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# Designed Environments for Rough Sleepers:

## A Community Integration Initiative

My research addresses the dwelling needs of the chronically homeless, a group that is often disregarded for moral or political reasons. It will use mapping and other data collection techniques to identify spontaneous patterns of habitation. These will then serve as design templates to inform the design of temporary living spaces within urban environments. A key objective of the research is to generate design strategies that will reduce community-led opposition to settlements in neighborhoods, otherwise known as NIMBYism, and counter the moral approbrium often directed towards rough sleepers.