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### Introduction

### Hemburg military heritage

During the Heritage and Architecture graduation studio the challenge is taken upon transforming a former Dutch military base and production zone by the name of Hembrug. Where time has stood still for years, this unique location within the Stelling van Amsterdam only recently has been opened for the public,

now containing numerous historical military remnants to explore. The Hembrug district is characterised as a dense industrial area along the Noordzeekanaal, built with a high density of structures for logistic efficiency where initially ammunition and weaponry where produced. This industrial area is contrasted by the forest area around it, creating the 'green enclave' south of Zaandam.

I have chosen to develop the transformation of a former military test site and explosive storage zone within this green enclave, by the name of the Pavilions in the woods, or Plofbos. An area that contrasts tremendously to the surrounding industrial zone; under the trees, free standing structures, creating natural open spaces in between the buildings, small in scale, low-rise. Even the shape and location of the buildings were strategically designed and positioned and numerous practical military interventions where designed in order to reduce the risk of explosive accidents. Even the form of the buildings would steer an accidental explosion into the woods, and canals were laid out around the buildings acting as fire compartments. This former practical military design that acted as a strict risk management, now brought (a 100 years later) unintended qualities with it. Qualities of a natural environment, a restful ambience in the hearth of the Dutch's 20th century military base, that is filled with historical evidence.

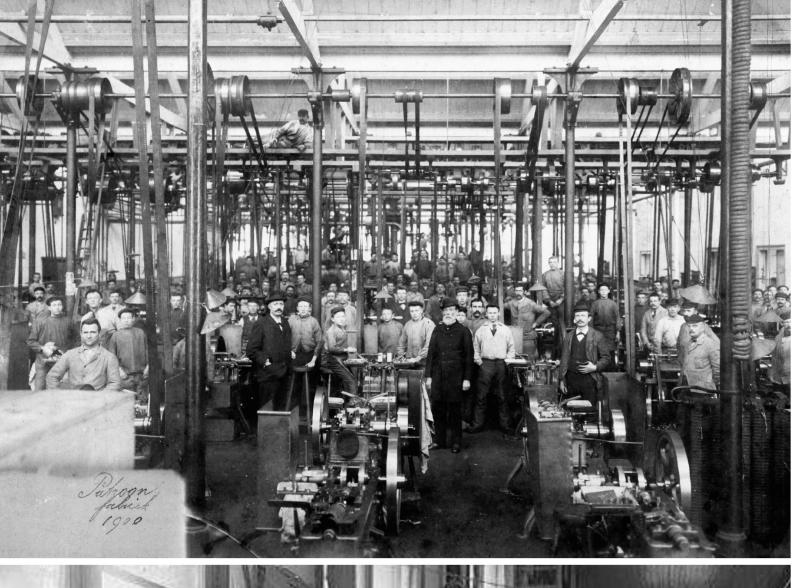
What interested me is that this unique setting is formed upon not just one single space, but the accumulation of many different types of space within this ensemble. It is the role of this experience of transition, together with the presence of historical evidence and natural qualities that makes the Plofbos so interesting and unique.

### **Research question**

The Pavilions in the woods, characterised by its natural atmosphere offers an ideal environment for the aging elder. Living in a natural environment could improve the overall well-being of the individual, opposed to living in an urban environment. Yet, especially elderly, suffer from loneliness, fear or depression. These problems demand another solution from the transformation on a bigger scale of program that deal with the mental well-being of the individual. It can be contested by hosting communal activities for the elderly, as well as to stimulate them to exercise and to do communal activities such as gardening, bike rides or hikes through the forest. However, all these activities need to be organized and taken care of, so who is going to put in the effort? Another growing problem in the Netherlands is the huge housing shortage, especially in the Randstad. Mostly young starters are not able to afford an acceptable house. Within the two major cities Zaanstad and Amsterdam, Hembrug could offer an interesting alternative for those seeking a house. With the former mentioned elderly target group in mind, it is the idea to mix these young starters, families, and individuals together with the elderly. Together they will form a community, where people will focus on participation, hosting communal activities and help their elder neighbours. Whether it be small chores such as groceries or assistance with particular tasks, the younger generation will agree on participating in the community, having a slight responsibility for the elderly. As society brings more and more people in the world, we can only take care of less. This drives us into changing from an individual driven society to a community of solidarity, empathy, and compassion, where architecture can provide the basement for creating a bond between the individual.

This process has lead me to raise the following design research question, that aims on how to improve the current setting by architectural transformation.

"How can the existing buildings of the Plofbos be transformed sustainably, where elderly can live more independently and which stimulates the settlement of a self-supporting community?"

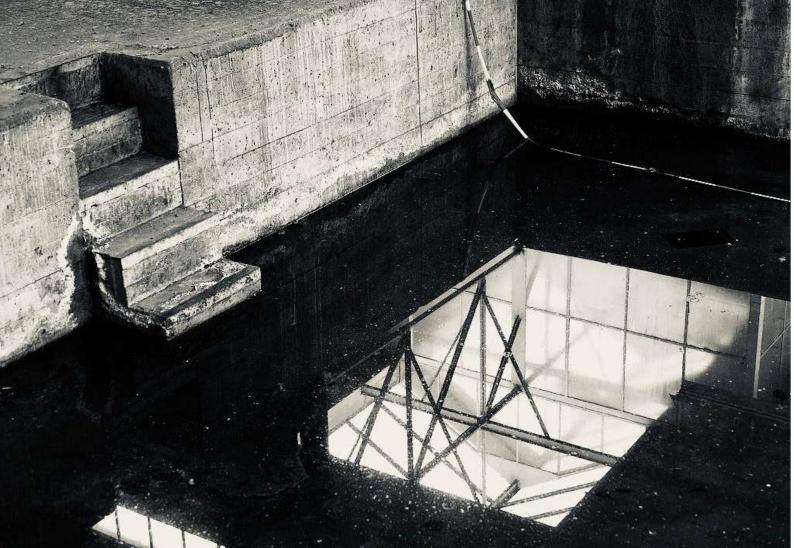




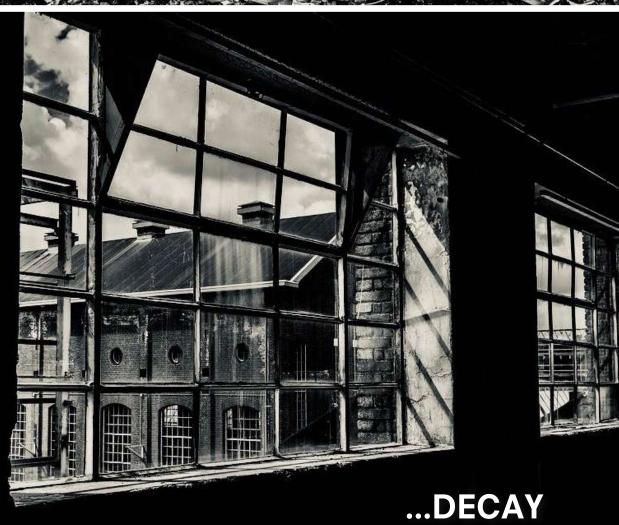
















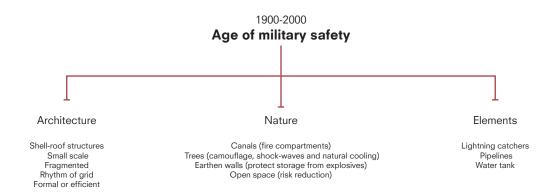


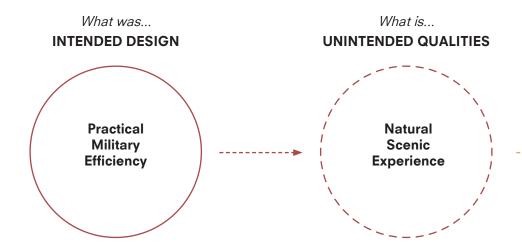


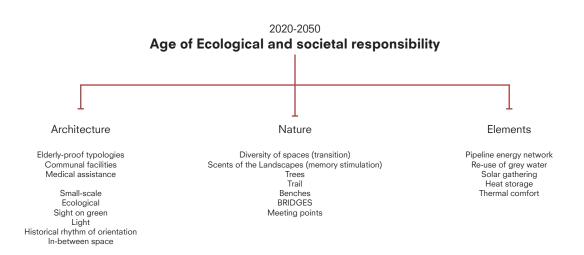




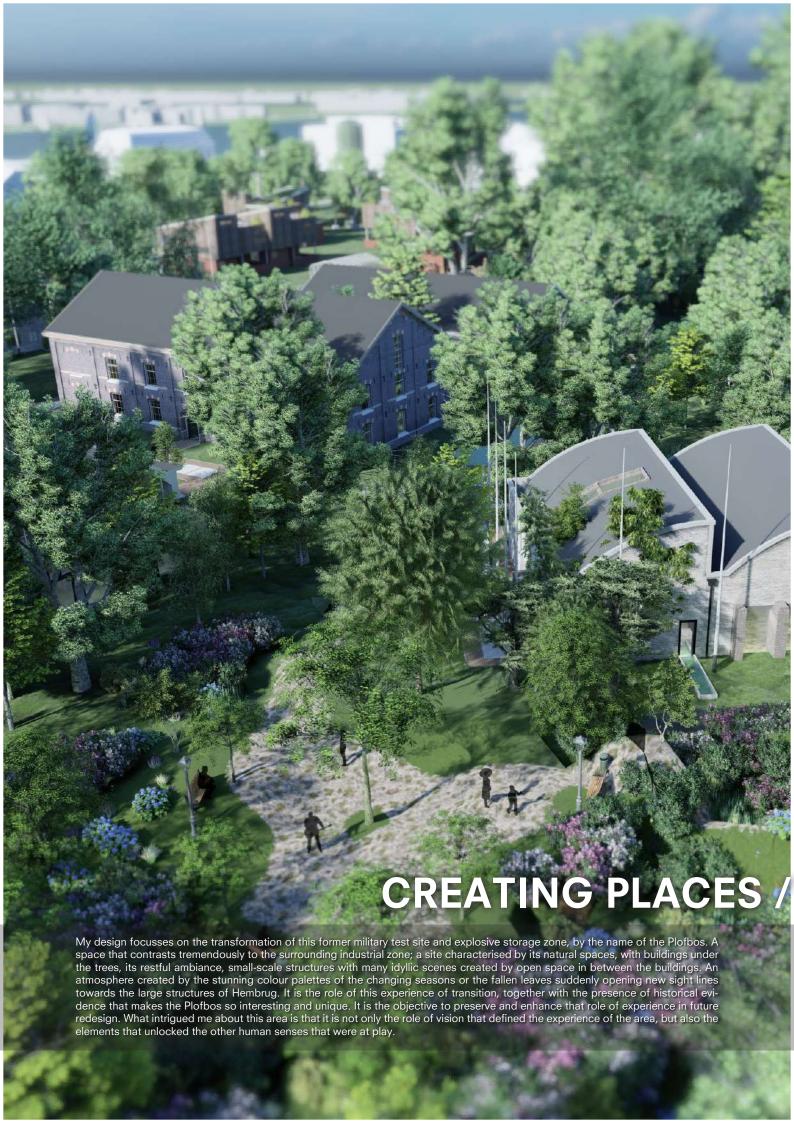
## The course of Hembrug

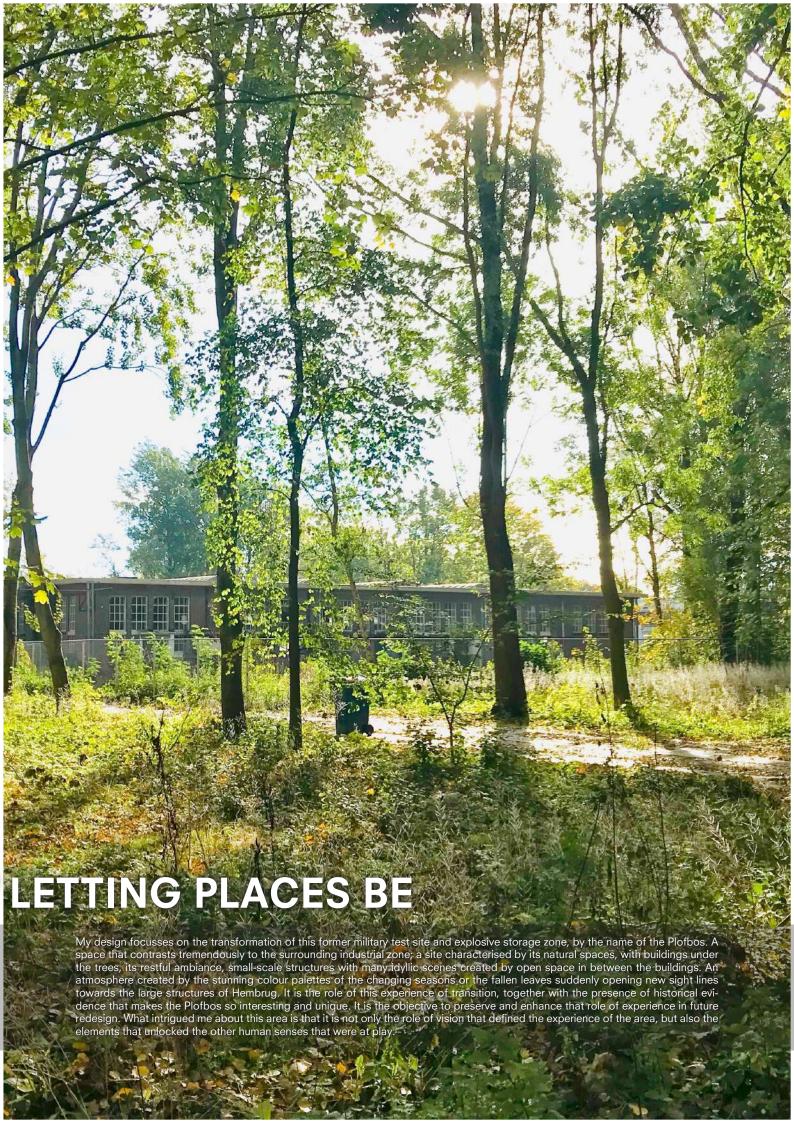


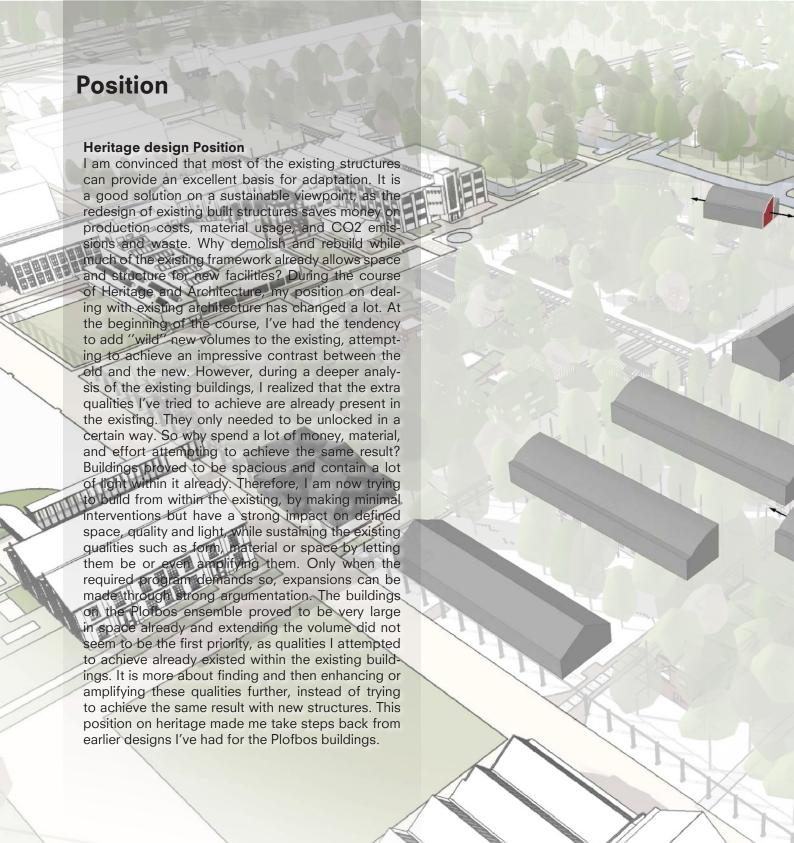




# SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS Elderly proof Self-supportive Community Ecological







Taets			9
Demolish	Preserve	Repair	Int

Design approach Pavilions in the woods



Strategy for the Plofbos between

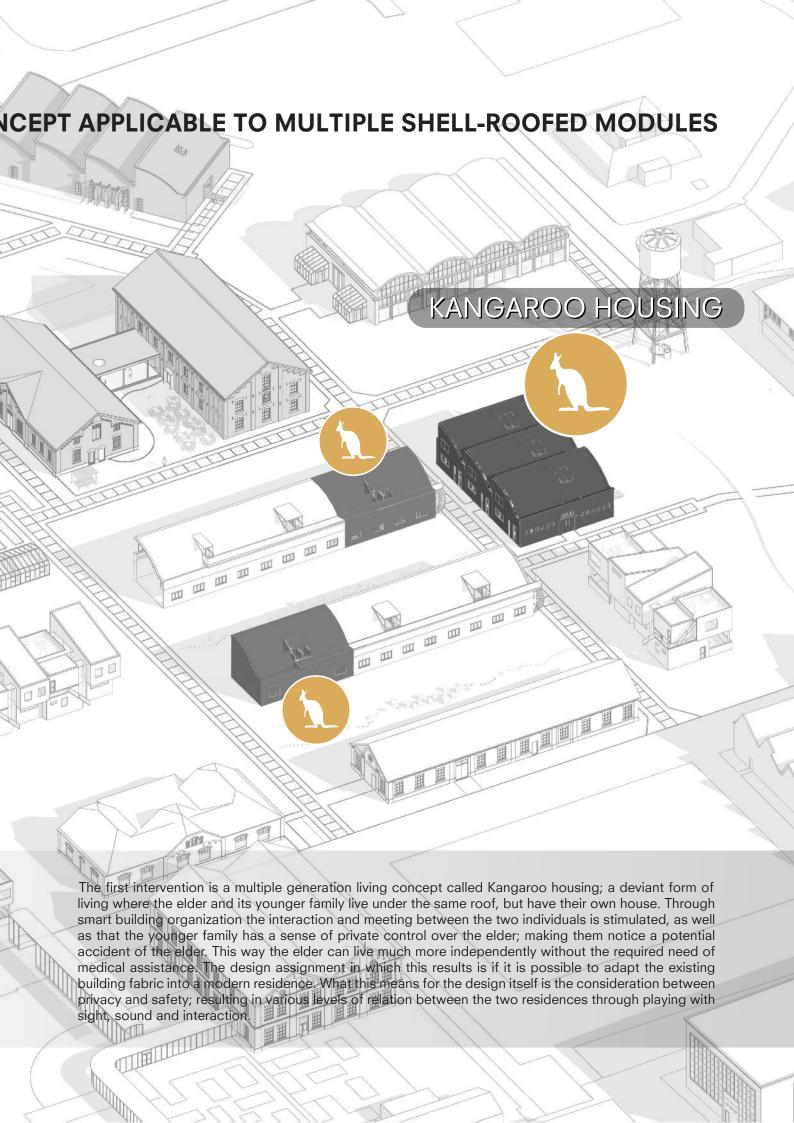
fill Intervention Re-interpretation

Level of transformation



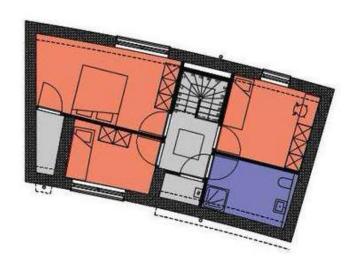






# 1.2 Reference studies

Reference: Treebeek - Jo Janssen



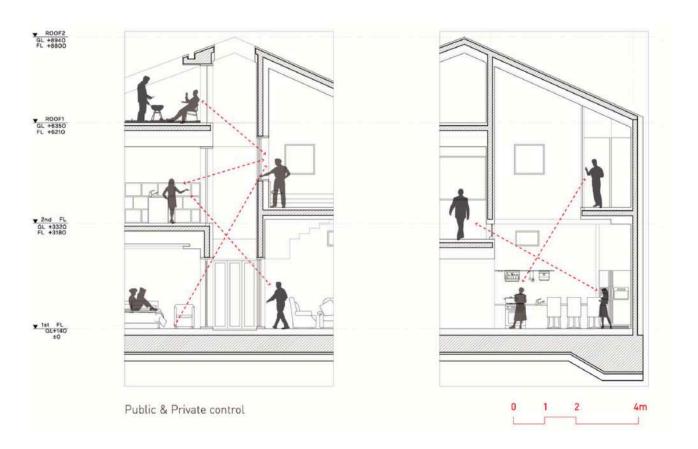


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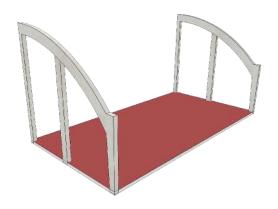
Reference: Seongnam-si, South Korea. - Hyunjoon Yoo Architects





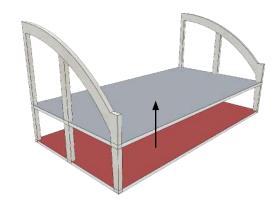
# 1.3 **Design interventions**

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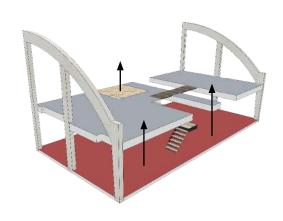
120m²

Adding a split level



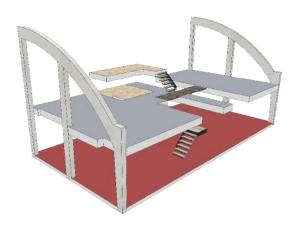
 $^{+100m^2}$  =220 $m^2$ 

Voids to pass on light to the lower levels

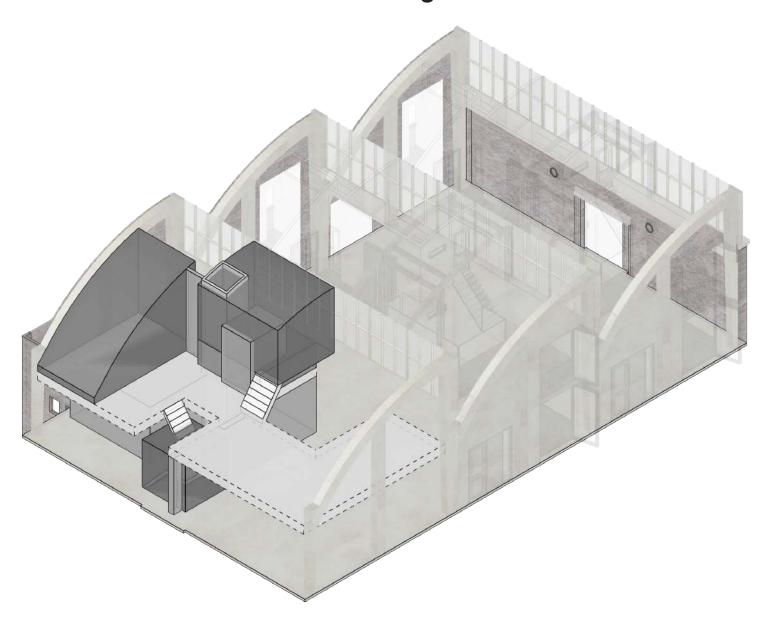


 $-15m^2$  = 205 m<sup>2</sup>

Further height differences for visual relations and light



### Massing



### Analogue elderly care

In the example projects that were studied, visual connections between the elderly residents and the younger family residence (making them able to see each other between e.g. the kitchen/living room) initially provoked ethical doubts. Would you like to live in a house where you are constantly being watched? First, it was hard to imagine that it would be pleasant living in such a house. would this concept only work between very good relations, such as families (so a small target group). However, it proved it to be effective to rely on analog visual relationships instead of digital home automated devices, as it increases the feeling of safety for the elder knowing that somebody is there for you, able to assist you with a small chore if necessary. Therefore, I've opted to make configurations where new inhabitants can determine themselves the sacrifice of privacy, in order to gain more private control over their aging elder. This level of adaptability provides this concept to be much more flexible and even work amongst a larger target group of unrelated elderly/younger generations. Secondly, the references displayed two single houses under the same roof, without any space for interaction. In this heritage project, it was considered to create spaces that provoked both young and old unite and interact with each other by generating places of occasional meeting in the residence, such as a shared hall-way, garden, and patio.

