

CENTRAL SPACES // PUBLIC PLACES

Redesign of the Koudenhorn police building into a public library and city dwellings

CHANGE

2013: Major changes in organizational structure

AIM

"The Dutch Police aims to adapt its accommodation to the changes in organization, structure of services and the ever increasing digitalization of both the internal workflow and their presence in society."

CHALLENGE

Divestment of 700.000 m² of real estate

Realization of 200.000 m² of real estate

Redevelopment of 30% of real estate



The Hague

Eindhoven





Haarlem



Groningen



Rotterdam Witte de With



Middelburg



Warnsveld

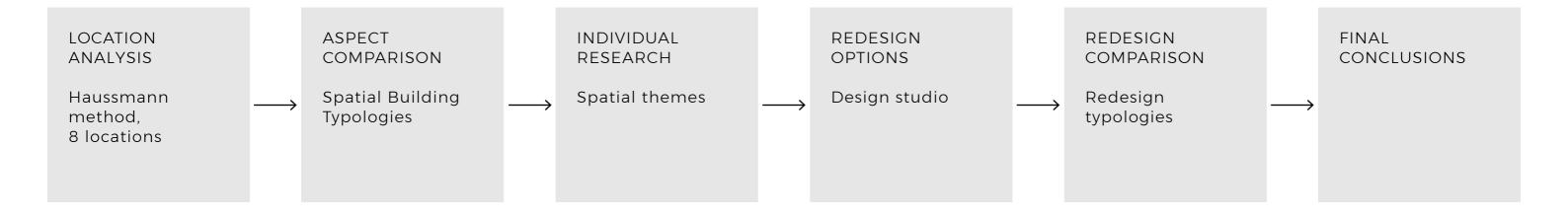


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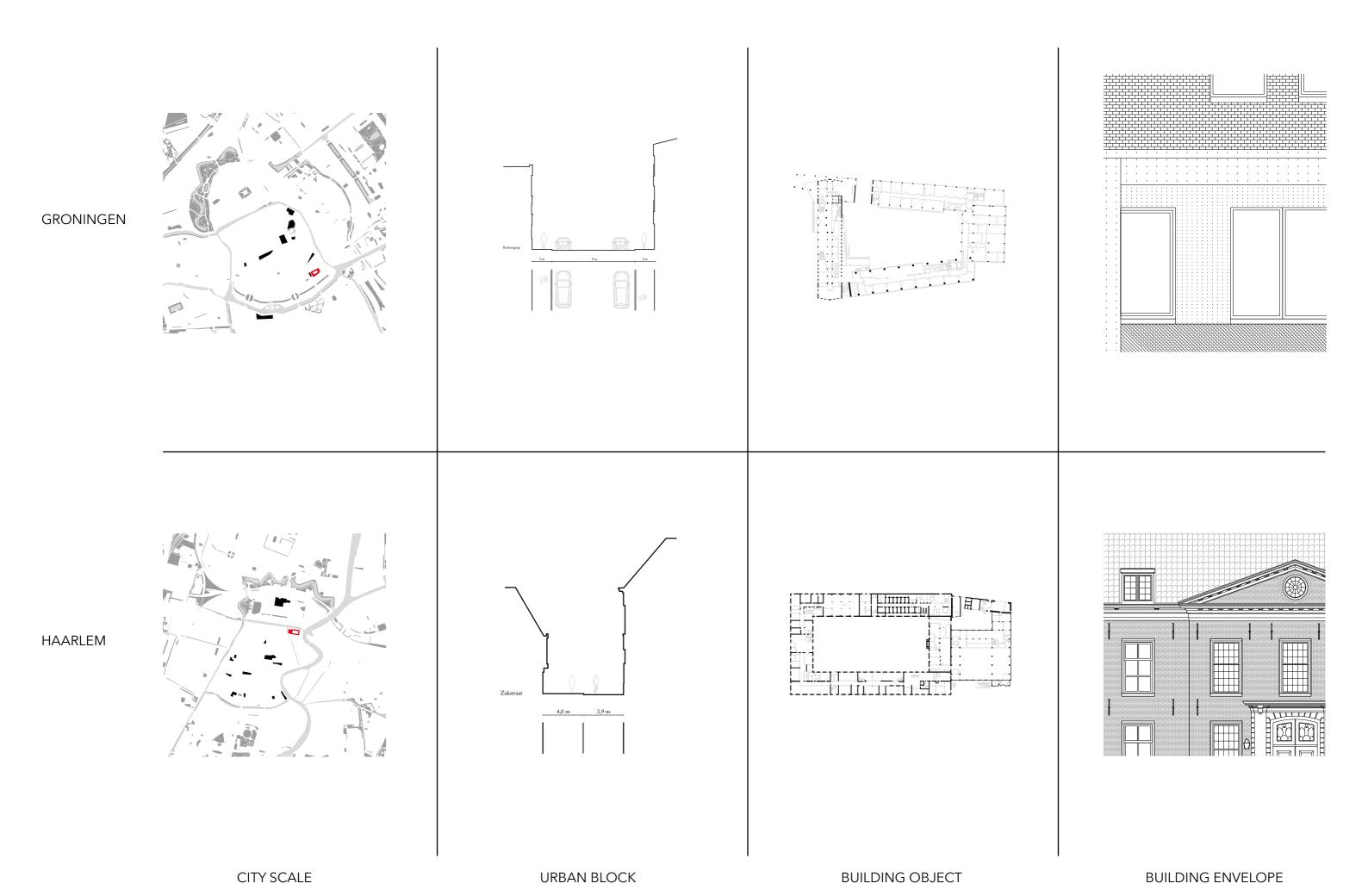


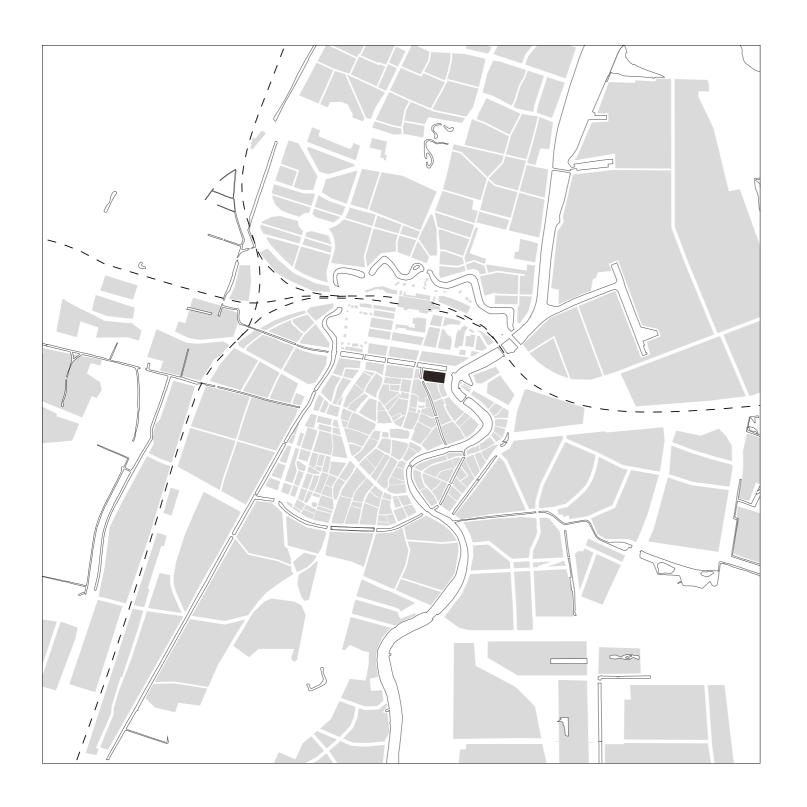


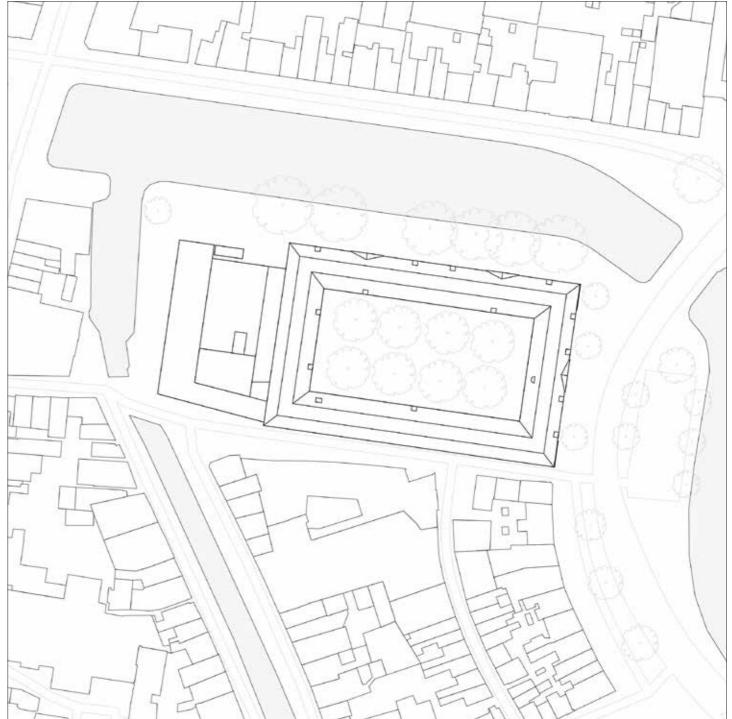
RESEARCH SPATIAL BUILDING TYPOLOGY



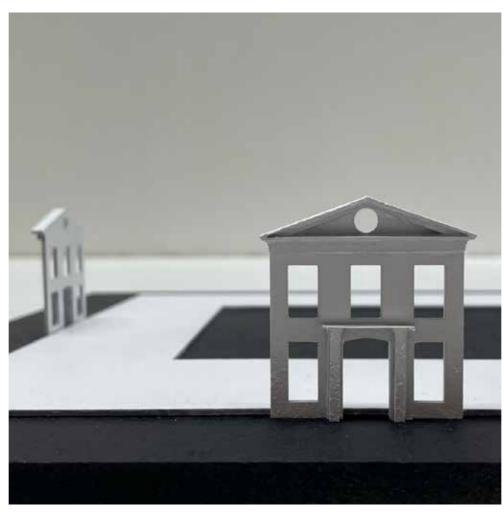


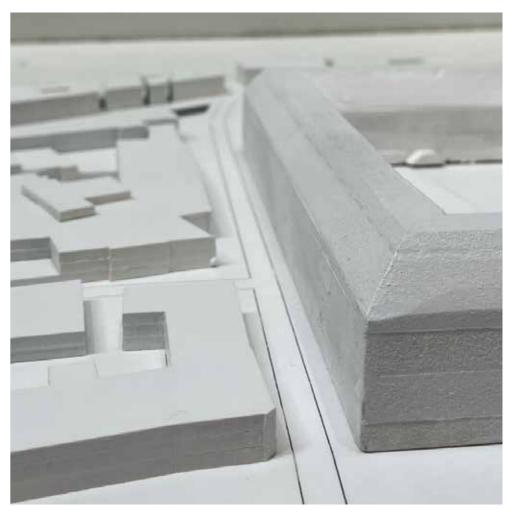












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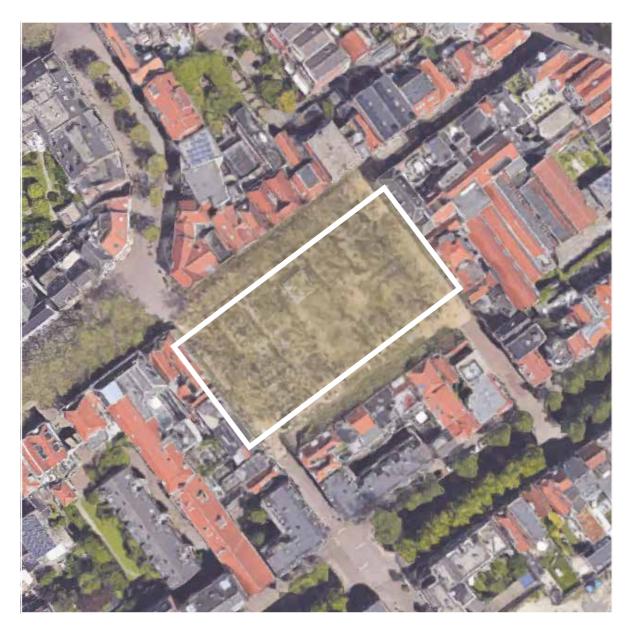


