

## Inviting the Public

The Extension & Redevelopment  
of the Public Library Stockholm

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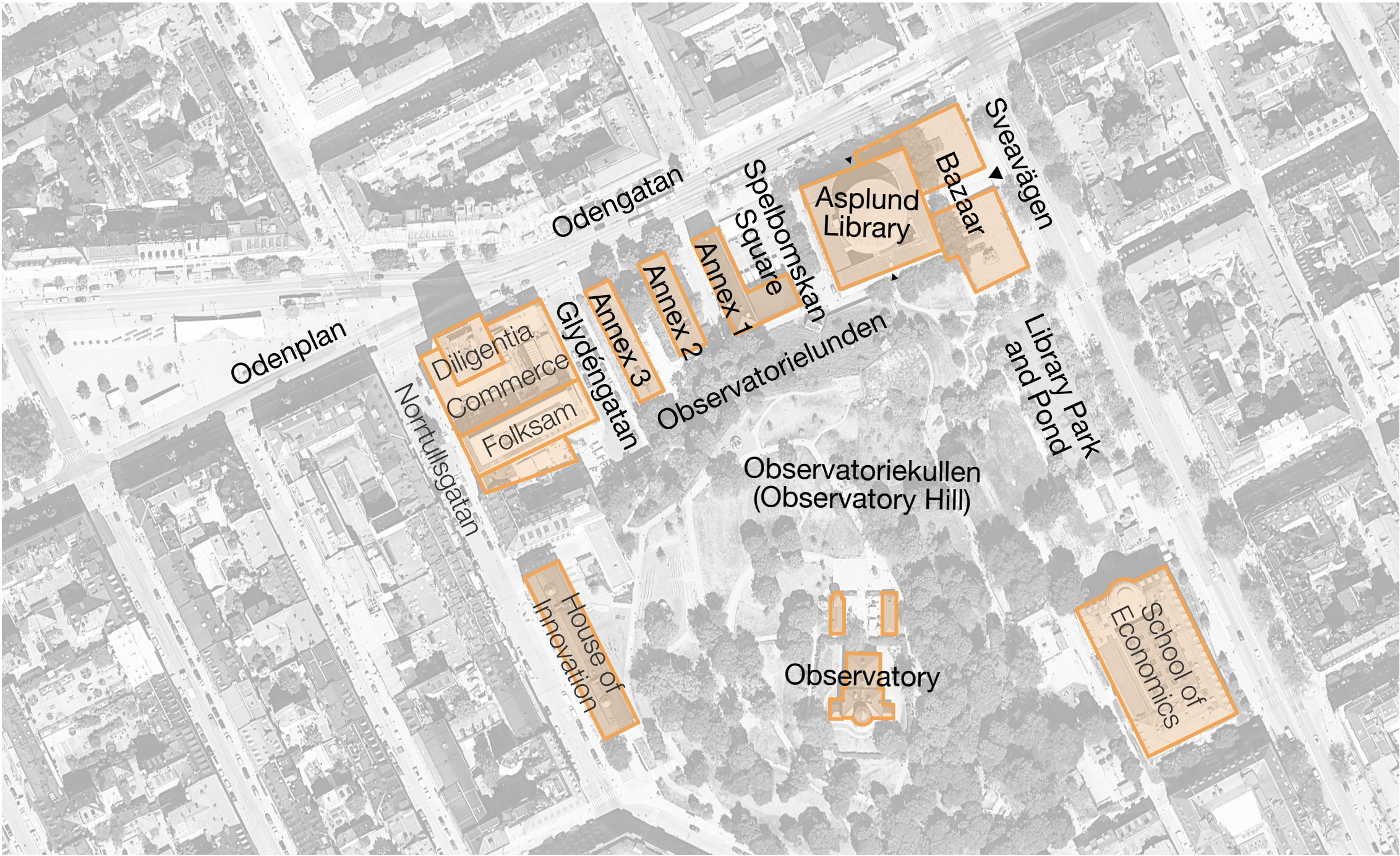














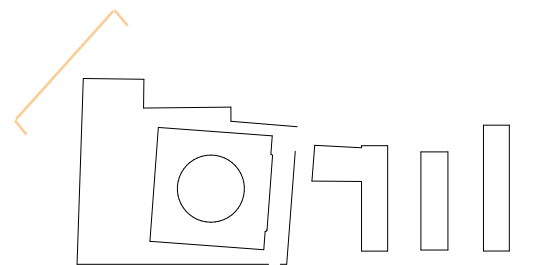




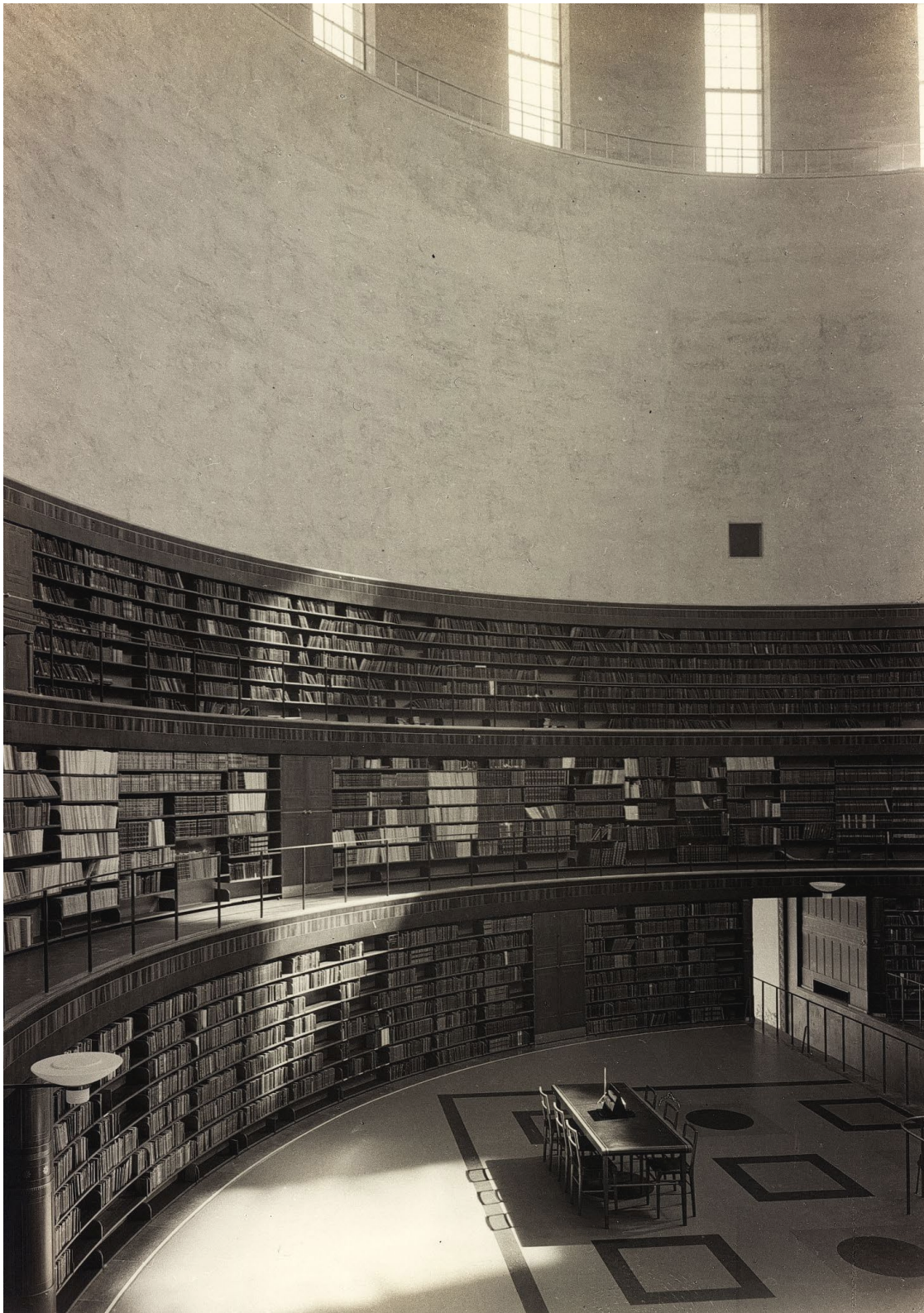


- 1 Asplund Library
- 2 Annex 1:  
International Library
- 3 Annex 2: Swedish Institute  
Children's Literature
- 4 Annex 3:  
Observatorielunden Skola (2)
- 5 Observatory
- 6 Stockholm School of  
Economics
- 7 International School
- 8 Photography School
- 9 High School
- 10 Academic Department
- 11 Royal Swedish Academy of  
Agriculture and Forestry
- 12 Observatorielunden Skola (1)
- 13 House of Innovation













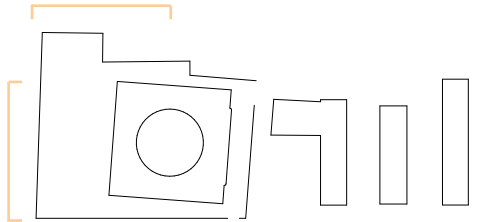






- MUA from 14,000 to 24,000
- Asplund Library's status as a temple of books
- Integration of new technologies, flexible spaces and public areas
- Access to the northern parts of Observatorielunden
- Accessibility, inclusivity, multilingualism
- Teaching and group rooms, varied reading and study areas, event spaces, debating areas, digital resources, multi-functional spaces, flexible workplaces, shared functions
- Dual role of the Asplund Library as a monument and local library
- Service enhancements, environmental sustainability, efficient resource utilization

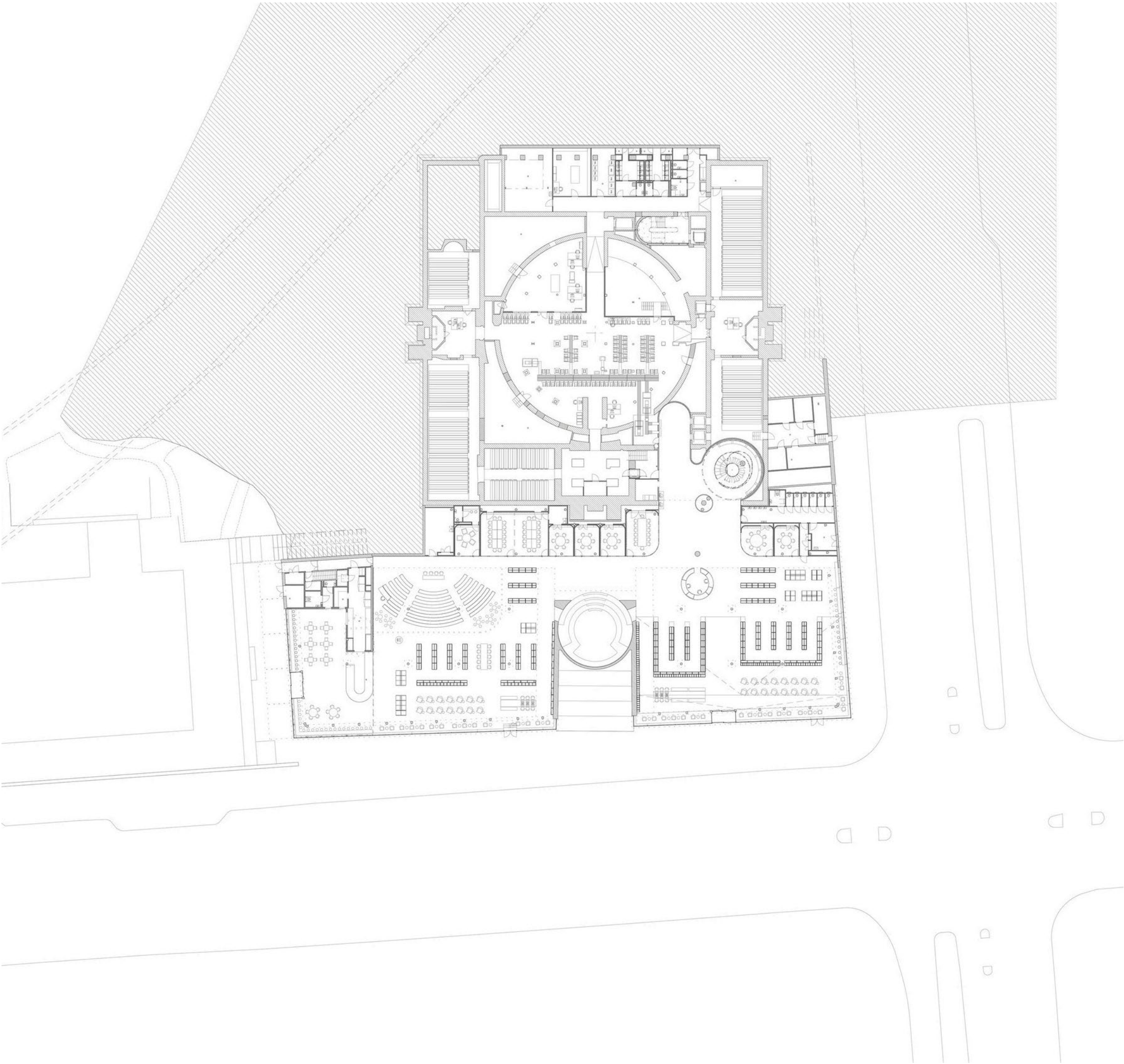




















Existing Library

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CSTJ proposal

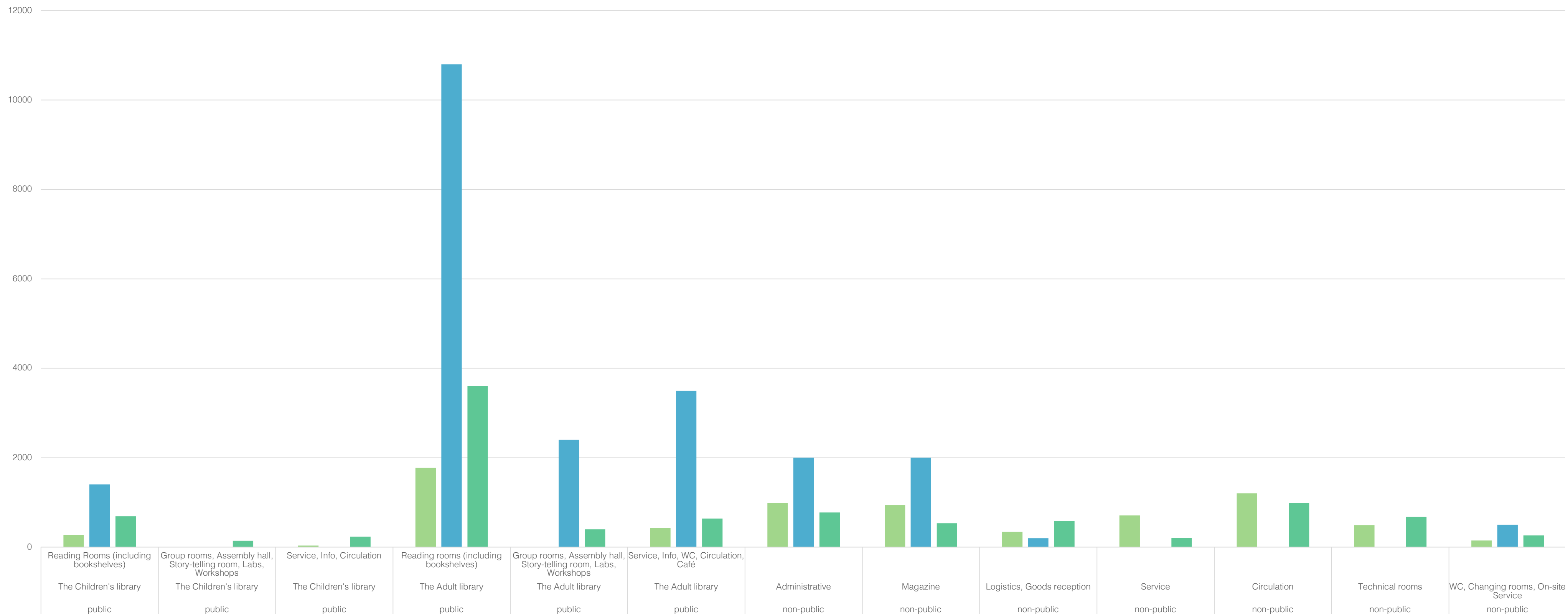
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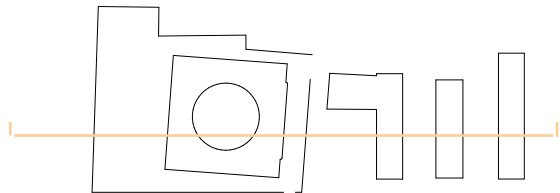
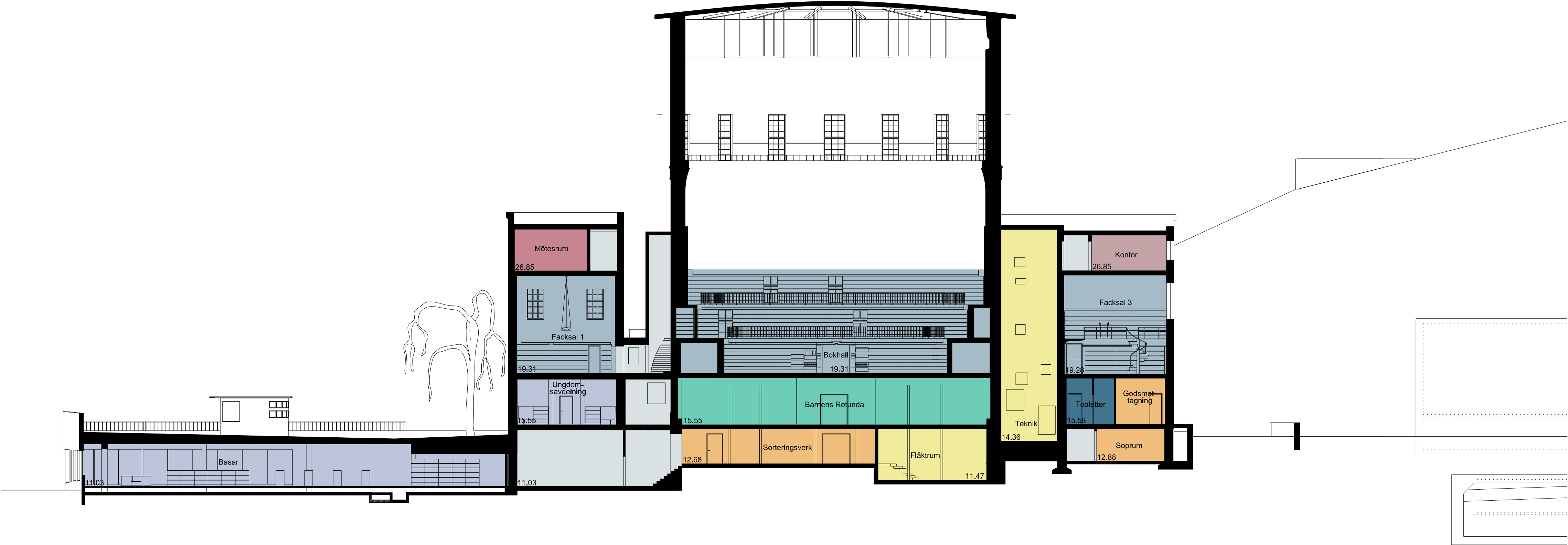


