

The Common Foodscape



Working in the production centre, I get to work on the future of agriculture, while providing local families with food. Whenever I am at the production centre, I can see people enjoying my work. I am hoping in the nearby future there will be a home available at the estate or in the Urban Oasis. That would almost be working from home.

We moved from the countryside to be closer to family. Living here gives us the chance to still experience country-life with all the perks of living in London.

I want to visit the Reservoir Estate. Walking through the agricultural lands is a refreshing change of pace from the rest of London. Last time I actually exchanged some of my home-grown goods at the market to some local honey.

Gardening has always been my hobby. However, the small balcony in my old flat did not provide much space for that. Now I get to be part of a community and get to grow my own vegetables. All at my own place. On the weekends I like to help out with the gardening workshops, and share my experience with those living at the estate. This way, I meet a lot of people both from the estate and the outside of it.

I always wanted to work outdoors, sitting at a table all day is not active enough for me. But, there are little jobs here in London that offer this. So working here, this close to home, it could not be more perfect.

I never learned how to cook, and now that I have this much spare time left, I join the cooking classes every Thursday. It has thought me all kinds of recipes from different cultures. It gets me out of the house, and also made me meet some new friends.

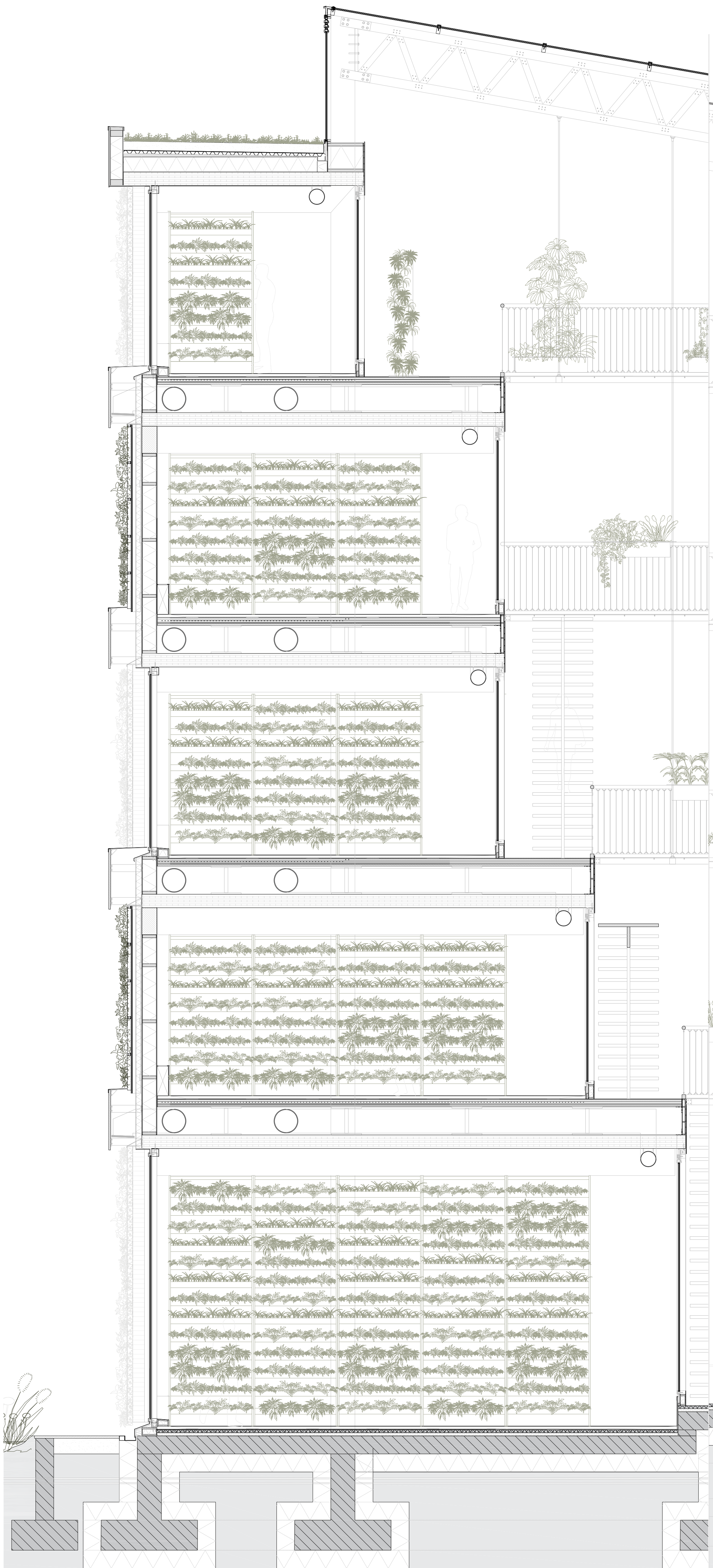
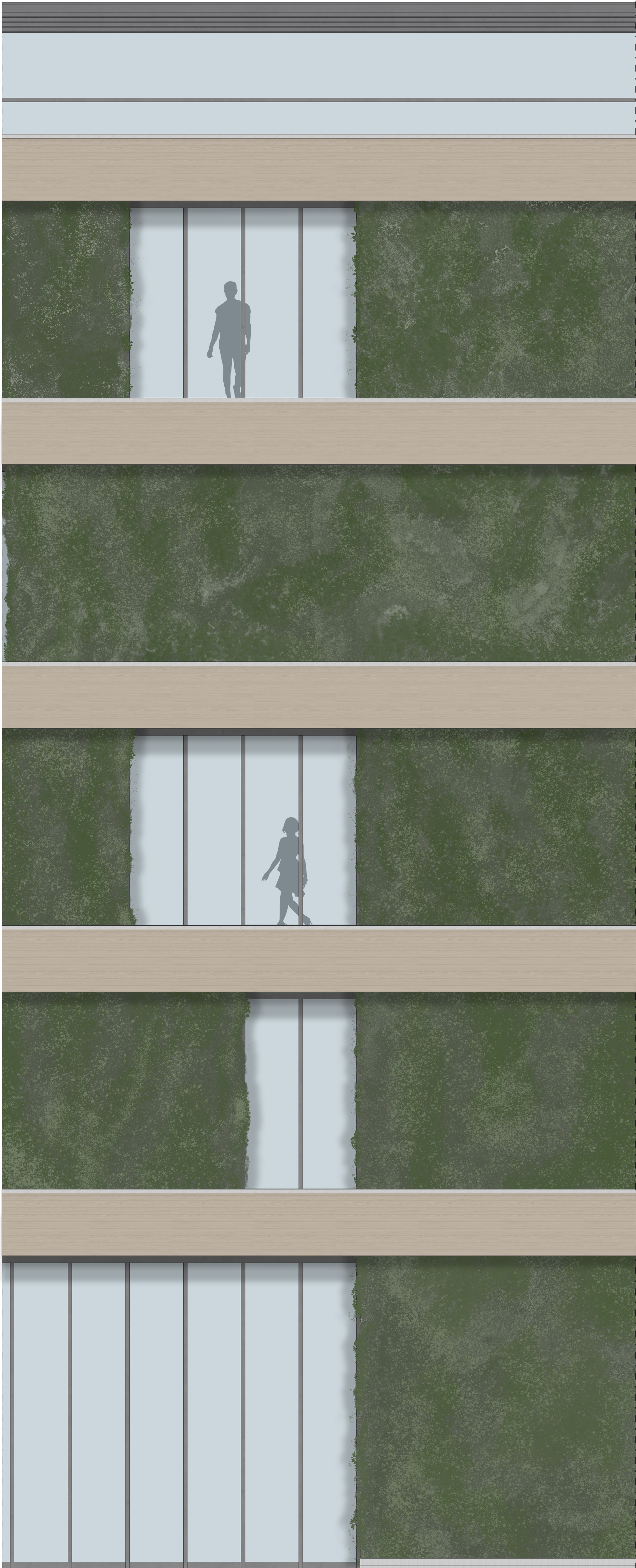
Working at the laboratory gives me the ability to improve the production methods used in indoor vertical farming. I help out with the research group once a week to gain new insights and exchange knowledge. And on top of that, working here has inspired me to start my own vegetable garden at home.

