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Low Town Down Town

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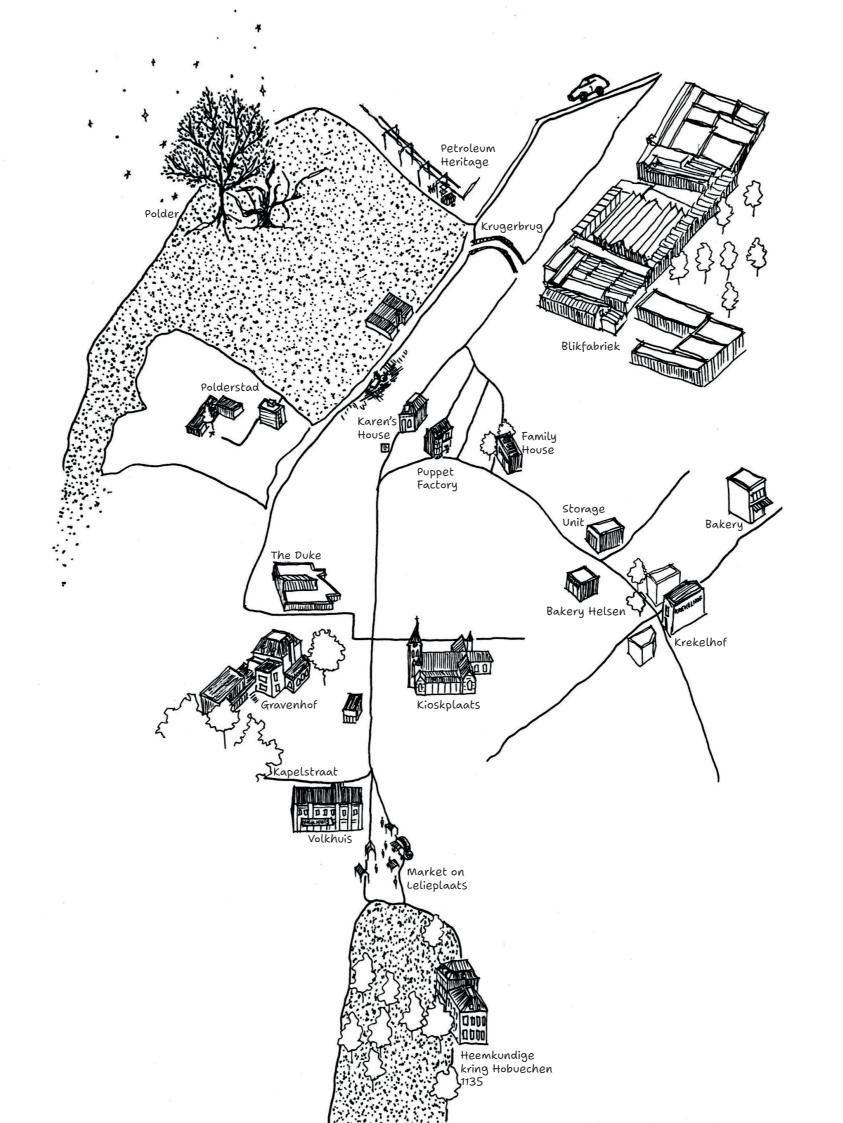
Quiet but not the city. Dirty and marginal. Green, quiet A lot has changed. Dirty, not like before, unsafe. Quiet nice neighborhood where there is always something going on. Lots of greenery but dirty in some places. Relatively quiet yet close to town. A beautiful pleasant $\mbox{{\it village}}$ where everyone knows each other. Used to be very social but become less safe year after yea ar, especially after sunset. Sad. The greenest suburb of Antwerp. Quiet, green, pleasant and full of elderly people.Feeling unsafe. Quiet district next to the city. Lots of heritage to be found. Became more multicultural. Expropriation of 1 old neighborhood. Fragmentation. A district with a bad name but with a lot of potential. Hoboken is dirty, dilapidated, a lot of litter, a lot of dog poo and complete accommodation. Even the tram no longer runs here. Cafes are disappearing, one can really no longer speak of a shopping street here, park itself is sad. Birthplace. Evolved from a large village to a city district with many old and "new" Belgians. Little green, fairly boring neighborhood. Popular, many boring houses with far too few green facades. Densely populated, working class district, large. Has become a bit more impersonal compared to the past. Green, village feeling, litter, friendly, diverse. A district with many faces, sometimes positive, sometimes negative. A quiet and green municipality that we would like to preserve so much. A pleasant neighborhood to live in. Unfriendly. Was there because of my husband, but quickly knew a lot of people: family, neighbors, etc. There was a lot of contact with everyone. An industrial municipality with a striking amount of greenery (fort 8, polder and parks). District with potential, organization not an exemplary function. Industrial municipality with many **immigrants** and a surprising amount of greenery. Workers' village but always on the move. The front yard of a big city. By reducing or stopping all kinds of (heavy) industry and ghettoization by less fortunate population groups, an increase in the feeling of insecurity supported by a resurgence of drug-related violence. A municipality where a lot has changed. Multicultural green and friendly. Artistic and green district. Green lung of Antwerp. A district with a village feel if you want it. Pretty quiet so far... A natural, well-located municipality Contradictory impressions± messy, sometimes closed (shutter houses, not very inviting), sometimes open (the landscape, the open spaces), lively (the Blikfabriek), varied (many different types of inhabitants), also feels quiet (compared to the city center). Village in the Randstad, **contrast**, industry. Built-up and liveliness disappeared. I always found a nice and cozy municipality until a few years ago. the moment Hoboken was merged with Antwerp. A green municipality with a beautiful and a less beautiful side. Delicate question, nicely said no longer the same. Very much changed and not in the positive sense... Everything is deteriorating, own local shops are **disappearing** and ethnic businesses are taking their place, native residents no longer feel at home here, you see more immigrant people than native people on the street, supermarket, playground ... women wear more and more headscarves ... the Abdijstraat on the Kiel was the shopping street, there you now imagine yourself in Morocco, Turkey ... Still good to live in and very **familiar** to me. The perfect suburb. Beautiful green, with initially nice residential areas but in recent years run-down streets and too busy car traffic center but essentially a nice municipality. A village that is becoming more and more **urbanized**, a district with very poor public transport. Quiet and friendly. Located at the bottom of the **Scheldt** bend to Antwerp, through traffic does not pass through the center. It is the greenest borough of Antwerp. The Hoboken of my youth cannot be compared to Hoboken of today. For example, I knew that there were 5 (five!) cinemas in Hoboken and that when KSK Hoboken played at home, the fanfare came through the street. The merger with Antwerp has also changed a lot and not always for the better. For example, the **polder** where we went to catch skippers has now become a polder city.

