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Solution

Our design proposal would be a stepping-stone towards the creation of a densely populated, but highly livable, neighbourhood. It is intended for a mild climate and a culture that has a tradition of courtyard housing, so it is most probably located in Africa.

To begin, a sloped area of land with a relatively deep layer of natural soil is needed. This could be provided by a sponsoring agency, or perhaps a group of existing residents is persuaded to take-up a temporary residence, demolish their substandard homes, and offer their land and labour, in exchange for the chance at building a higher quality of life.

The land parcel must be large enough, at least 1000 s.m., to

enable the excavation of a new road loop, founded about 75 cm. below average grade, so as to provide

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