

“... the spirit of a place accounts for the magic of a region and without it, an acute sense of place dissipates into a vague and lazy feeling of nowhere . . .”

Thomas Moore, The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life

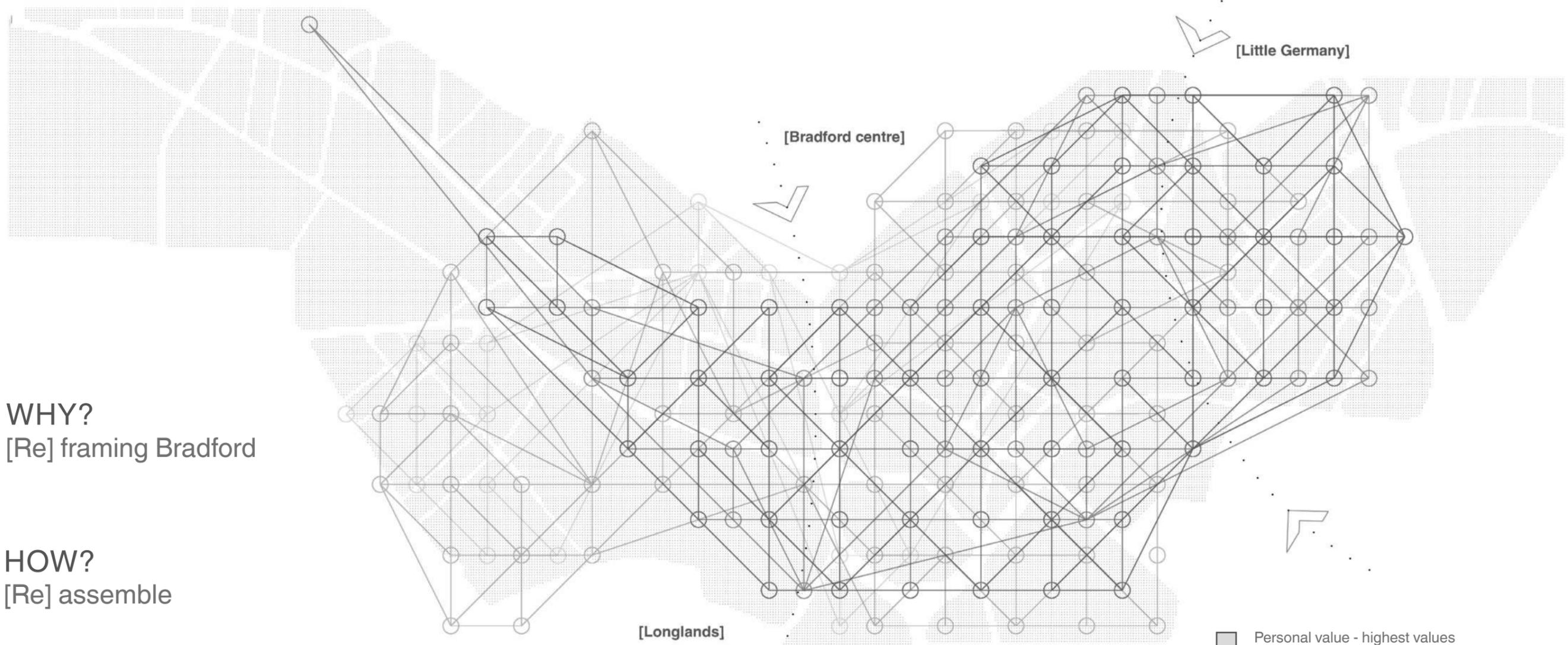
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BRADFORD METHODOLOGY

How to improve value?

The developed tool was useful in terms of having an overview at a macro and a micro scale of a current city's state, in my case Bradford. Unfortunately, upon visiting Bradford myself I discovered a dominance of the car over the individual and a highly concentrated Central area where people would “pass through rather

than stay”. Therefore I decided to develop an interstice that would work throughout the city, through various scale, orientation, permutation and performance in order to “rise” Bradford's overall value, making it more attractive for stakeholders and at the same time cherishable for its community.



