

# A Model for the Design of New Sustainable Ritual Ecologies



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# Aims

To create a new monastic community in the Scottish Highlands.

To understand the links between religious life, theology and sustainability.

To explore the symbiotic conditions between ritual human and non human ecologies.

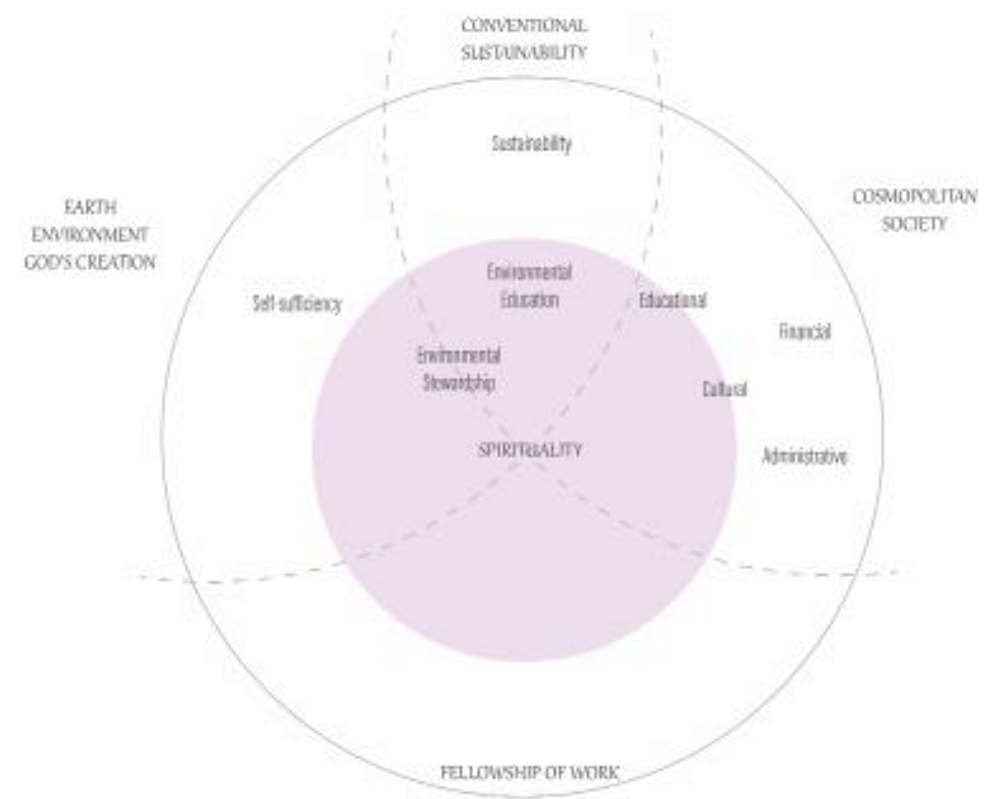
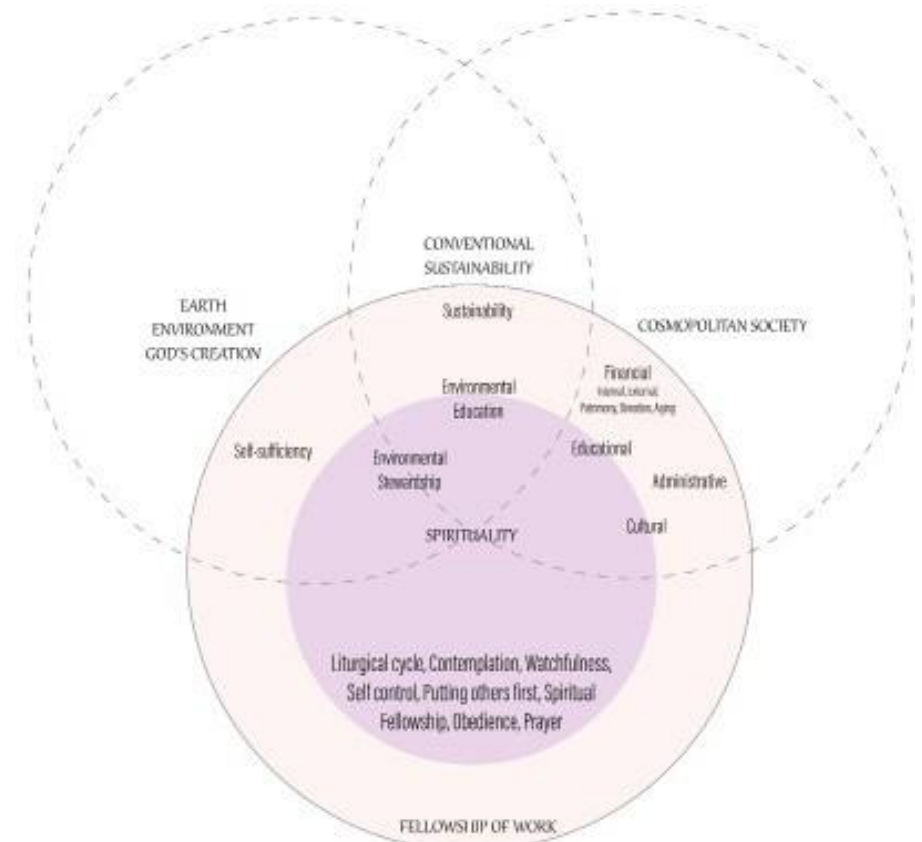