Caruso St. John's winning proposal



Shortcomings: lacking group rooms









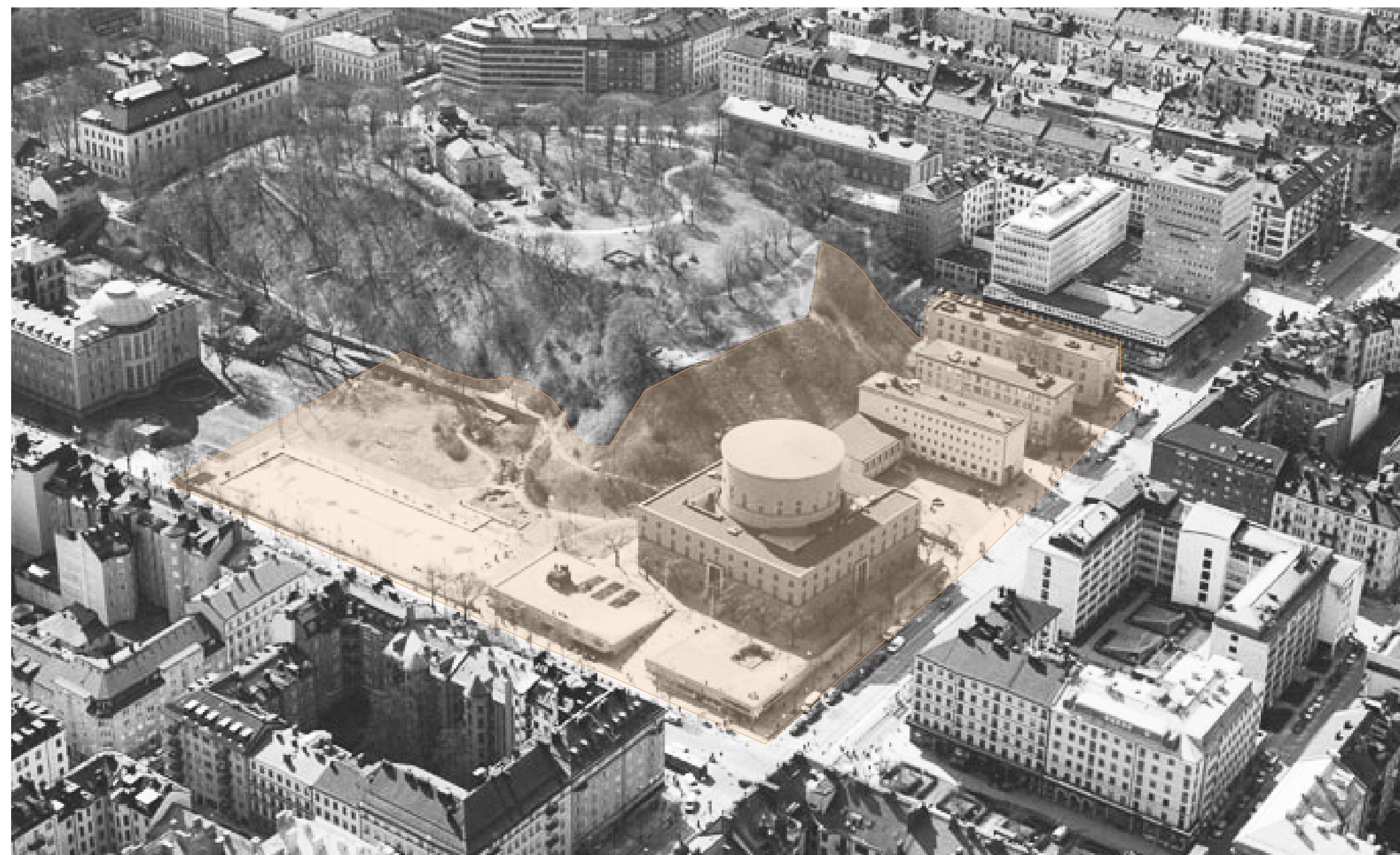




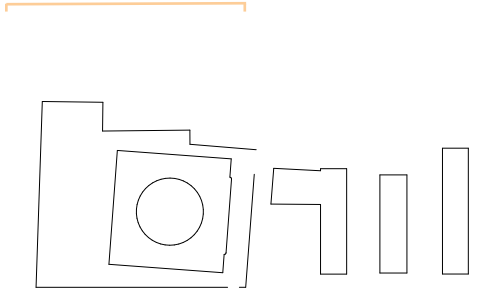
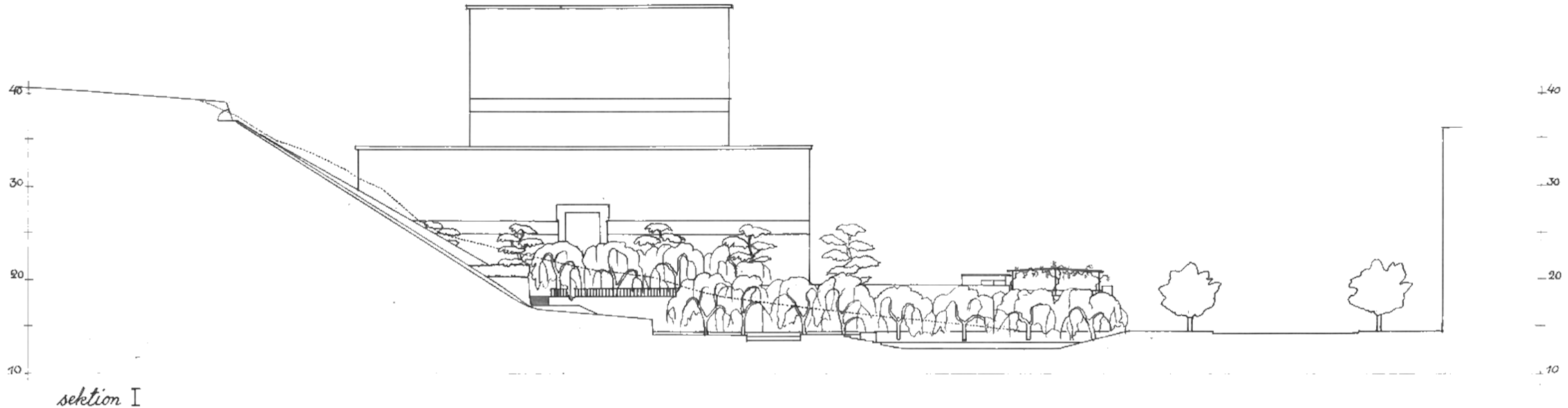


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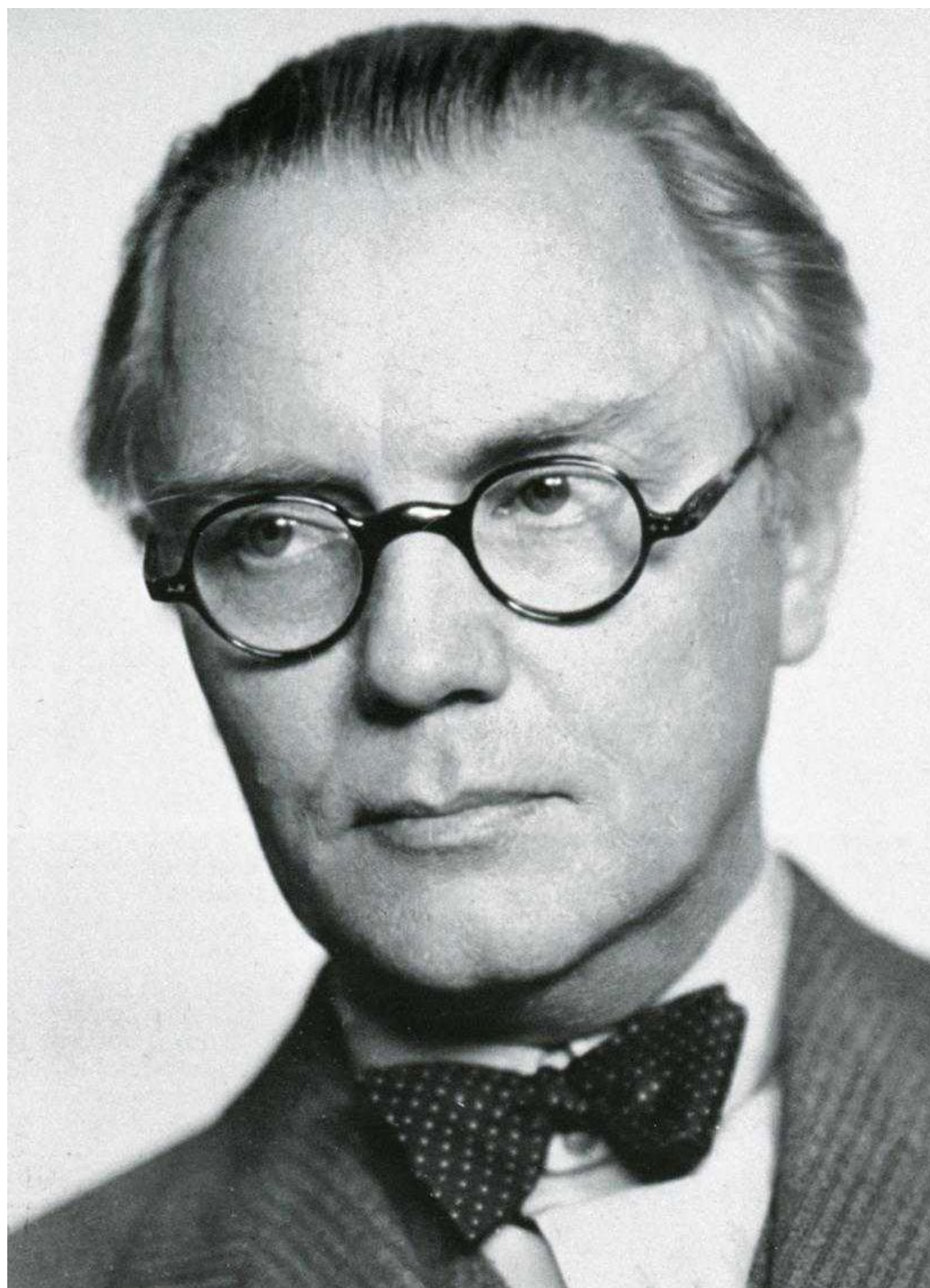








