



18 MINUTE

TERRACED HOUSE AUDIT

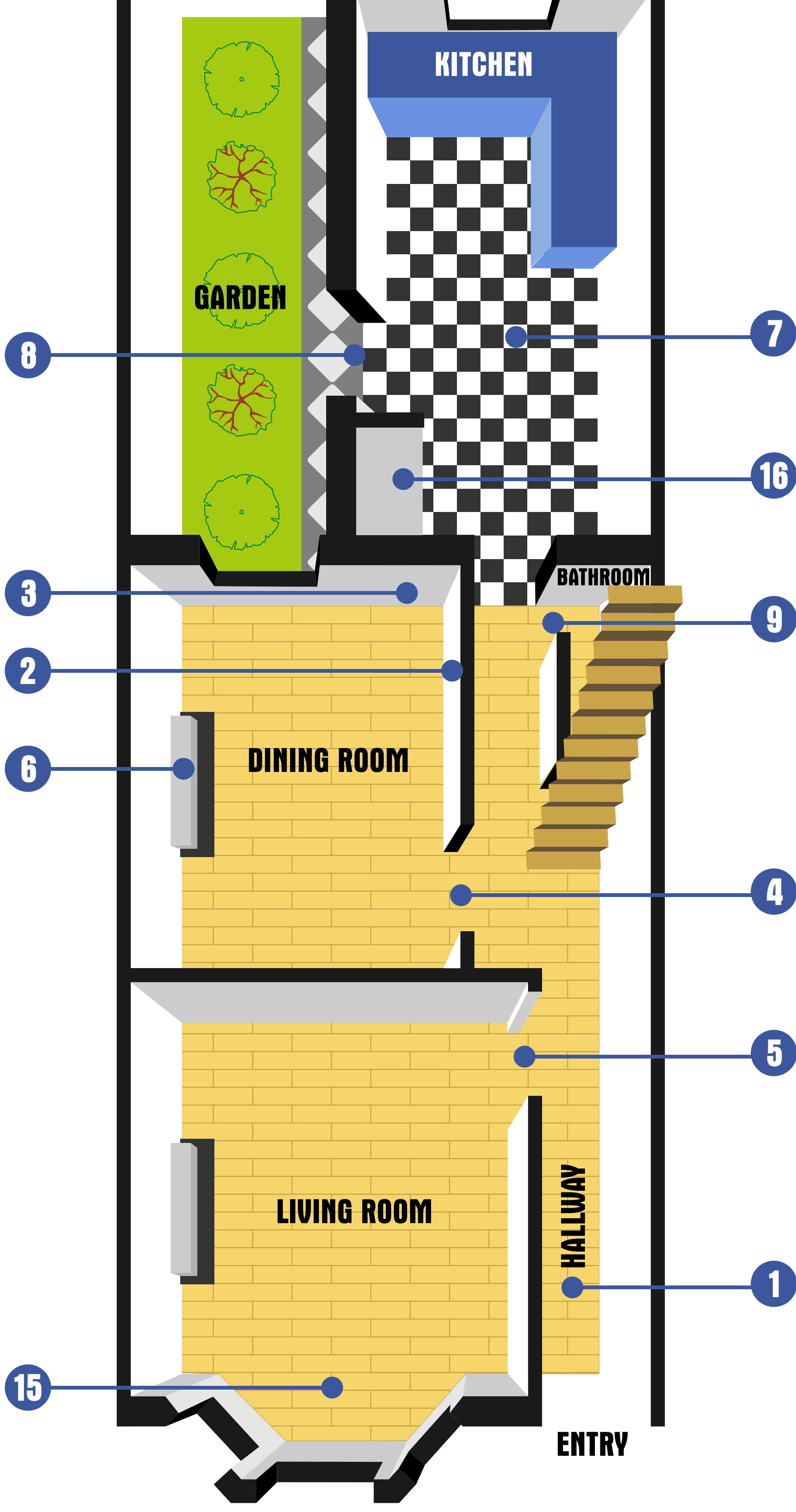
If you need **more space** in your Terraced House there are **easier ways** to achieve that than building expensive extensions, basements, etc.

In fact by reconfiguring your home as it stands right now, you can unearth a **TONNE OF EXTRA SPACE** that's currently going to waste due to the historical inefficient layout of the terraced house.

The trick is knowing what tweaks to make and where and this makes all the difference to the **look & feel of your home** as well as making it a much better place to live in.

Below is a **checklist** that you can use to walk around your own terraced house & carry out your very own **Professional Architectural AUDIT** to see if you can tweak the layout of your home here and there to unveil a load of extra space in your home.

I've included some of the more common solutions to the problems encountered in a terraced house so you'll know what to do if it applies to your home.



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Let's get started!

1 Is there a lack of natural light into the hallway as you walk further into the house?

Taking out the wall between the hallway and dining room might be an option to get more light & ventilation into the middle of the house

2 Is the wall between the dining room and hallway still present?

Taking out this wall can open up space

3 Is the wall between the kitchen and dining room still present?

Taking out the wall can open up space

4 Are the doors located in an efficient place on the ground floor? Do door locations restrict furniture choice in each room?

Is there a more efficient position for the doors to allow for more flexible furniture types and arrangement

5 Is there access between the living room and the dining room other than via the hallway?

Installing some sliding double doors is an option so you can see right through the entire house from the living room

This also connects each room in a way that facilitates a natural flow between the rooms

6 Are the fire place and chimney breast still present in the dining room?

Removing the fireplace will add valuable useable space and allow for more flexible furniture types and arrangements as you won't have to fit each side of the chimney breast anymore

7 Is the kitchen small?

Taking out the wall between the kitchen and dining room is an option to open the space up.

