

a look into
BARCX



Overview





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BARCX was established by the British Iraqi architect *Soreen Billbas*. Soreen recognised the challenges the design and construction sectors face with the advent of the next wave of technology—automation.

While the extent of automation isn't yet clear, the existence of driverless cars, robotic workers, and automated fast-food services suggests that the roles of accountants, lawyers, and even architects might evolve.

BARCX is built on the values of versatility, adaptation, and collaboration. Just as retail is shifting towards a more experiential model, architects should view themselves as holistic designers, engaging fully with other creatives to ensure sustainability.

BARCX isn't a conventional architectural firm; we are boldly innovative and disruptive. We view architecture and design from the perspectives of all stakeholders, including communities and developers. This approach is possible because we are not merely designers; we are also developers and operate multifaceted businesses with diverse revenue streams in the design, retail and food industries.

We communicate fluently within the ecosystem around us, enabling us to grasp the impact of design on the bottom line without sacrificing community collaboration or a quality final product.

Moreover, we have close ties and a framework with Manchester City Council and are currently in discussions to build a joint venture alliance aimed at developing community-led infrastructure.

BARCX is committed to staying and is eager to share our experiences and services with you...



SOREEN BILLBAS (FOUNDER)

Soreen founded BARCX, a young but growing team of specialist innovators. He established the company on principles of high-quality design, streamlined budgeting, and commercial viability.

Soreen has worked for numerous AJ100 firms, including HTA Design, where he played a pivotal role in the project team that completed the George Towers, the worlds tallest modular skyscraper.

His diverse experience as a multiple business owner has enabled him to forge important connections with decision-makers in Manchester, setting the stage for a promising future.



FERAZ AHMED (ASSOCIATE)

Architect and manager previously based in Doha, where he worked on various projects across the Middle East, including residential, cultural, hospitality, towers, mixed-use developments, and master planning.

At the time, he was working in Doha as the Architecture Manager at GHD (GHDWoodhead), overseeing a range of projects in residential, medical, educational, cultural, and governmental sectors for various clients.

Prior to this, he worked in London for an award-winning practice, where his work was nominated for the RIBA McEwan Award in 2012 for its architectural design that contributed to society.



HELEN WATSON (FINANCE MANAGER)



THEA BECKETT (ARCHITECT)



SHAWN M ABDULLAH (DESIGNER)