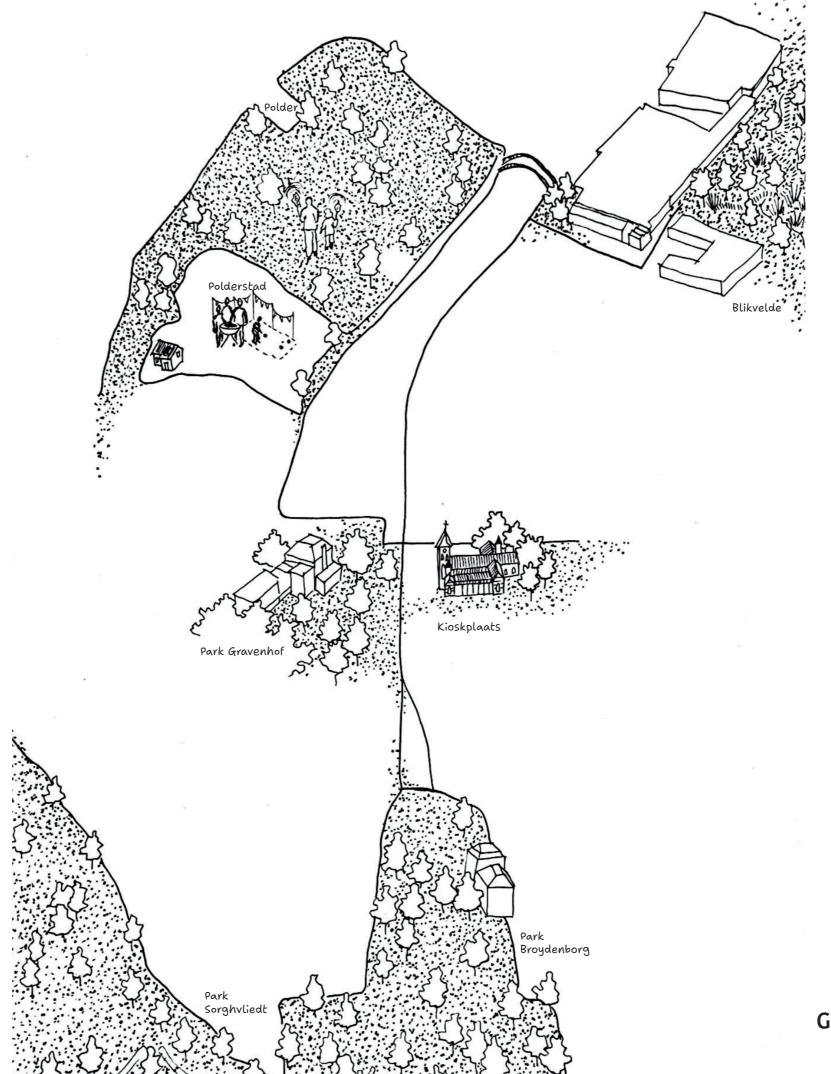


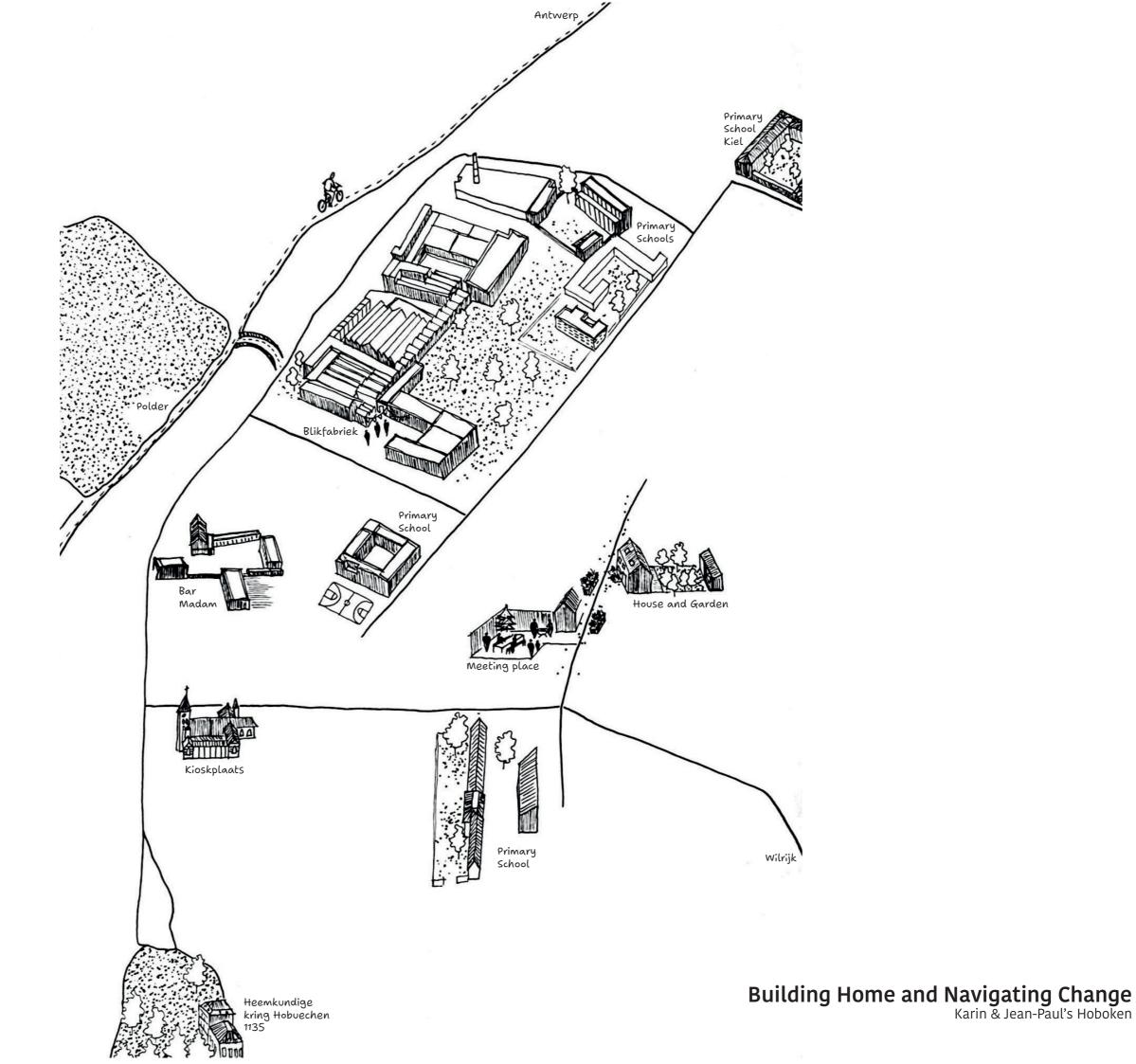


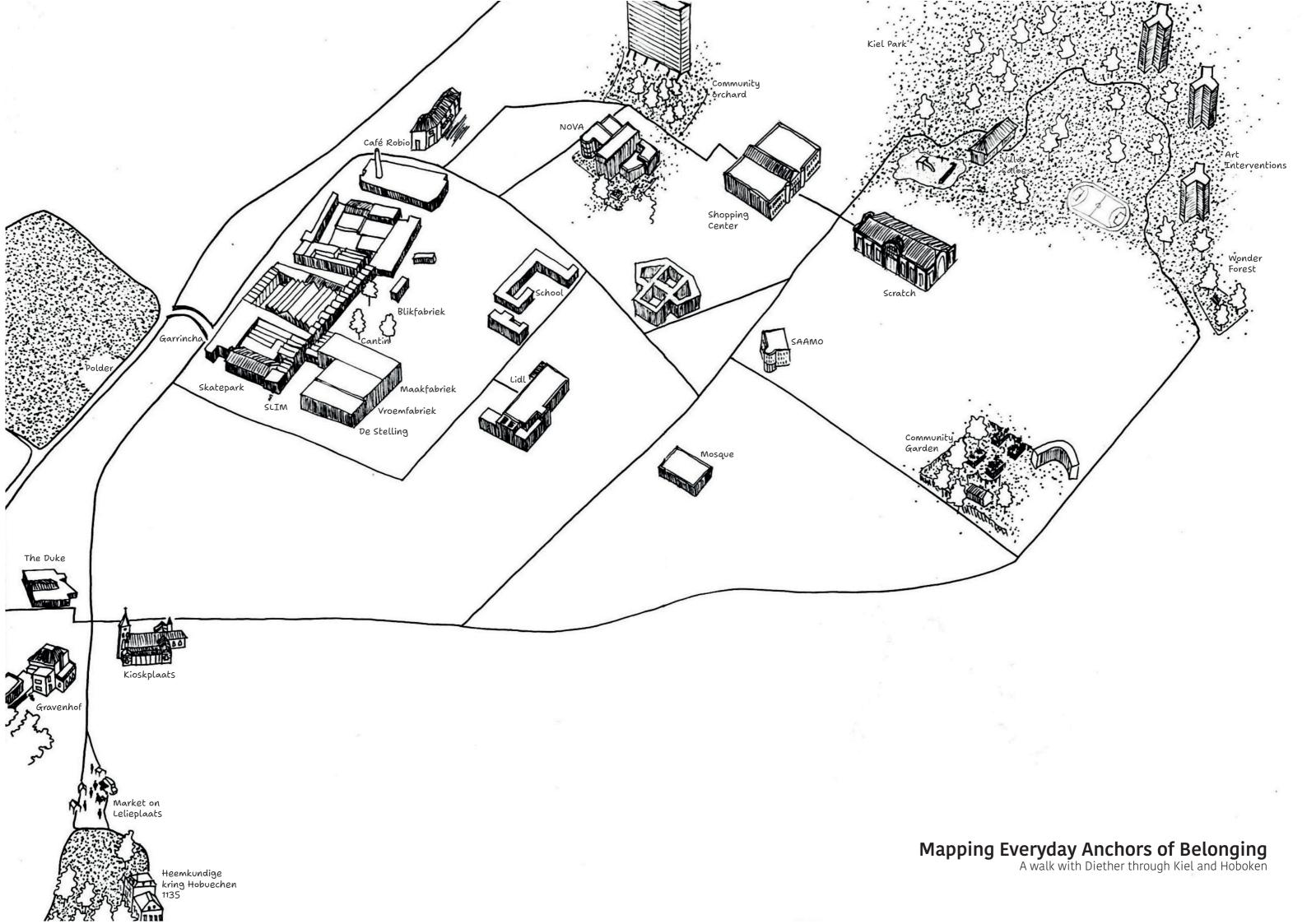


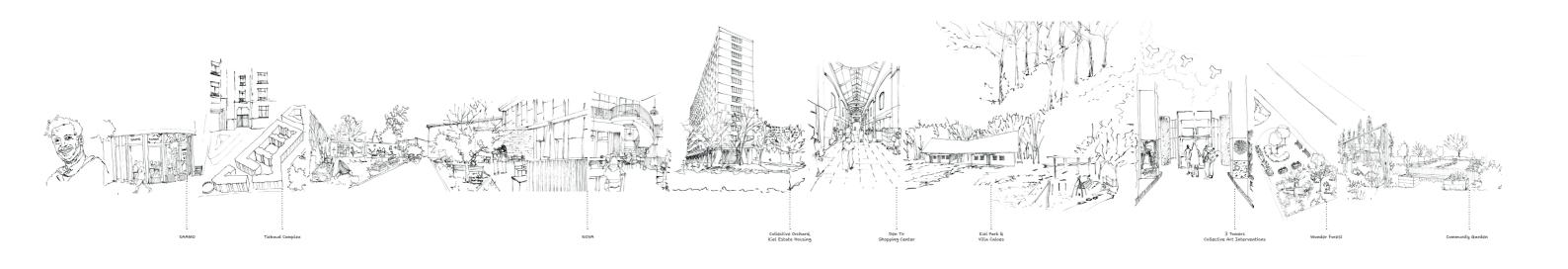


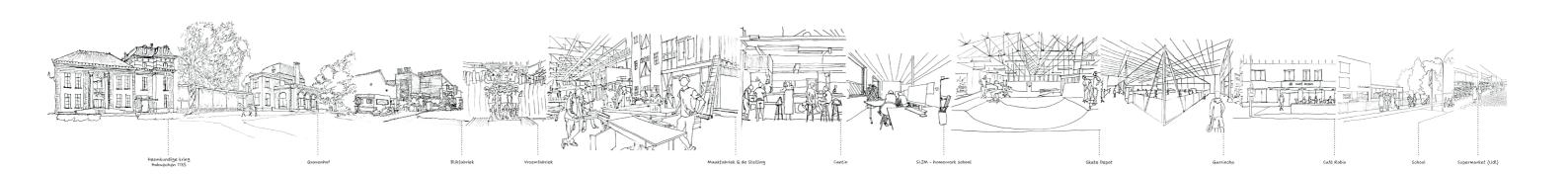


