

A photograph of a blue brick building with several windows. A red car is parked on the street in front of the building, and a bicycle is leaning against the wall. The text is overlaid on the building's facade.

How can police stations help solving housing crisis in the Netherlands?

Adapting 20th Century Heritage

Vacant Police Real Estate

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RESEARCH

How can **adaptive transformation** and **waste reduction** strategies in architecture contribute to **solving housing crisis in a sustainable way** for the city of Groningen?

HOUSING CRISIS

Shortage of **419.000** new homes by **2025** in
the Netherlands



Housing shortage in Groningen worse than even Amsterdam

by [The Northern Times](#) — January 7, 2020 in Economics

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Groningen **housing shortage** to rise to **10,000** homes **by 2025**



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/STUDENTS

23% Groningen population:
between the ages of 15 and 29



COUPLES/FAMILIES

unaffordable housing



SENIOR CITIZENS

more suitable rental units - free up more larger
properties

UNDER - PERFORMING OFFICE SPACE



DUTCH POLICE REAL ESTATE CHALLENGE
700,000 m² of real estate will be divested **by 2030**

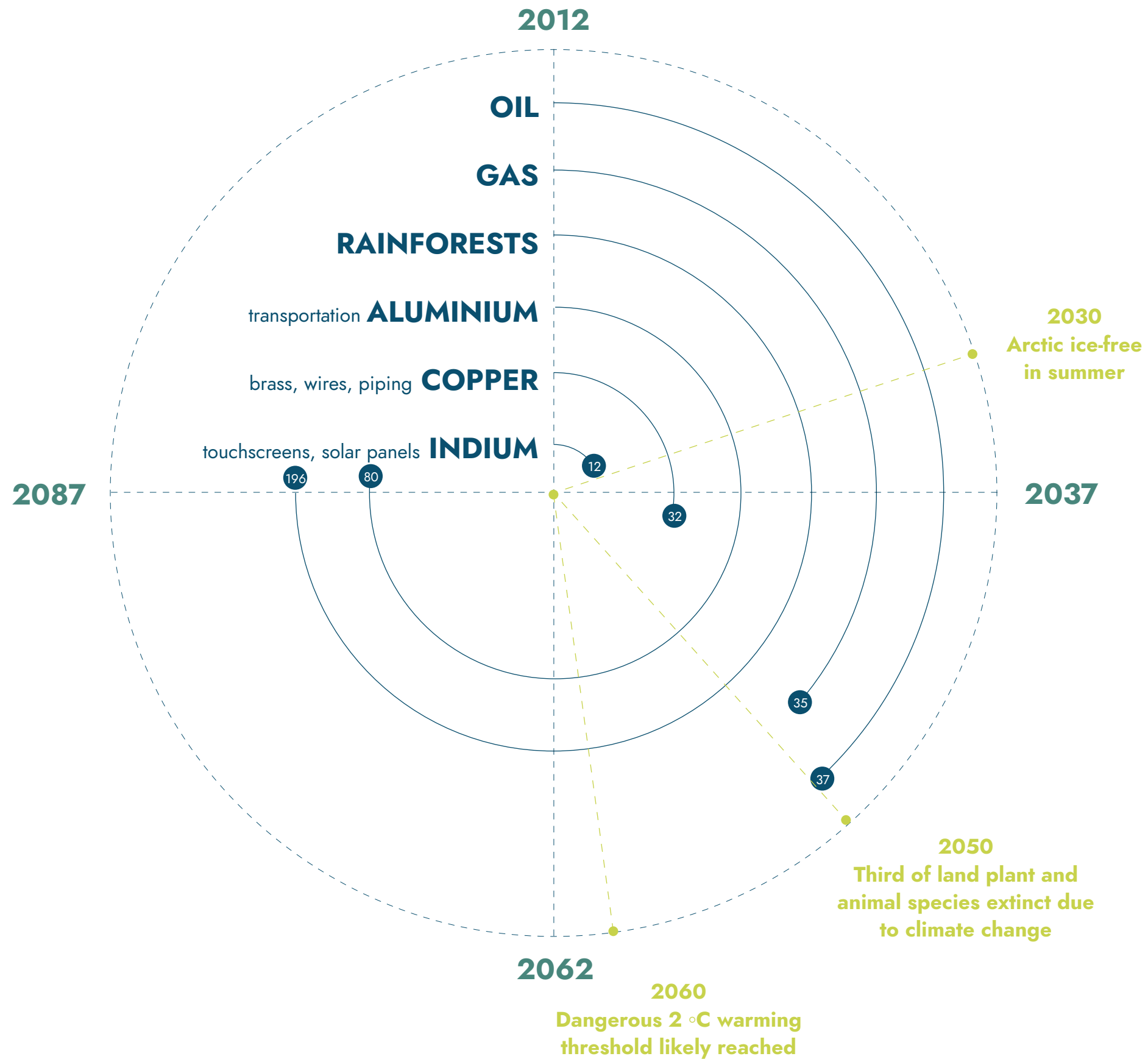


NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
845,000 homes must be built **by 2030**

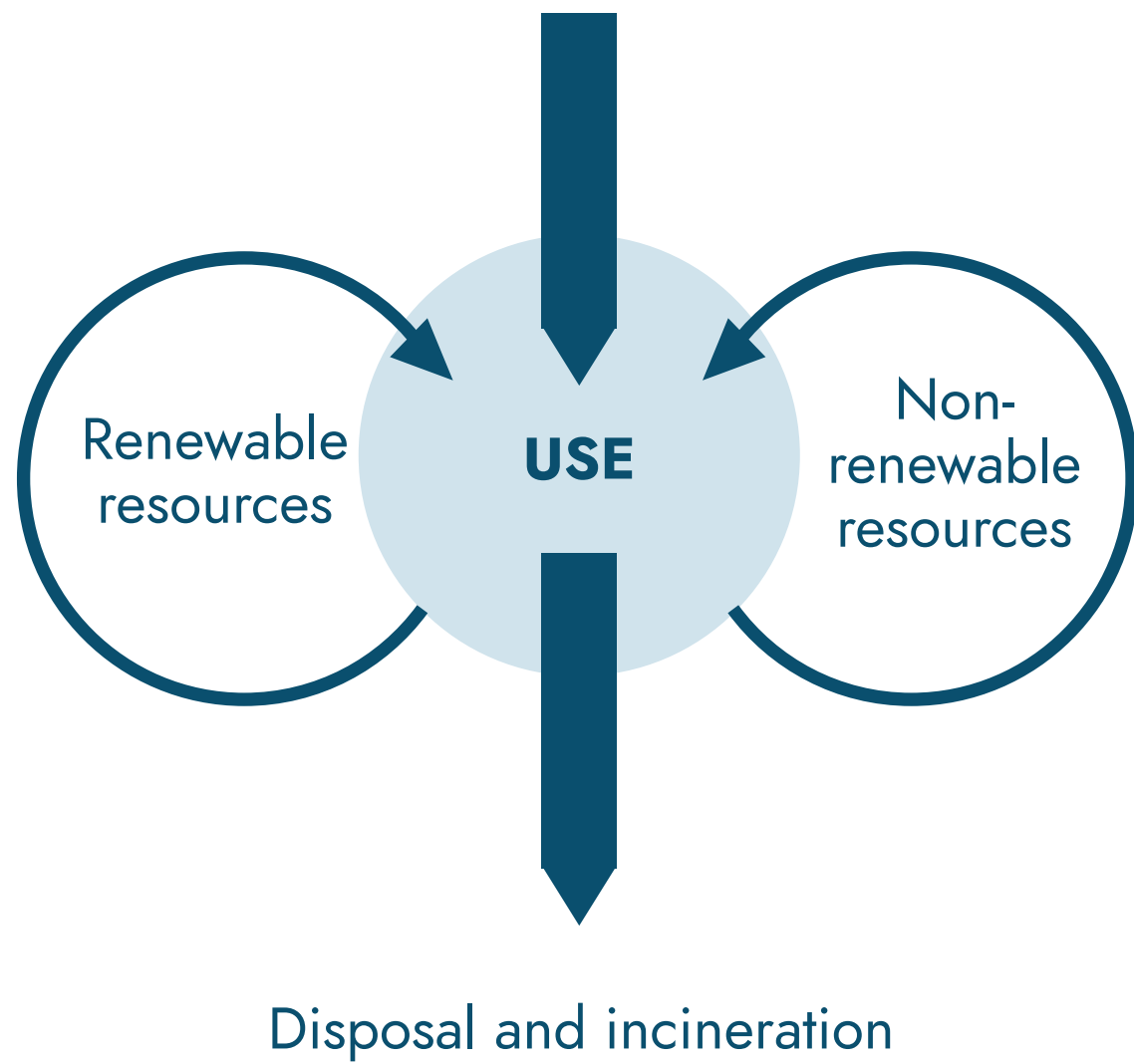
MATERIAL CRISIS

MATERIAL DEPLETION

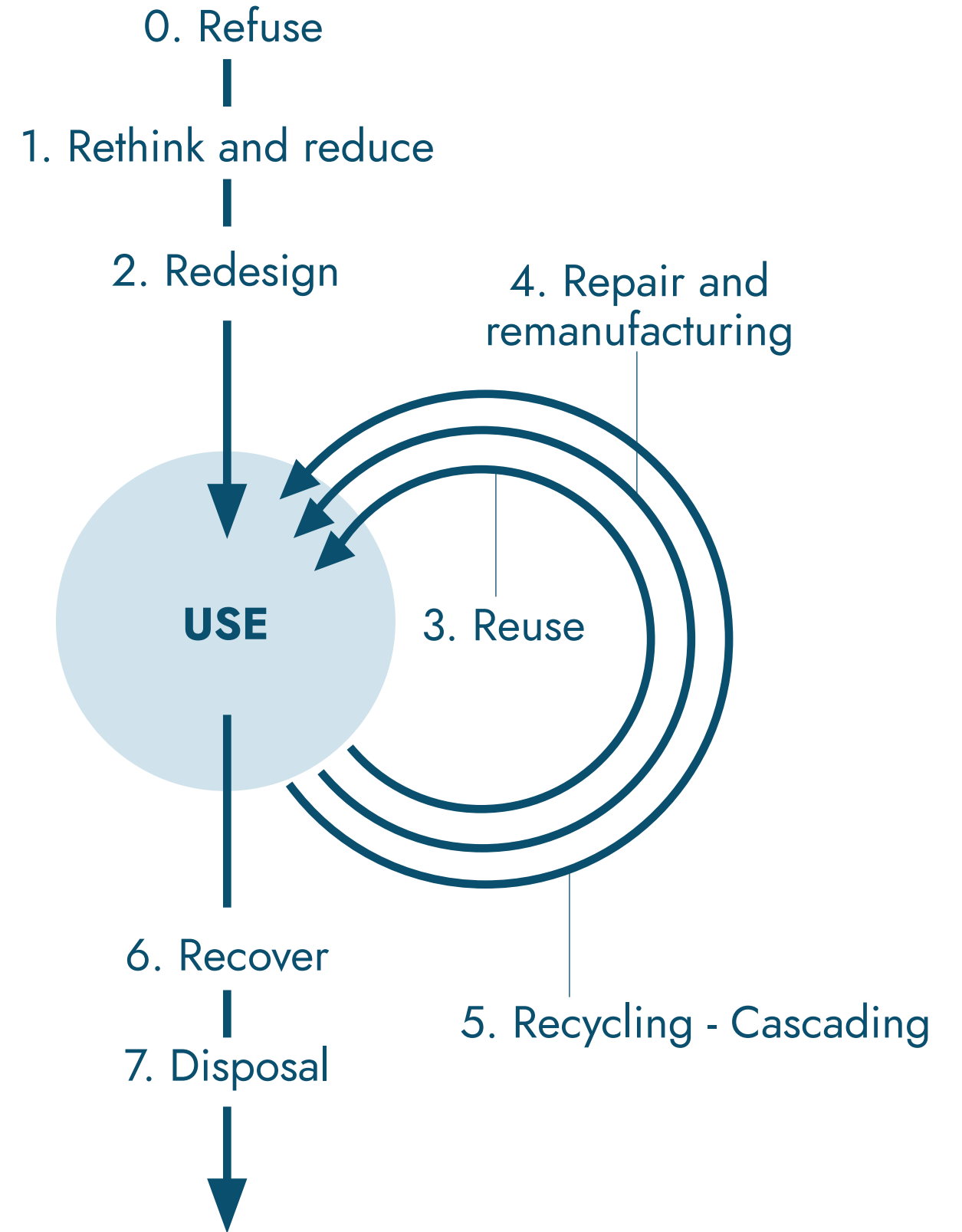
Reserves are running out



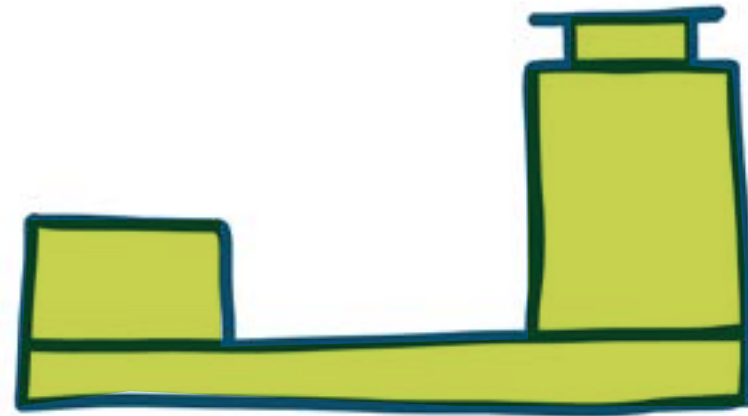
LINEAR RESOURCES



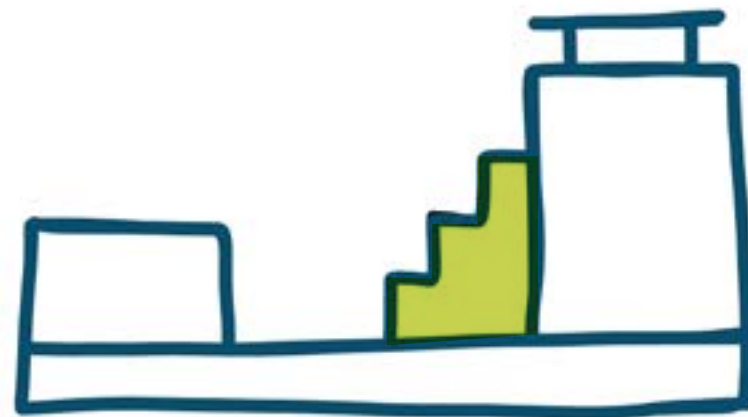
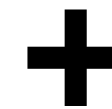
CIRCULAR APPROACH



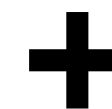
DESIGN STRATEGY



Keep as much as possible



Design for disassembly



Reuse as much as possible

THINKING AHEAD: URBAN MINING

**EXPLORATION AND
INVENTORIZAZION**

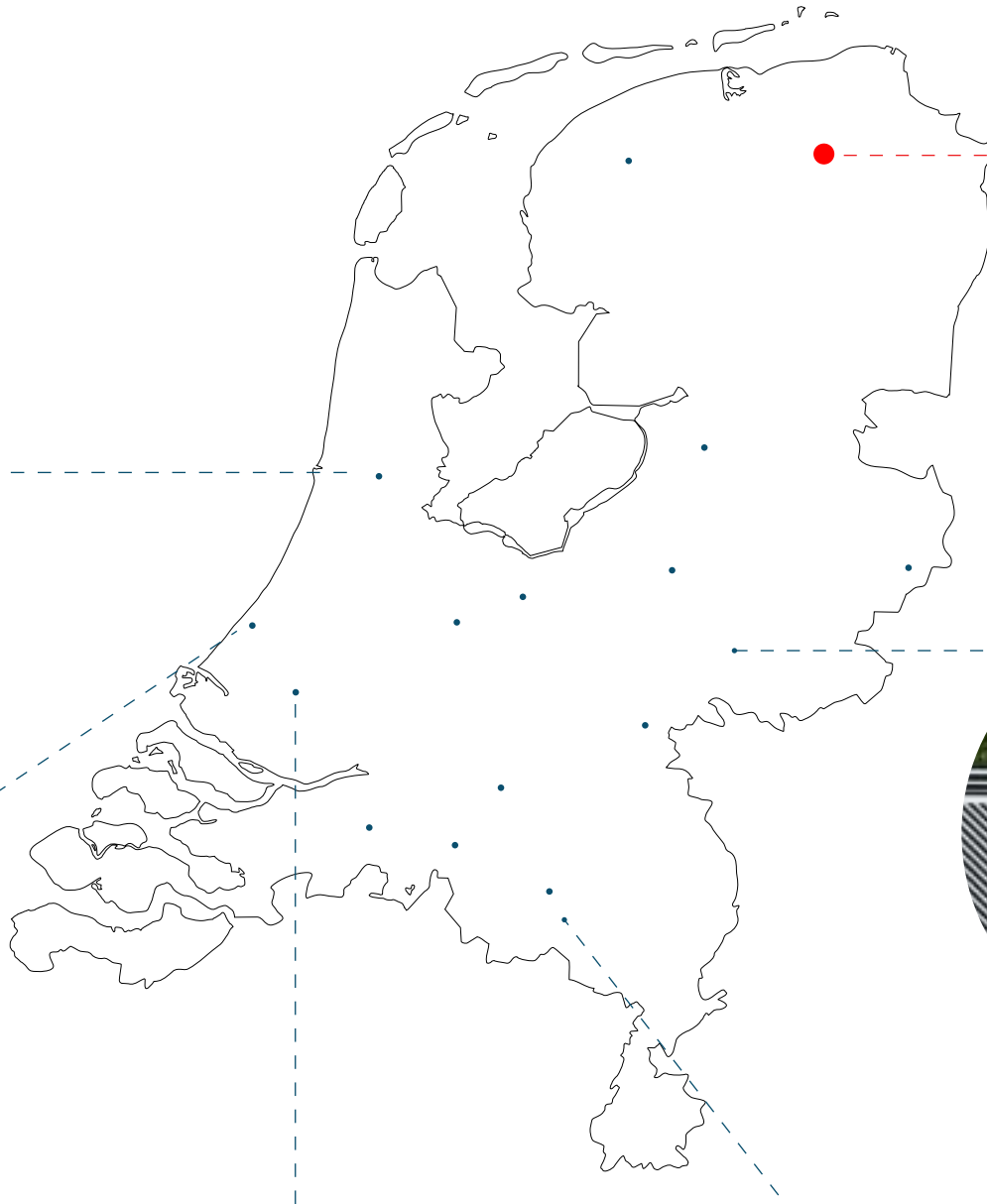


HARVESTING



**DISTRIBUTION
STORAGE**

HARVESTING MATERIALS: POLICE STATIONS



**KOUDENHORN
HAARLEM**

200 km



**EENHEIDSBUREAU
GRONINGEN**



**HUIS 't VELDE
WARNSVELD**

150 km



**EENHEIDSBUREAU
DEN HAAG**

240 km



**WITTE DE WITHSTRAAT
ROTTERDAM**

250 km



**HAVENPOLITIE
ROTTERDAM**

250 km



**POLITIEBUREAU
ROTTERDAM**

250 km



**EENHEIDSBUREAU
EINDHOVEN**

250 km

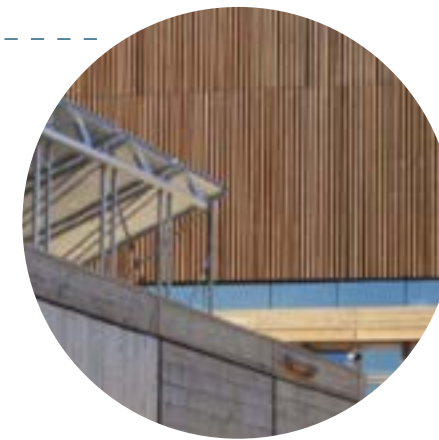
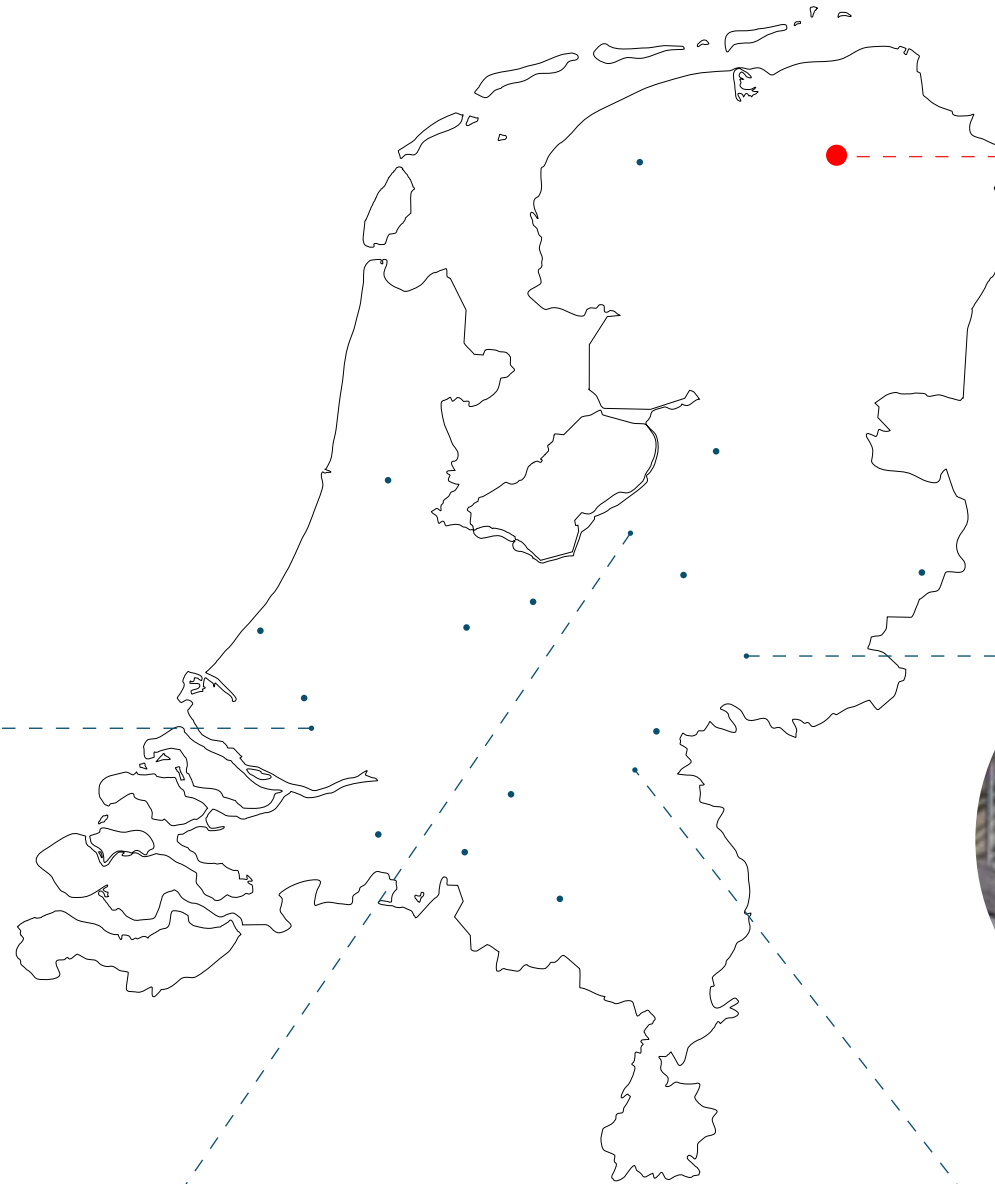
HARVESTING MATERIALS: OOGSTKAART



ROTTERDAM
250 km



**EENHEIDSBUREAU
GRONINGEN**



ARNHEM
150 km



ROTTERDAM
250 km



ARNHEM
150 km



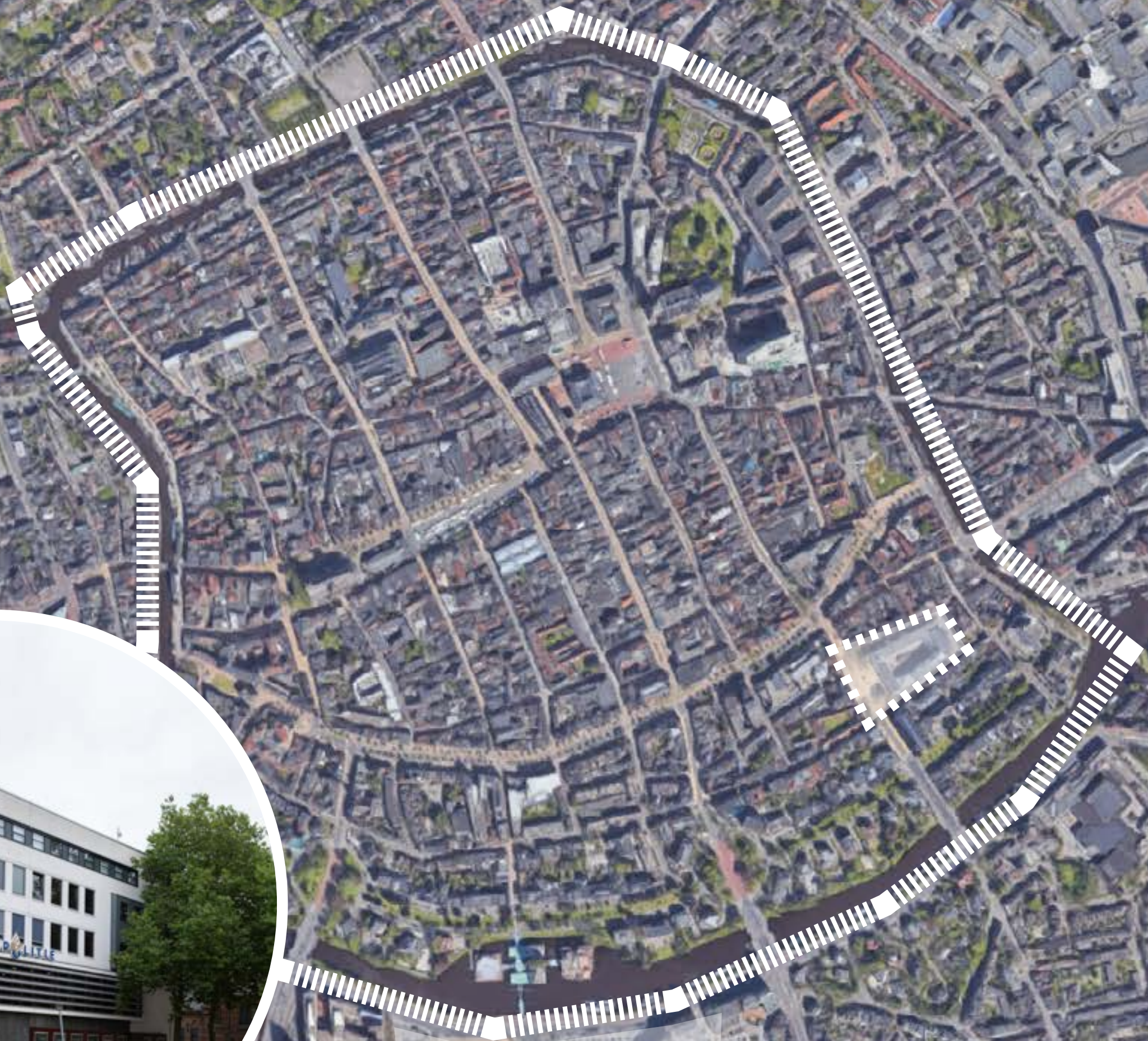
NUNSPEET
120 km



WIJCHEN
185 km

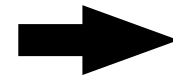
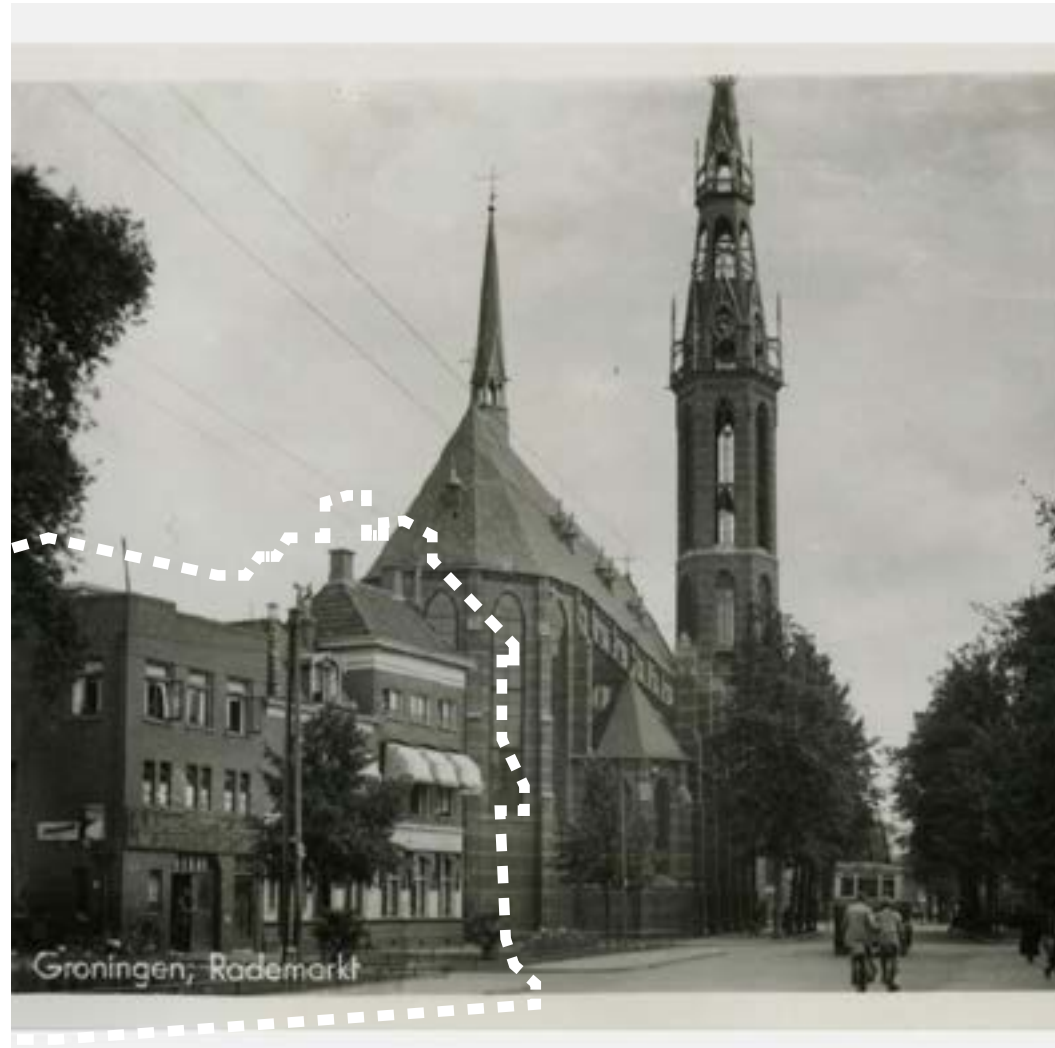
CONTEXT