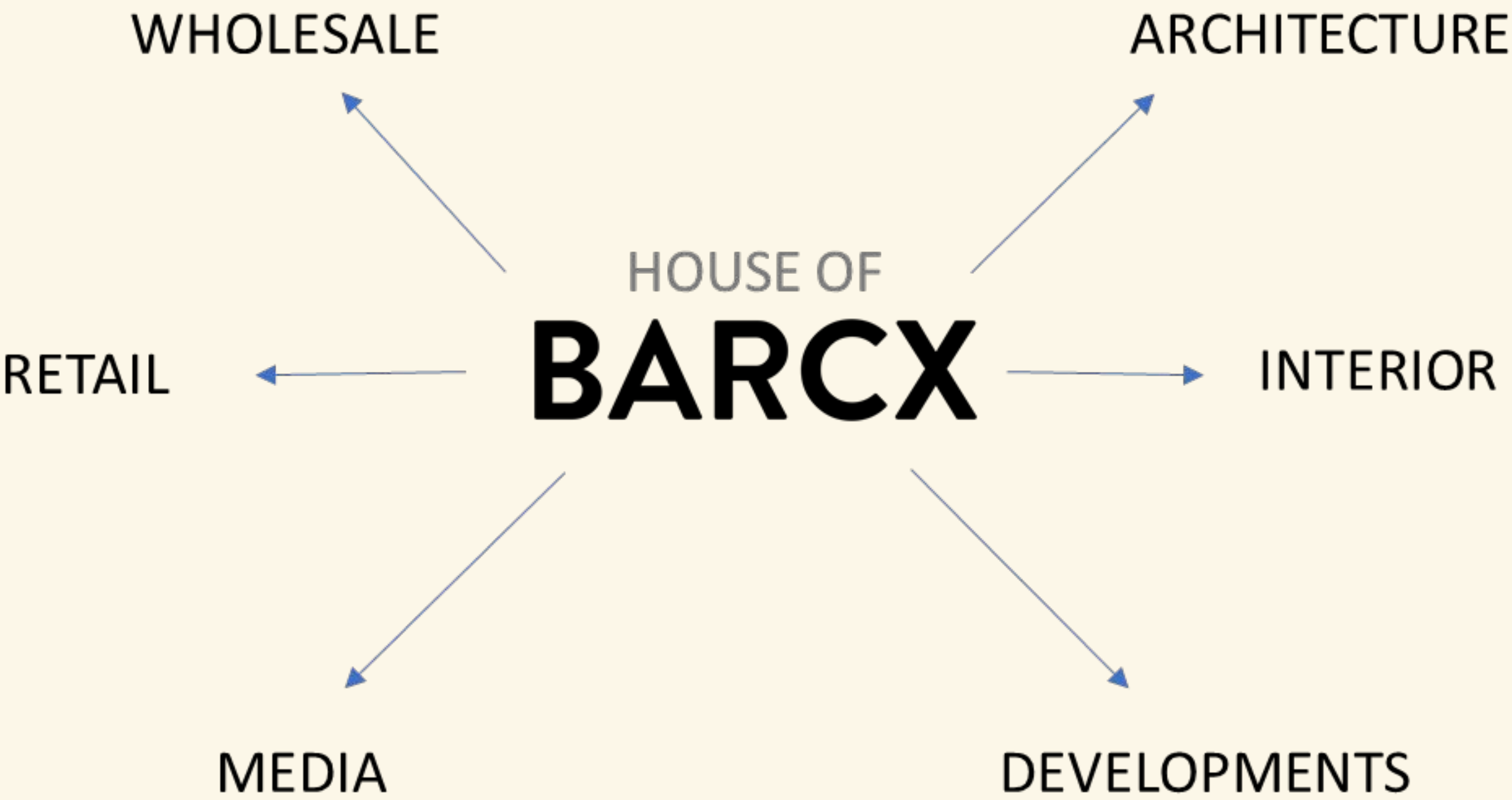
KYLE HAQ (SENIOR TECHNICIAN)

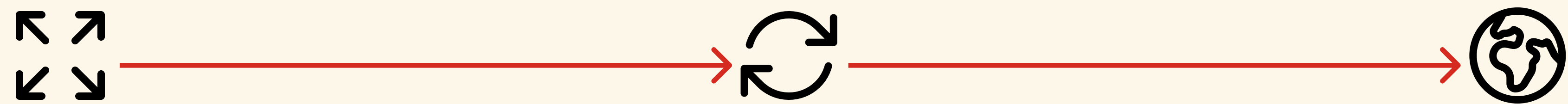


SILA KIRSEHIRLI (ARCHITECT)



DENISA POPEANGA (DESIGNER)





PROPOSITION

Key offering across our UK site networks and how it appeals to clients and stakeholders

- Unique Business Models
- Outstanding Service
- Commitment to Sustainability
- Expert In-House Teams
- Comprehensive Turnkey Operations
- Complete Lifecycle Planning to Construction
- Design-Focused, Budget-Conscious Projects

RELATIONSHIPS

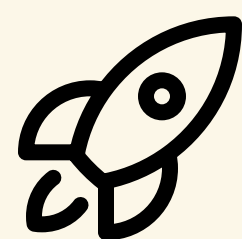
Relationships with clients and stakeholders

- Integrity
- Reliability
- Transparency
- Pride in what we do
- Relationships with Manchester City Council
- Streamlined services
- Structuring deals

POSITION

Position in the Market and in the Hearts and Minds of Clients and Stakeholders:

- Developing a stronghold into the UK market
- Scaleable international opportunities
- Networking building long-standing relationships



MISSION

Our goal is to fulfil aspirations by providing a variety of high-quality projects.

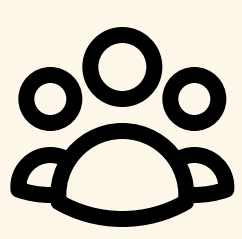
We aim to improve our performance through innovative design, quality control, and management, creating vibrant investment opportunities for sustainable growth in the UK and international markets.