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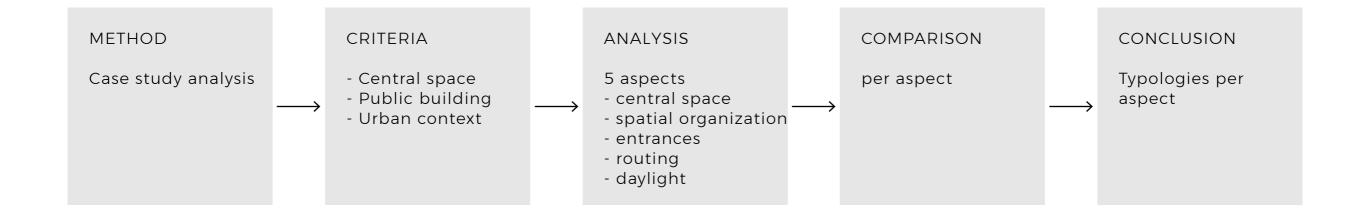
21st Century





Grote Markt, Haarlem Beestenmarkt, Delft

How can the courtyard typology be characterized and what opportunities does it provide for the redesign of the Koudenhorn police building?

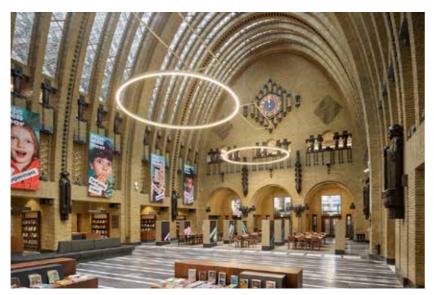




Predikheren, Mechelen



Pesthuis, Leiden



Post, Utrecht



Faculty of Law, Zürich



Kunstmuseum, The Hague



Forum, Norwich

PREDIKHEREN CITY LIBRARY, MECHELEN

GENERAL

Location: Mechelen, Belgium

Programme: Library
Area: 5840 m²
Year: 2019

Architect: Korteknie Stuhlmacher

Architecten

The Predikherenklooster is a baroque monastery that was built starting in 1650. In the 18th century it was deconsecrated and during the 19th and 20th century it was mainly used for military purposes, until it was abandoned in 1975.

Programming, spatial design, restoration concept, design of technical installations and structural interventions were intended to preserve and reinforce the characteristics of the existing edifice. The building's structure consist of an outer ring of broad multifunctional rooms, an inner ring around the courtyard, the courtyard, the attic and the church. The structure has been preserved over the years and can be experienced anywhere in the building.

The leading principle for the programmatic setup was the architectural structure and character of the existing spaces. The buildings' imperfections resulting from various modifications made through the centuries and from recent neglect were regarded as its great strenght. The restoration has striven to preserve the traces of the buildings' long and tumltuous history.

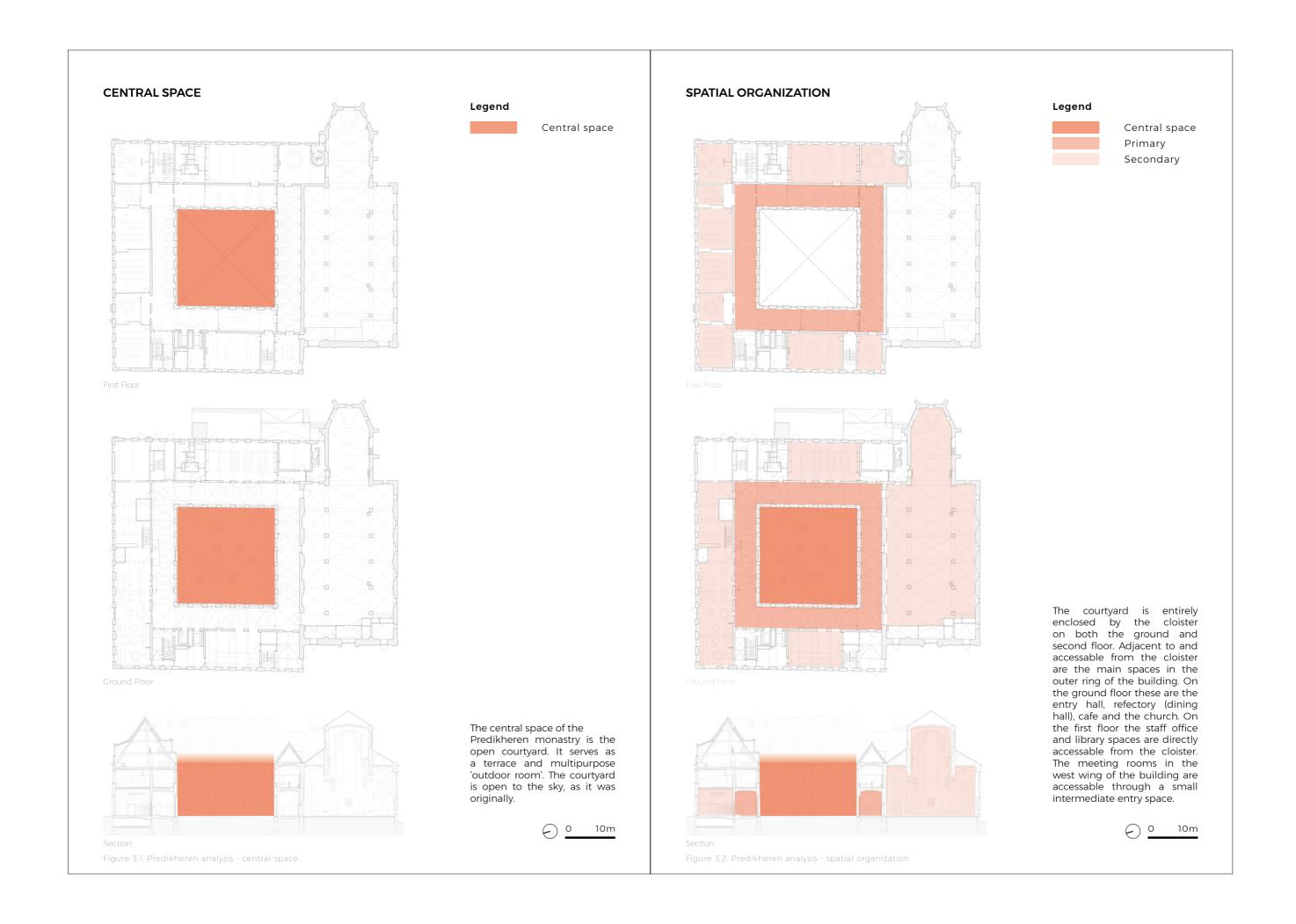
Regardless of the changing role of printed media, books and other sources of information, the architects believe that libraries can continue to play a vital role in the public life of our cities as public living rooms and collective working environments.