On Saturday, the children are always early awake. We take them to the market and help some of our neighbours to set up their goods. We have a cup of coffee while the children help with the planters. We pick up some fruit for the week, and pass by the playground on the way home. Afterwards, they are so tired we get a quiet evening.

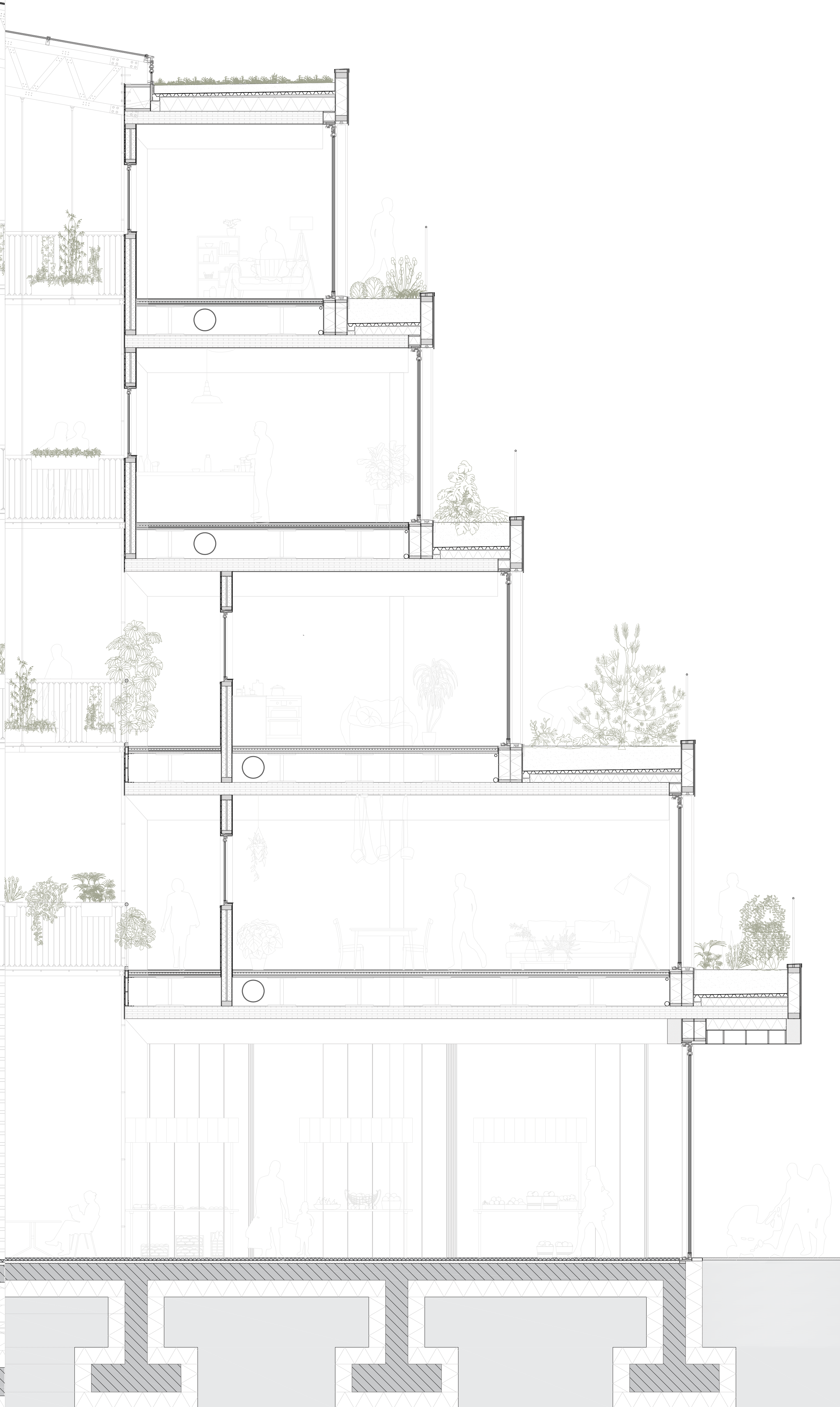
Managing urban agriculture at the Estate means there is never a dull day. My tasks vary from traffic management to renting market stalls, to conflict management. Interacting with all these residents from different backgrounds makes it both challenging and fun.