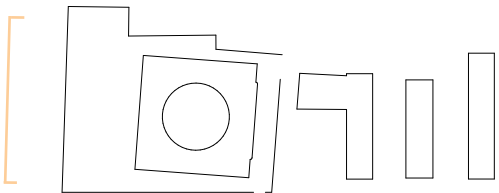








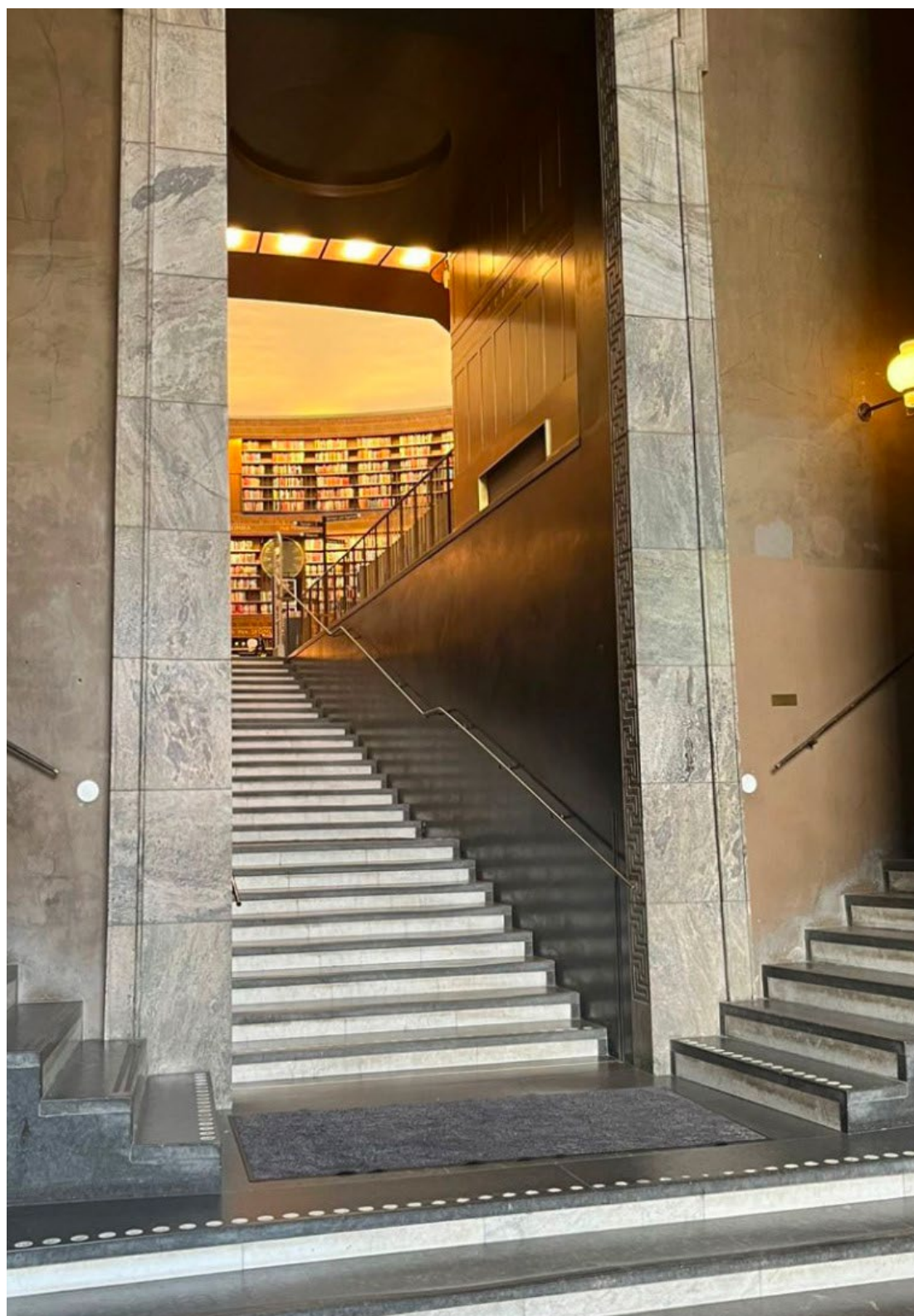




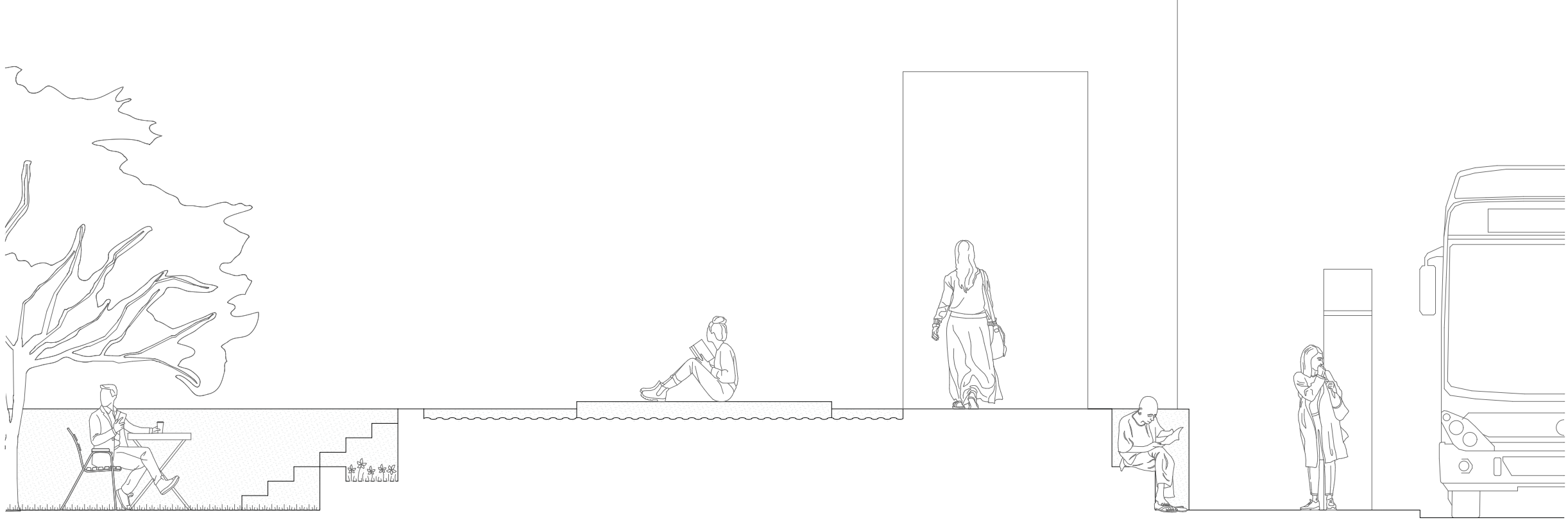








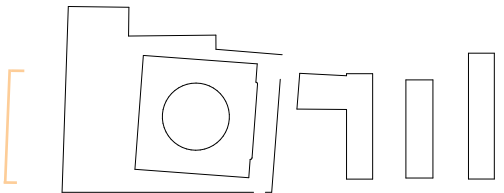




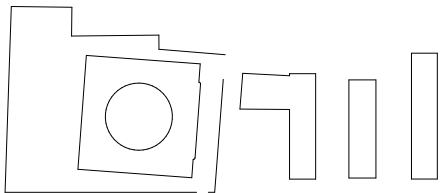
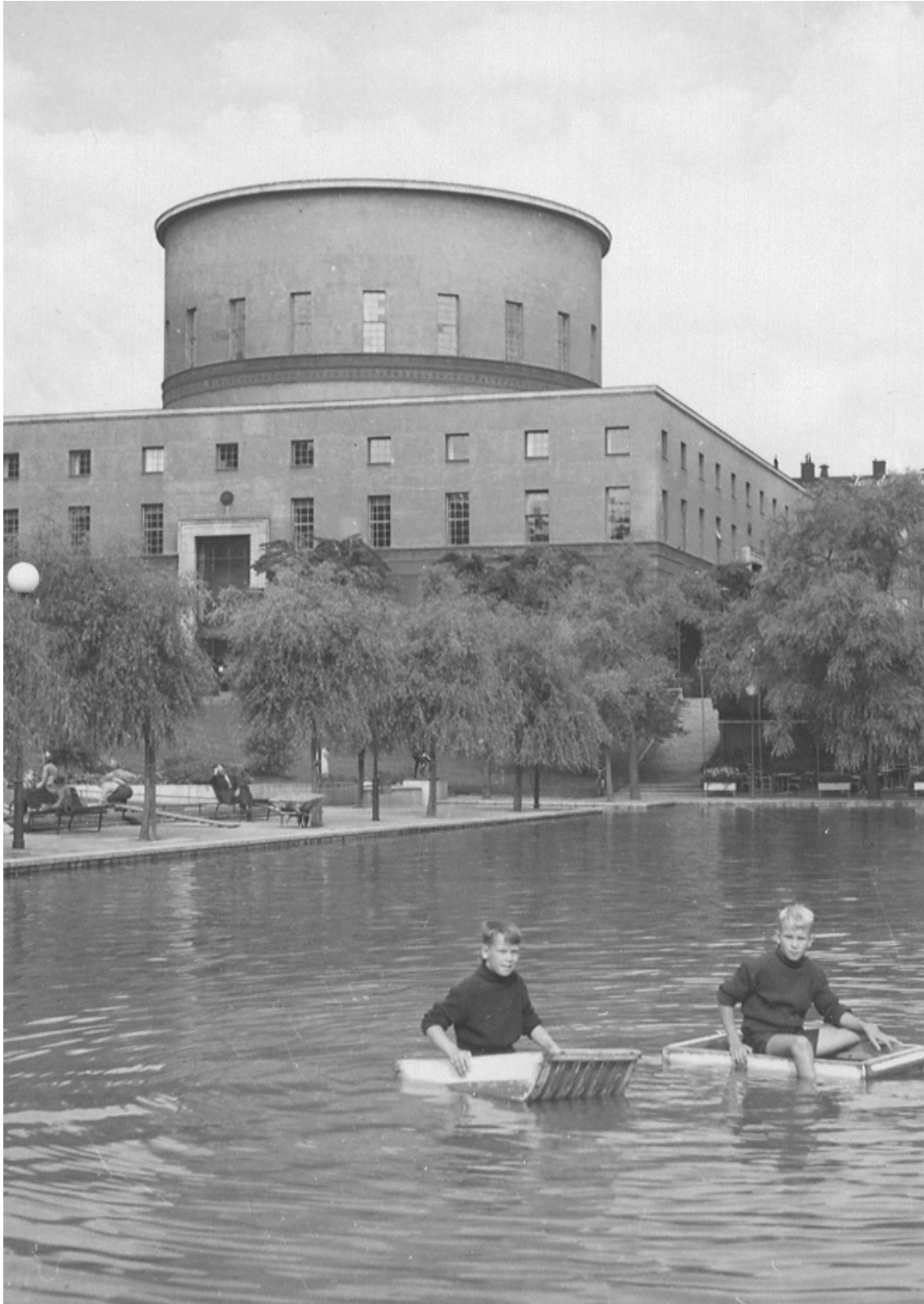








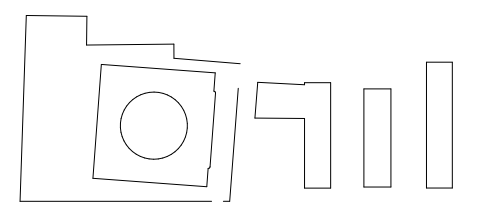




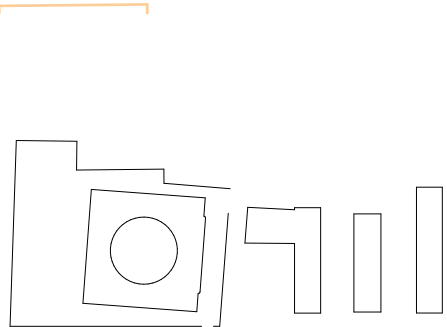




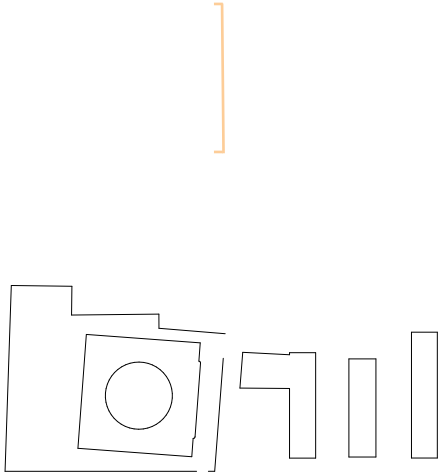
A library nestled in trees







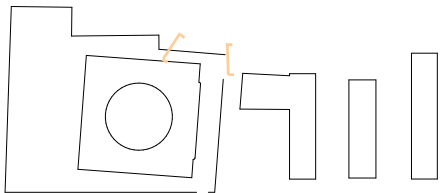




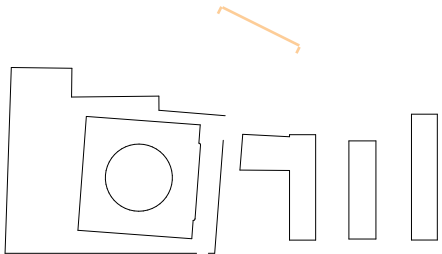




Approaching the Annexes



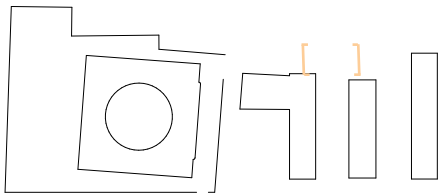




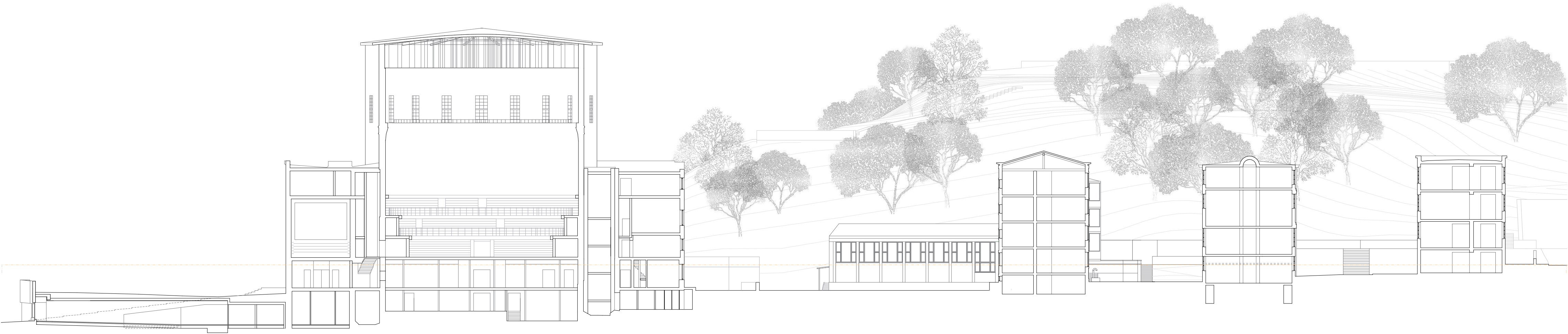




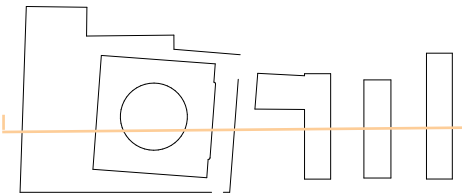
A crude network of retaining walls, ramps, stairs



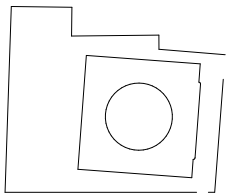




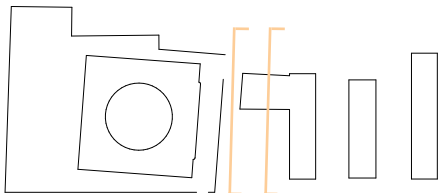
Varying floor heights



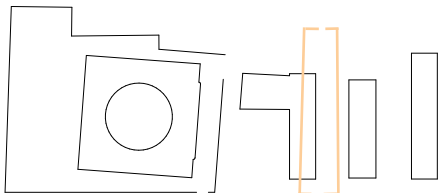




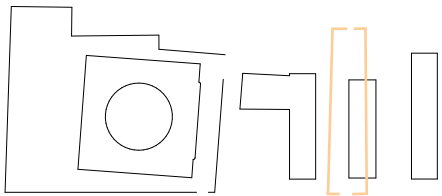




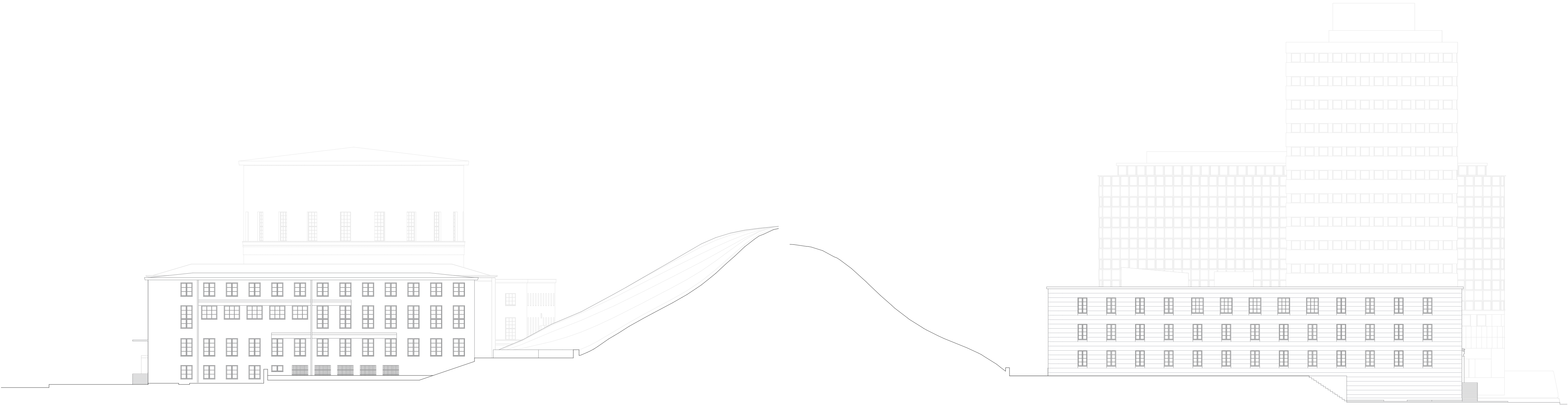




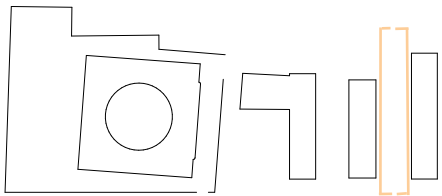




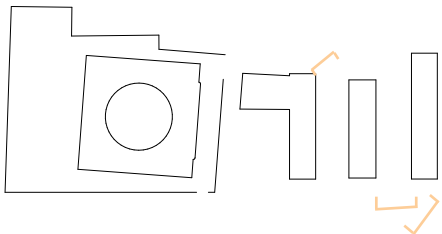




Relationship hill & Annex 2, hill & Annex 3



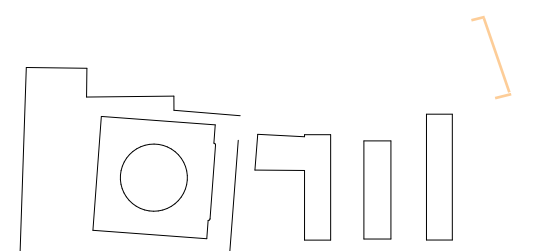








A space of disjunction but with potential







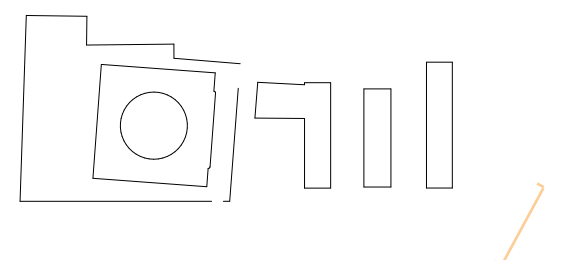


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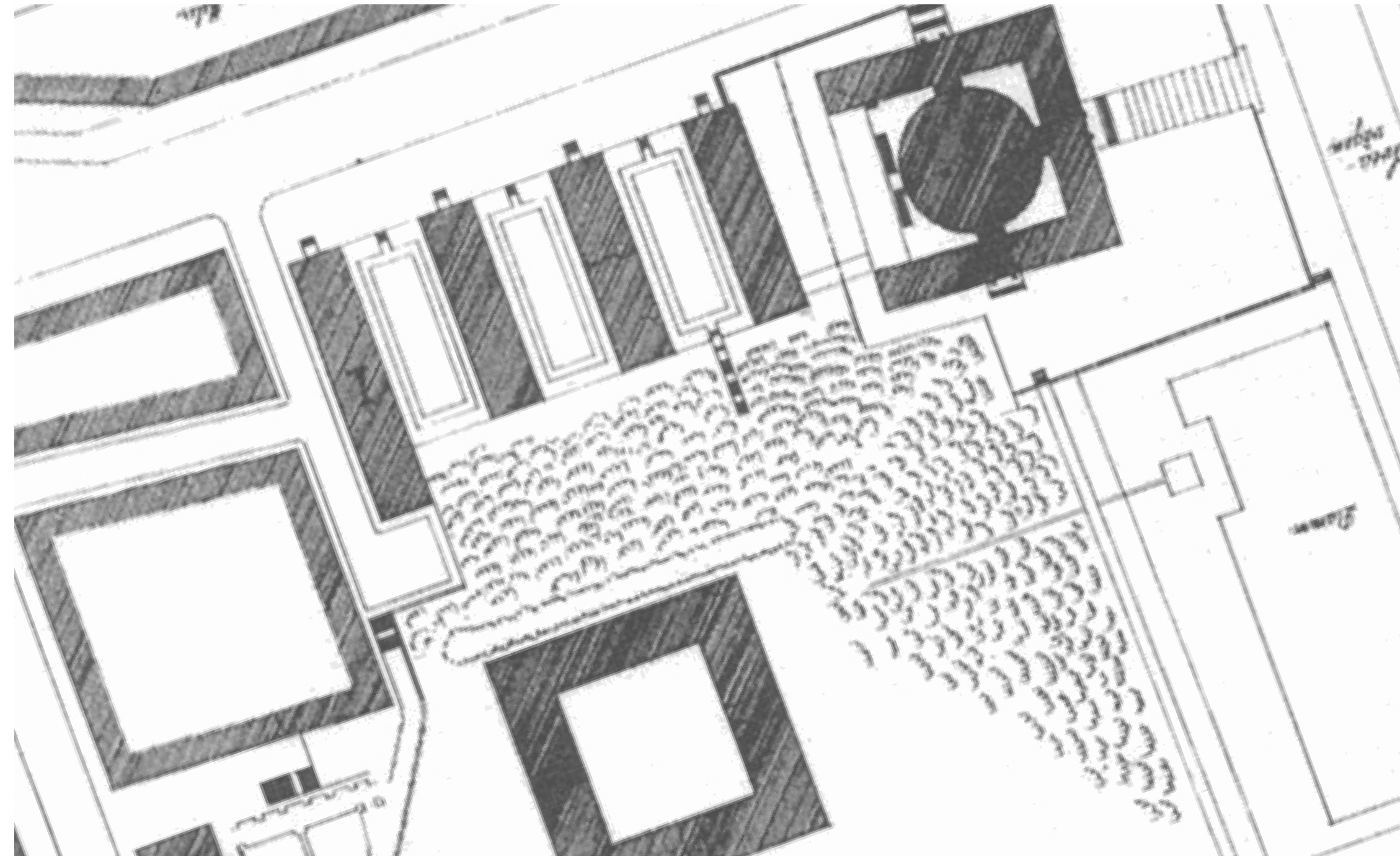