VISION

Our vision is to offer top-tier opportunities in the UK real estate sectors, empowering our clients to achieve their ambitions.

Our relationship with the city provides a variety of business models and service offerings. Our team is ideally equipped to provide consultation on site-specific needs.



CULTURE

Our team exemplifies core values of trust, experience, and pride in our heritage. Our diverse group thrives on innovation, a forward-thinking approach, and collaboration.

We excel at creative problem-solving, particularly in navigating complex site and financial legal issues.

WHY BARCX IS DIFFERENT

We adopt the mindset of both developers and investors by reverse-engineering projects and evaluating their viability before the project begins.

Our connections within the city enable us to swiftly and effectively understand both limitations and opportunities.

We operate across various industries, elevating the scope and quality of their services to the next level.

We have facilitated the delivery of complex projects at both the design and implementation stages, while placing community at the core of each project.

Our wide range of services includes master planning, heritage projects, temporary structures, food and retail, mixed-use residential spaces, community initiatives, healthcare, education, and places of worship.

Our multidisciplinary team is equipped to handle all aspects of design, ensuring comprehensive project delivery.

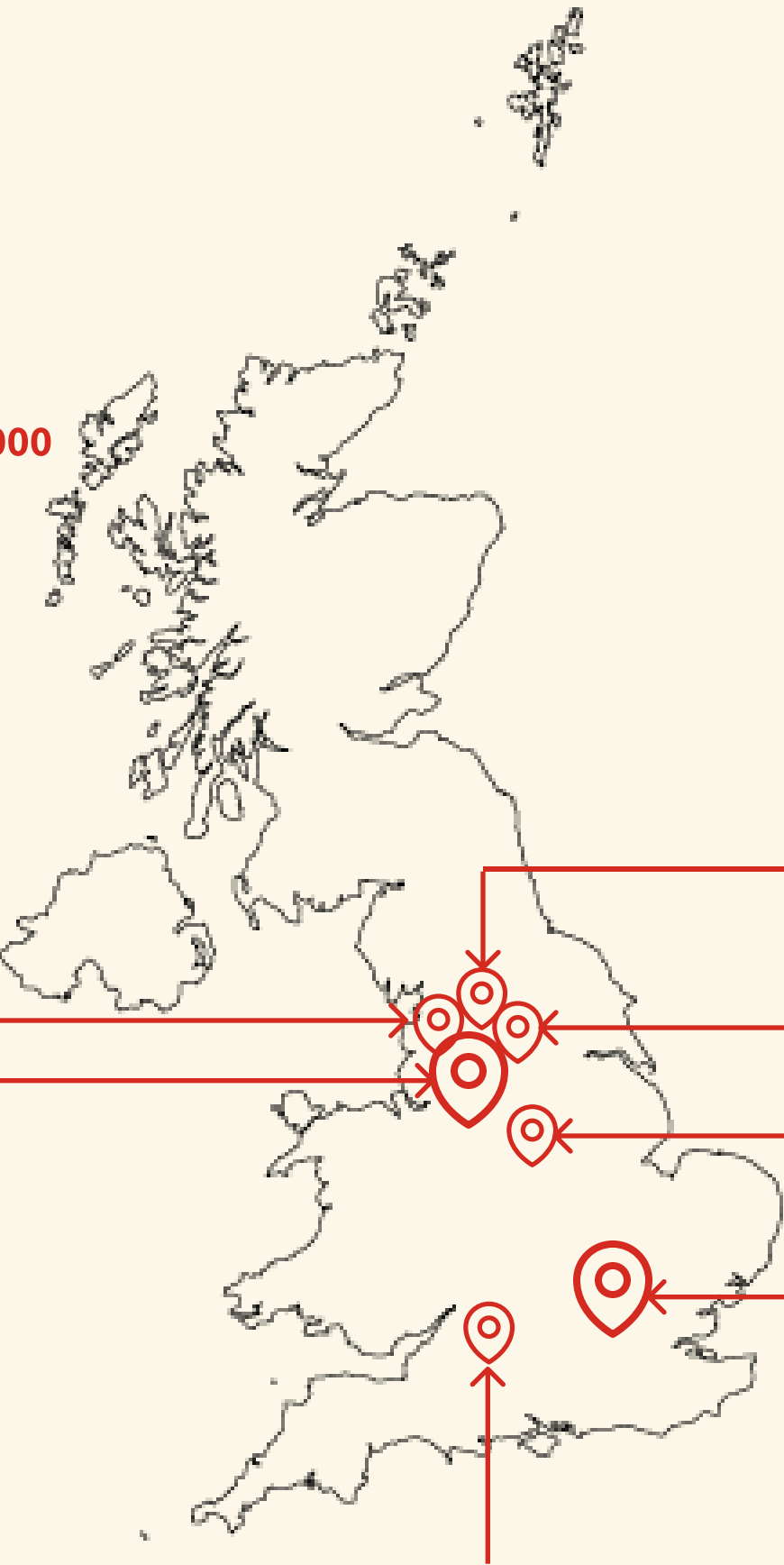


MANCHESTER PROJECTS

- 1. MKCC Grade 2 Listed Church Extension
- 2. 23 Radium Street Rooftop/Extension
- 3. The Old Stables 35 apartment new build
- 4. Harkness Street 40 apartment new build
- 5. Canalside 138 apartment new build
- 6. Seymour Road Community Centre
- 7. Withington Road Mosque
- 8. Downtex 18 Storey Tower
- 9. Hulme High Street mixed use 150 homes
- 10. Varley Street mixed use 175 homes

Total GDV: £115 mln

OLDHAM Cherrywood Clinic GDV: £750,000



THE COTSWOLDS Barn conversion GDV: £1 mln

PROJECTS COMPLETED

5 GDV: £25 mln

PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

2 GDV: £14 mln

PROJECTS SUBMITTED

2 GDV: £6.5 mln

PROJECTS IN CONCEPT

4 GDV: £62 mln

LEEDS High Street master plan and college campus: £25 mln

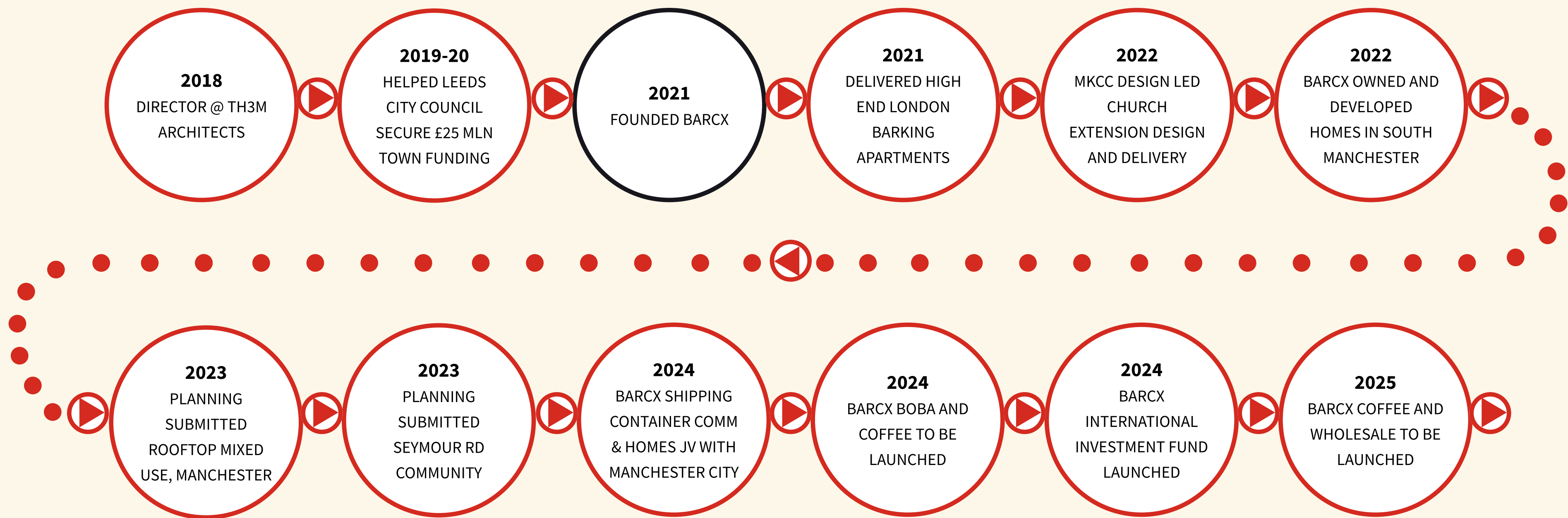
KEIGHLEY 21 new build homes GDV: £3.5 mln