Helping grow insects and provide a nutritious diet for all Londoners feels like a great accomplishment. Through the research workgroup I have been able to experience different sites, species and methods. It helps us optimize and makes sure, work does not get dull.

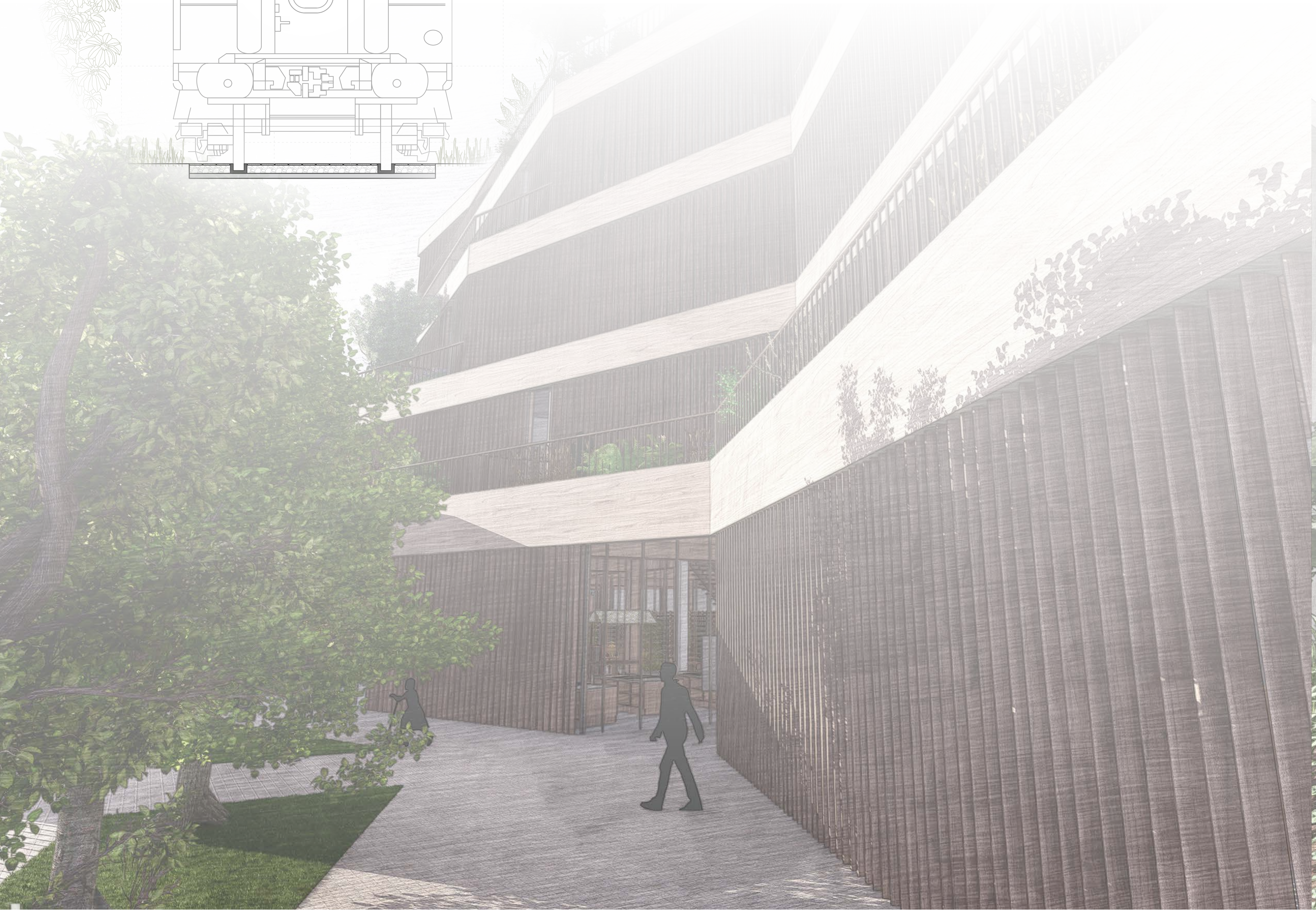
