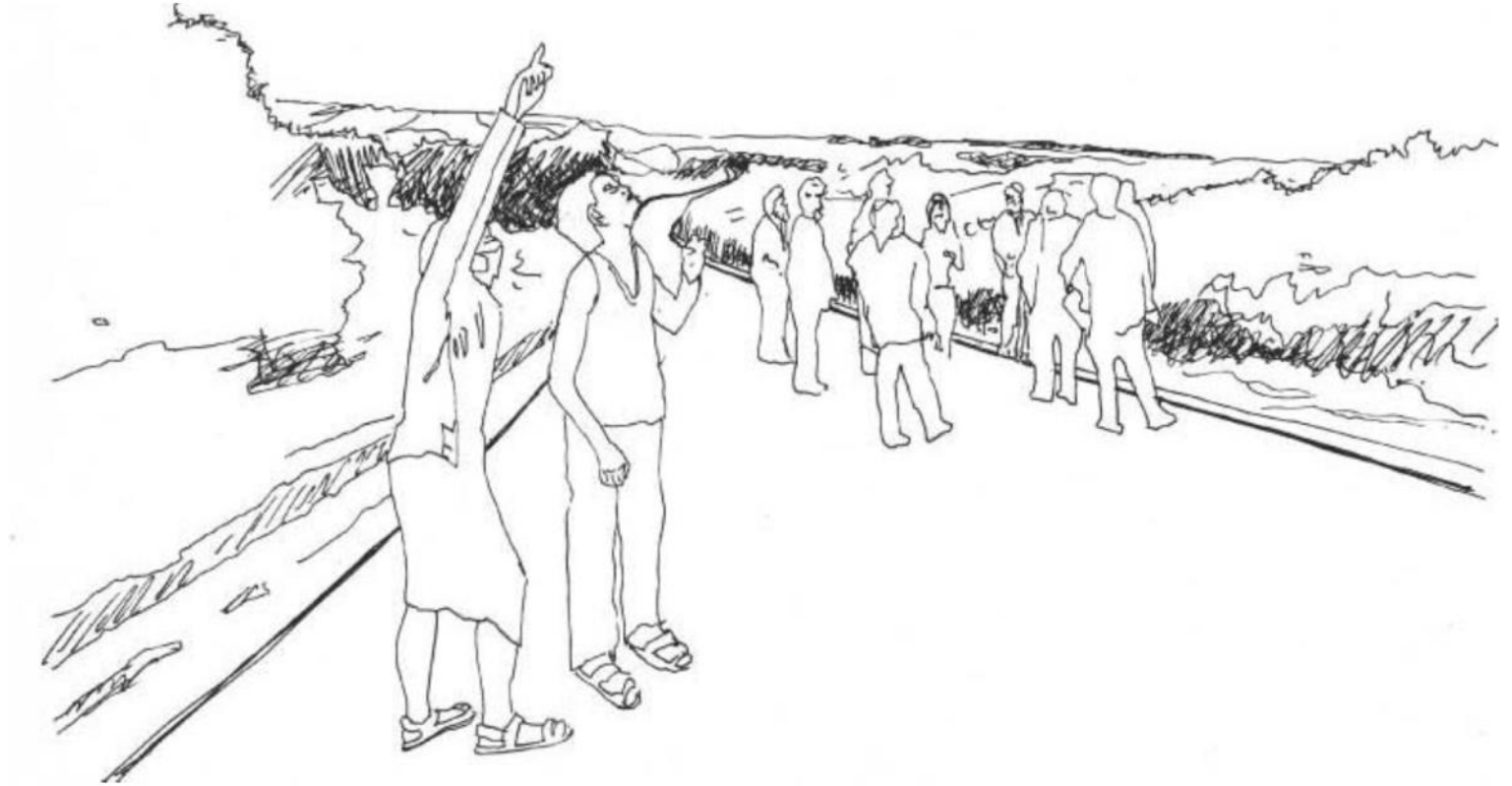


Wide Open Space: art in the public realm, localism and rural regeneration

A Dorset Design and Heritage Forum conference

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wide open space

developing creative places in Dorset

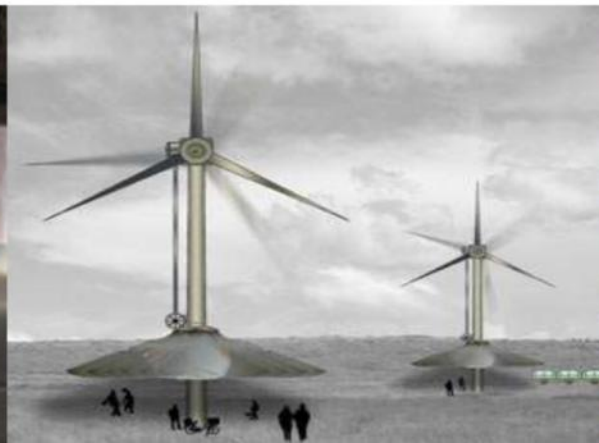
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wide open space

