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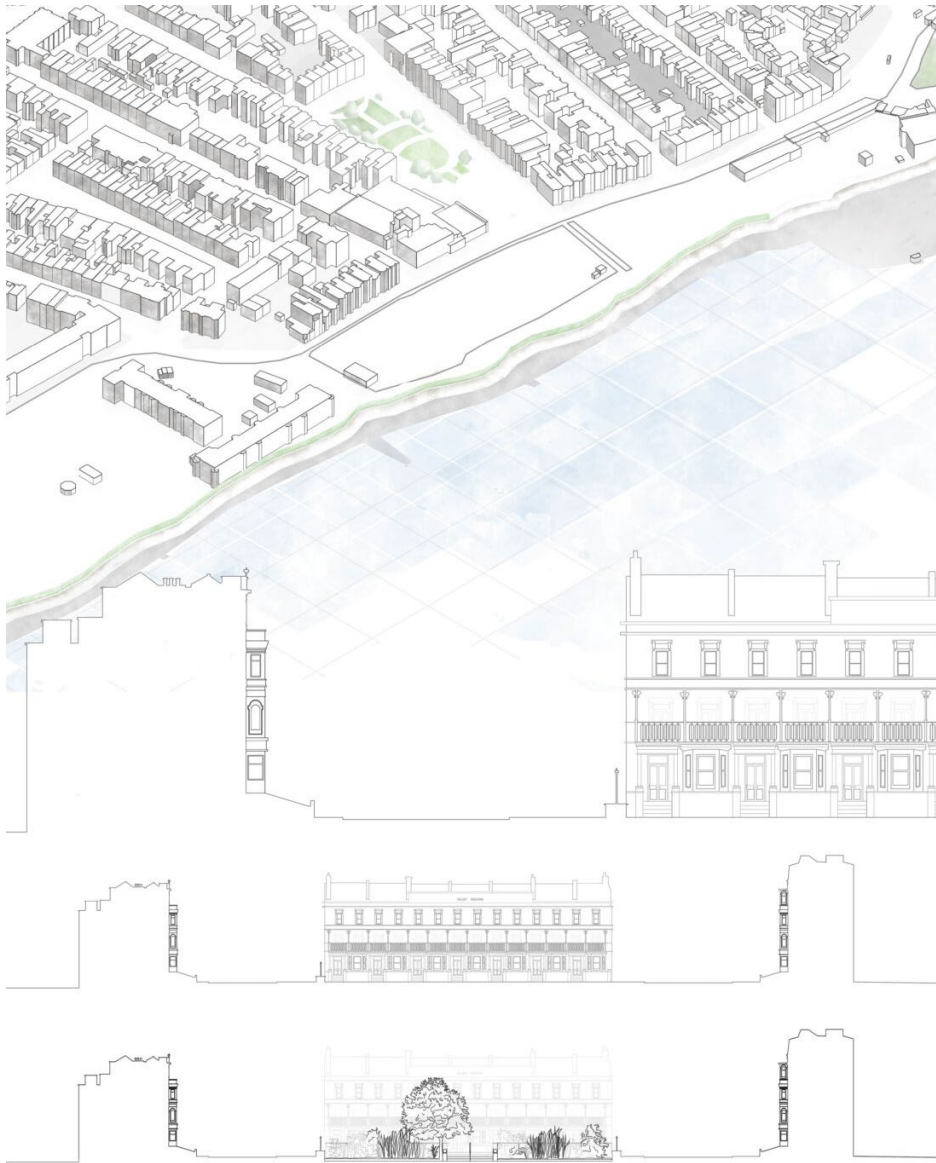


Queen's School, Dalby Square, 1928.



Cliftonville Lido, 1950s.





Dalby Square



Dalby Square – Connections and Barriers



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Dalby Road, Margate (Pic: SM)

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## Welcome to Dalby Square - where more people claim Jobseekers' Allowance than anywhere else

ONLY a few paces from the seafront in the once-thriving seaside town of Margate, Kent, lies a street of despair.

By [Mirror.co.uk](http://Mirror.co.uk)

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ONLY a few paces from the seafront in the once-thriving seaside town of Margate, Kent, lies a street of despair.

A staggering 30 per cent of the residents of Dalby Square claim Jobseeker's Allowance.