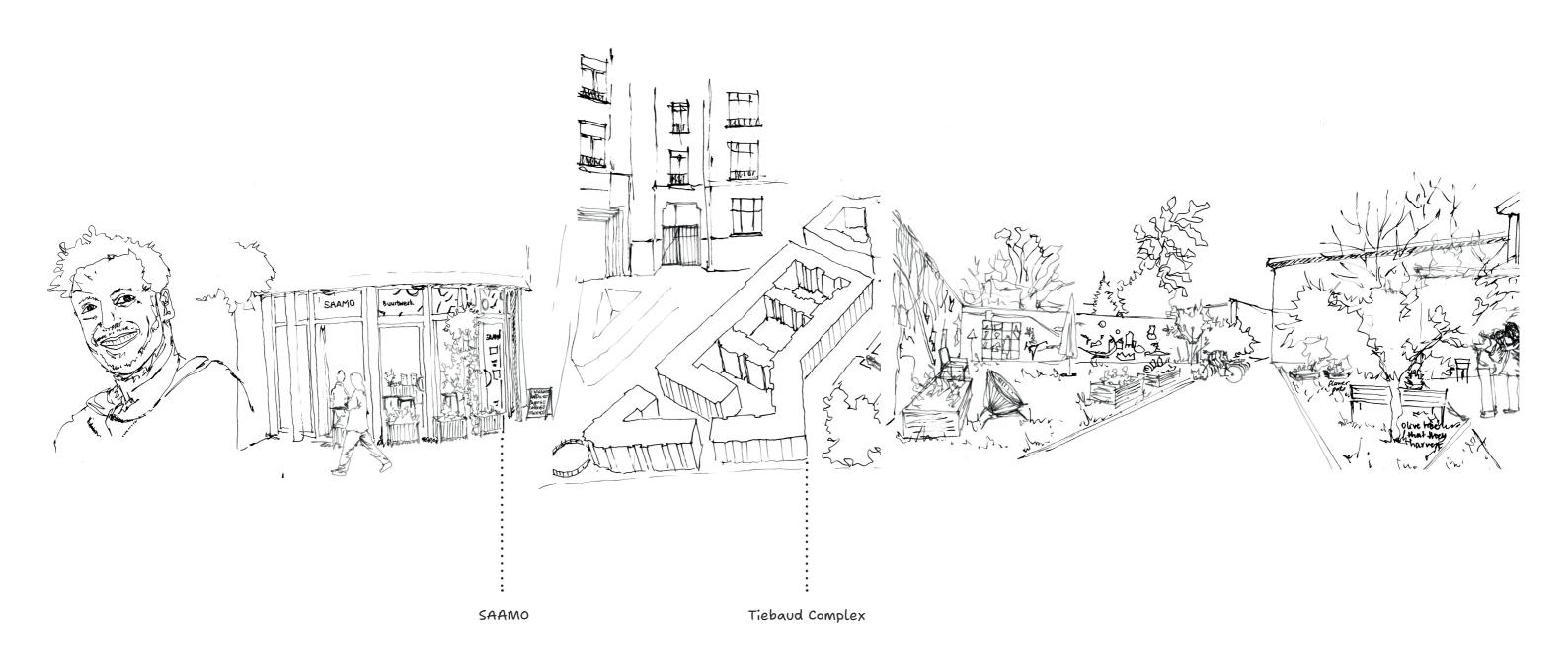


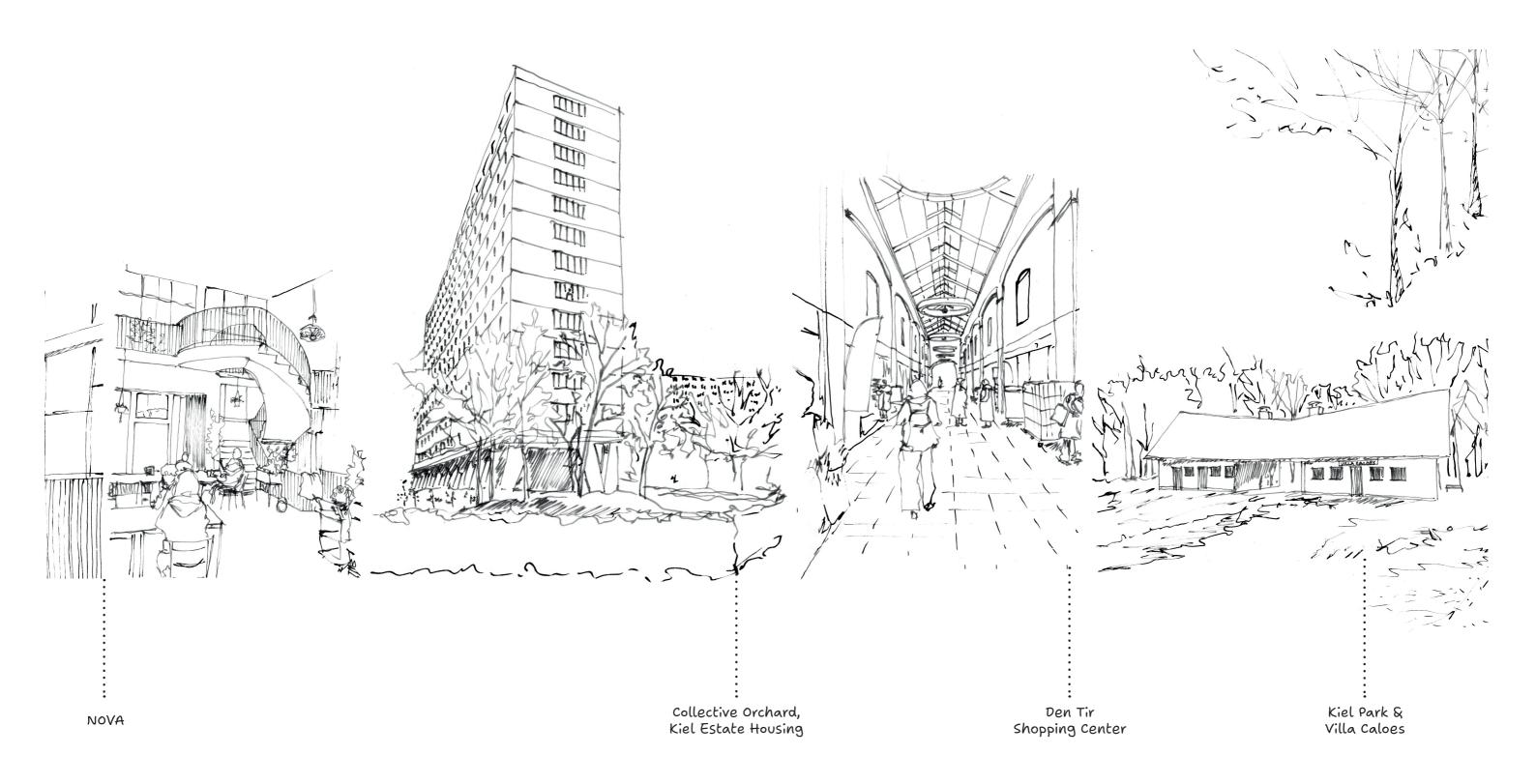


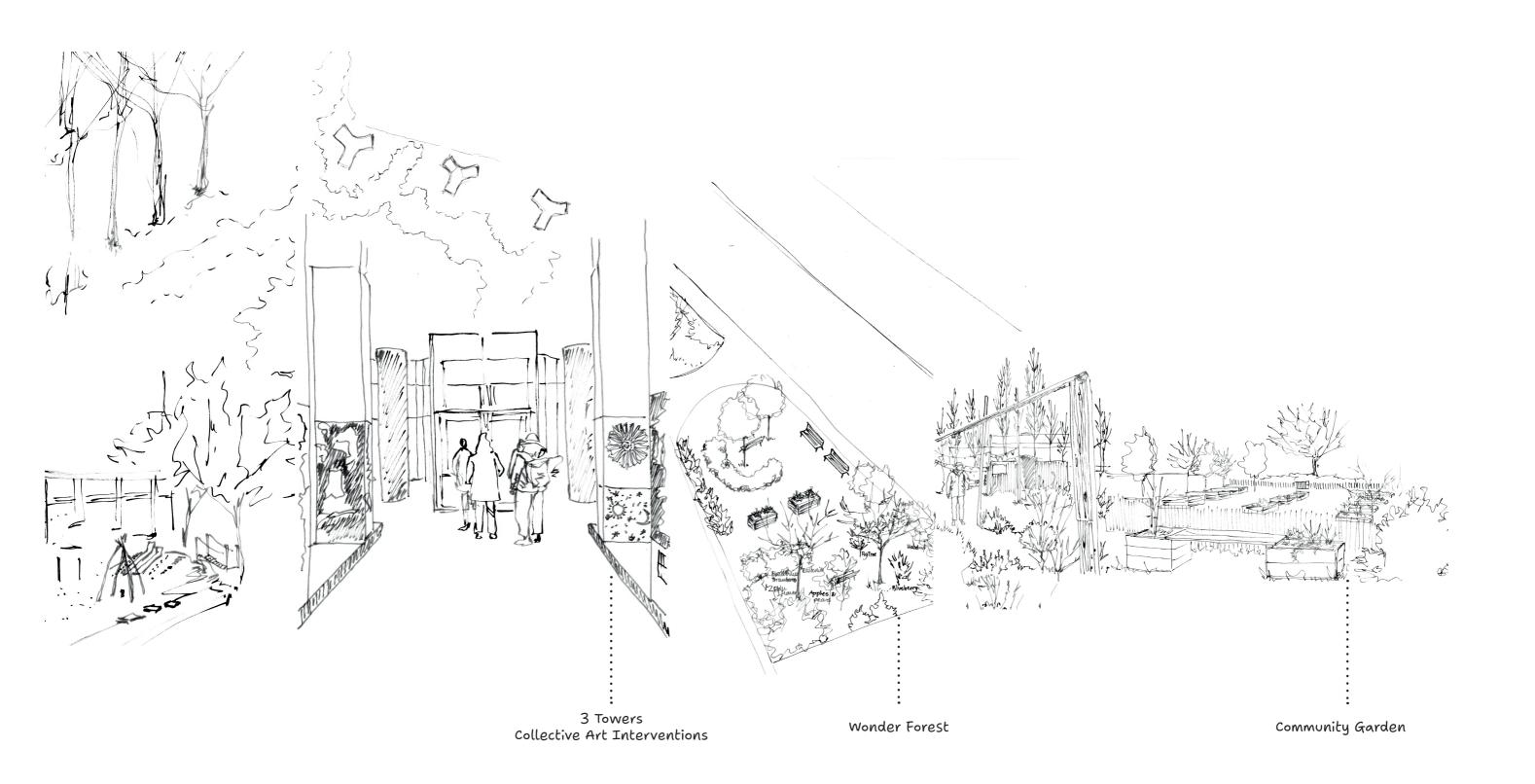




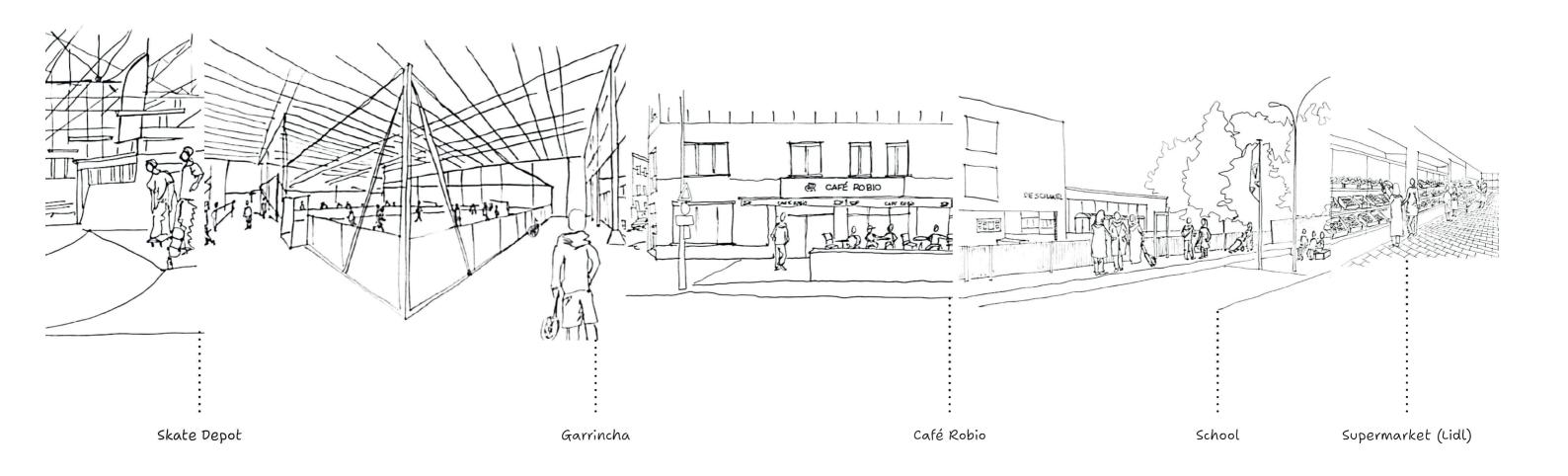


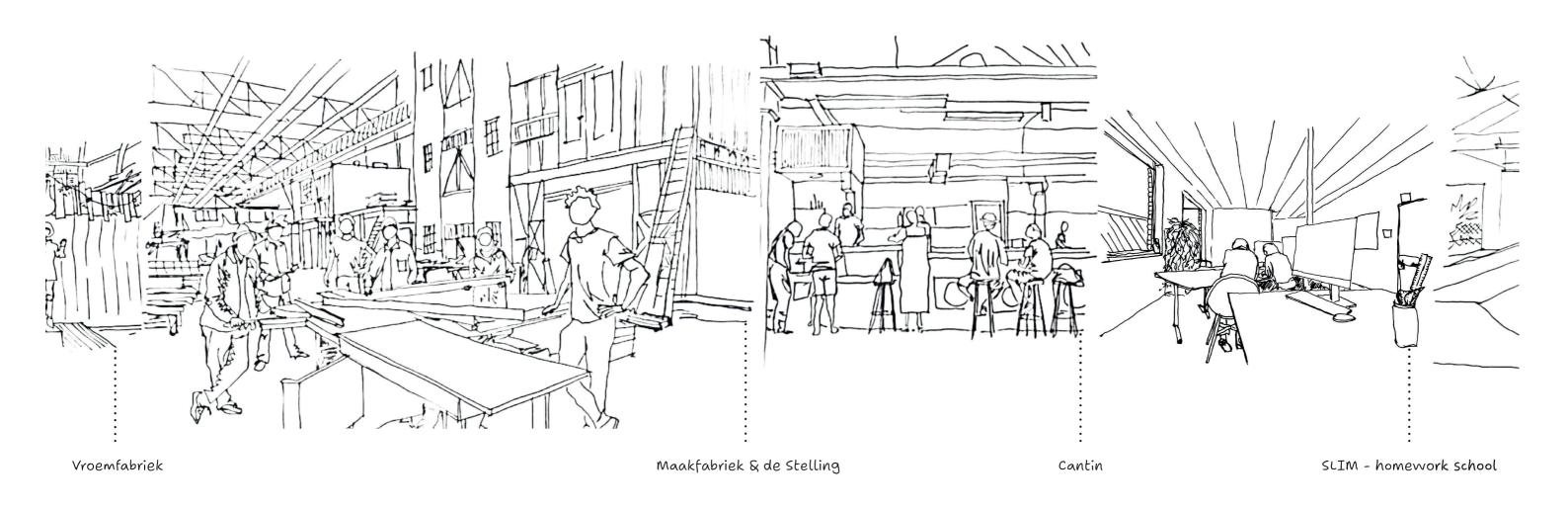