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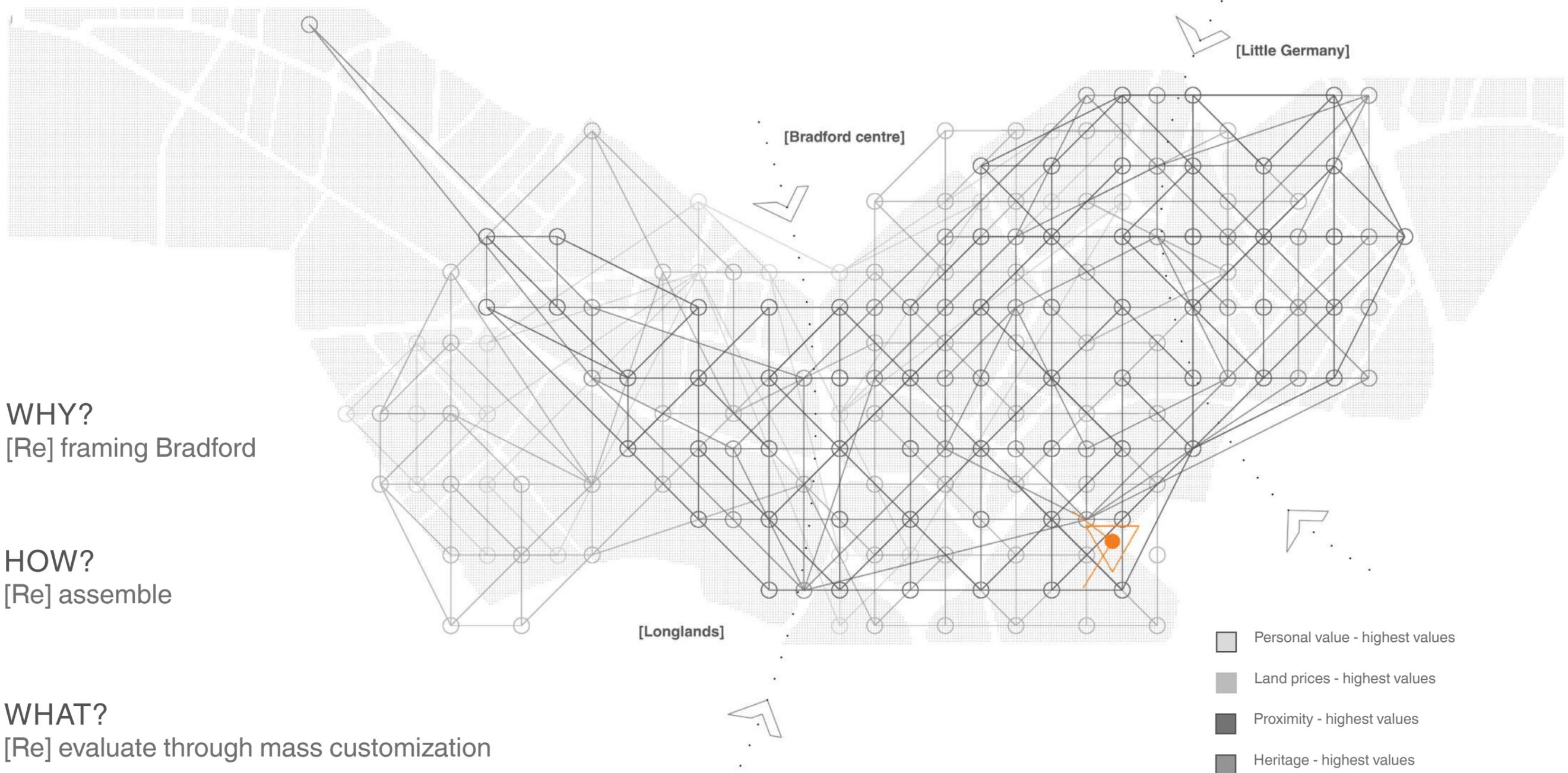
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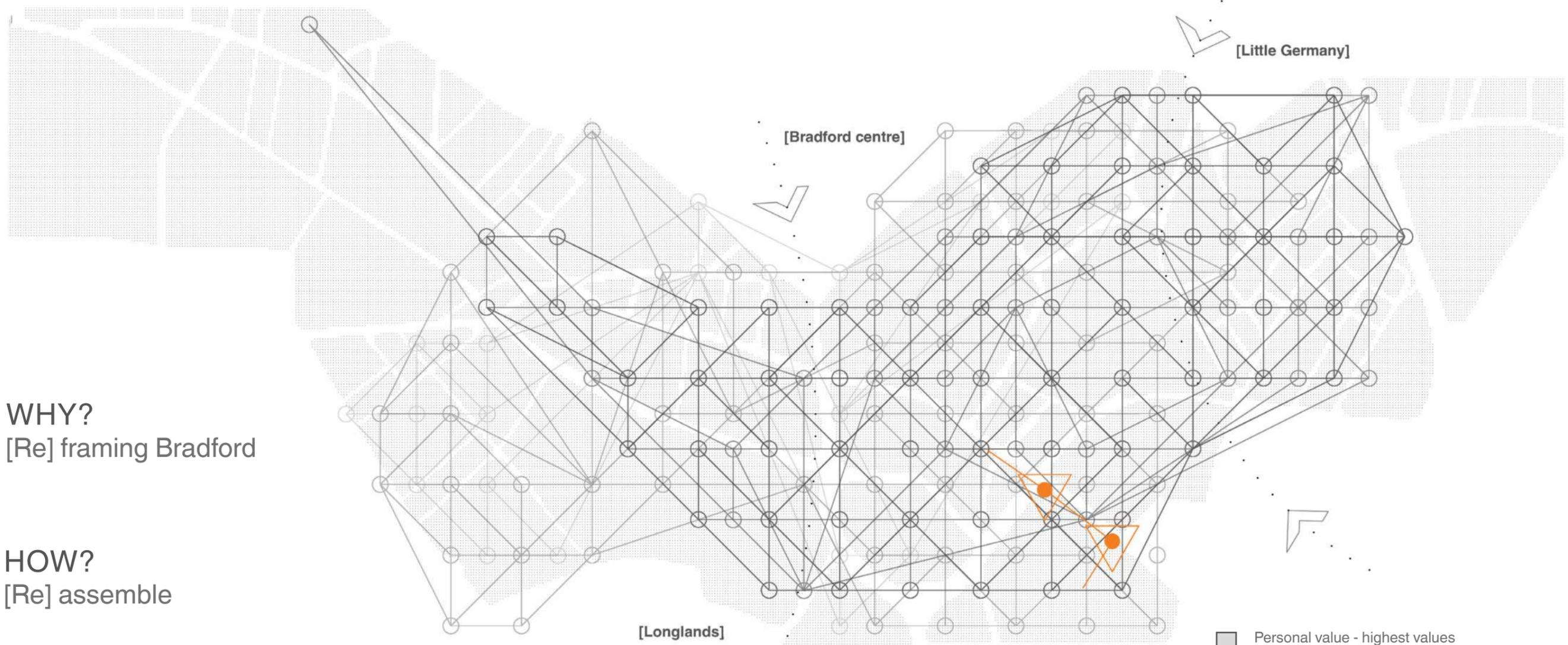
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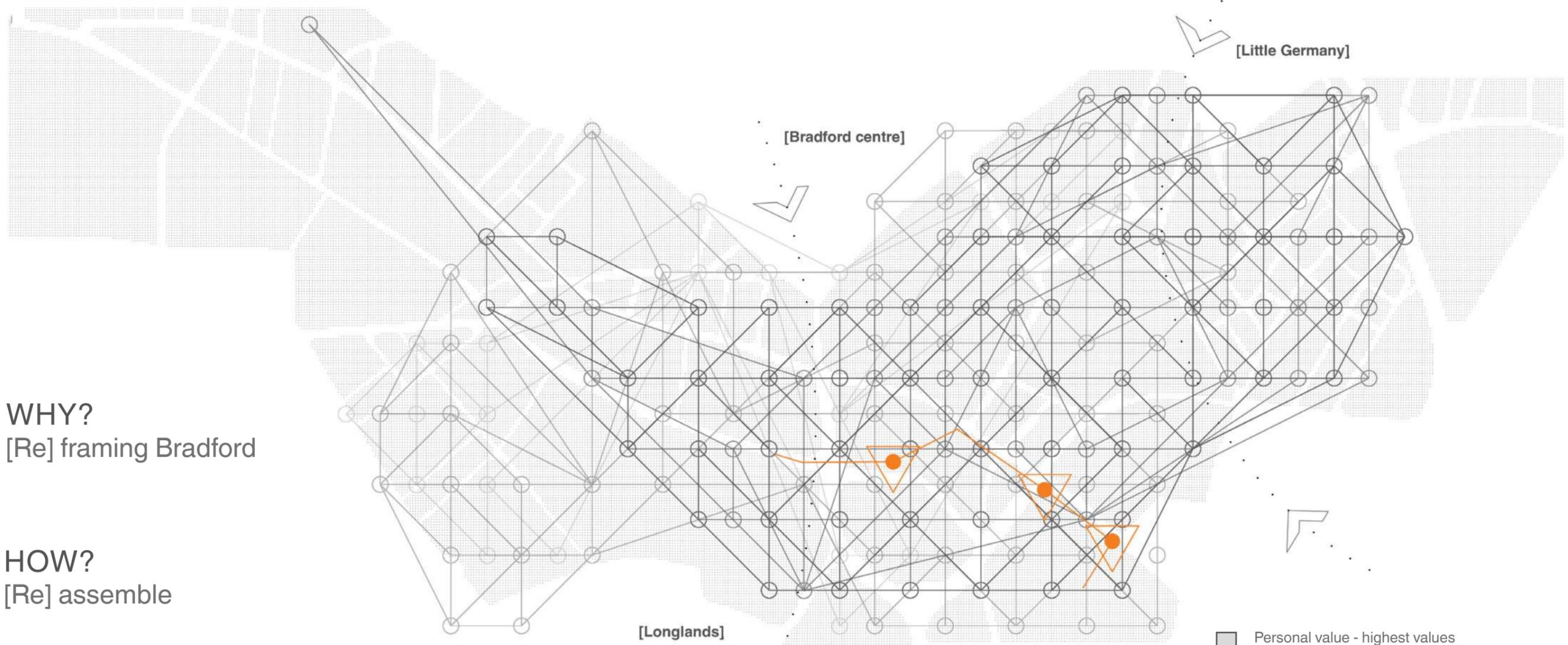