## The 21 most deprived areas in Kent have...

These neighbourhoods have been ranked the most deprived in the county

NEWS By [Vicky Castle](#)  
19:31, 18 SEP 2017 | UPDATED 15:30, 20 SEP 2017

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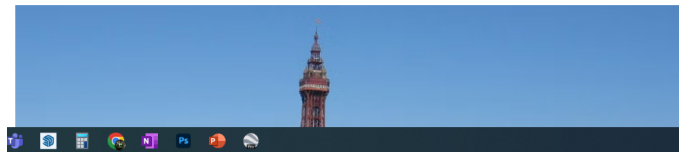


Cliftonville West, in Thanet, has been ranked the most deprived area in Kent

## 'Dumping grounds for the poor': High levels of unemployment, drug addiction and teenage pregnancy leave British seaside towns locked in culture of 'poverty attracting poverty'

Britain now spends almost £2 billion-a-year on welfare payments in once-thriving seaside towns

John Hall • Monday 05 August 2013 15:14 • [Comments](#)



## Coastal towns get trendy but will it help the locals?

An influx of artists is boosting Margate and Folkestone. Yet the benefits for poorer residents are questionable



Young families near The Grain Grocer on the corner of Northdown Road, Margate. Photograph: Felix Clay/The Guardian

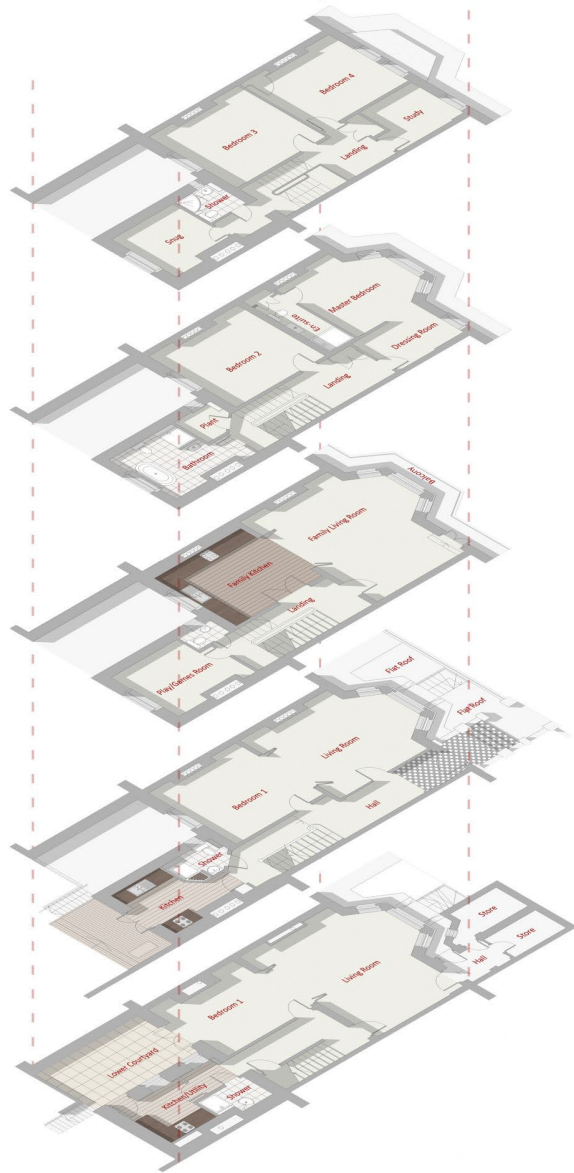
G2  
3rd Floor

G2  
2nd Floor

Shared  
1st Floor

G3  
Ground

G1  
Basement



**£175,000**

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**2 bed flat for sale**

📍 Dalby Square, Cliftonville, Margate CT9

🛏️ 2 beds 🚿 1 bath 📮 1 reception

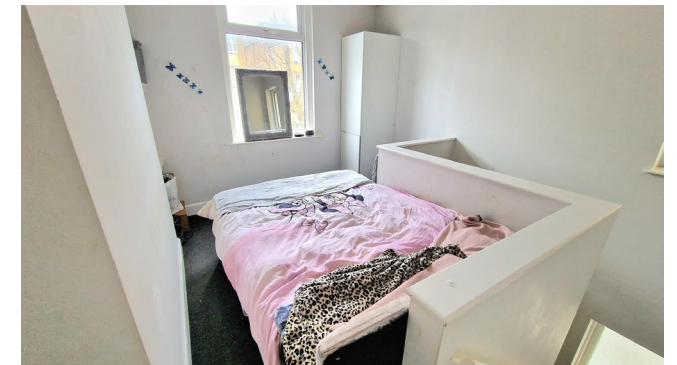
Tenure:  
Leasehold

Service charge:  
Not available ⓘ

Ground rent:  
£1,450

Time remaining on Lease:  
106 years

Council tax band:  
A







## House prices in Dalby Square, Cliftonville, Kent CT9

The average sold price for a property in Dalby Square in the last 12 months is £647,500.