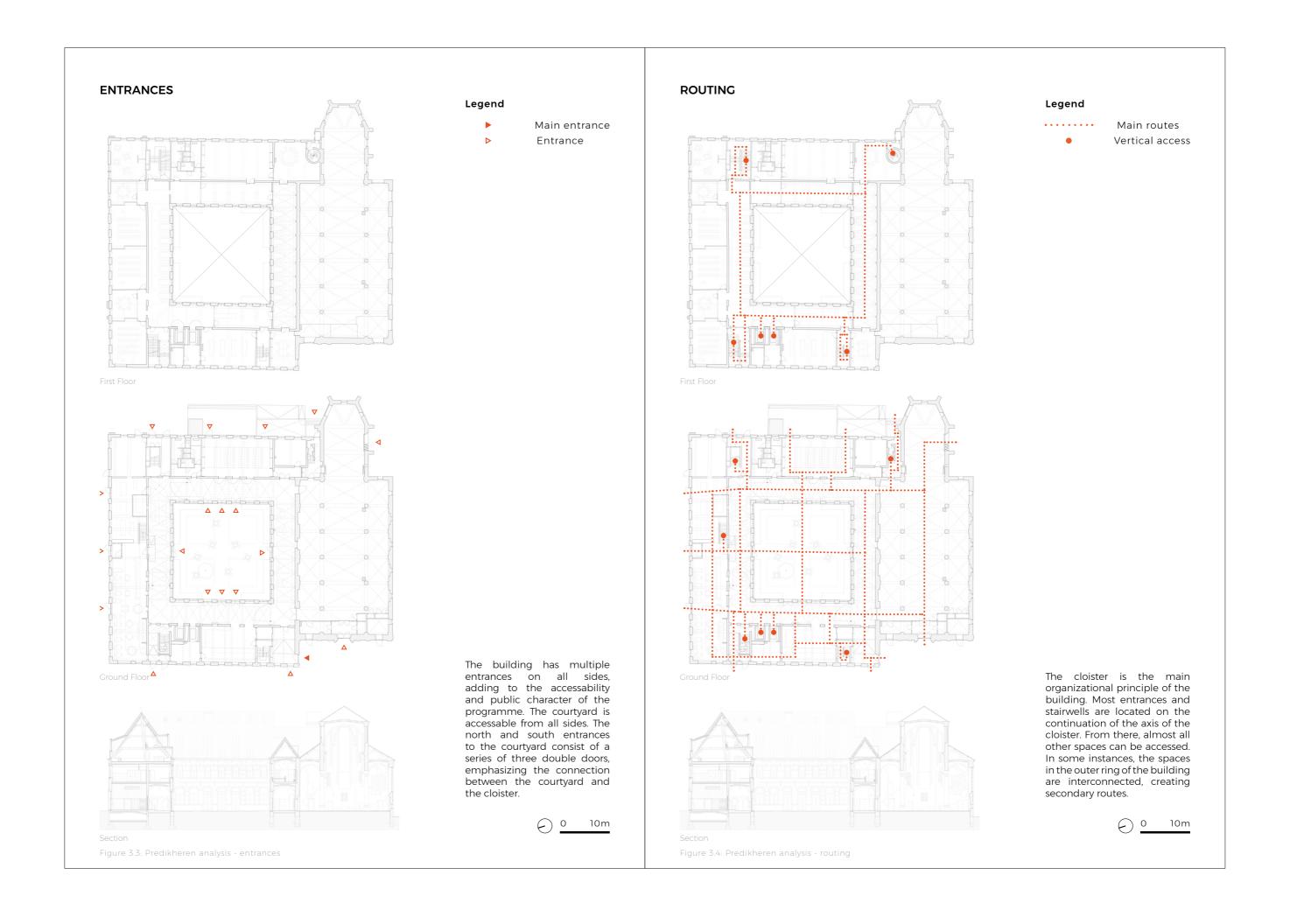


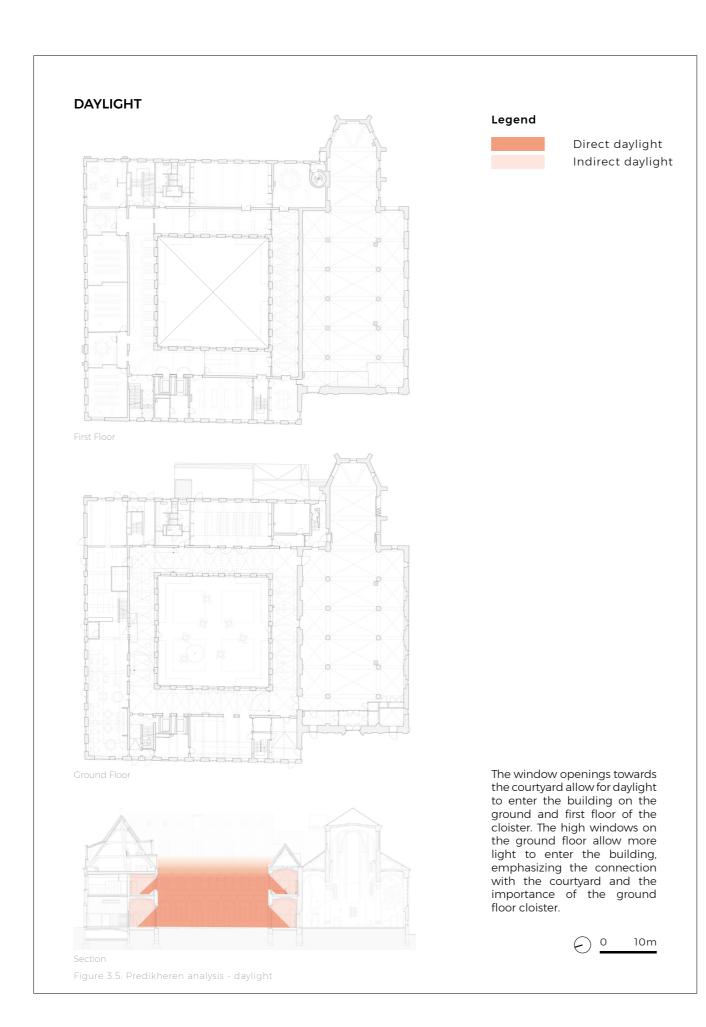
igure 1: Courtyard of the Predikheren library (ArchDaily, n.d



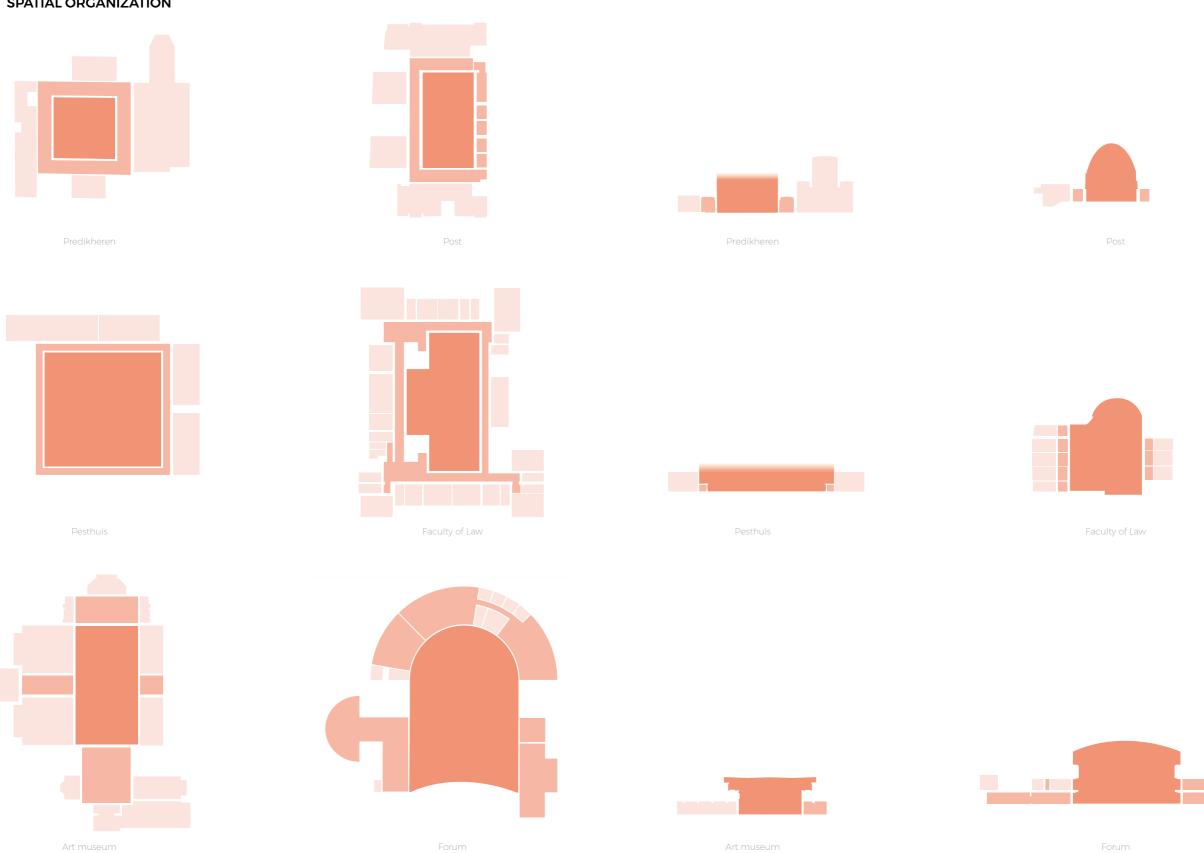
igure 2: Cloister of the Predikheren library(ArchDaily, n.d.)