LOCATION



CENTRAL STATION

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT



1935 - 1945
(St. Joseph Cathedral built in 1887)

1971 - 1972
(Municipal architect Ele de Haas)

RENOVATION IN 1996



“The idea was to have an **open and inviting building**, which people would find easy to enter”

EXISTING



EXISTING



VALUES OF THE BUILDING



Urban context



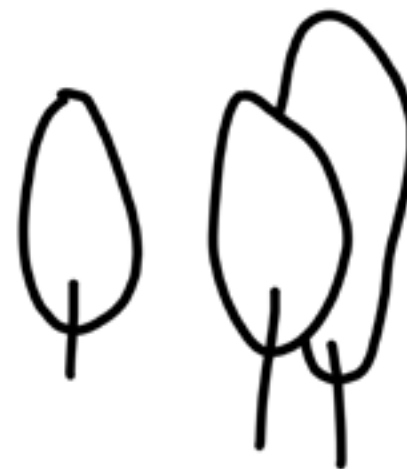
Reflection on surroundings



Courtyard and front square



Structure



Greenery



Police identity

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Green courtyard

Working from home

Senior teaching
neighbours about
plants

Brewery

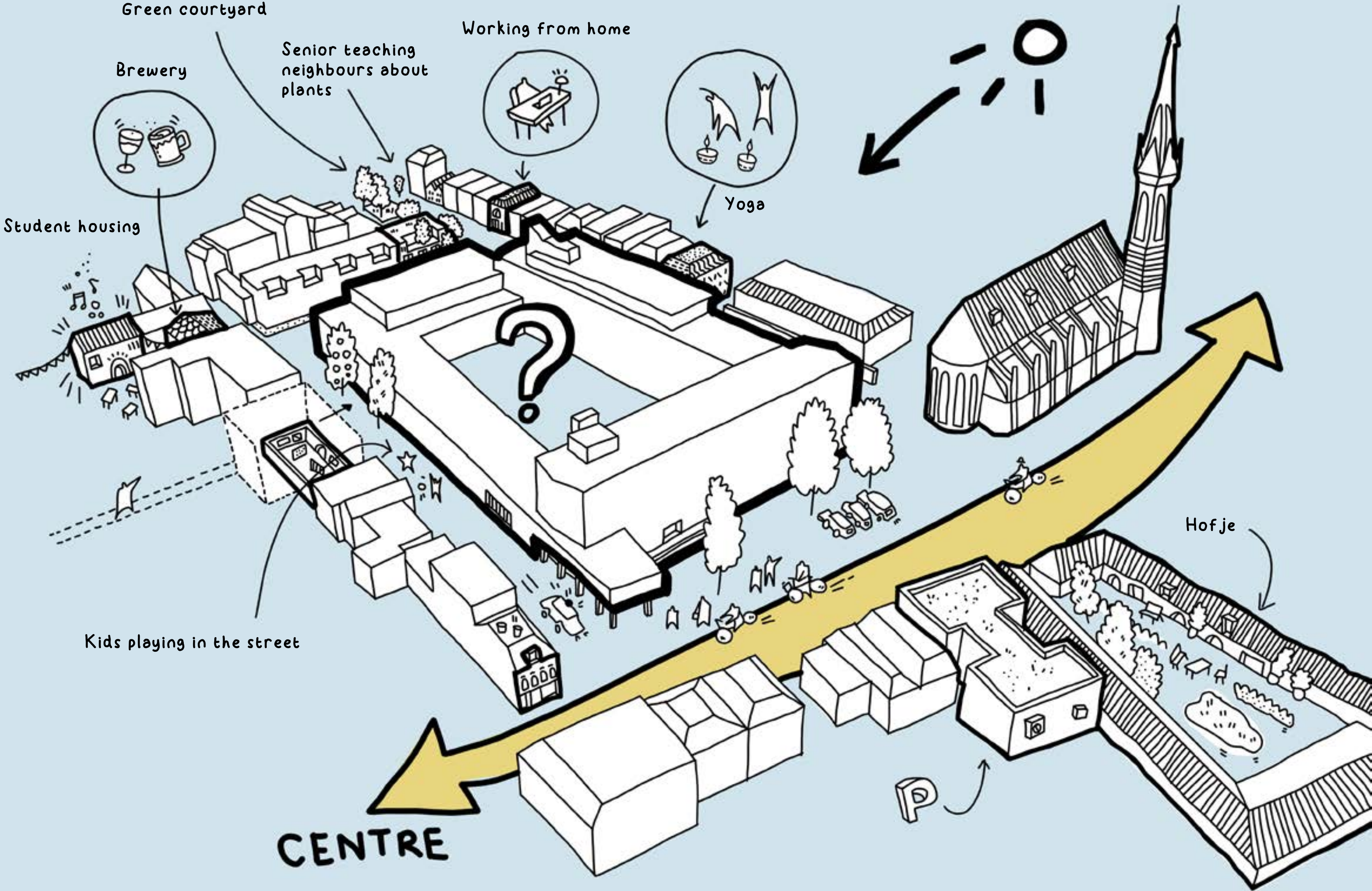
Yoga

Student housing

Hofje

Kids playing in the street

CENTRE



INTERVIEWS



WHY?

CONFLICT



HOW DIFFERENT GROUPS COULD BENEFIT FROM EACH OTHER?



Looking after my kids

Talking about gardening



Earning money by renting a room



Cultural exchange



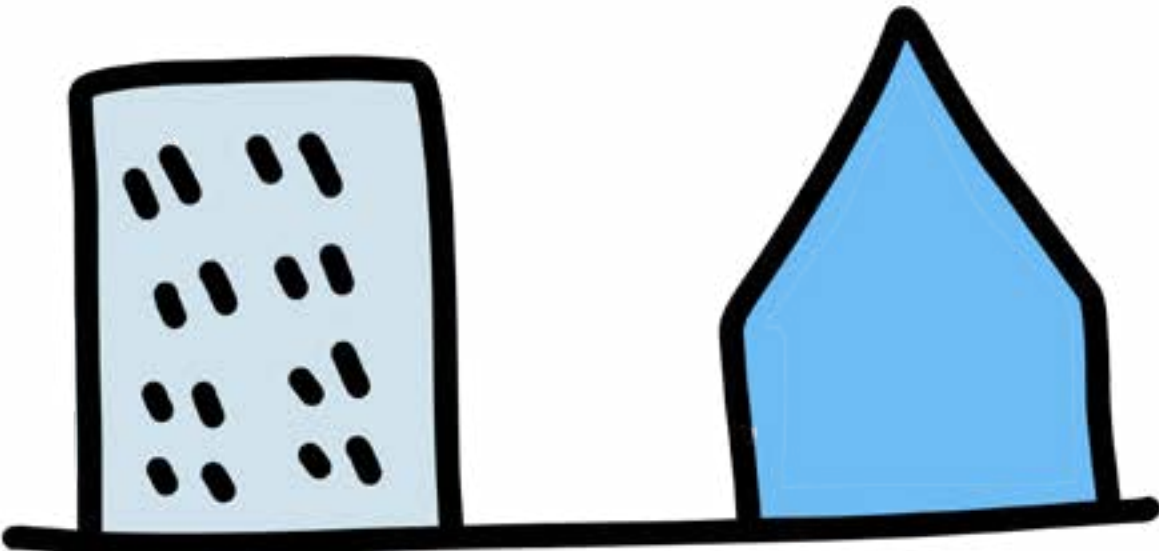
Drinking beer together



FUNCTIONS

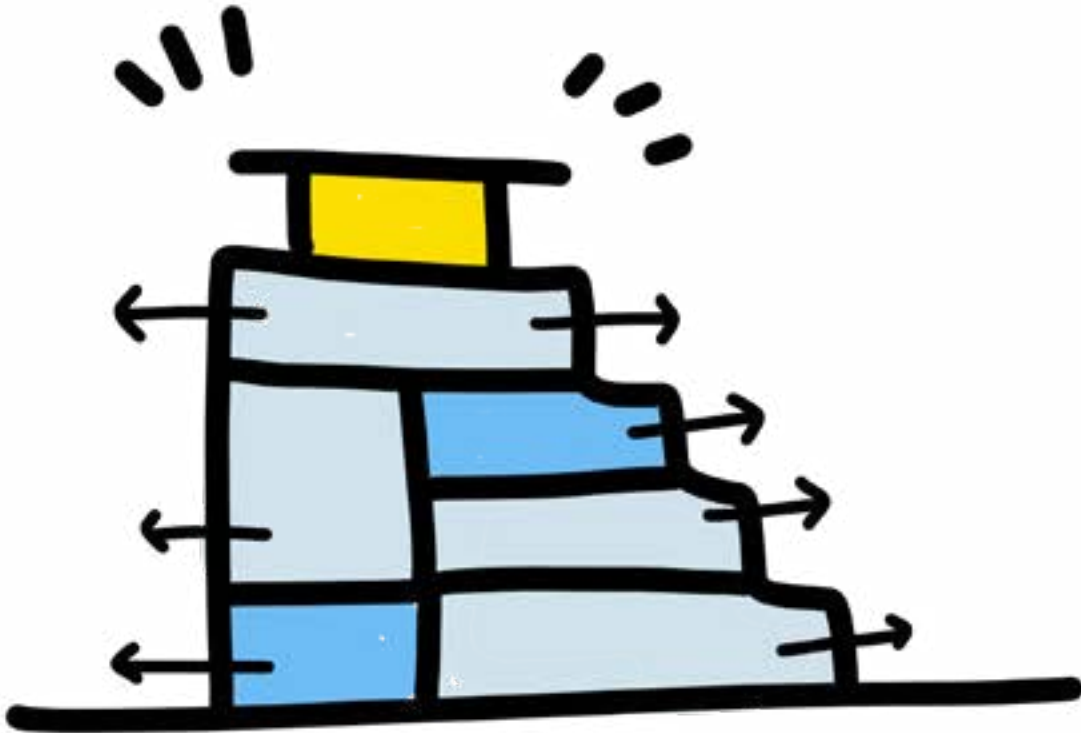
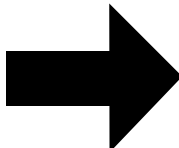
PRIVATE HOUSING

PROPOSAL



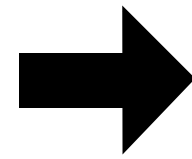
Housing

Student housing/
Young entrepreneurs



Renting and owning
Various target groups

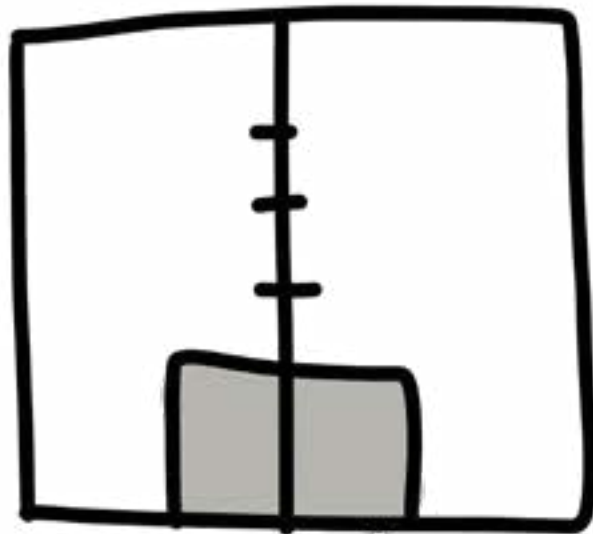
< 43 m²



**no car parking
affordable
flexible**

HOW TO MAKE APARTMENTS BIGGER WITHOUT INCREASING M2?

Flexibility



Adding without adding



43 m2 + spacious terrace

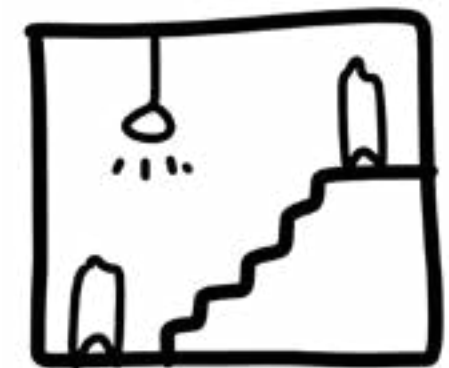


43 m2 + spacious balcony

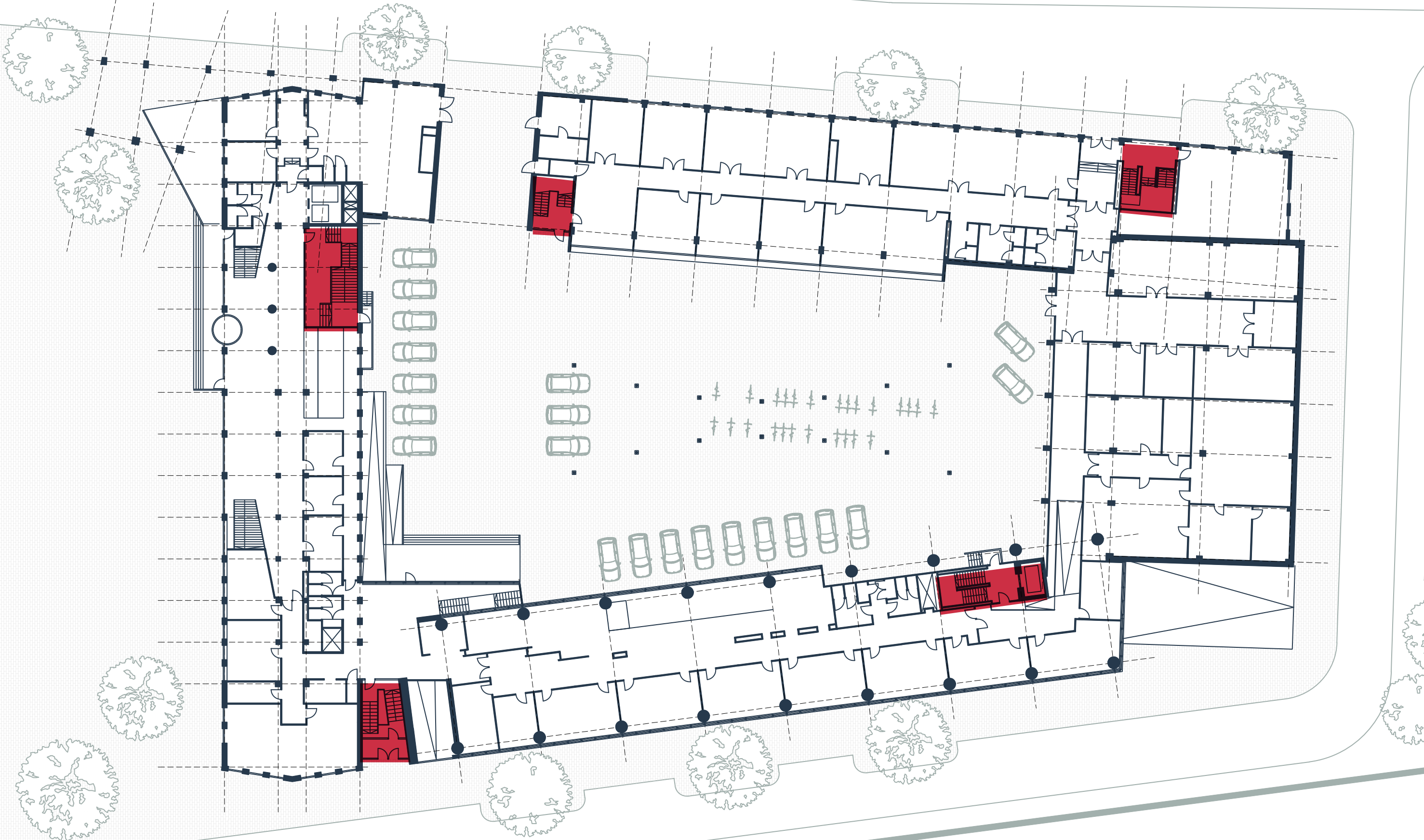


43 m2 + spacious winter garden

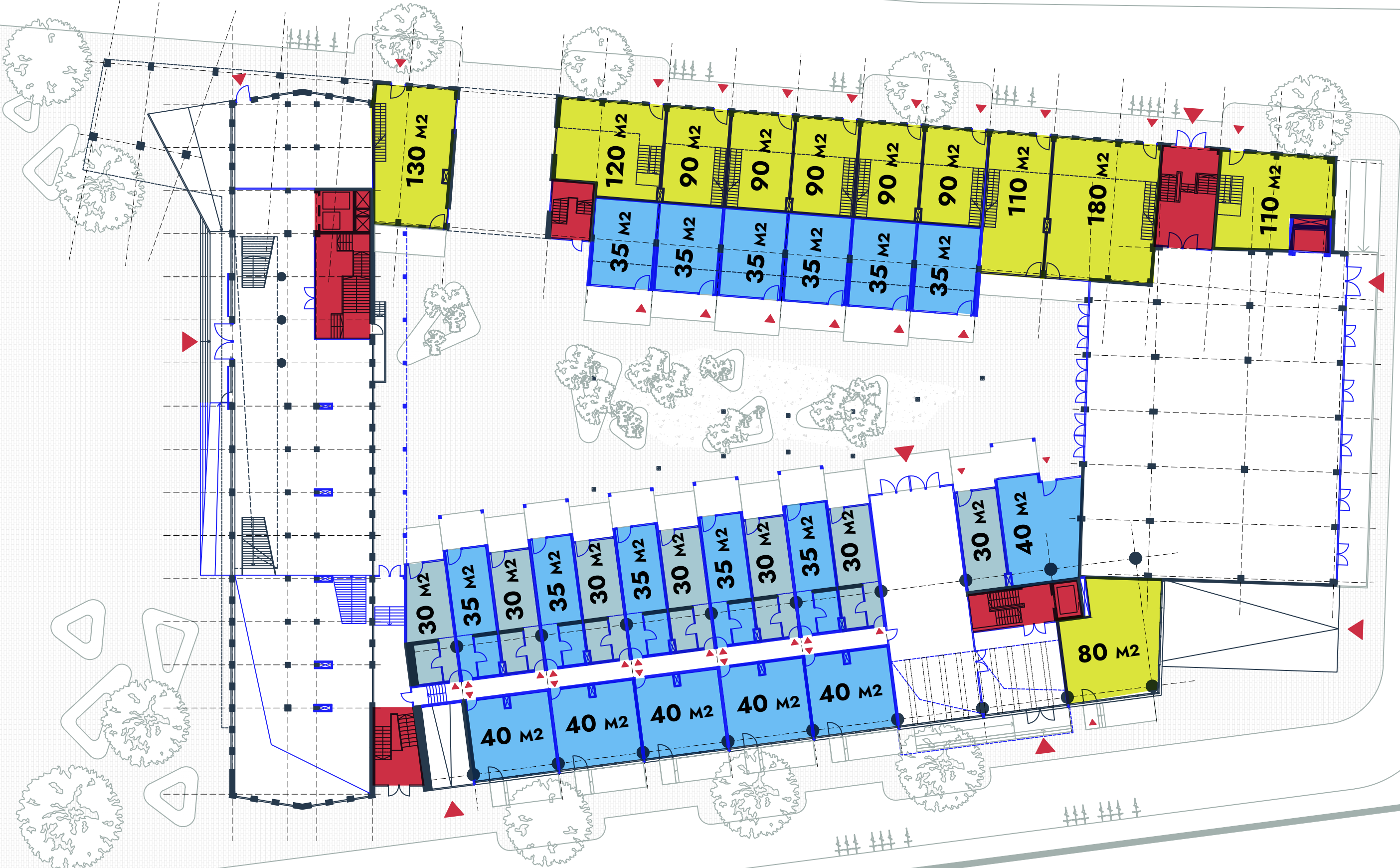
Verticality



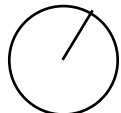
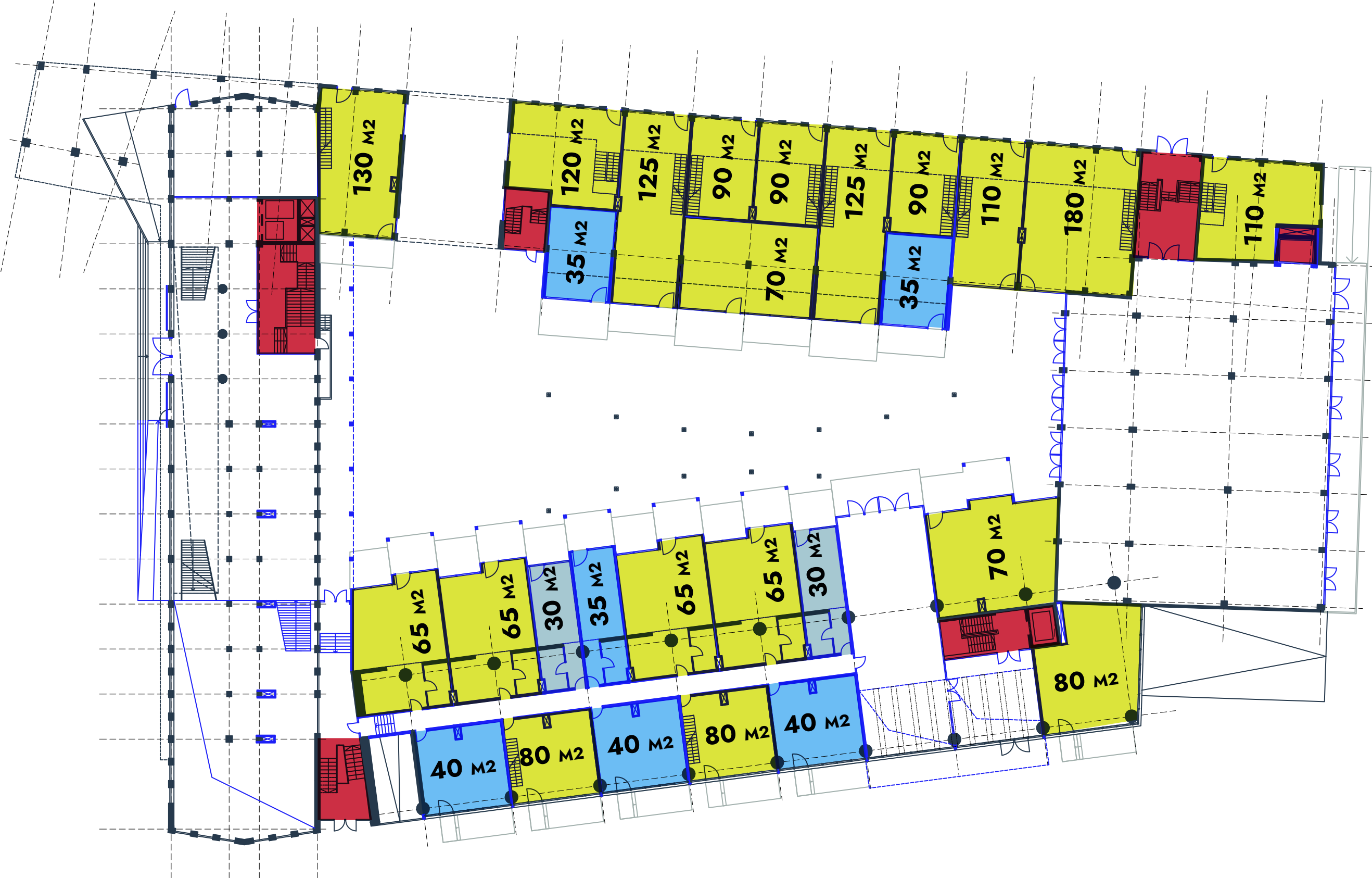
00 FLOOR EXISTING