DERBY Market Place University Campus GDV: £1 mln

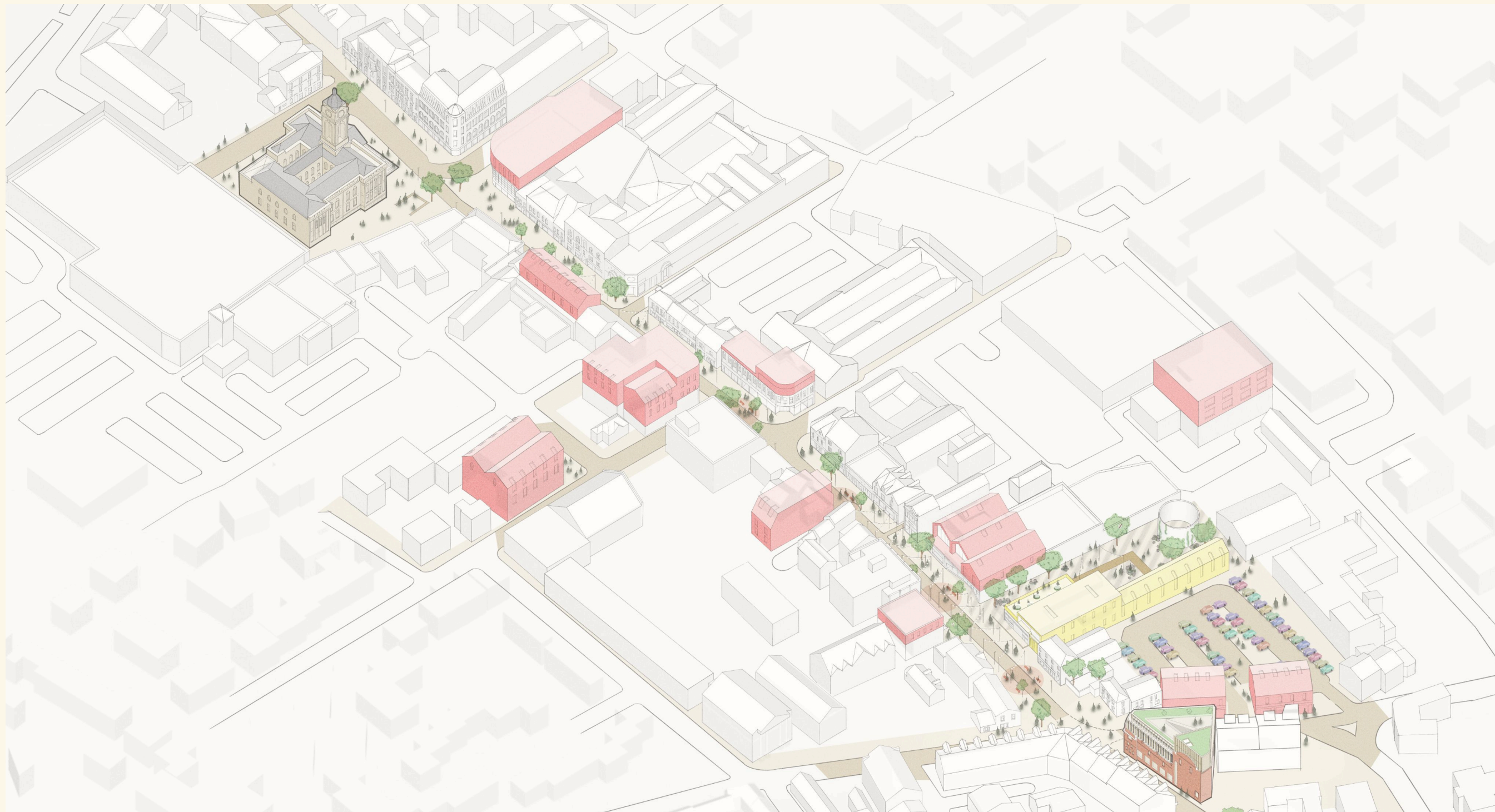
LONDON PROJECTS

- 1. London Central Mosque Extension GDV: £3 mln
- 2. Barking 9 High end apartments GDV: £2.5 mln
- 3. Leyton 45 mixed use apartments GDV: £6.5 mln