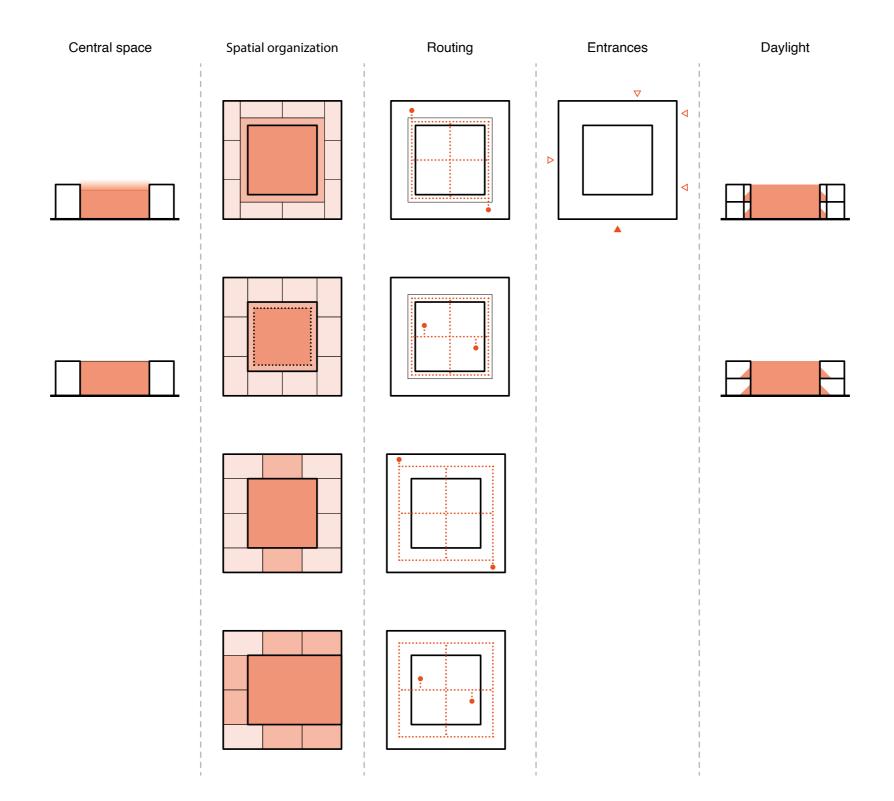


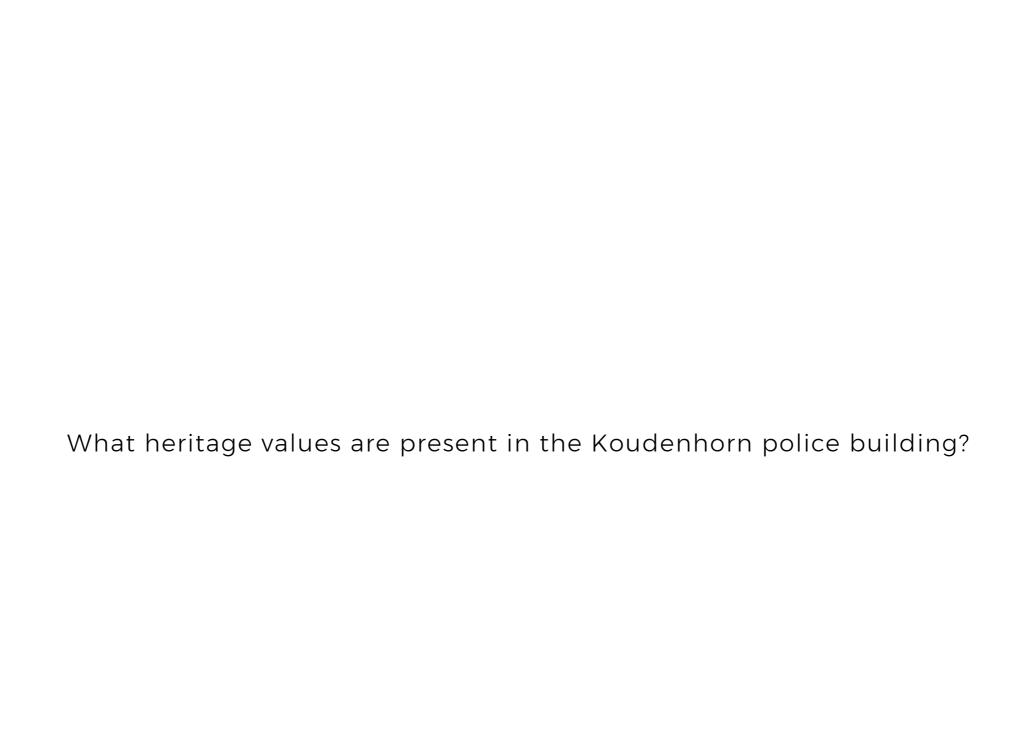


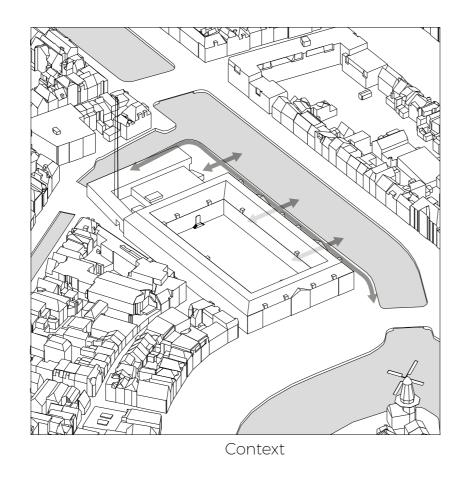
SPATIAL ORGANIZATION

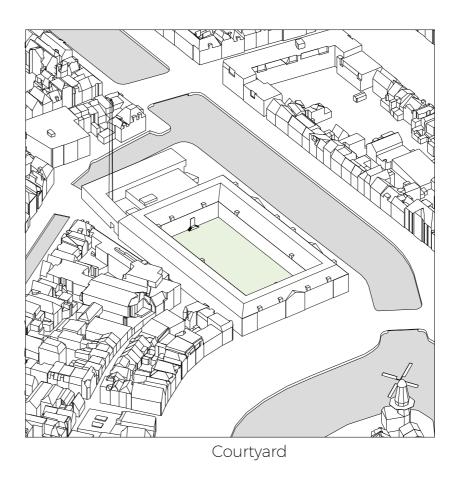


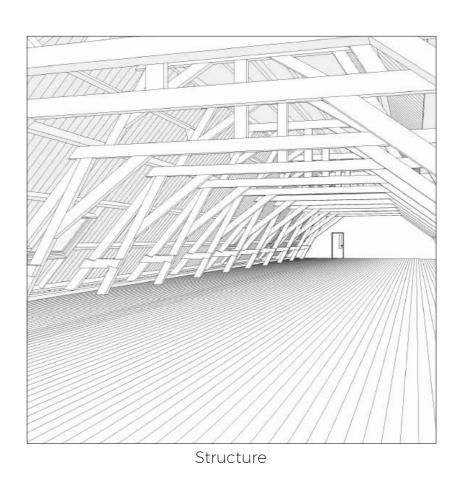
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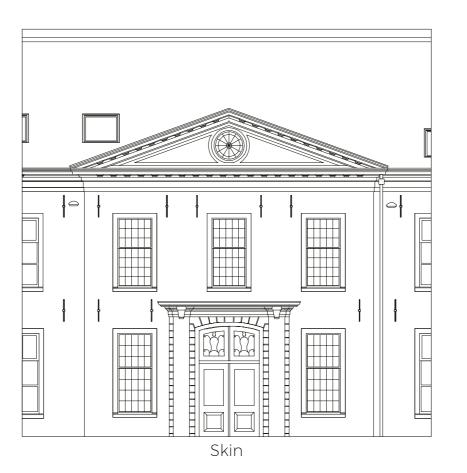


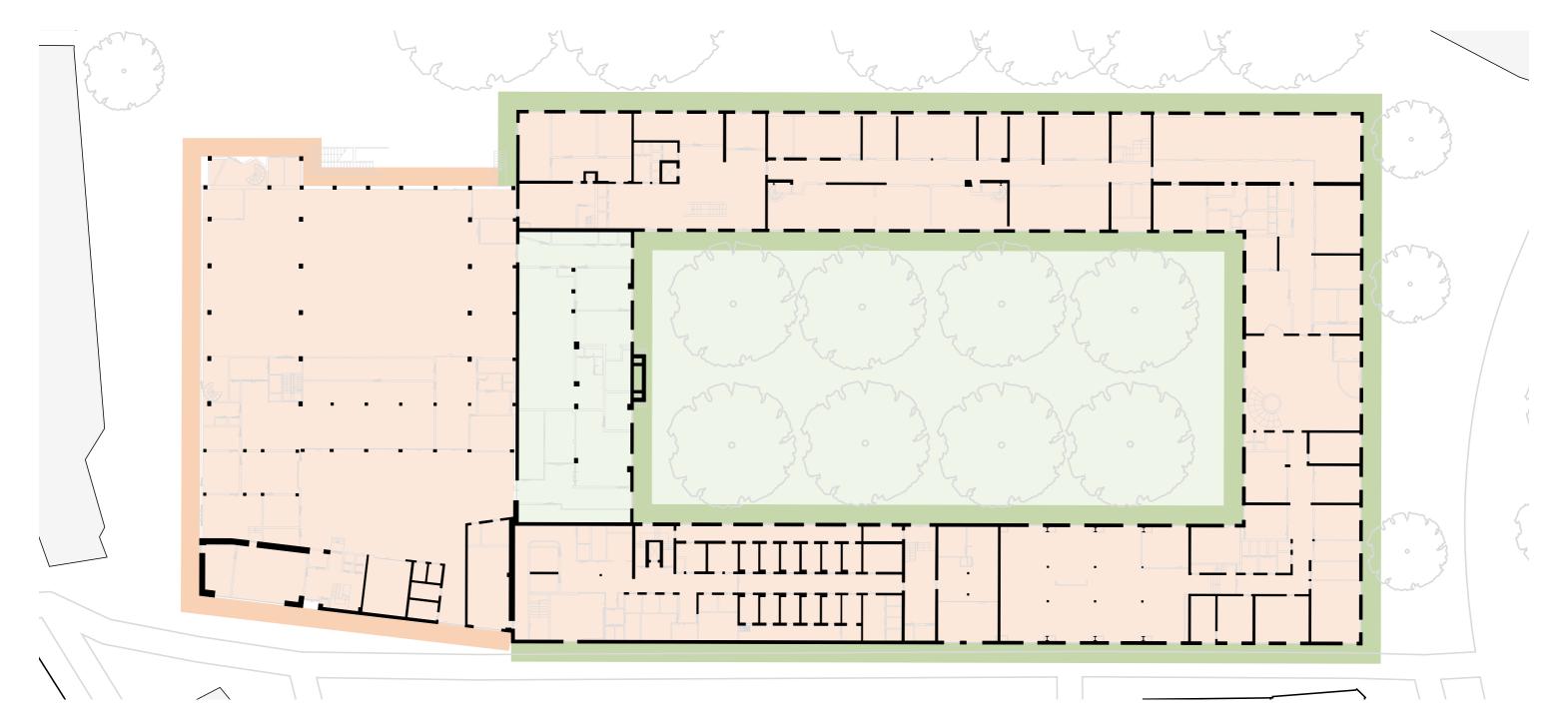












Value map

RELATION TO WATER

Redesign of quay & placement of programme reinforce relation of building to water.

ROOF STRUCTURE

The roof structure is maintained and in view

FACADE

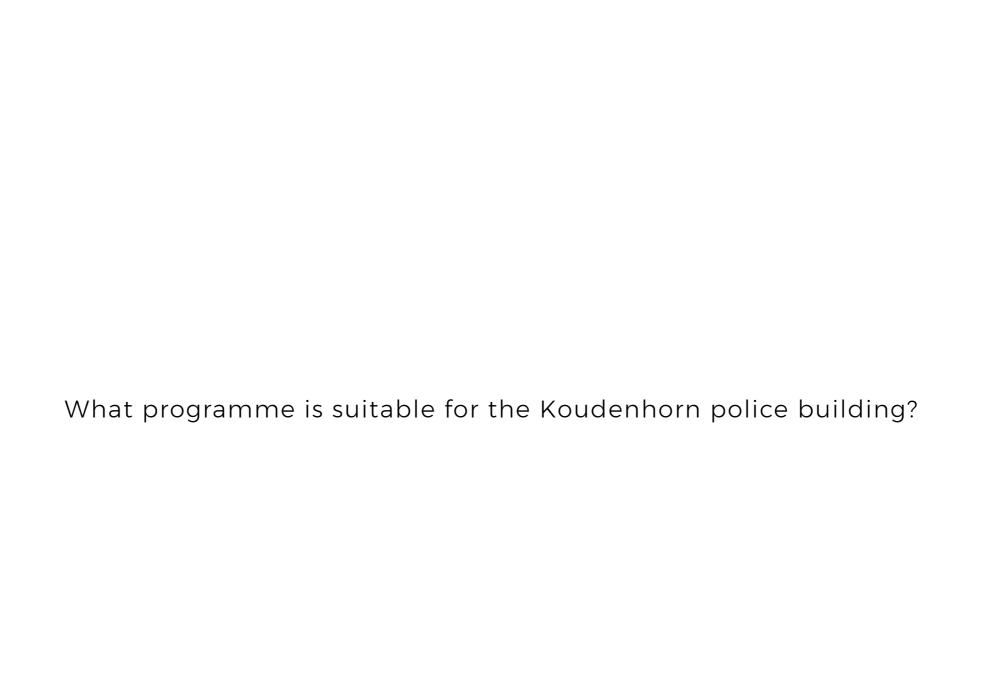
The facades of the original building are maintained.

COURTYARD

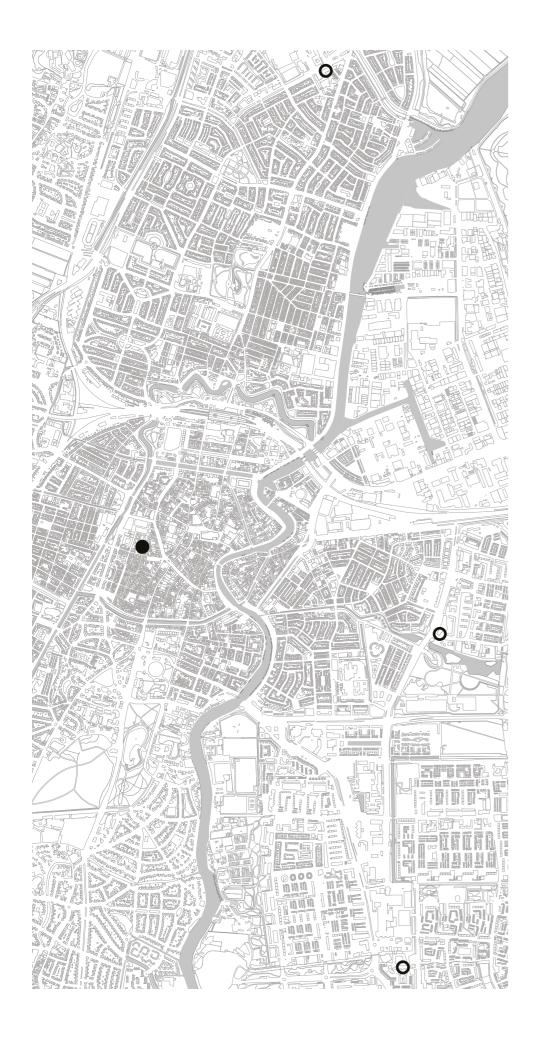
The courtyard functions as an extension of life in the building.

CELL BLOCK

The cell block is maintained and integrated into the new space plan.