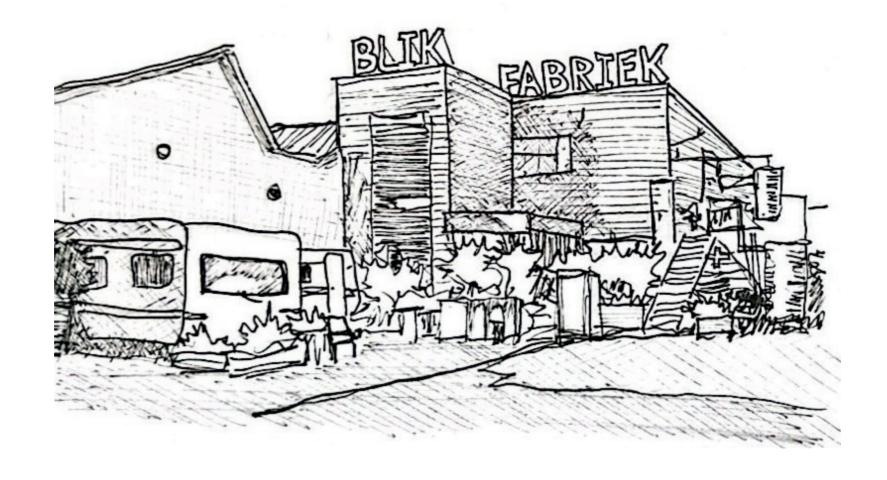








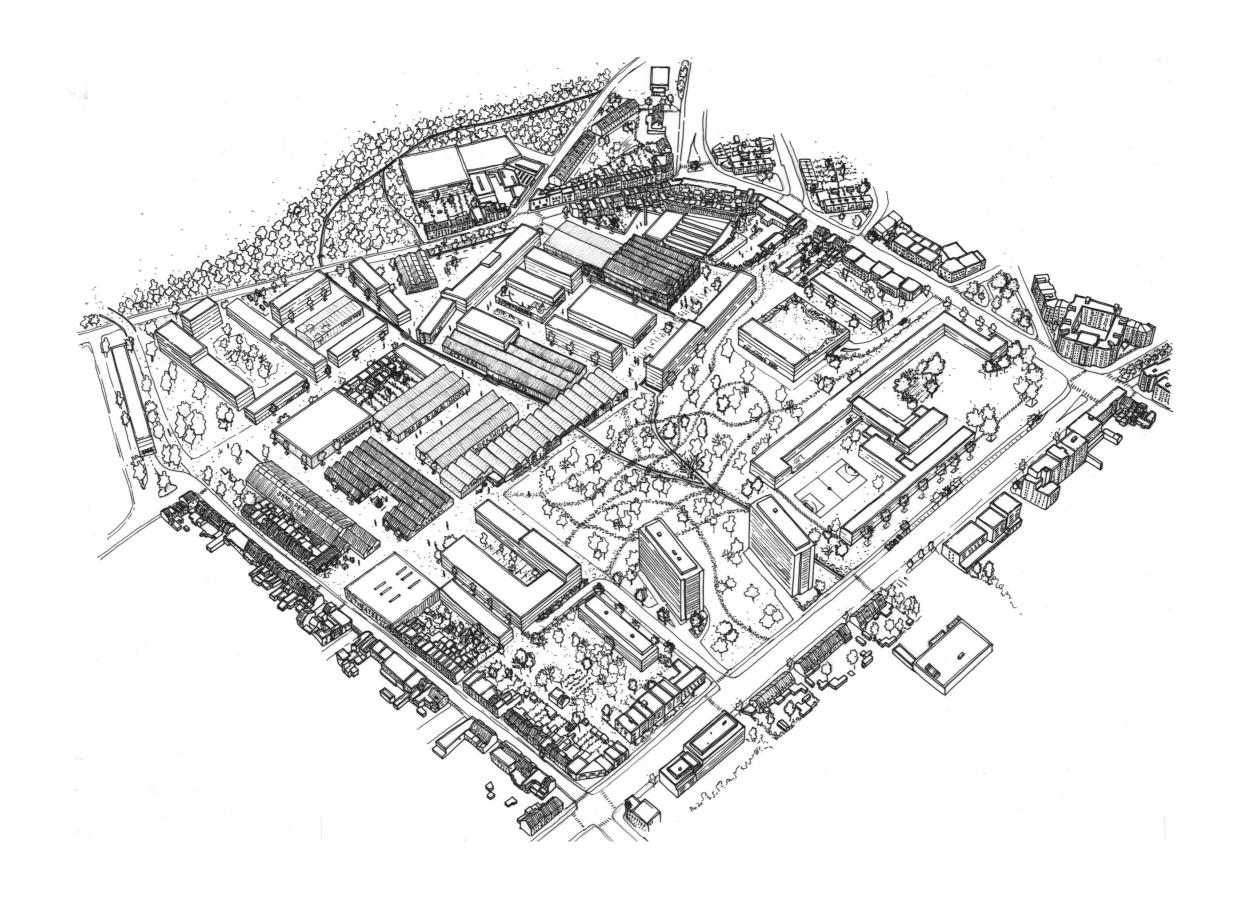


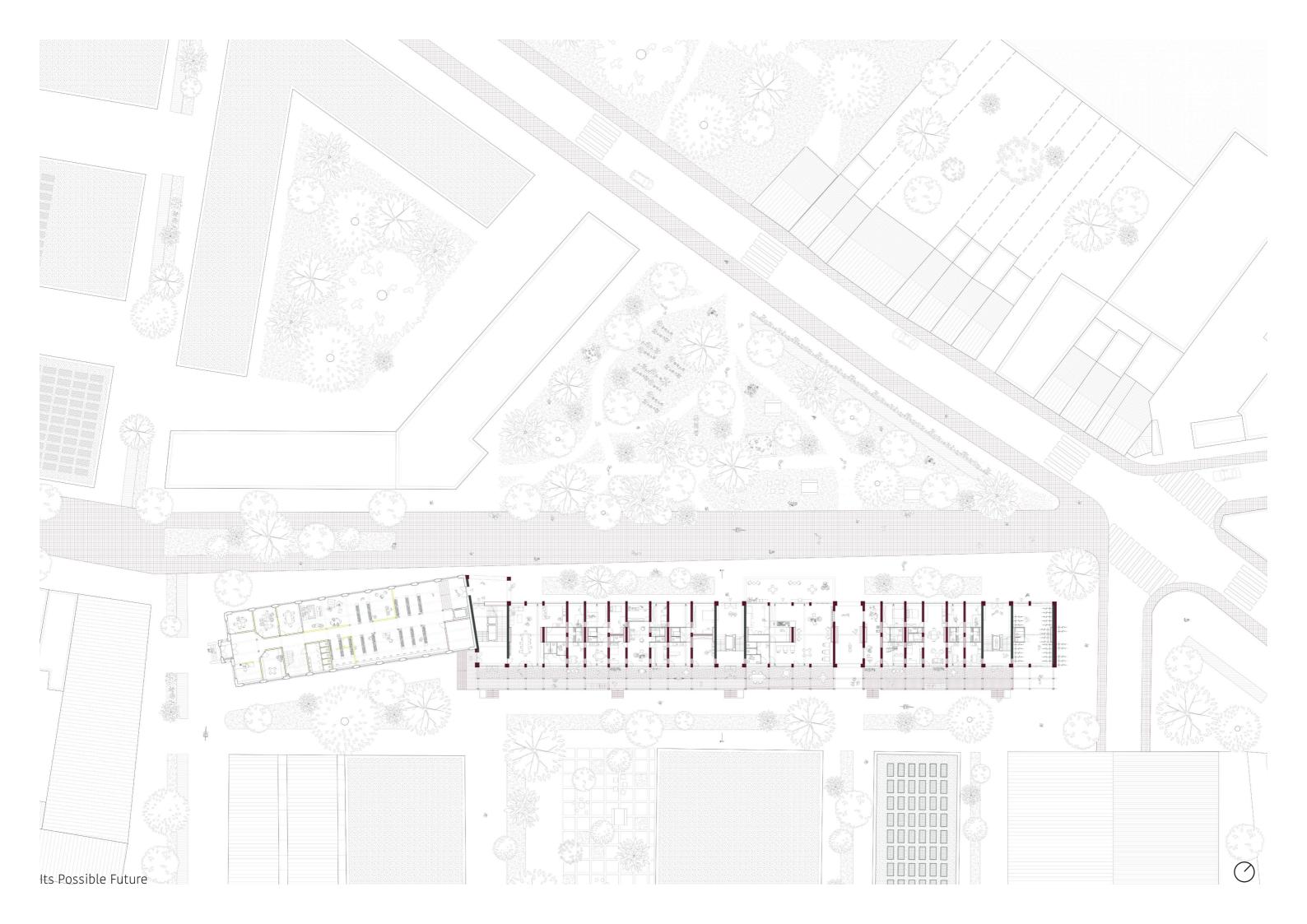


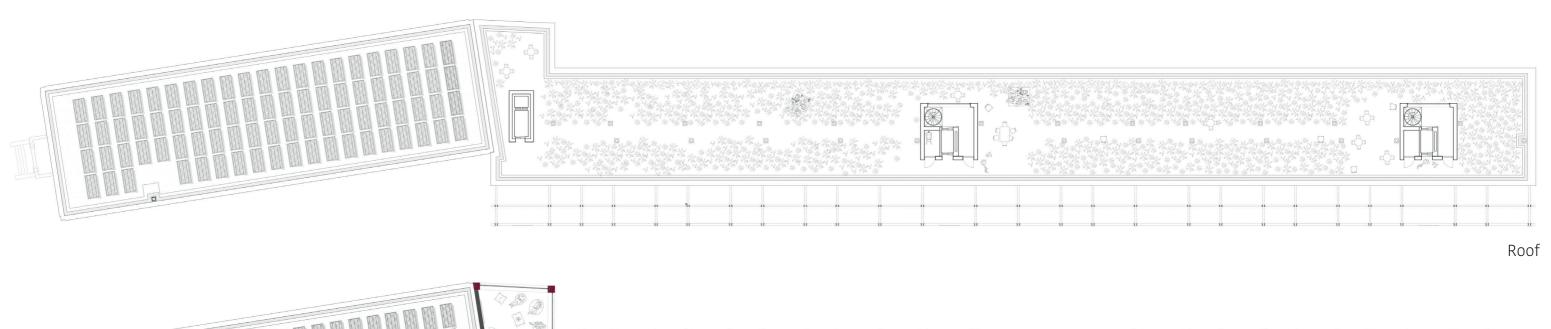
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Site Entrance