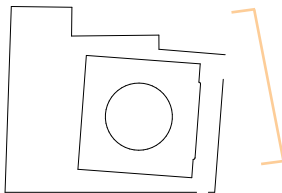
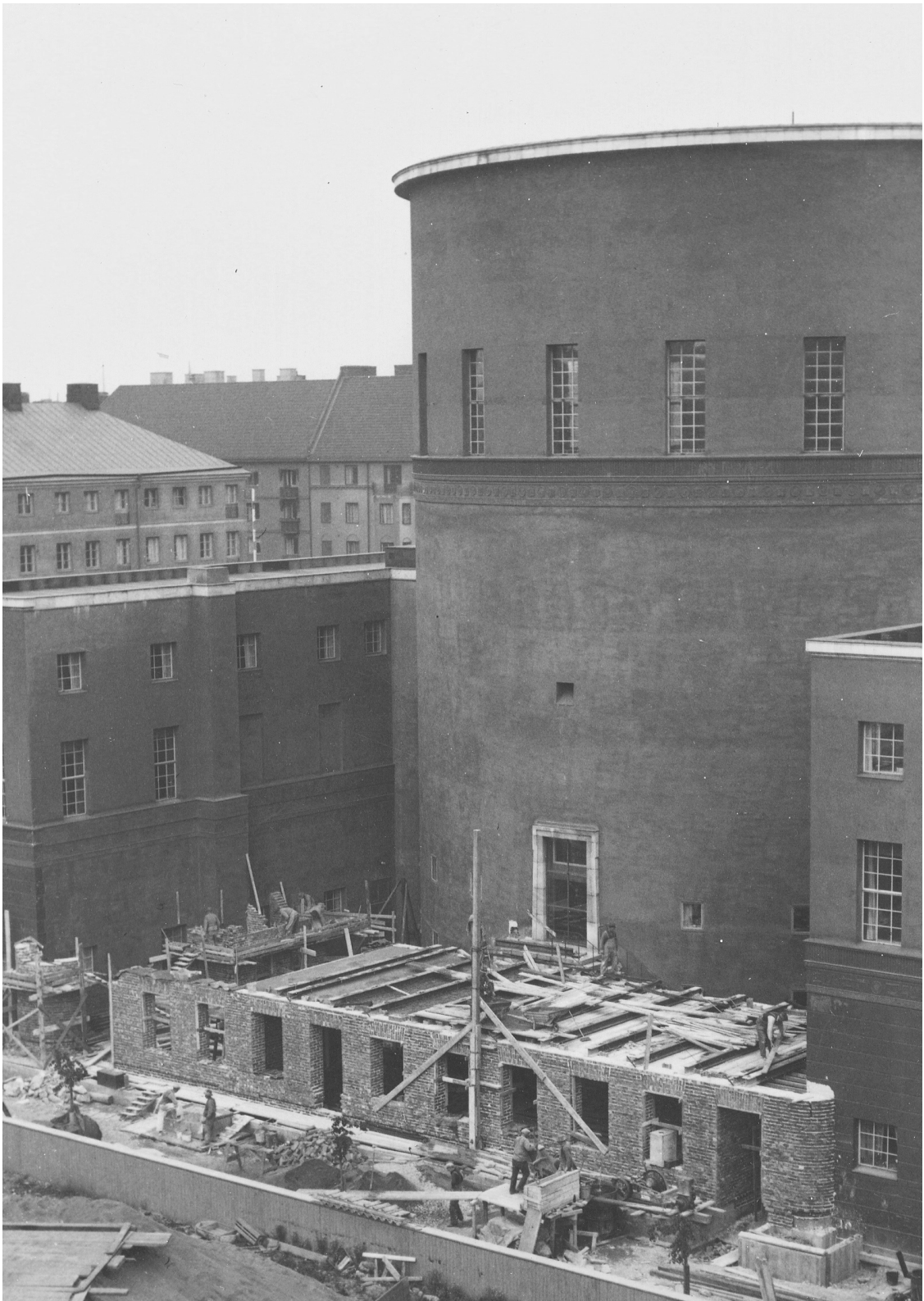
View from new public transport station Odenplan



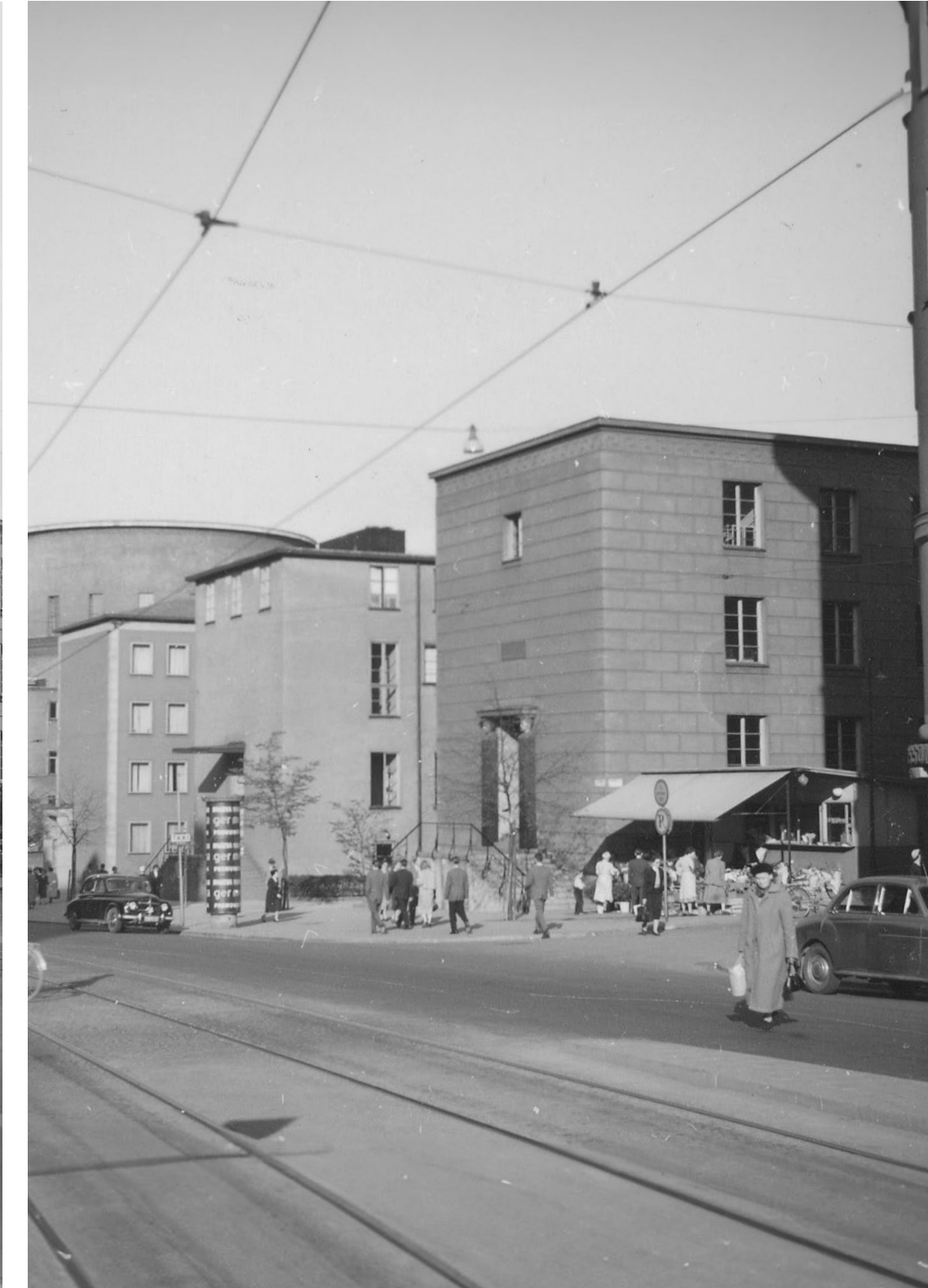
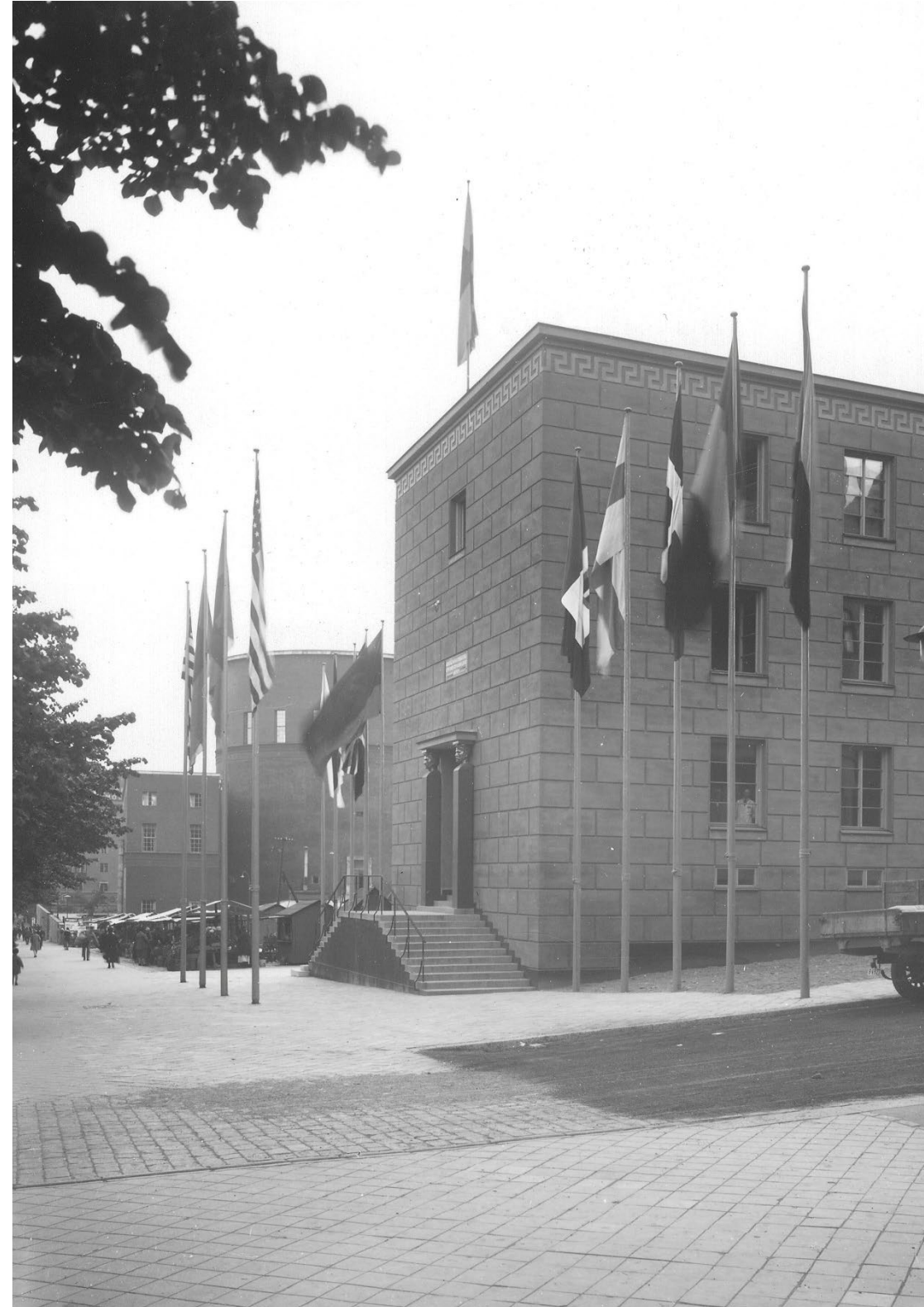








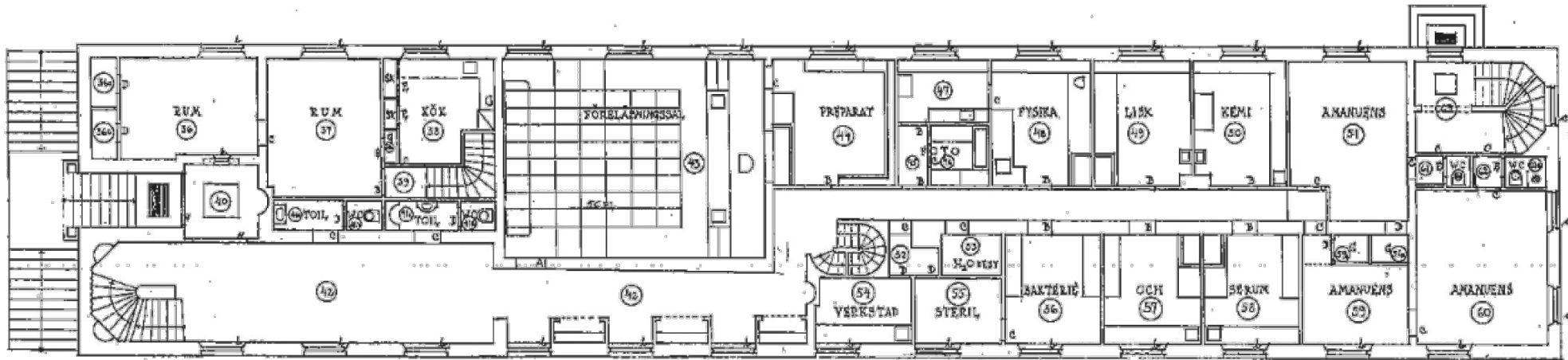




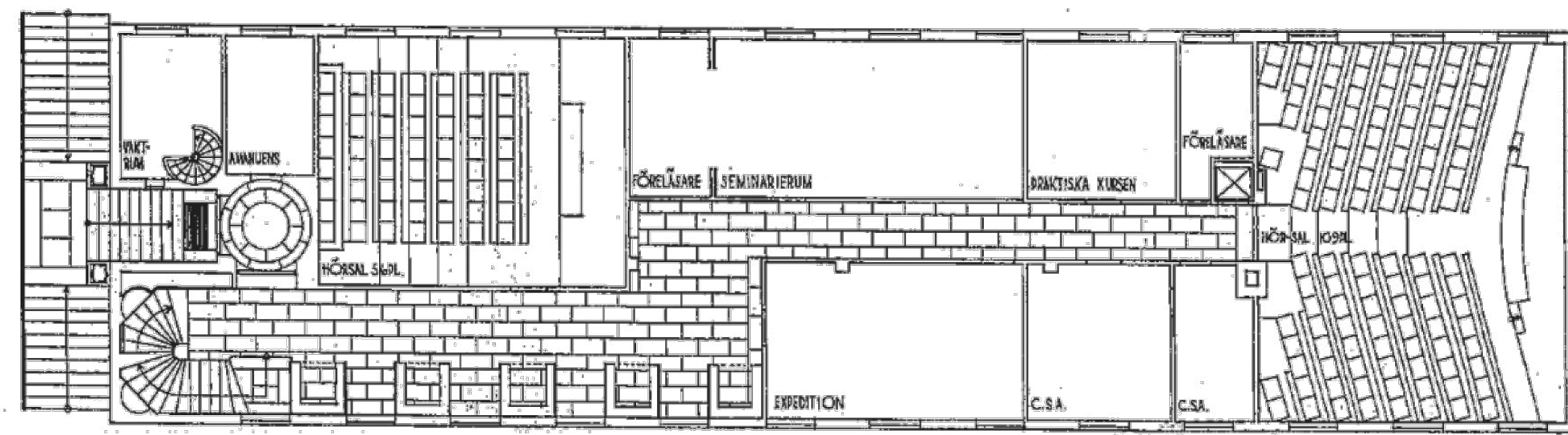








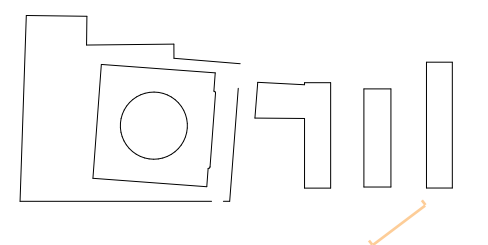




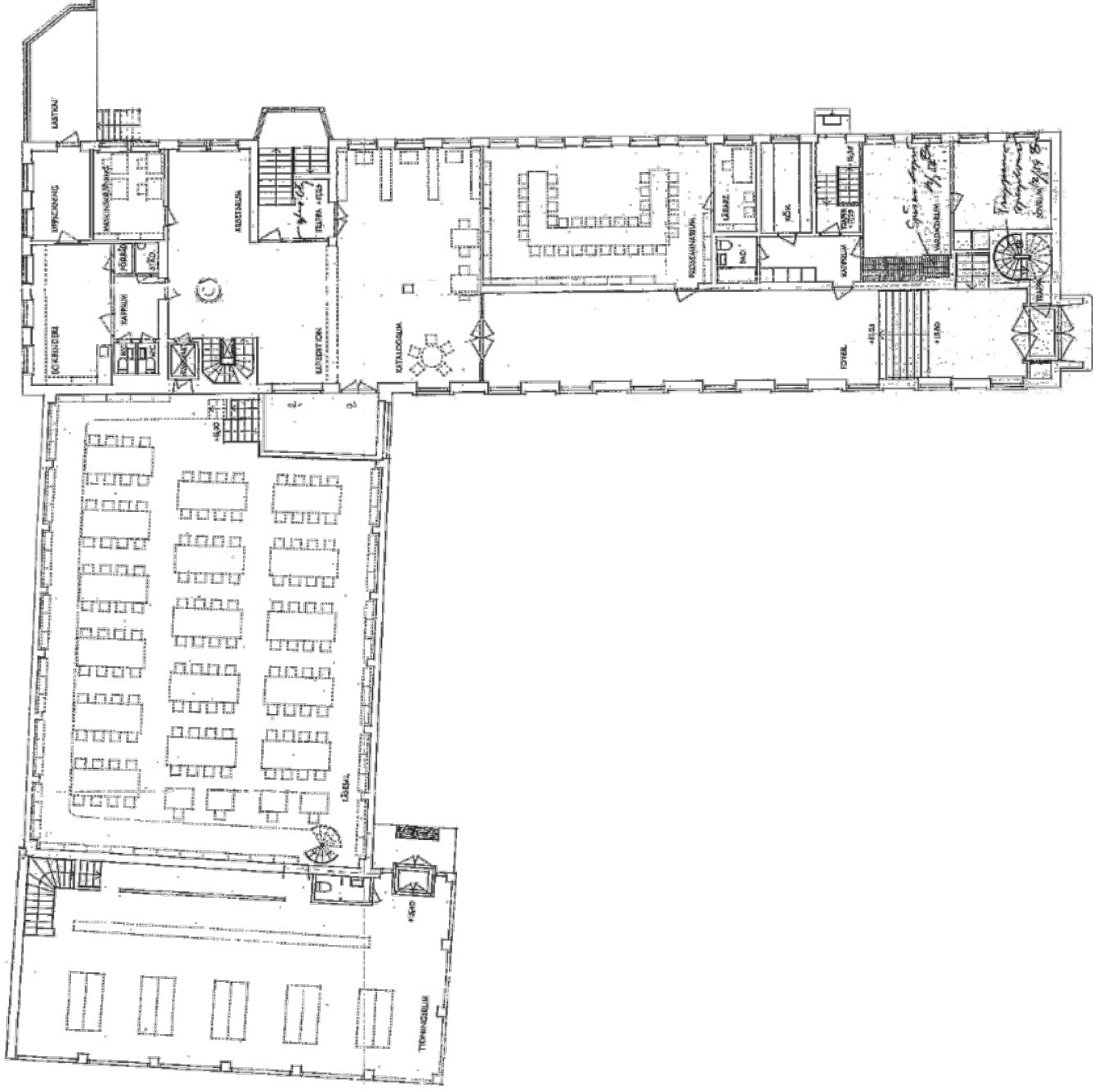




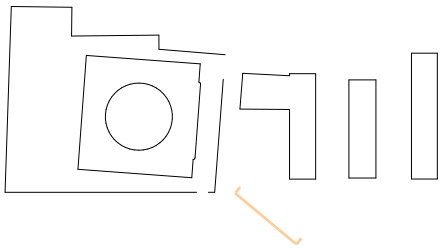
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Annex 1: Humanities Library then International Library