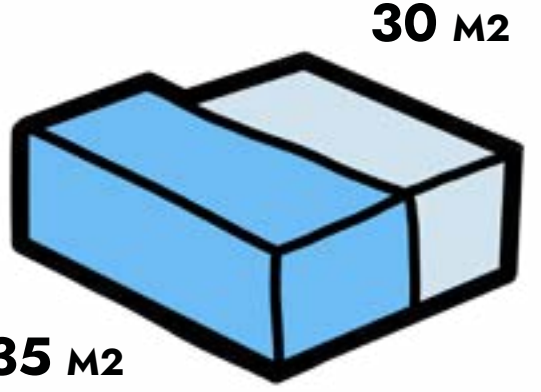
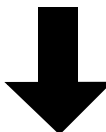
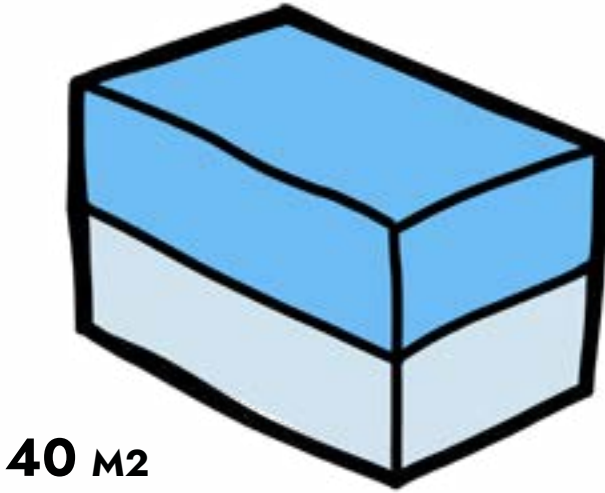
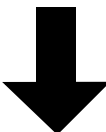
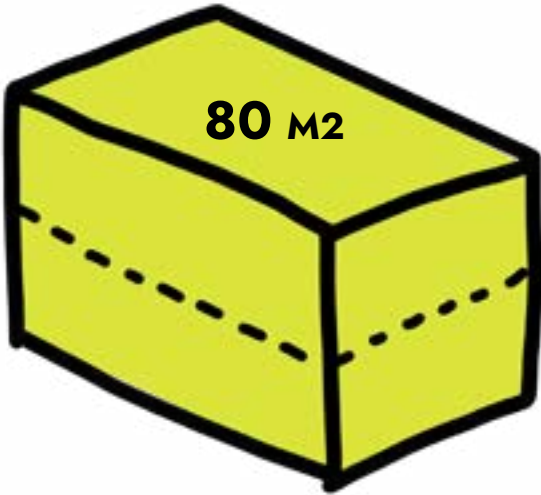
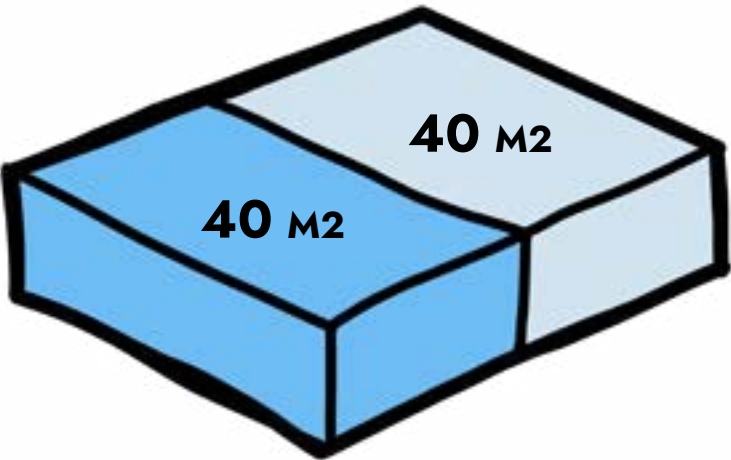
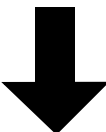
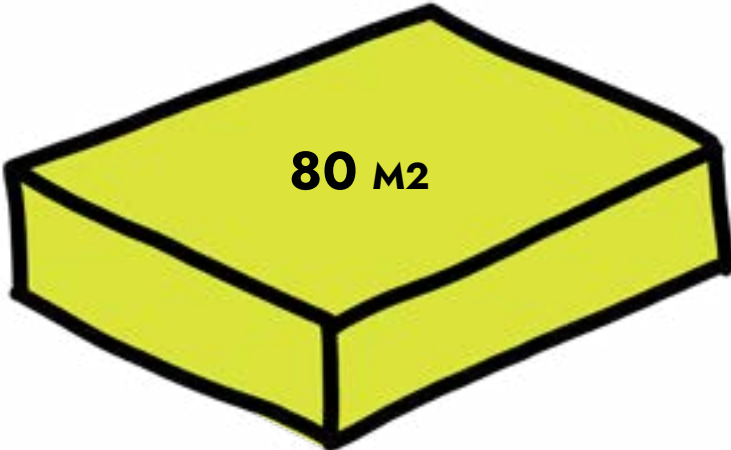
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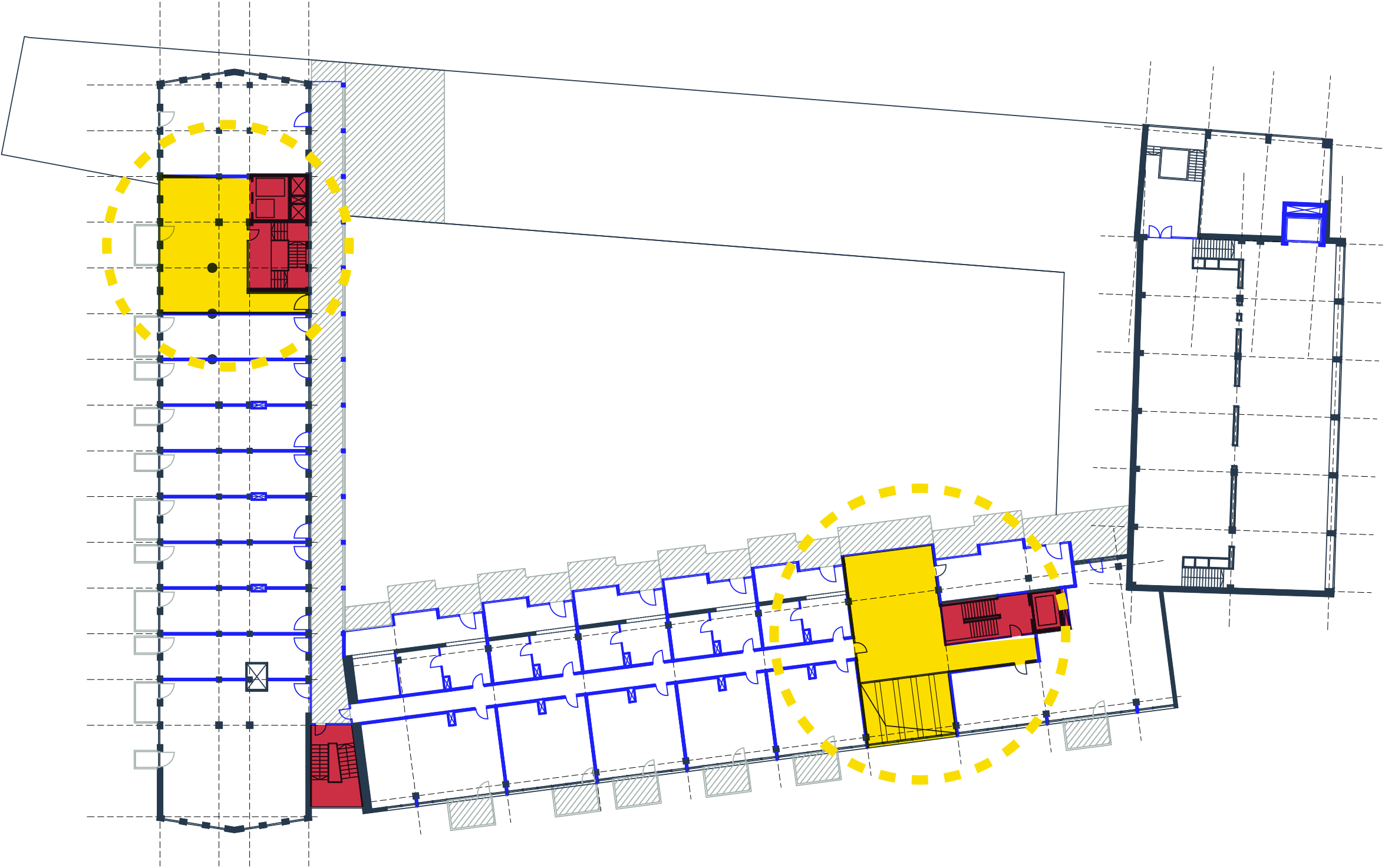
FLEXIBILITY



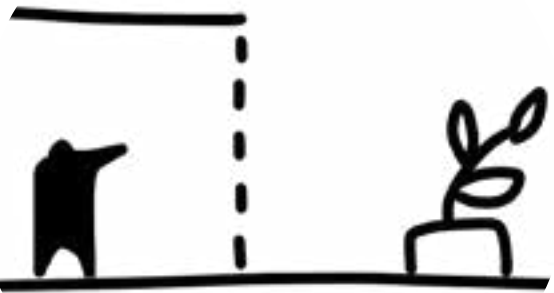
COMMUNAL

PLAY / LEARN / CHAT

COMING HOME



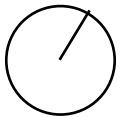
NEXT TO VERTICAL CONNECTIONS



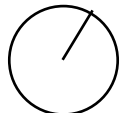
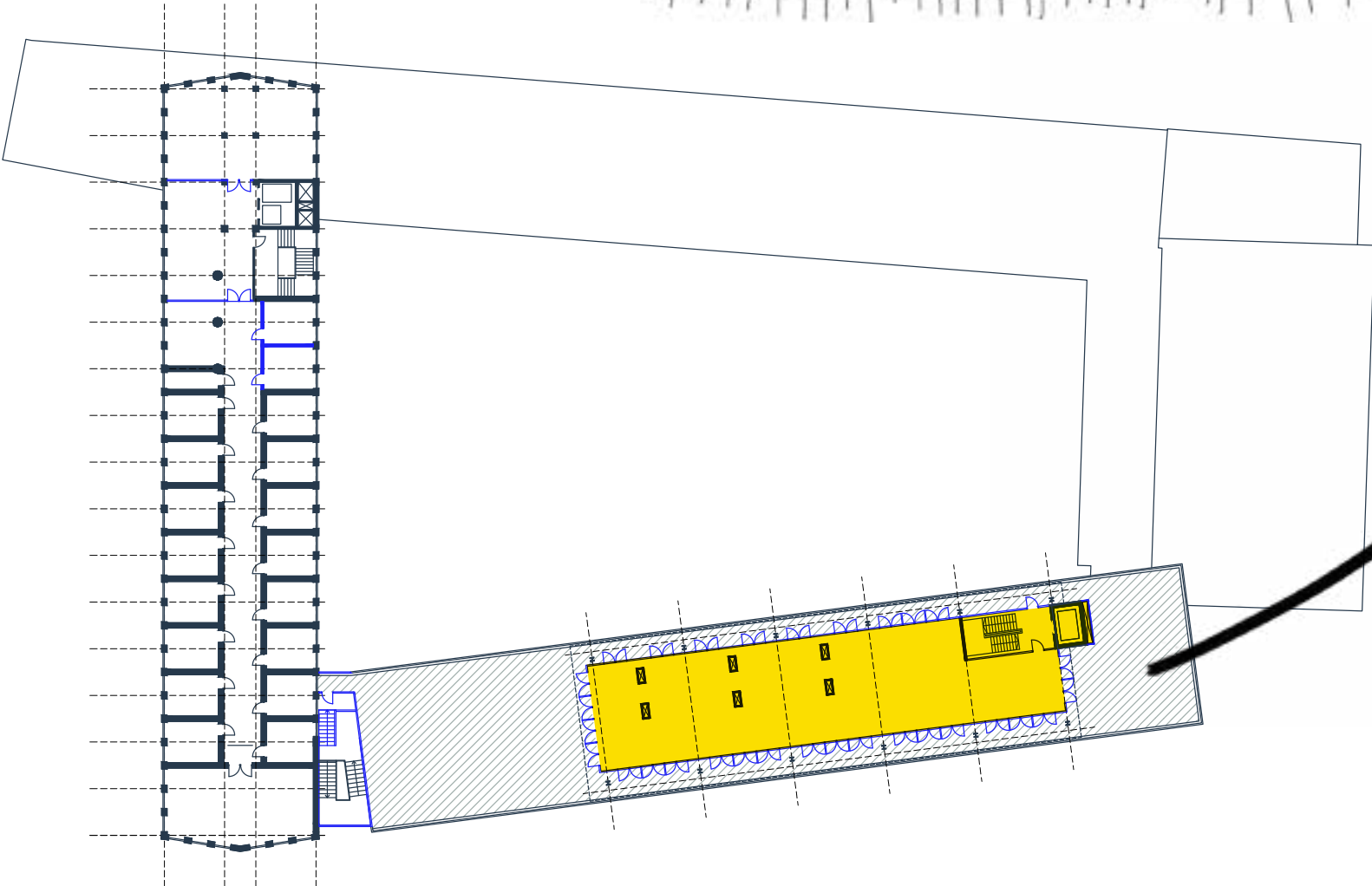
DIRECT CONNECTION WITH OUTSIDE



PLACES TO SIT

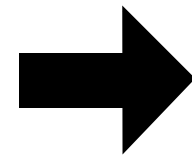


COMMUNAL SPACE



CAR PARKING

< 43 m²



no car parking
affordable
flexible

PARKING



How many new apartments need a car parking?

18

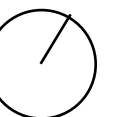
How many car parking places are in parking lot already?

51 + 19 shared

52 places left for residents living around the block



-01 FLOOR PROPOSAL



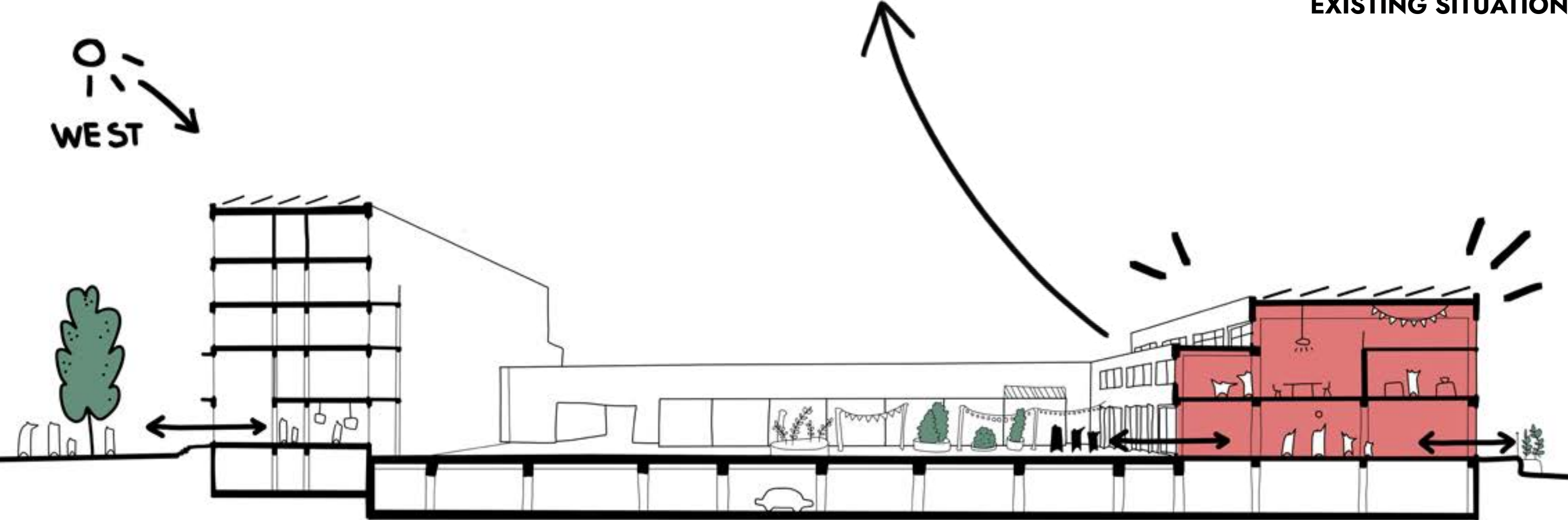
STREETS FOR PEOPLE



COMMUNITY CENTRE

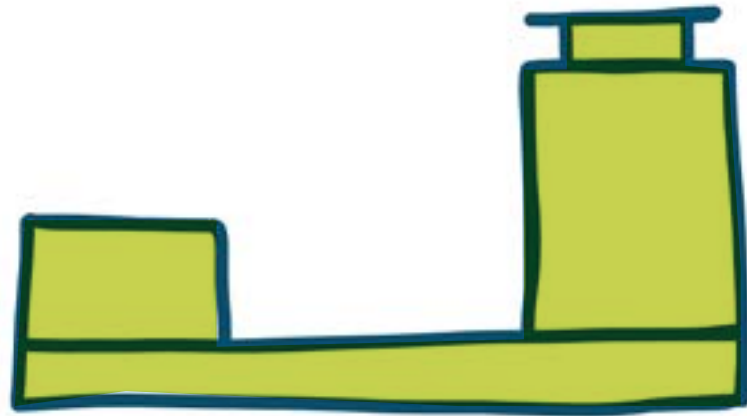


EXISTING SITUATION

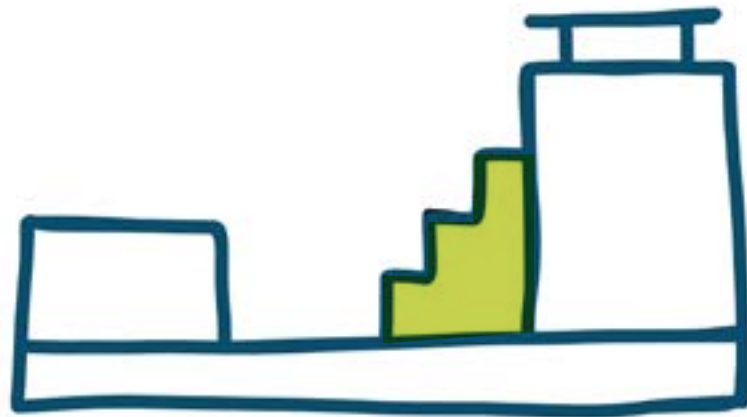
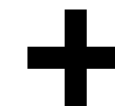


DESIGN

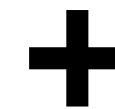
DESIGN STRATEGY



Keep as much as possible



Design for disassembly



Reuse as much as possible

EXISTING BUILDING

RECYCLE
Drywall partitions:
gypsum boards, aluminum frames

PROLONG / RECYCLE
Bricks

REUSE ON SITE
Steel columns and beams

REUSE ON SITE
Steel and aluminium



REFURBISH AND REUSE ON SITE
Wooden planks
70 x 1.7m x 0.01m



REUSE / RECYCLE
Bitumen panels 3000 m2



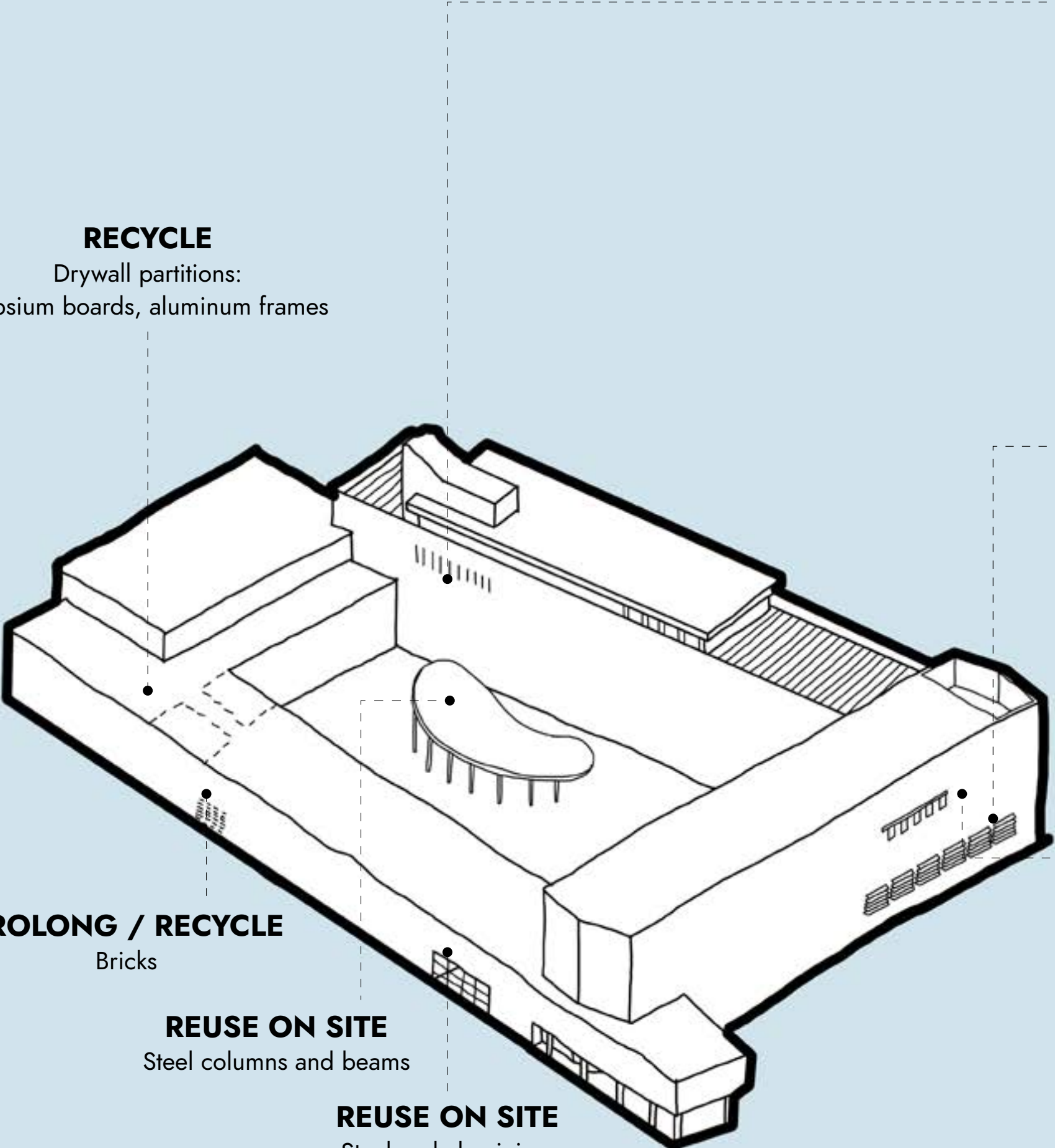
REFURBISH AND REUSE
Perforated metal panels
50 x 100 m2



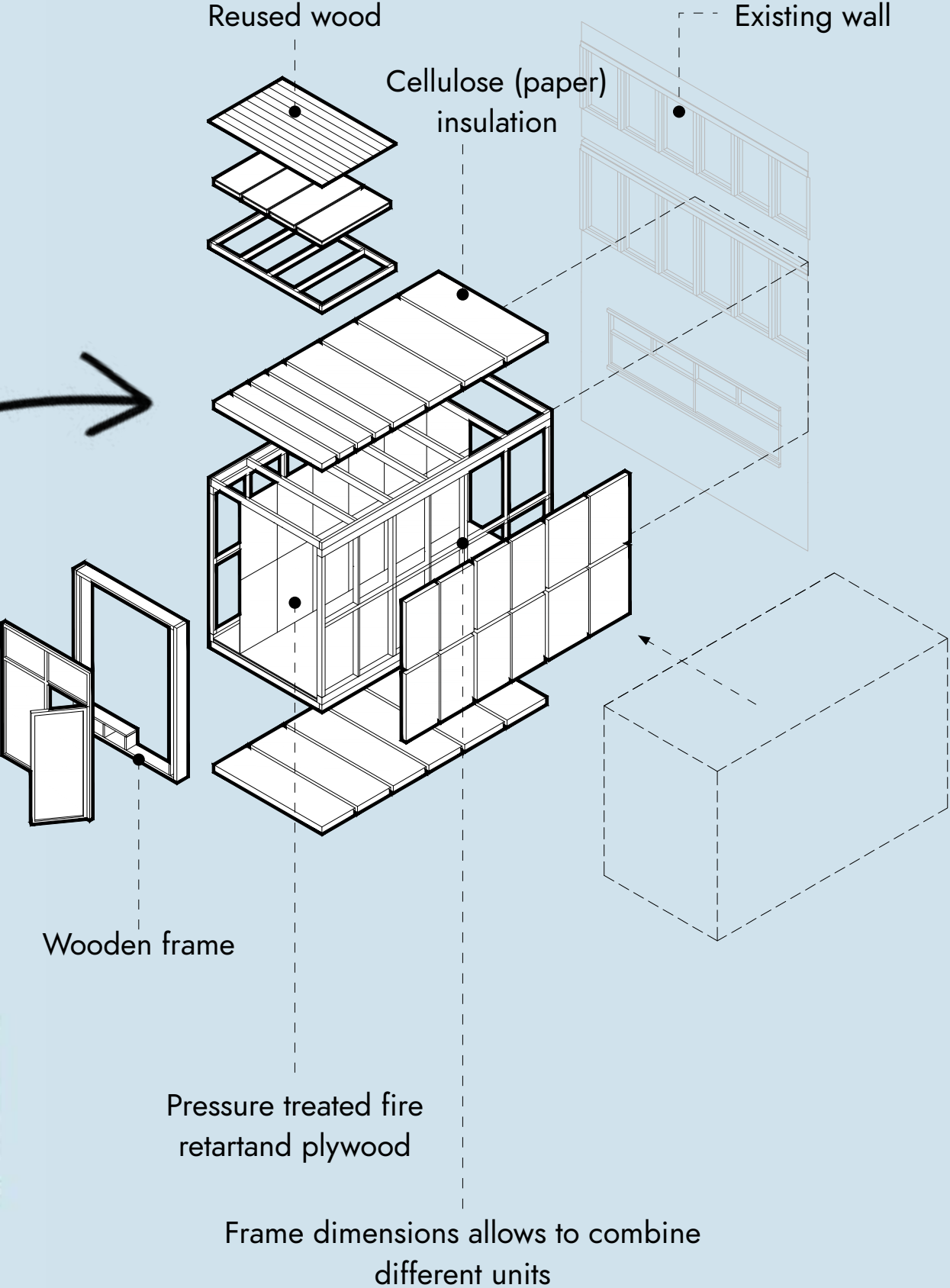
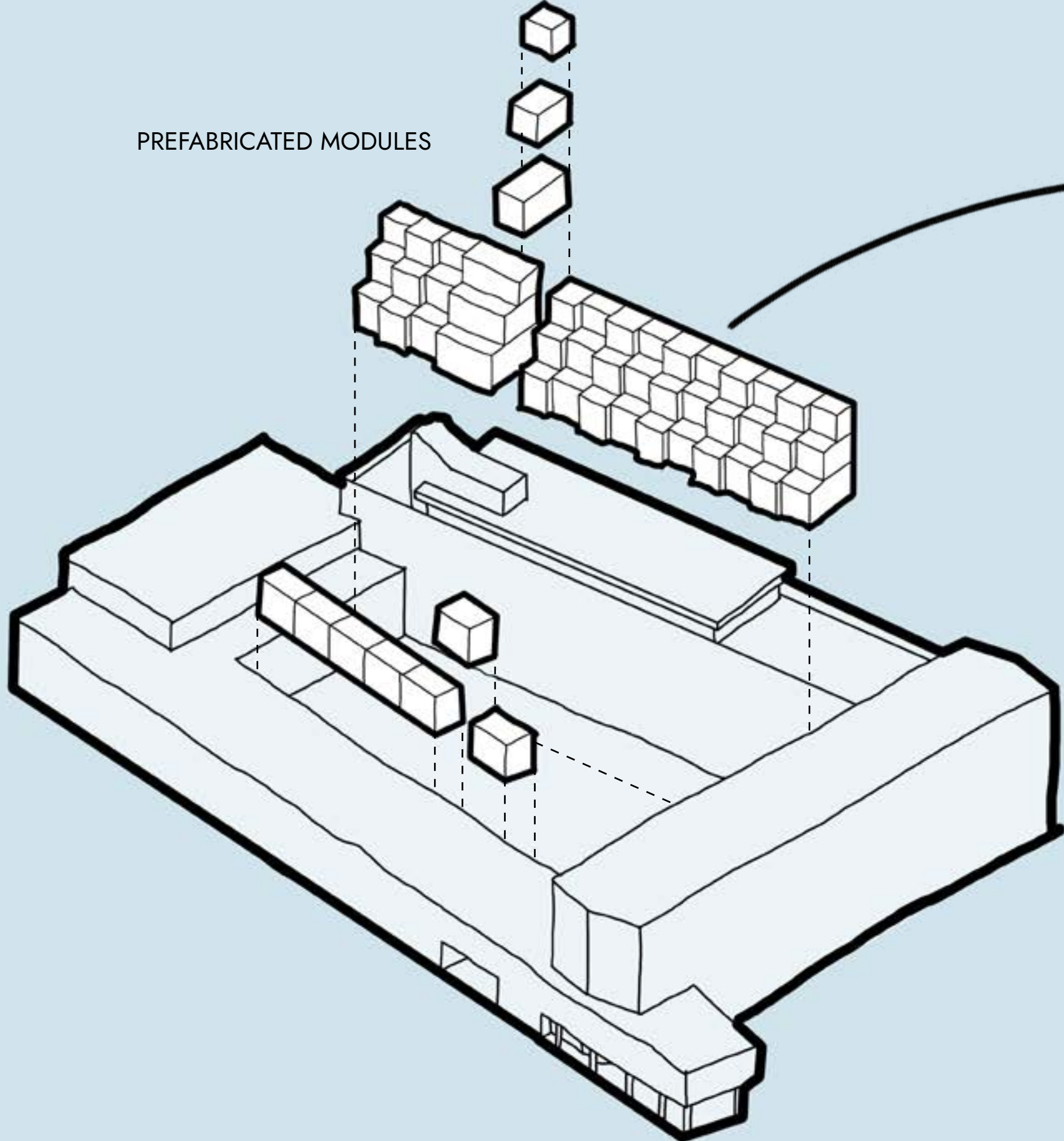
REFURBISH AND REUSE
Window shadings
Various sizes



RECYCLE / 200 m2 REFURBISHED AND REUSED ON SITE
for office partition walls
Plastic double glazed windows
Various sizes