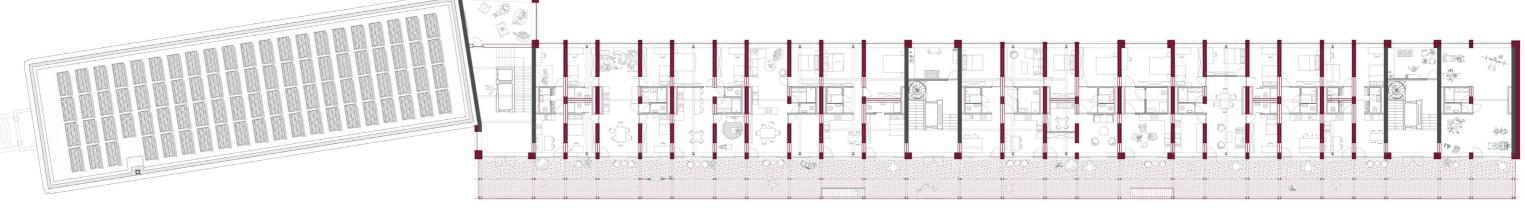




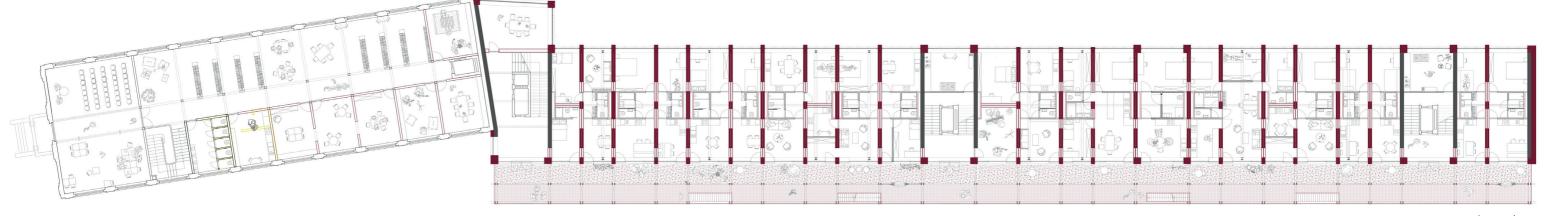




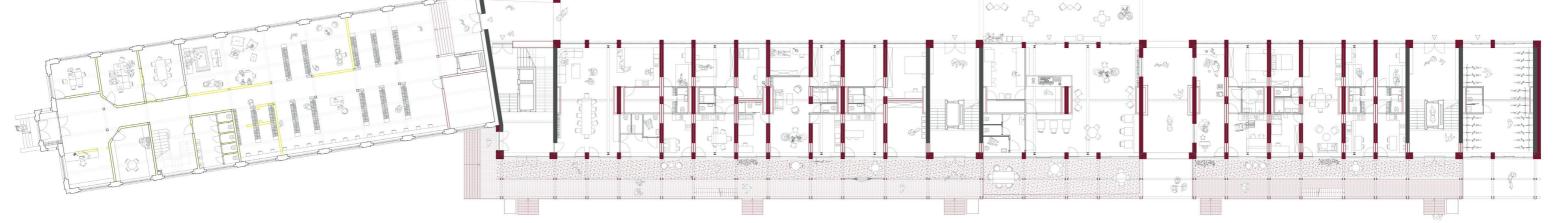




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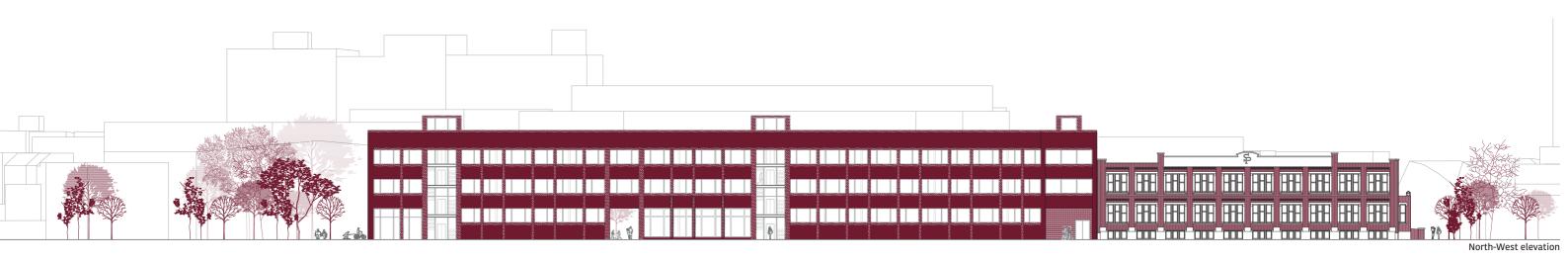
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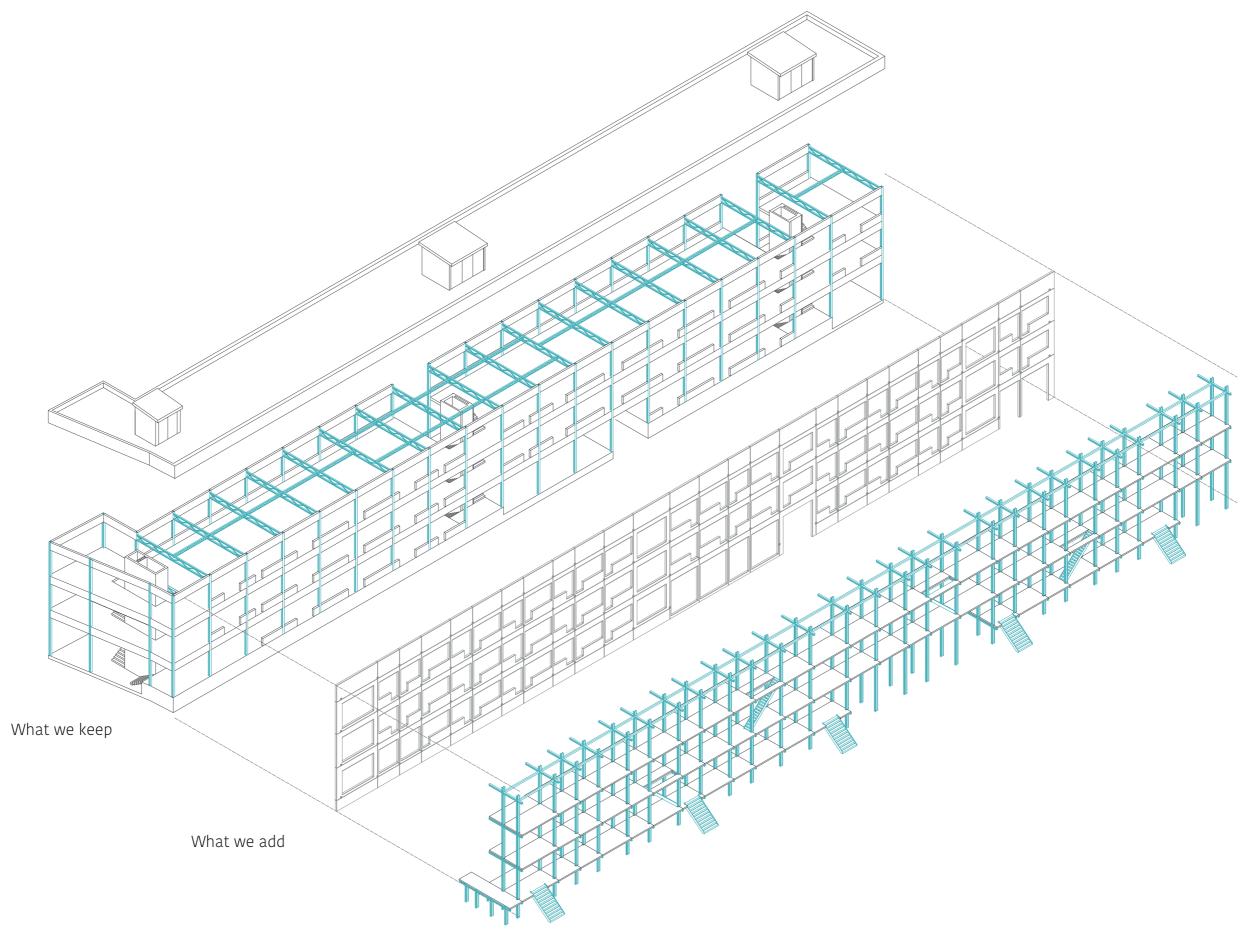