- can contemporary art, craft and design contribute something unique to the **social and economic fabric of rural places** and their communities?
- what are the **urgent sites and contexts** to work with now and for the future?

public art as cross cutting contributor to the community strategy

- developing the rural economy
- protecting landscapes and safeguarding environments
- creating safe, strong and inclusive rural communities
- affordable and sustainable housing
- supporting wellbeing through culture



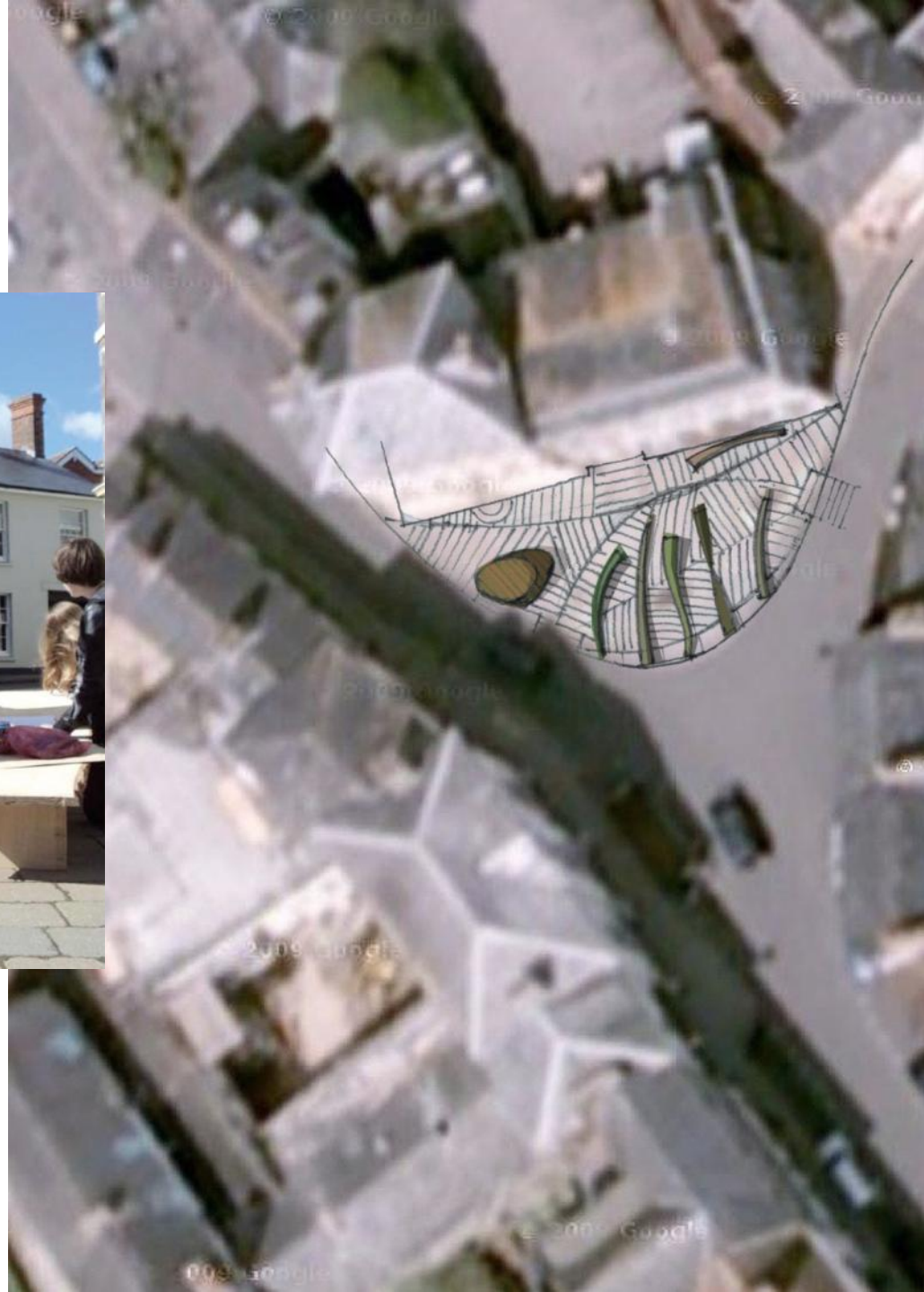
four artists' commissions within the built environment, demonstrating new approaches