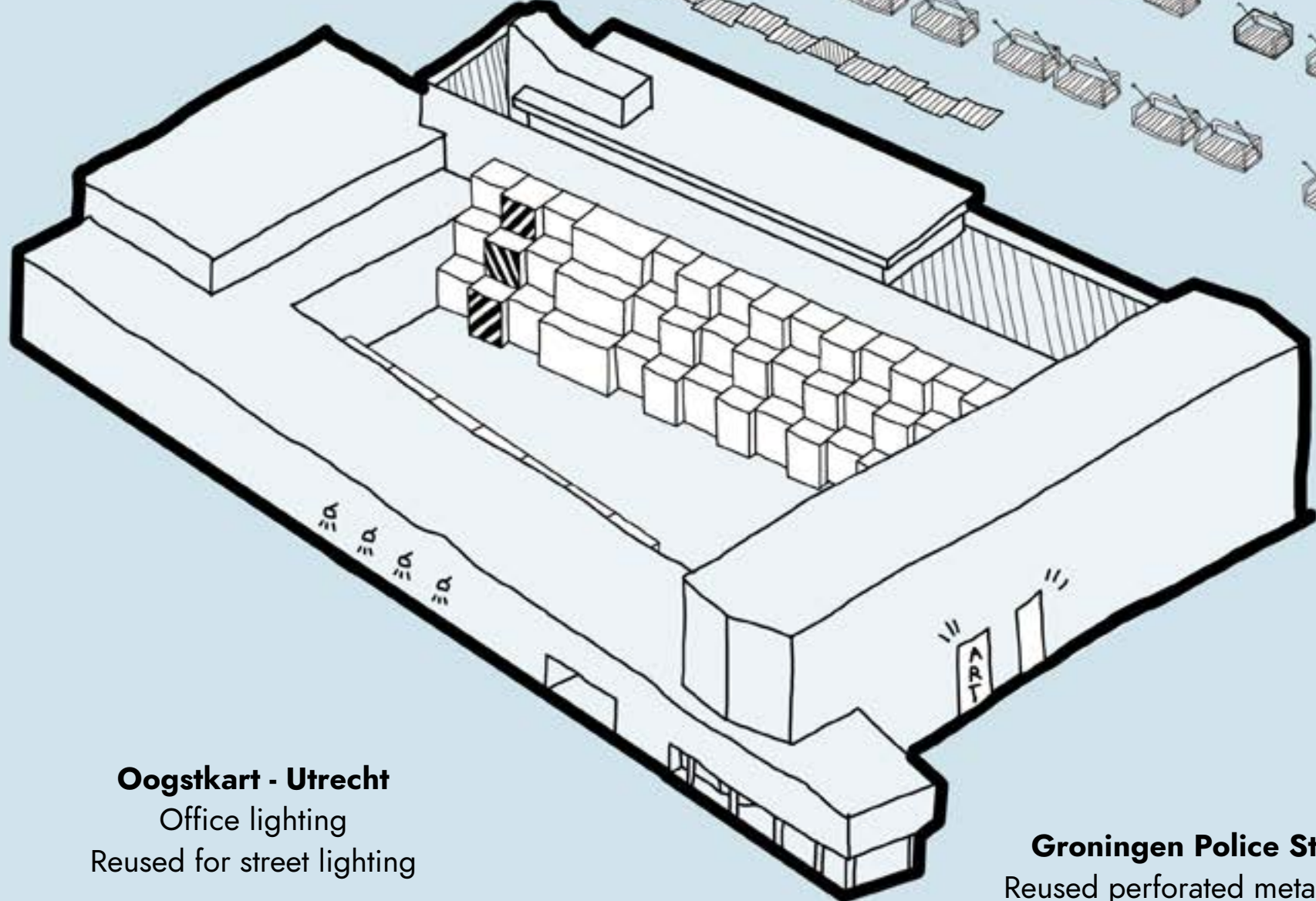


BIO-BASED ADDITIONS



REUSED ADDITIONS

Oogstkart - Arnhem
 Wooden planks
 Reused for roof terrace



Oogstkart - Utrecht
 Office lighting
 Reused for street lighting

Groningen Police Station
 Reused perforated metal panels



**HUIS 't VELDE
 WARNSVELD**
 Wooden planks
 Reused for facade cladding



**HUIS 't VELDE
 WARNSVELD**
 Wooden planks
 Reused for facade cladding



**EINDHOVEN POLICE
 STATION**
 Steel railings
 Reused for balconies

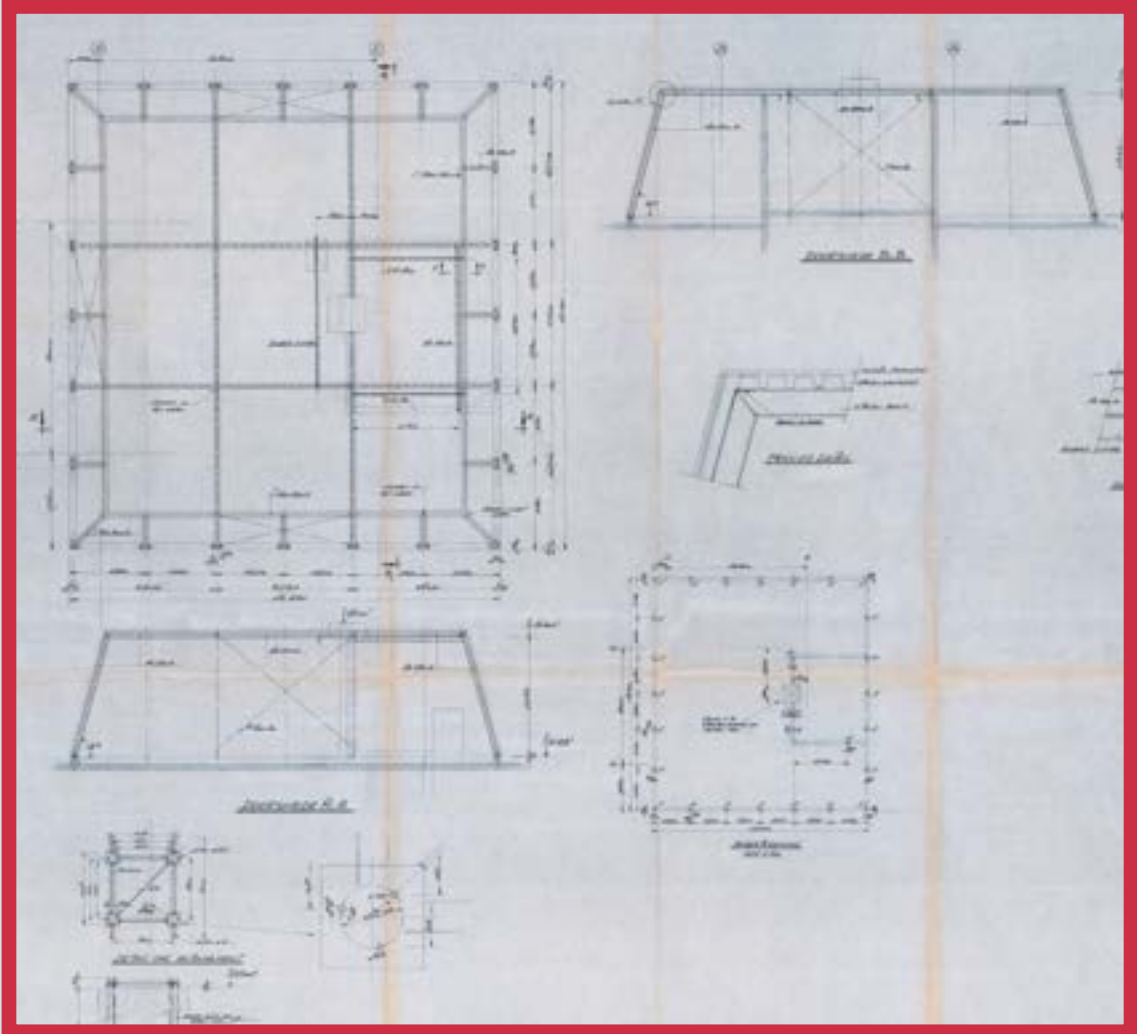
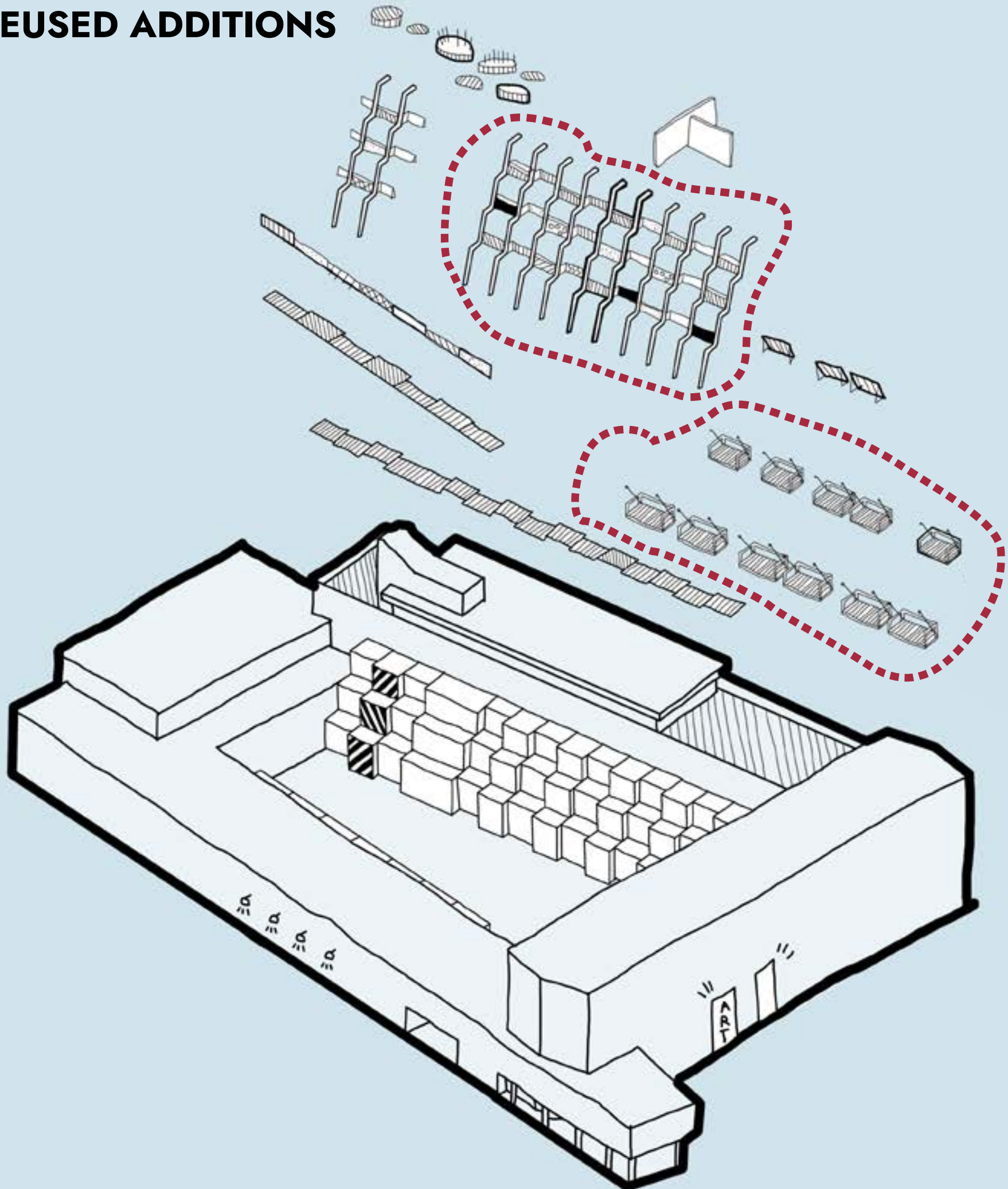


**HAARLEM
 POLICE STATION**
 Aluminium cladding
 Reused for facade cladding



**DEN HAAG
 POLICE STATION**
 Steel beams

REUSED ADDITIONS

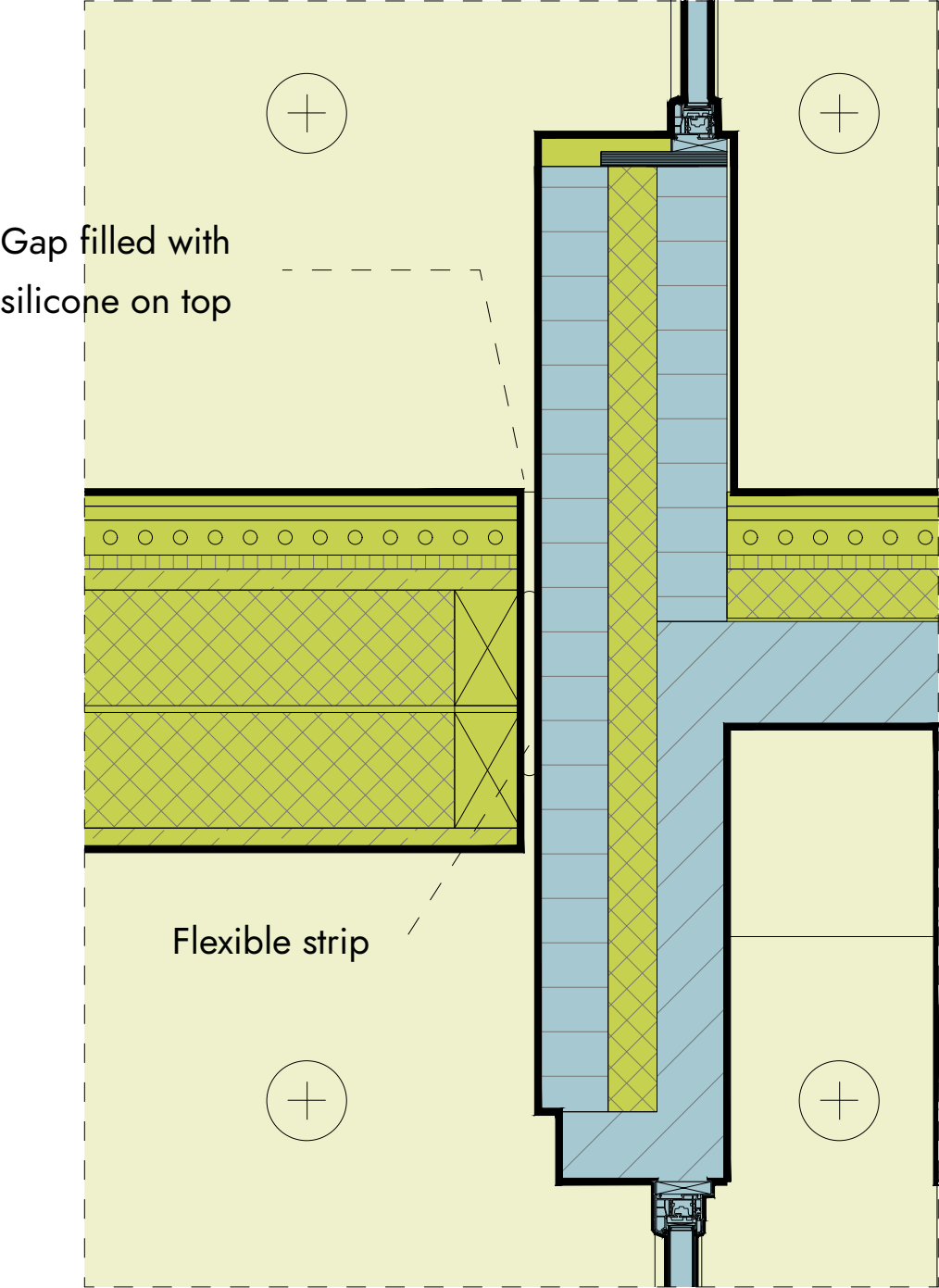


DEN HAAG POLICE STATION

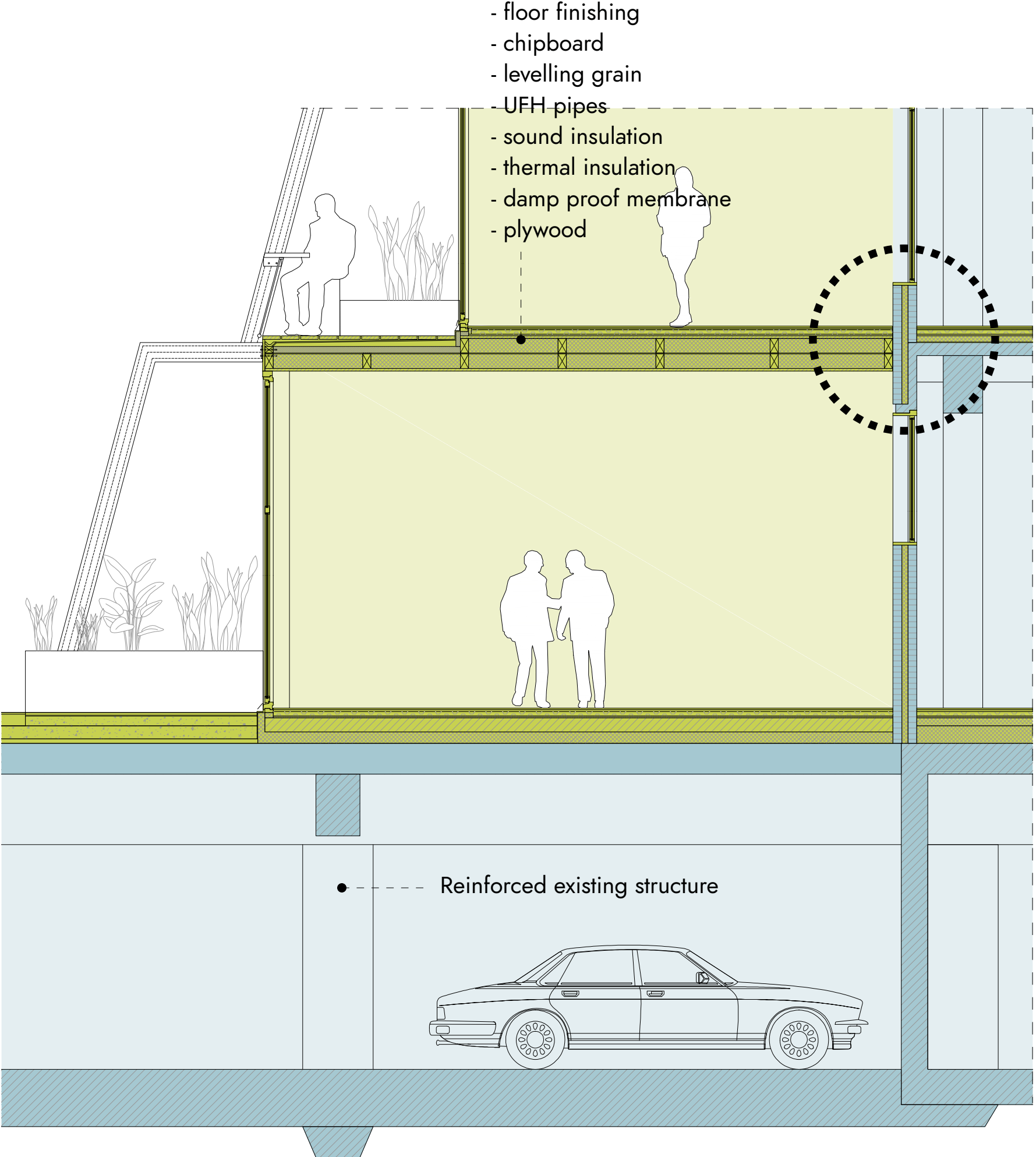
Steel H profiles
Reused for balconies and separations

Use of:
75 x L shaped H steel profiles
72 m H steel profiles

DETAILING OF ADDITIONS



CONNECTION DETAIL 1:10



SECTION 1:50

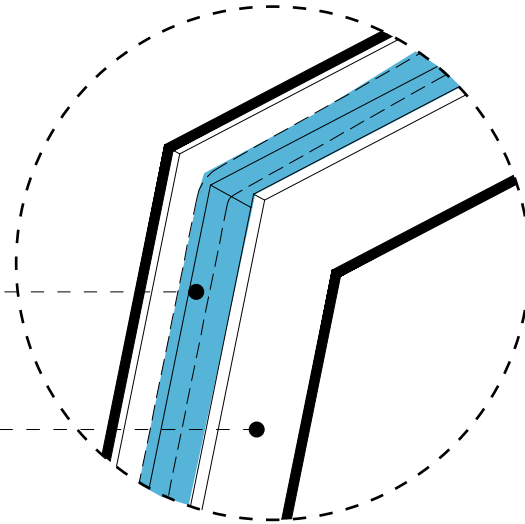
DETAILING OF ADDITIONS

REUSED
Steel beams
(from Den Haag Police station)

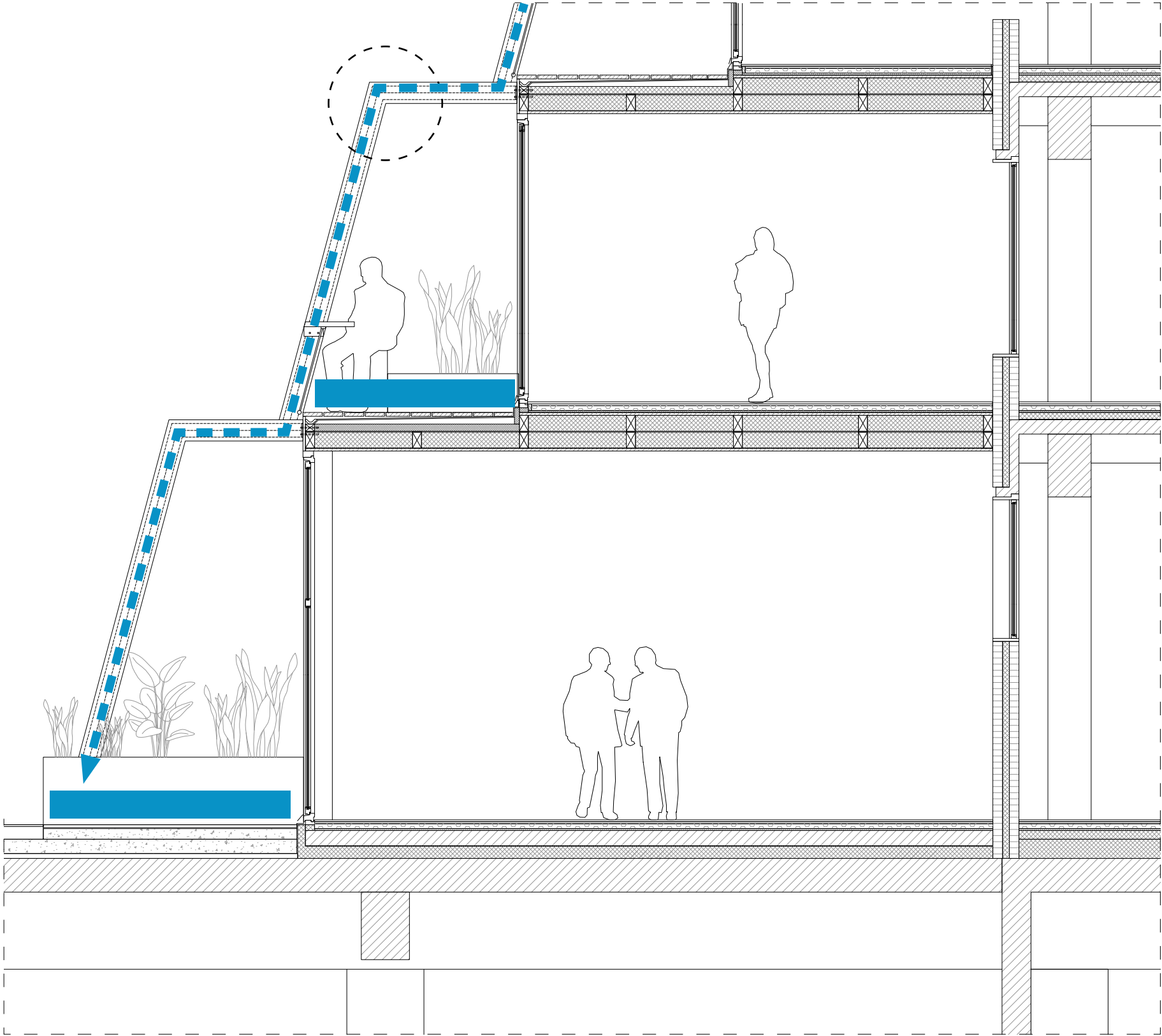


Rain gutter

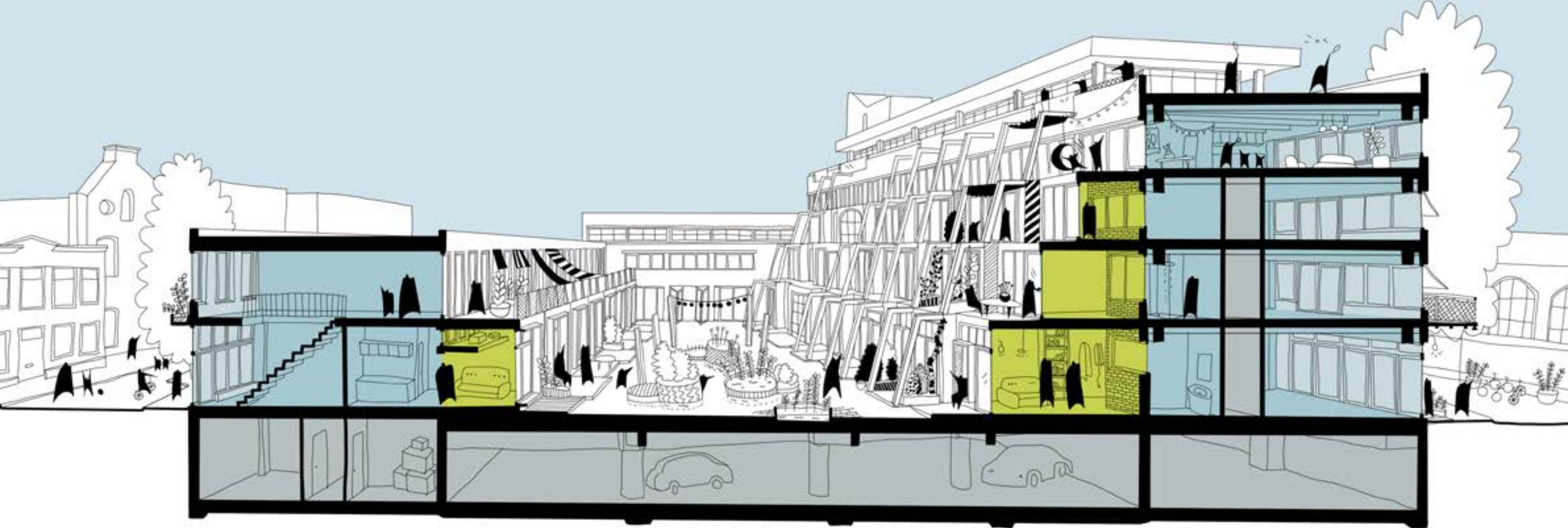
Reused H Profile
steel beam



RAINWATER

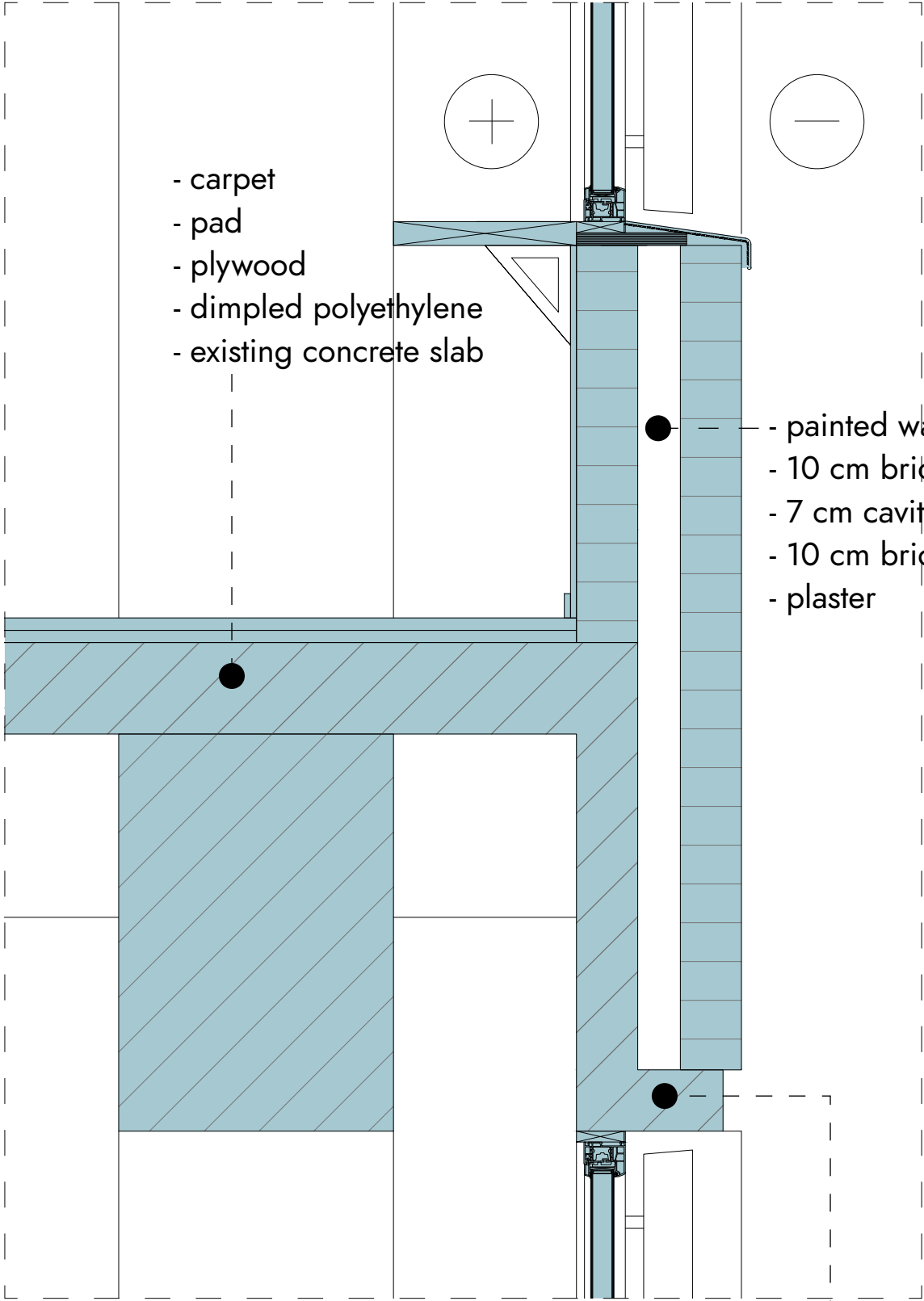


SECTION



FLOORS AND EXTERIOR WALLS

MIN Height in the apartments: 2.8 m
 CRITICAL Height floor to beam 2.2 m

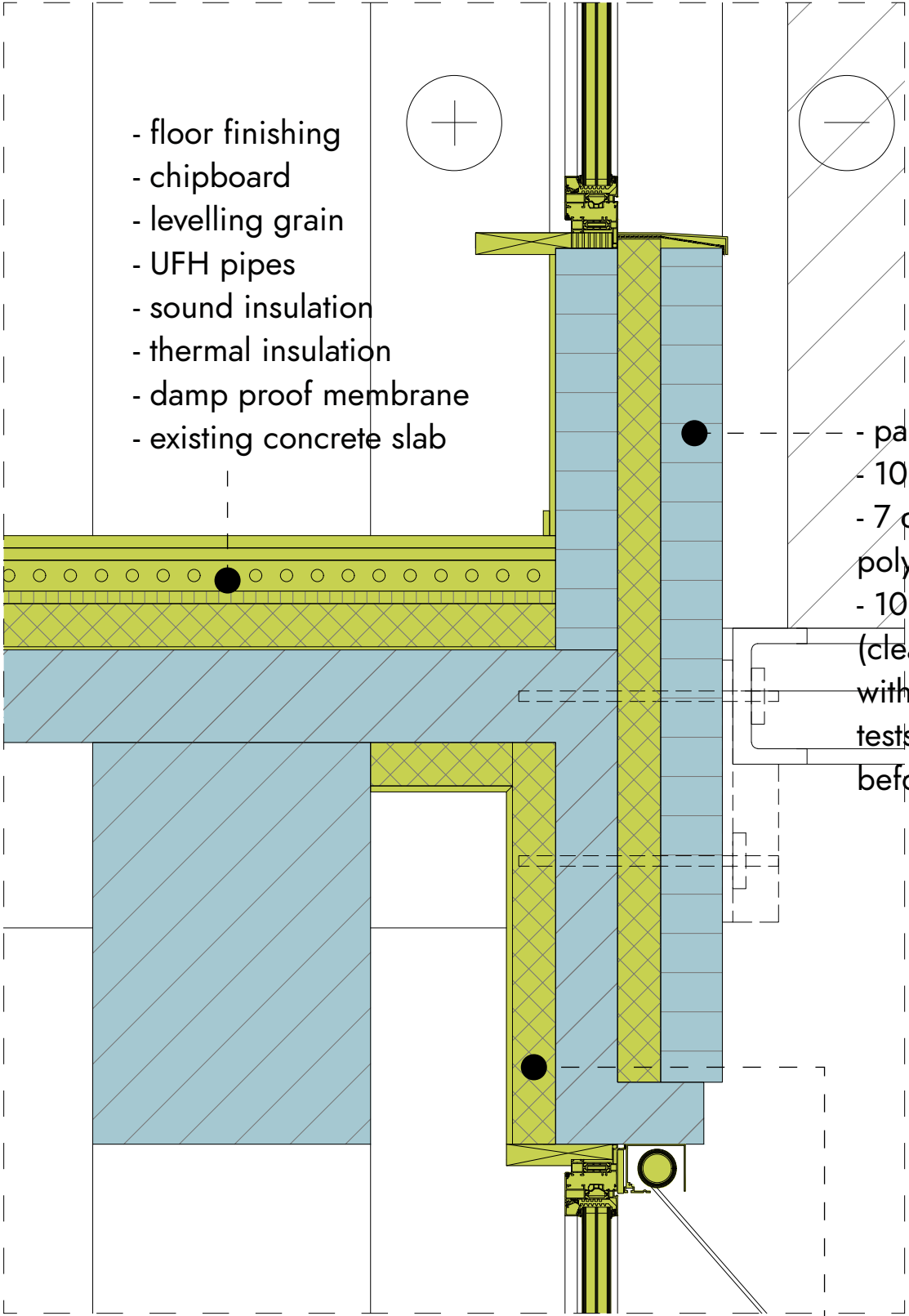
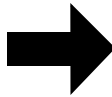