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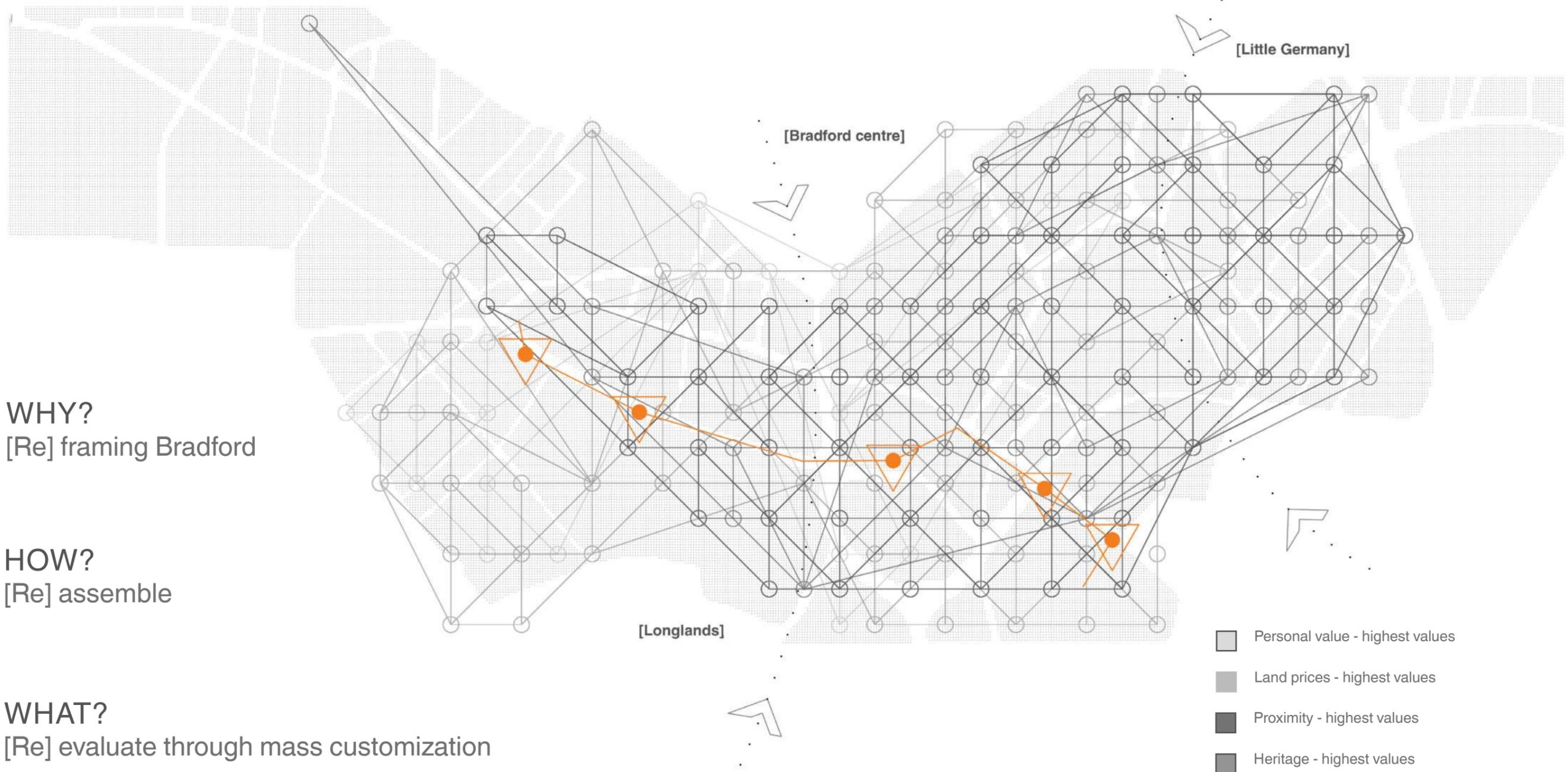
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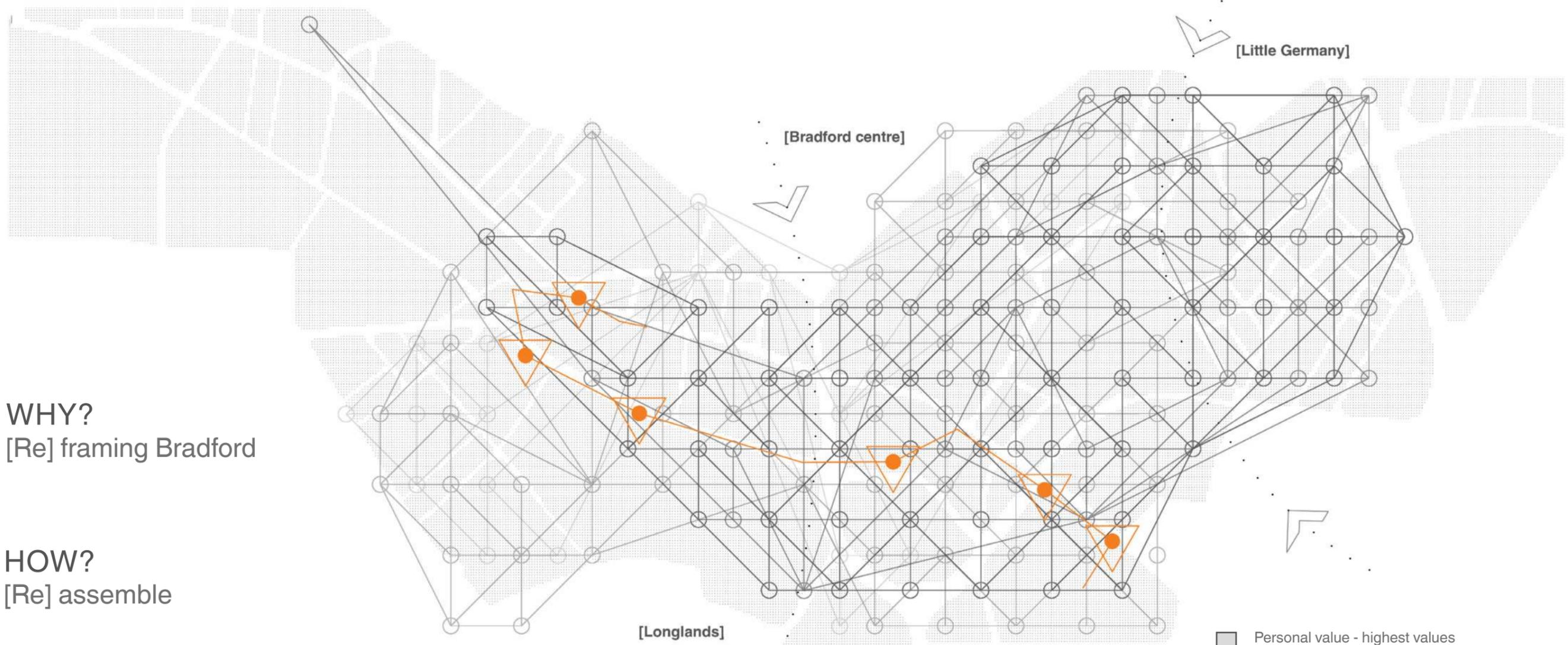
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