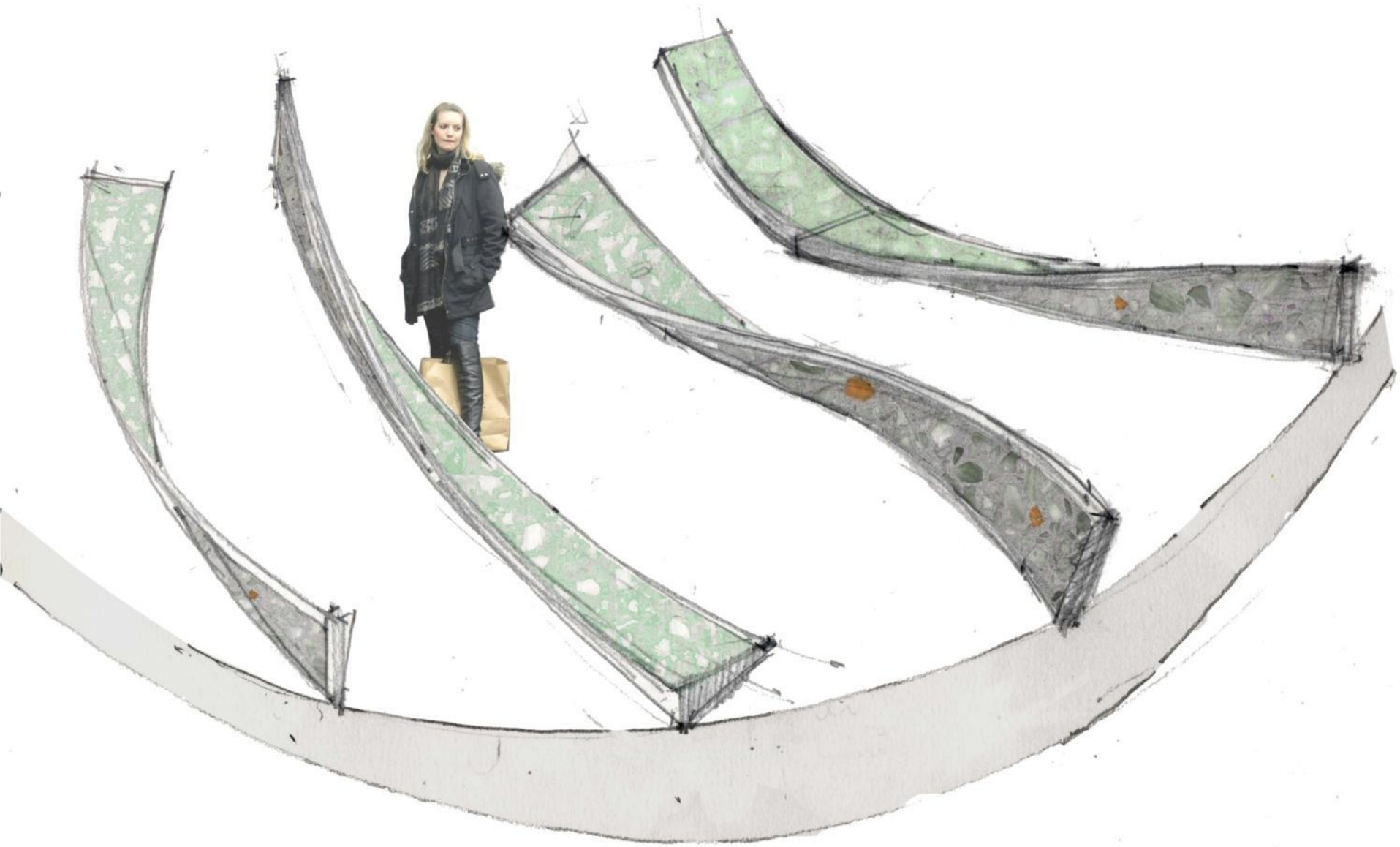
- sustainability and **design quality in public spaces**
- engagement with affordable **housing design**
- good practice combining **traditional materials and innovative design**
- **collaborative design** processes in protected landscapes