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By speaking to a local expert.

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Last sold within

All time

Property type

Any

Sort

Sold (newest - oldest)

161 properties found

[1 Dalby Square, Cliftonville, Margate, CT9 2ER](#)

Last sold - Dec 2022

**£1,060,000**

Estimated price

**£626,000 - £939,000**

Track

[Flat 10, 16 Dalby Square, Cliftonville, Margate, CT9 2ER](#)

Last sold - Oct 2022

**£235,000**

Estimated price

**£217,000 - £239,000**

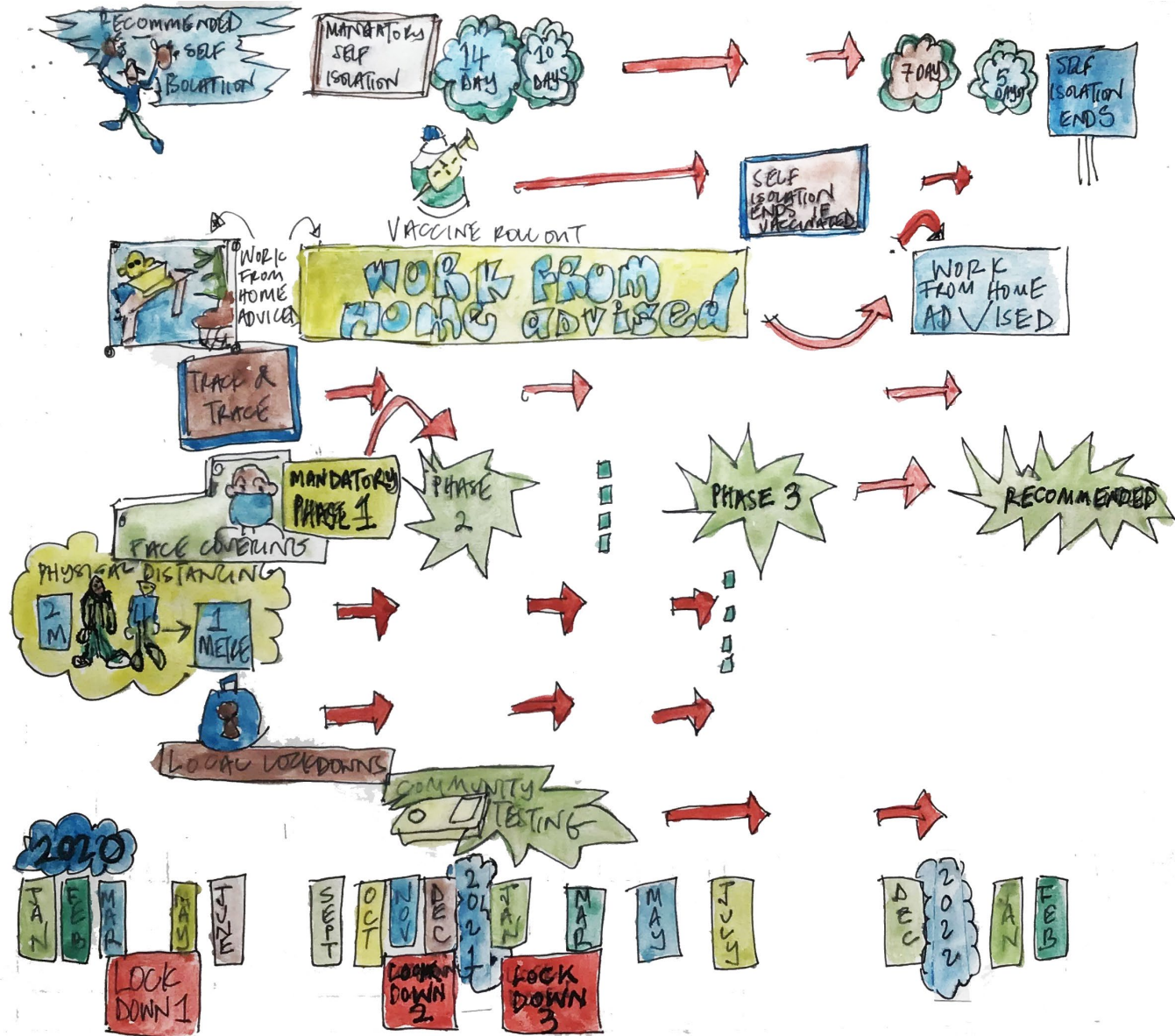
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**Richard**

**Florida FTW!**

Speaking before the launch, its owner said the two-year restoration project in [Margate](#) has helped “gentrify an area in need of restoration”. [...] Will Jenkins, 37, formerly of London, has spent the last two years “bringing back to life” the former Dalby Rooms.