- carpet
- pad
- plywood
- dimpled polyethylene
- existing concrete slab

- painted walls
- 10 cm brick
- 7 cm cavity
- 10 cm brick
- plaster

EXISTING FLOOR AND WALL DETAIL

Concrete elements supporting bricks above



- floor finishing
- chipboard
- levelling grain
- UFH pipes
- sound insulation
- thermal insulation
- damp proof membrane
- existing concrete slab

- painted walls
- 10 cm brick
- 7 cm cavity filled with polystyrene
- 10 cm cleaned brick (cleaning the glue with water pressure - tests need to be done before)

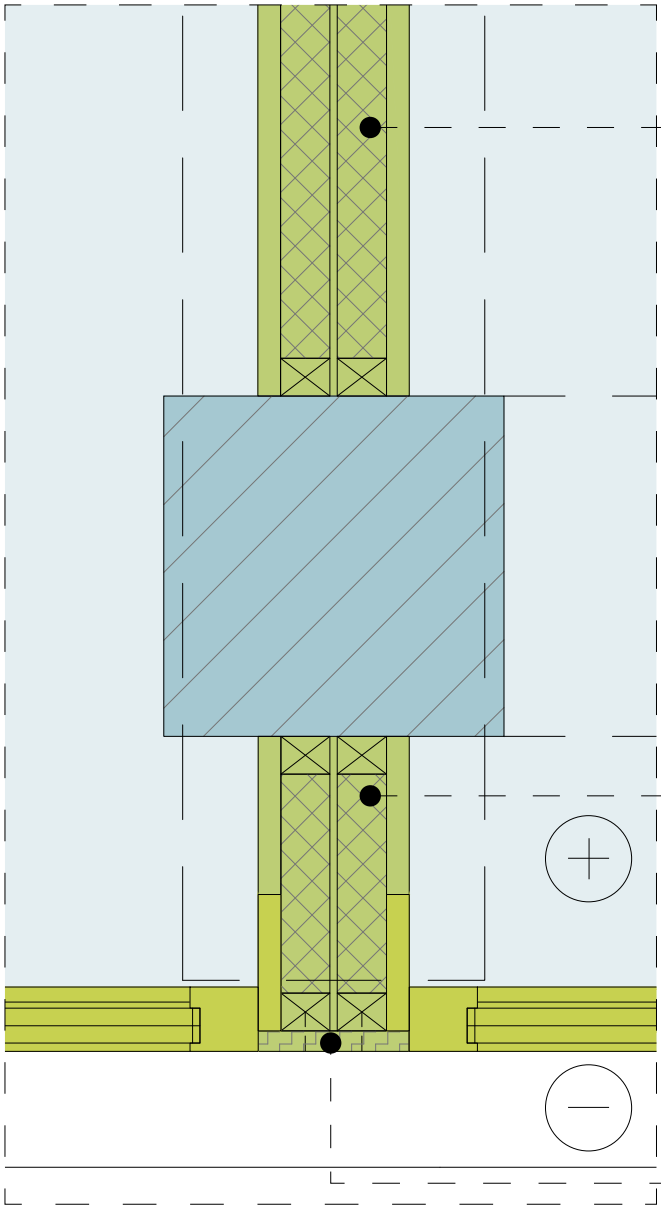
PROPOSAL FLOOR AND WALL DETAIL

Additional thermal insulation on inside.
 Prefabricated elements. Mounted on site.

INNER WALLS



PROPOSAL BALCONY



PROPOSAL INNER WALL DETAIL

- “Circuwall” frame**
(Velux windows dimensions)
- Recycled “Velux” frames
- Recycled mattresses (sound insulation)
- Pressure treated fire retardant plywood

- Wooden frame and recycled mattress insulation**

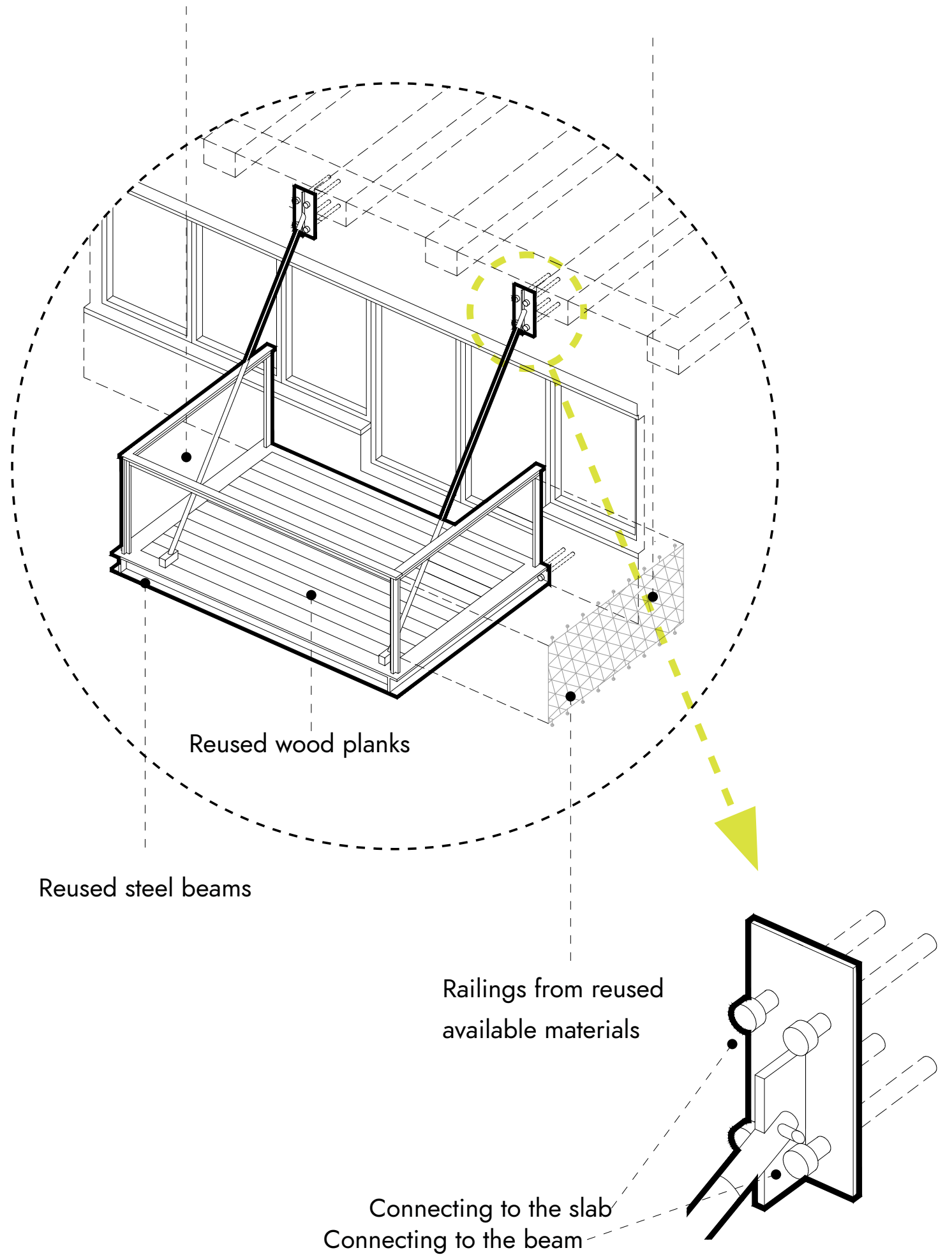
- Exterior wall cover:**
- Waterproof layer
- Aluminium plate

BALCONY



Closed side (more privacy)

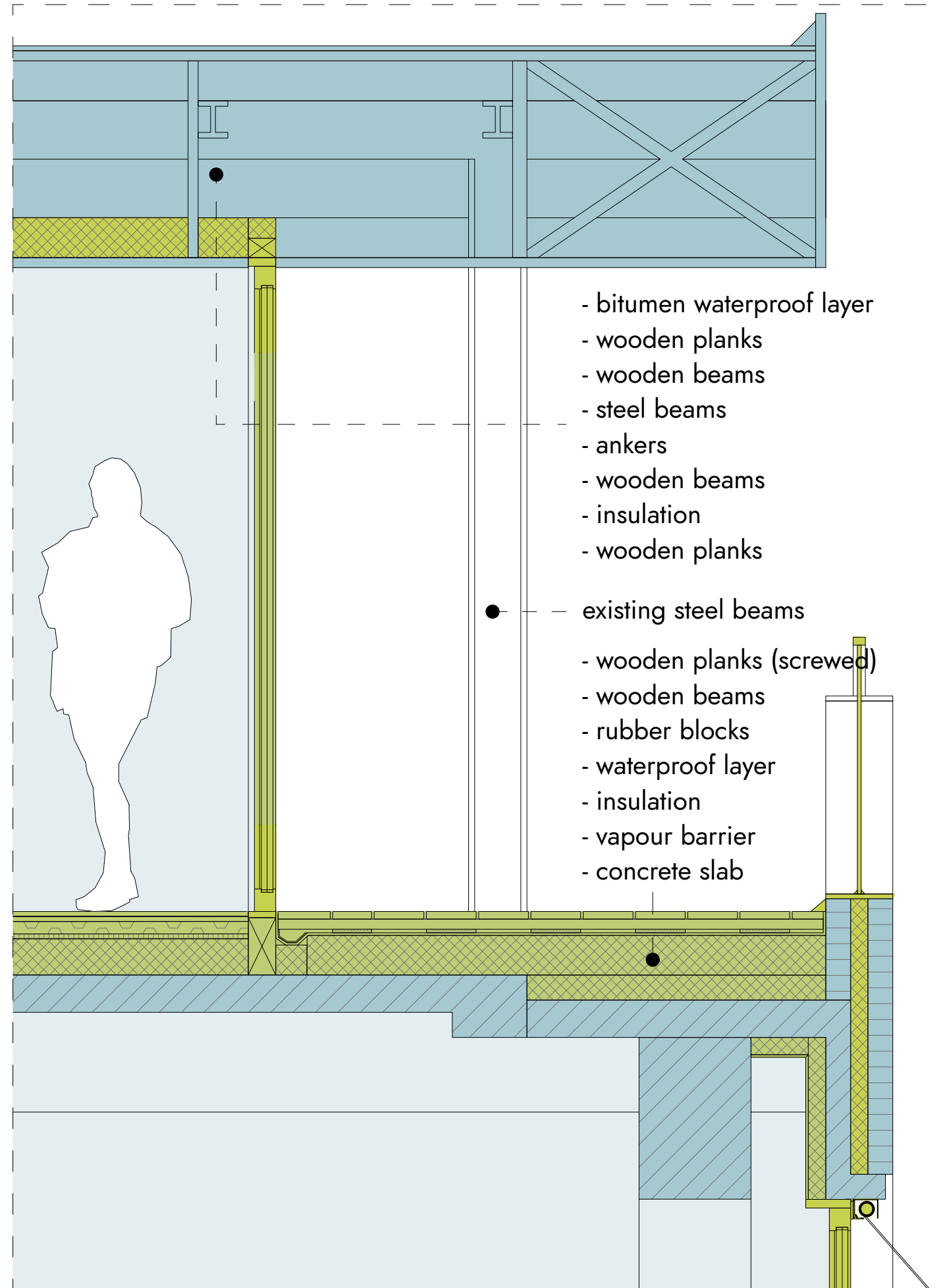
Transparent side (visual connection)