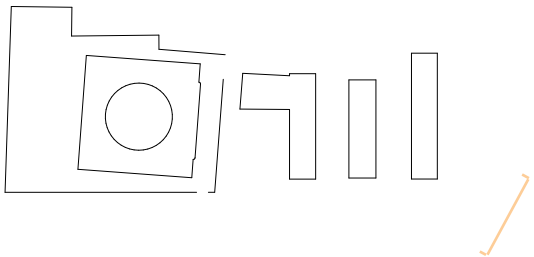












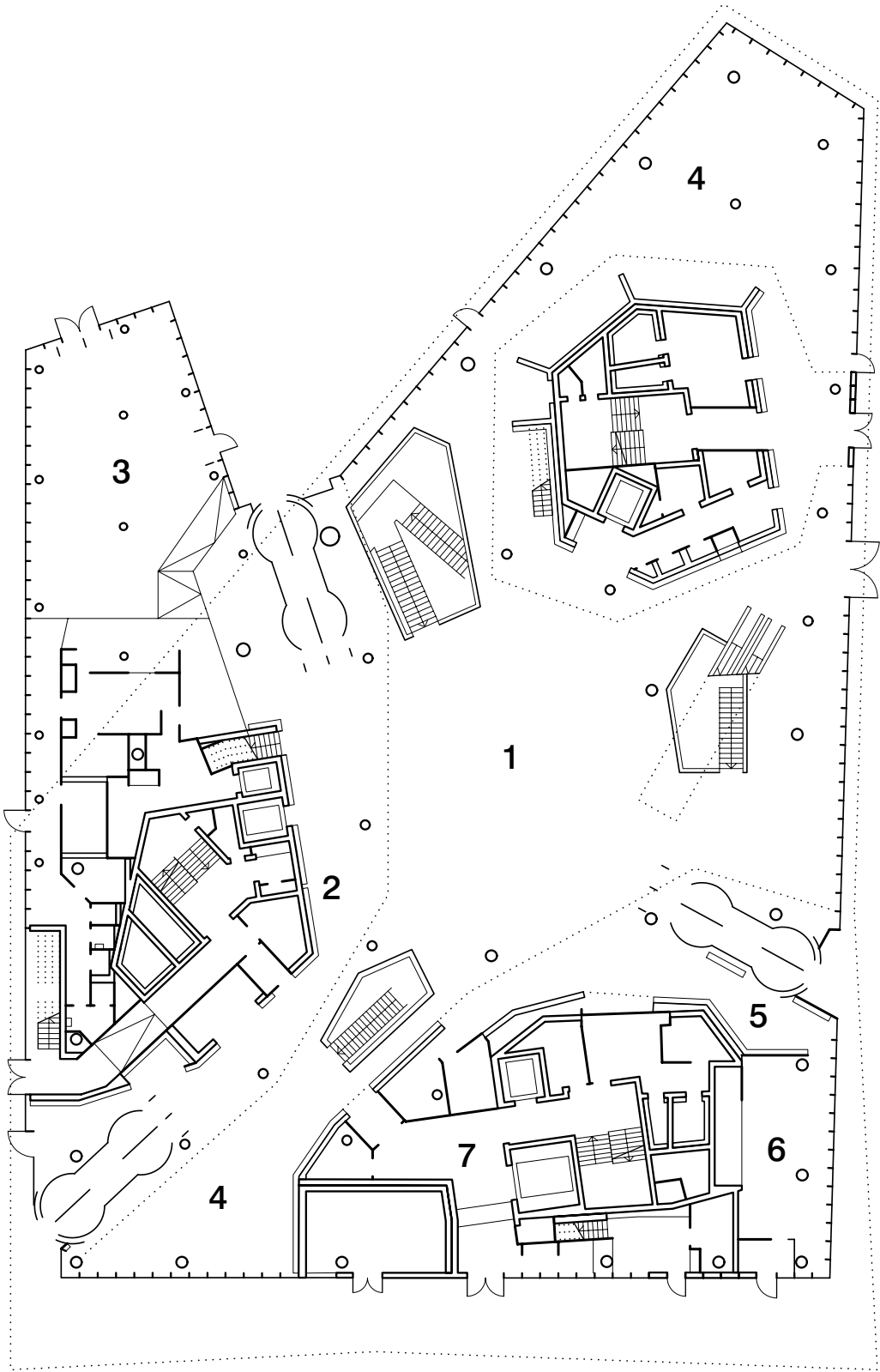


**„The goal is to double renovation rates by 2030.“**  
- Climate Pact, European Commission



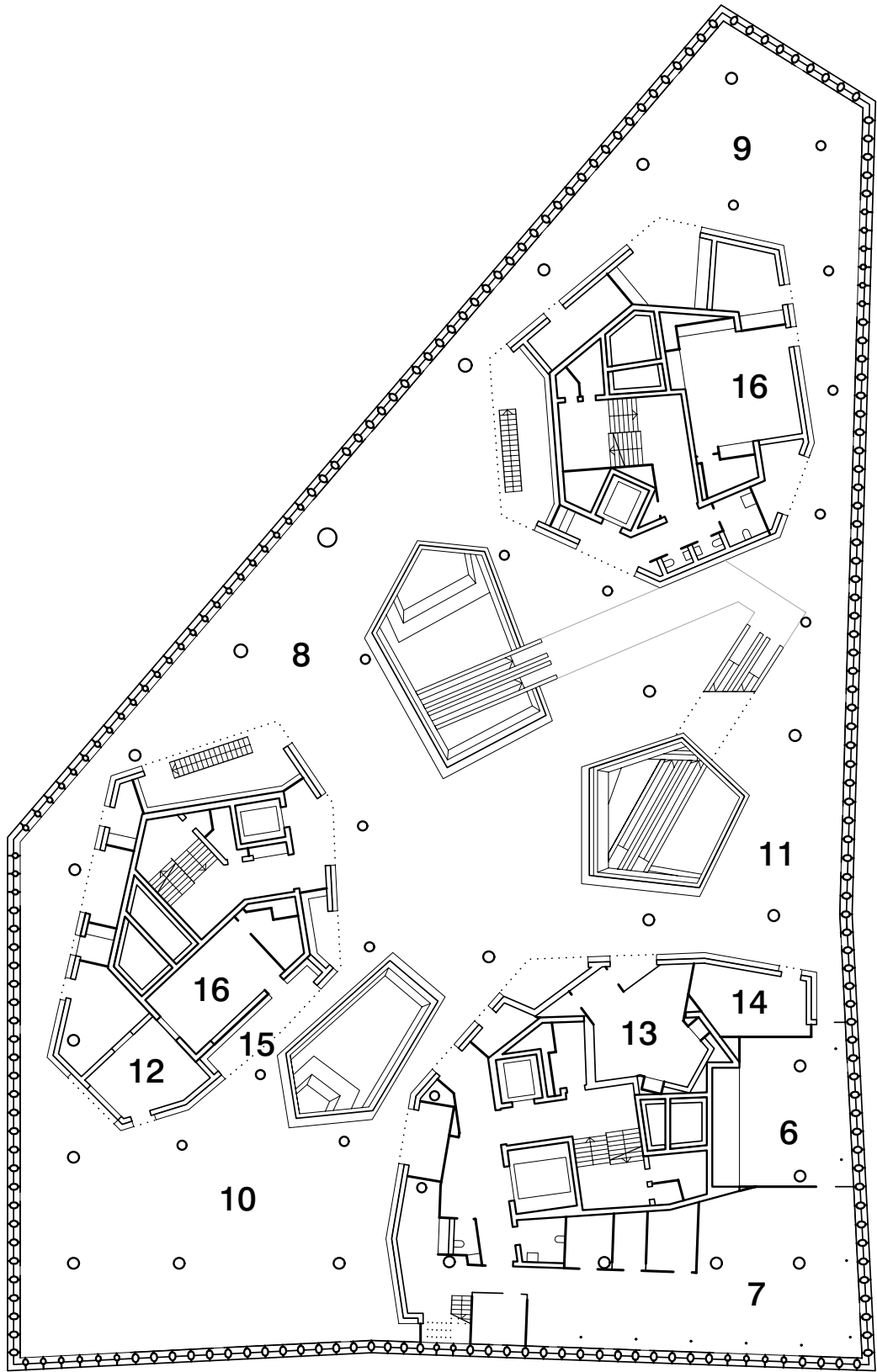
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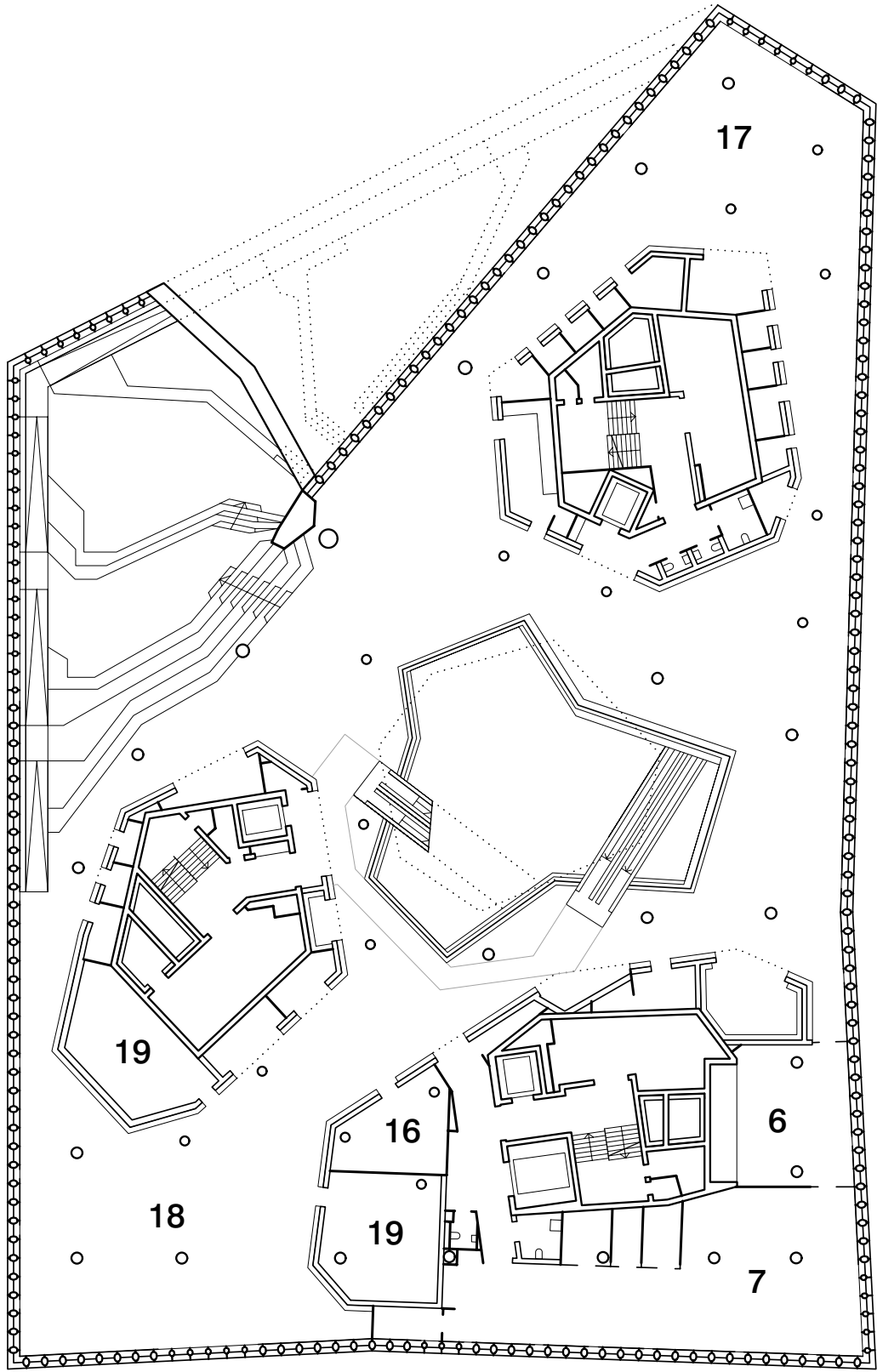
Ground floor

- 1 Entrance hall
- 2 Help desk / Information
- 3 Café / restaurant
- 4 Rentable area
- 5 Circulation desk



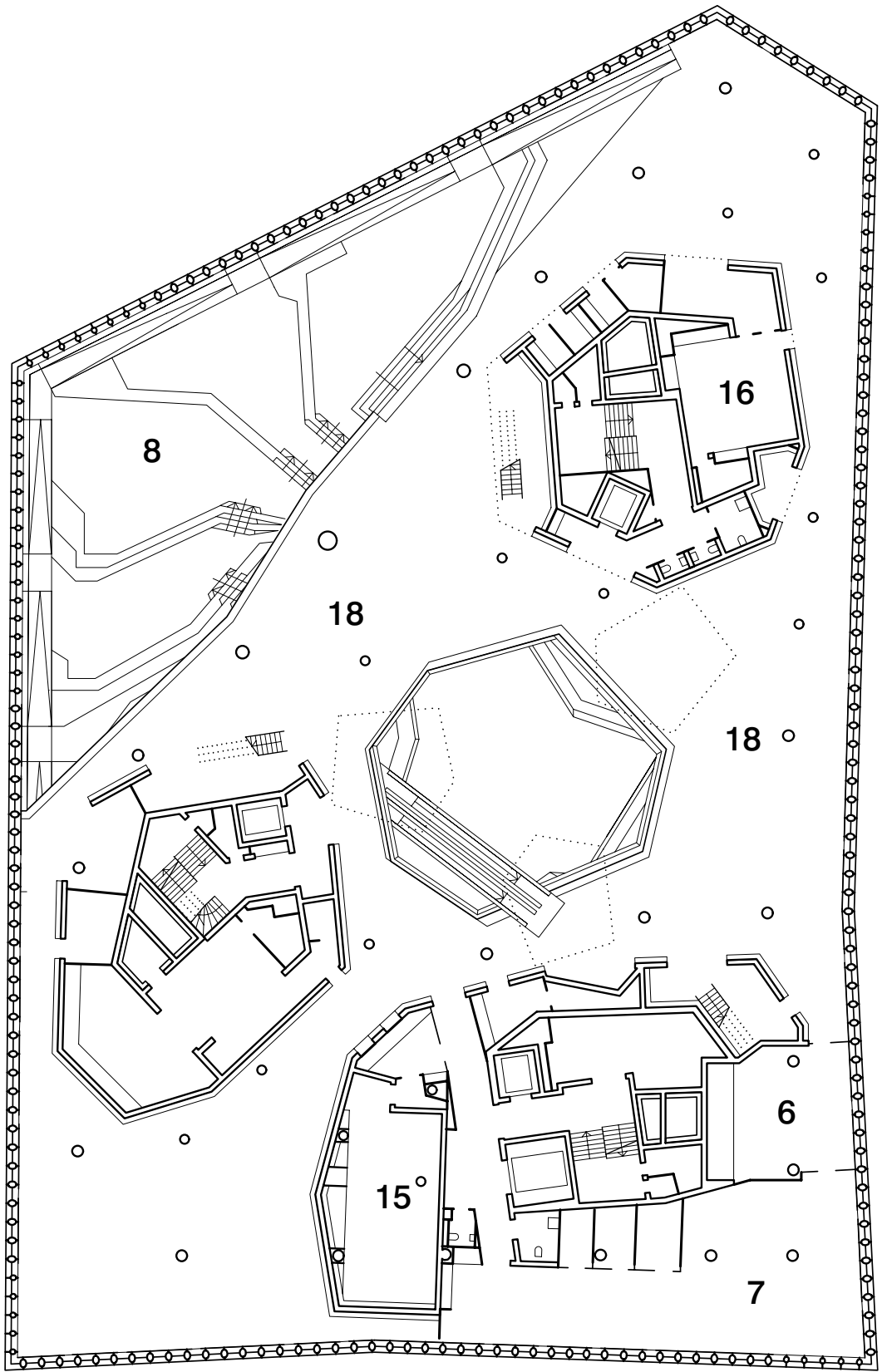
Second floor

- 6 Book sorting equipment
- 7 Adiminstration
- 8 Lounge area
- 9 Maker space / workshop
- 10 Audio department



Third floor

- 11 Video department
- 12 Studio
- 13 Play area
- 14 Screening room
- 15 Exhibition area



