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Andrew Rabeneck and his firm, Building Systems Design Ltd., perceive a conflict arising in British housing. On the one hand, the code of standards is becoming increasingly constrictive; on the other, the life-styles of the occupants are getting more and more expansive. In response to the 'tight-fit functionalism' of minimum standards, there are now proposals for flexibility or multi-use of restricted space. People are then able to plan and personalise their own dwellings.

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