Also relocating the kitchen into the dining are further in will allow a dining area beside the rear window

8 Does the kitchen have wide access to the rear garden?

Taking out some of the rear wall to put in a sliding double door is an option

9 Is the downstairs toilet too small?

Is there space to extend it or relocate it to under the stairs?

10 Is there a separate shower unit in addition to the bath tub in the main bathroom on the first floor?

Can you fit one in if you refurbish the room and rearrange the toilet layout?

11 Does the master bedroom have an ensuite?

Is there enough space in the room to add one? There is usually space to fit one up against the partition wall between the master and second bedroom

12 Are the fire place and chimney breast still present in the master bedroom?

Removing the fireplace will add valuable useable space

NOTE: You will need to leave the fire place in this room if you are going to keep and use the fire place in the living room below

13 Are the fire place and chimney breast still present in the second bedroom?

Removing the fireplace will add valuable useable space and make furniture arrangement a lot more flexible

14 Are doors located in an efficient place on the first floor?

Is there a more efficient position for the doors to allow for more flexible furniture types and arrangement

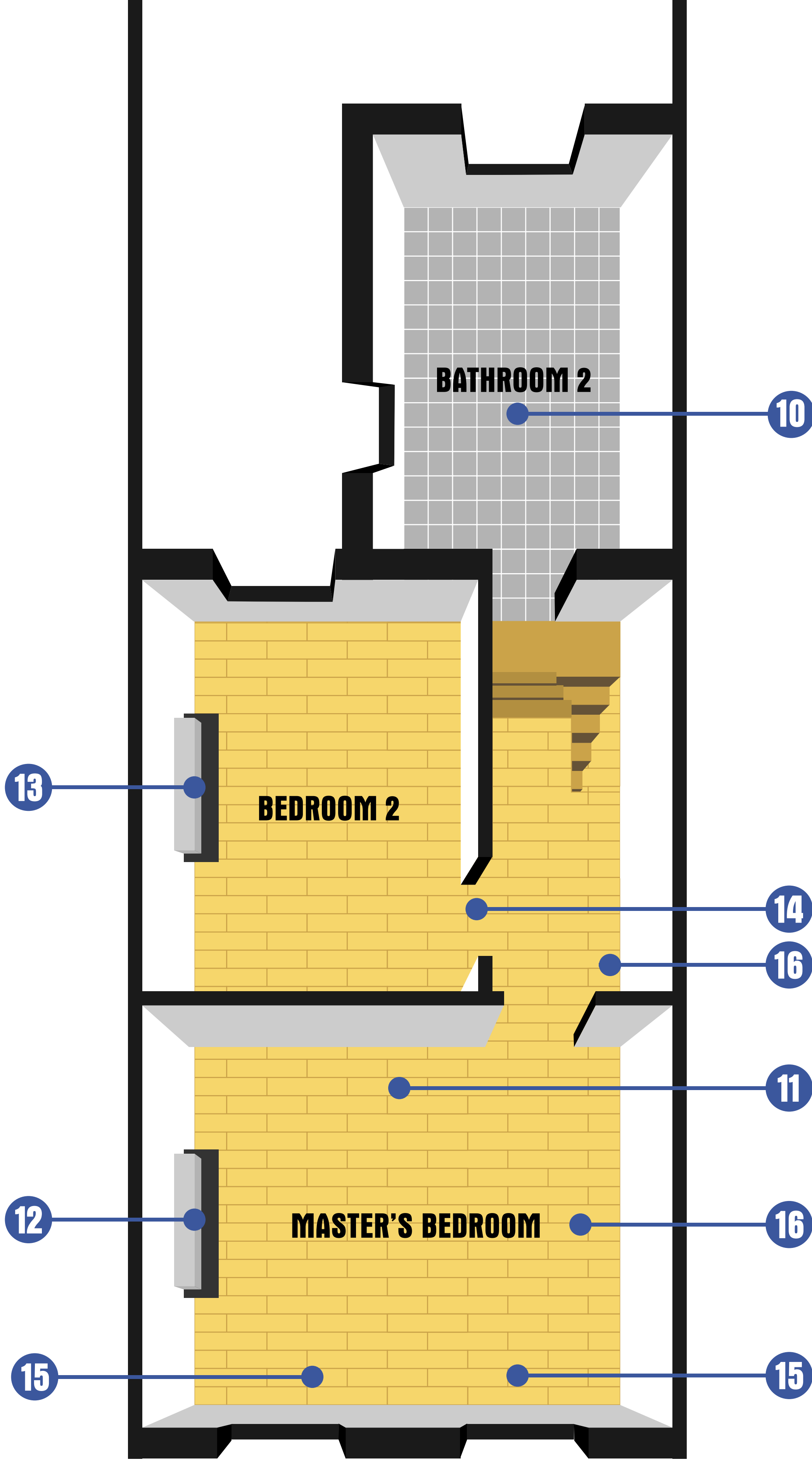
15 Would window seats be appropriate for any rooms in the house?

Can they be installed without compromising the space in the room?

16 Is there adequate storage in the house?

Are there locations suited to fitted wardrobes in any of the bedrooms

Are there any places not utilised for storage



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For more information on how you can get more space out of your Terraced House or even make it bigger please visit the blog at:

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