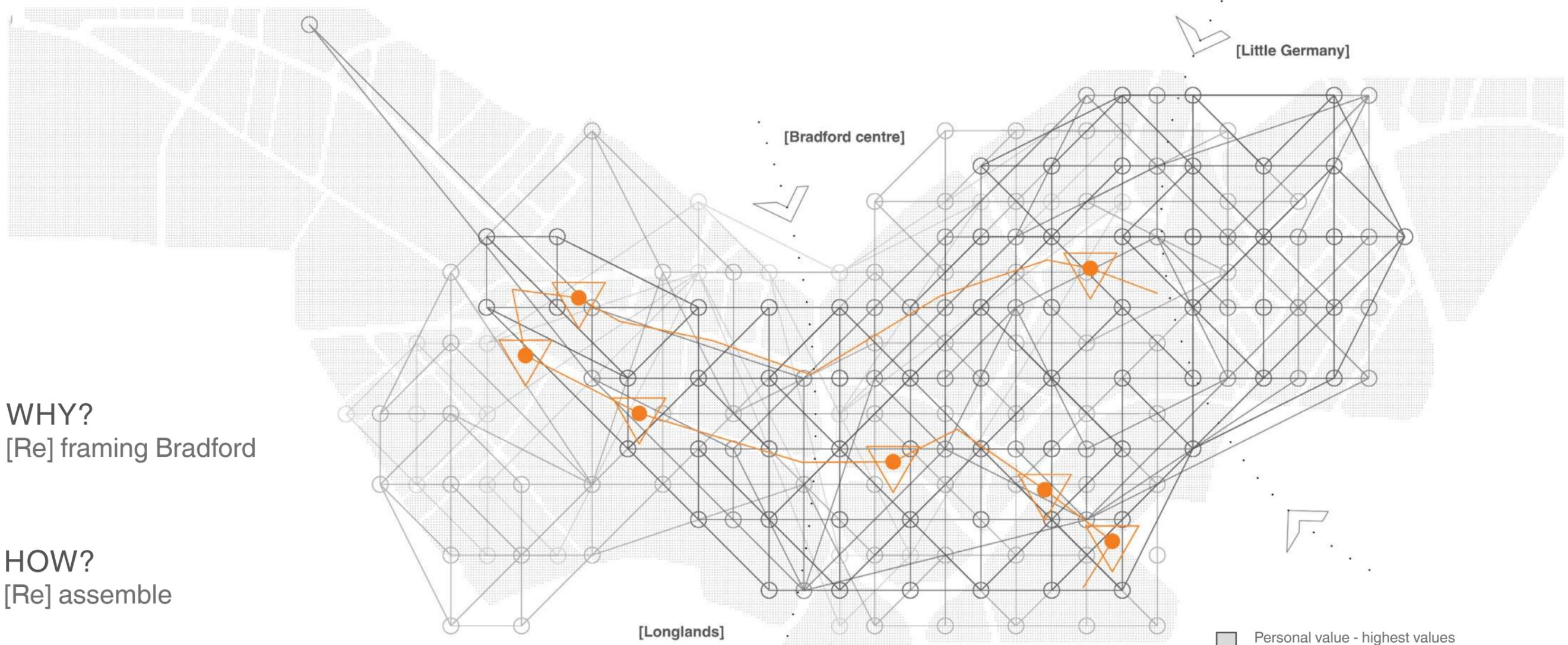
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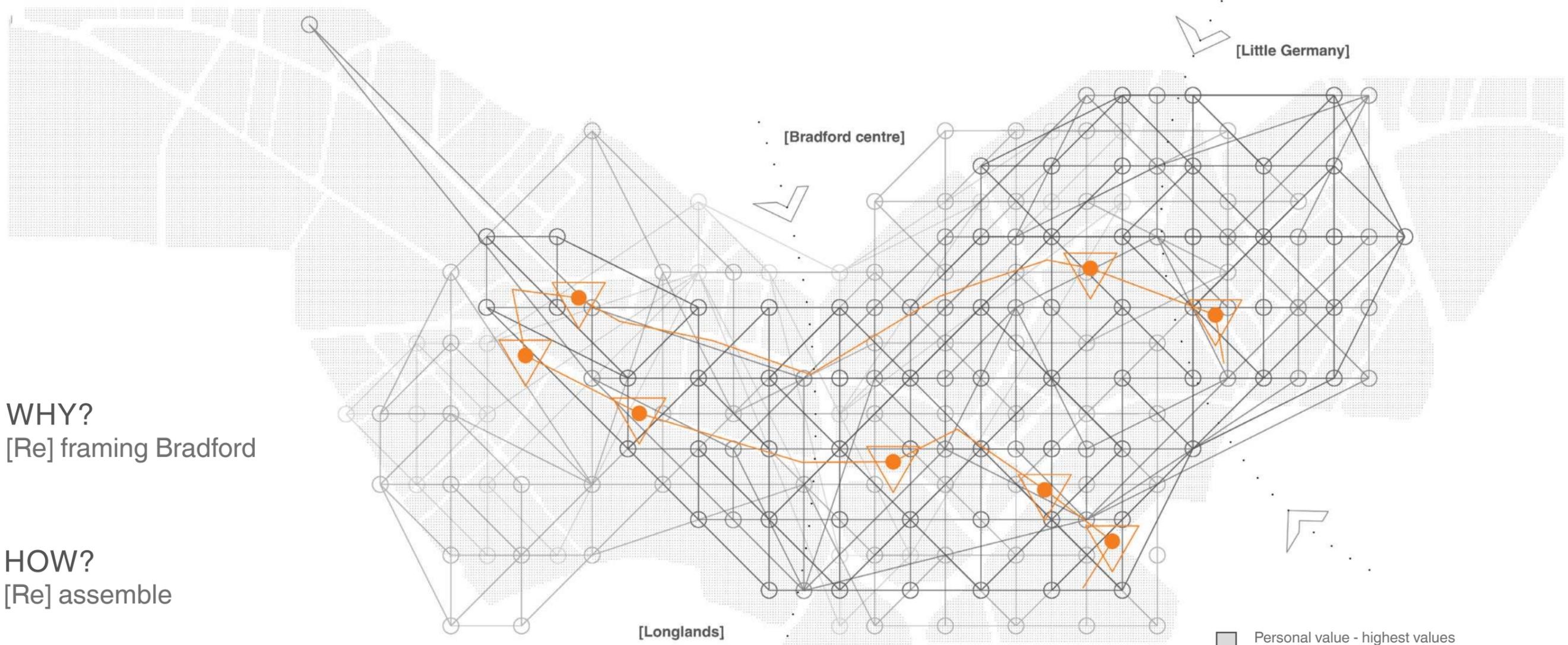
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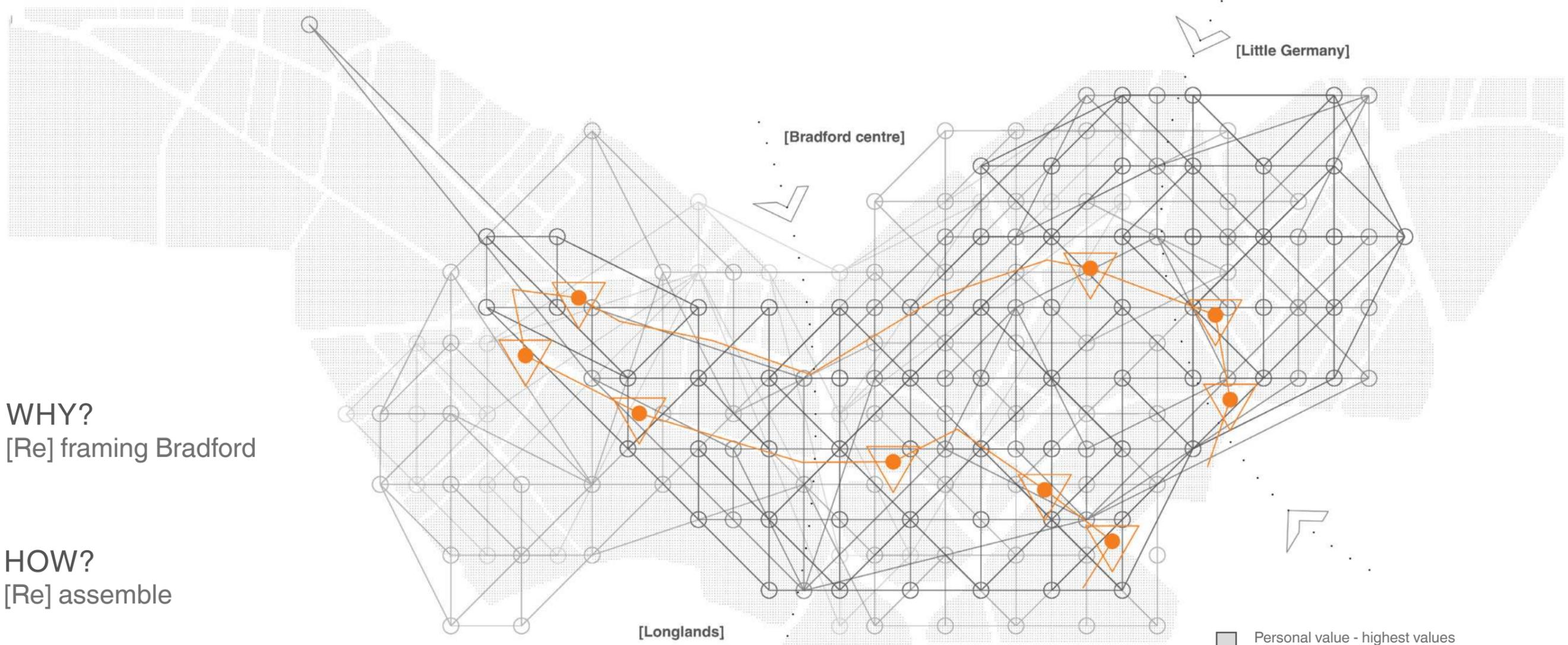