Totals GDV: £12 mln



Case Study - Morley Town Investment Plan



MORLEY AND NEW PAVILION

In 2020, **BARC** was tasked with developing a masterplan for the Morley High Street area. Alongside this, BARC was commissioned to design a Leeds City College campus within the historic 1912 New Pavilion Building, serving as a gateway for the high street's regeneration.

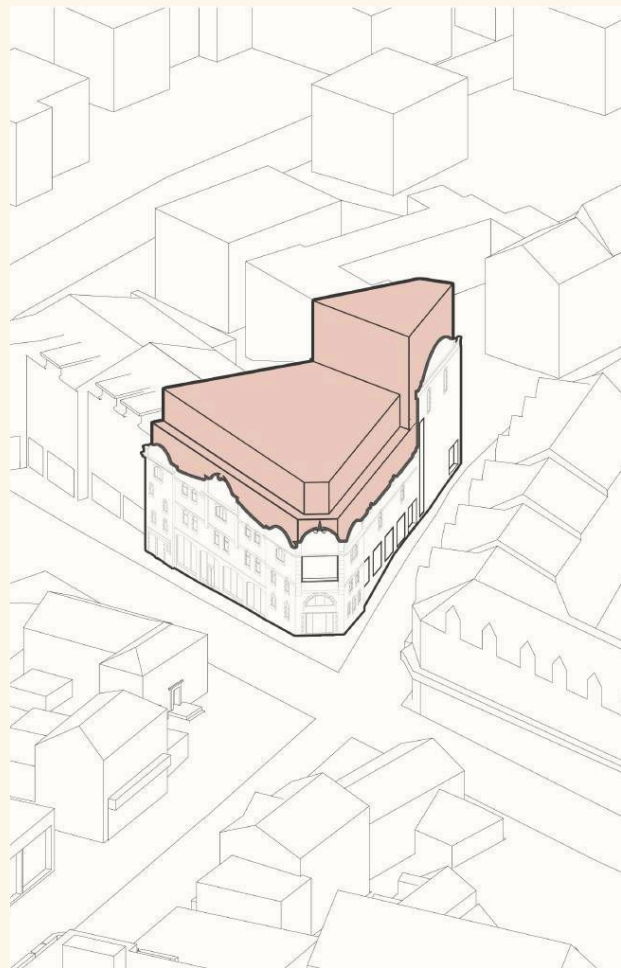
The brief included a challenging task to develop a 20,000 square foot area that necessitated additional airspace development. Working closely with the town's heritage officers, we crafted a remarkable design befitting the building's historic use as a theatre.

The Leeds City College campus will be key in the town's Skills Partnership, building a hub for residents to boost skills for the post-Covid-19 economy.

It includes an 'Emerging Technology Centre' to develop skills in coding, virtual reality, drone tech, robotics, 3D printing, AI, and CAD, offering diverse business capabilities.

This project will comprehensively restore and repurpose a heritage asset in a constrained town centre location. Previous commercial attempts have failed due to high conservation costs and viability challenges of repurposing the building.

Funding will help address the conservation deficit, as the adult learning centre is not included in the Luminate Education Group's capital plans, requiring new capital from the Town Investment Plan to cover the fit-out costs.