ROOF DETAIL



PROPOSAL STREET FACADE 1:60



PROPOSAL TOP FLOOR 1:20

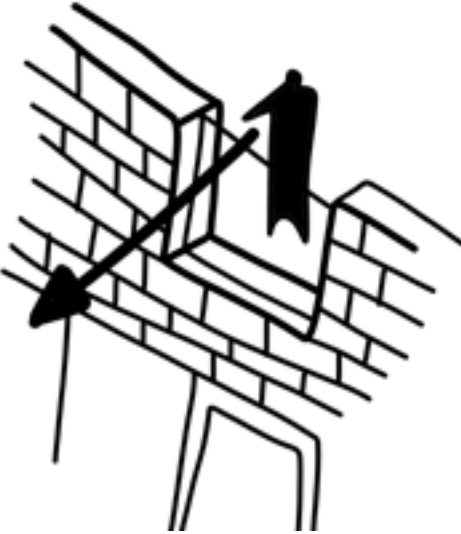
PROPOSAL SOUTH FACADE



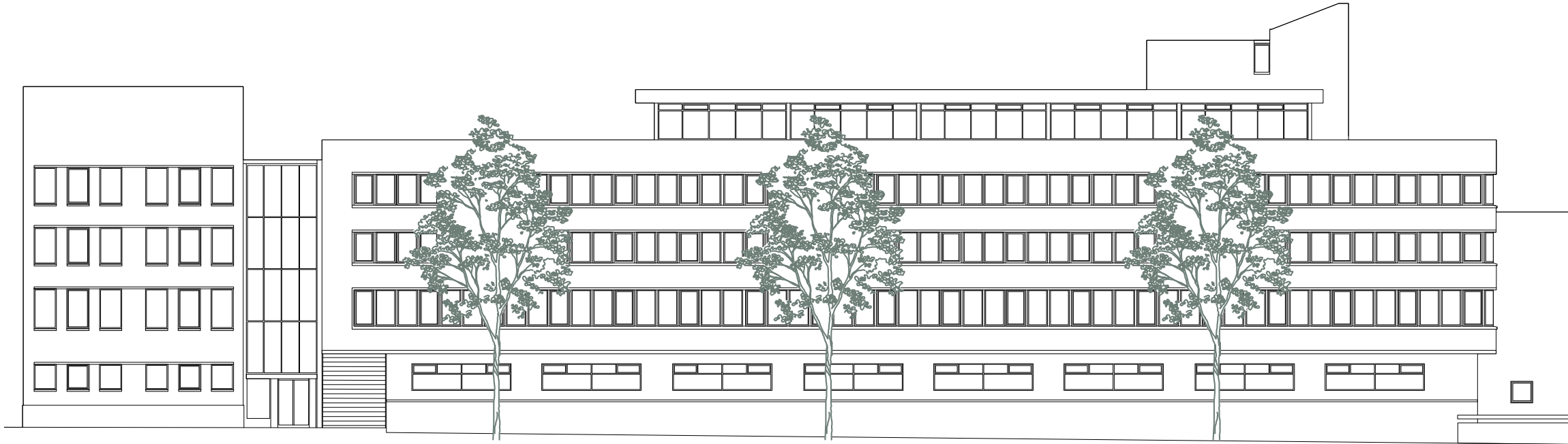
Human scale



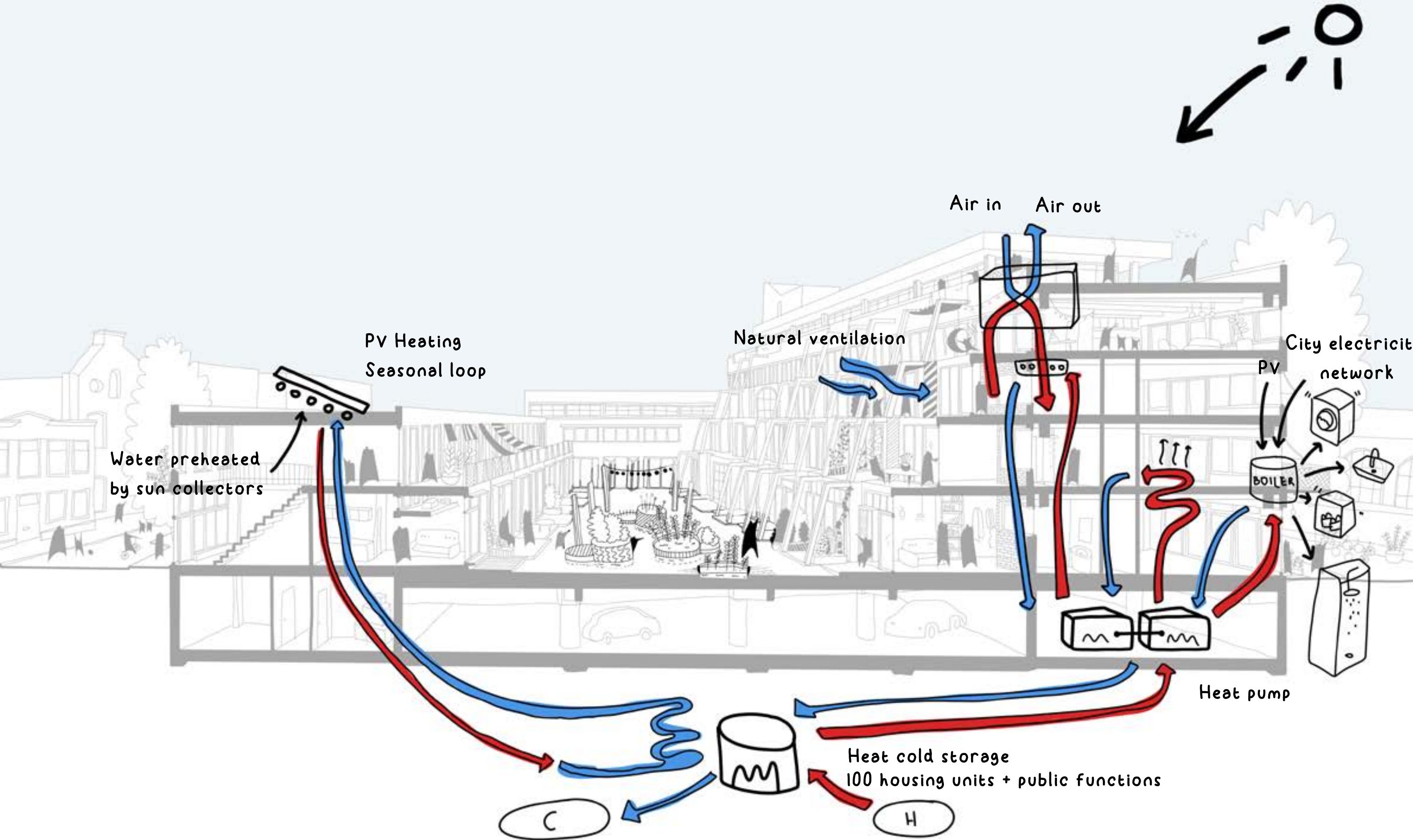
Existing nature



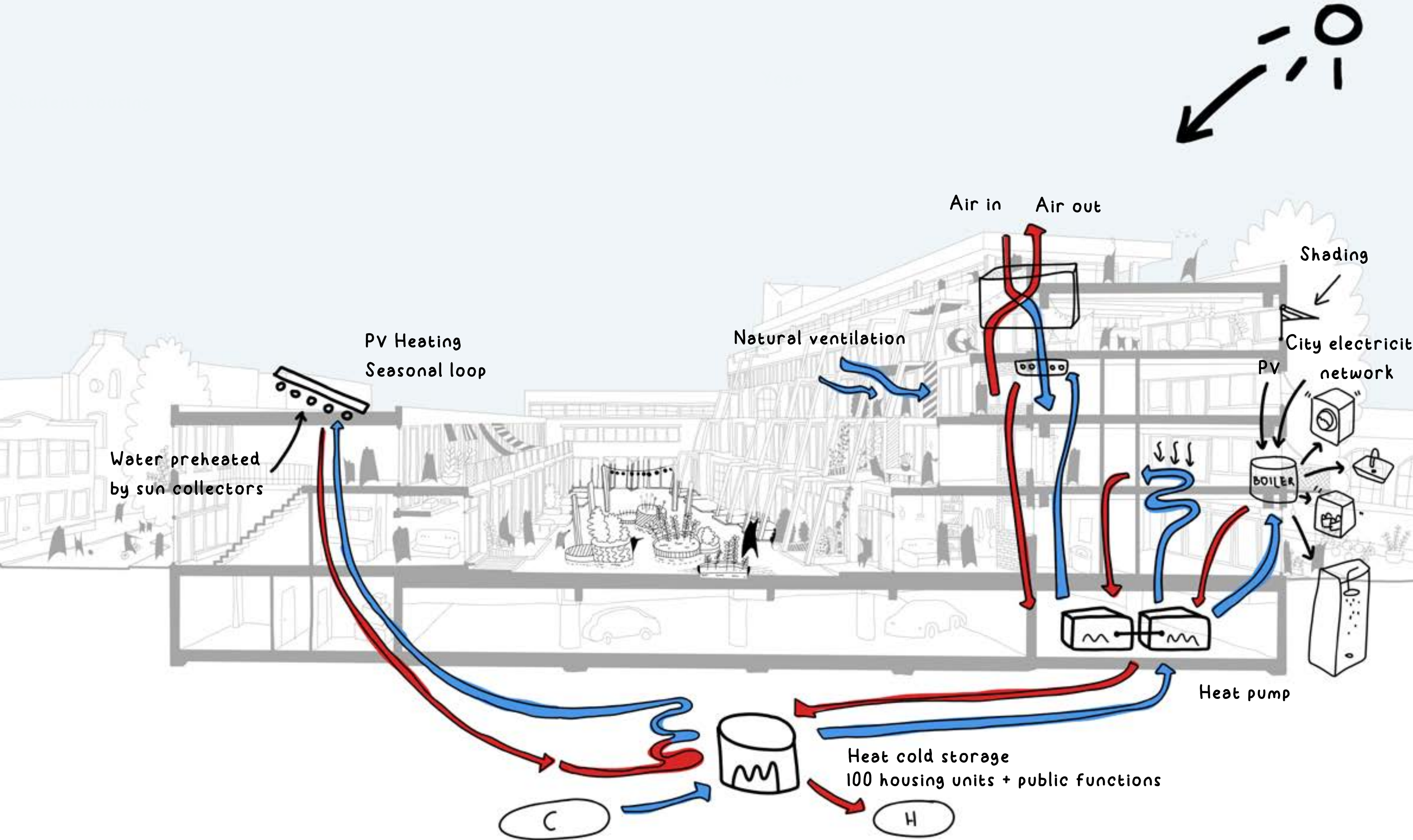
Visual connection



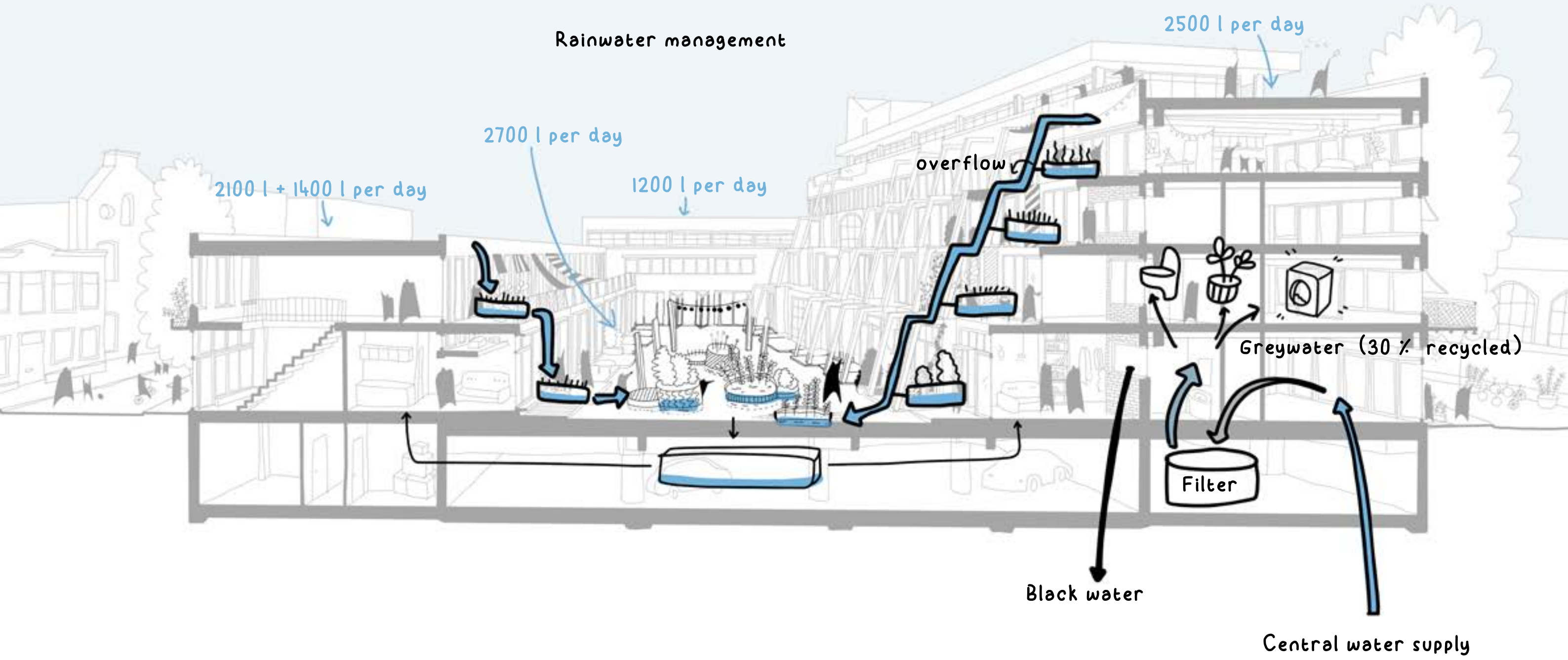
CLIMATE DESIGN. WINTER



CLIMATE DESIGN. SUMMER



RAINWATER AND GREYWATER MANAGEMENT



NEIGHBOURHOOD

Green courtyard

Working from home

Senior teaching
neighbours about
plants

Brewery

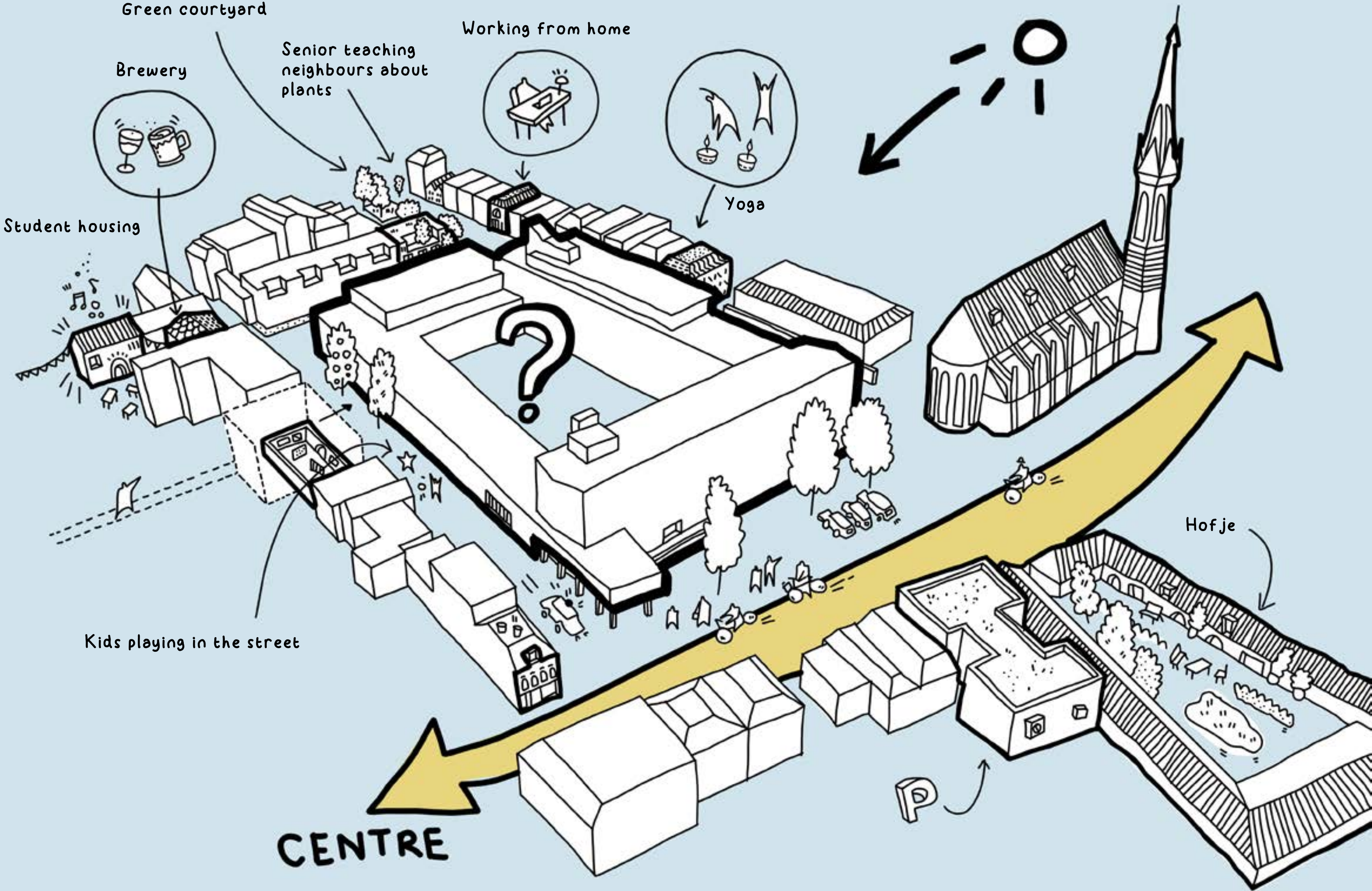
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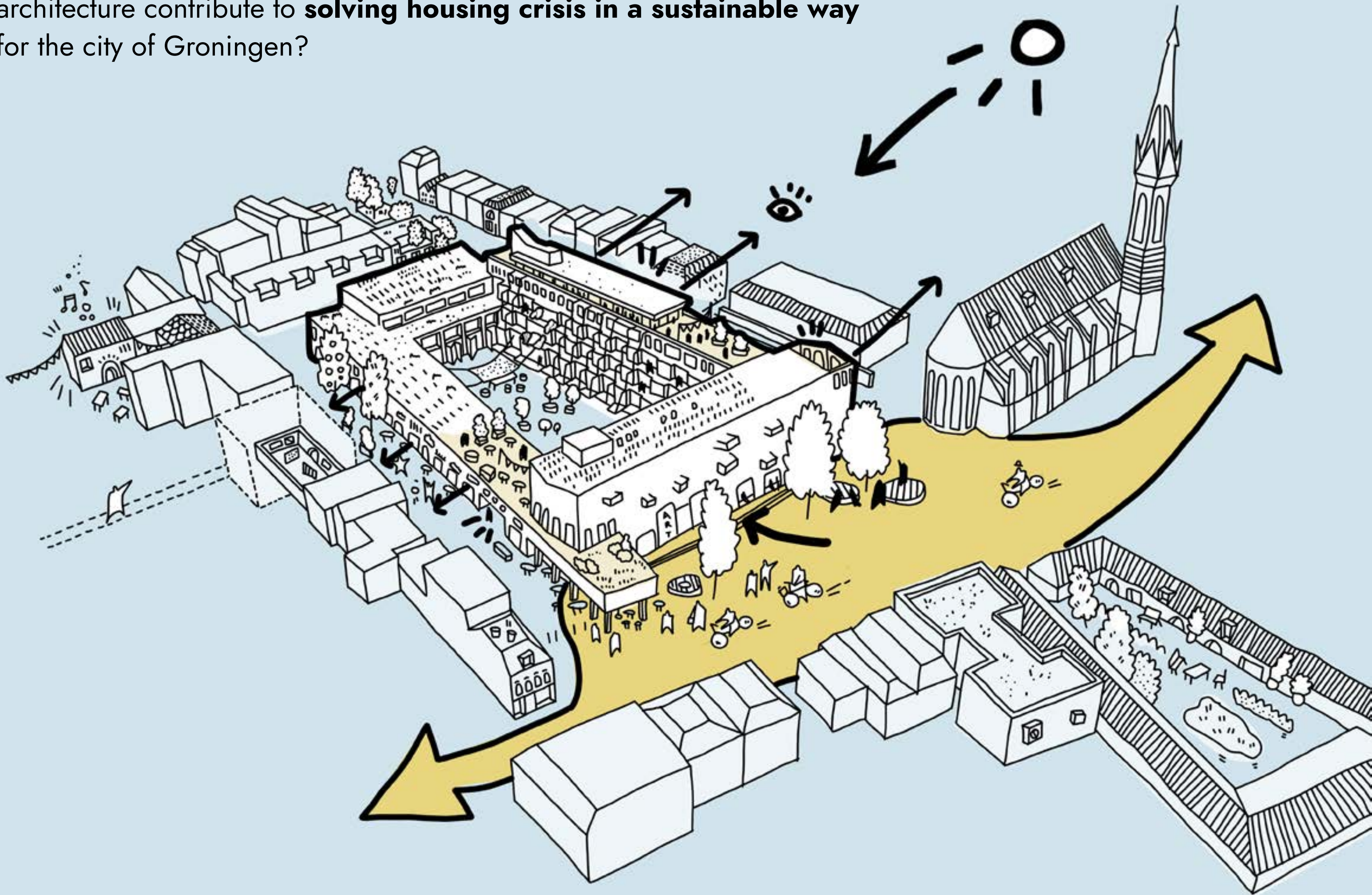
Hofje

Kids playing in the street

CENTRE



How can **adaptive transformation** and **waste reduction** strategies in architecture contribute to **solving housing crisis in a sustainable way** for the city of Groningen?



NEIGHBOURHOOD. FEEDBACK



“Finally I would have a chance to meet my neighbours”

“Who is responsible for the communal space?”



+ Social interaction
+ Community centre

"A tree of life"

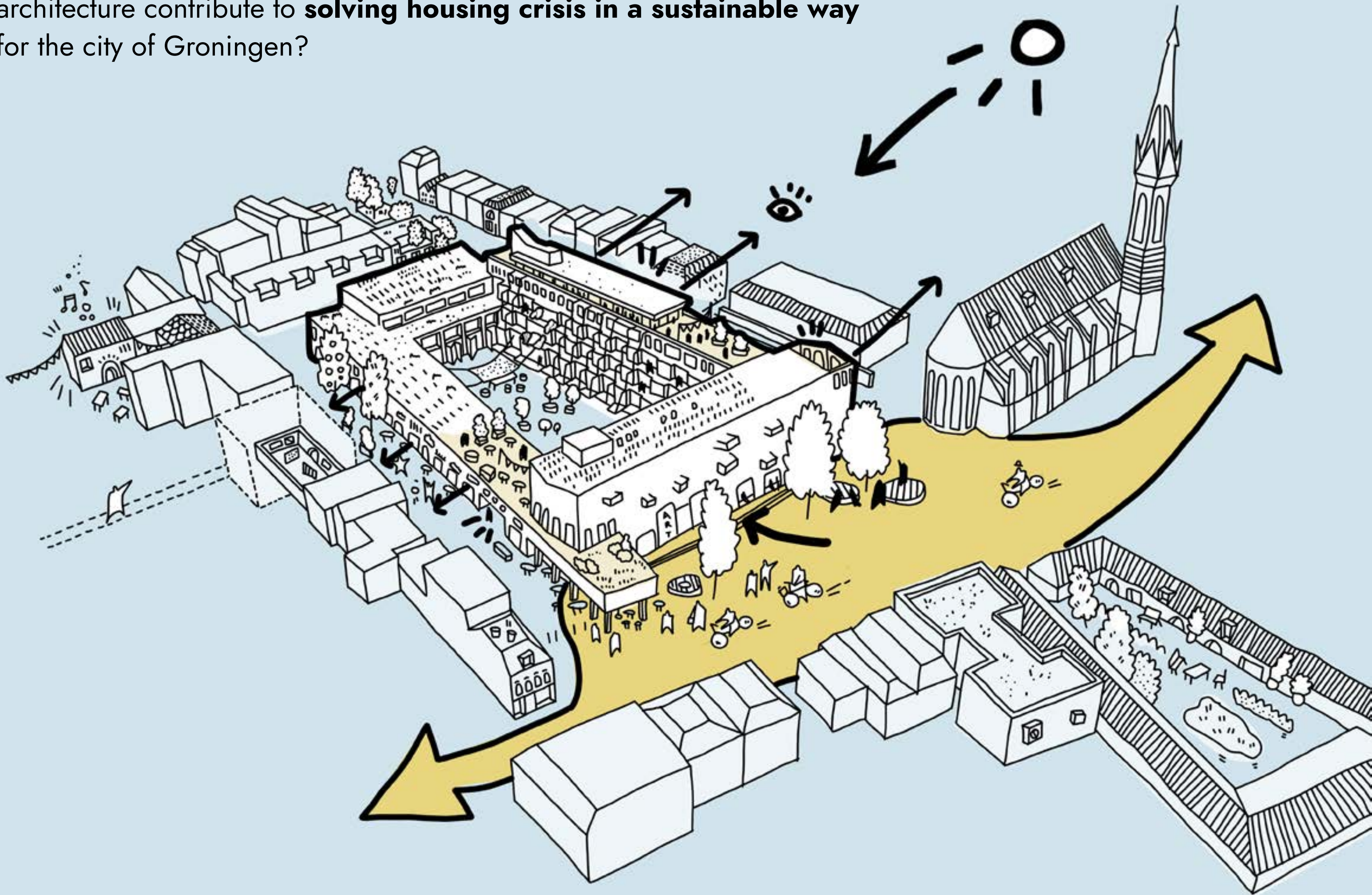
"I would like it to happen"

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"You've listened to what we told you"

How can **adaptive transformation** and **waste reduction** strategies in architecture contribute to **solving housing crisis in a sustainable way** for the city of Groningen?



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

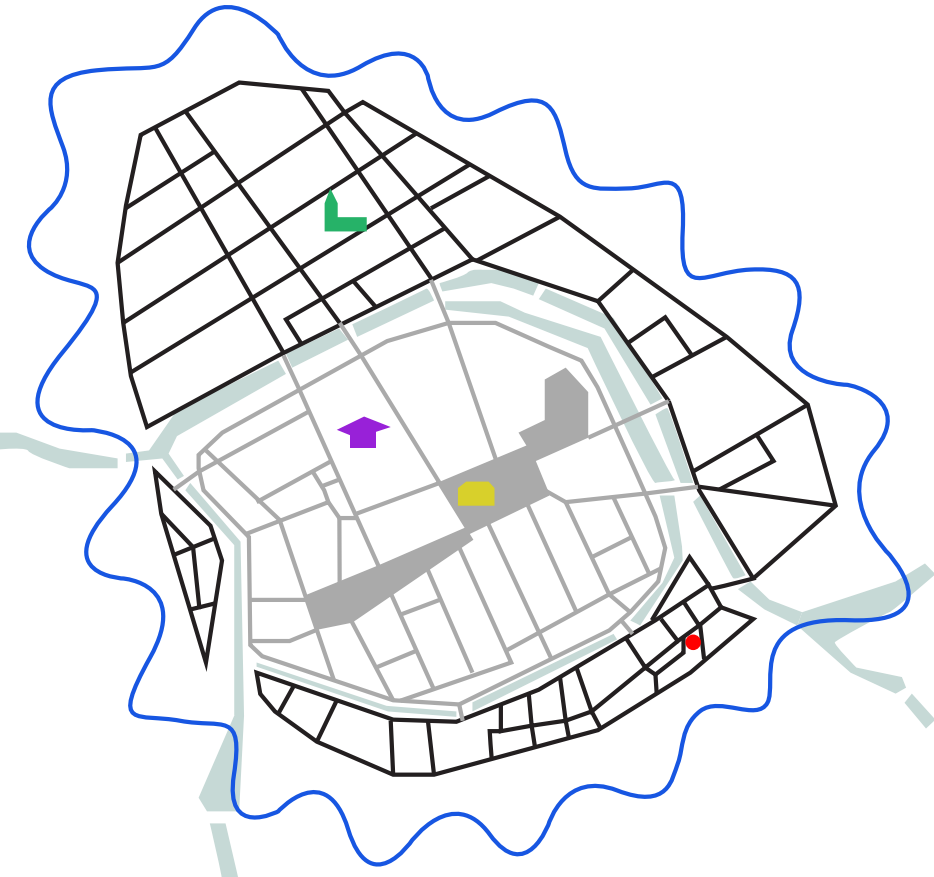
RESEARCH QUESTION

How does the **interaction between buildings and residents influence the livability** in the inner part of Groningen?



How can **adaptive transformation and waste reduction** strategies in architecture contribute to **solving housing crisis in a sustainable way** for the city of Groningen?

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT



1560 - 1800
Sized city

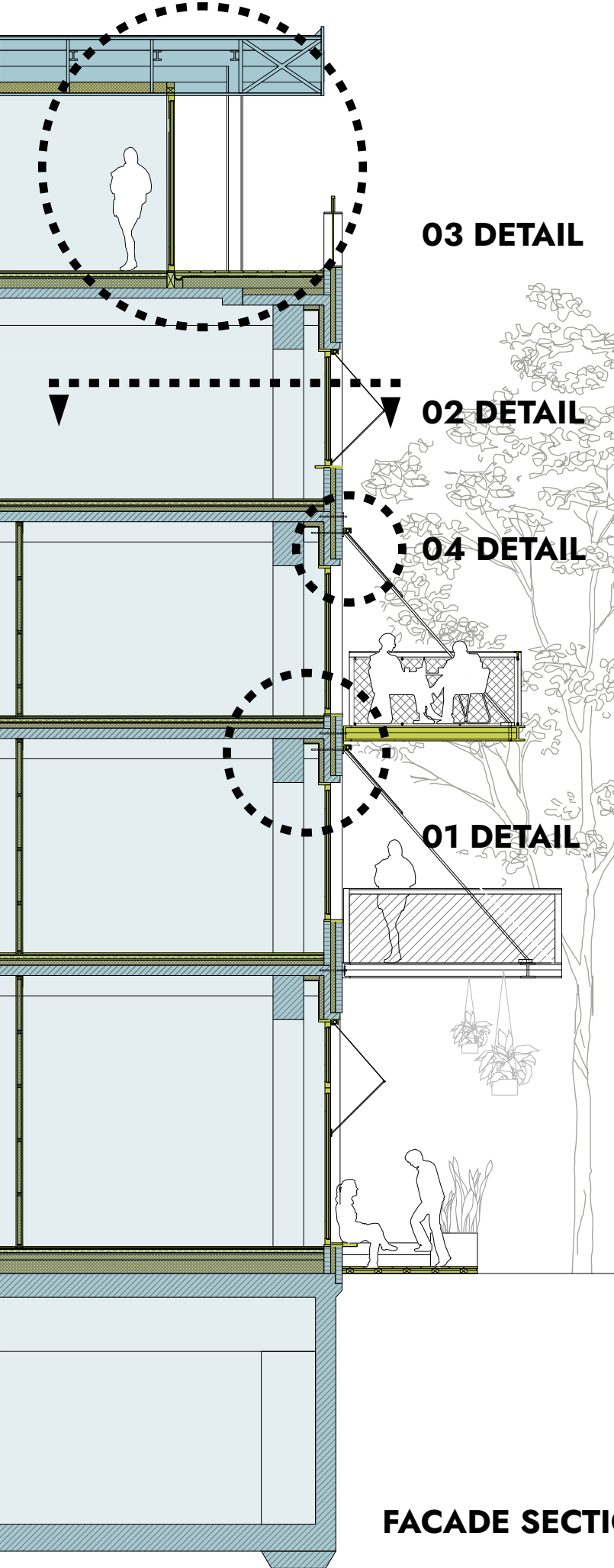
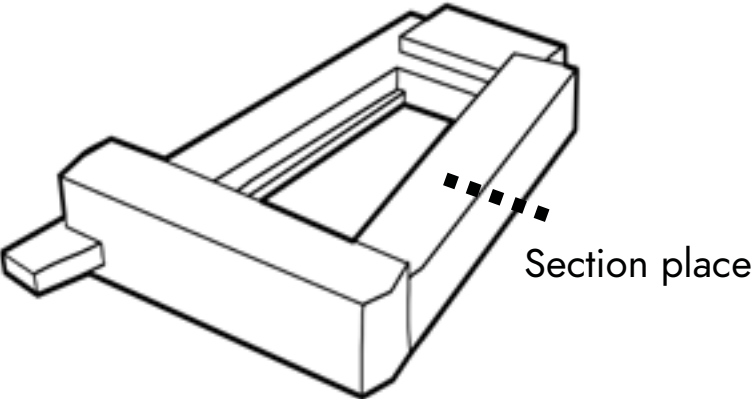


1800 - 1990



1990 - Vision

FACADE PROPOSAL

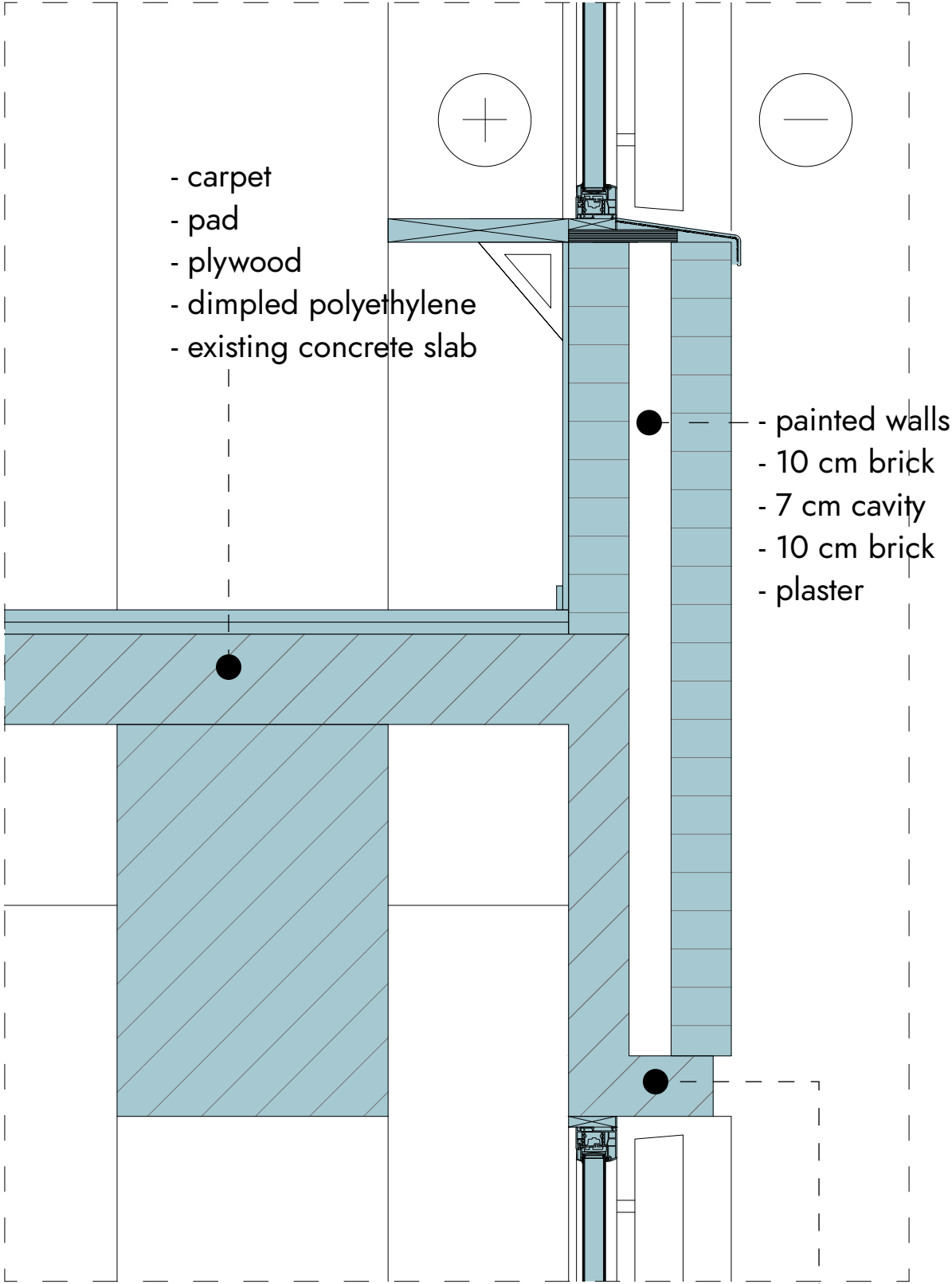


FACADE SECTION PROPOSAL 1:60

- existing
- new

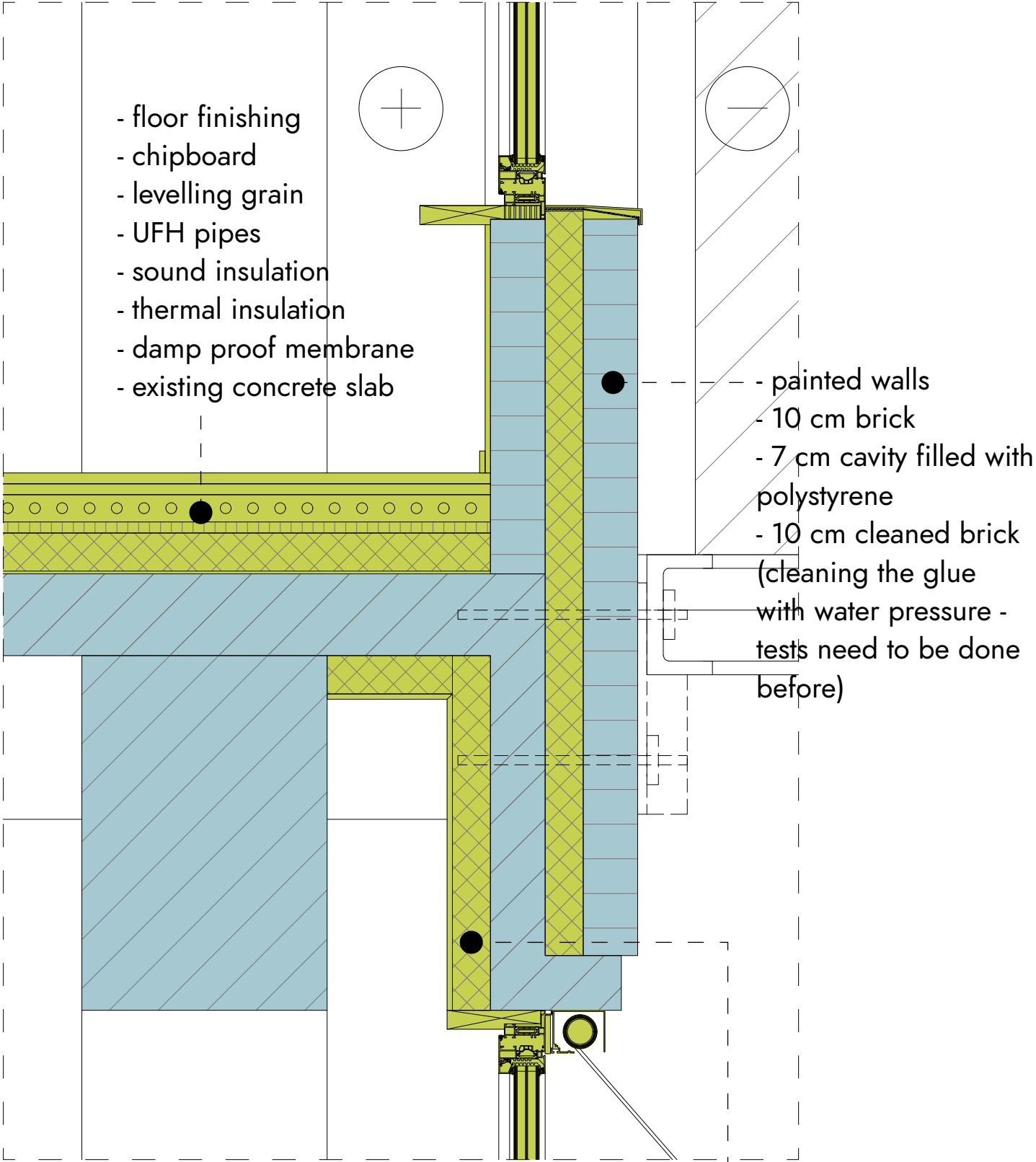
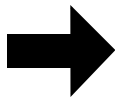
01 DETAIL. FLOORS AND EXTERIOR WALLS

MIN Height in the apartments: 2.8 m
 CRITICAL Height floor to beam 2.2 m



EXISTING FLOOR DETAIL 1:10

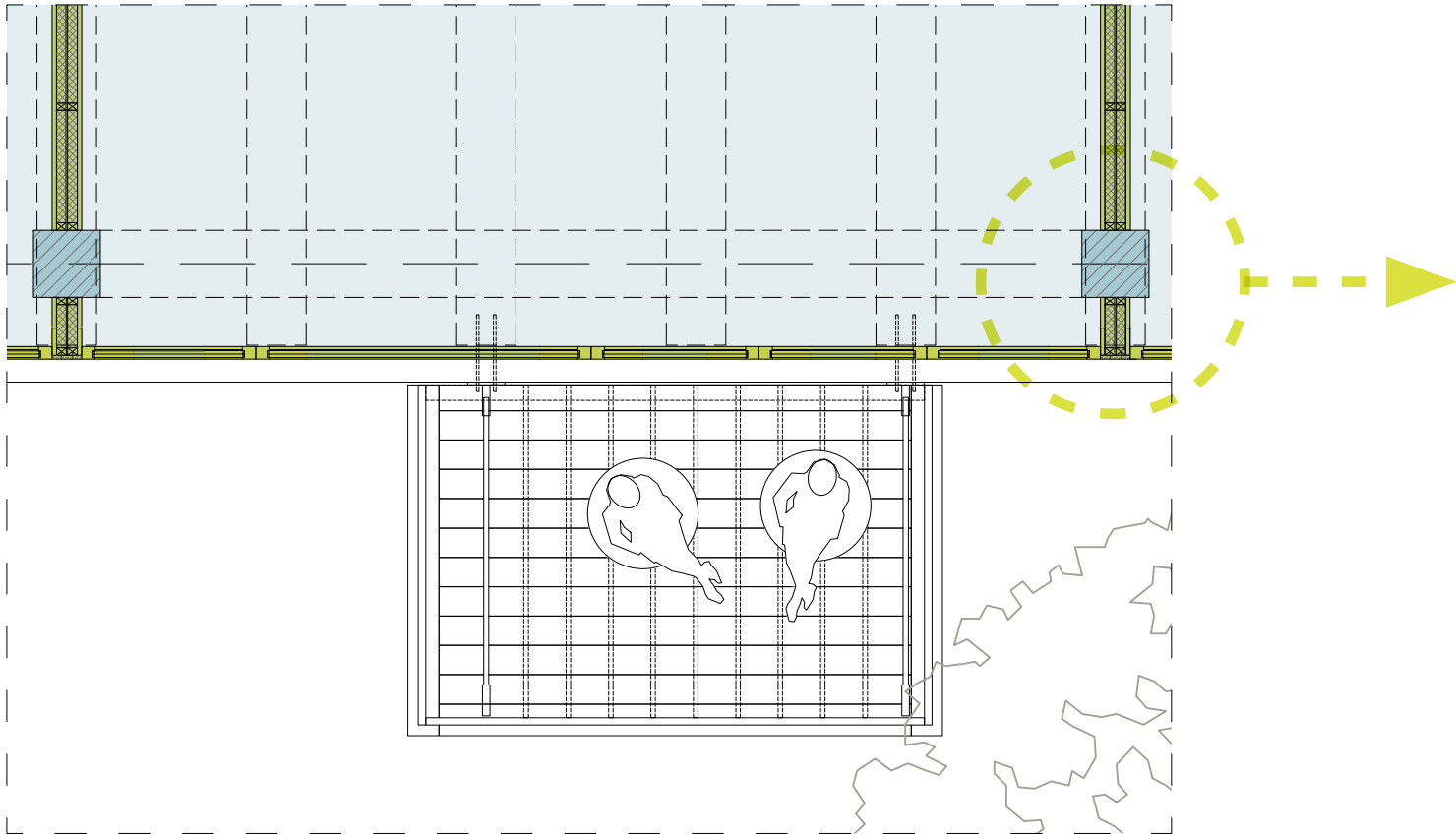
Concrete elements supporting bricks above