The final outcome of the Kangaroo house transformation has become sustainable as it offers a well-insulated residence, that performs according to the current building standards. It does not use gas and makes uses of solar energy to perform well on the required heating ventilation and electricity standards. Through analog control between young and old the elder will be assisted by its neighbours, allowing them to live much more independently than being put in a medical care centre. The urban program within the Plofbos should stimulate the elder to participate in communal activities, exercises, and day-time activities, thus keeping them more vital and healthier individuals.

### 1.4 Digital versus Analogue control

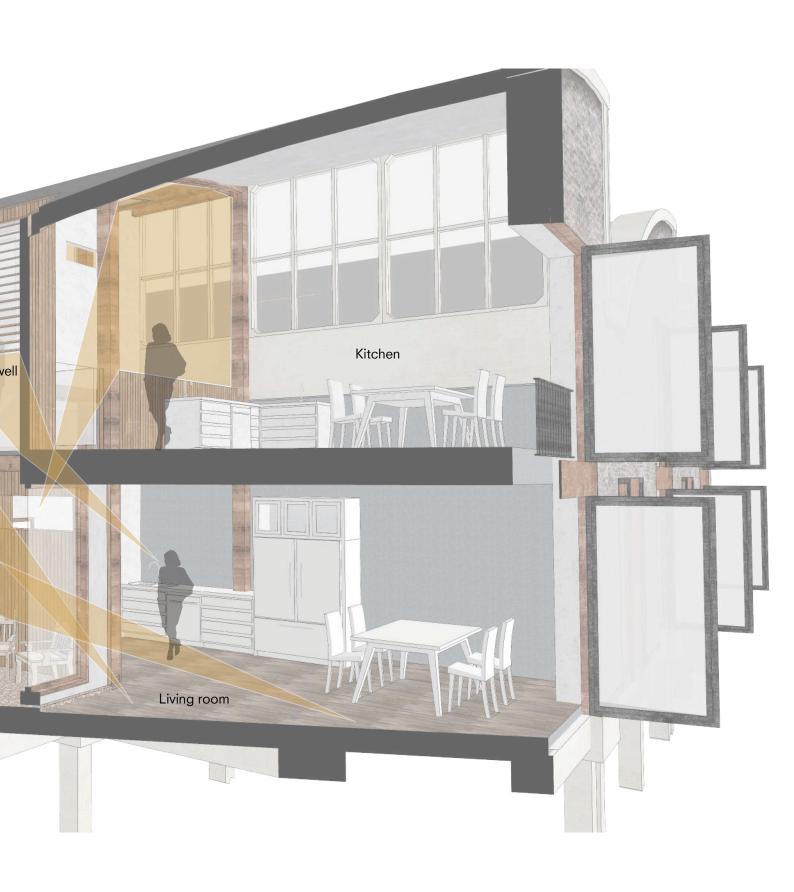
### Two houses under one roof

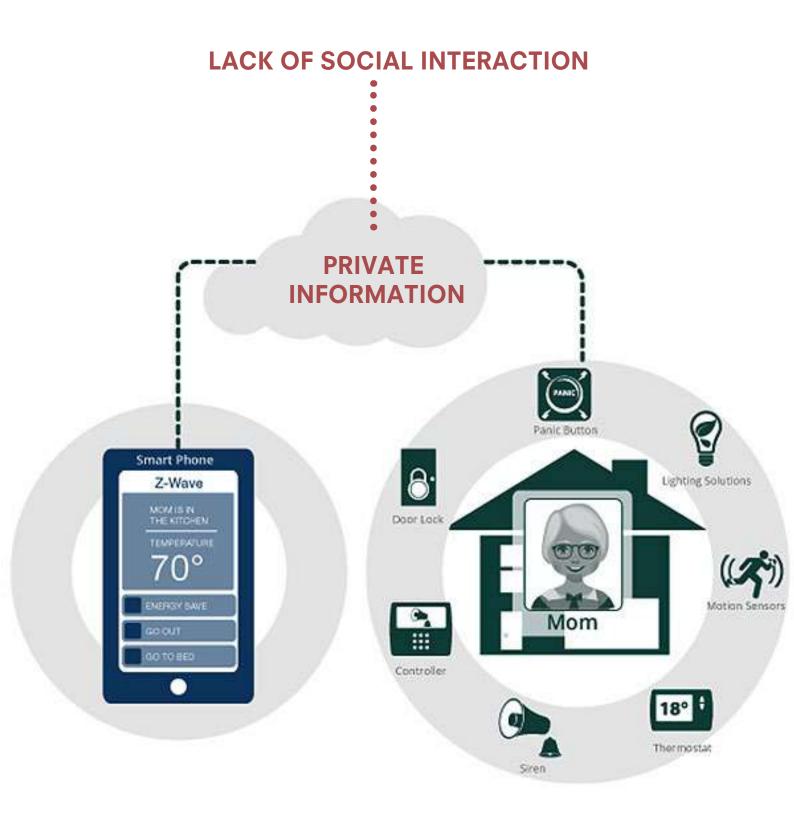
Upper floor apartment for younger generation 110m<sup>2</sup>

Ground bound residence for elder occupant 100m<sup>2</sup>

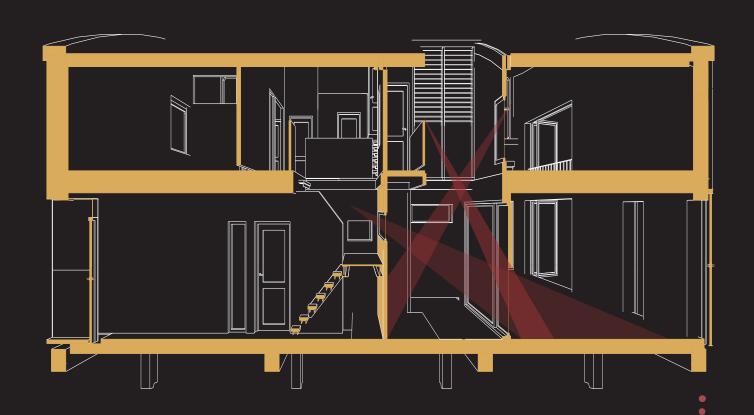


Public control between younger generation (upstairs) and elderly (ground floor) through openings around circulation spots or voids (mainly kitchen and living)





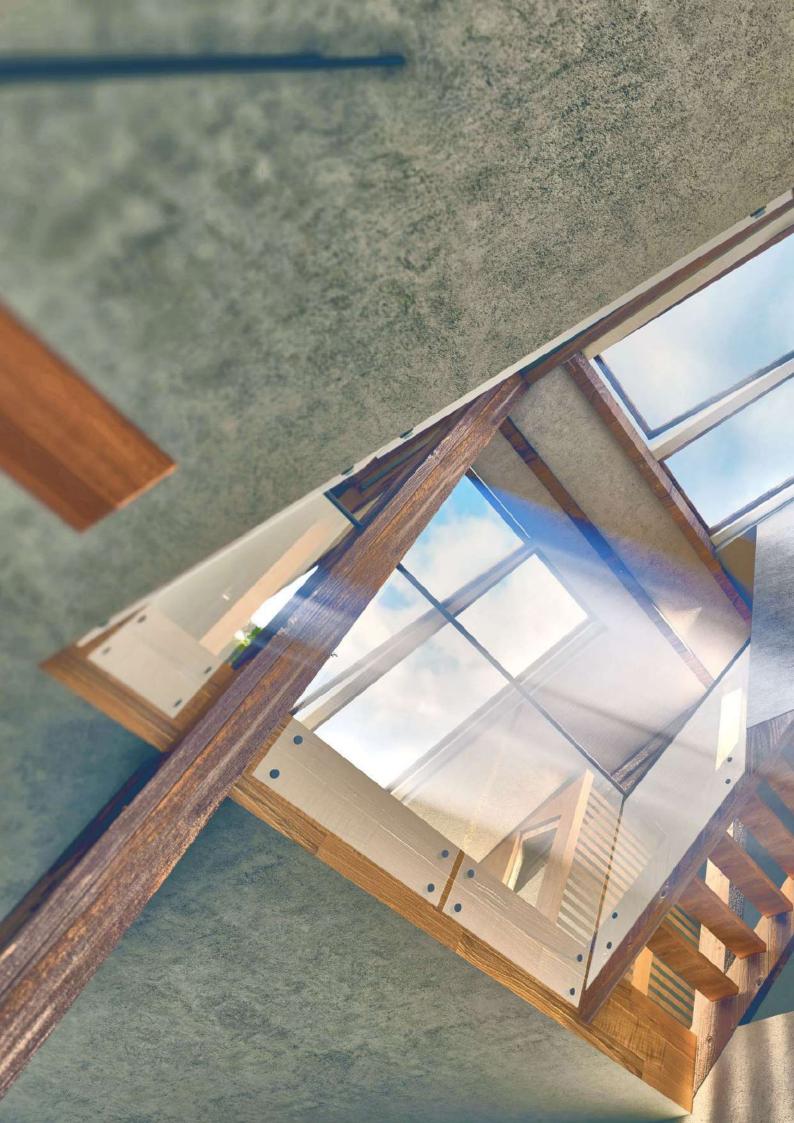
# DIGITAL CARE



**ACOUSTIC BARRIERS** 

VISUAL RELATIONSHIPS (MOVEMENT/LIGHT)
PROVOCATION OF INTERACTION

# **ANALOGUE CONTROL**









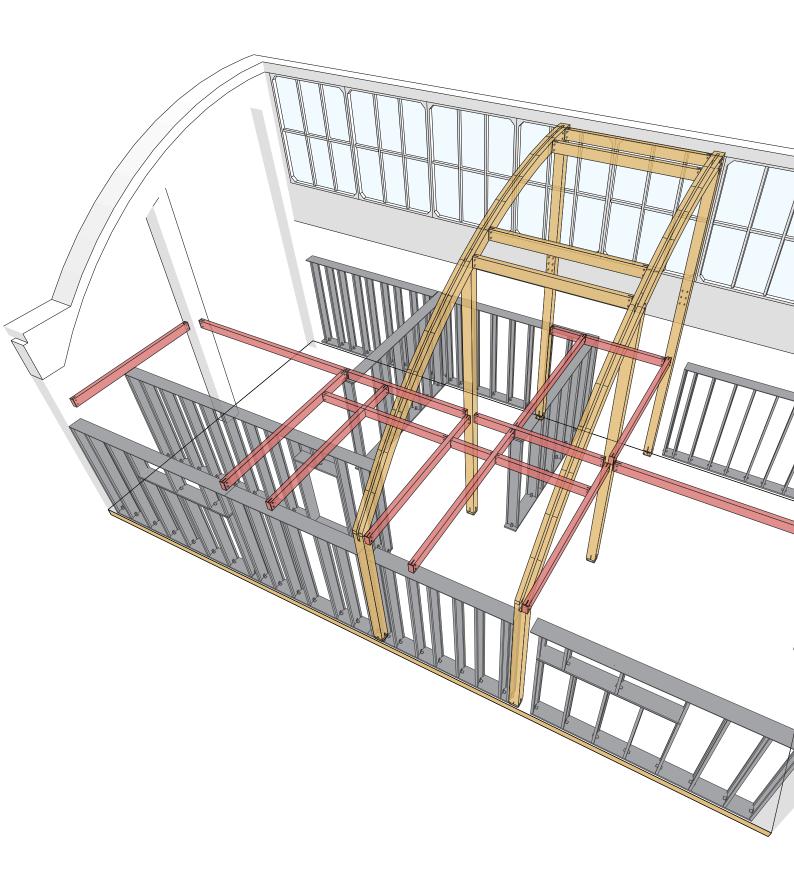


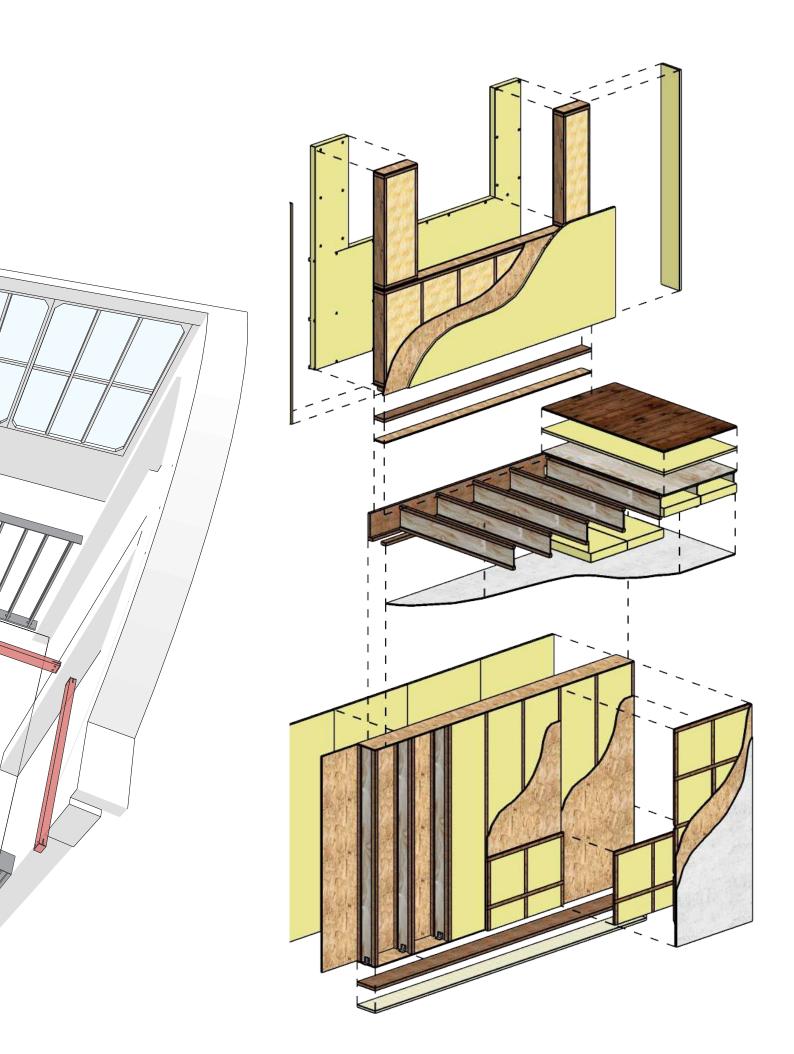


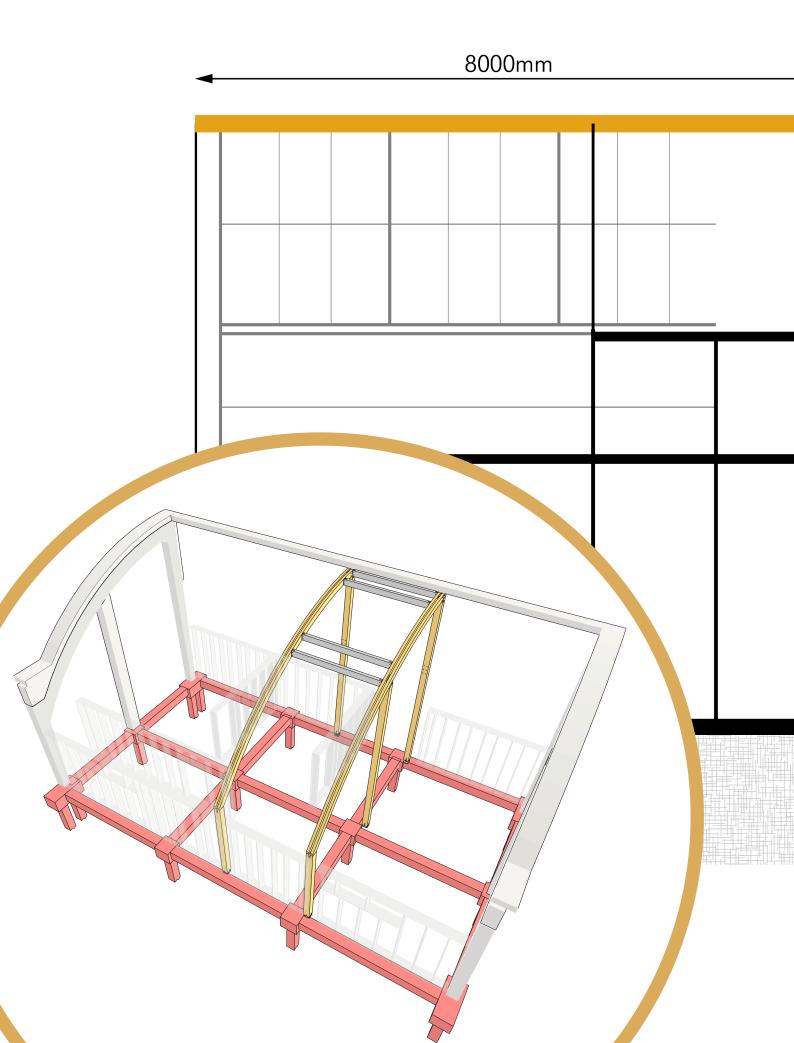




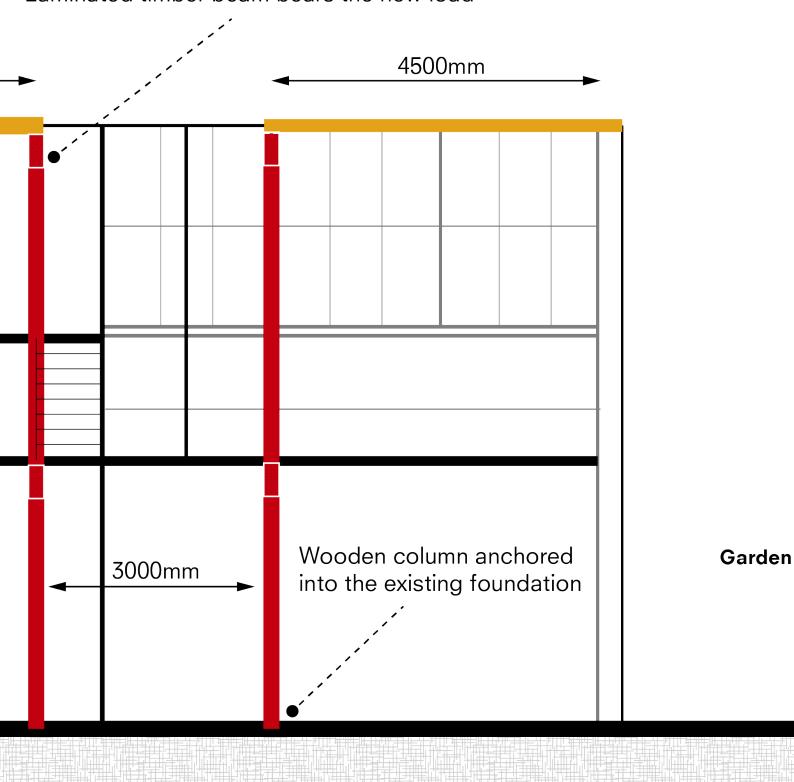
### 1.5 Structure: Wooden Finnjoists





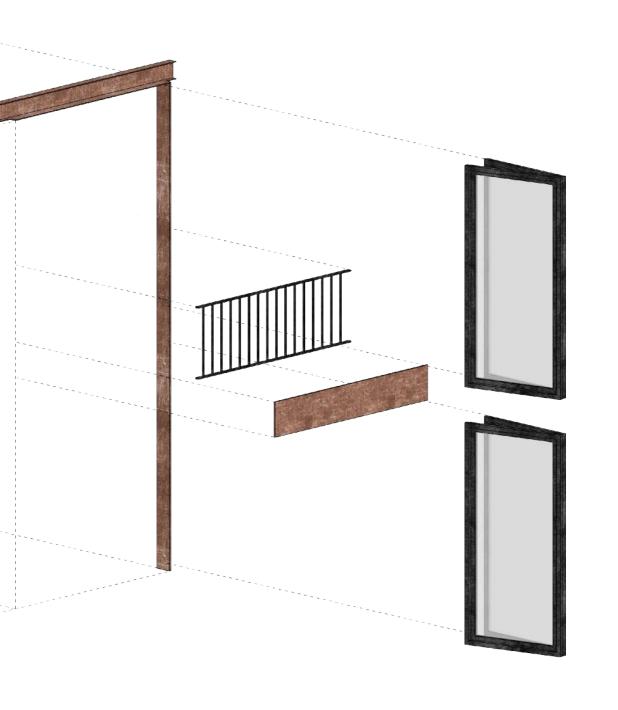


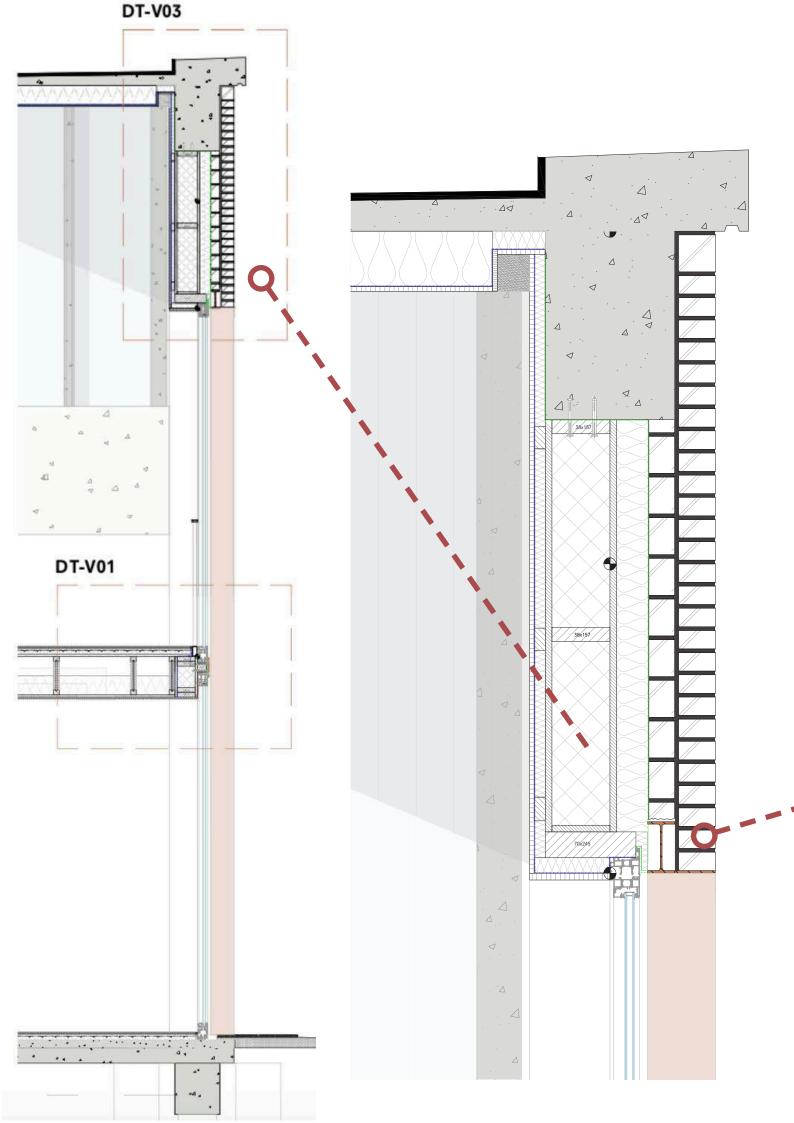
#### Laminated timber beam bears the new load