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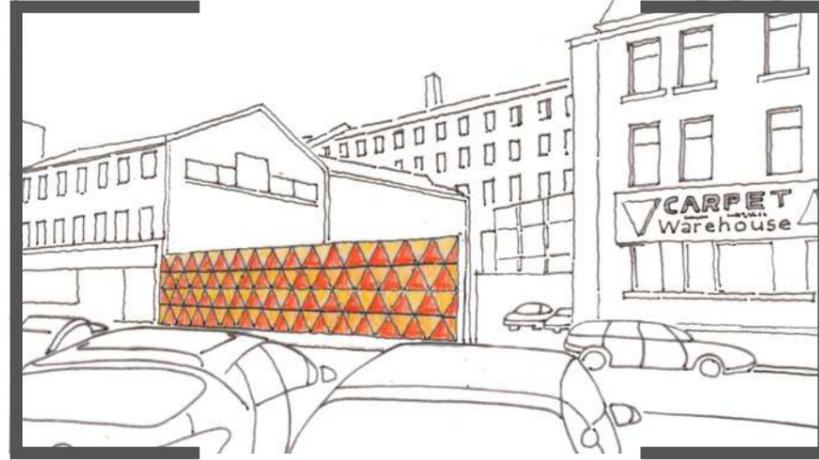
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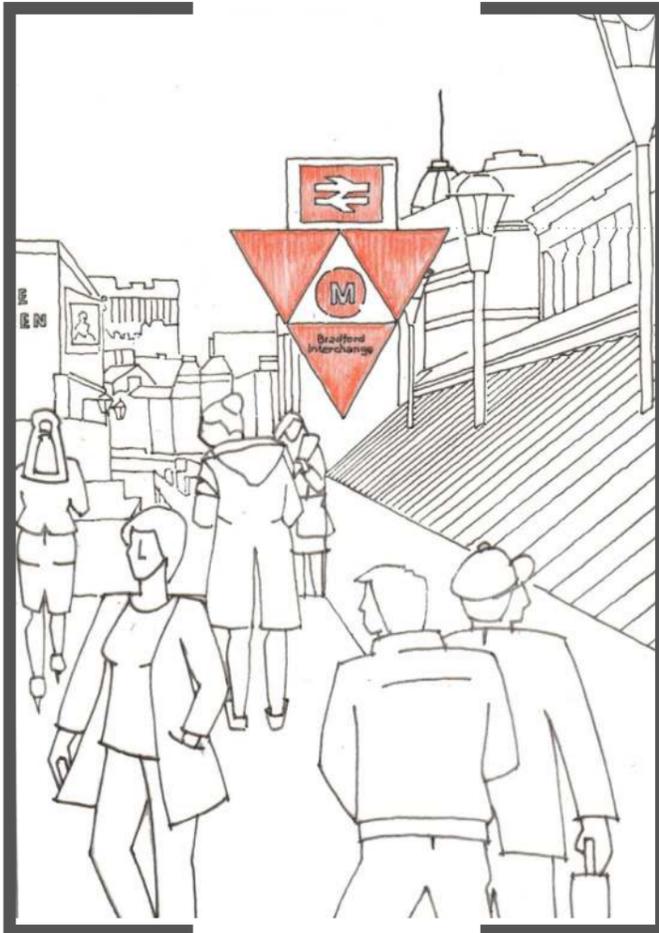
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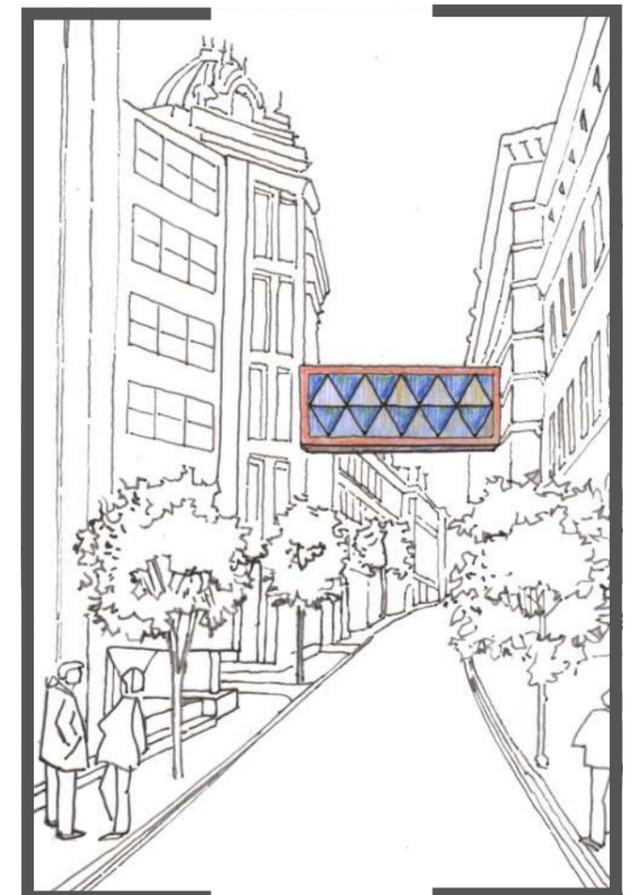