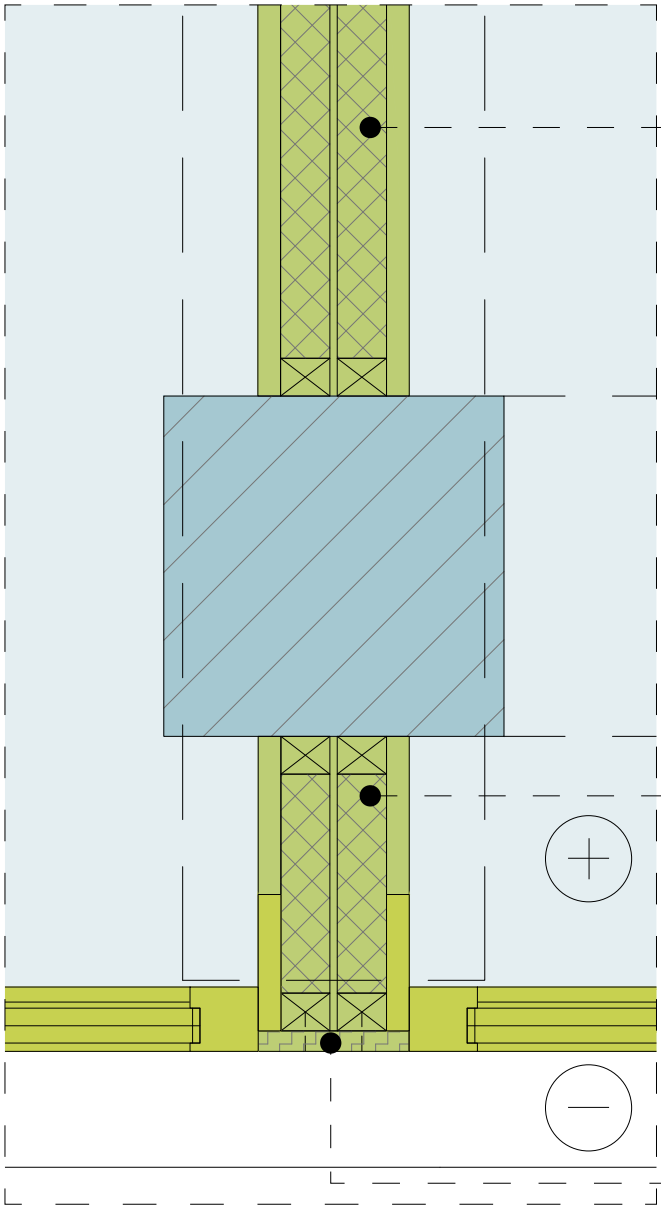
PROPOSAL FLOOR DETAIL 1:10

Additional thermal insulation on inside.
 Prefabricated elements. Mounted on site.

02 DETAIL. INNER WALLS



PROPOSAL BALCONY 1:50



PROPOSAL INNER WALL DETAIL 1:10

- “Circuwall” frame**
(Velux windows dimensions)
- Recycled “Velux” frames
- Recycled mattresses (sound insulation)
- Pressure treated fire retardant plywood

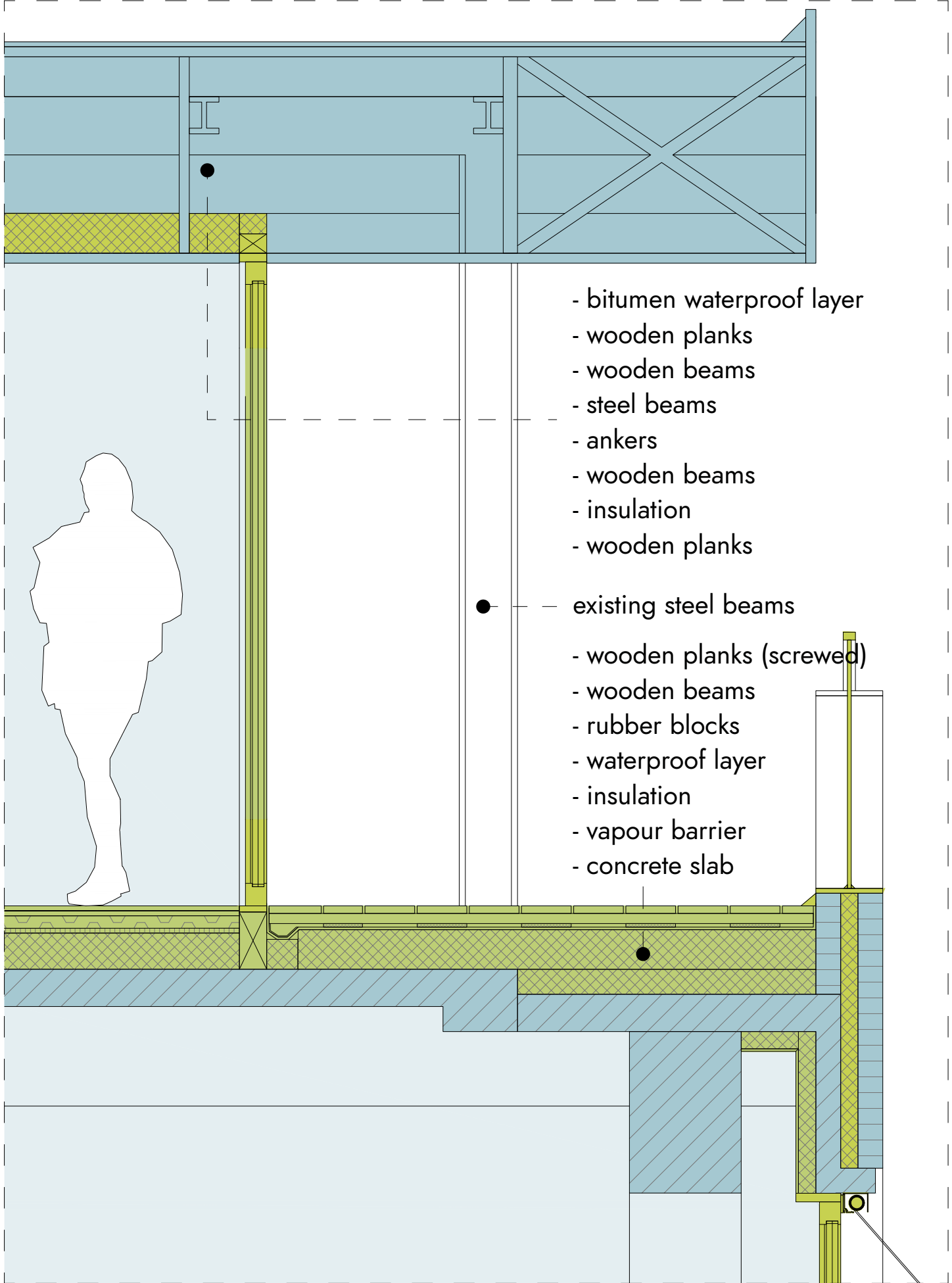
- Wooden frame and recycled mattress insulation**

- Exterior wall cover:**
- Aluminium plate

03 DETAIL. ROOF

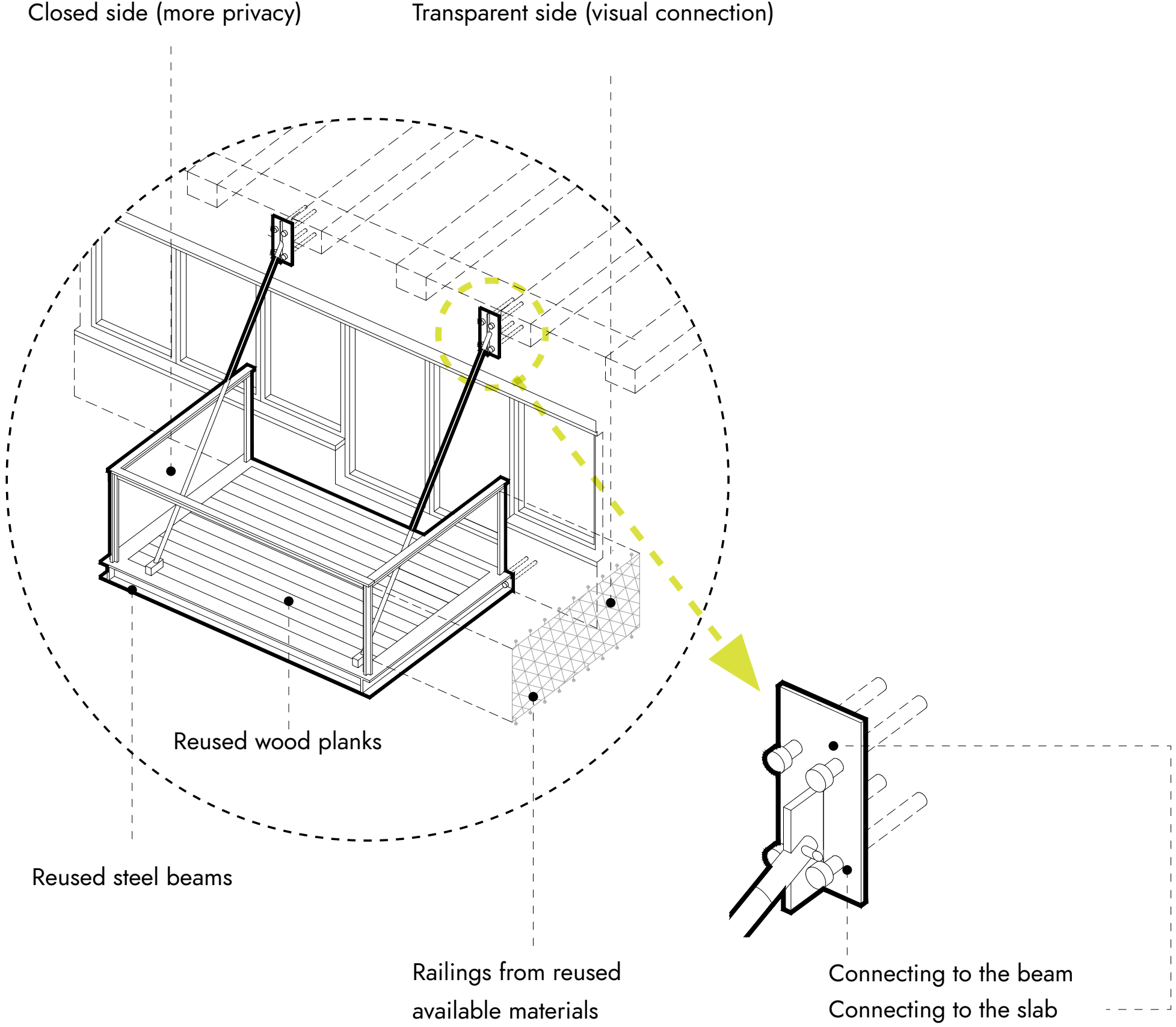


PROPOSAL STREET FACADE 1:60

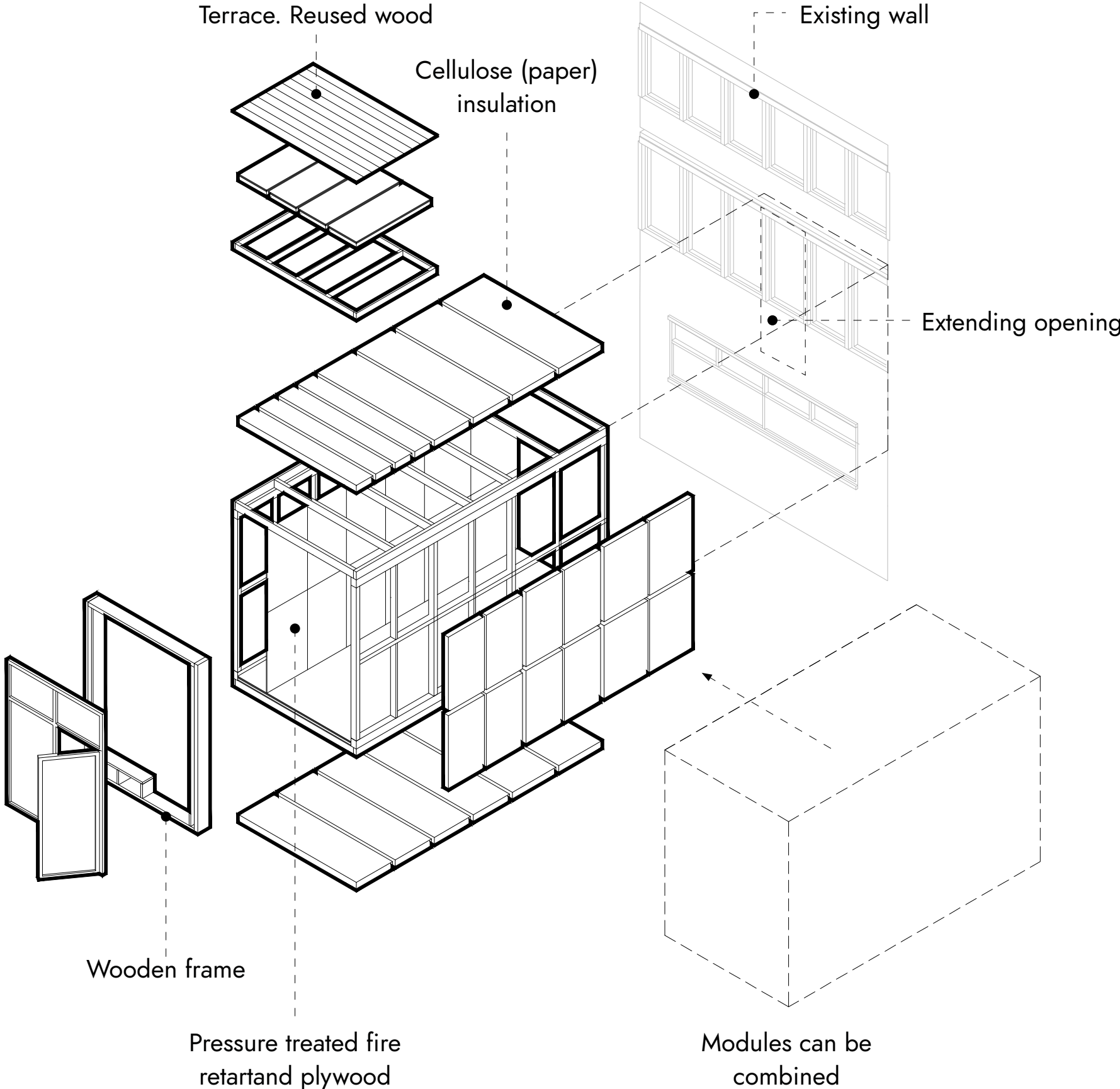


PROPOSAL TOP FLOOR 1:20

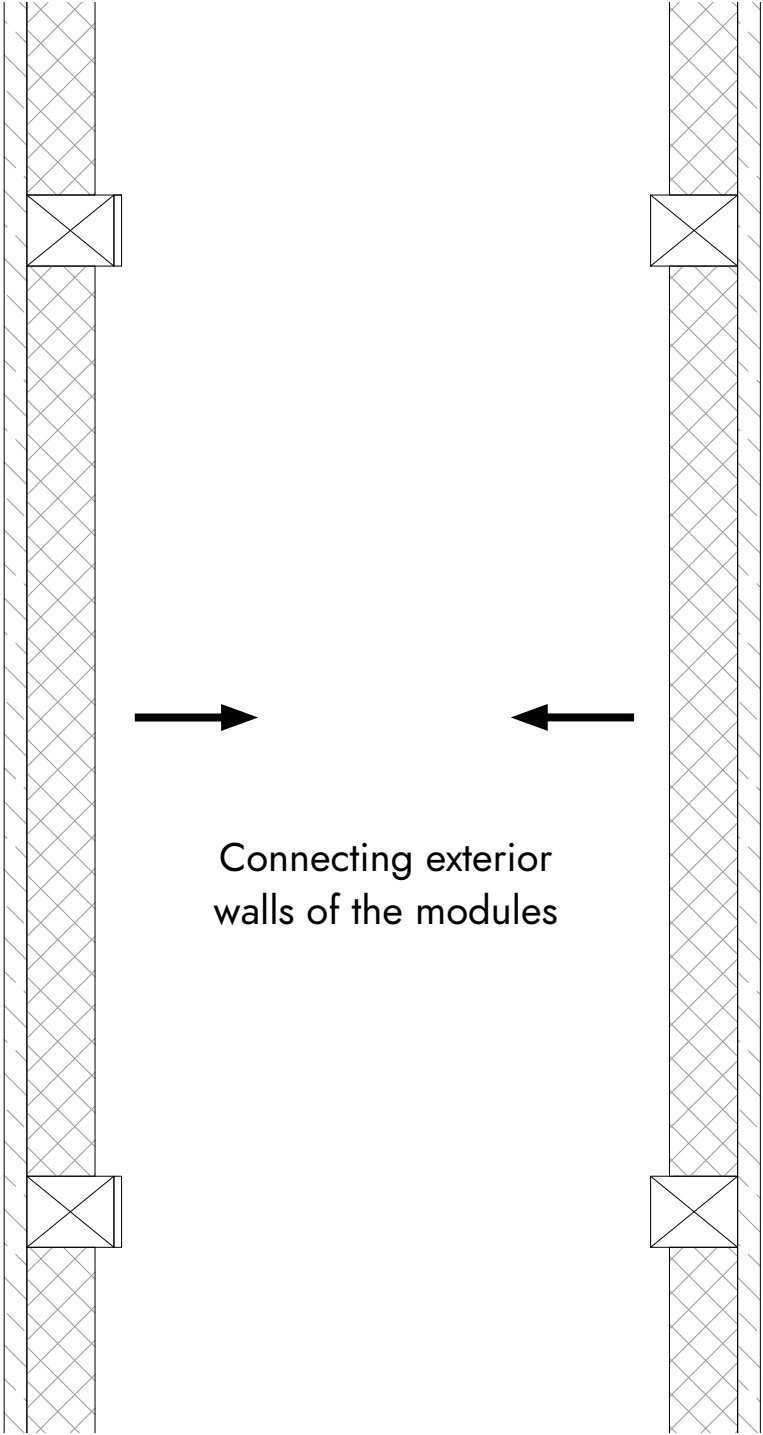
04 DETAIL. BALCONY



BIO-BASED ADDITIONS

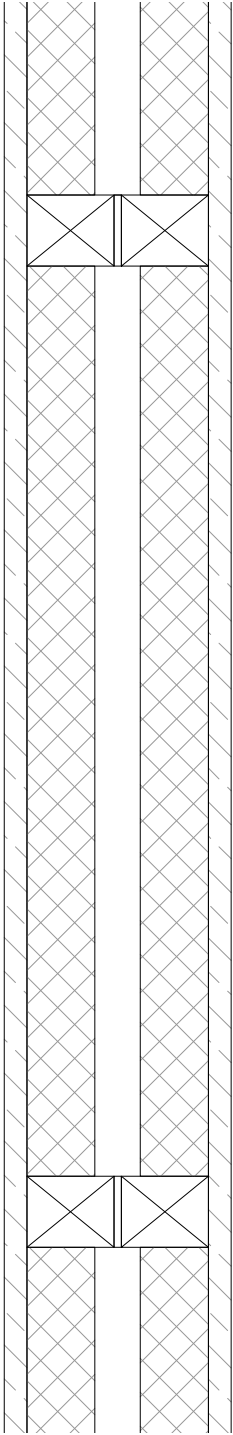
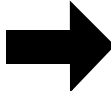


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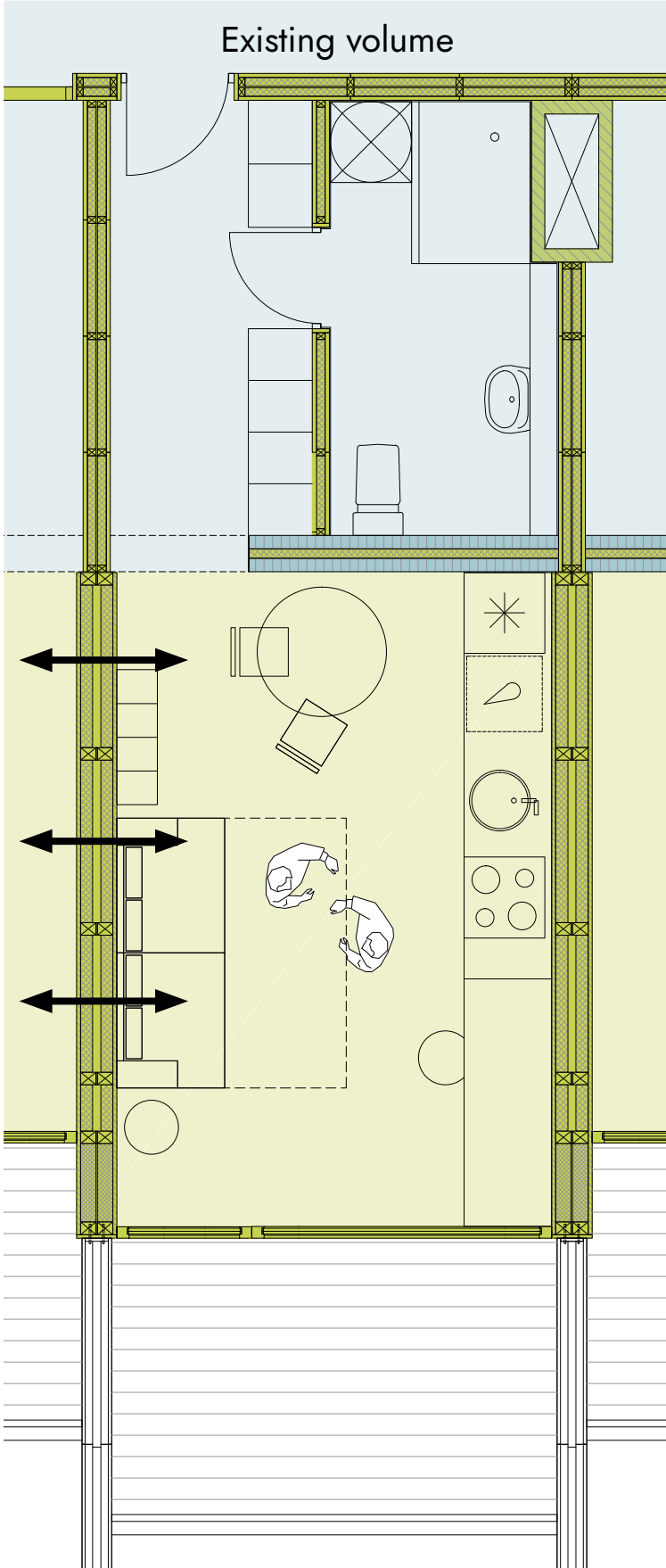


Connecting exterior walls of the modules

WALLS OF THE MODULES 1:10



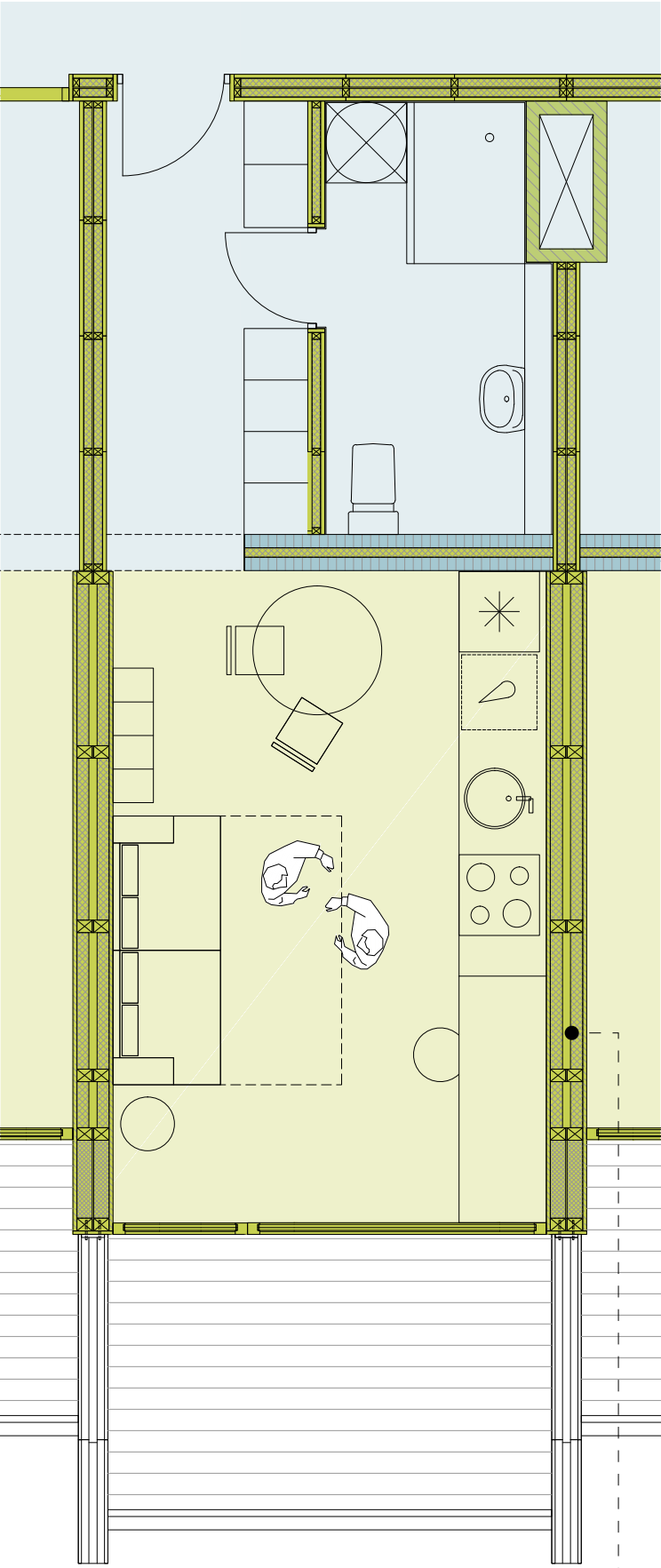
Connected walls with a gap in between



There is a possibility to combine different units by removing finishing layers and insulation panels of the modules