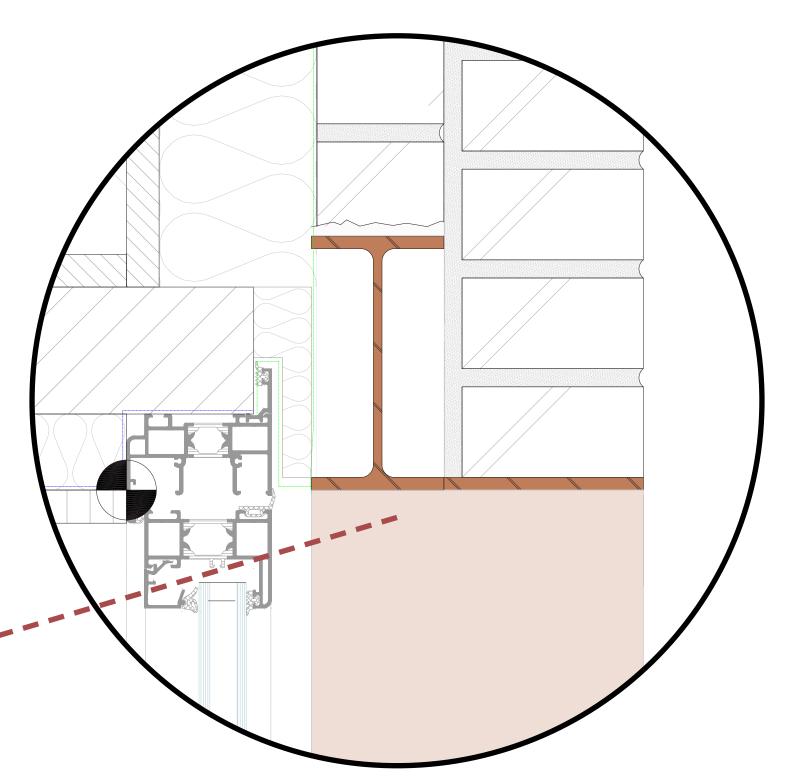


# 1.7 Cutting open existing wall



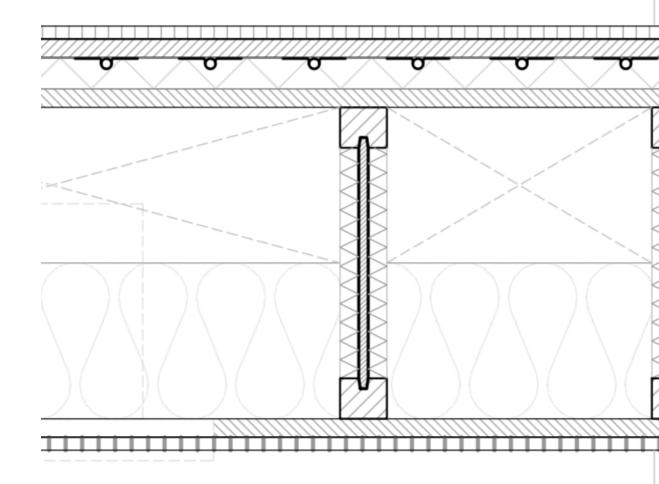




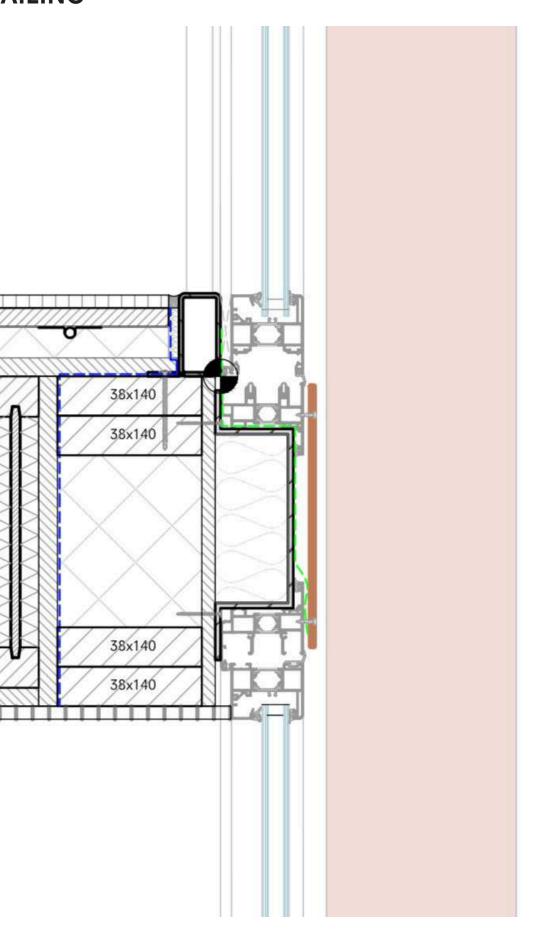


Welded flange attached to an IPE180

## LARGE GESTURE BY INTERVENTION, YET SMALL IN THE DET



#### **AILING**

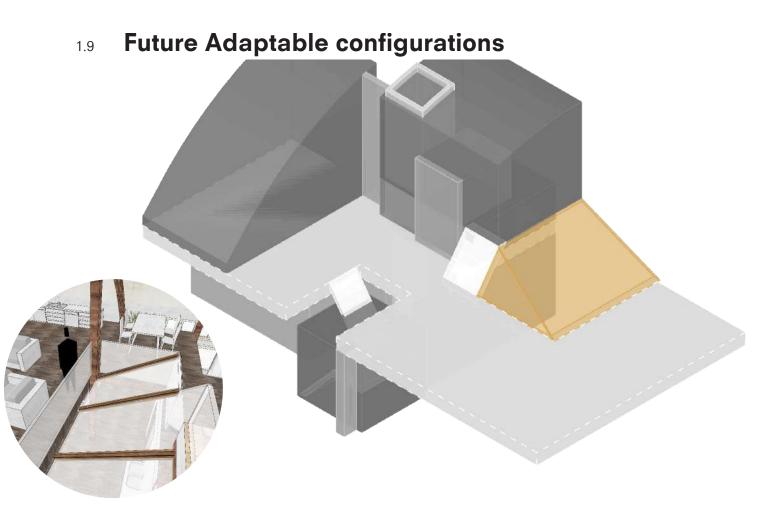




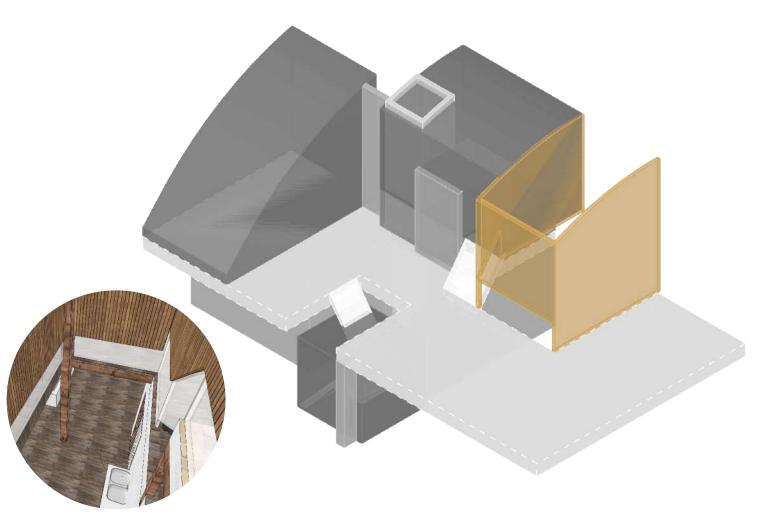




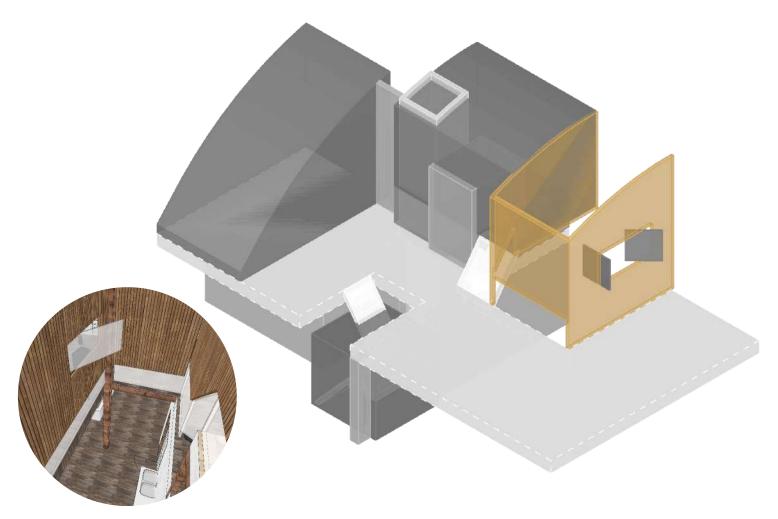




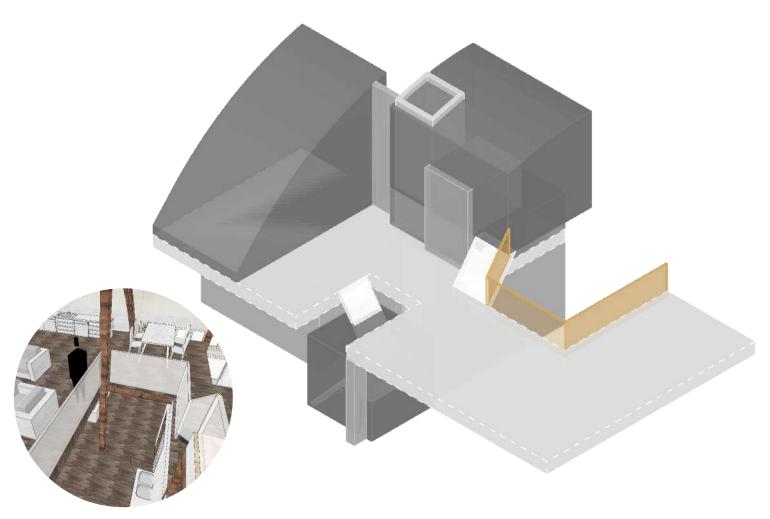
1 - FULLY CLOSED



#### 3 - FROM KANGAROO TO STANDARD RESIDENCES



2 - OPENABLE WHEN APPLICABLE



4 - FULLY OPEN; NO BORDER BETWEEN ZONING





#### 2.1 Ambiances







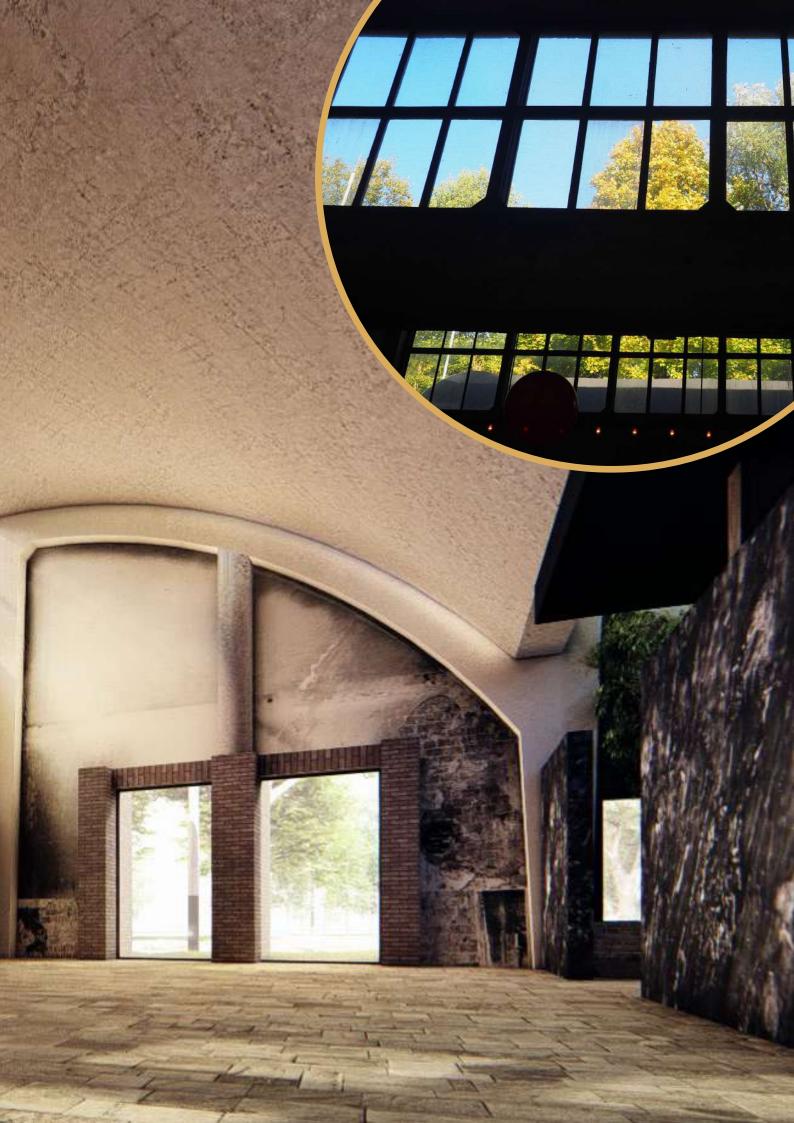


becomes more and more significant in this fast-paced modern age we're living in right now. More and more we start to live a life where our mind is constantly disturbed; by the mobile telephone constantly demanding our attention. But also the increasing pressure from work, from school. Who does not find the time to contemplate and put things in perspective will remain with a busy mind. Something that could have potential negative health effects sooner or later, such as increased stress. I notice it amongst my fellow students as well, who speak about this new phenomenon called FOMO-"Fear of missing out". With social applications such as Instagram, Facebook et cetera, people are constantly witnessing the "best moments" picture shared by their friends online, meaning they start to (unconsciously) compare it with their own boring life; putting more pressure on themselves to "fit in", but forgetting about what matters to themselves. What their own goals are. Contemplation could assist in such cases, for both young and old, to put your own life decisions into perspective and help to push forth striving for what matters to yourself. The design of the Contemplation activity will become an architectural challenge for me and is designed so that it will provide a space in the area where the visitor can rest the mind for a moment. After a long walk through the forest, the visitor can find intimate spaces created through light or dark or other architectural interventions. Here, the visitor is able to forget their daily struggles for a moment. To provoke the senses of the visitor a number of architectural instruments will be used, such as light and dark, old and new, sequences between inside and outside, material, textures, the reflection of light, acoustics; all factors that affect the senses and the atmosphere within the building. Additionally, the vast space the existing structures provide allow comm nal gathering and collective events to be organized that will unite the community within Hembrug. This will stimulate the sense of unity amongst the community, helps to create a bond between each other but also battles loneliness in a way. With these two redesigns on a micro scale, together with the overall visions for the master plan on the meso and macro scale, it is aimed to prove that the existing architectural heritage provides an excellent basis to form a sustainable living environment, touching upon multiple societal problems we're facing right now.