Case Study - Downtex



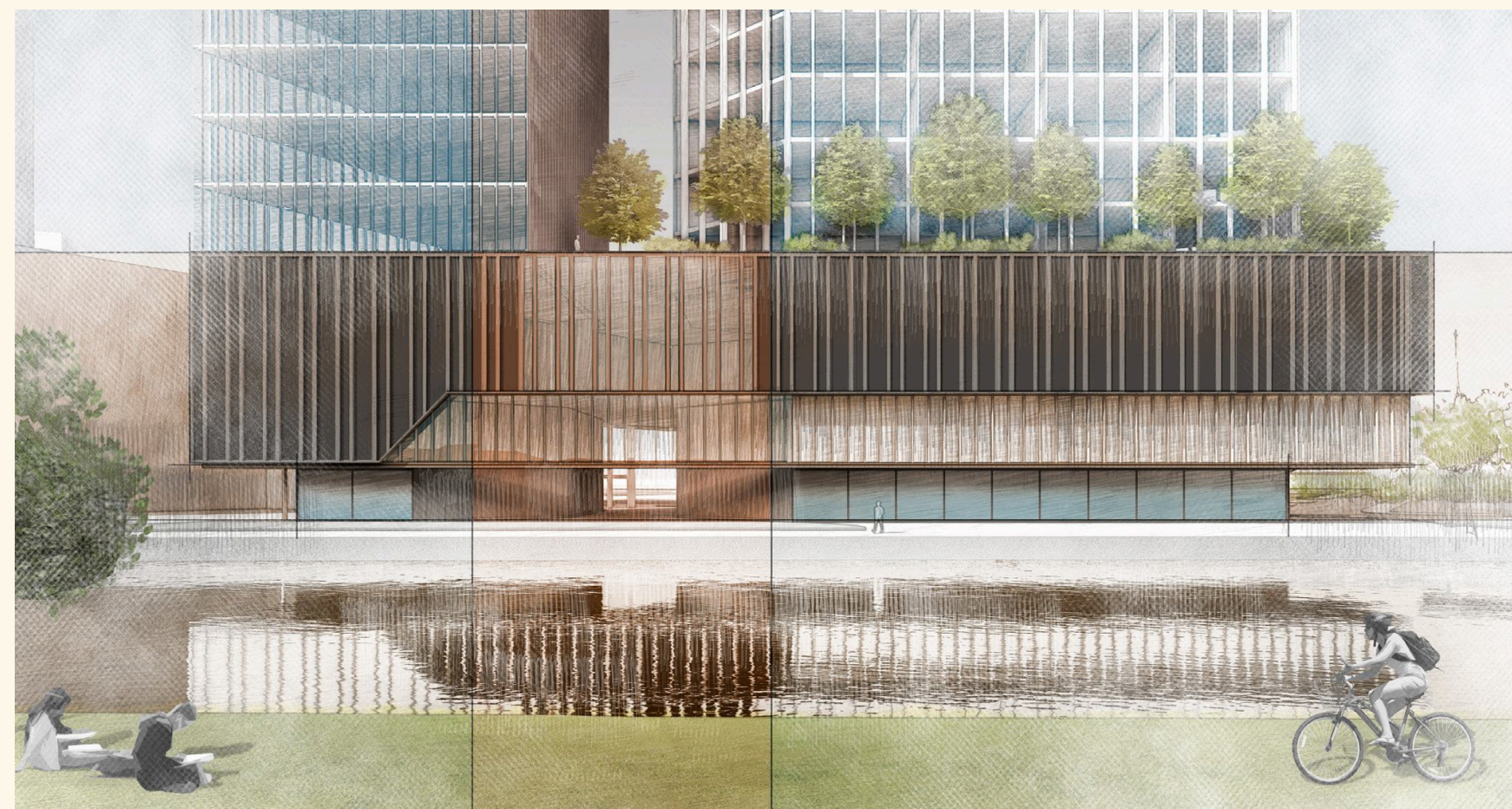
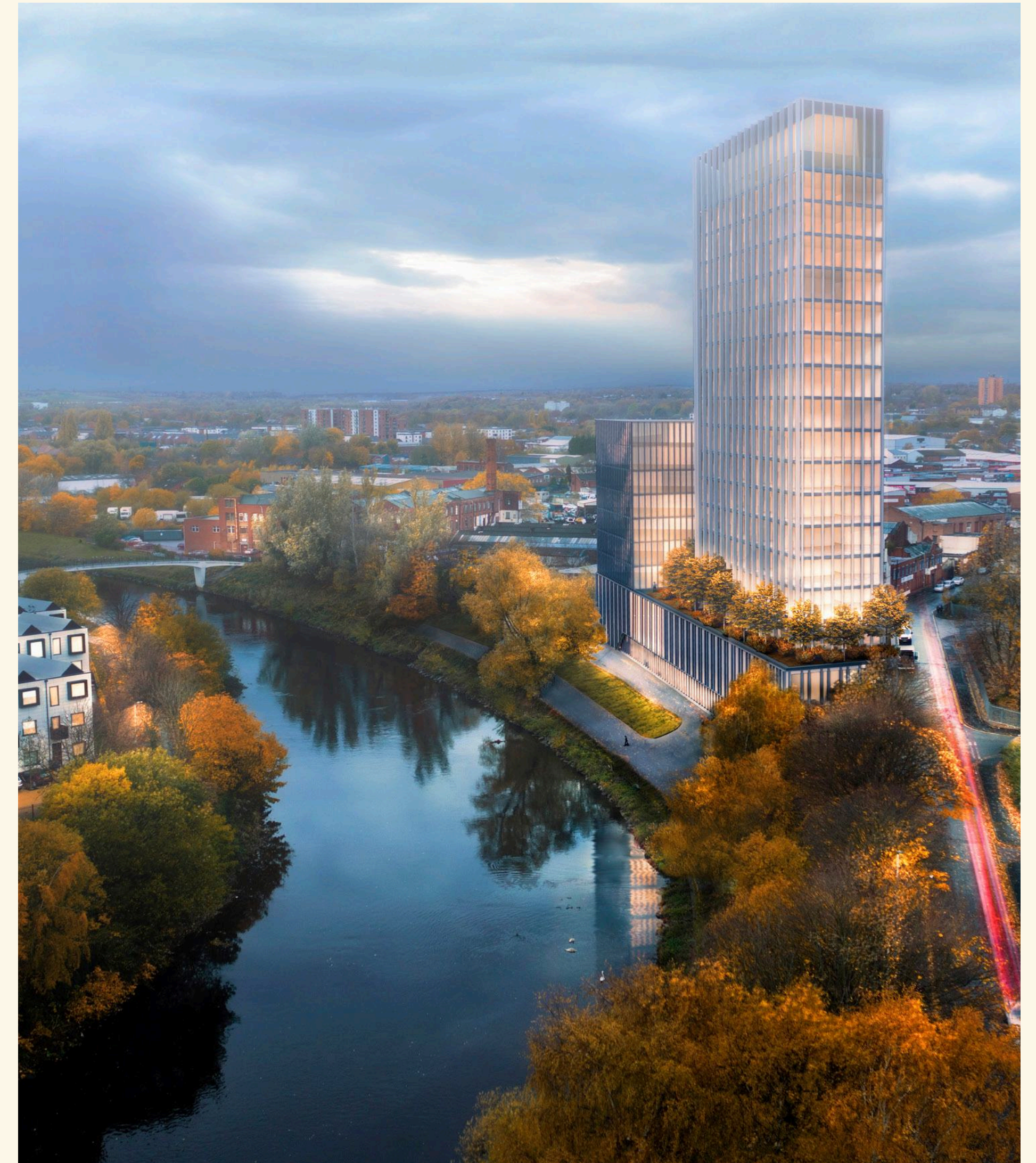
SITE INFORMATION

Address: Downtex Building, 16-18 Mary Street, Manchester, M3 1NH
Area: 1675 sqm / 18,030 sq ft

The site has previously accommodated various functions, including Industrial (B2), Storage and Distribution (B8), a Creative Arts and Performance Space (D1 and D2), and a Night Club (Sui Generis).

Due to the significant disrepair of the existing structures, the site owner is conducting a feasibility study for a high-rise development that aligns with the Great Ducie Street Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF), with the goal of enhancing the site's viability and supporting the local community.

Focusing on place-making, the proposed development should showcase strong architectural design that complements its surroundings. Manchester City Council's Local Development Framework seeks to foster a vibrant city environment, attracting both residents and visitors while encouraging local people to remain in the area.



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