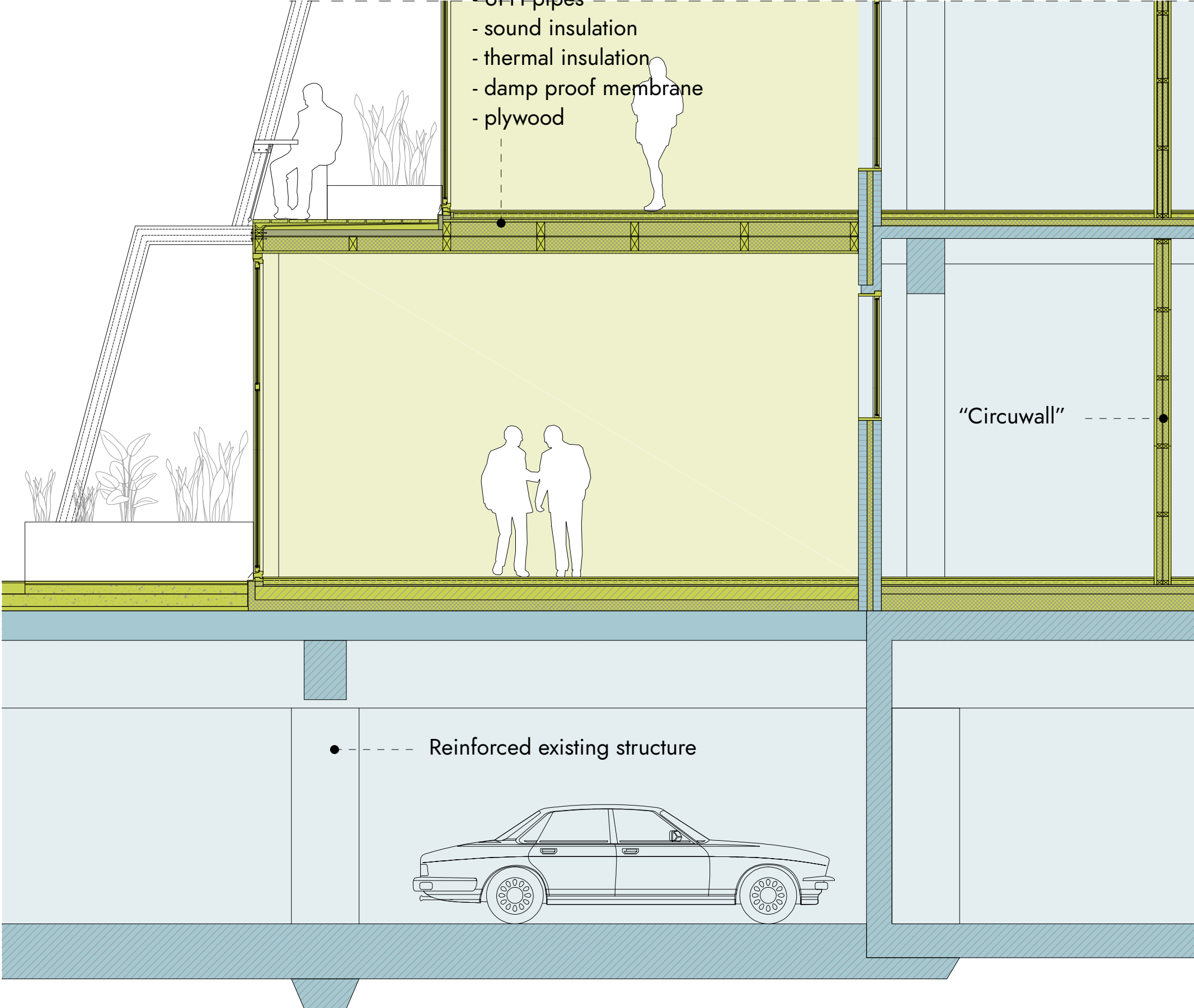
FLOORPLAN 1:50

BIO-BASED ADDITIONS



FLOORPLAN 1:50

Different modules attached to each other



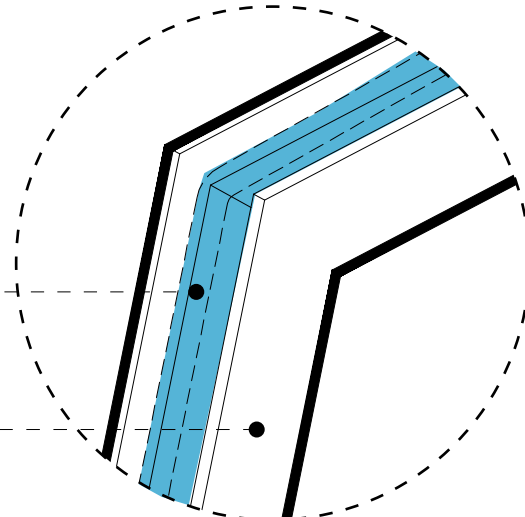
SECTION 1:50

DETAILING OF ADDITIONS

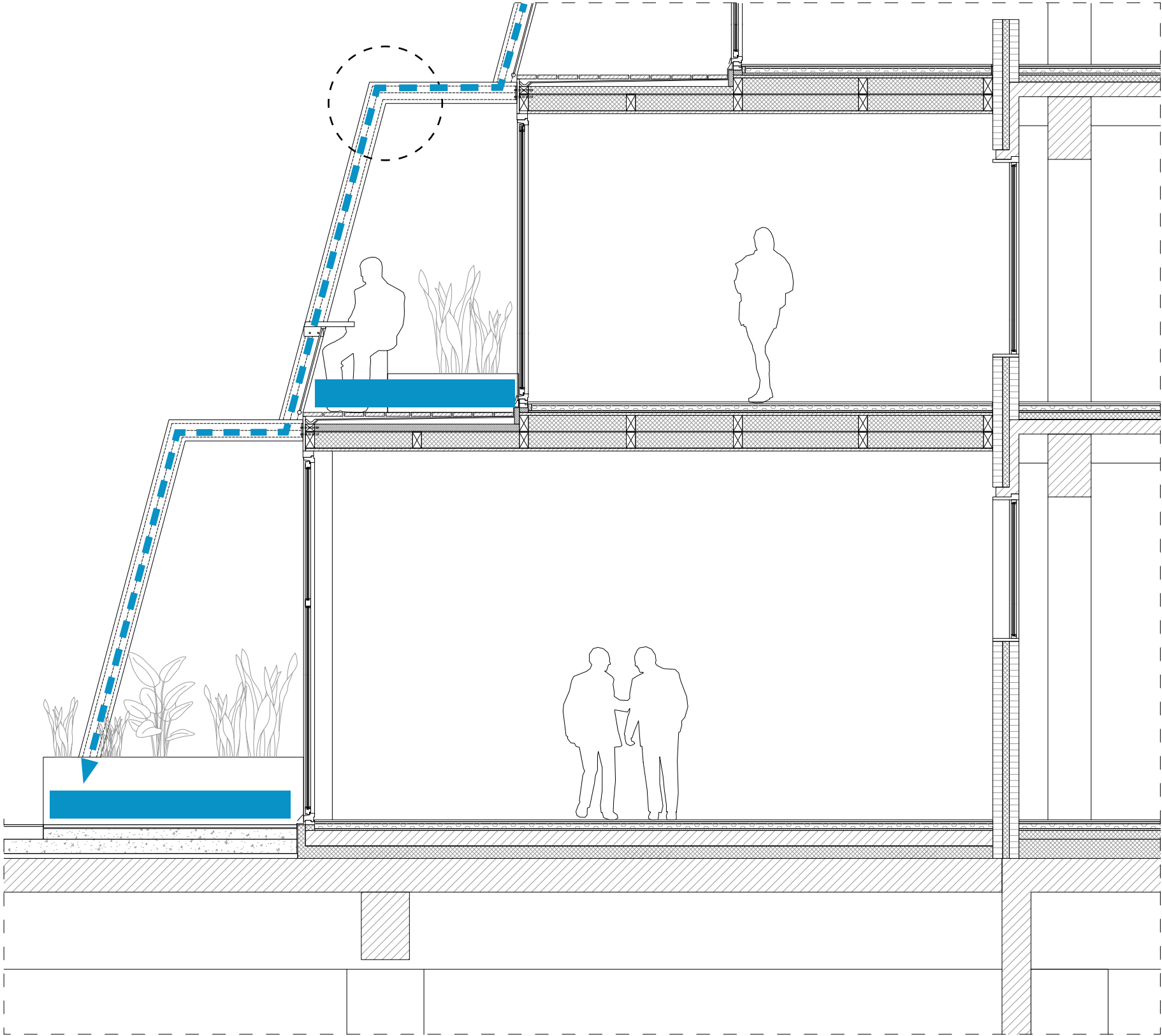
REUSED
Steel beams
(from Den Haag Police station)



Rain gutter
Reused H Profile
steel beam

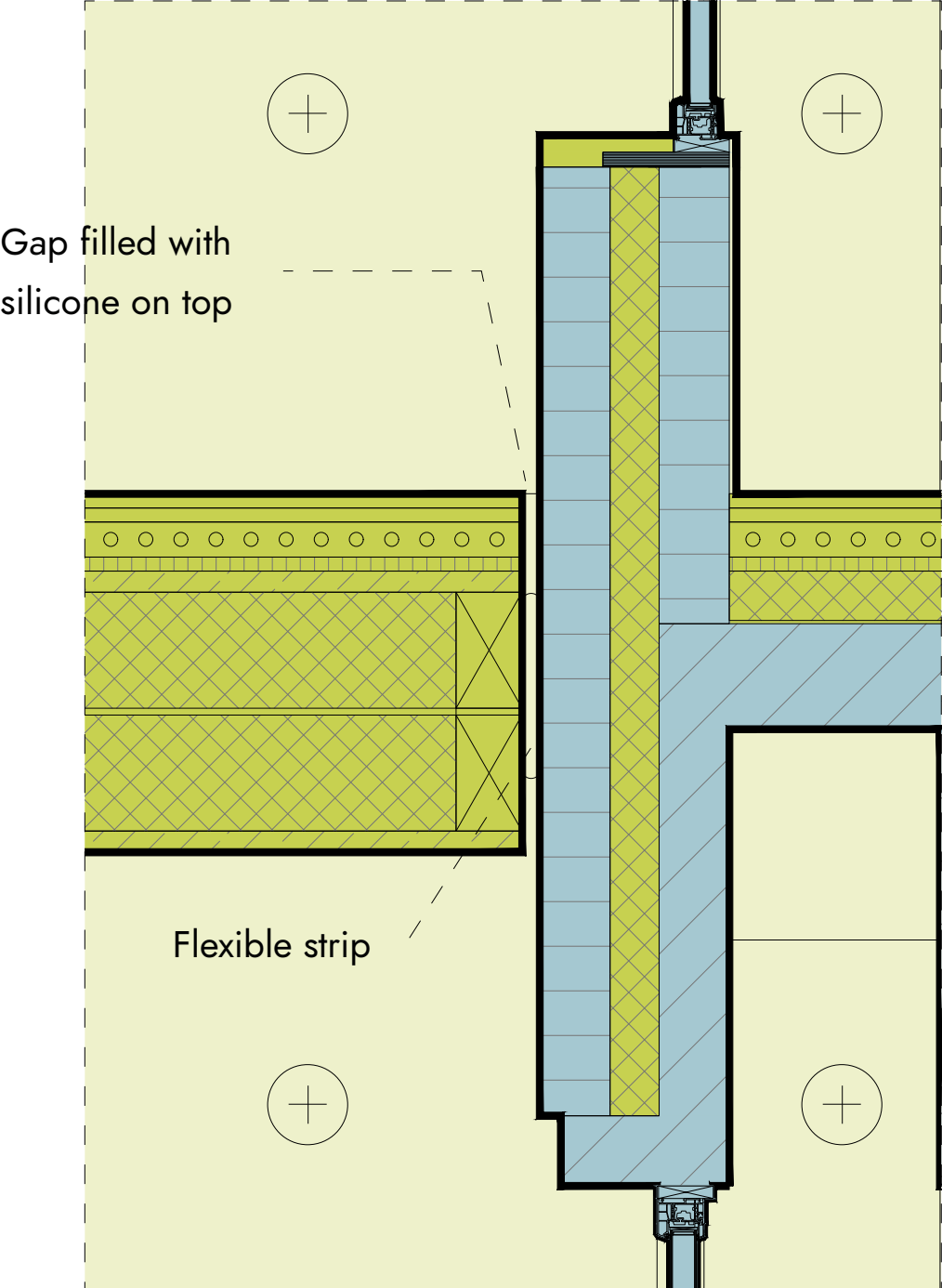


RAINWATER

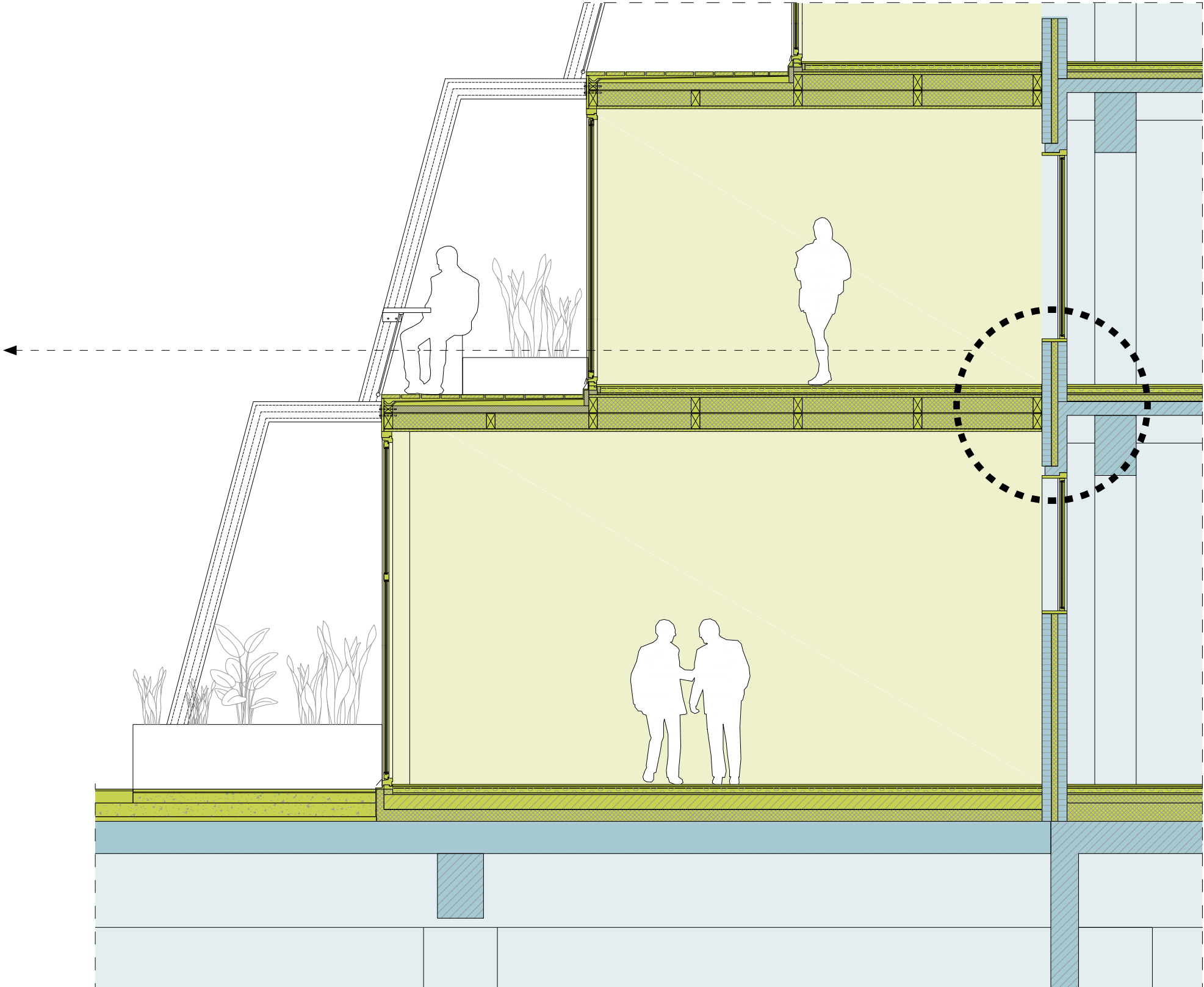


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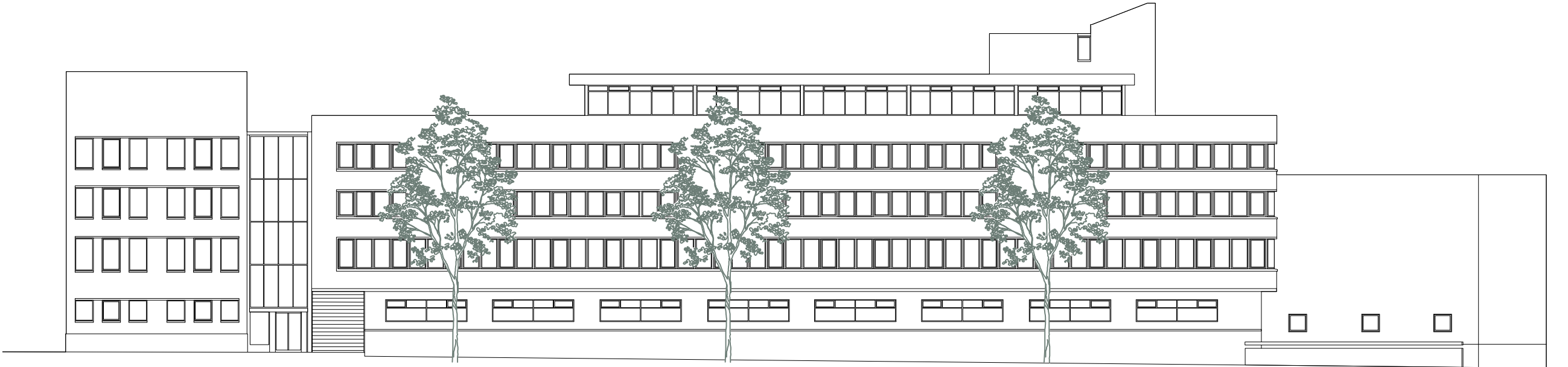


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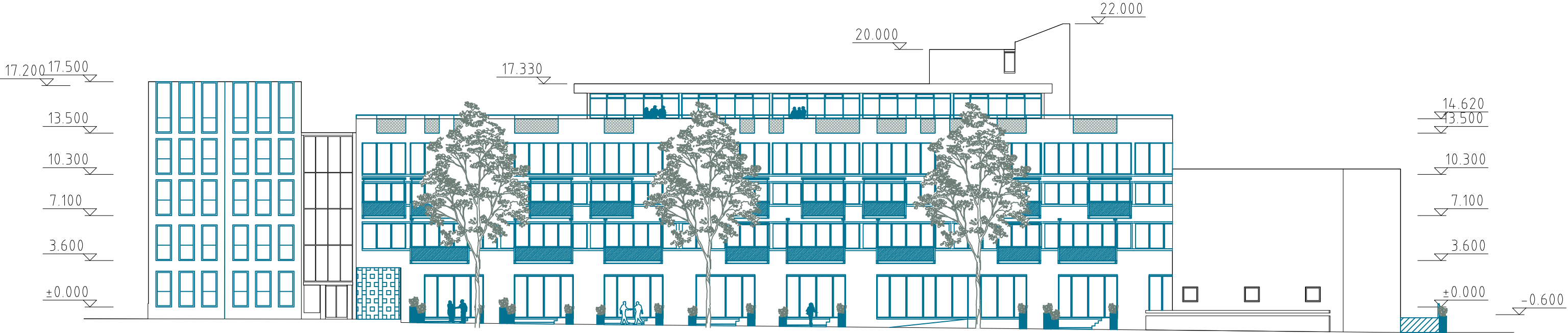


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SOUTH FACADE

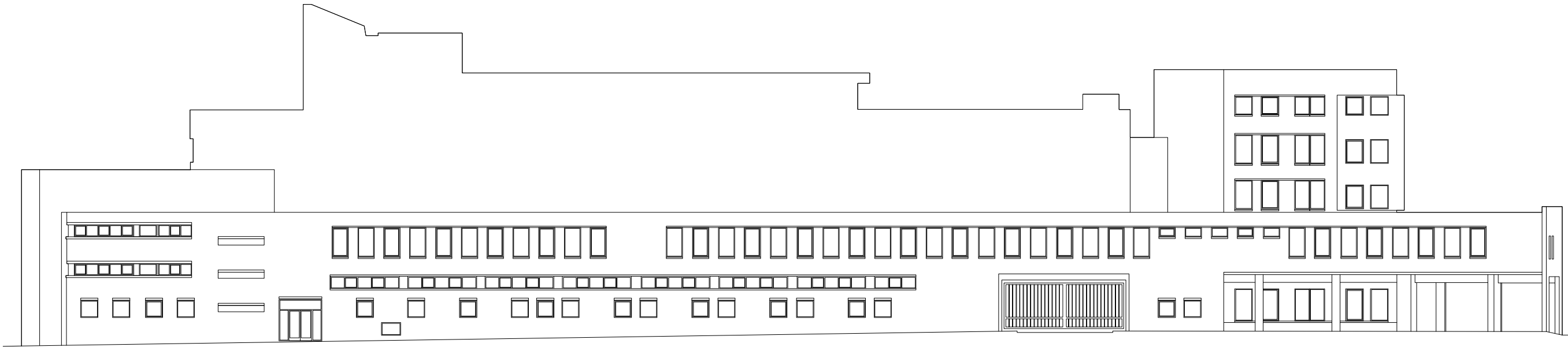


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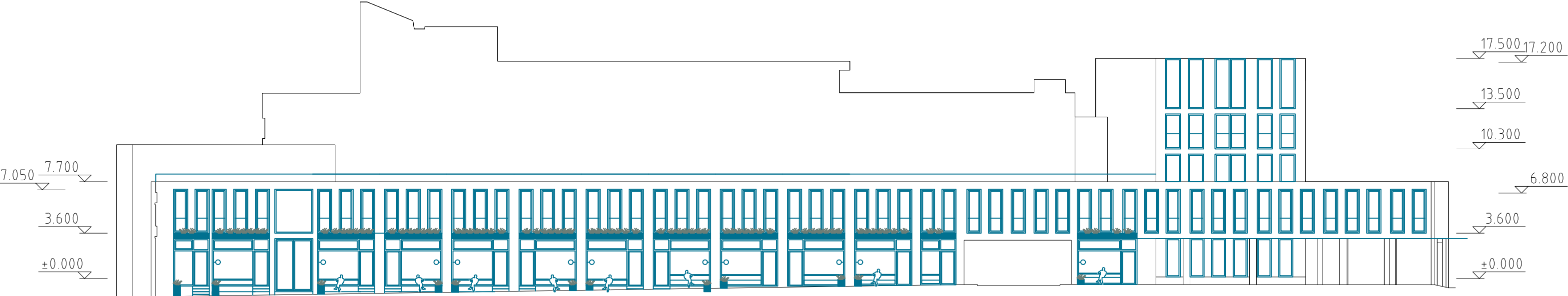


PROPOSAL 1:300

NORTH FACADE



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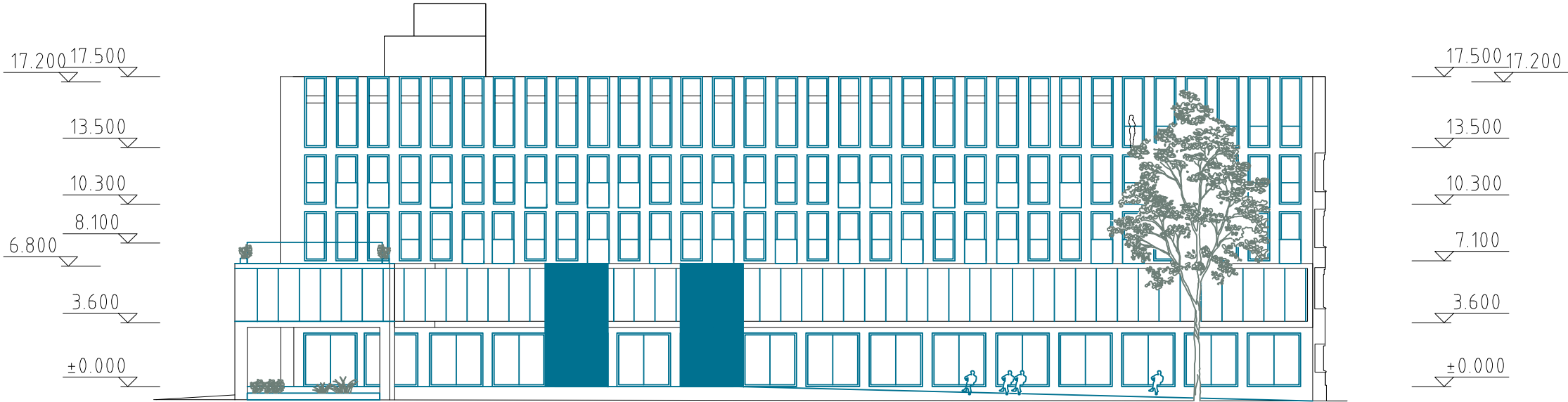


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WEST FACADE

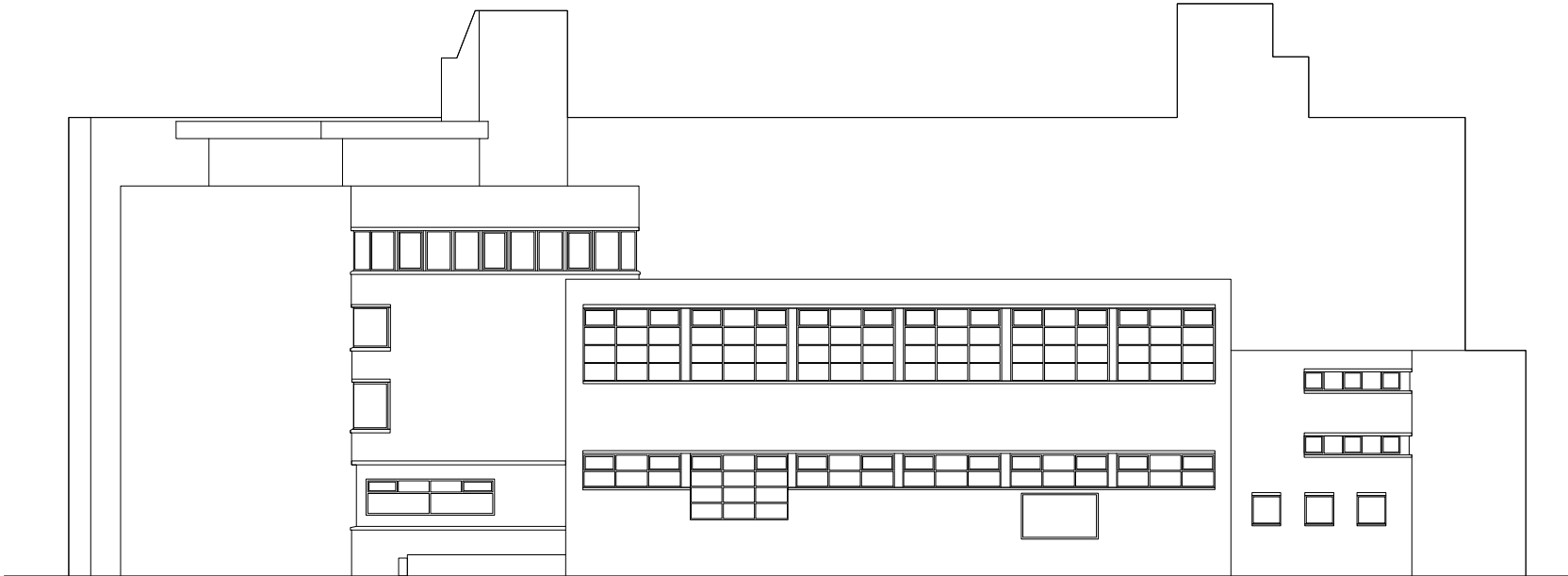


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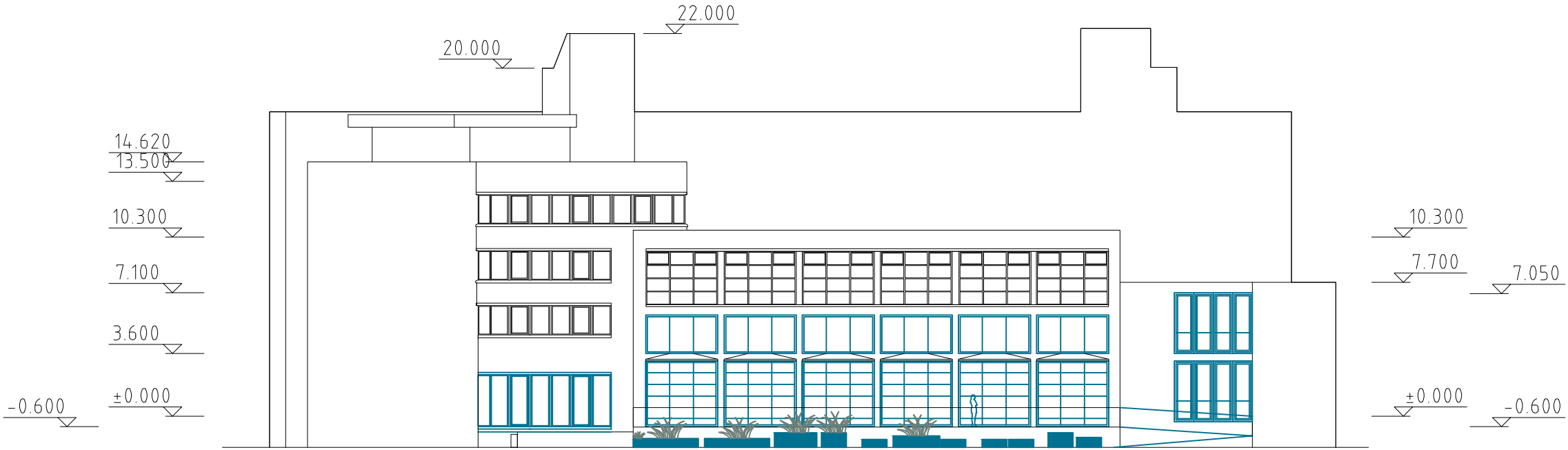


PROPOSAL 1:300

EAST FACADE



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