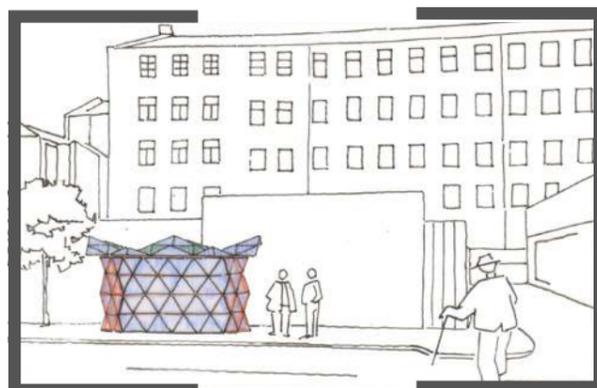
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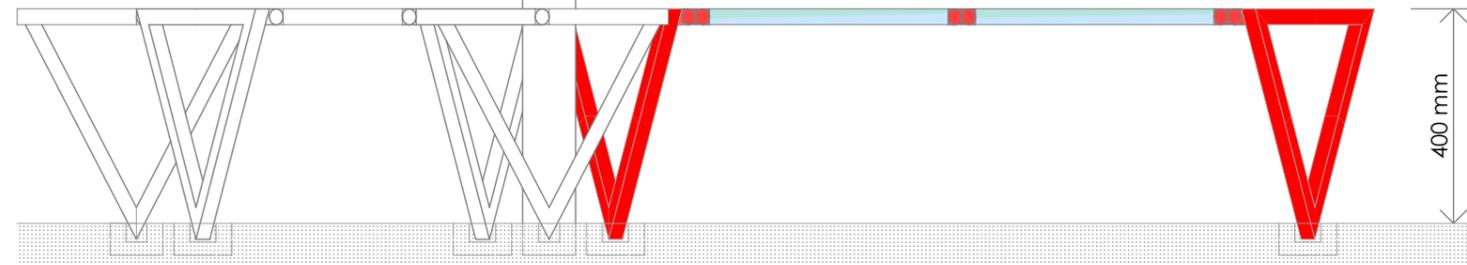
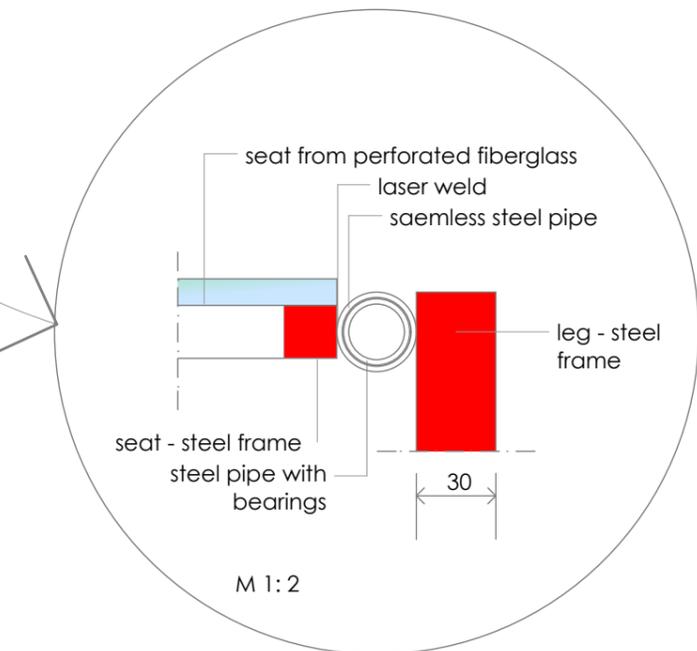
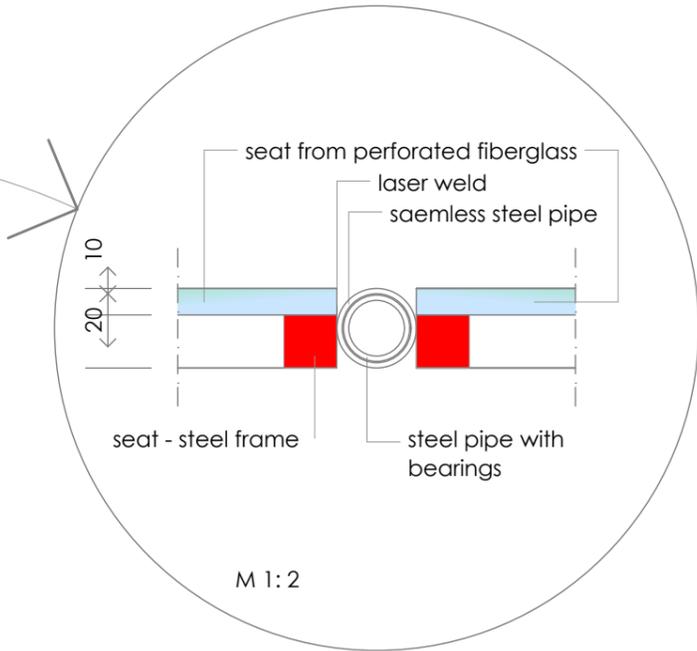
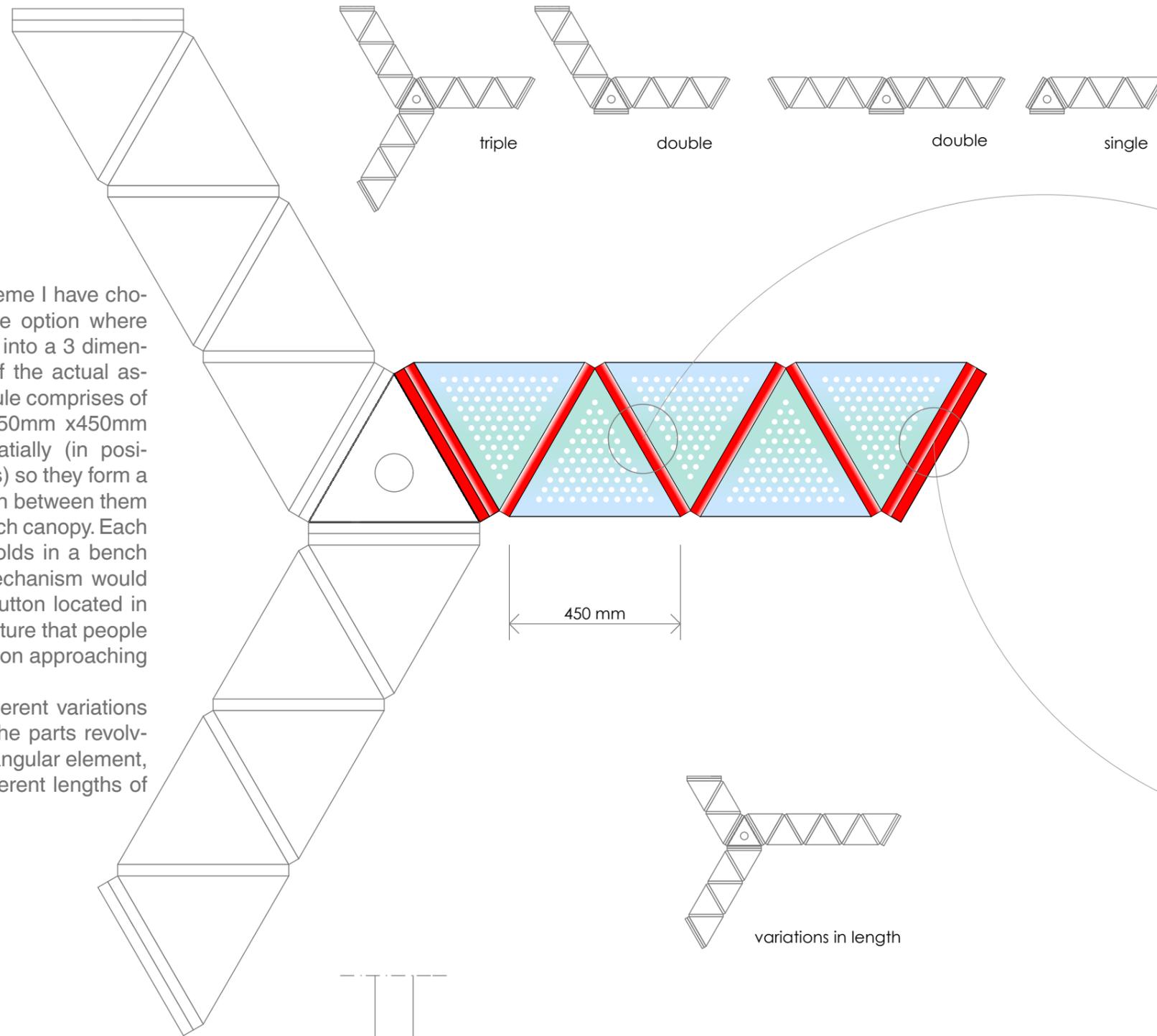