Fourth floor

- 16 Meeting room
- 17 Art and architecture
- 18 Sciences
- 19 Language lab





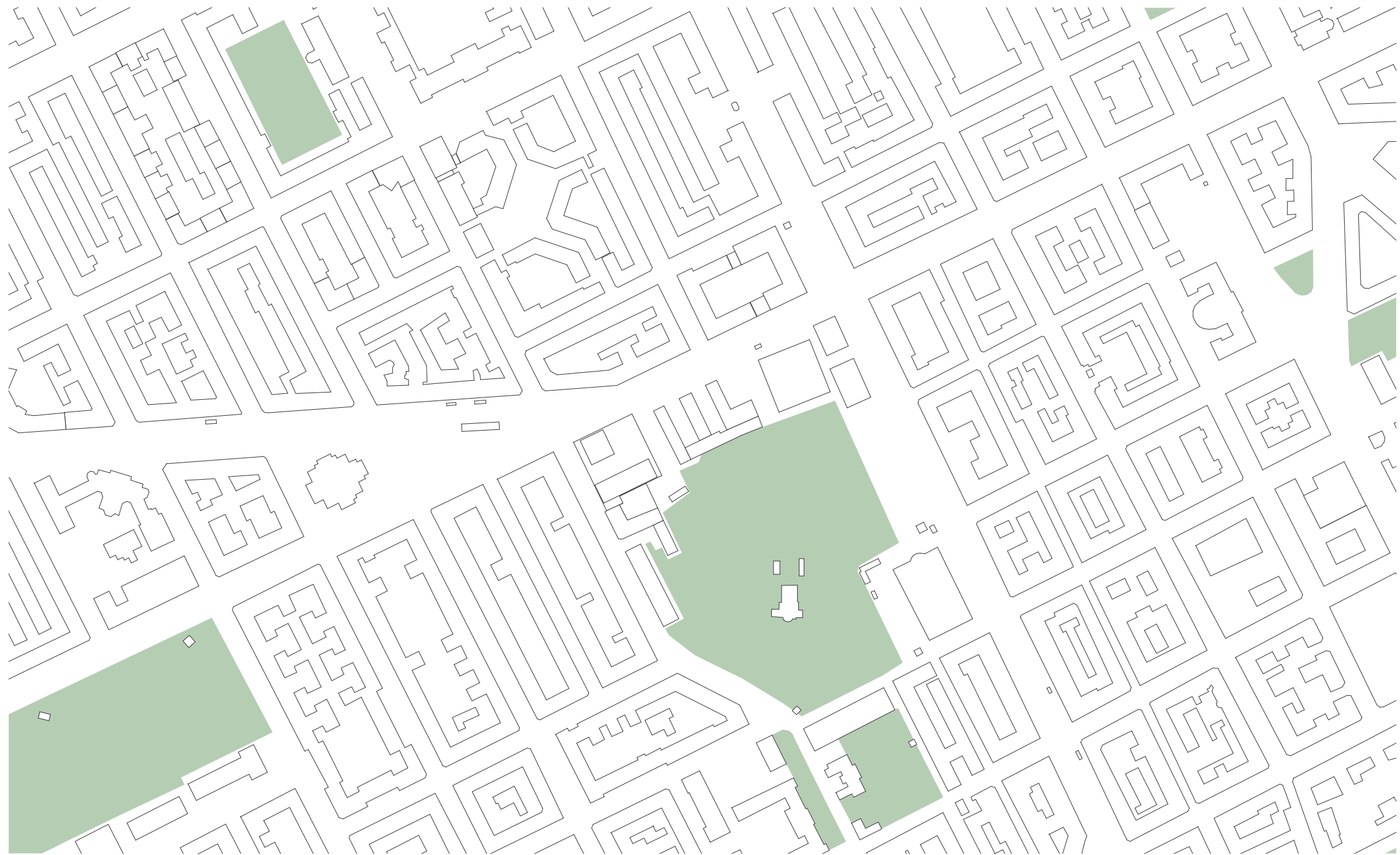


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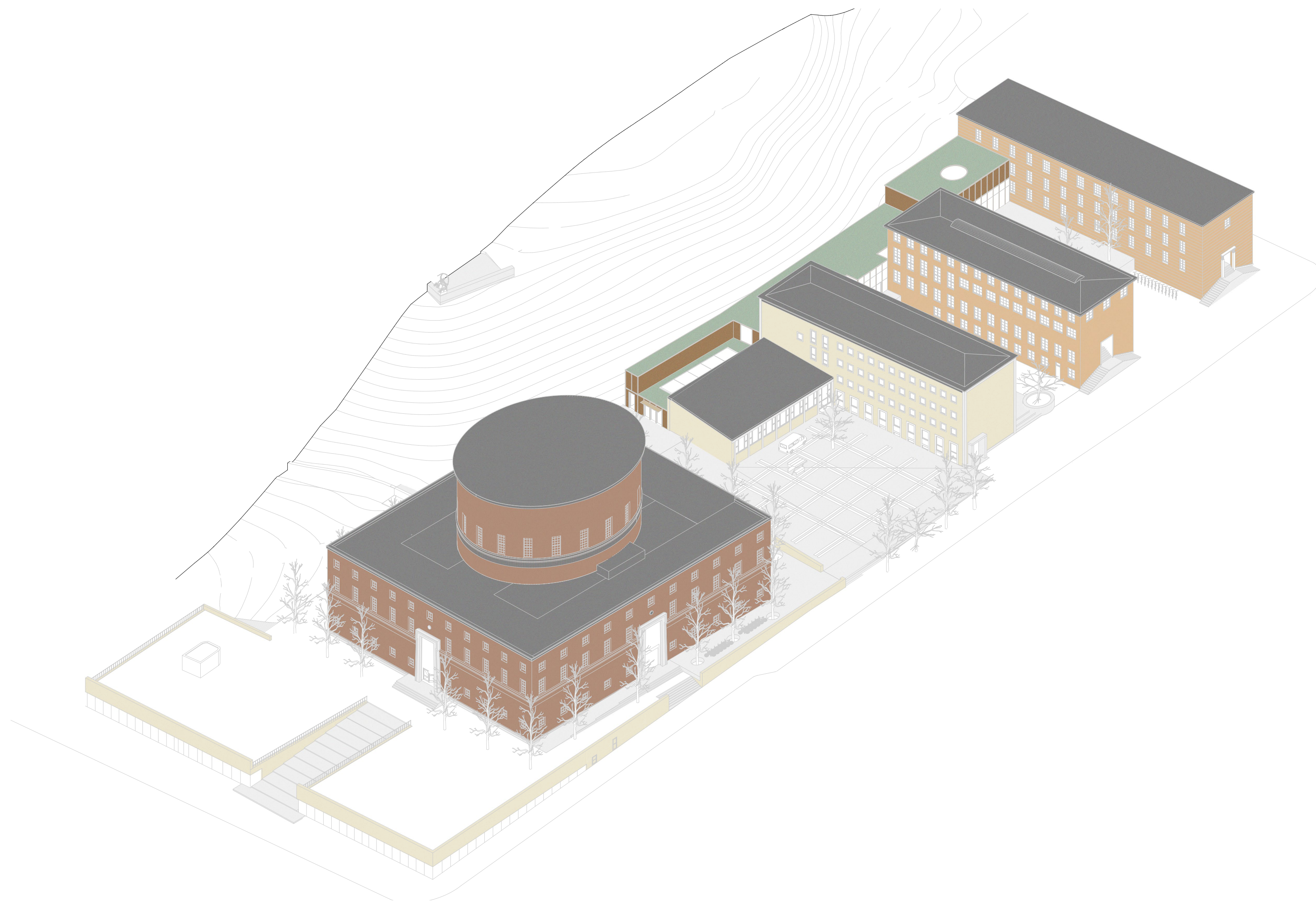


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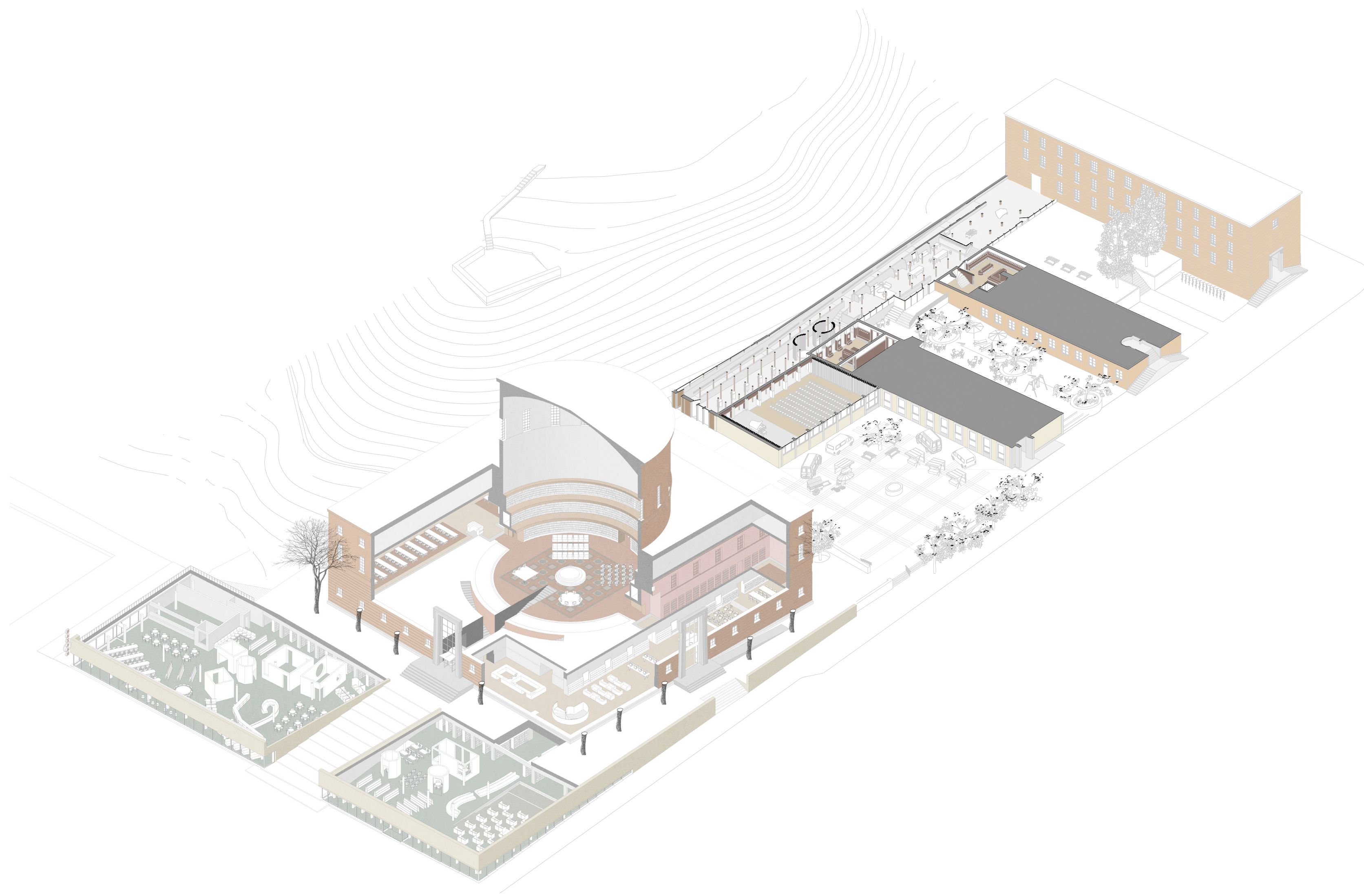




