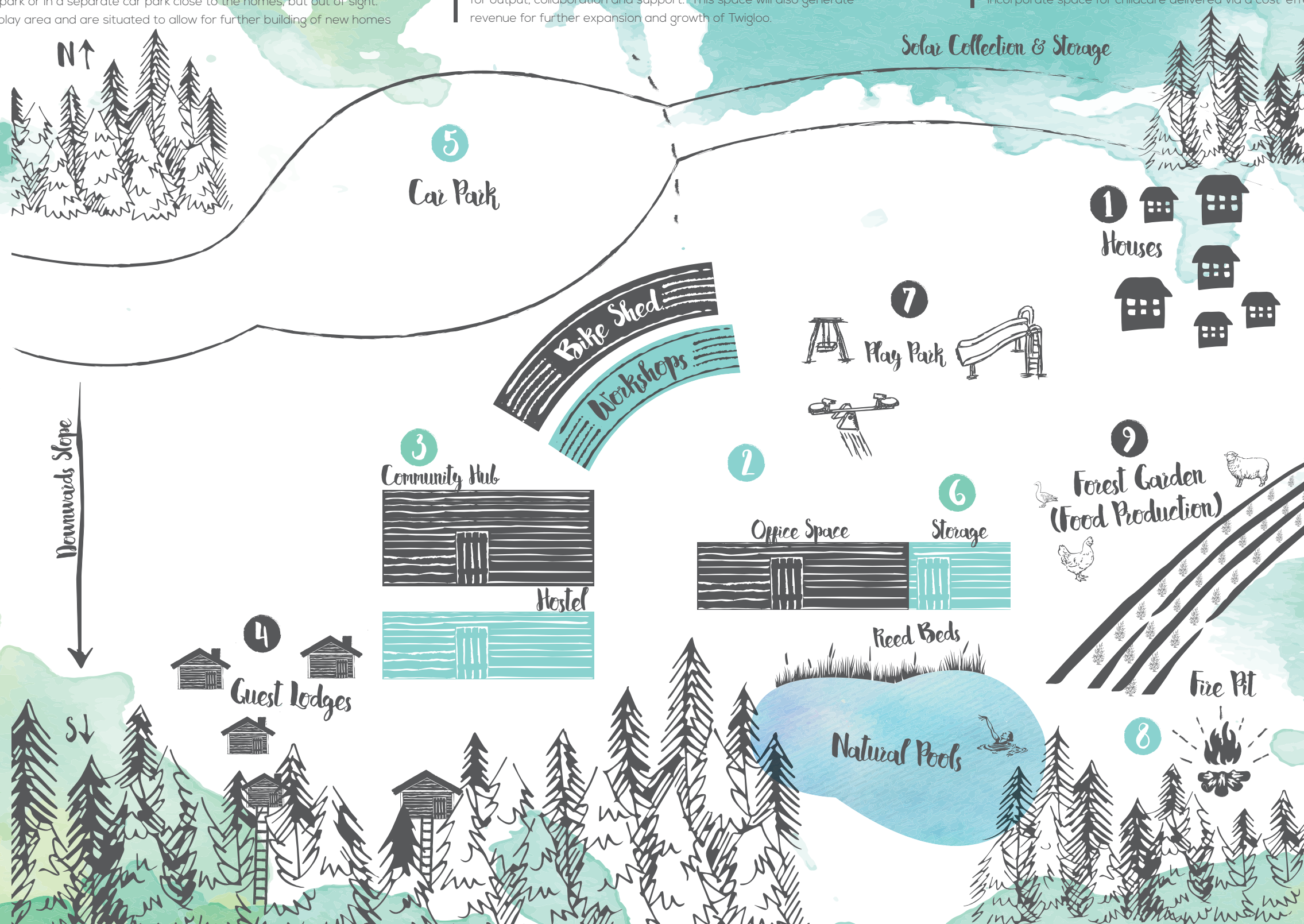
We will encourage outdoor play as much as possible. We will design a play park that is suitable for children of all ages that is safe and enables parents to relax and allow kids more autonomy. The park will be within sight of the main houses and close to the Community Hub for all to enjoy.

8 Fire Pit

A weekly fire for all residents and guests where stories can be shared, support offered to each other and relationships grown. Something very special takes place around a fire.

9 Veg patch / Animal Area / Orchard / Hives / Land

This space is for food production, processing organic waste and further enhancing the sustainability of the Twigloo model. While engagement with this space is not expected by all residents, it is anticipated that a core group (and perhaps local people) will use this space for food production, learning, courses and wider social engagement. There will be an area for solar gain, collection and storage, sited at the highest point on the site. Where appropriate, there will be a reedbed water filtration system which then serves a natural pool. Twigloo hopes to offer a good work / life balance; we hope that water will play a significant part in that, offering a place to rest, reflect or swim!



Twigloo

Each aspect of Twigloo has been designed for a reason and specific purpose. This map and accompanying wording has been produced to show the different aspects of Twigloo and the links between them. Although it is helpful to layout an indicative plan, it is important to stress that both the site layout and architecture would be designed according to the location and the setting of the chosen site. We hope to be socially and environmentally sustainable and be an effective community.