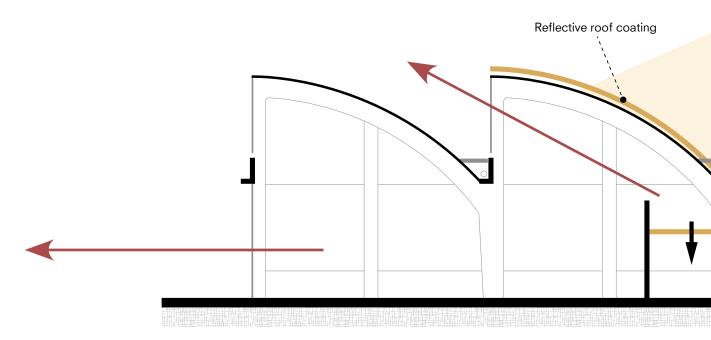


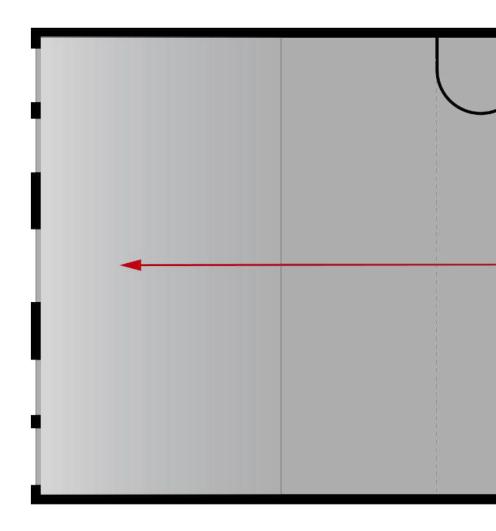


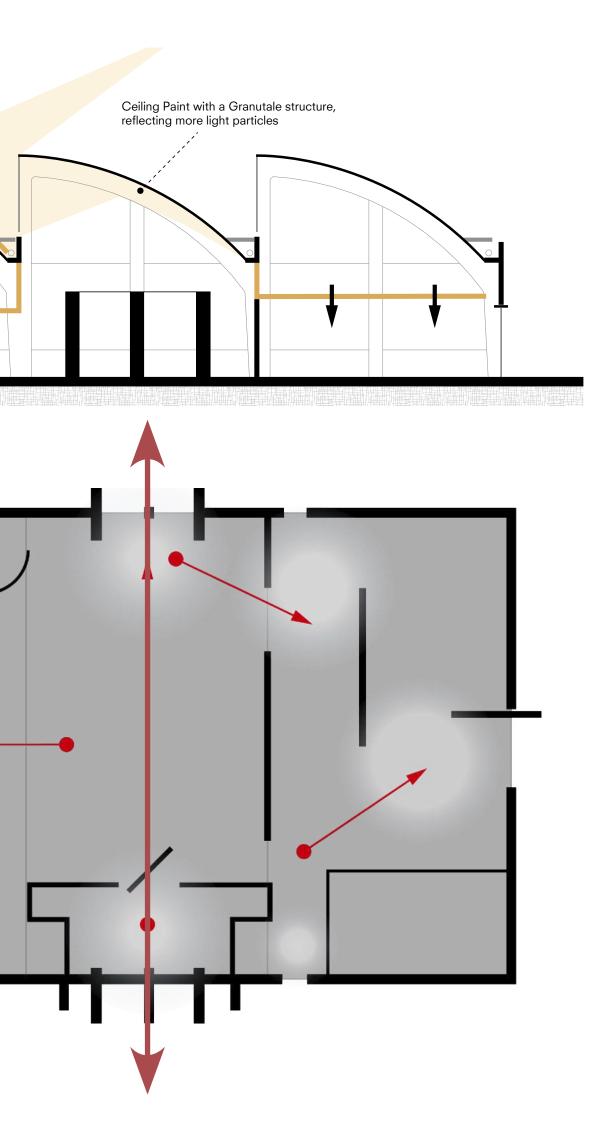




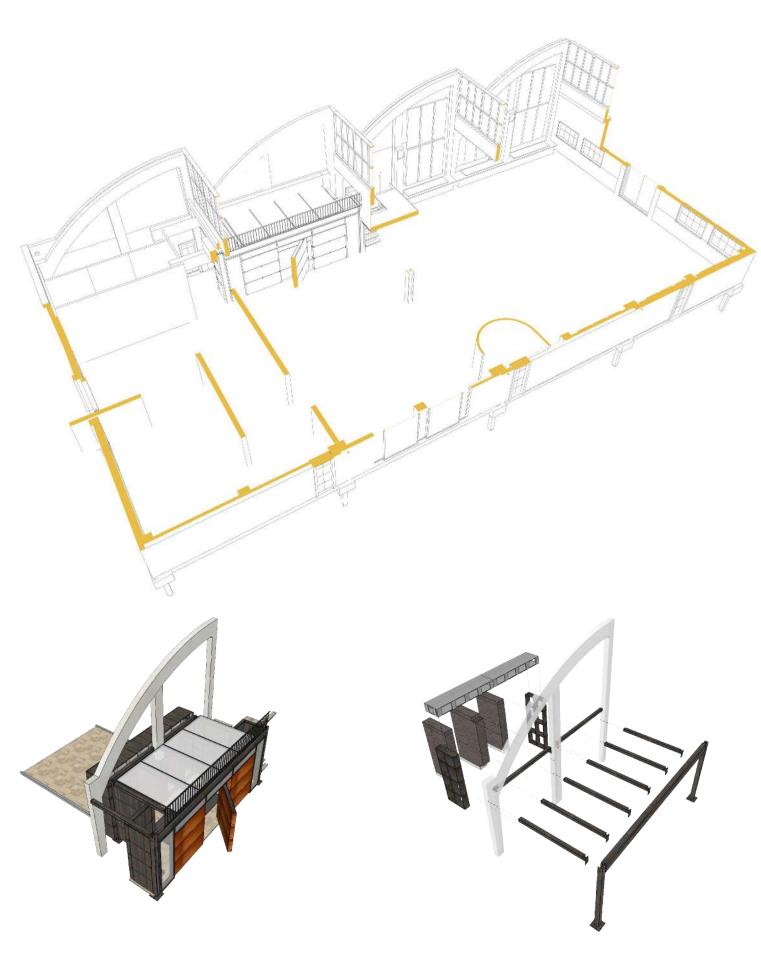
## 2.2 **Design concept**

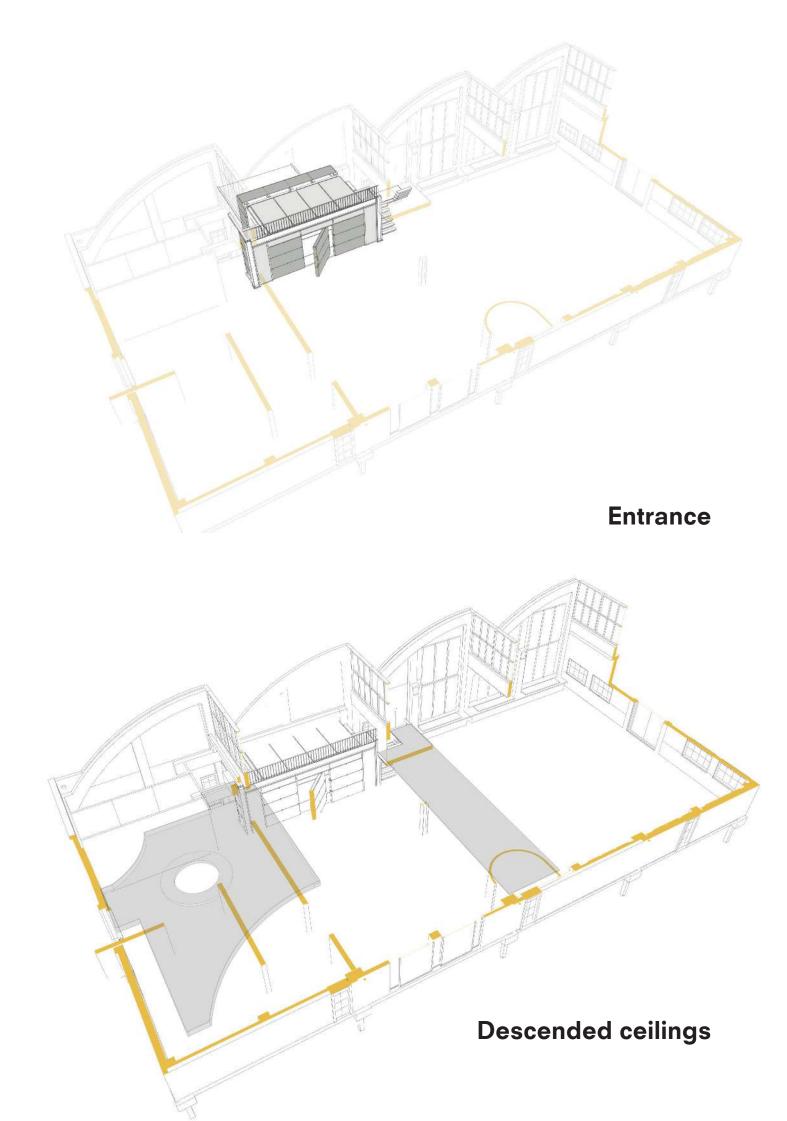




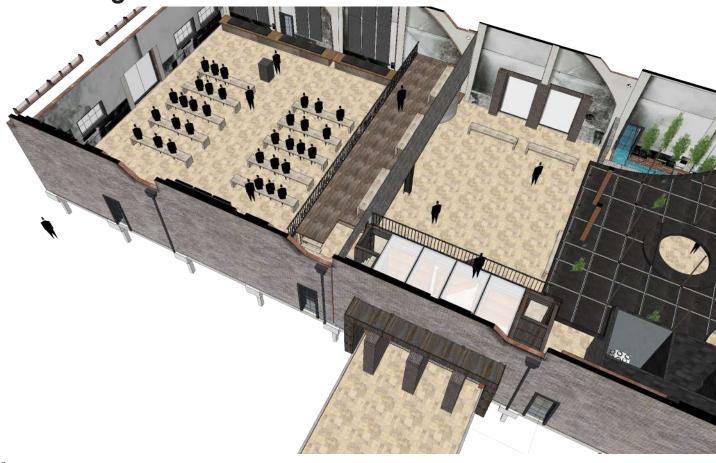


### 2.3 Impactful design interventions





2.4 Configurations



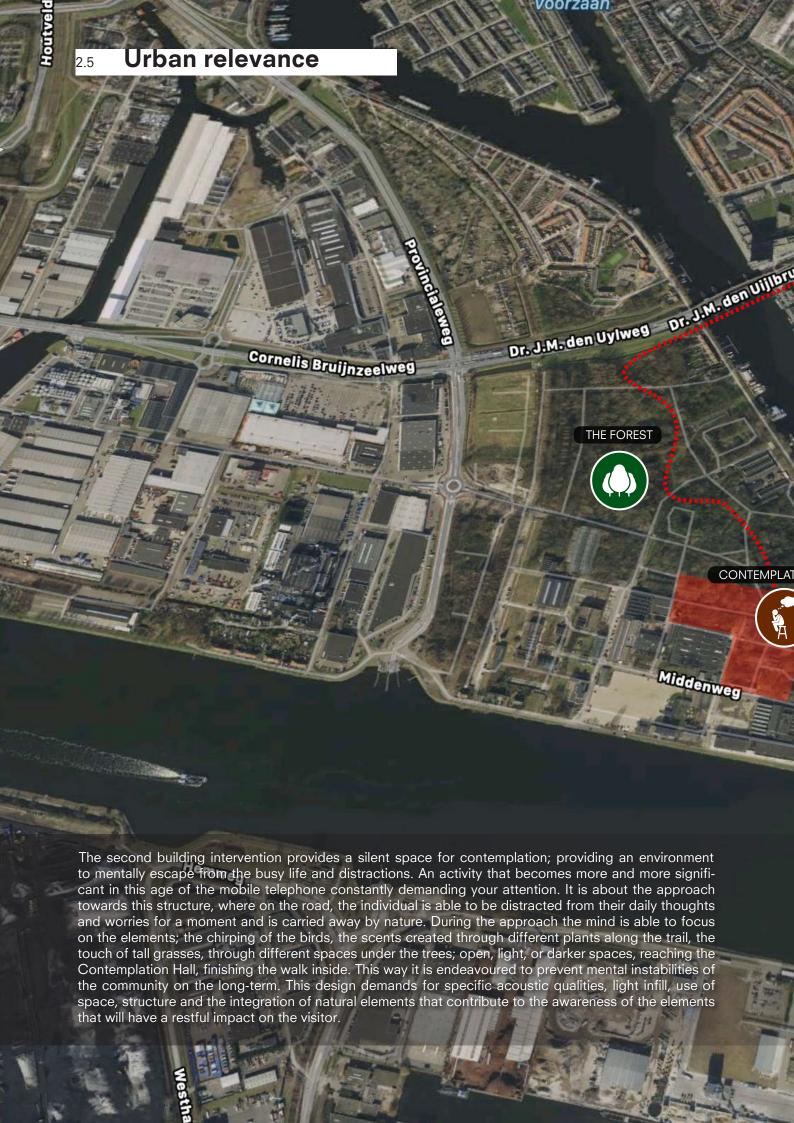
### Lectures





# Celebration







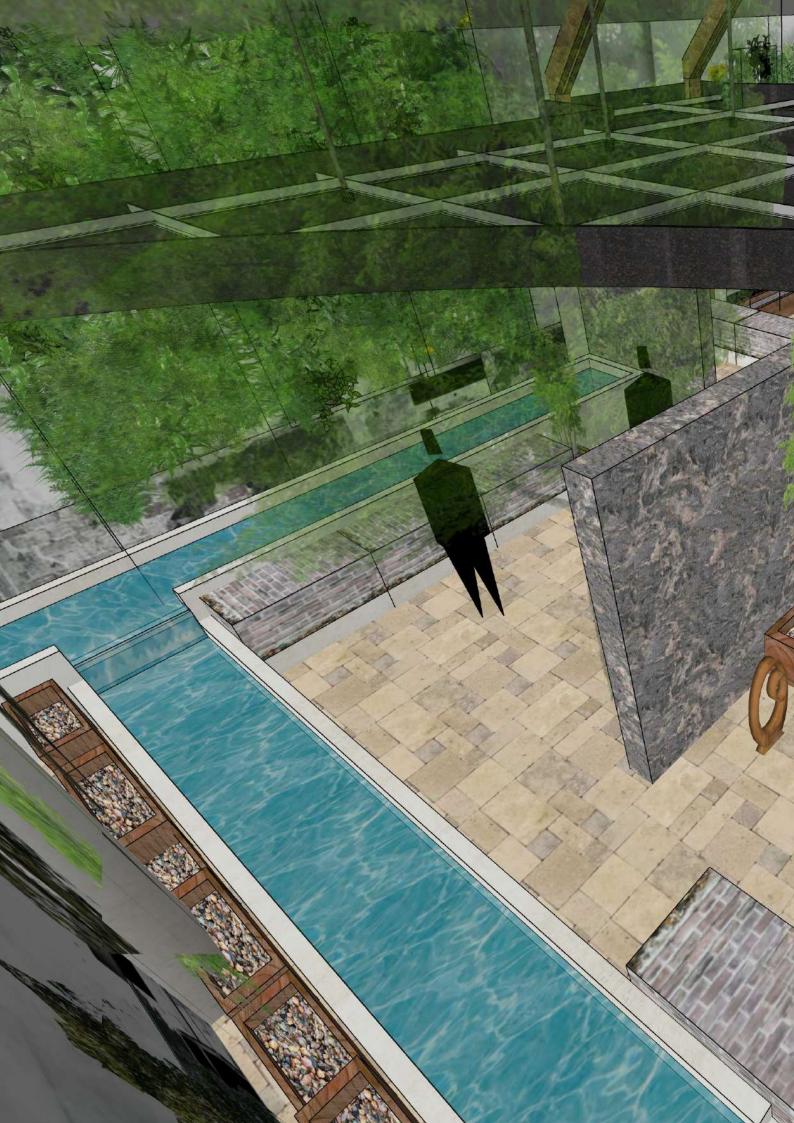




### 2.6 Rain water principle/ shadow vegetation











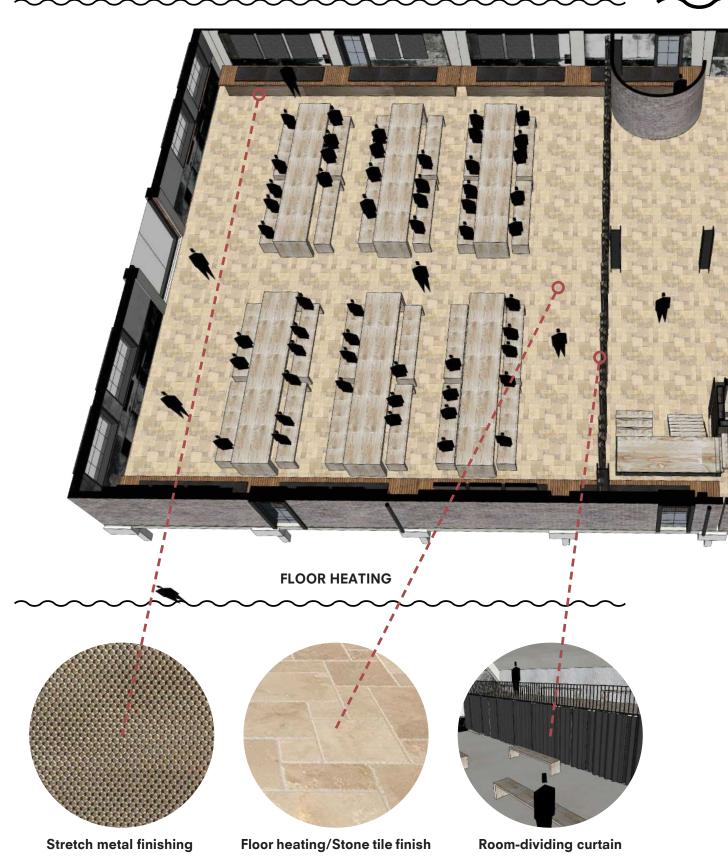




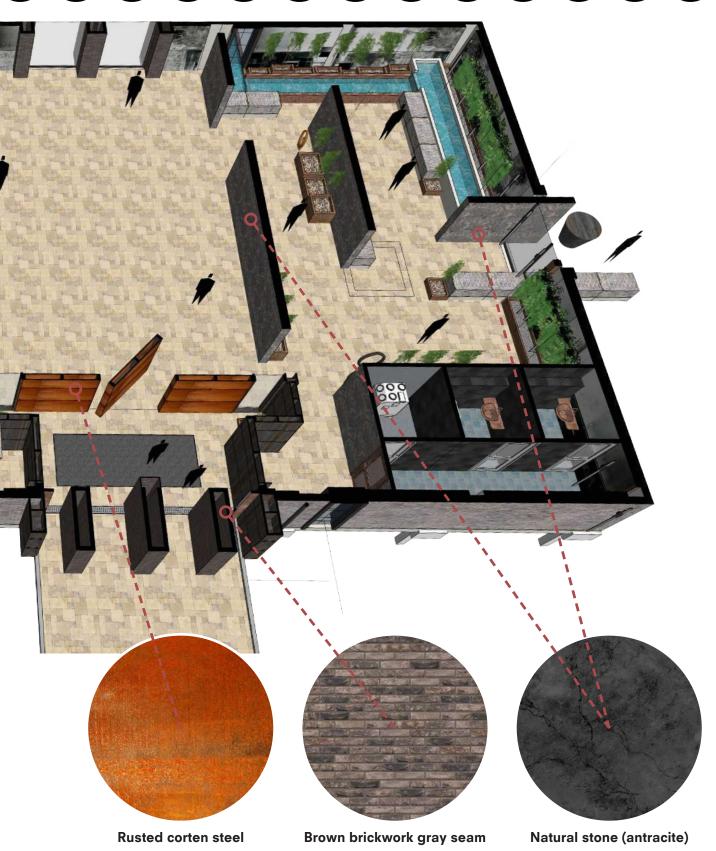


### 2.7 Materialisation

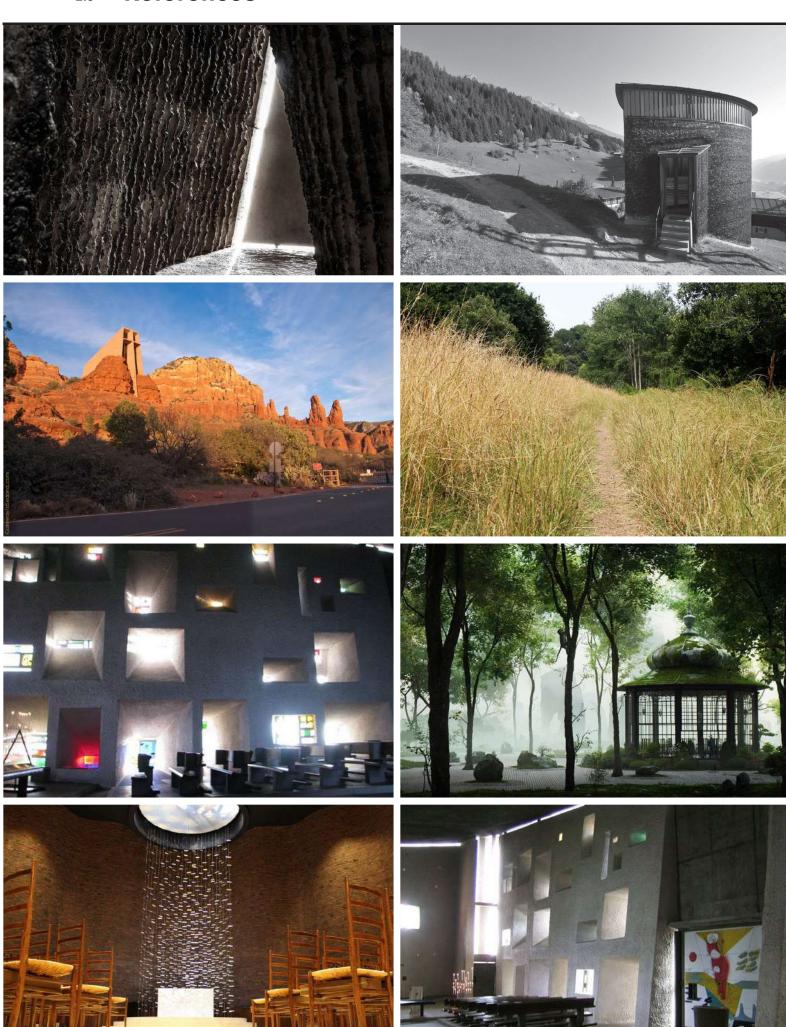
#### REDUCED ACOUSTIC REVERBERATION

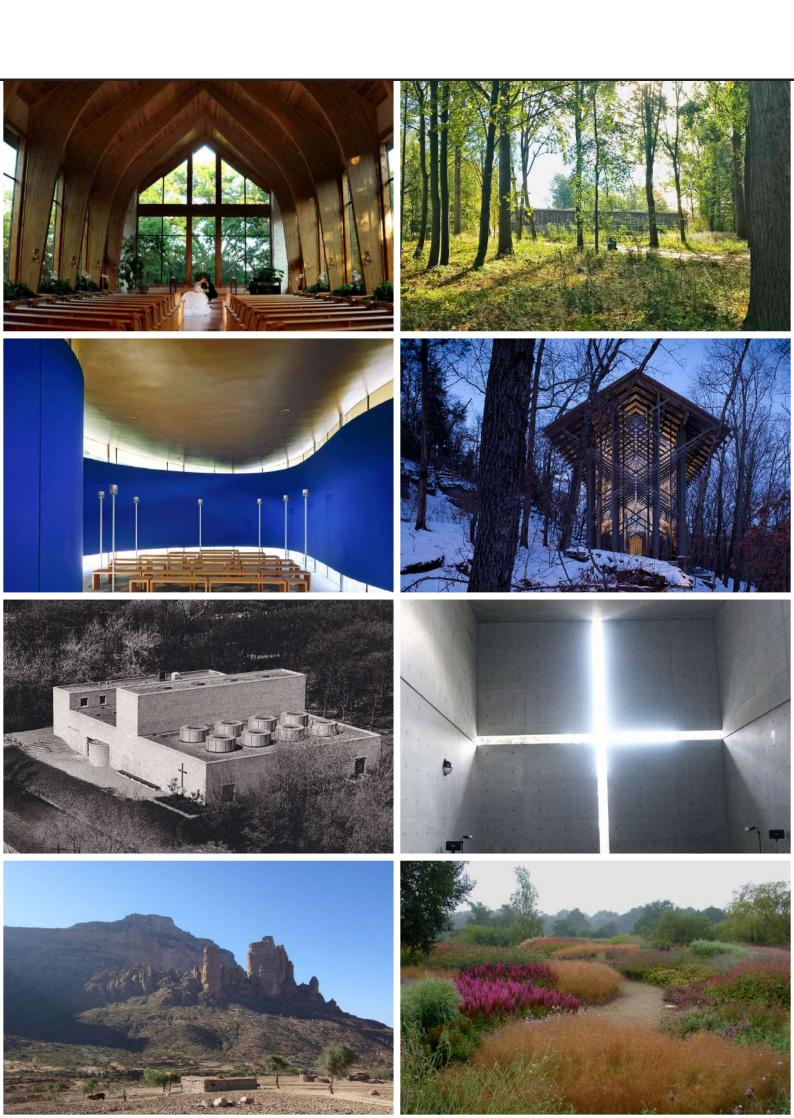


#### **INCREASED ACOUSTIC REVERB**



## 2.8 References

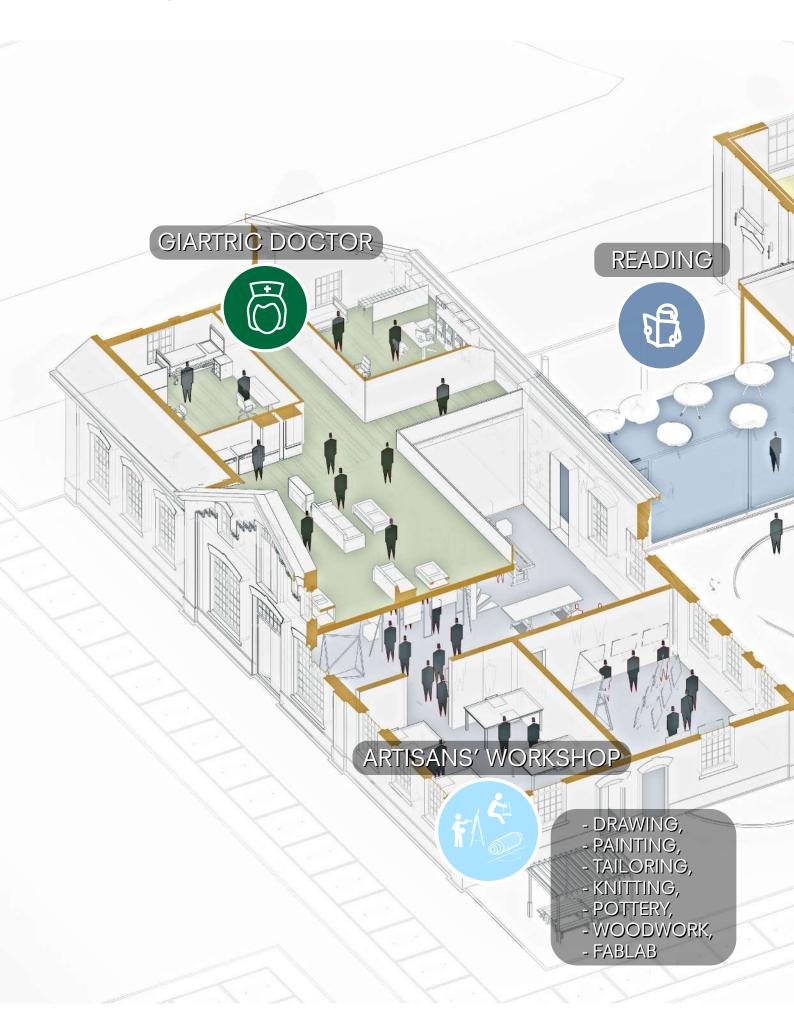


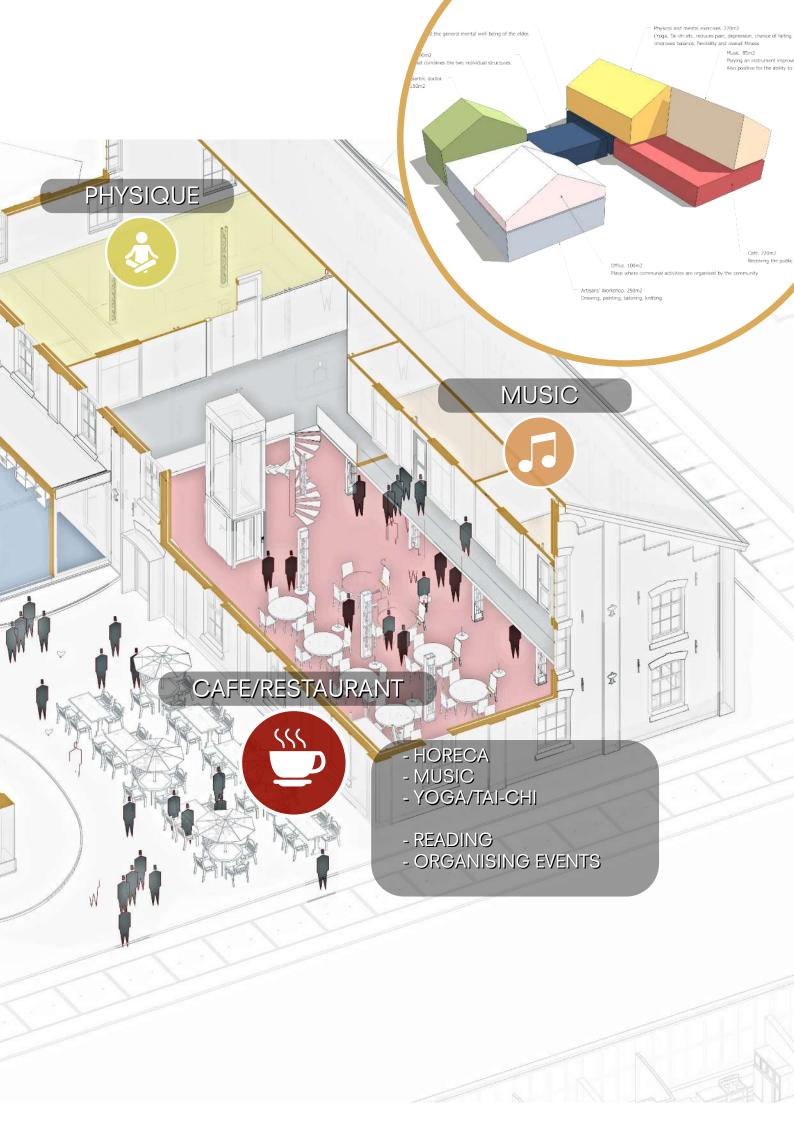






## **Program redefinition of the Farms**













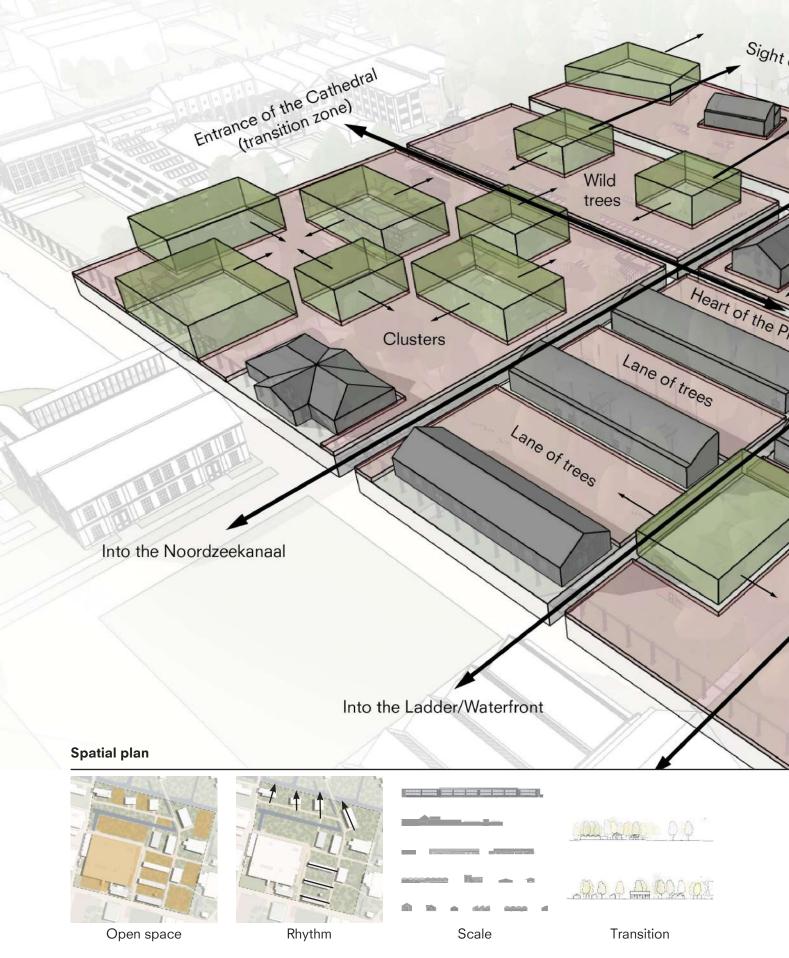


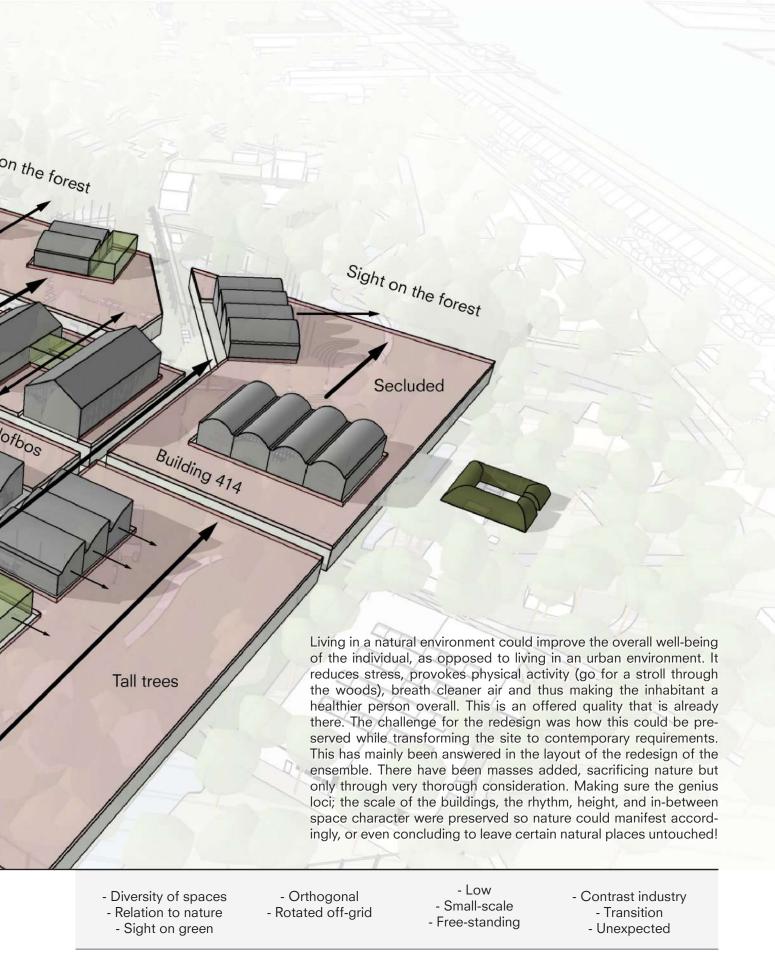


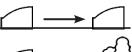




## 4.2 Space strategy



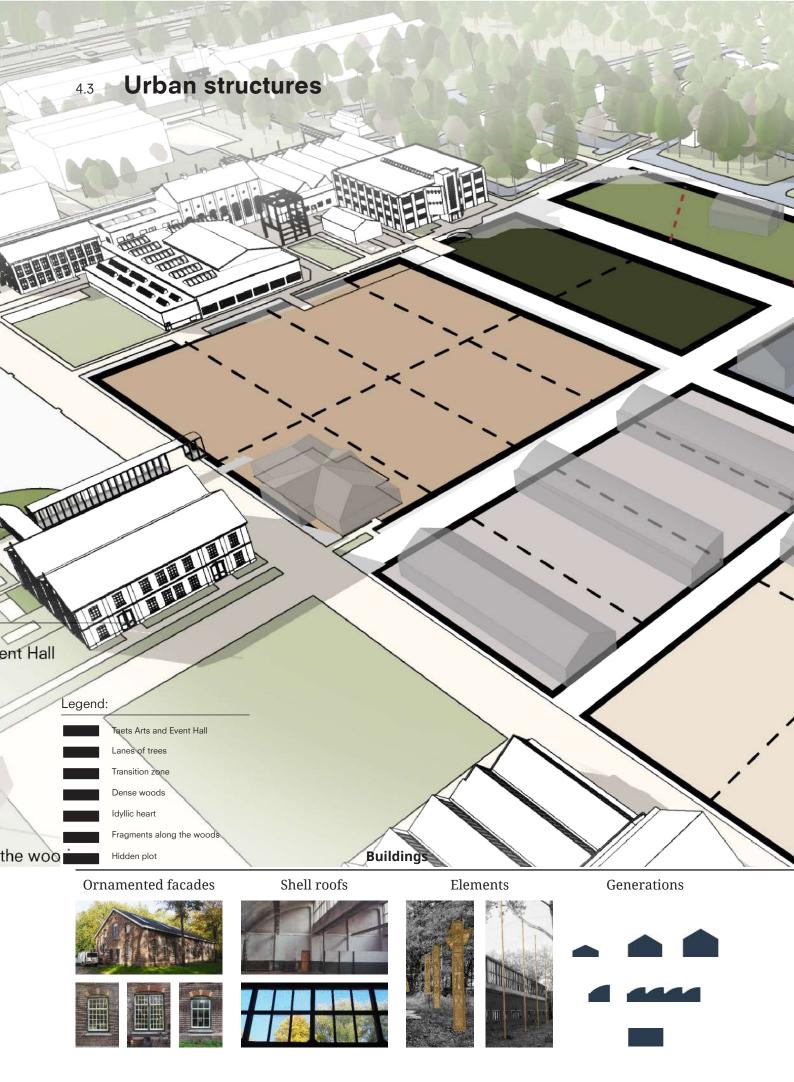


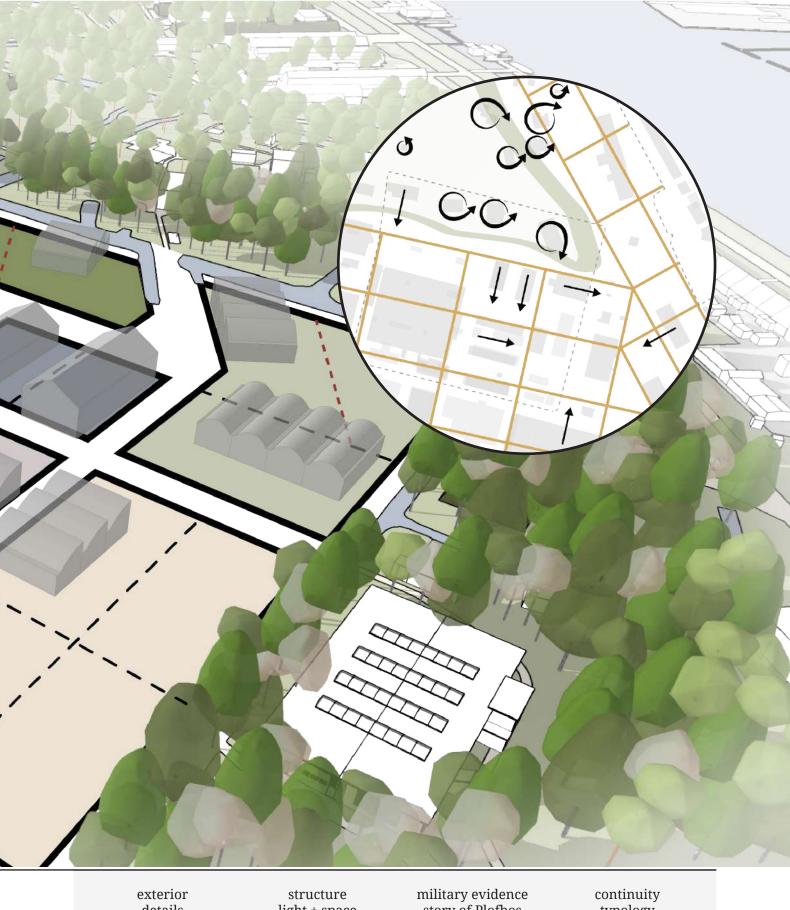








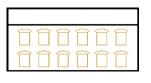


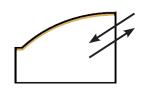


details roofshape structure light + space nature extension of interior

military evidence story of Plofbos remnants

continuity typology unity by generation



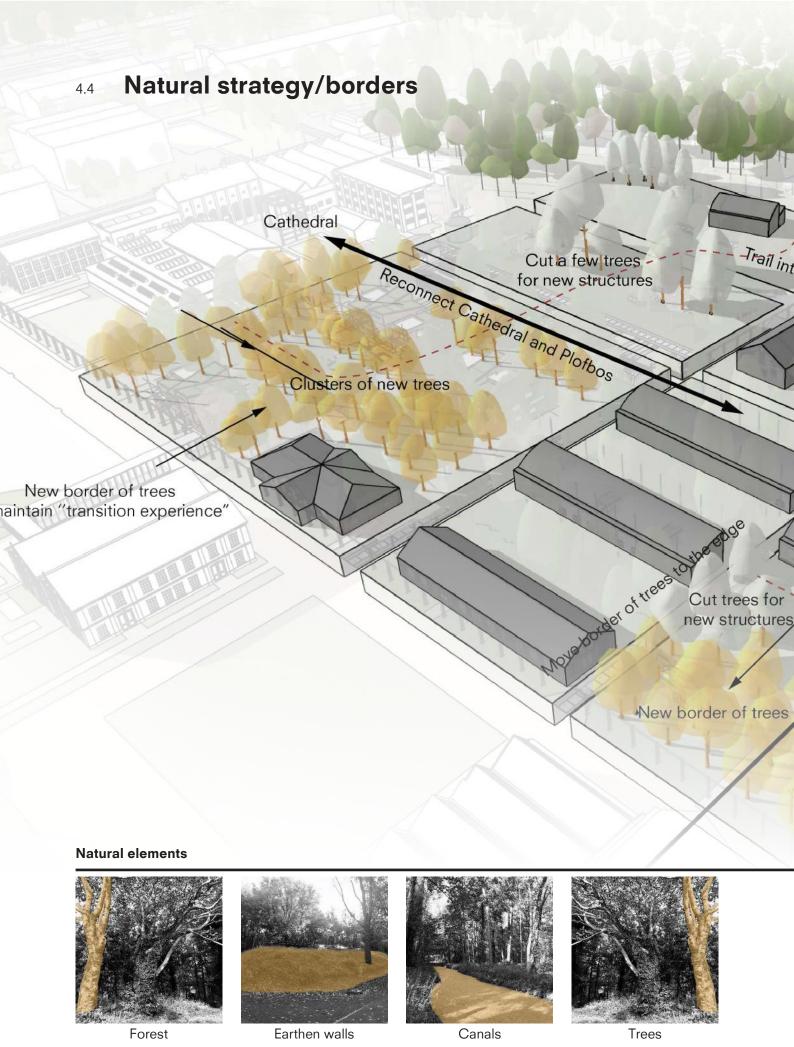










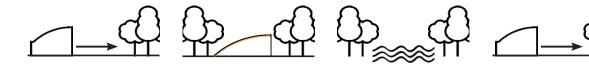




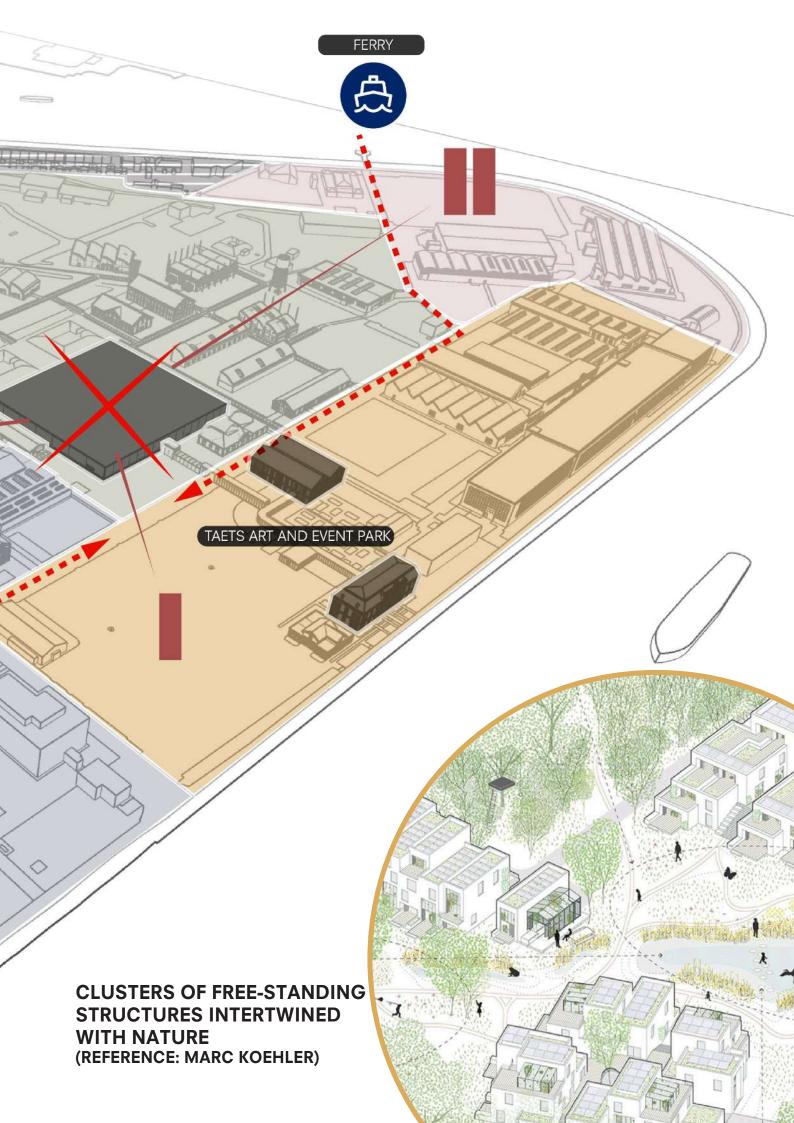