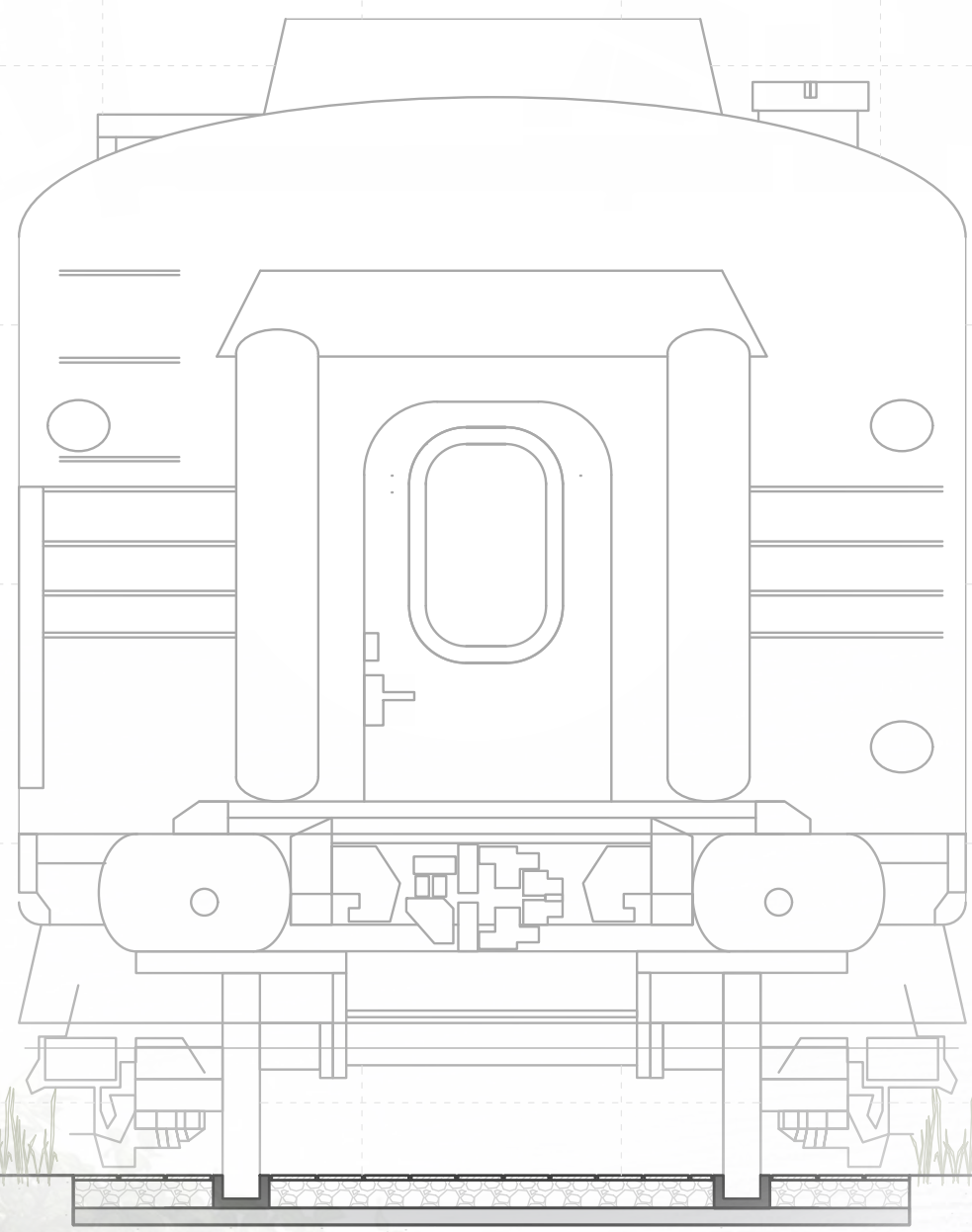
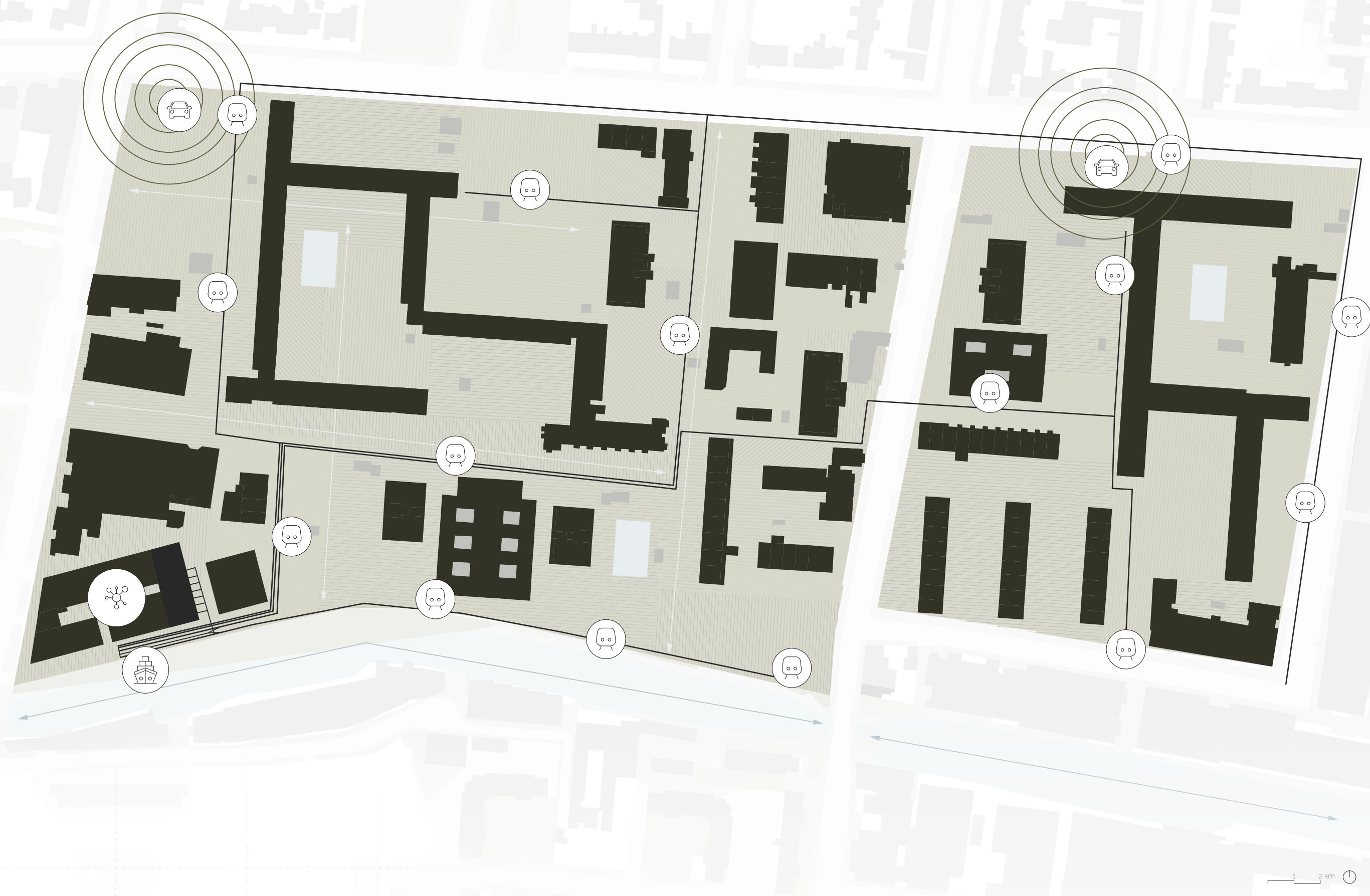
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