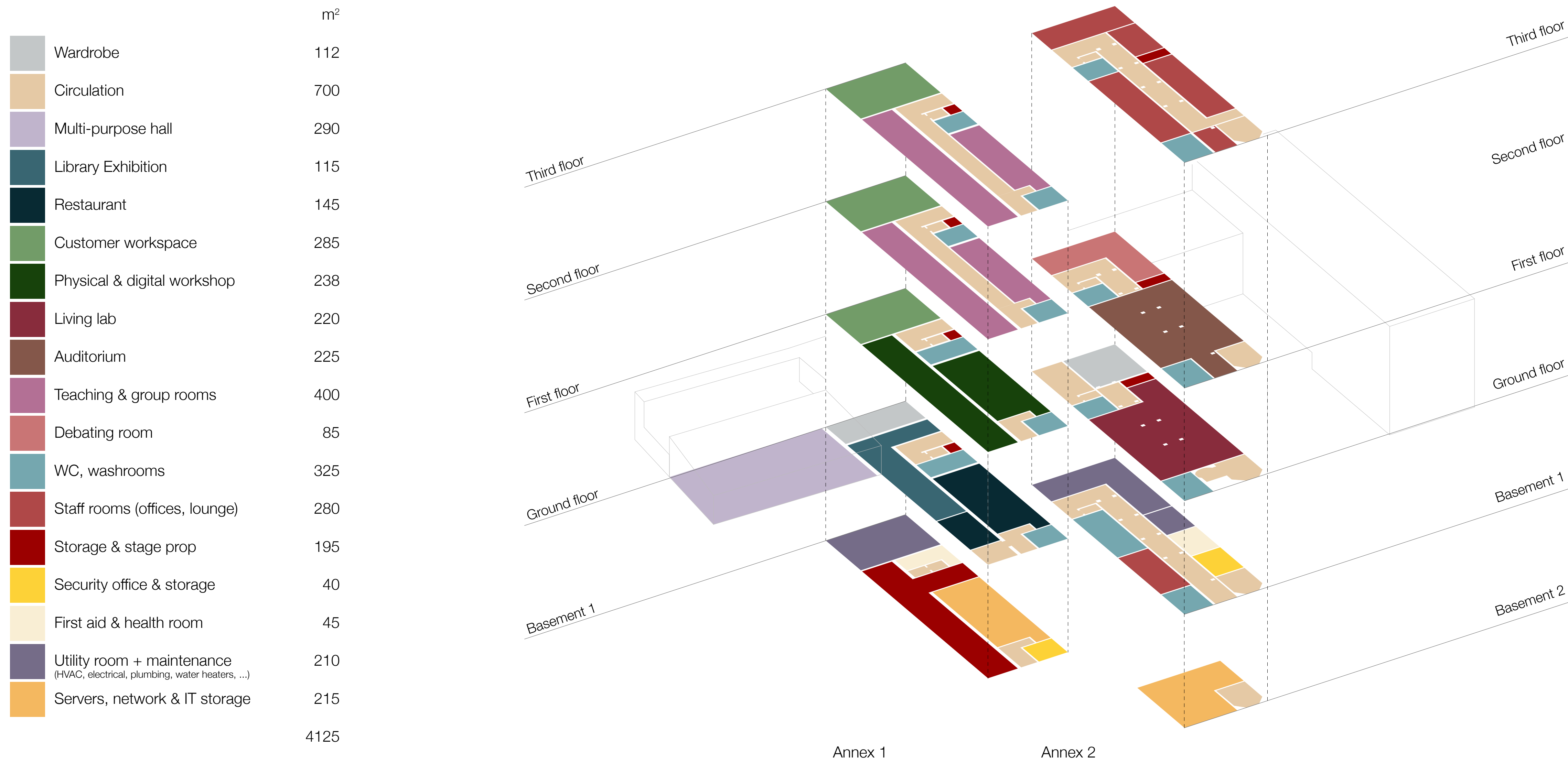




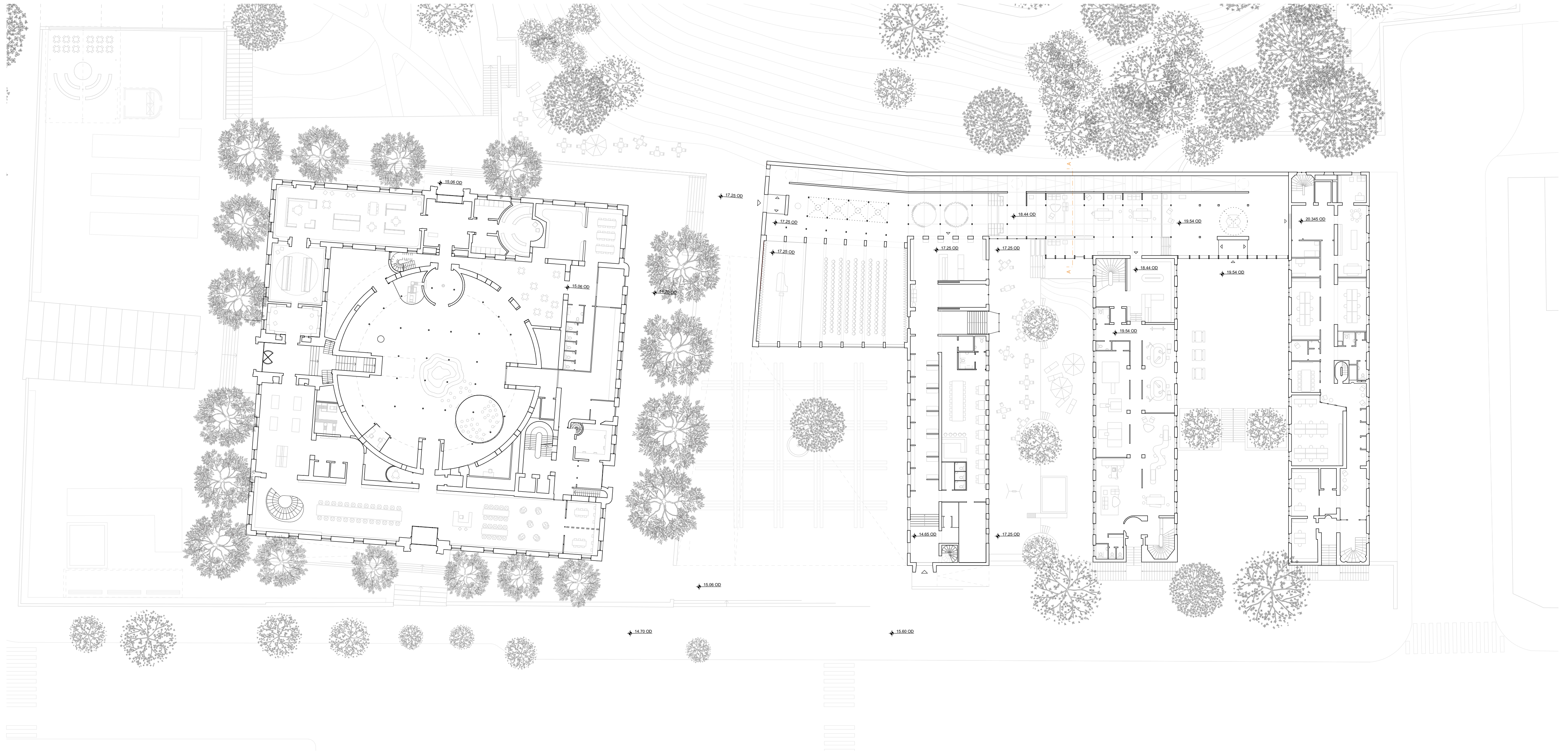




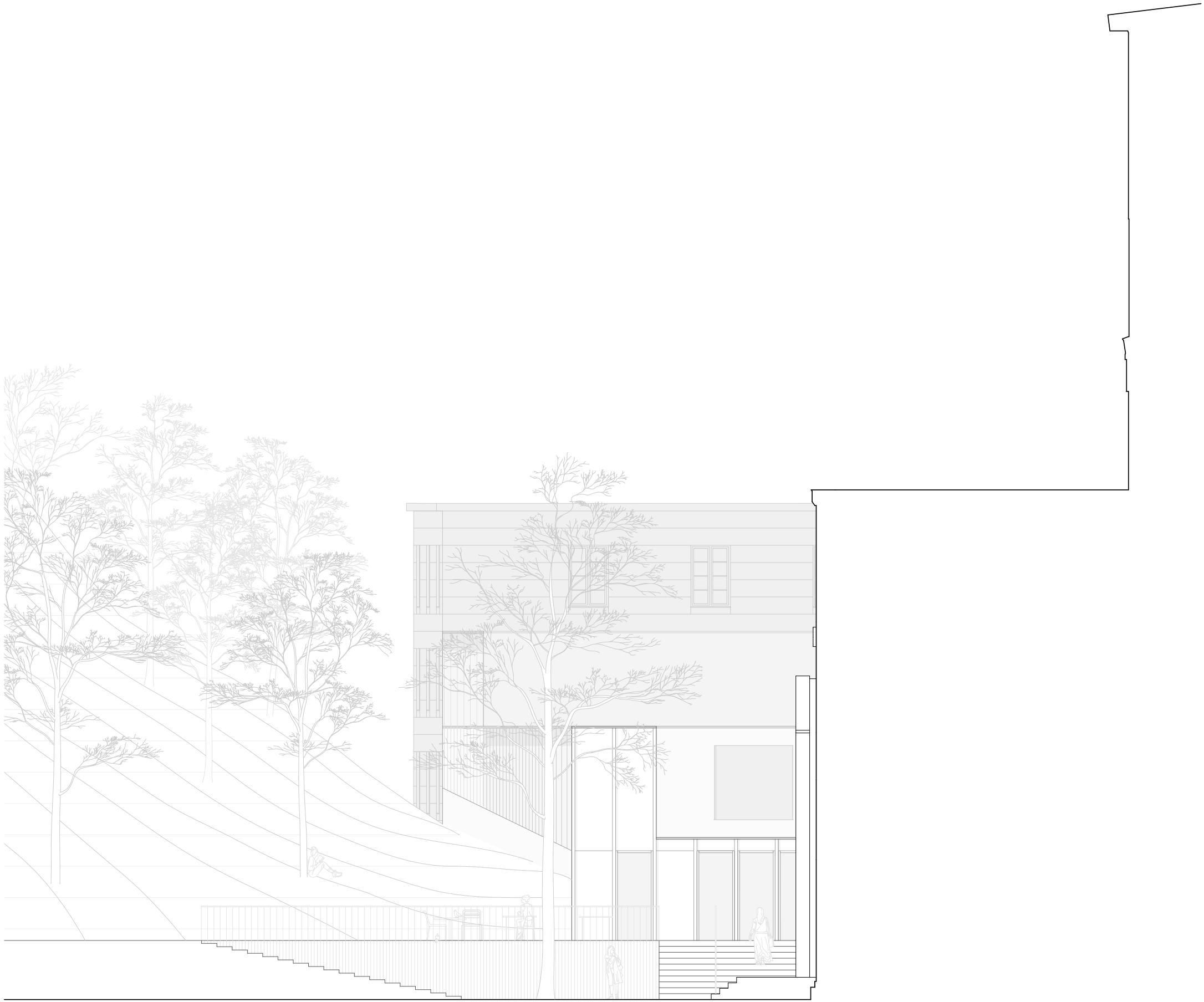




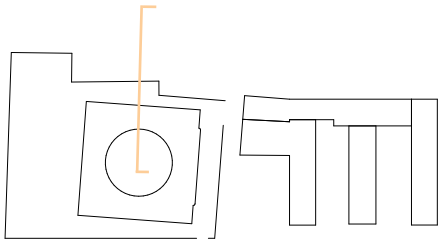




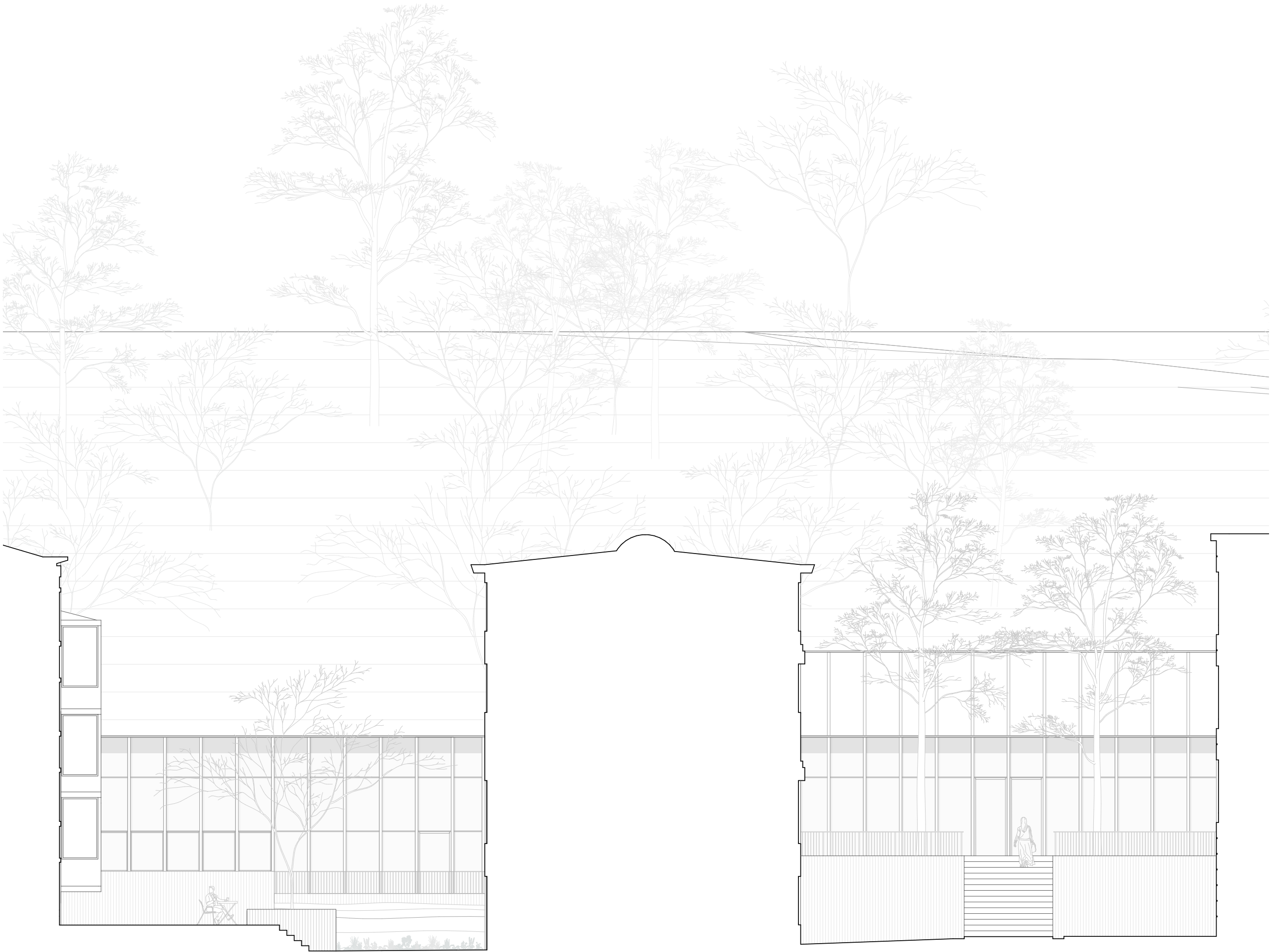




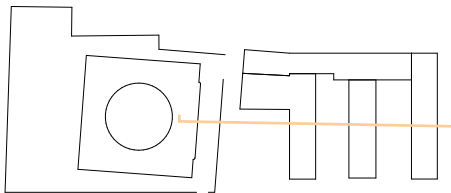
East entrance elevation (POV Children's Library entrance)



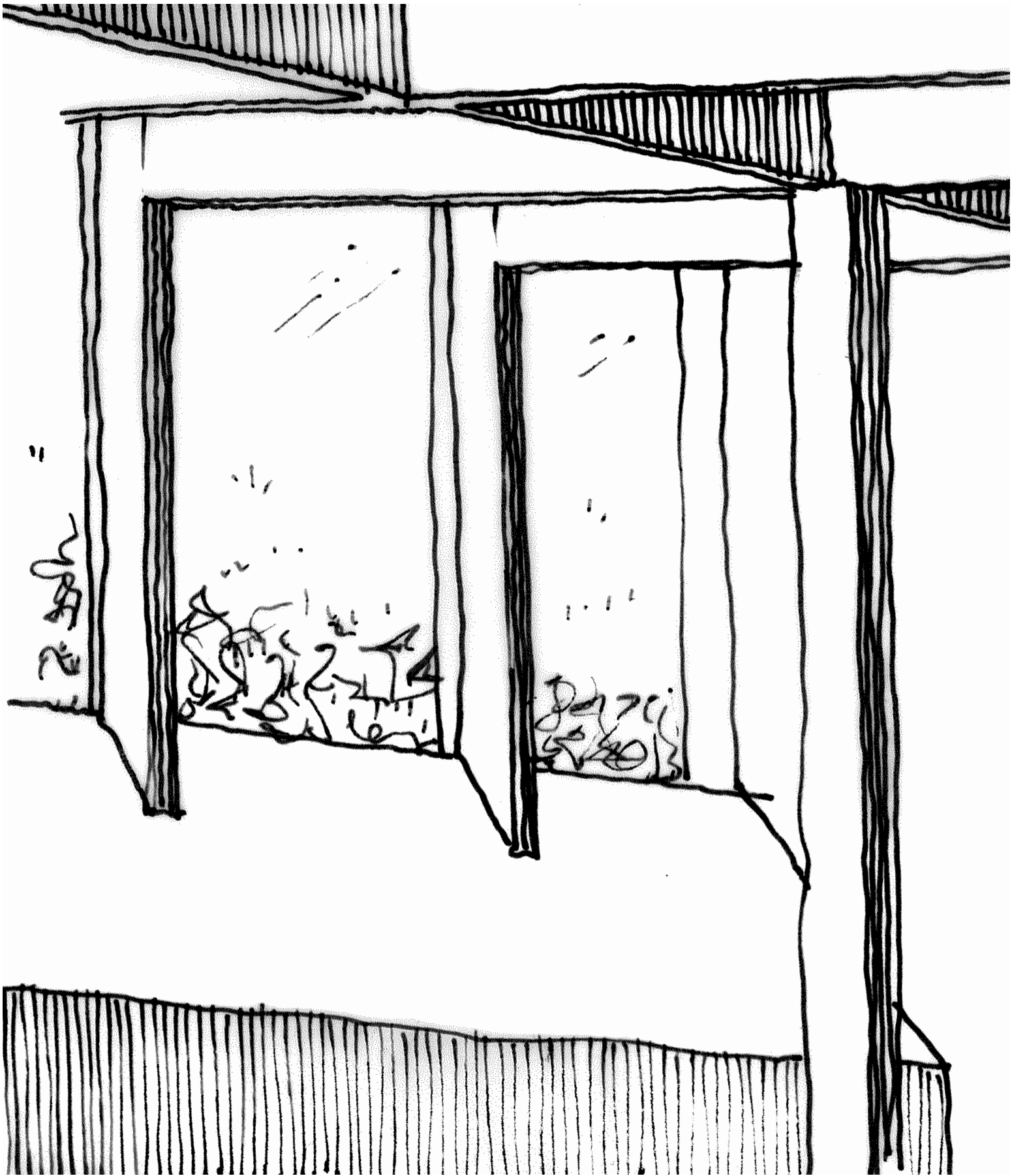
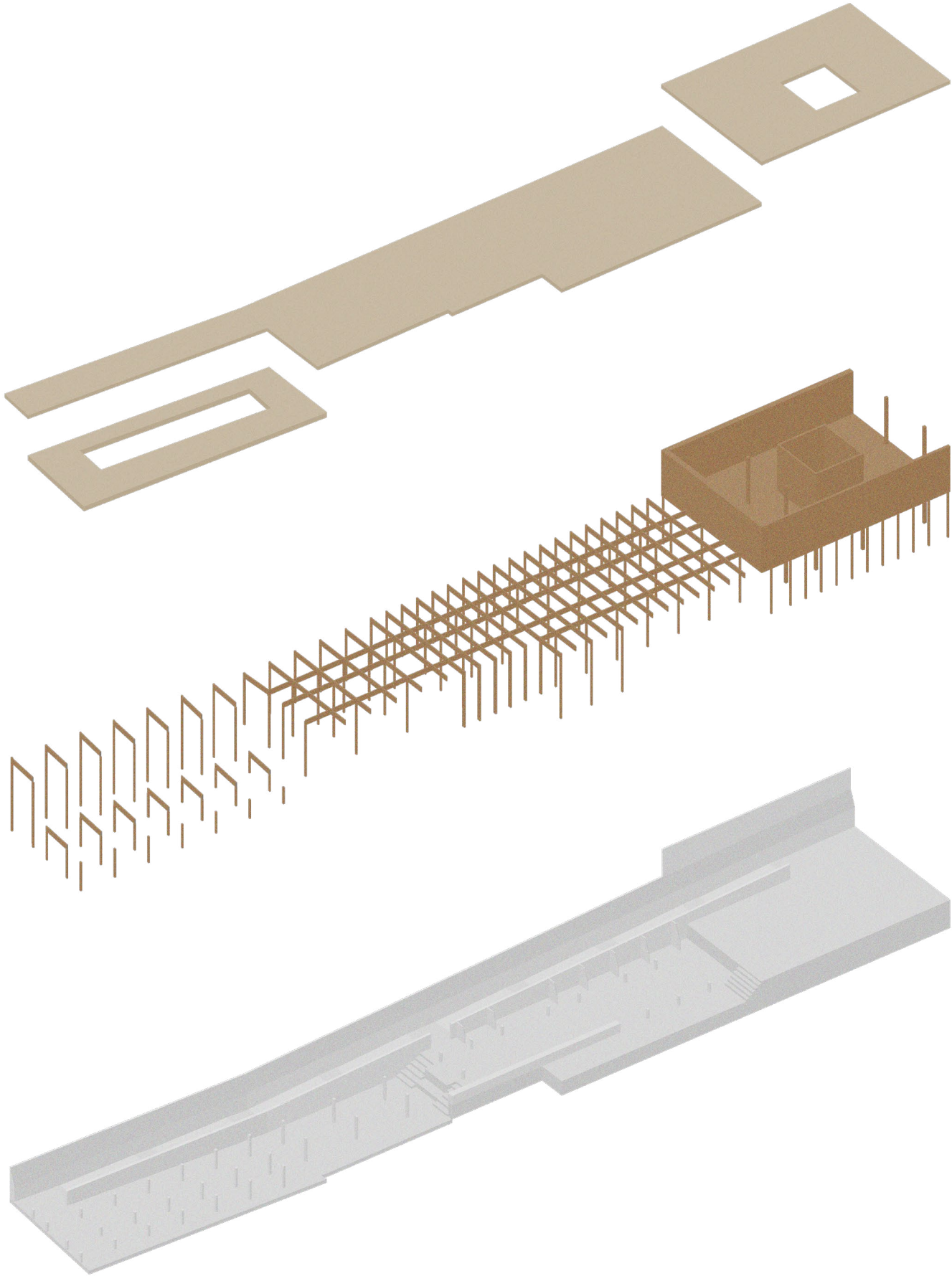




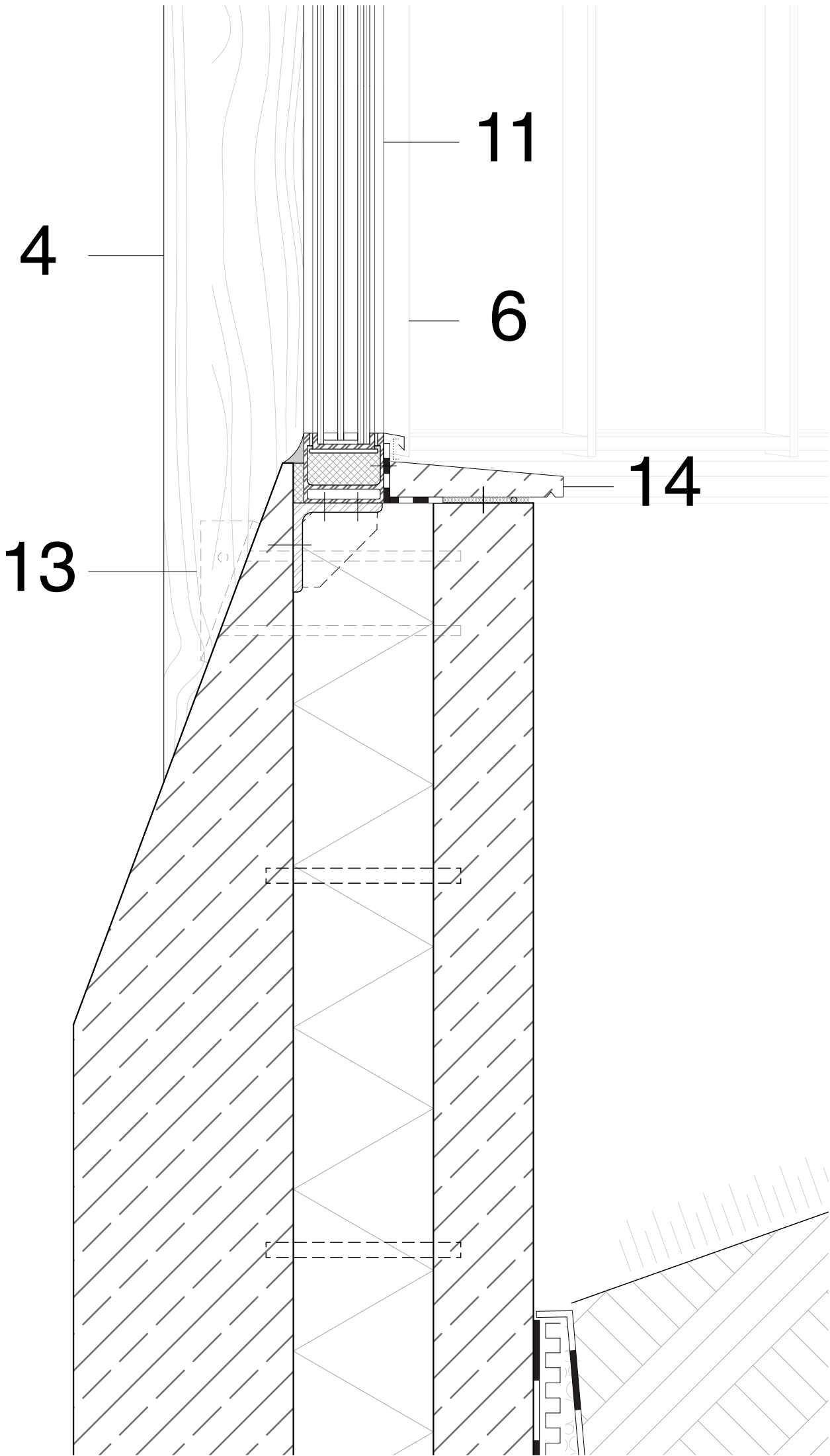
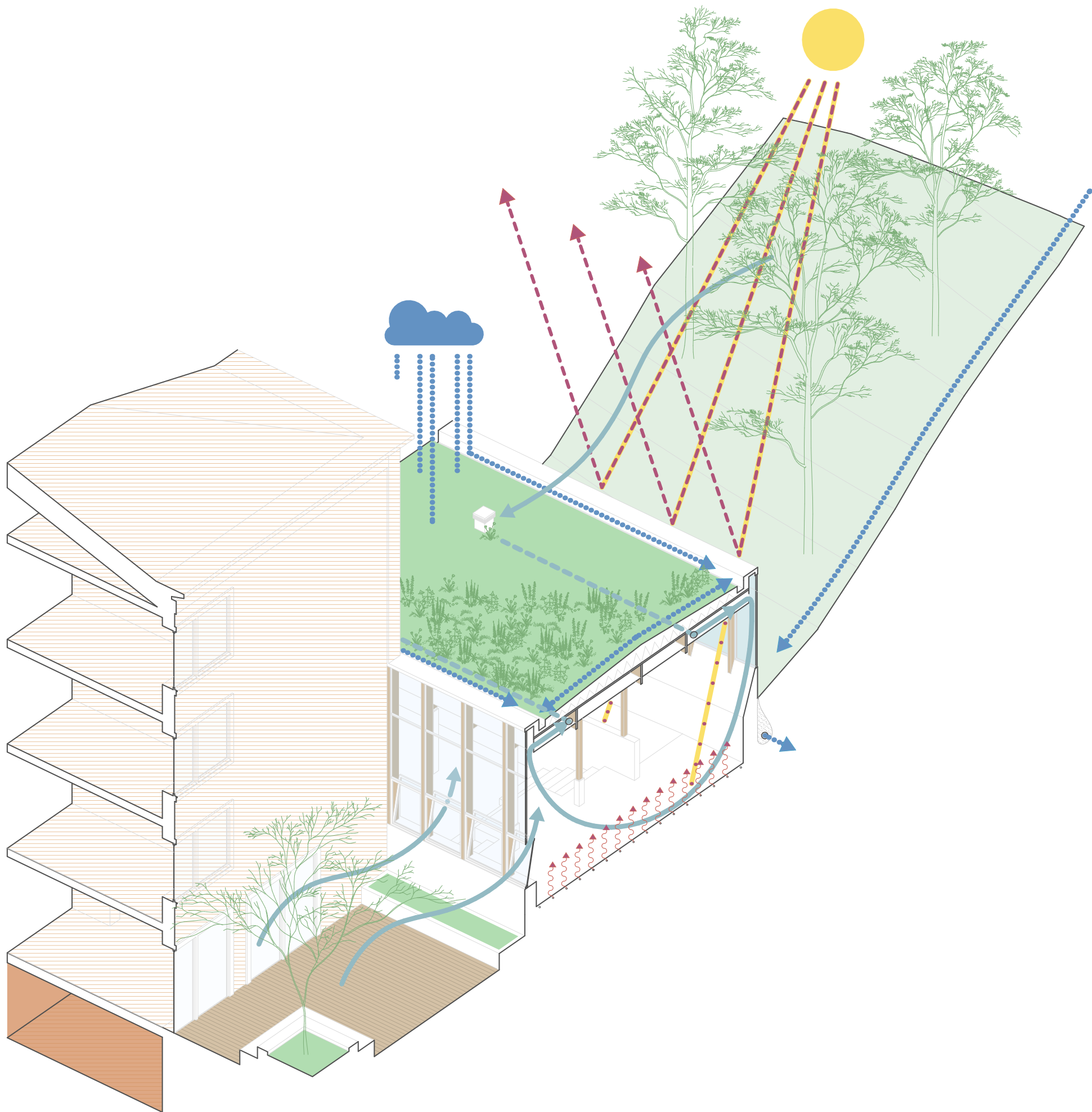
North elevation (Section through Annex 1, 2 and 3 from left to right)