Enclosing border''sight''-green

Hidden Military history

Idyllic scenes Borders Patterns Wild-growth Functional-growth

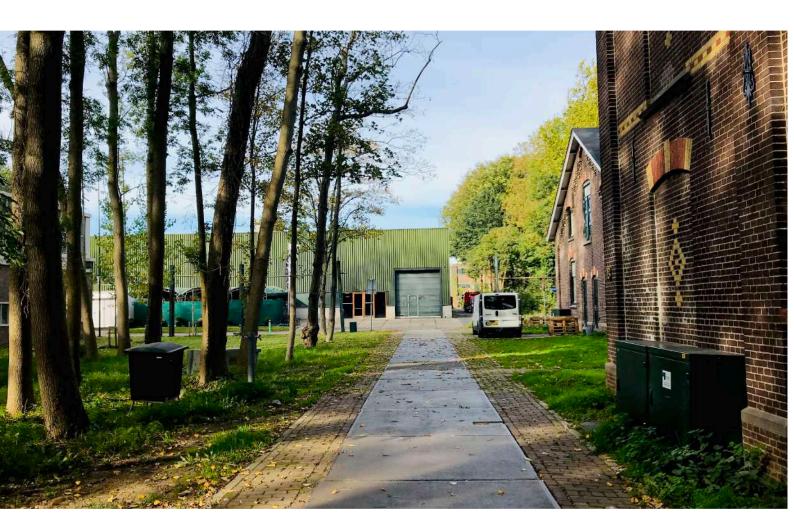


# **Reclamation of the Taets Art and Event Hall land** POTENTIAL REDESIGNS METRO CAR/BUS PARKING 112



# Reclamation of the Taets Art and Event Hall land

IMBALANCE OF SCALE, HEIGHT, PROPORTION, ARCHITECTURE AND MATERIALITY



#### Taets Art and Event Park, 6000m<sup>2</sup>.

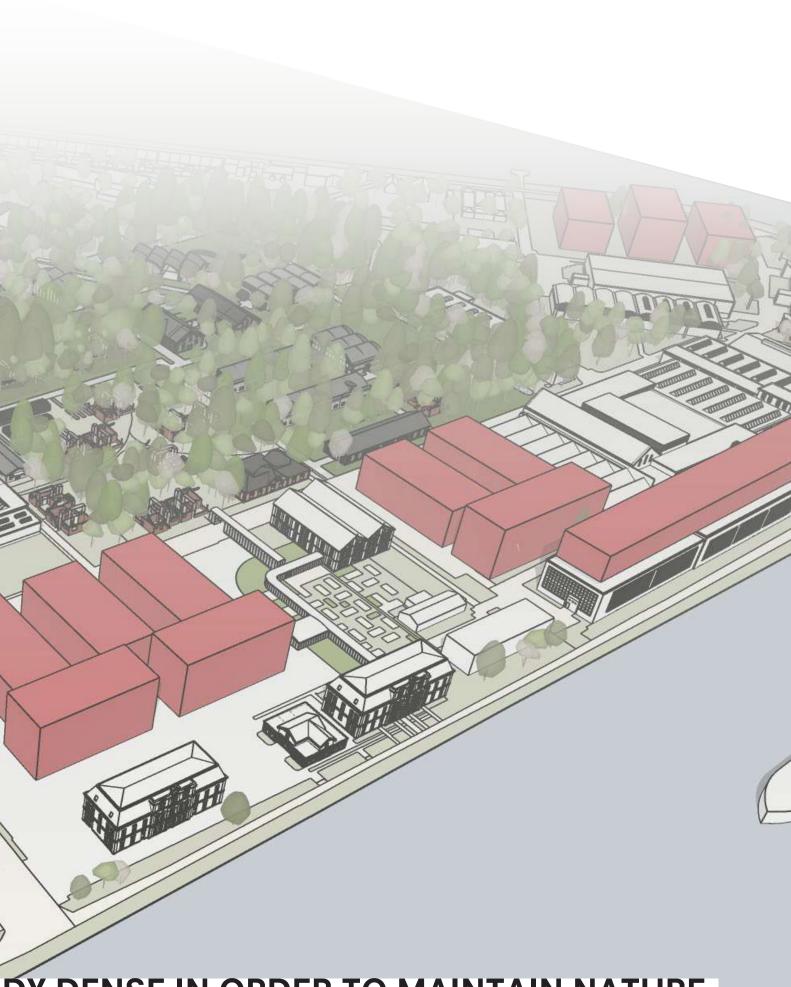
A site that initially acted as a production zone of explosive material and military test location, now houses a large Black box in the hearth of the Hembrug terrain. During the construction in 1991, earthen walls, canals and trees were replaced for a practical production hall. However, the activity in this building only operated until 2003, when the Hembrug terrain closed its operations. The building has not been in use until January 2014 when a variety of project developers transformed the former production hall into an Art and Event Hall. Up to today the building facilitates the most diverse events, from design fairs, multi-day company events, product presentations, car shows, conferences, fashion shows, and staff parties, to intimate get-togethers, atmospheric dinners, meetings, lunches, concerts and television recordings. Divided over three unique buildings that are connected through a glazed walkway, the Taets Art and Event park totally combine 10.000 square meters of floor space area. Combined with the open space in between the three units, Taets offers the opportunity to provide event space for up to 7.000 to 12.000 persons.