PUBLIC LIBRARY



4 locations:

- Haarlem Centrum
- Haarlem NoordHaarlem OostHaarlem Schalkwijk

Haarlem Centrum:

Doelengebouw (1563) ca. 1300 m² Stadsbibliotheek (1974) ca. 3000 m²

- 'Het nieuwe bouwen', G.H.M. Holt & B. Bijvoet
- Owned by municipality, rented by library
- Overdue maintainance
- Poor energy efficiency (energylabel G)
- Plans for renovation

Changes in library functions:

- More social From collection to connection
- More educational
 - Language
 - Digital
- Digital government

Collection & Connection:

- Living room of the city
- Cafe
- Podium
- Facilitating programme by local residents
- Facilitating new contacts
- Work/studyspaces
- Flexibility, multifunctional spaces



















Conclusions

The different population groups live mostly seperated, in different neighbourhoods.

The library has difficulties reaching all target groups.

The library's memberbase does not reflect the population of Haarlem.

The library's memberbase mostly consists of highly educated, prosperous households.

Points of focus

1. Diversity and encounter

The gap between wealthy and less wealthy, higher and lower educated and non-immigrants and immigrants is growing.

The city should remain a place for all population groups

Different population groups rarely encounter one another

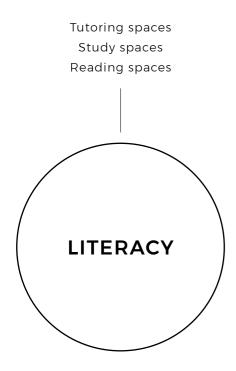
2. Inspiration and challenge

There is a need for more encounter between different population groups and people from different walks of life

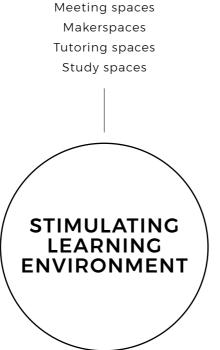
There are few innovative breeding grounds and alternative culture is missed.



WHAT IS THE CORE MISSION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY?



Reading as base for acquiring knowledge

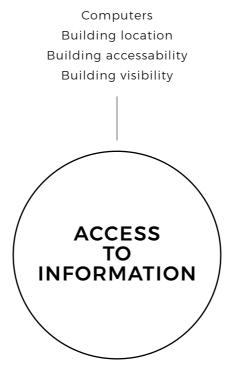


Personal development of skills such as cooperation, creativity, communication, problem solving, critical thinking

Platform for gathering, sharing knowledge and acquiring skills

Inviting and guiding role

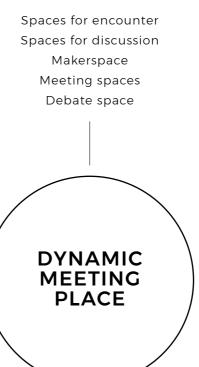
Decreasing disadvantages, further development of talent



ICT-literacy Interpretation of information

Low threshold

Reliable advisor



Social-cultural place for encounter in individualizing society

Discussion, negotiation, learning and creation

Encounters between different cultures, ways of life and background, contributing to the empathic ability of society



Physical location embedded in community

Podium for local social and cultural organizations

Inviting and stimulating participation in local debates on decision making and community issues

Contributing to shaping of local identitity

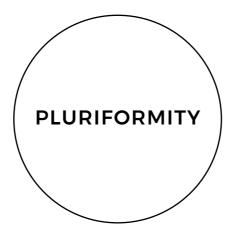
Stimulation of participation in society

WHAT VALUES DOES THE LIBRARY OPERATE FROM?



Nobody is excluded

Access to information with minimal (financial) barriers



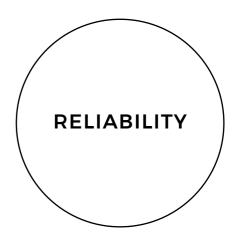
No distiction between population groups in the library's offer

Promoting contact between population groups with different views



Neutral and noncommercial

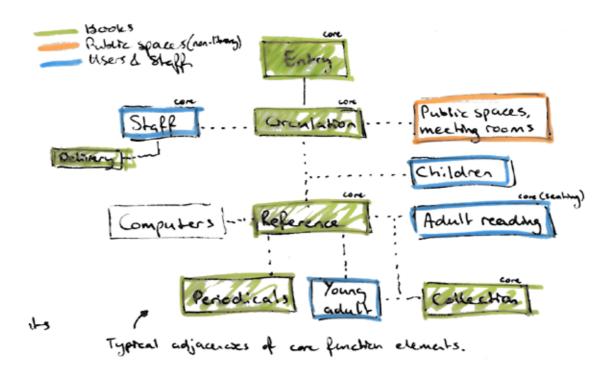
Creating collections and making connections should be independent from political and economic interests



Supporting people in judging information

6 CORE PROGRAMMATIC FUNCTIONS:

- Entry
- Circulation
- Reference
- Staff
- Collection
- Seating



CORE PROGRAMME

The building houses the six core programmatic library functions.

LIVING ROOM

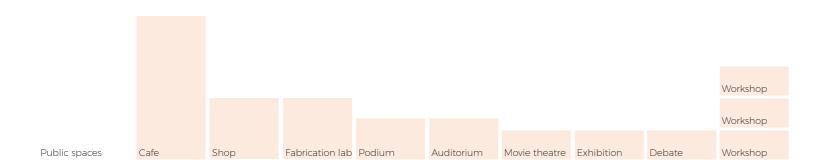
The spatial experience is that of an urban living room.

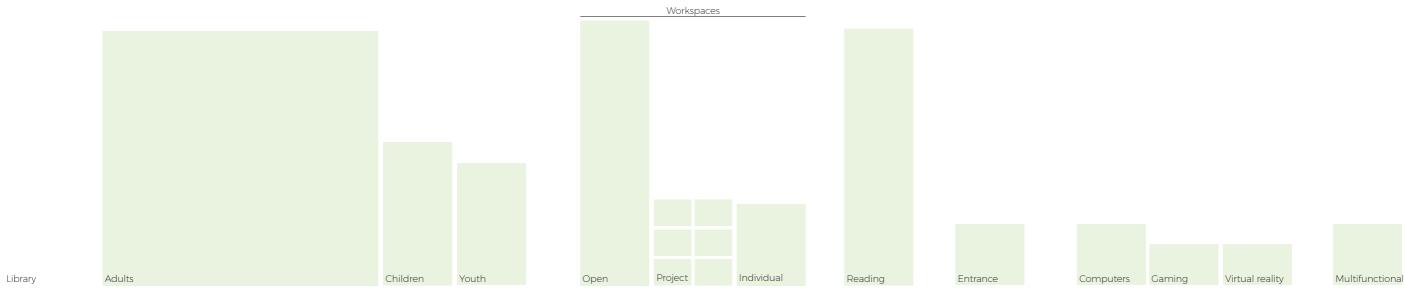
ACCESSABILITY

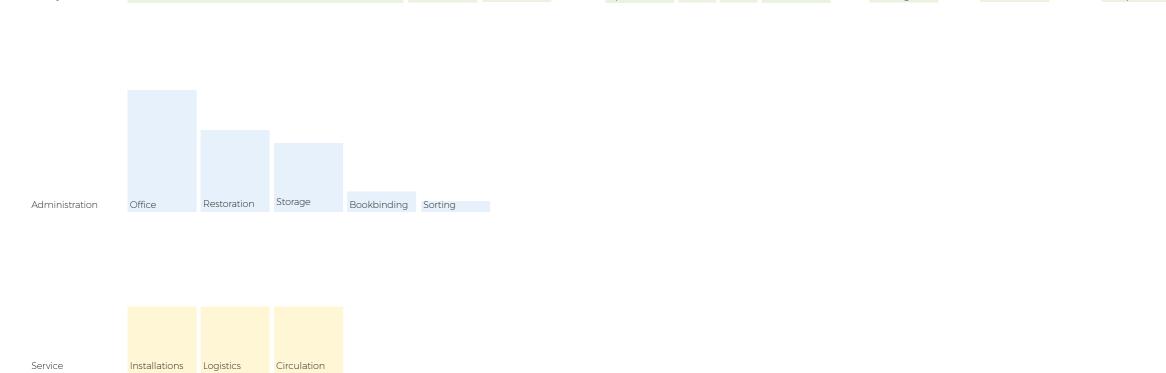
The building is easily accessable. There is a low threshold to enter the building.

ENCOUNTER

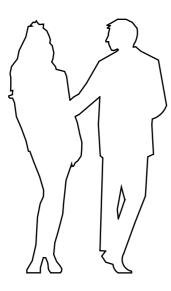
The building enables encounters between people.







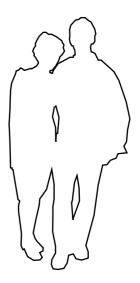
DWELLINGS



Starters

WiMRA 2019: Regional decrease in influx of young households and starters

- Increase in housing prices
- Attractive houses are being bought to be rented out
- Decrease in social housing offer
- Increase in rent prices private sector



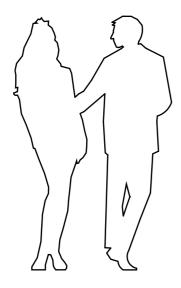
Elderly

Number of 65+ households will increase from 20.000 in 2020 to 30.000 in 2040.

Decreased mobility

Relieving pressure on housing market by moving to appropriate housing

Relieving pressure on housing with care by living self-reliantly for longer



Starters

Household consisting of 1 or 2 people Full-time job

Working from home

Needs:

Shops

Bars & Restaurants

Culture

Employment opportunities

Good infrastructure

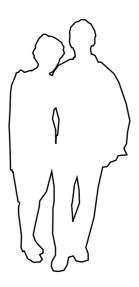
Relation to building:

Workplaces

Cafe

Makerspace

Exhibition



Elderly

Household consisting of 1 or 2 people

Self-reliant

A lot of free time

Needs:

Connection to city / community

Single-floor housing Healtcare facilities

Activities

Relation to building:

Communal spaces Communal garden

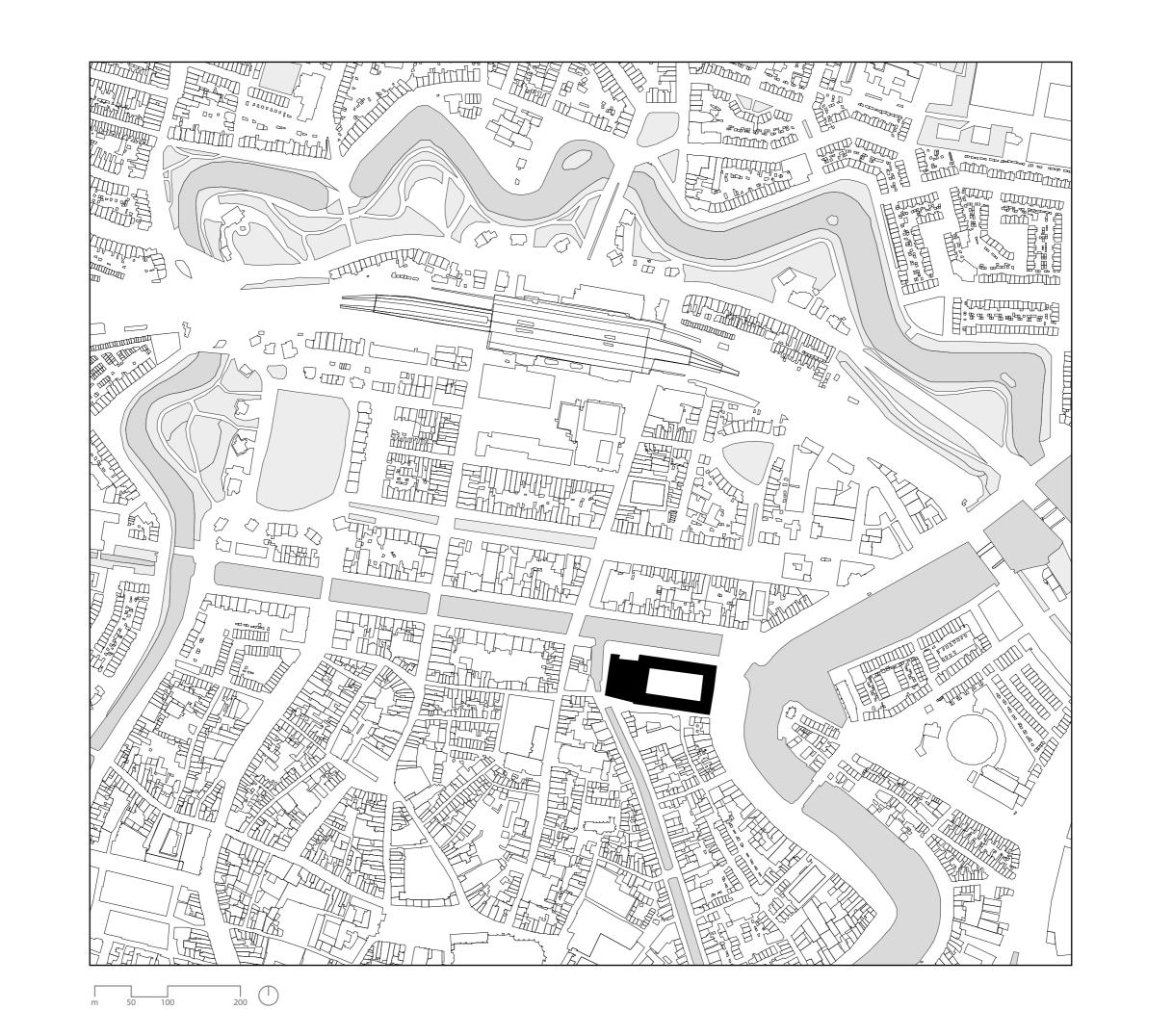
Cafe

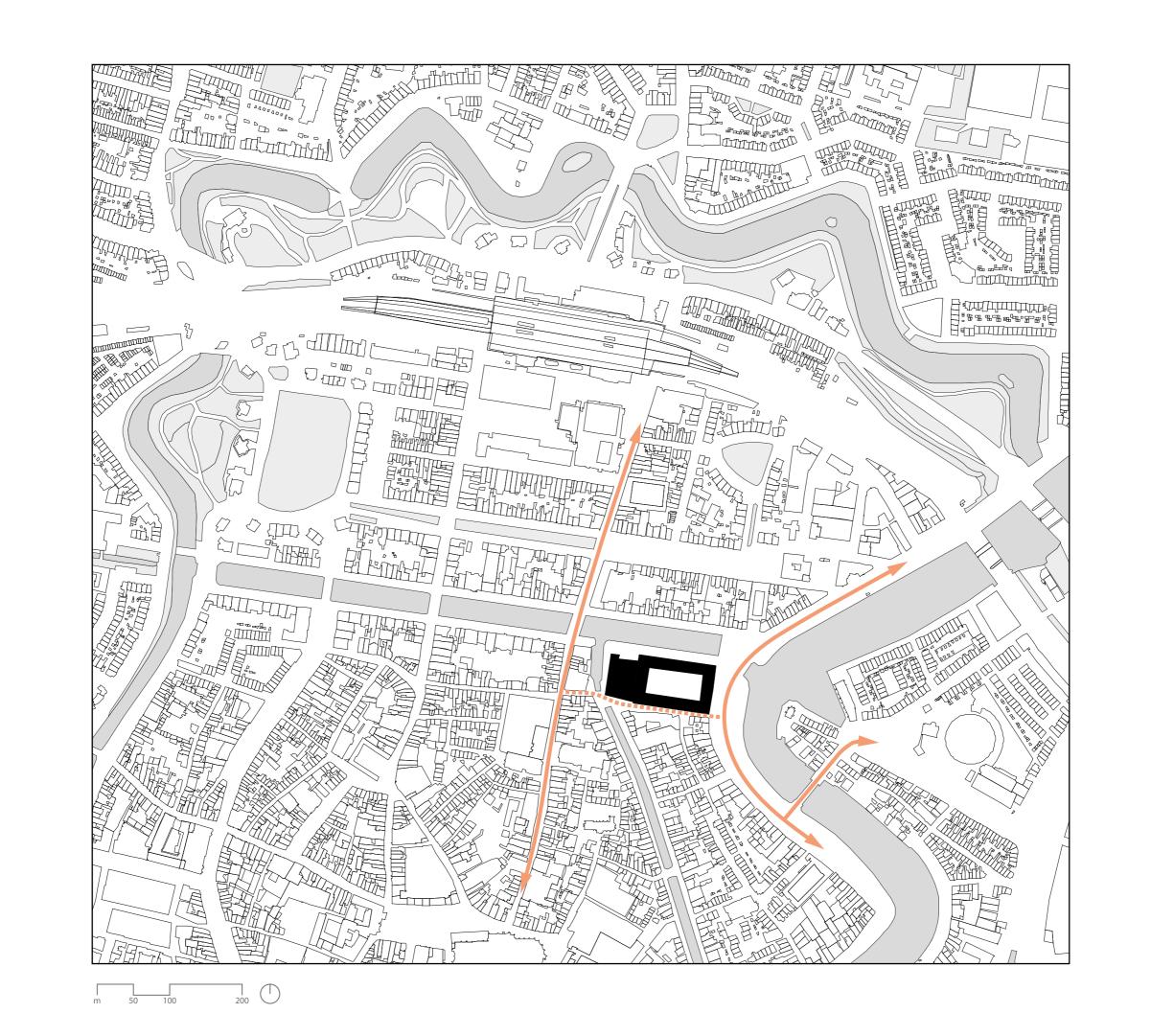
Digital competence

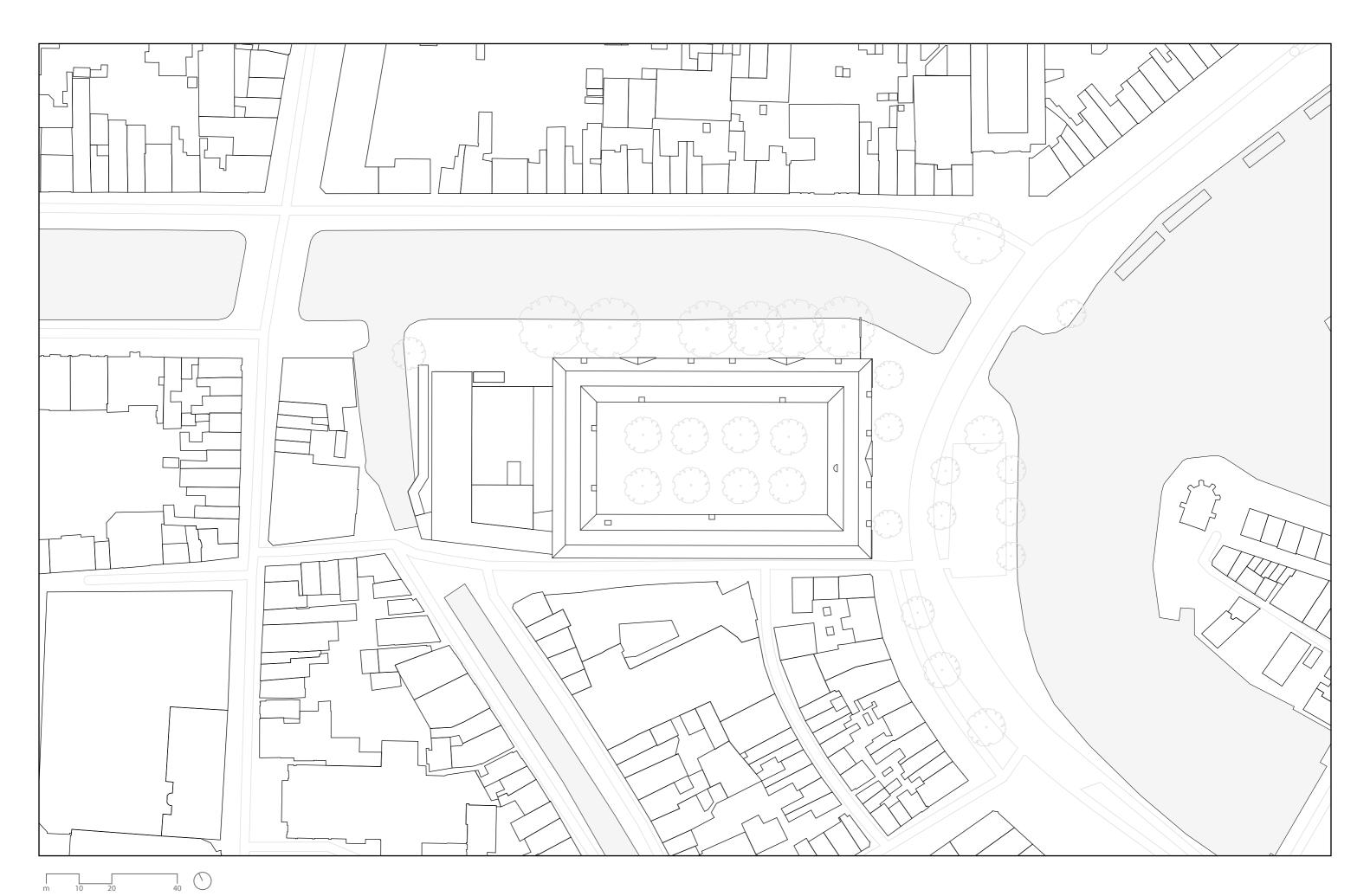
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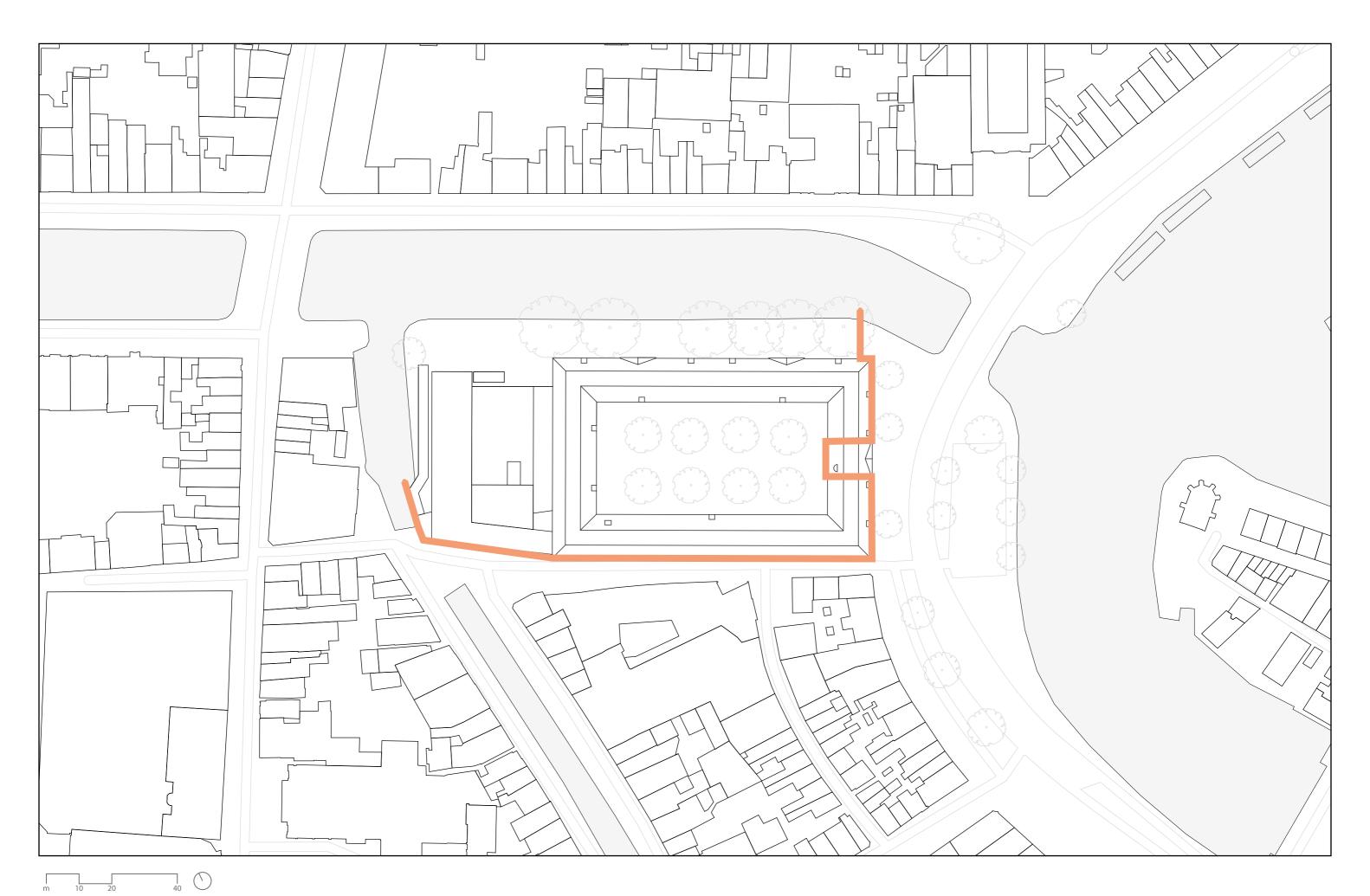
Healthcare facilities