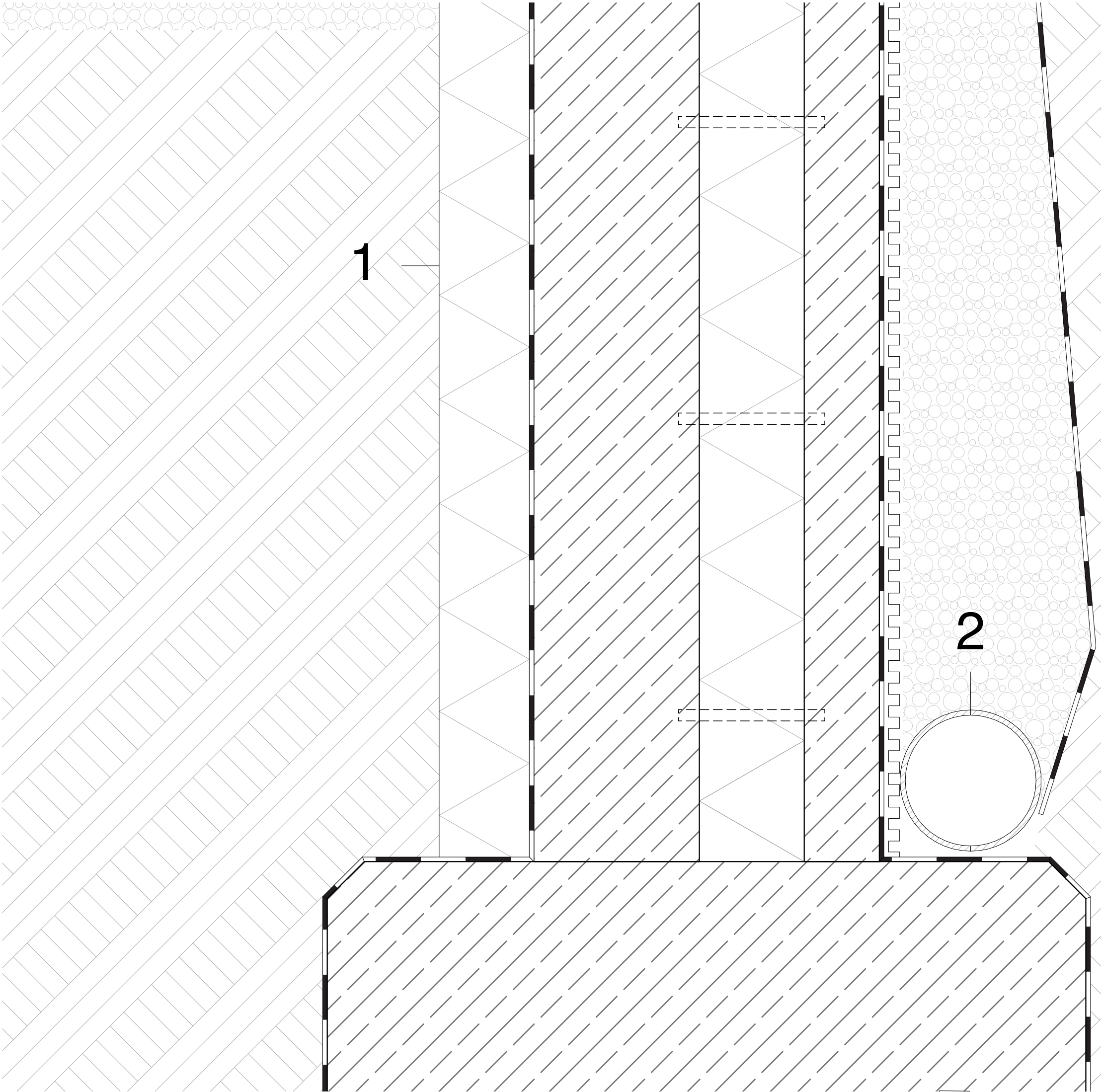
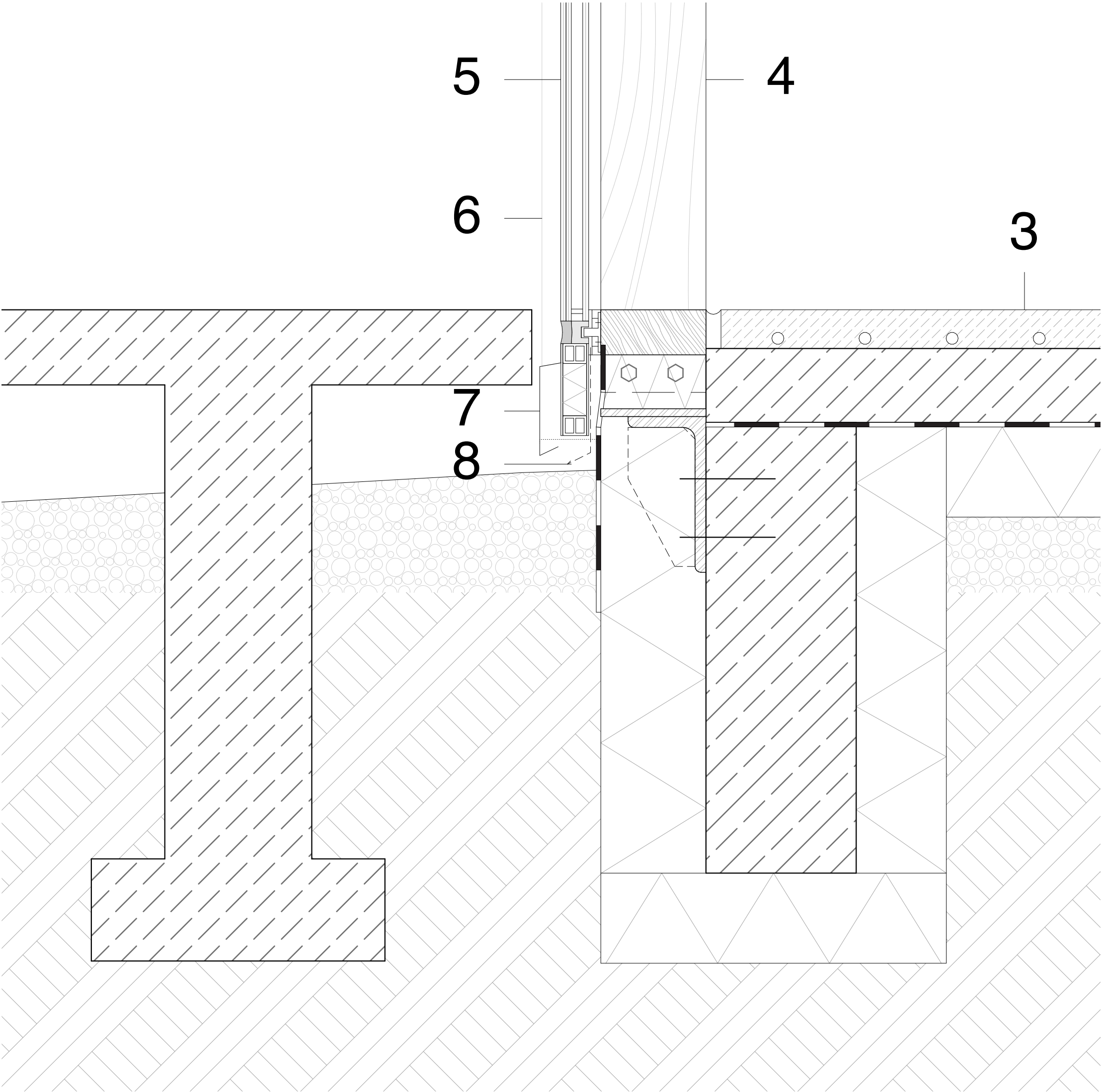




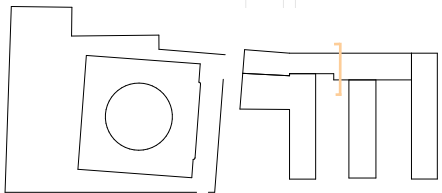
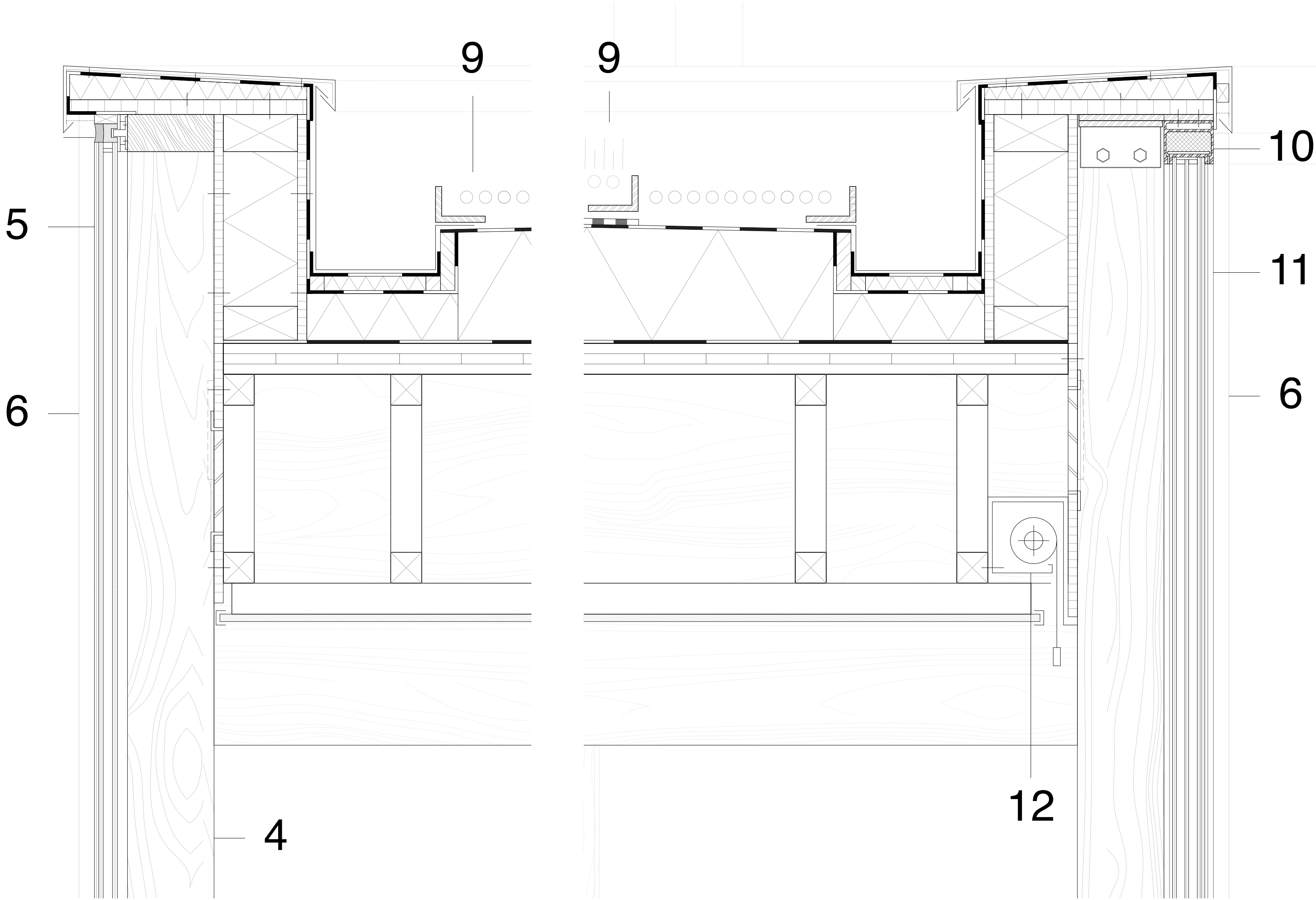




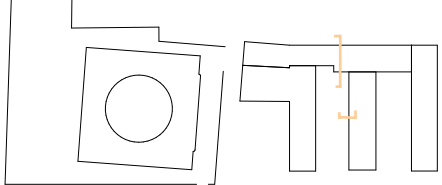
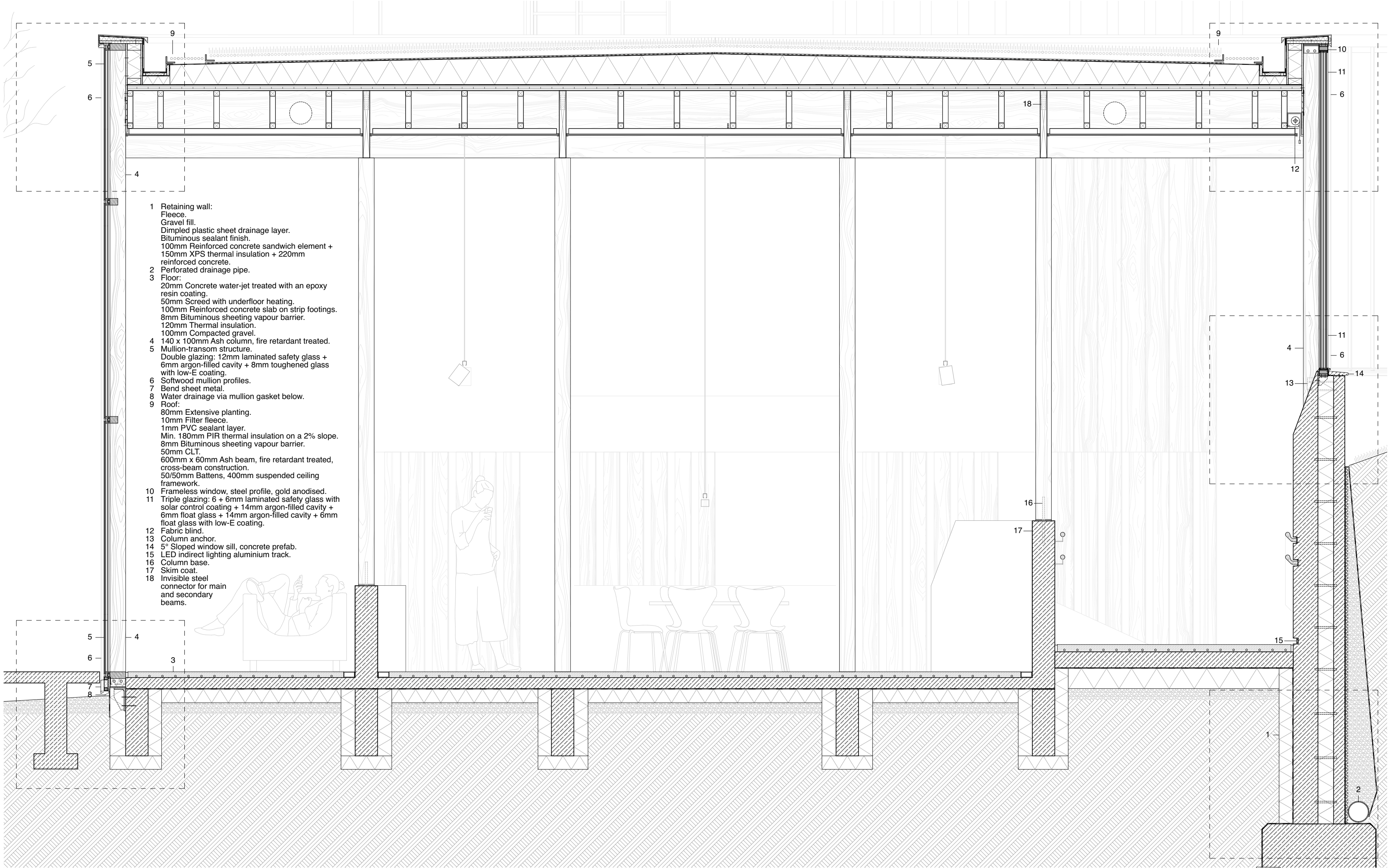


















































































































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