Fig. 1 A Model for A Monastery



Fig. 2, 3, 4 Images of a Monastic Settlement in Shropshire

# Objectives

To investigate the link between life and theology of monastic settlements and sustainable theory.

To understand monastic life, economies, infrastructures, care for the environment and its external relationships with local communities and wider society.

To explore how contemporary monastic settlements have been established, in the above contexts.

To generate a framework for a new contemporary C21st sustainable monastic community at Ardross.

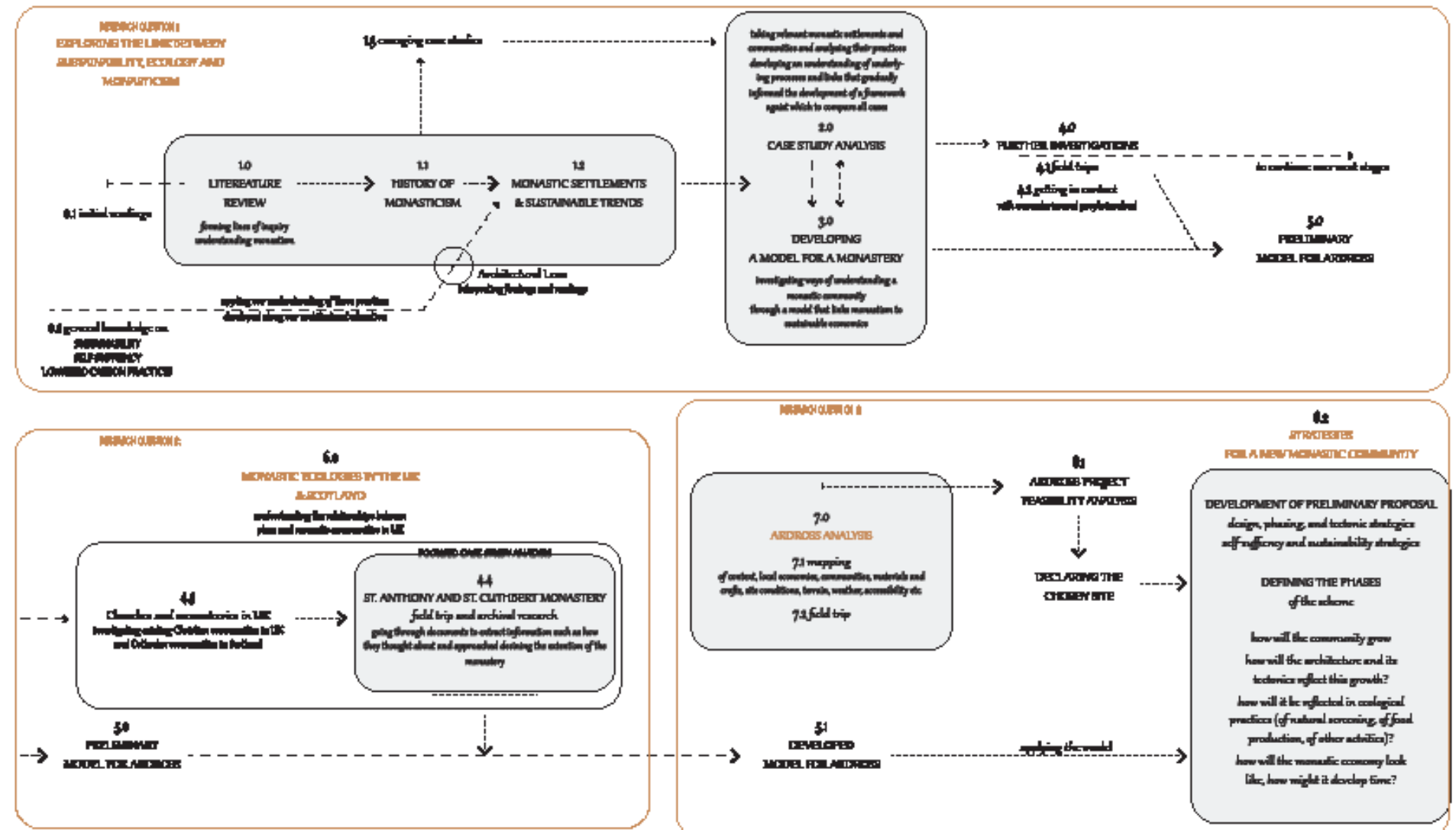


Fig. 5 Research Framework



Fig. 6, 7 Views from the Ardross Estate

# Proposal

Monastic Life & Environment

Good relationship with local community: exchange of goods, skills and services

Repair and extension: phasing through time



Fig. 8 Site Plan

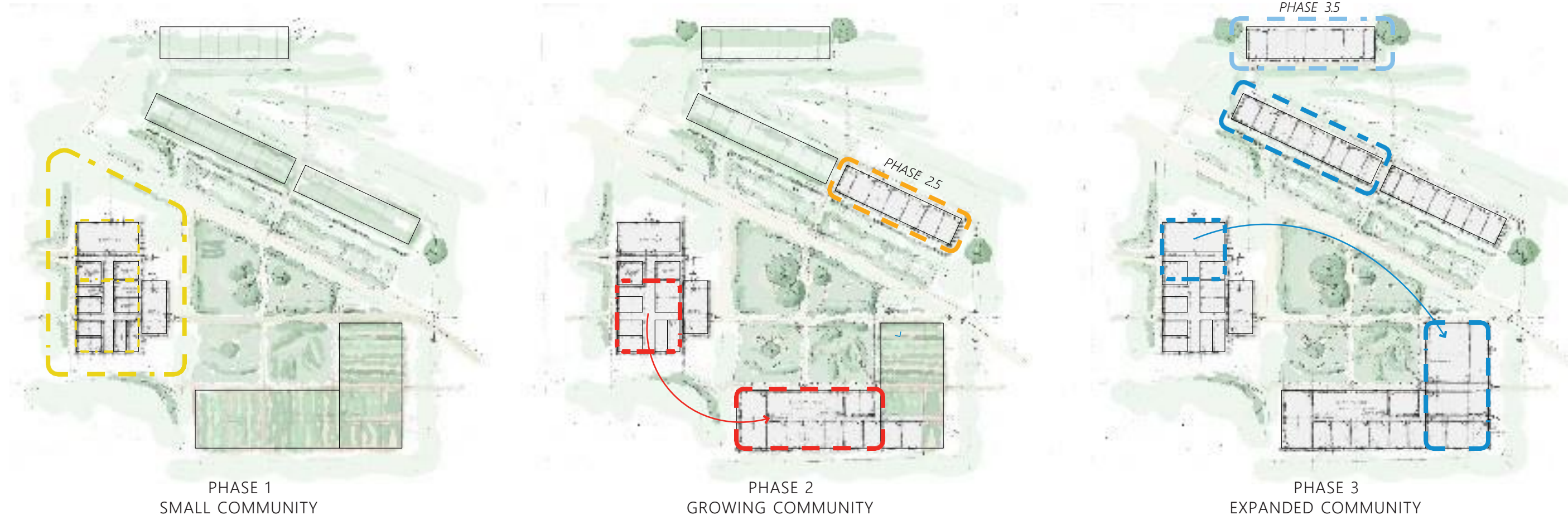


Fig. 9 Phasing of the Monastic Settlement