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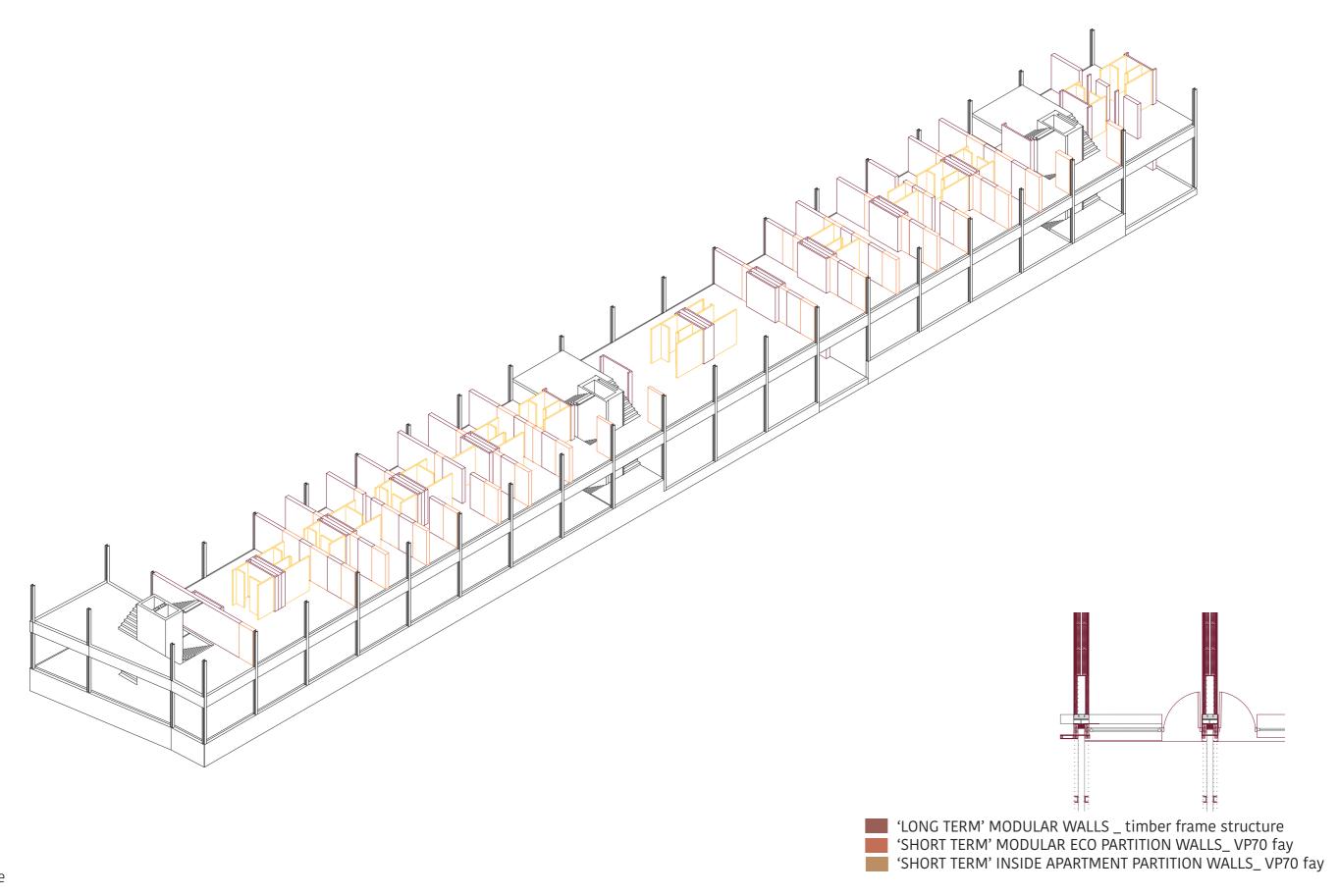


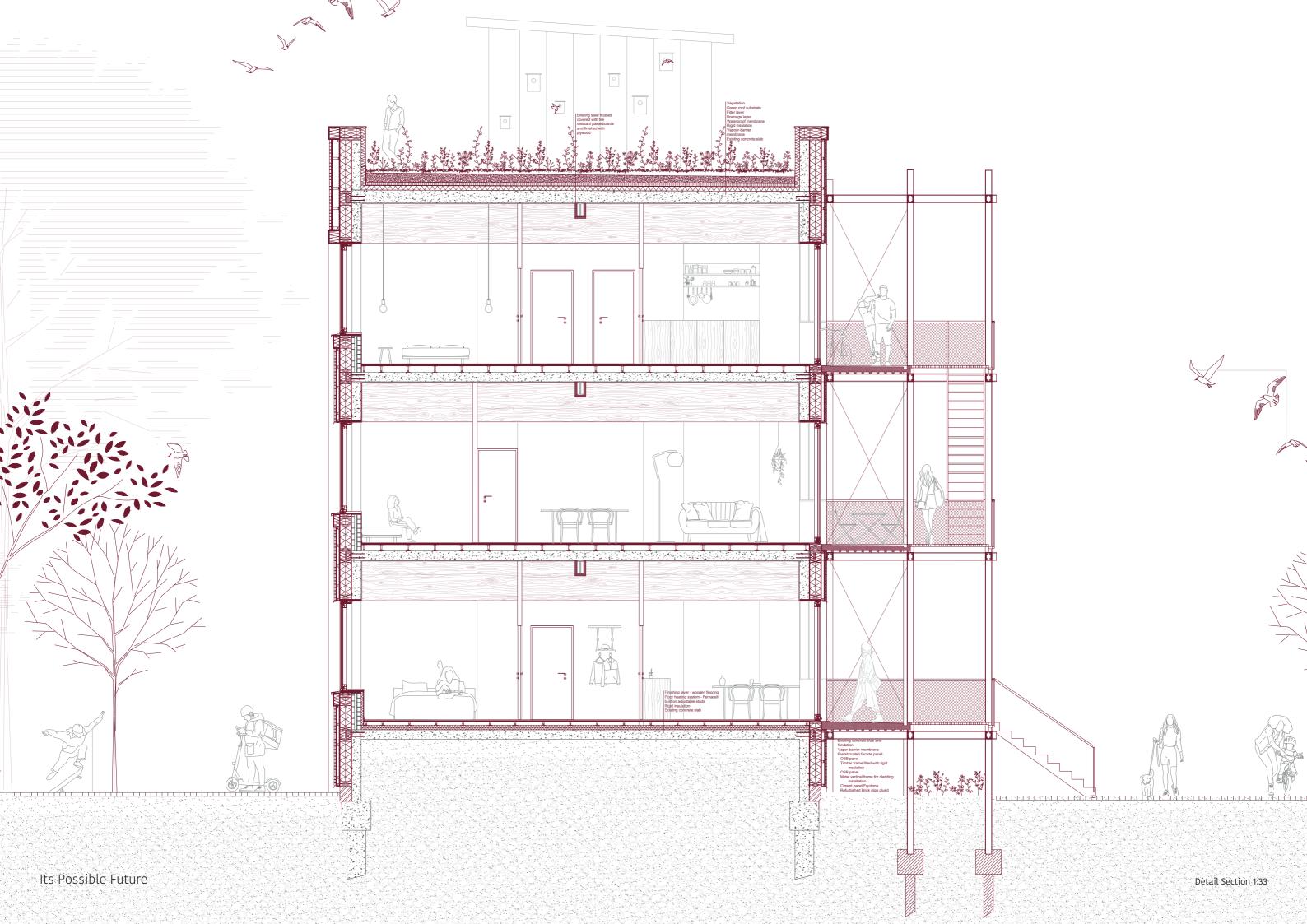
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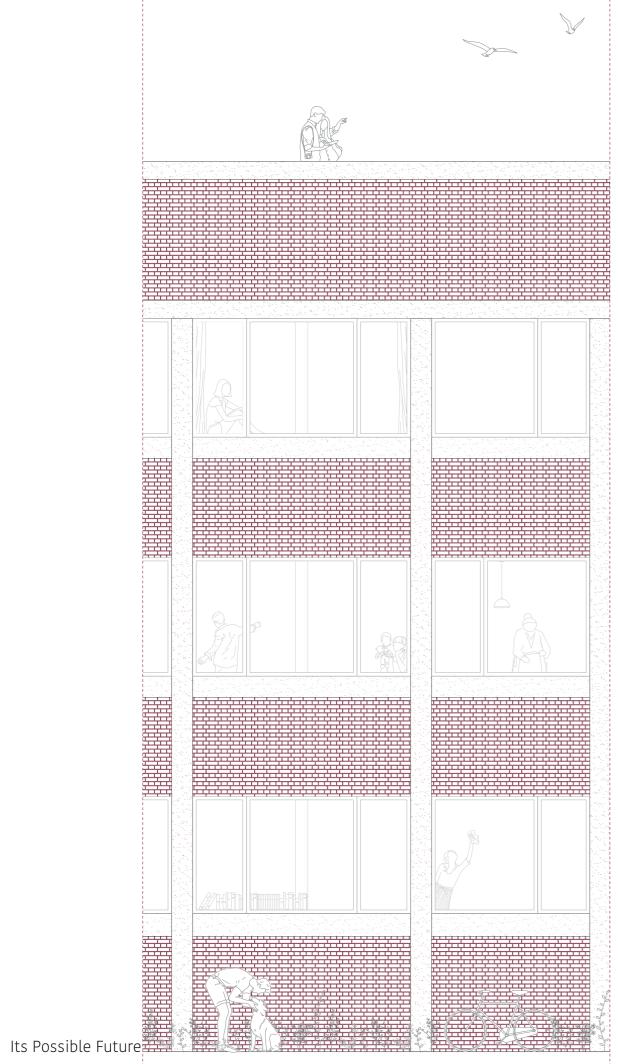
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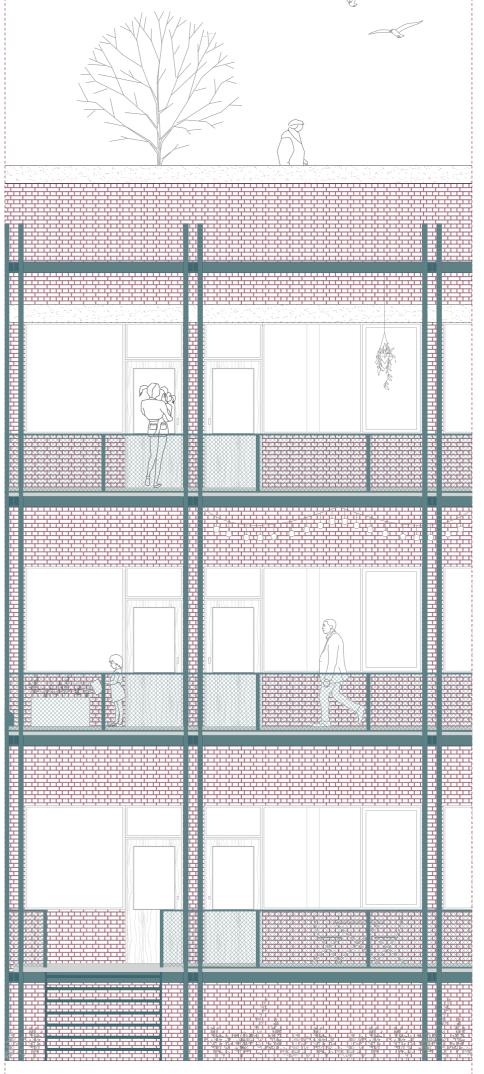