#### **NATURE VS METAL FACADE**

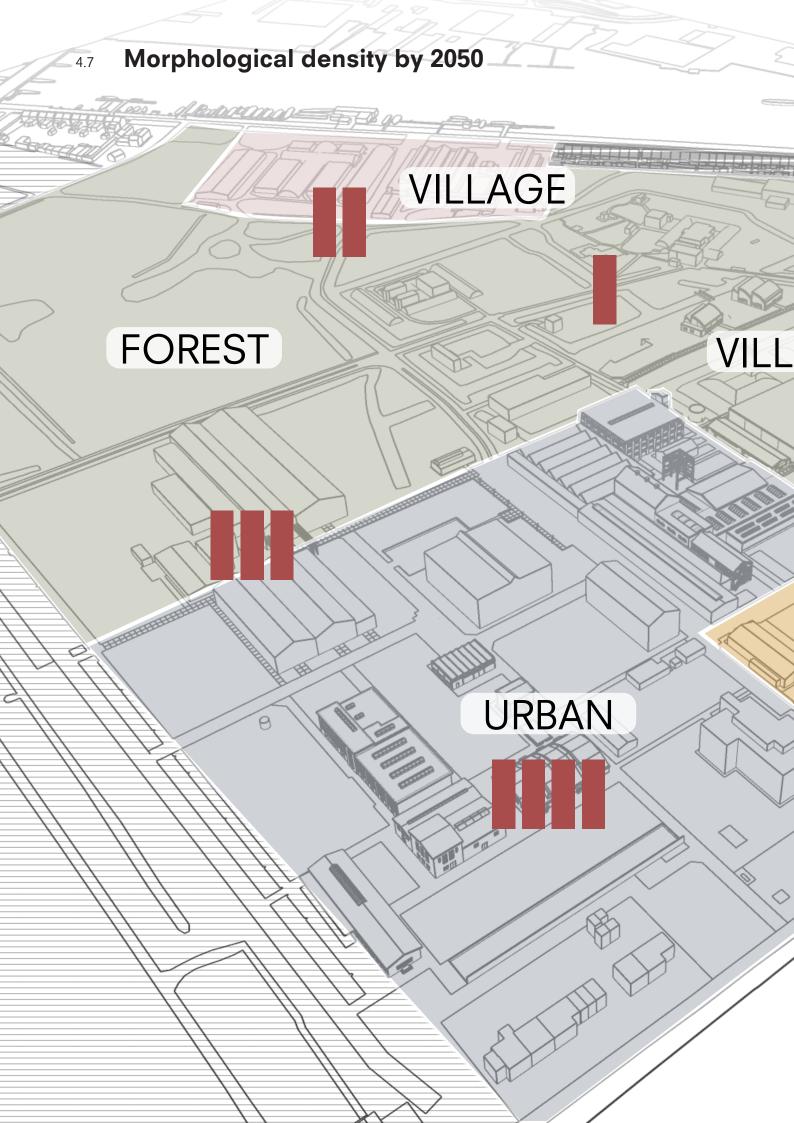


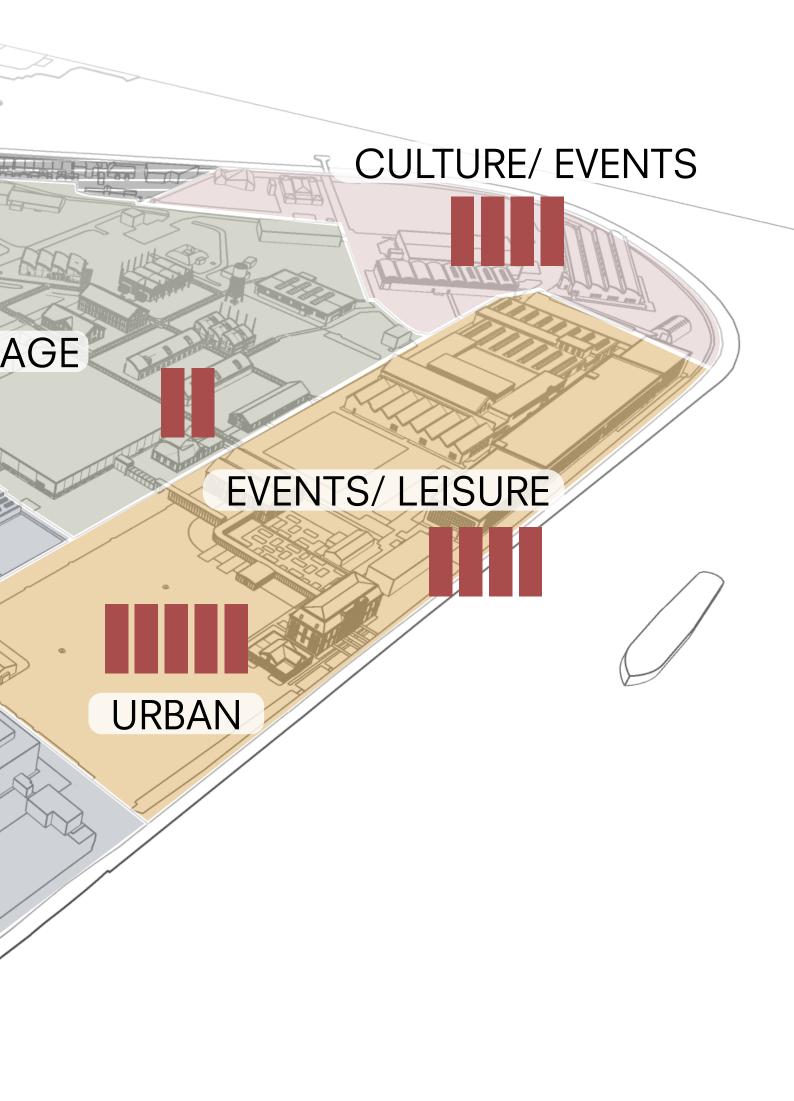
## Observations Taets Black Box (building 1).

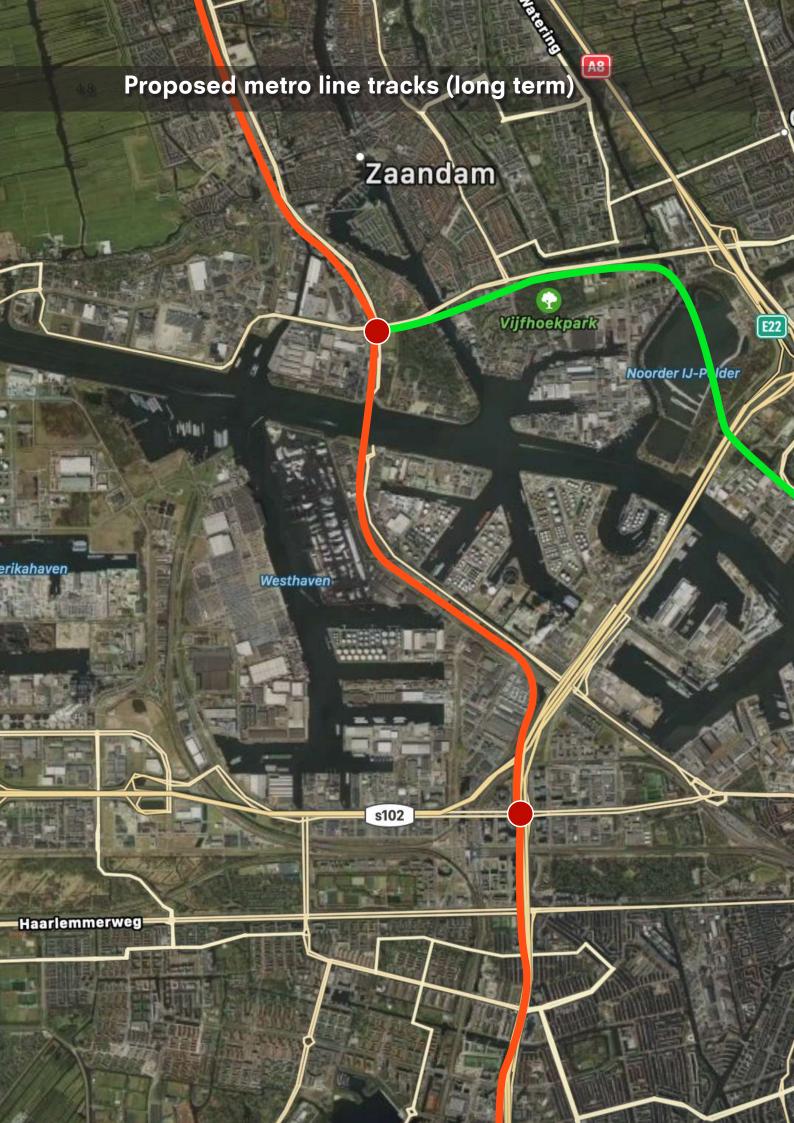
- Spacious interior, therefore highly practical for event based activities.
- Steel load bearing structure and metallic façades material potentially re-useable.
- The Black Box disturbs the structure of the northern part of Hembrug (free standing buildings at a distance from each other, surrounded by forest and sometimes earthen walls).
- Both scale and architecture do not fit in with the context.
- Architectural layering of the Black Box is incoherent with the surrounding ensembles.
- Low cultural historical significance.



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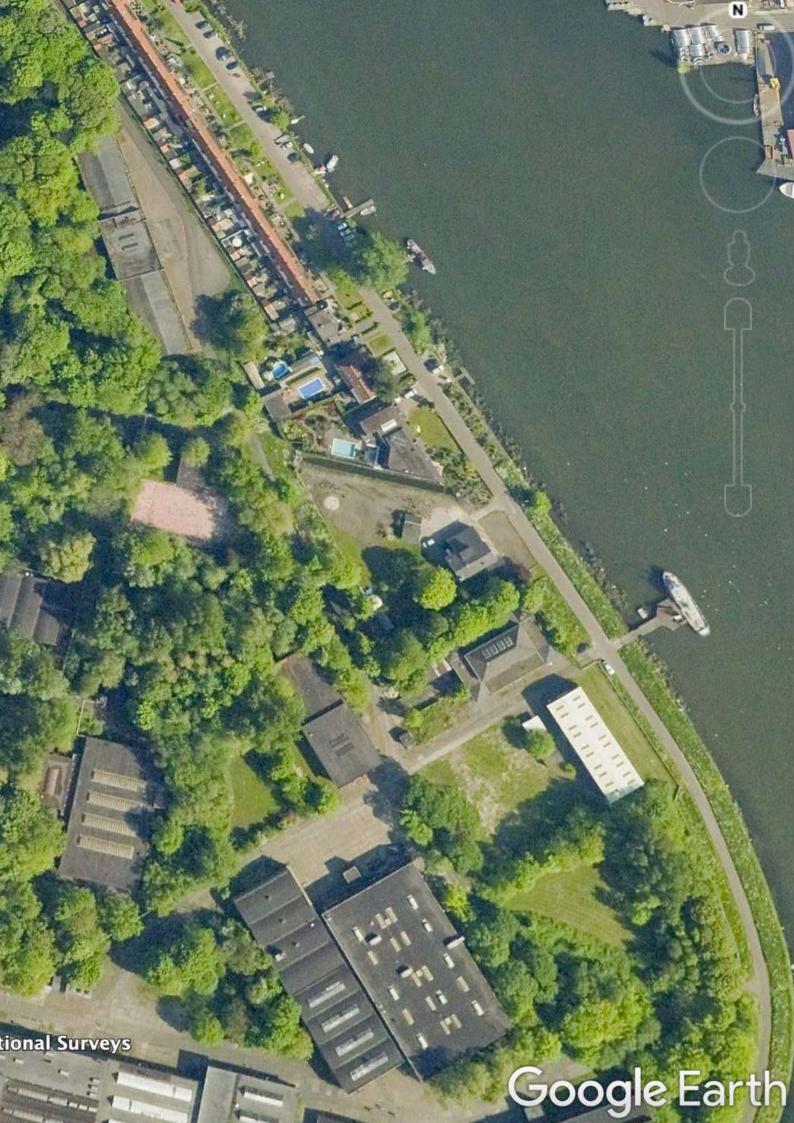


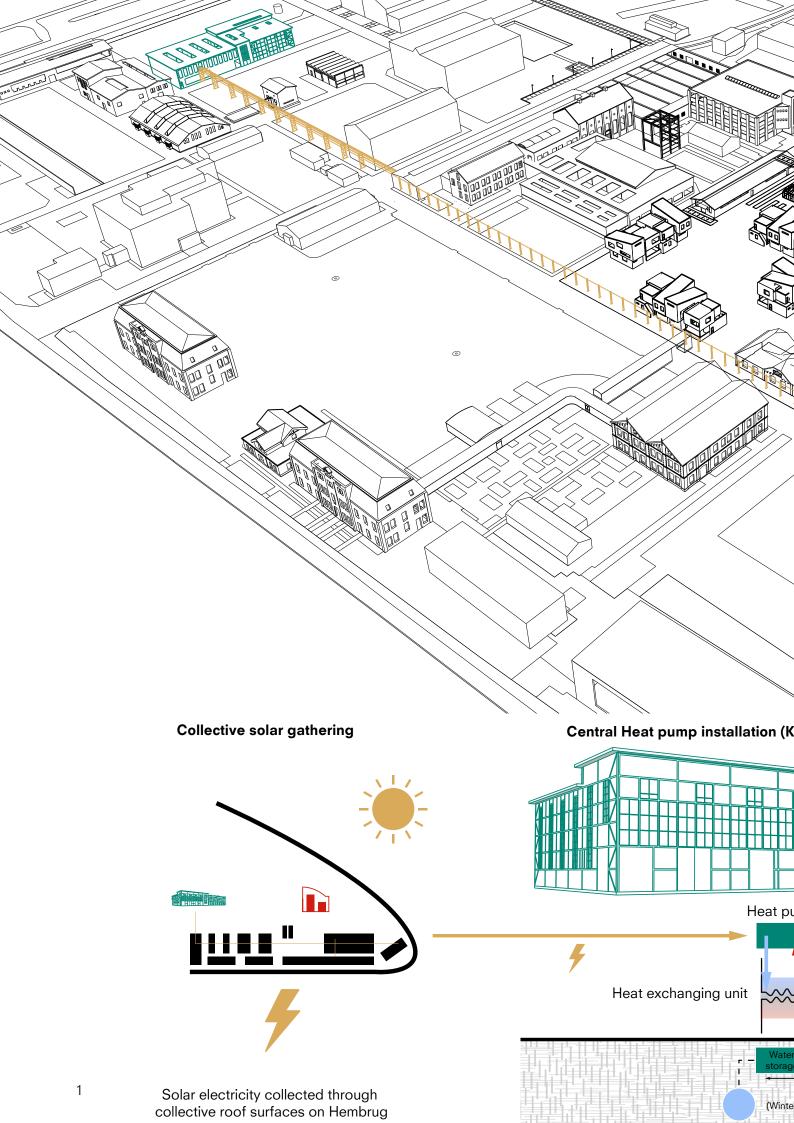


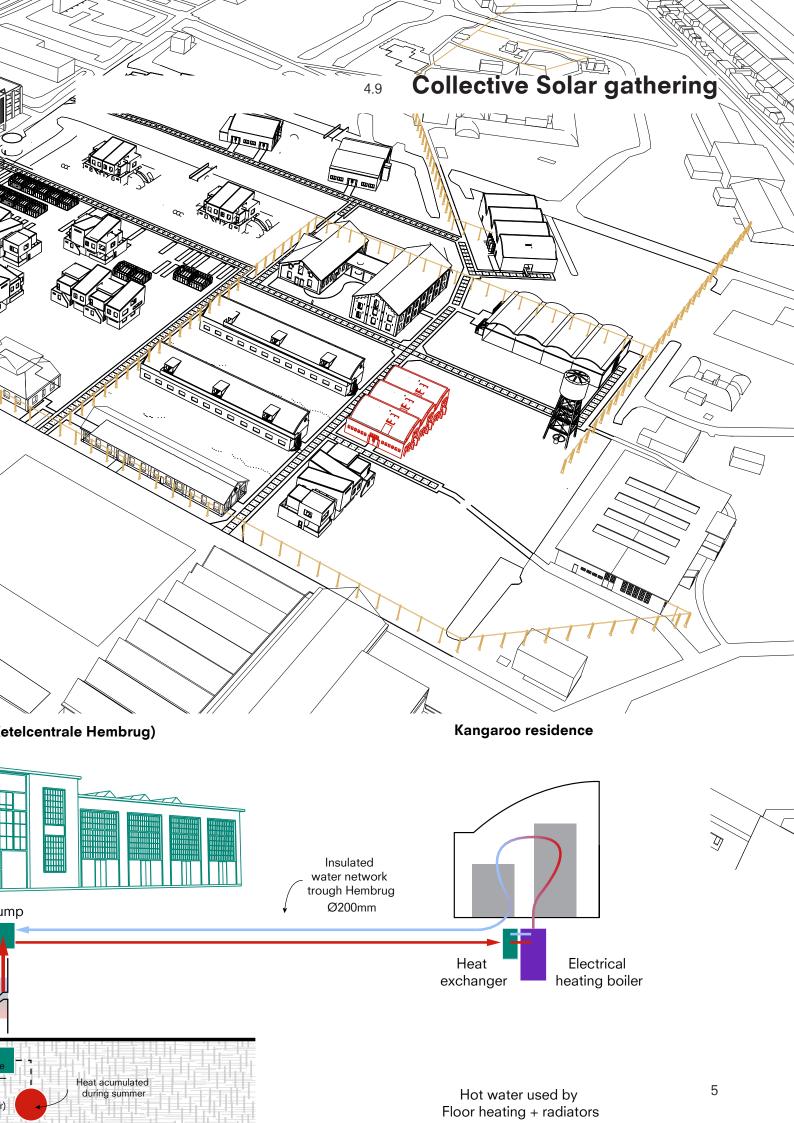




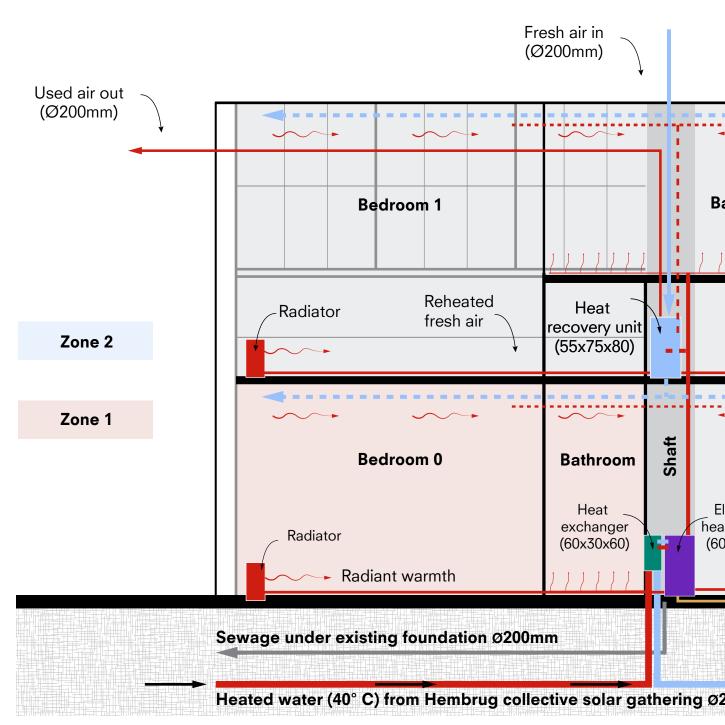








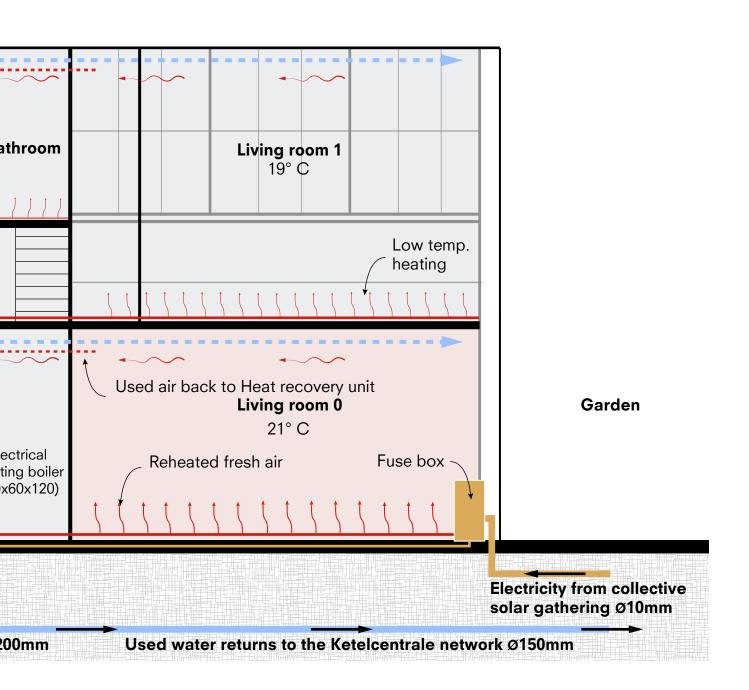
# 4.10 Heating and ventilation scheme Kangaroo Residences