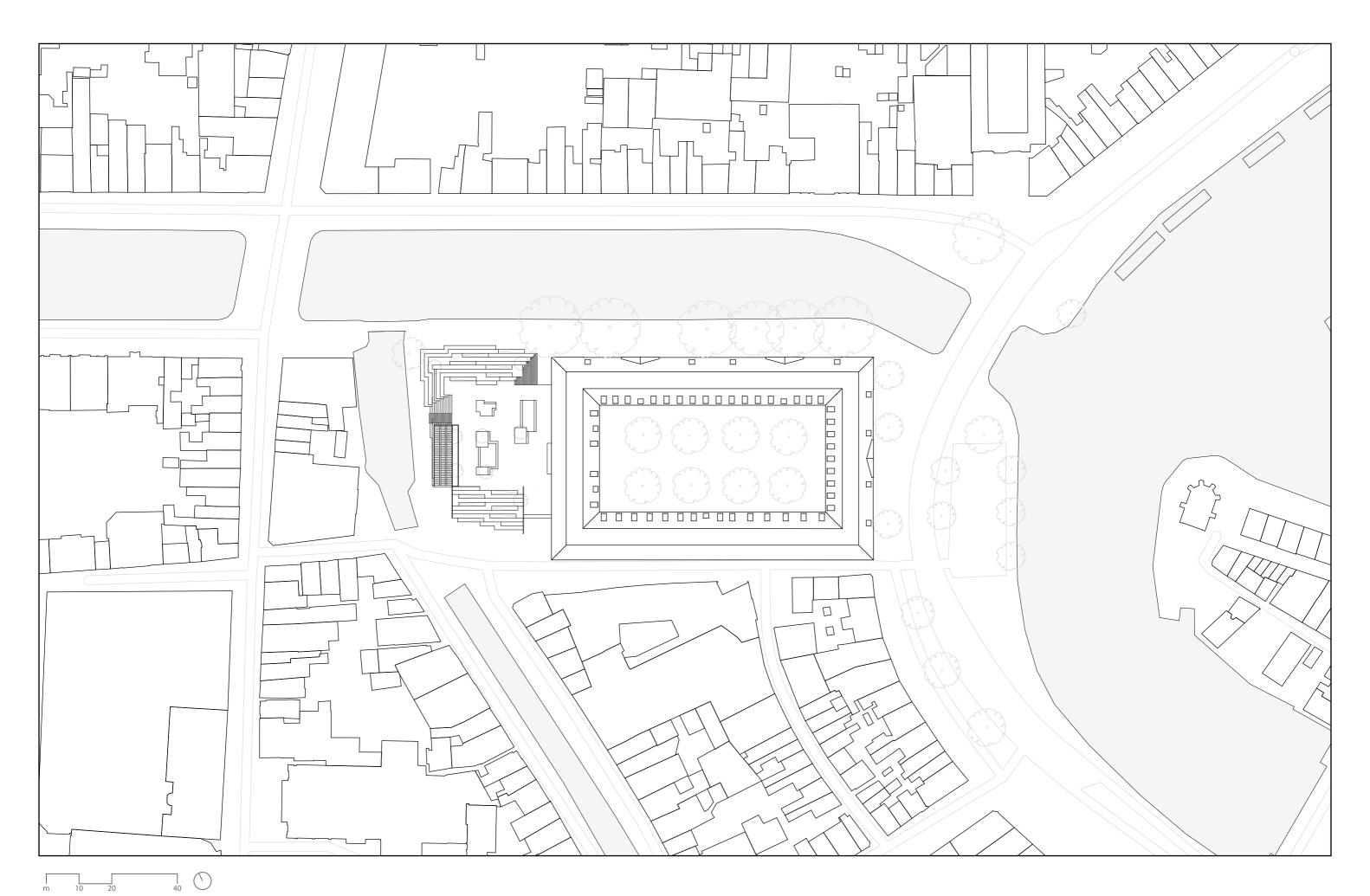
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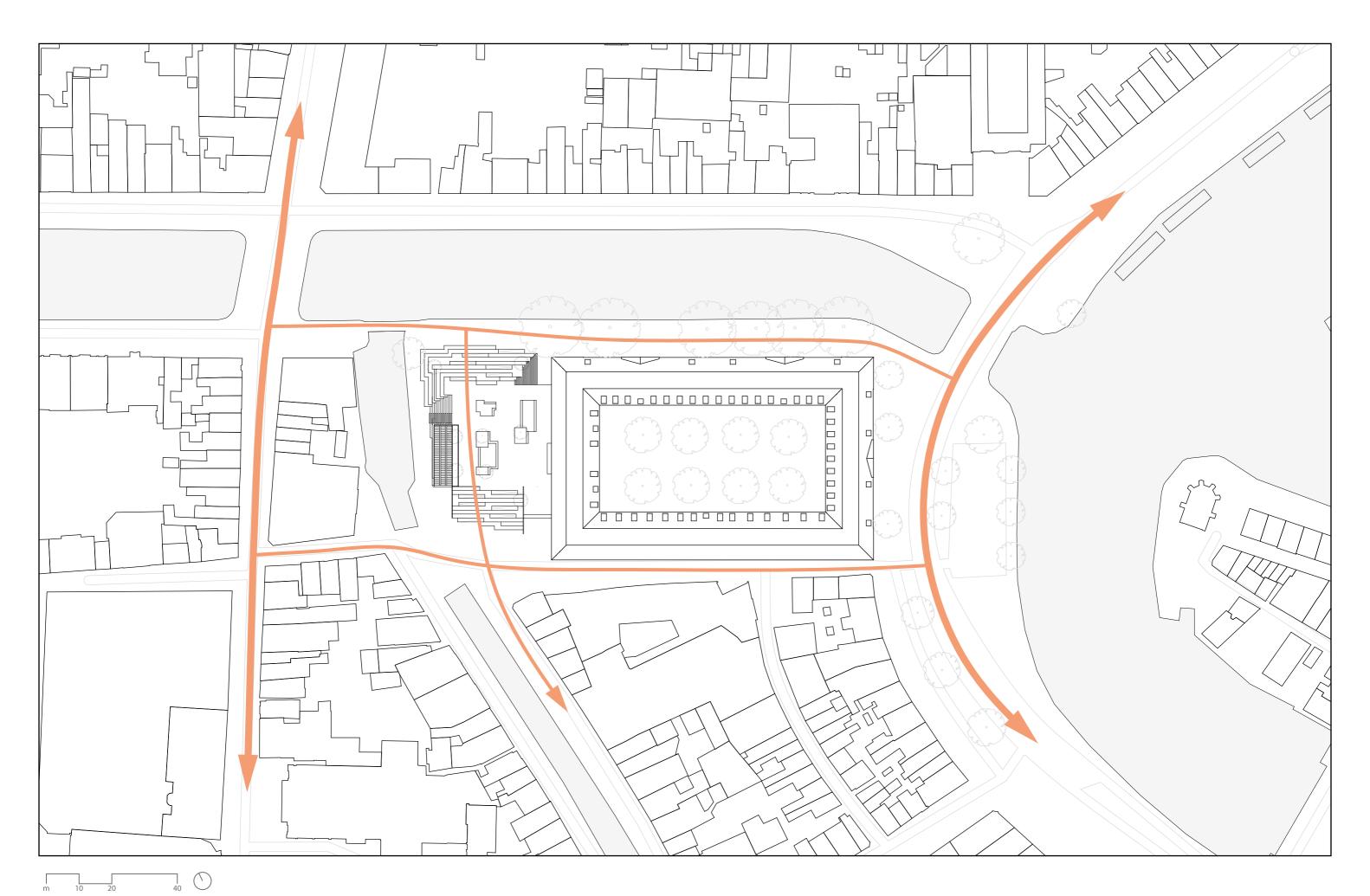