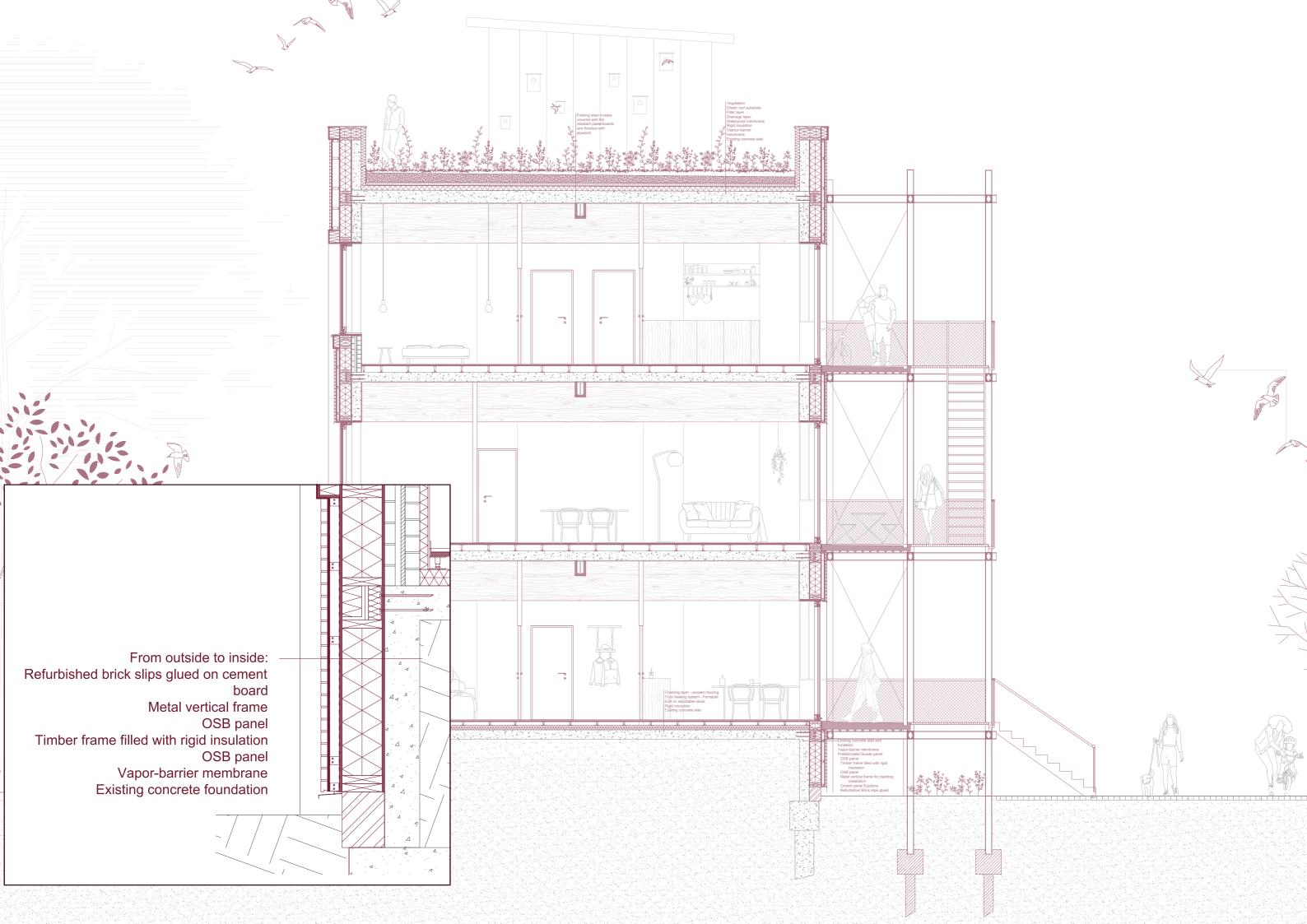
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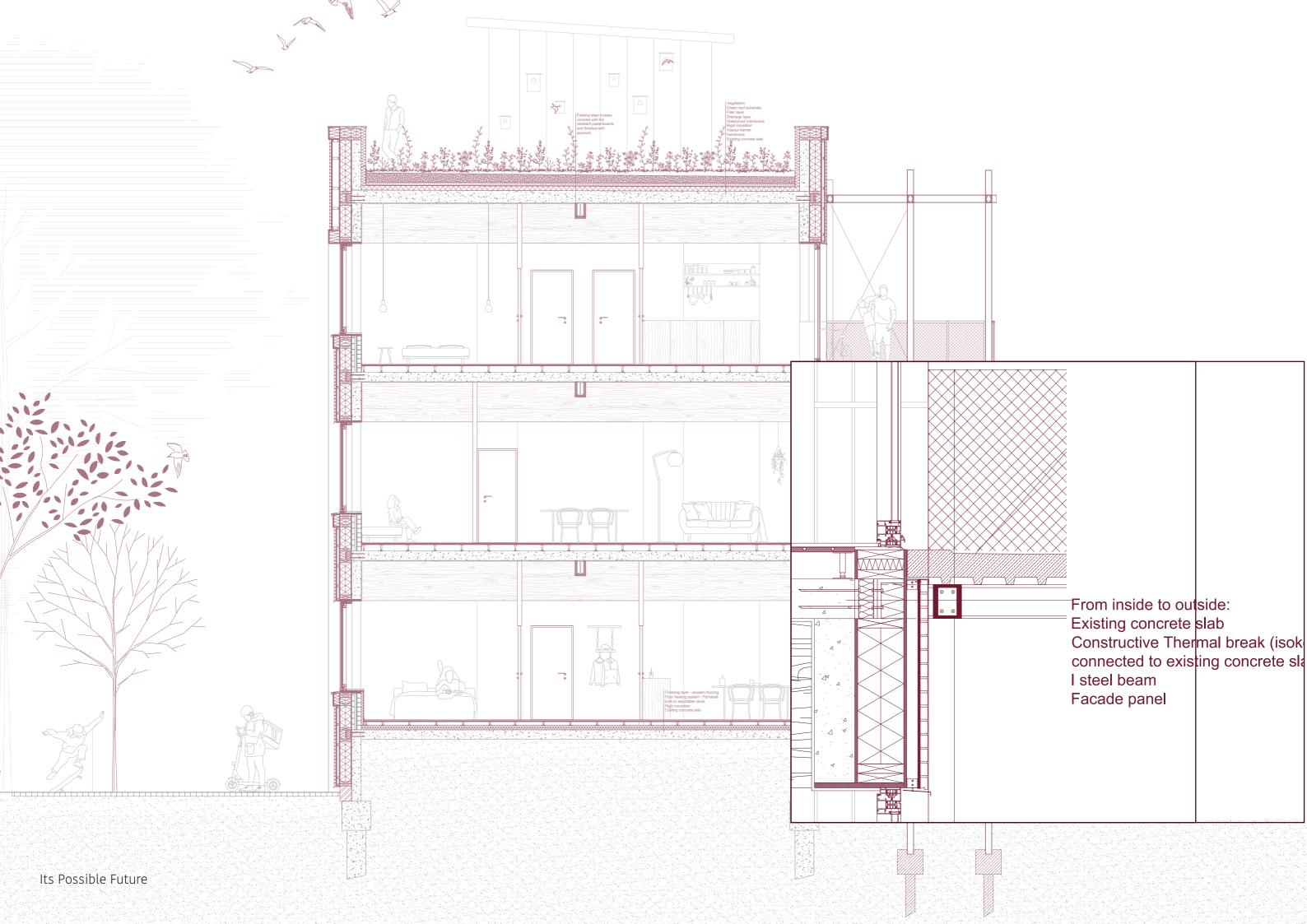