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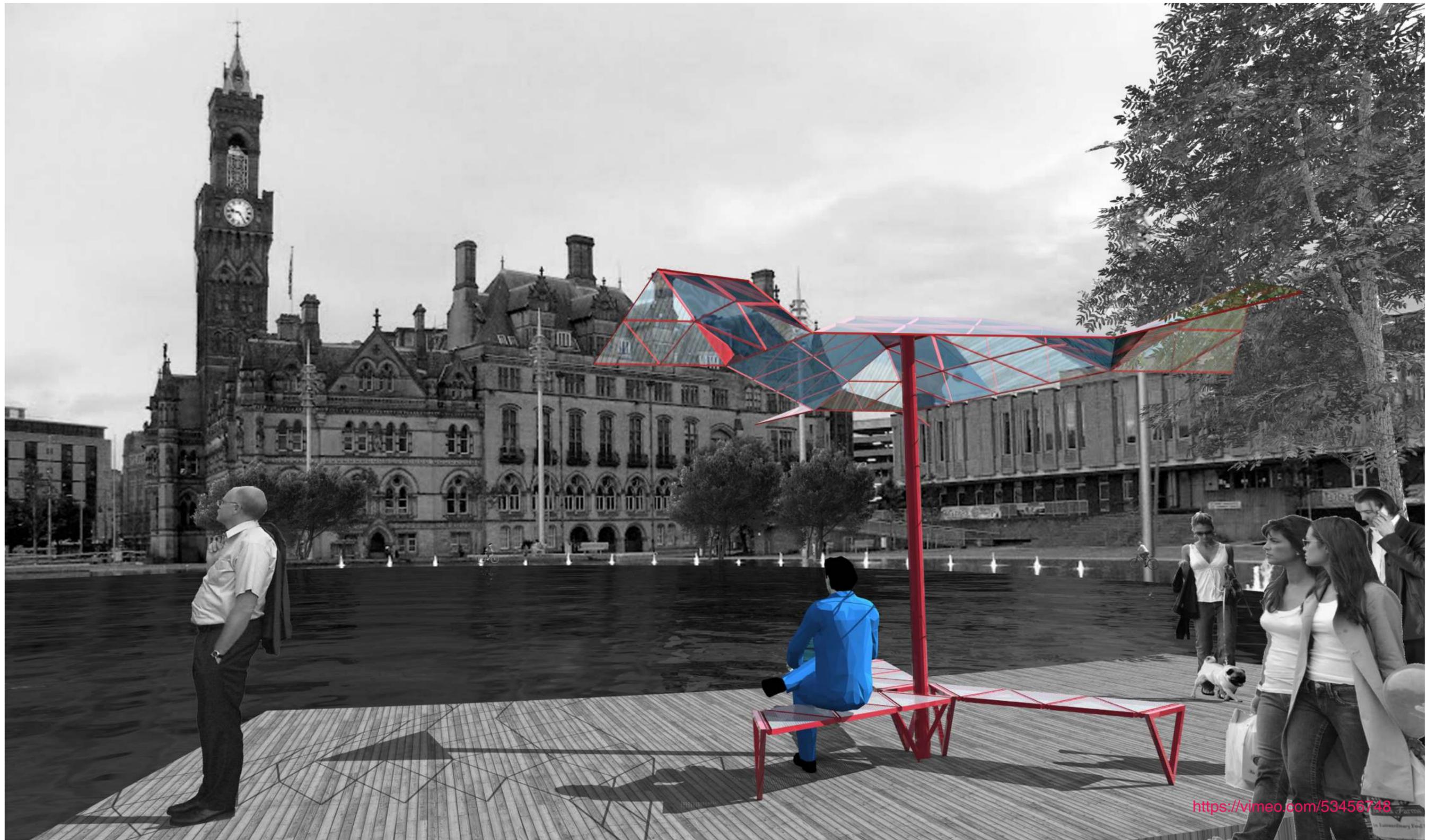