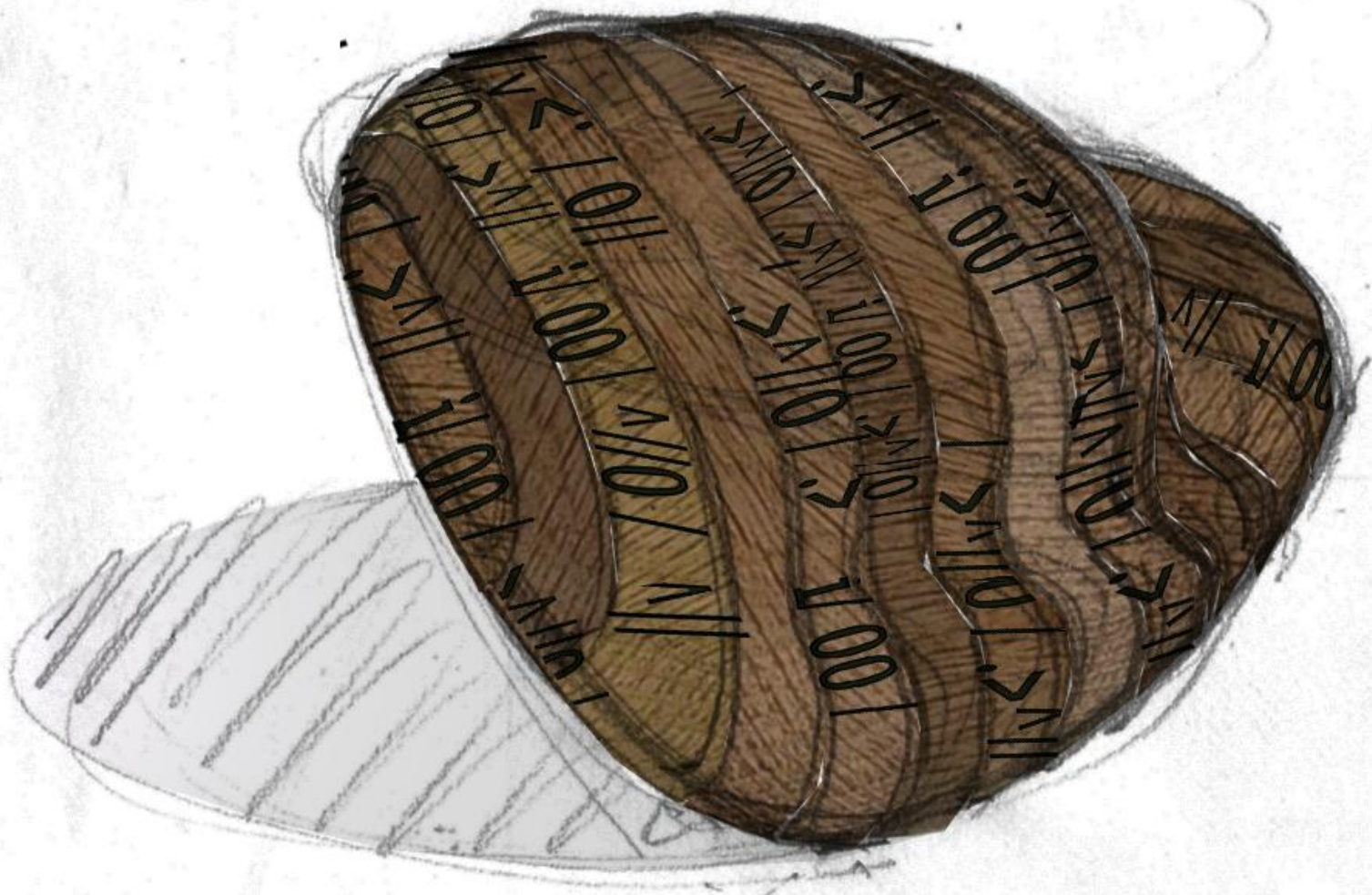


Wide Open Space

- a **site**, a place where housing, or a shopping centre... is already being planned
- a **concept**, an artist or curator or community says lets have something different
- **social need**
- informed **open research** into site & context







localism

- synthesising **local aspiration**, regional and national **policy** and **aesthetic progressiveness**

Ted Hughes Michael Rosen unravels the poet's "Last letter"

John Pilger Chile's corrupt elite **Alan B'Stard is back** A caustic new column

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Who owns Britain?

The coming conflict over land and property
Jason Cowley



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road for the future

- there are **60 million acres** of land in Britain, and **60 million people**
- **70%** of UK is owned by **1 %** of the population.
- **90%** of the people live on less than **10%** of the land.
- modern **homes** are **1 third smaller** than those belonging to our parents.

SUSTRANS TRAILWAY FROM MAIDEN NEWTON TO BRIDPORT

PICNIC ON THE PATH

Sunday

with the international phenomenon

Maiden
Newton
Dorset

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PRESENTED BY
ARTIST ANNA BEST
AS THE FIRST
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OF PUBLIC ART
EVENTS ALONG THE
TRAILWAY

Phil Minton's FERAL CHOR
a free occasion from 1pm
AND THE QUANGLE WANGLE CHOR

We warmly extend an invitation to howl, growl, screech & squeal!

The Feral Choir is open to everyone (13 years-old upwards). To take part, you will need to register for the Workshop on Sunday morning before the performance at Maiden Newton village hall 10.00am - 1.00pm . Refreshments & lunch provided free for choir participants.

restraints

- low population density equals low returns per capita
- rural locations are protected, sensitive or conserved,



pride of place



wide open space

- **local aspiration, regional and national policy and aesthetic progressiveness**
- **a relational infrastructure for the future**

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