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# Cohousing Options introduction

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# Cohousing is

- Inclusive
- Community focused
- Diverse
- Cost effective
- A neighbourhood designed by its residents based on shared values, needs and abilities

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# Trends behind Cohousing

- Smaller families
- Extended families living apart
- People are living longer
- Desire for more traditional neighborhood where you know your neighbors
- Desire to live a more environmentally sustainability lifestyle that is less car dependent

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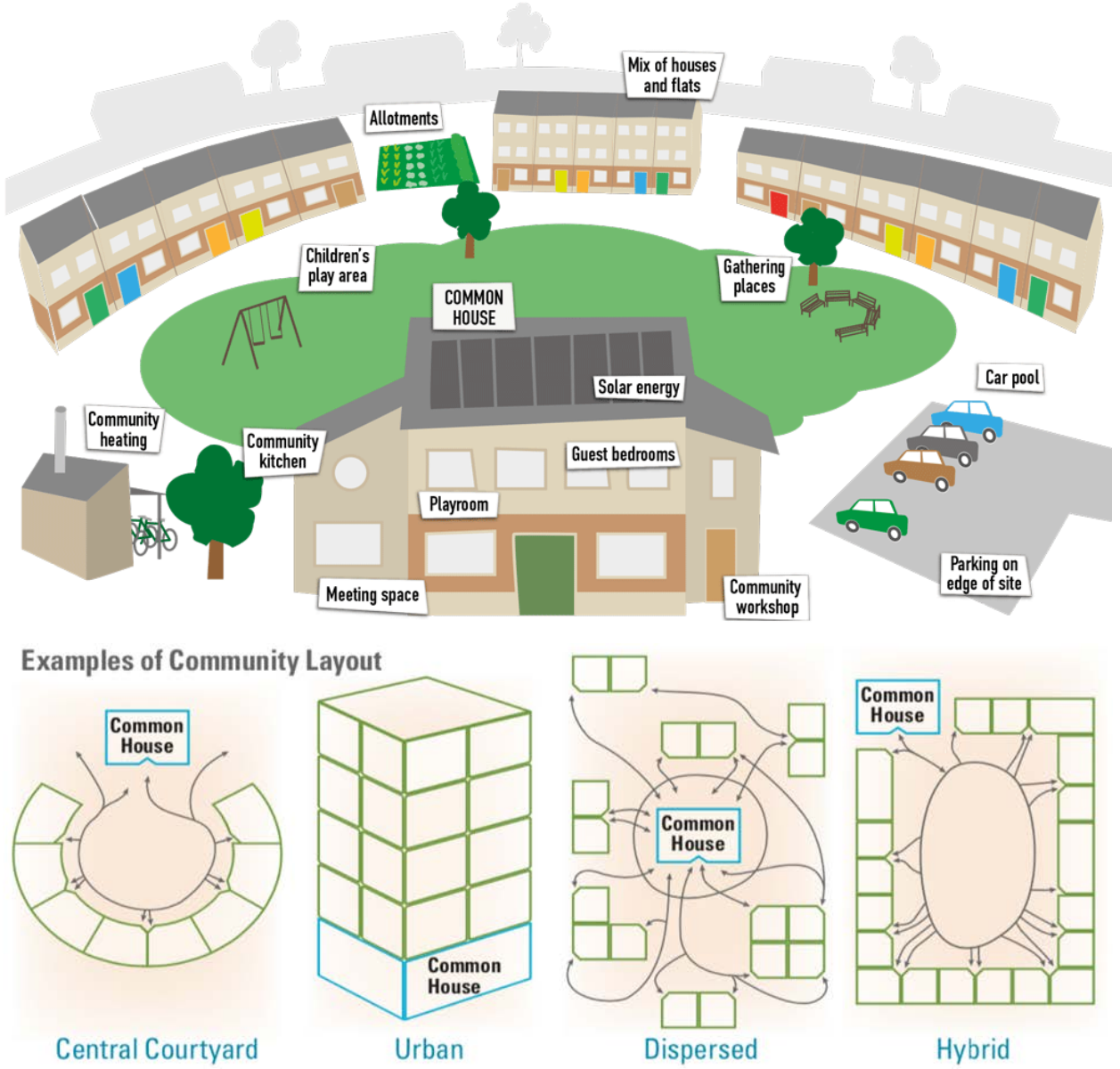
# What can Cohousing look like?

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# What do Cohousing Communities share?

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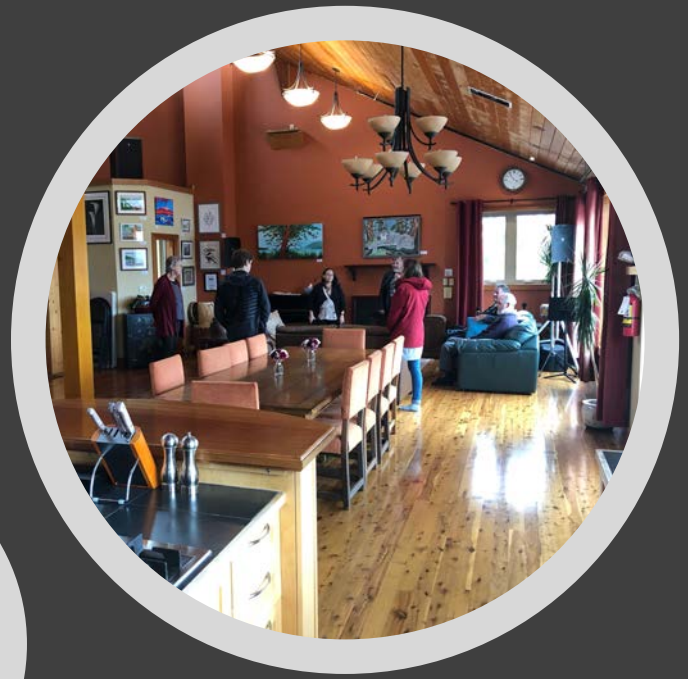