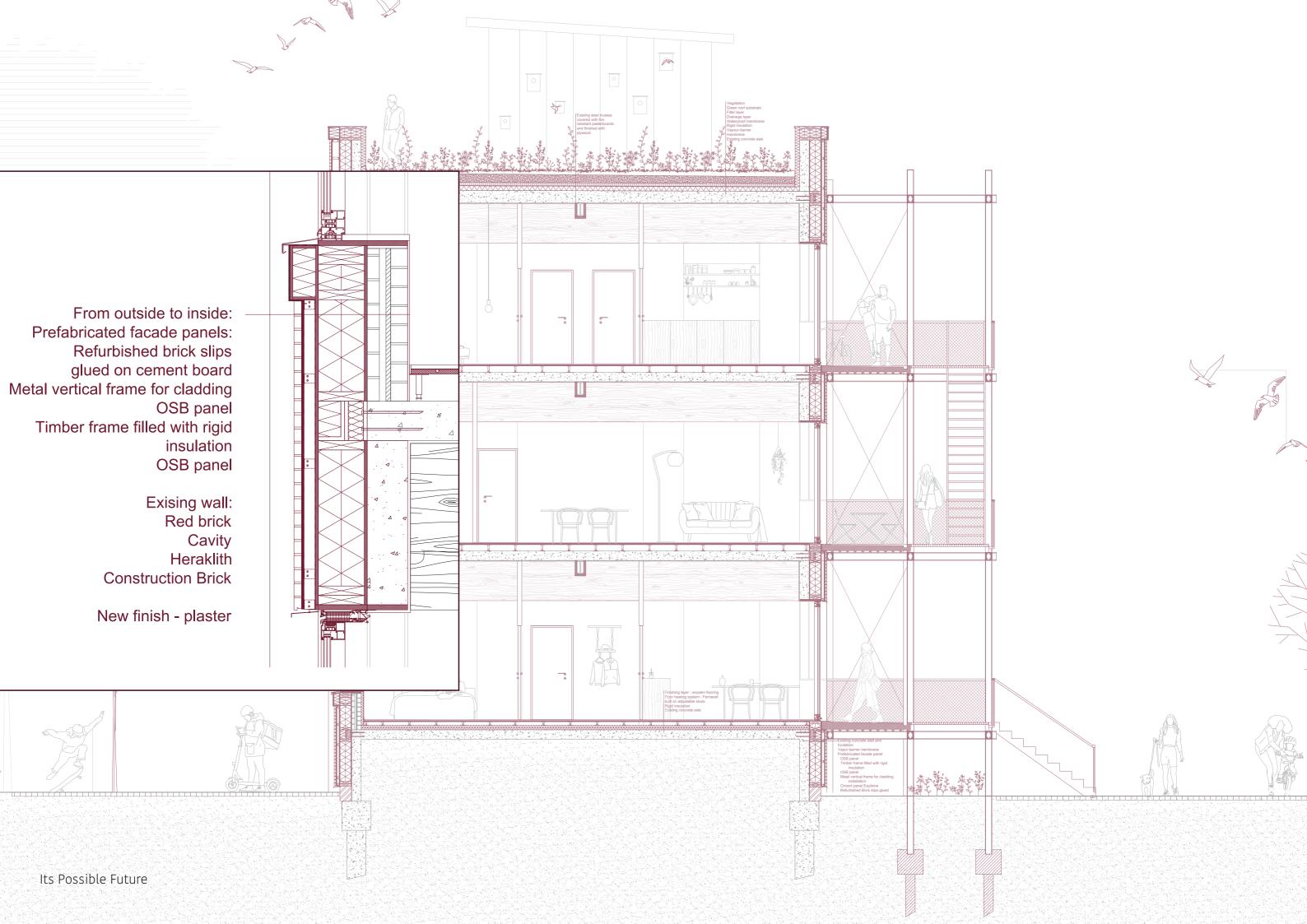


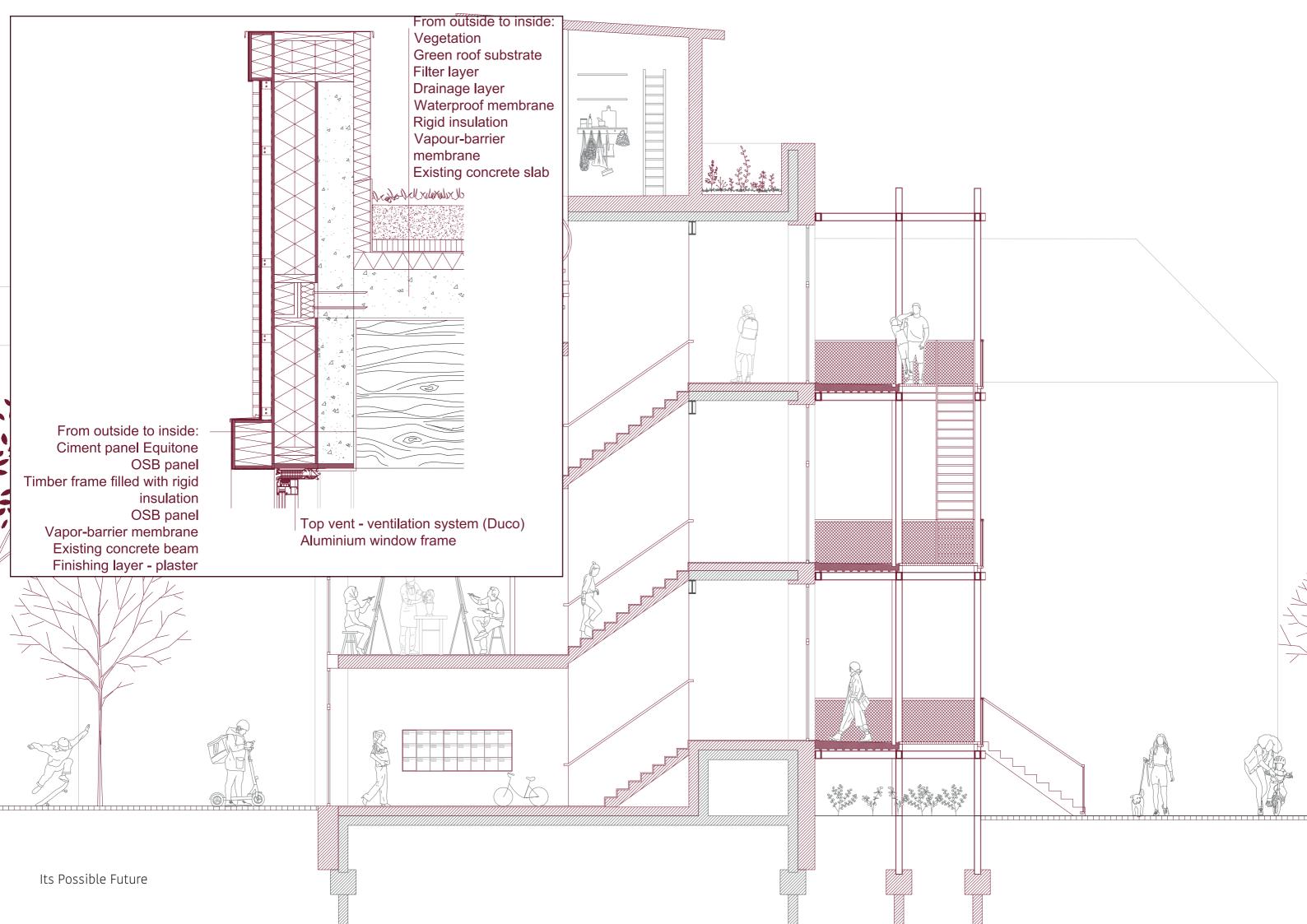




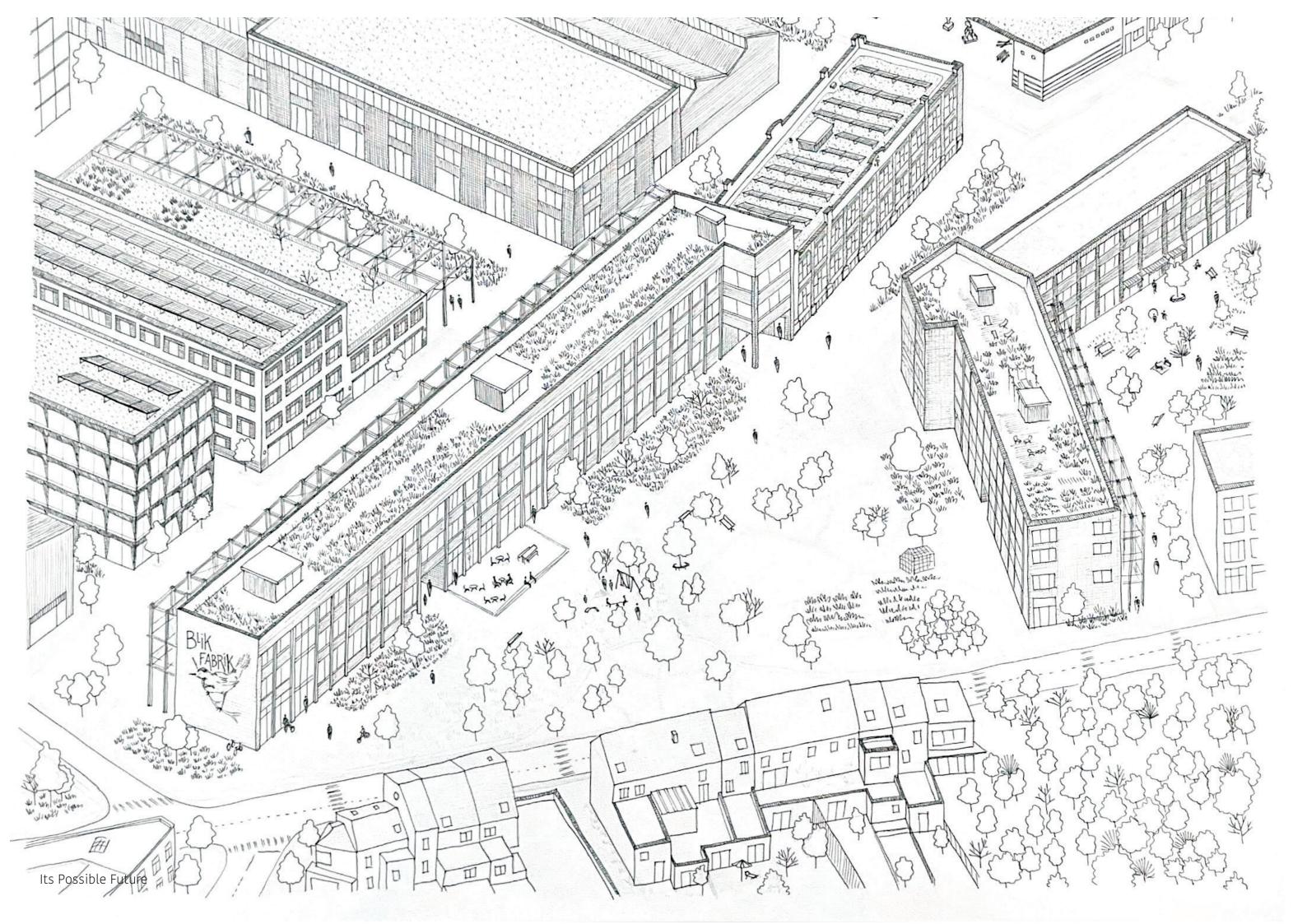












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