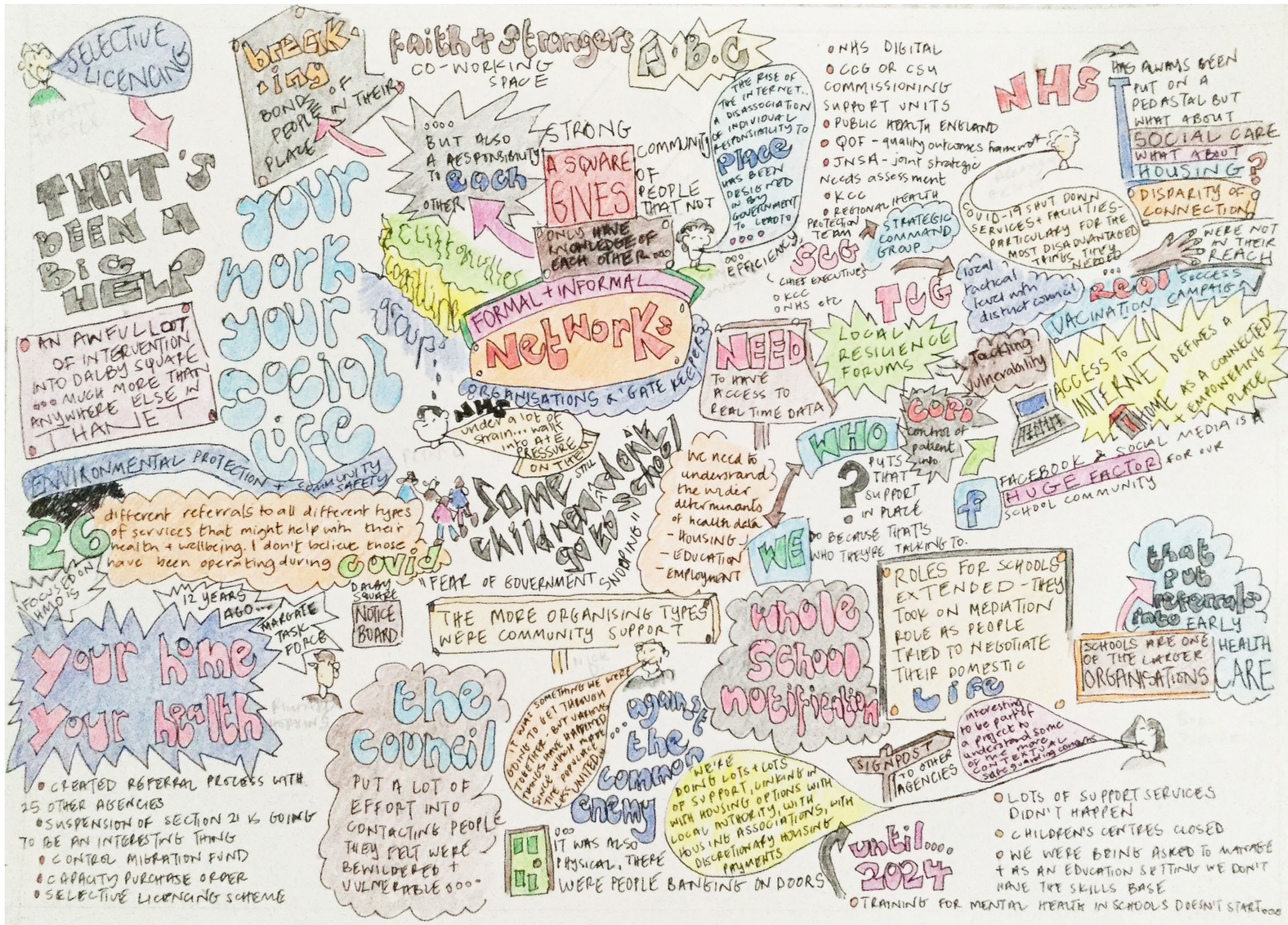
*Margate House hotel has helped ‘gentrify’ Dalby Square in Cliftonville, says developer*  
Kent Online, 25 May 2023, kentonline.co.uk



Timeline













## QUESTIONS

1. Is the idea of a *new digital commons* a meaningful proposal, under conditions of crisis and duress, and in conditions of extreme marginalisation?
2. How are digital and physical commons used by coexisting urban communities and what are the *barriers to inclusion*?
3. How can future emergency *commons policy* be sensitized to lived realities of marginalised communities?

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