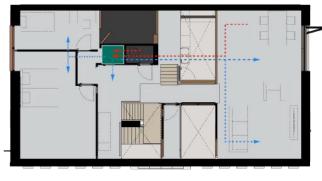


Insulation from the inside. Target: Rc between 4/5 m<sup>2</sup> K/W



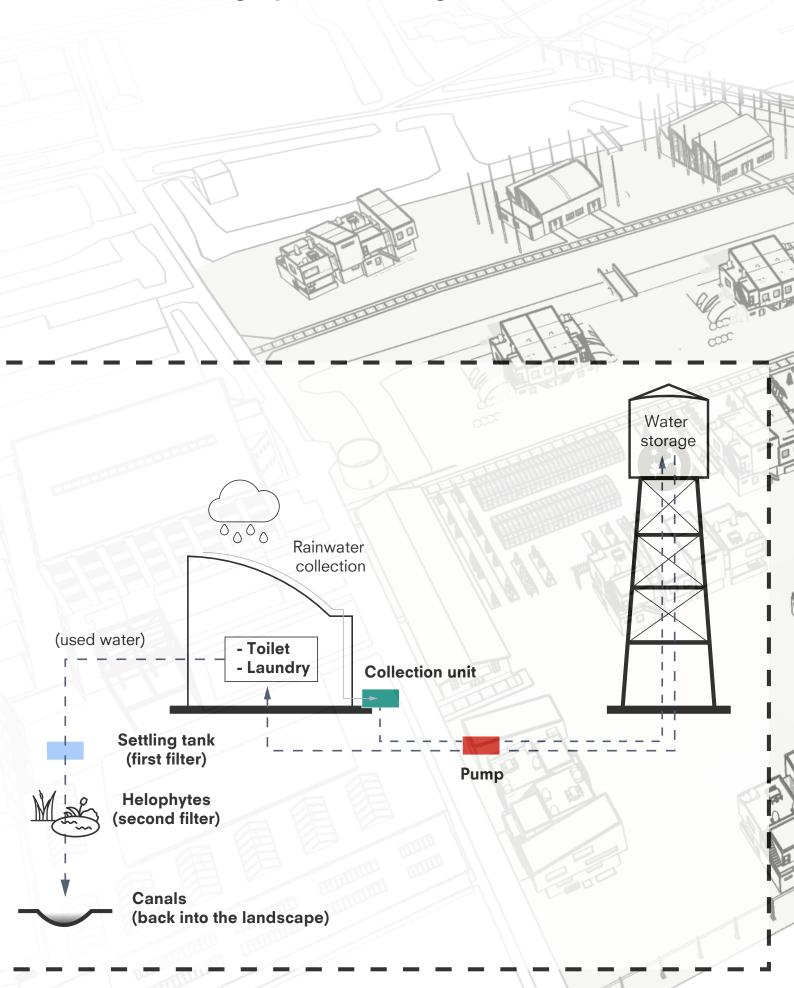
Ground floor





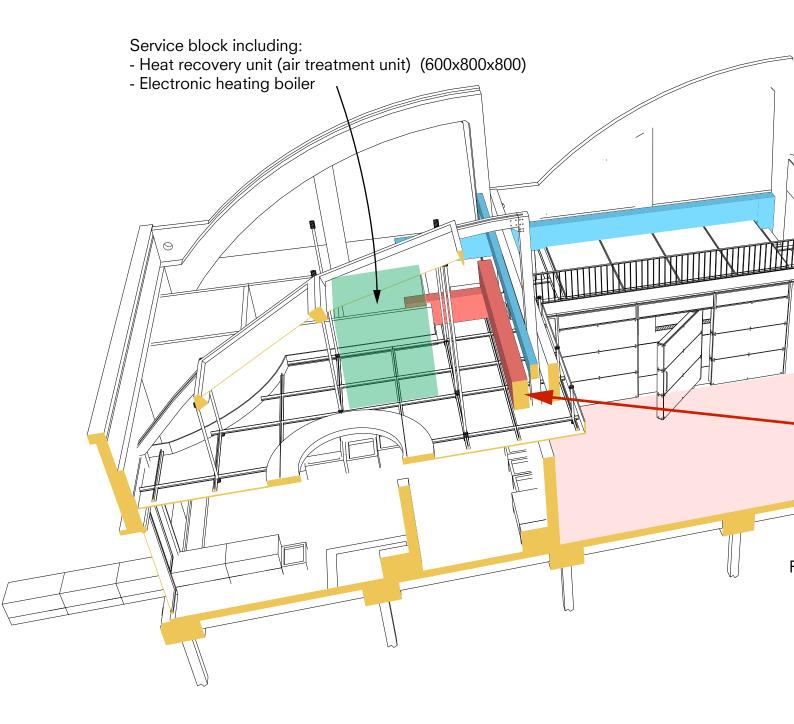
First floor

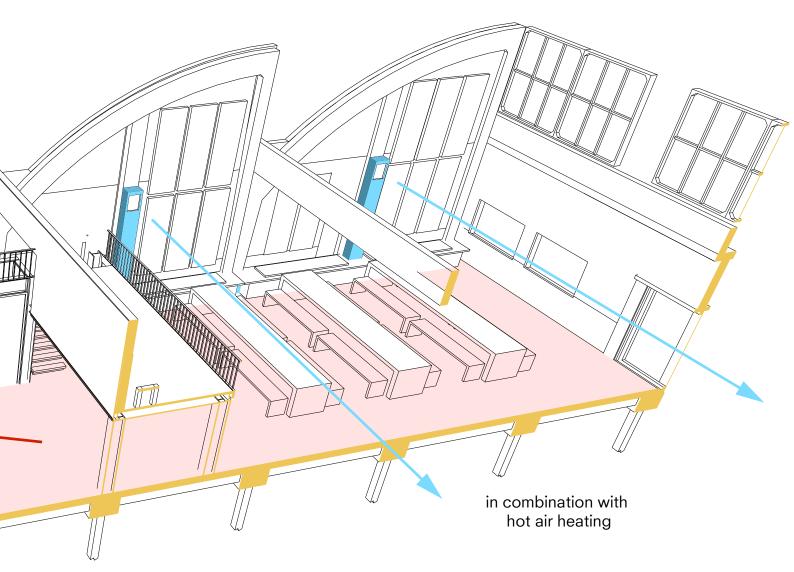
# 4.11 Potential grey-water management





# Ventilation principle of the Contemplation Hall





loor heating

# Communal gathering (toevoer):

Bezettingsgraad 180m2 / 3,3 = 54 personen

= 18,5 cm

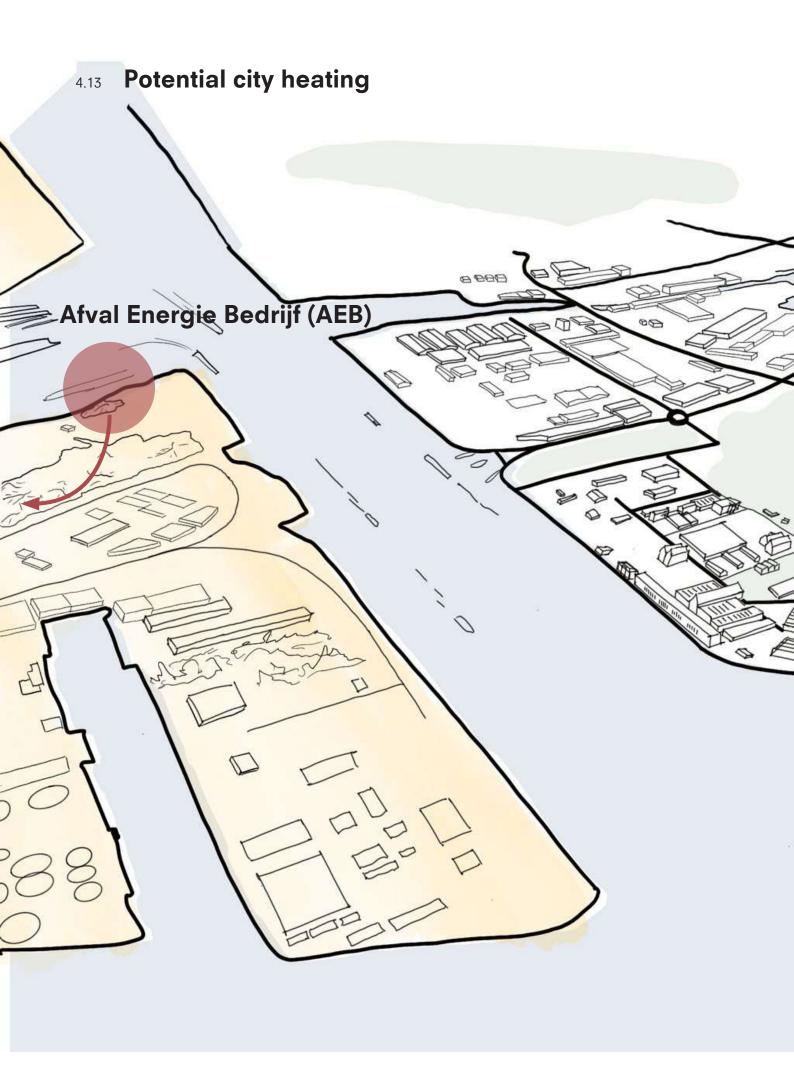
Ventilatieluchthoeveelheid: 216 dm3/s
Toelaatbaar geluidsniveau: 2 m/s
omzetten naar m3/s 0,216 m3/s

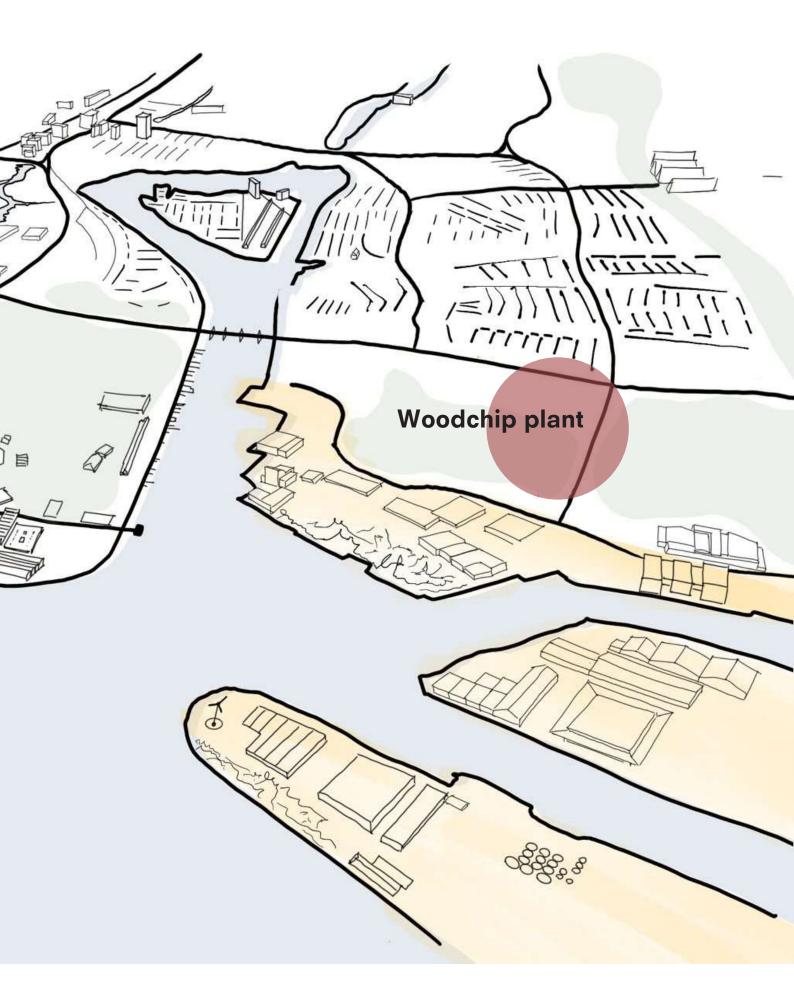
0,216 / 2 = 0,108 m2 = **1080cm2** 

 $\varpi$  x straal2 = 1080 1080 /  $\varpi$  = 344

Straal luchtkanaal: √344

Diameter: = 37 cm

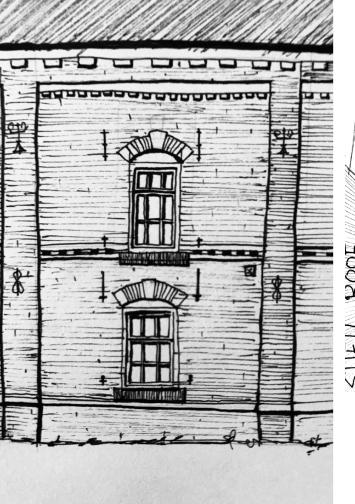


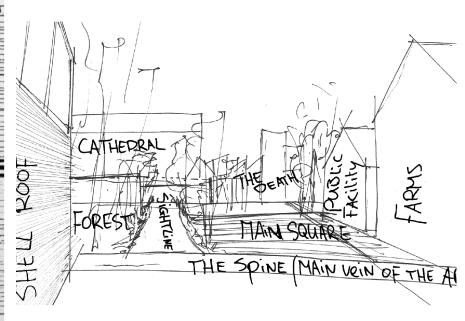


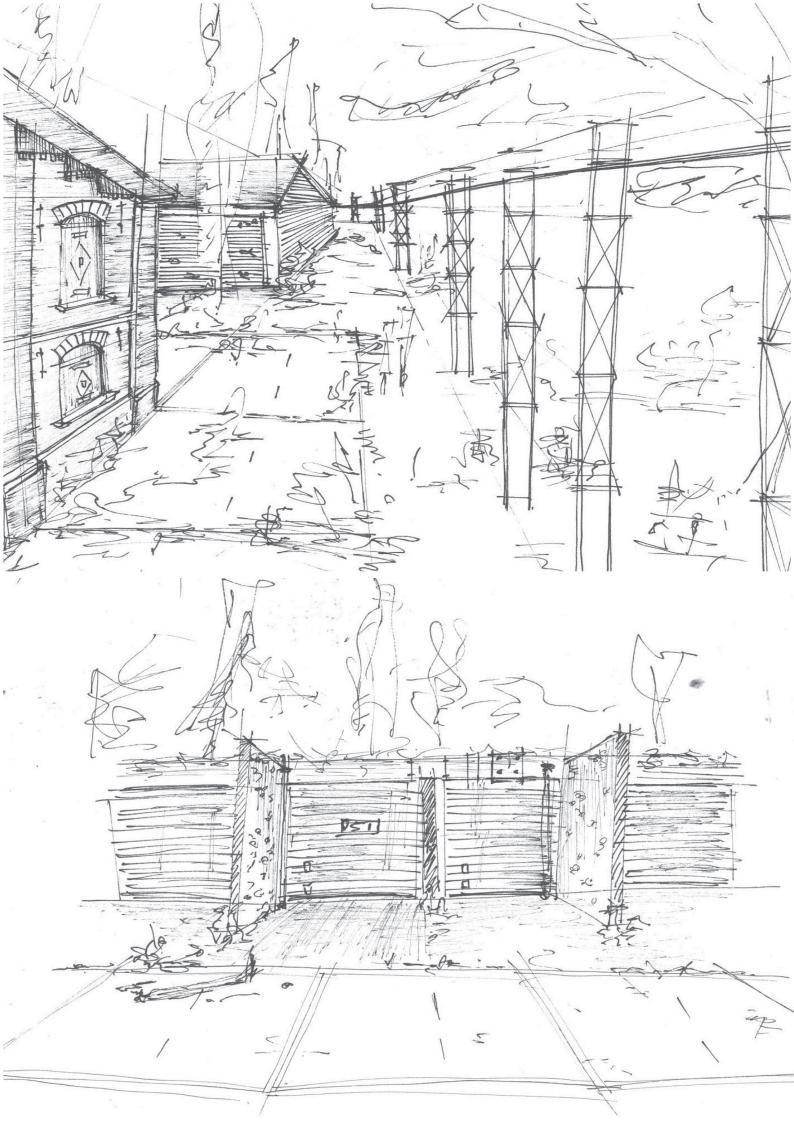




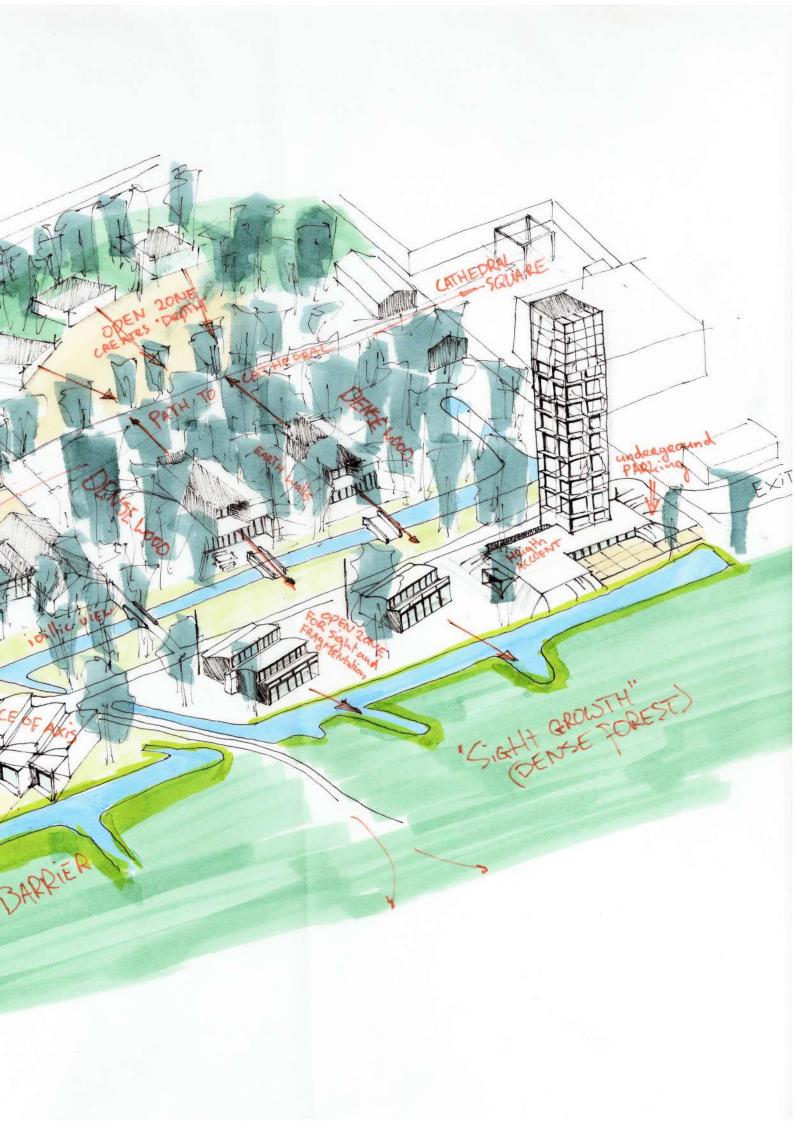


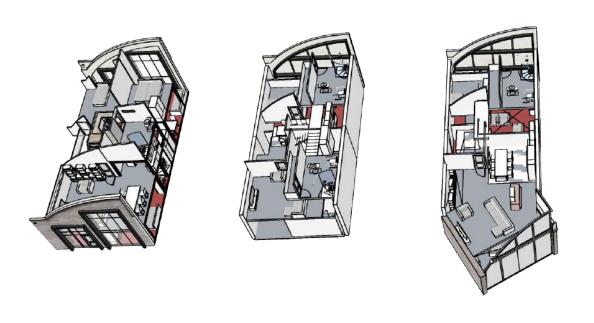


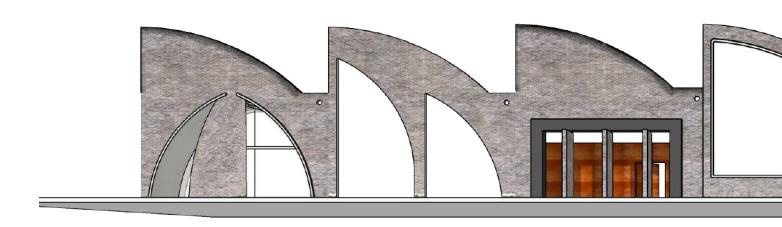


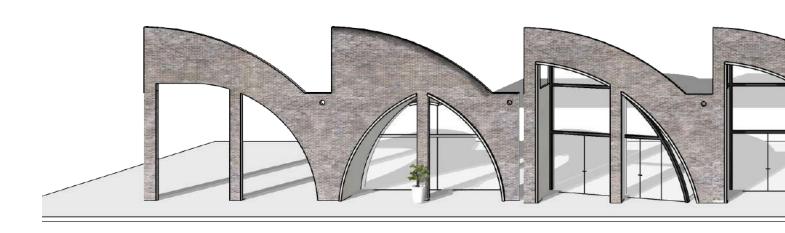


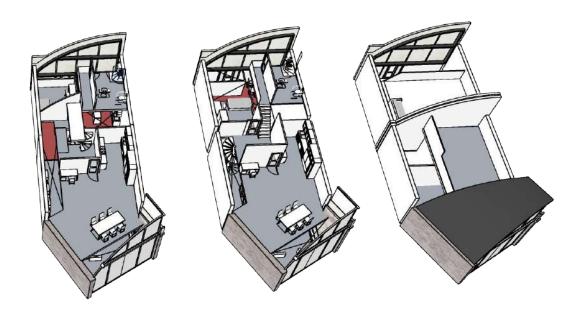


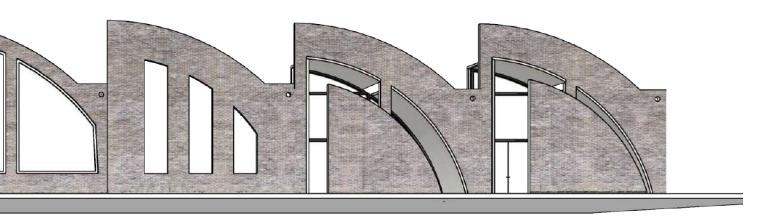


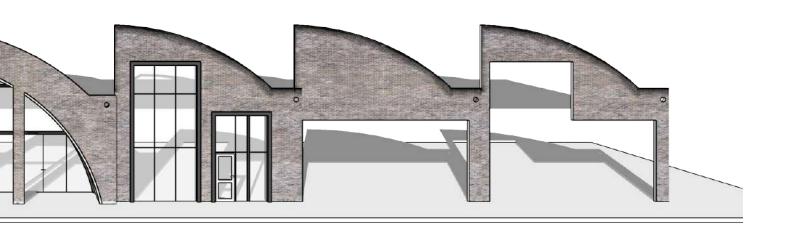




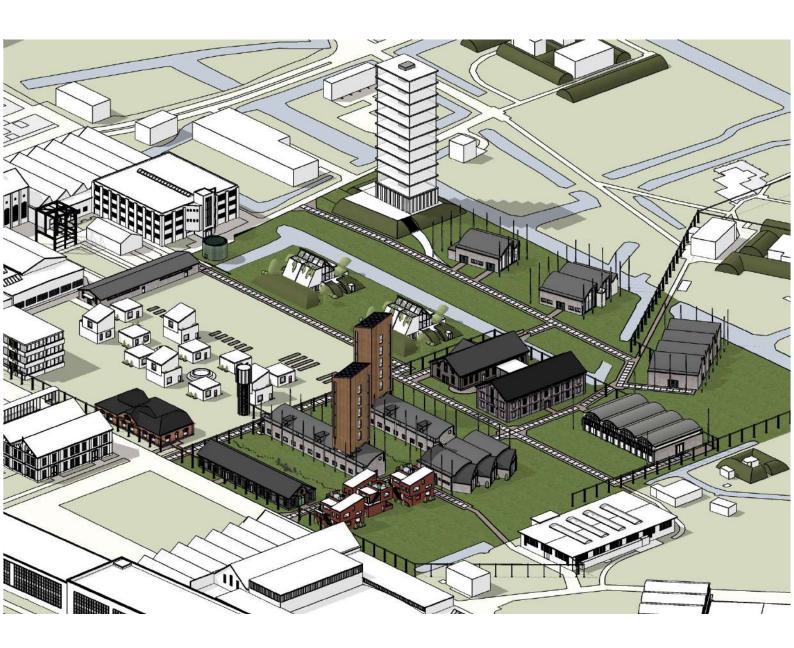






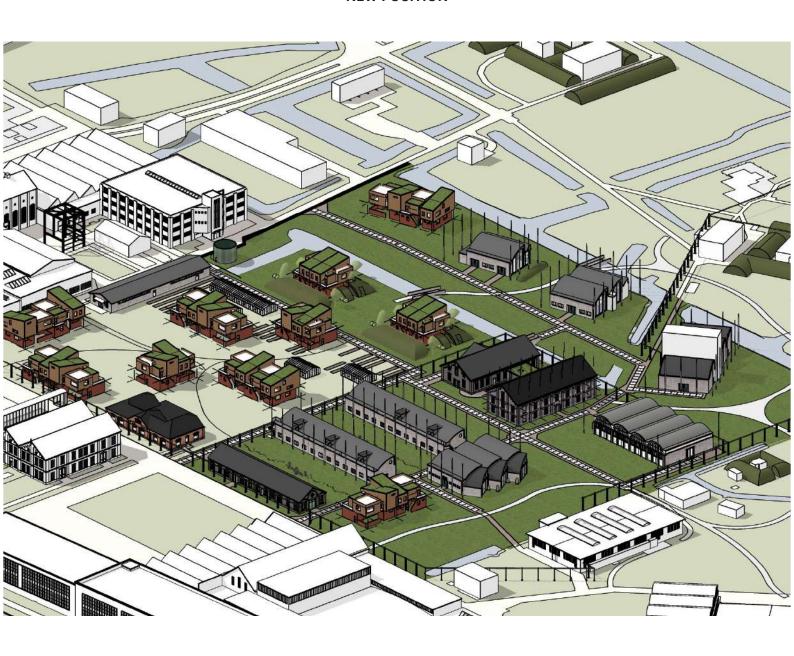


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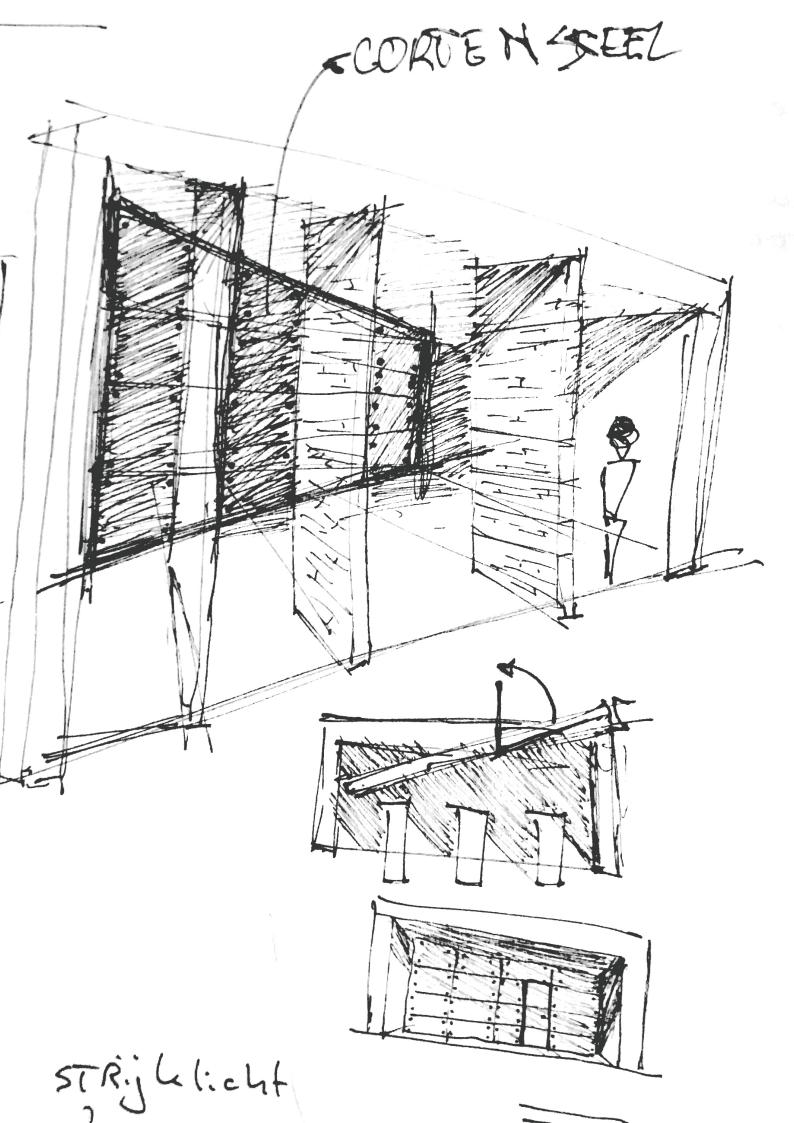