Under the proposed scheme I have chosen to show in detail the option where the module would unfold into a 3 dimensional bench. In terms of the actual assembly process the module comprises of 3 triangular elements (450mm x450mm x450mm) positioned spatially (in positions around 120 degrees) so they form a larger triangular module in between them that folds out into the bench canopy. Each of these 3 elements unfolds in a bench structure. The folding mechanism would be triggered through a button located in the static part of the structure that people would be able to push upon approaching the bench.

There is potential for different variations of the bench based on the parts revolving around the central triangular element, which would bring to different lengths of the bench.



Project **Interstice**
 Title **Plan, elevation, details**
 Scale **1:10 @A2**
 Date **09/11/12**



<https://vimeo.com/53456748>

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IN BRADFORD'S SPIRIT

Thanks for your time!

Walking around Bradford reveals a new sense to the city. The chosen applications are based on the necessity of that specific place to increase its value – therefore places of already high overall value would feature the self-assembly module present itself in small scale signs, ground level markings etc, whereas areas of low overall value would feature structure that would increase specific index values, as for in

stance in the case of Thornton road the introduction of a bus stop would raise connectivity to the centre and attract more people to use the bus stop and explore further areas of the City. The image of the bench recalls Bradford's "genius loci" and is meant to inspire people to work towards a community hub that would raise awareness of the city's true value.