- Affordable
- Safe
- Proximity
- Social
- Sustainable
- Independent
- Cocare
- Secure

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# Privacy AND community

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# What are the challenges?

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# Considering challenges

- What if I do nothing?
- Am I too young or old?
- What can I afford?
- Can I build community where I am?
- What if I don’t like the people?
- What if they don’t like me?
- Will I have enough privacy
- Will I be able to do my “fair share”
- What are my other fears?
- Is there a market?
- What is your timeline?

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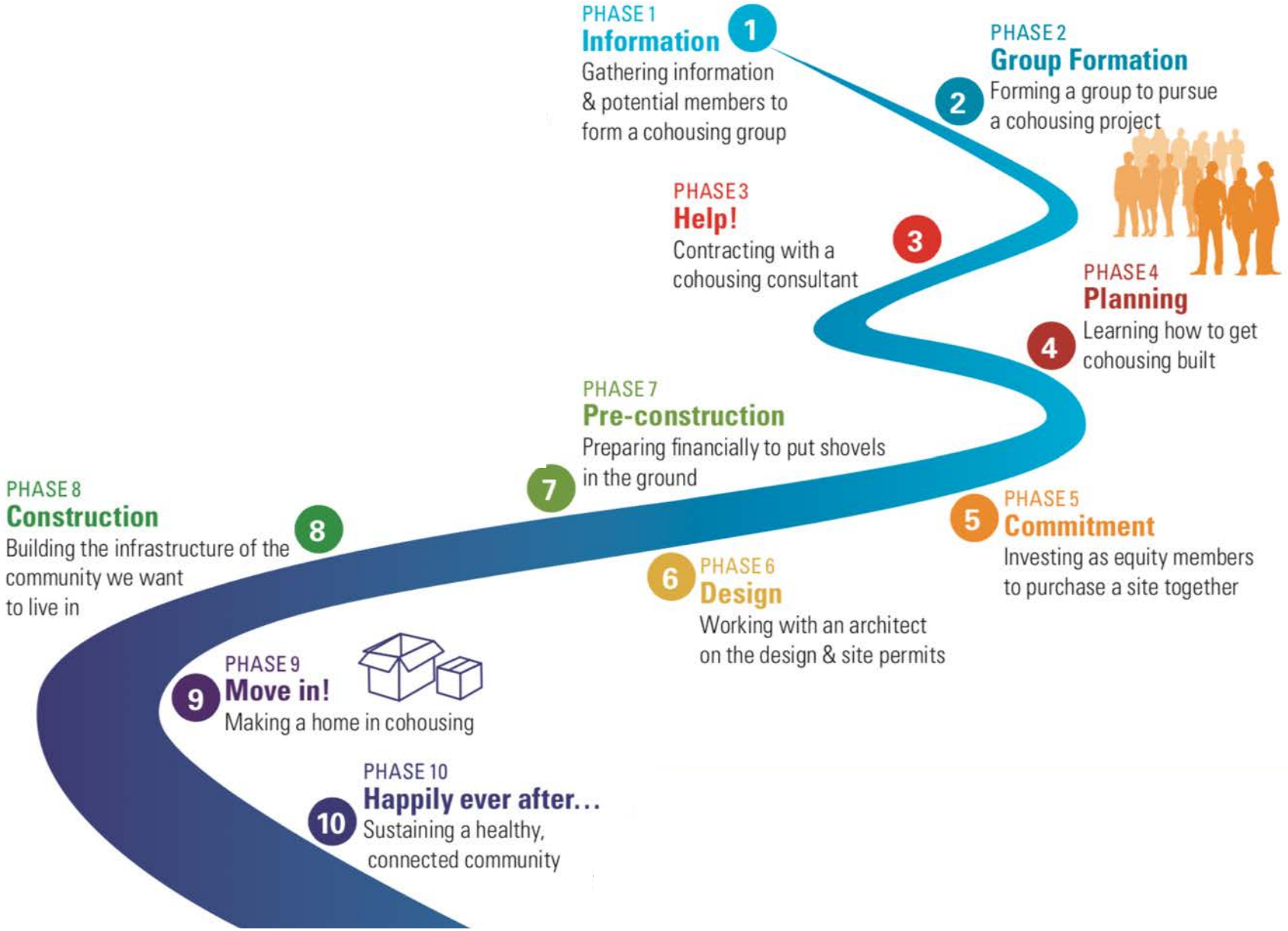
# What is the process?

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# In developing cohousing the process is the frame .....

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# … and the group is the picture

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