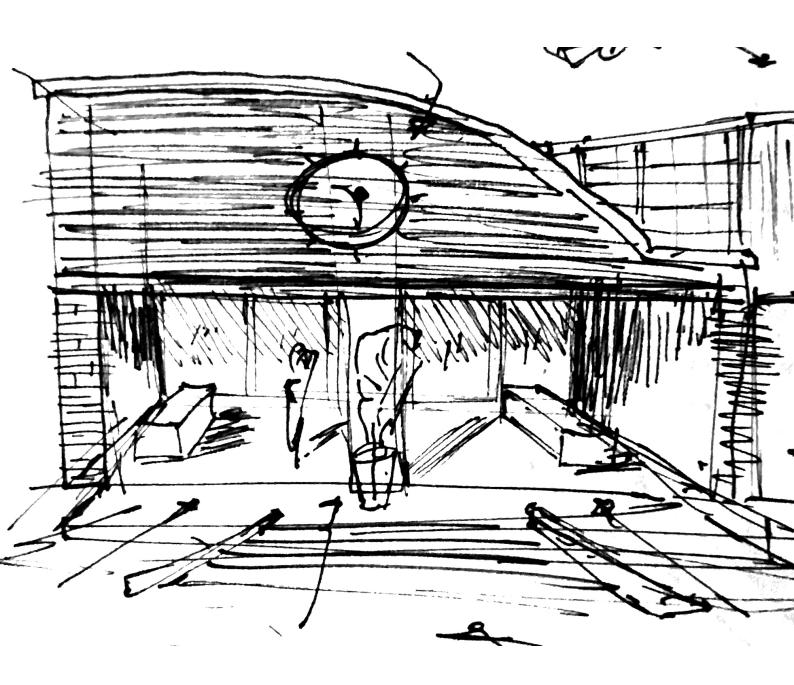
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### **NEW POSITION**



**SMALL-SCALE, FREE STANDING MODULES** 







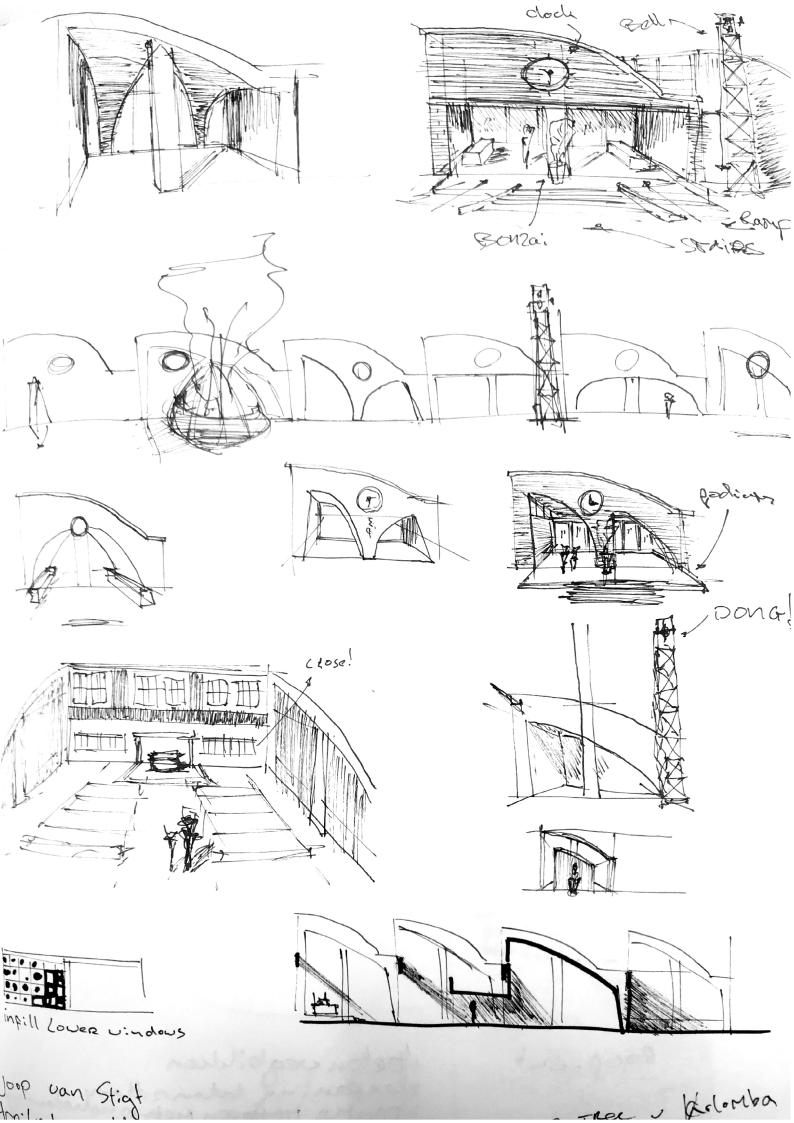


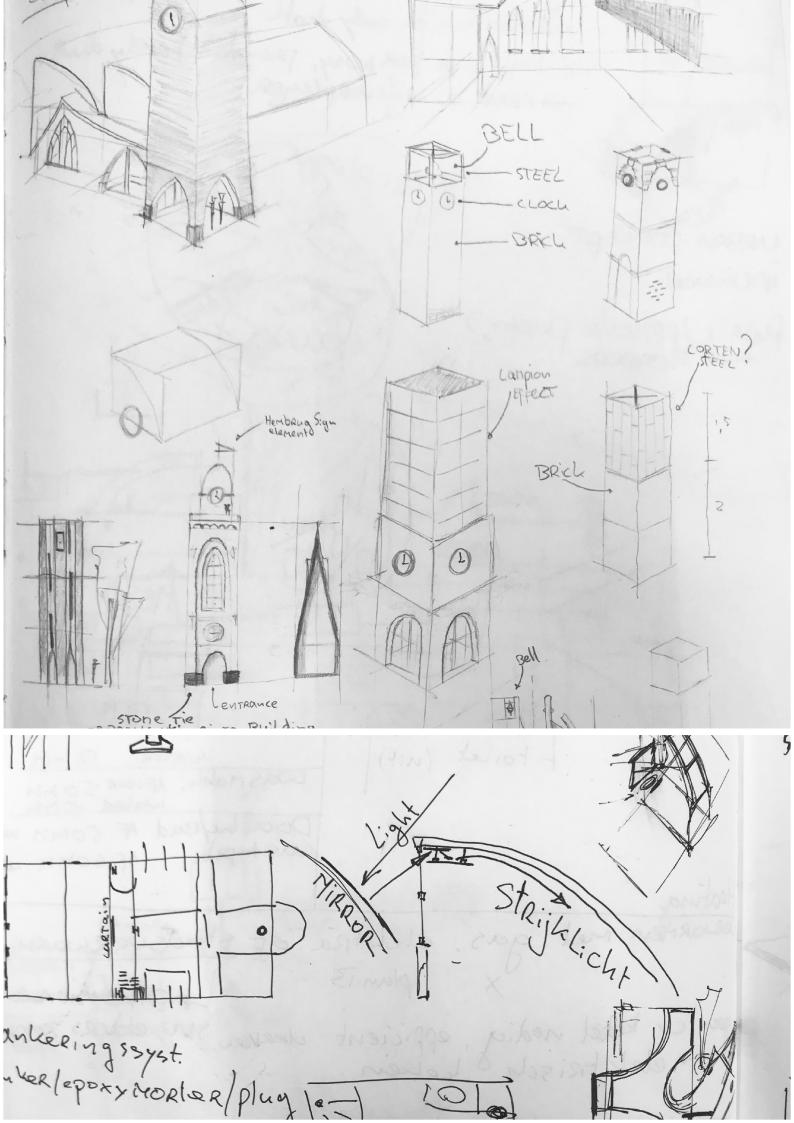


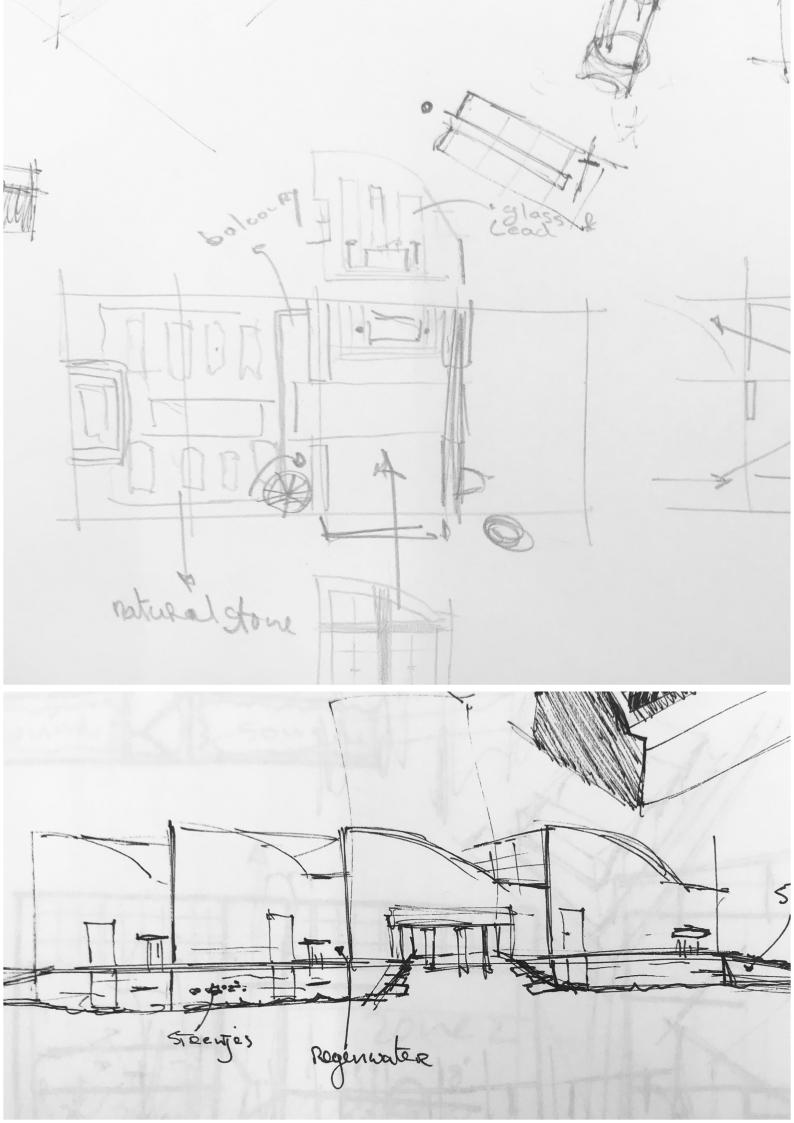


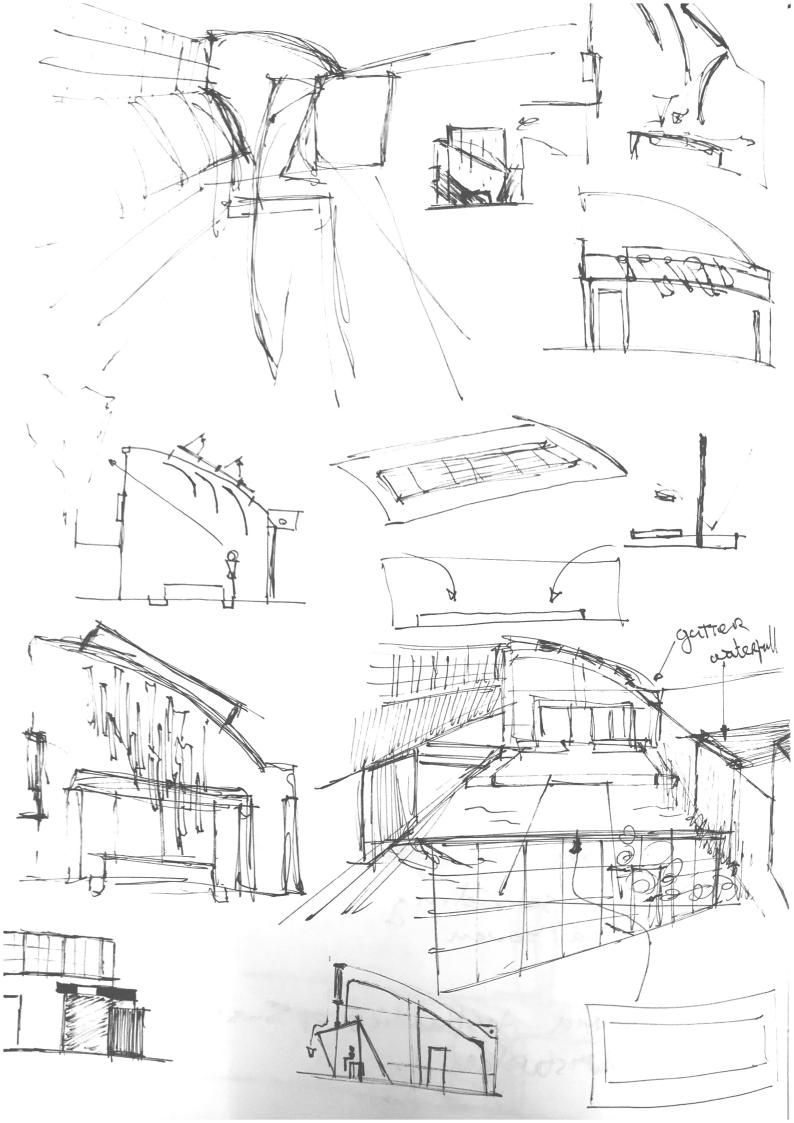


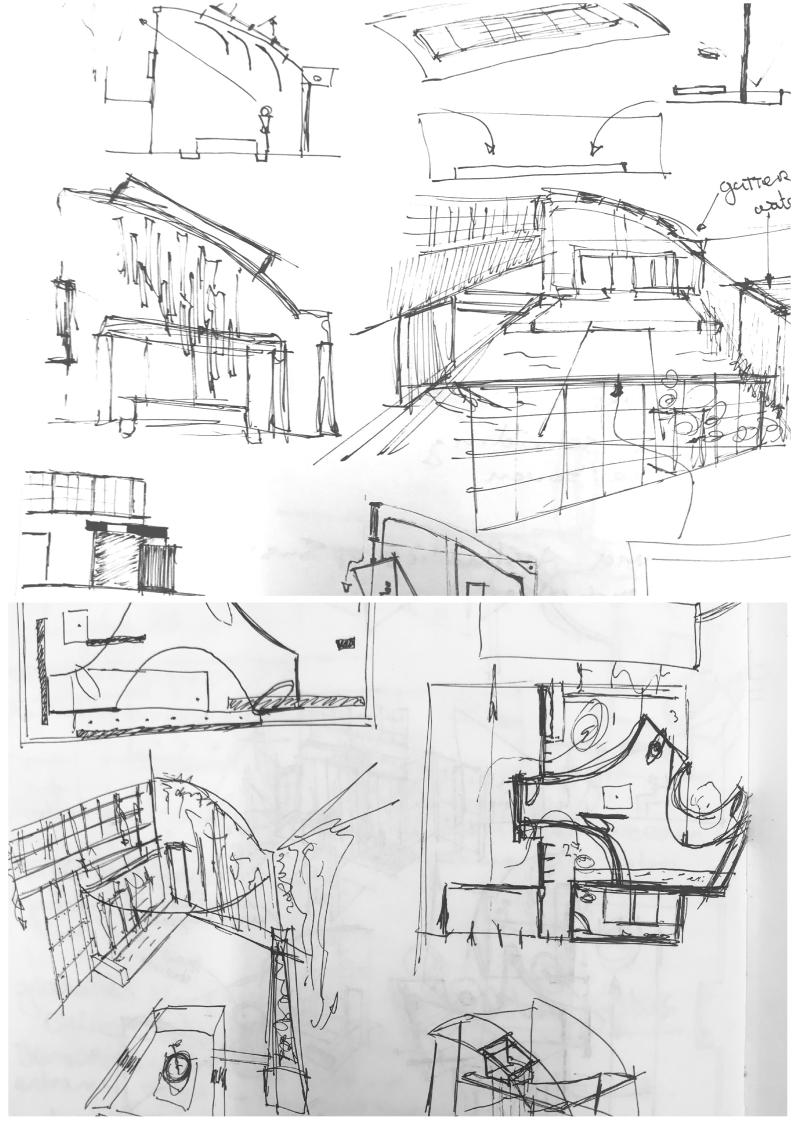


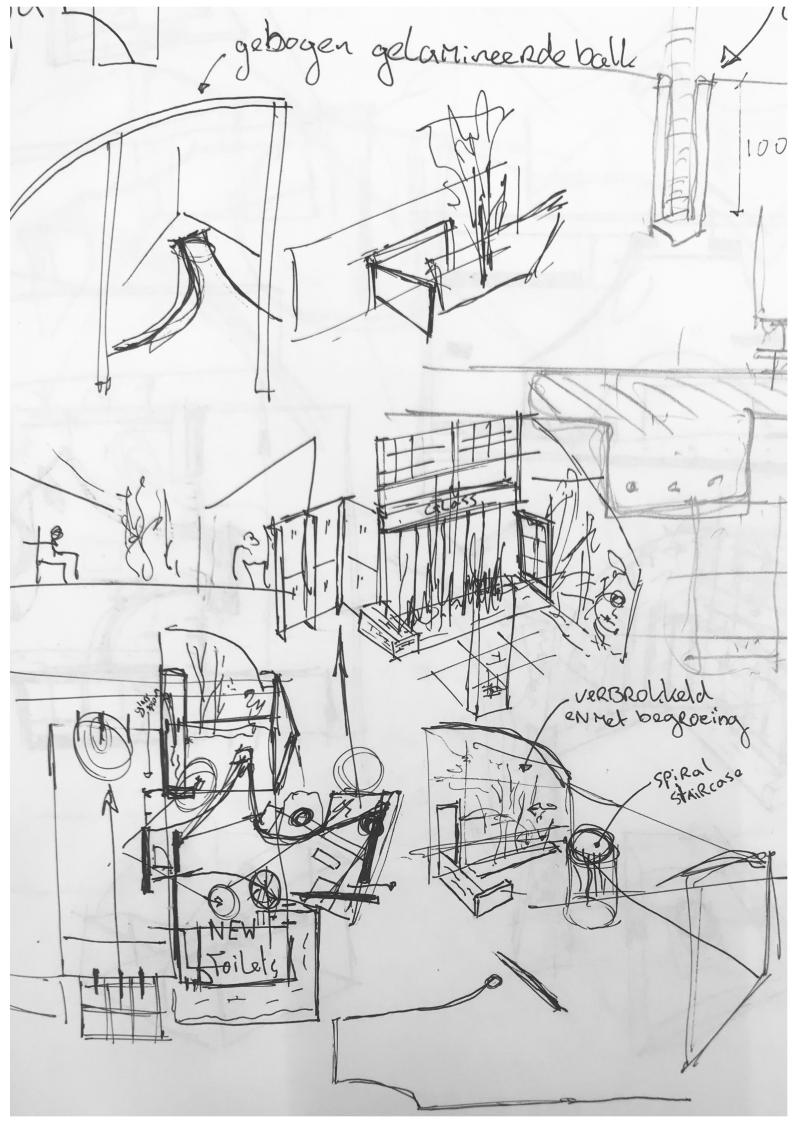






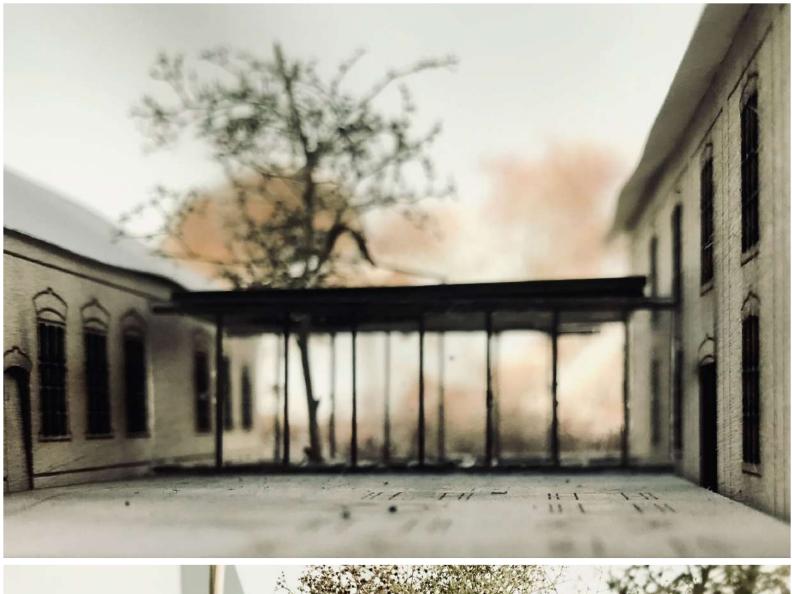














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