ZIP CITY

HOUSELESS NOT HOMELESS

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FUTURE ARCHITECTURE PLATFORM - 18-20TH OF FEBRUARY 2016
1. CONTEXT
10 million people living in London by 2030

50,000 - 80,000 houses needed built each year

Only 1/3 built

Not affordable

By 2030, more than 300,000 people with no access to homes
700 £/MONTH
10 m²
London’s Ghost Towns

More than 2% of Kensington and Chelsea is empty

No one living in the new One Hyde Park

The police and intelligence services have launched an unprecedented security operation as London prepares to celebrate today’s royal wedding in front of an estimated worldwide television audience of up to two billion.

The marriage of Prince William, the second in line to the throne, and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey will be among the first global news events of the social media age. It will also be the most important – and, courtiers hope, positive – event for the future of the monarchy in nearly 30 years.

London has been inundated with tourists and last night thousands were con-
SHEDS AS HOME
2. RESEARCH
HOUSELESS EXPERIENCE: MOVING AROUND LONDON
Eating and the microwave.

‘Quick cooking is translated into quick eating, where not only the preparation of meals is considerably diminishing in time, but also the act of consuming it.’

‘I think that the condition of houselessness would only require a few microwaves on the street or outside the stations for heating meals.’

‘While sitting at a table and enjoying my lunch, I have noticed that the queue gets quite important when everyone needs to warm their meal up and surprisingly, the microwave becomes an object of socialisation. Conversations and chats seem to happen all around the microwaves.’
Avoiding touch.

‘Although I have experienced a few different places throughout my travels, I have only started noticing here the connection between not being in your own house and touching things.’

‘I find myself wearing flip-flops in the shower not to touch the floor tiles with my feet, as I am also particularly careful in hanging my clothes in such a way they don’t fall on the floor.’

‘As I don’t mind getting my body fully exposed, I am more concerned about not touching the floor with my feet or the wall.’

‘There is some level of ‘carefulness’ taken to extreme levels when frequenting places such as hostels, where nothing belongs to you and simultaneously to everyone.’
3. PROPOSAL
FROM HOUSE...
ARCHITECTURES FOR THE HOUSELESS

SUPER-HYGIENE SHOWER

BATH OF ENCOUNTERS

CABINS FOR THE RESTLESS

THEATRE OF SCREENS

THE WALL OF MICROWAVEABLE SOCIALISATION

LOVE LOFT
THE SITE: ELEPHANT & CASTLE
ZOOMING INSIDE THE TOWER.

A NEW-BUILT MULTIFUNCTIONAL STORAGE TOWER FOR THE HOUSELESS!

ZIP STORAGE
THE LAUNDRY ROOM
TV STORAGE ROOM
Different Storage Dimensions
ZIP BATH: RE-PURPOSING AN OLD SHOPPING CENTRE FOR SHOWERS AND BATHS!
THE BATH AS A NEW FORM OF SOCIAL CONDENSER
THE POST OFFICE AND MICROWAVE WALL

POST OFFICE...

ENTRANCE FROM THE STREET

...MICROWAVE WALL
OVER 3000 POST BOXES OF DIFFERENT SIZES!

AN APP THAT FINDS AND UNLOCKS THE POST UNIT
The microwave becomes an object for socialising.
THE MINIMAL BACKPACK