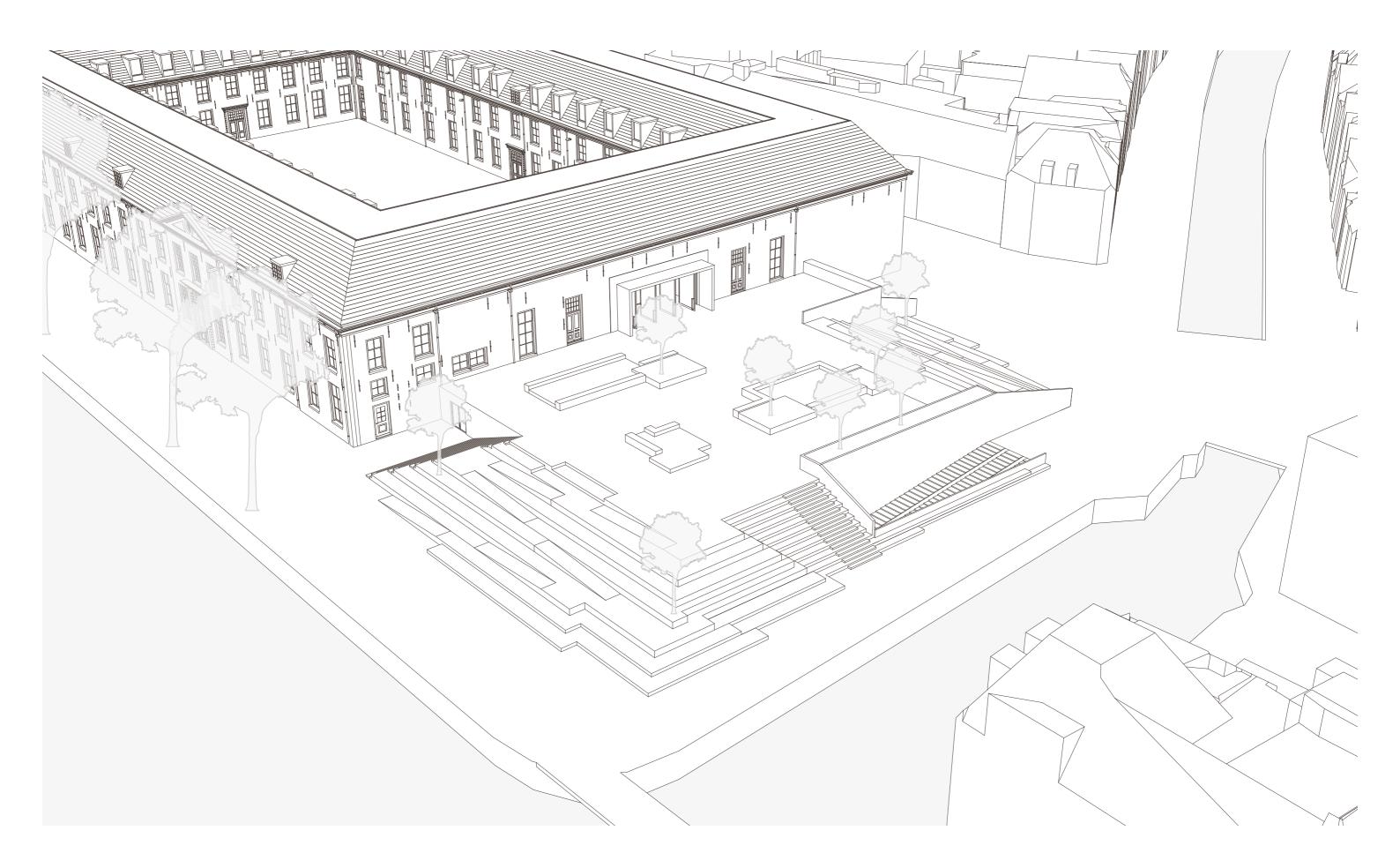




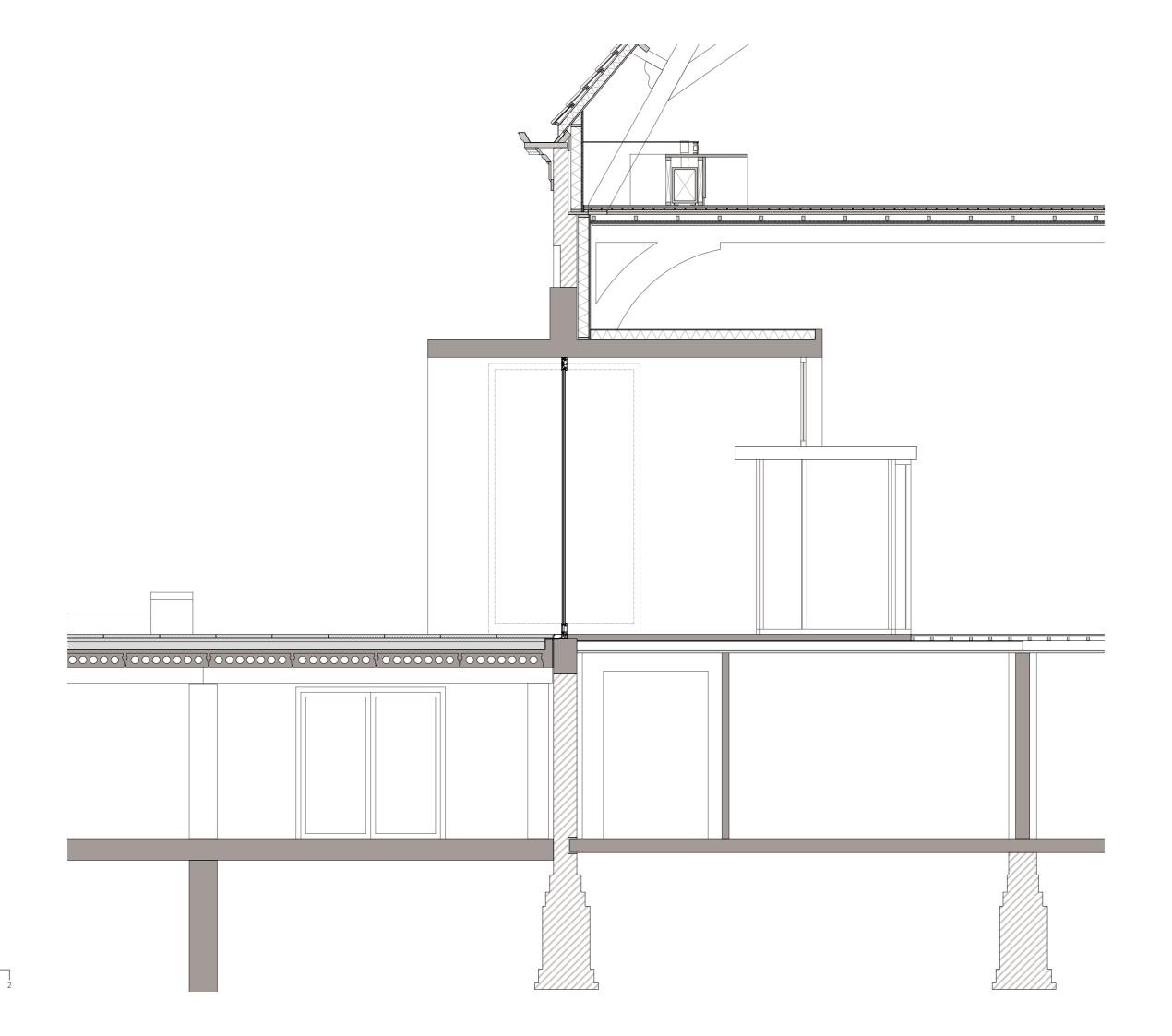


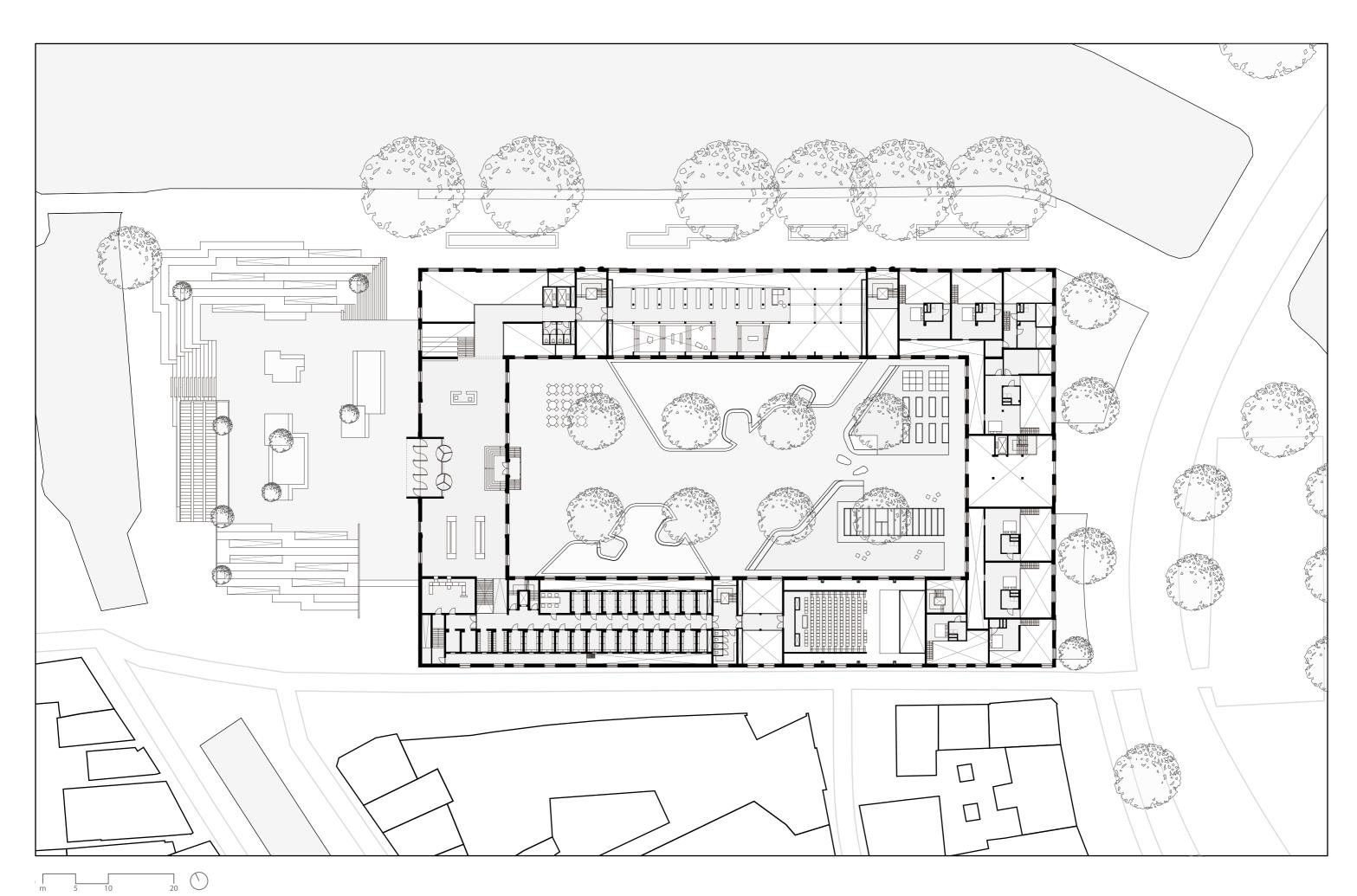


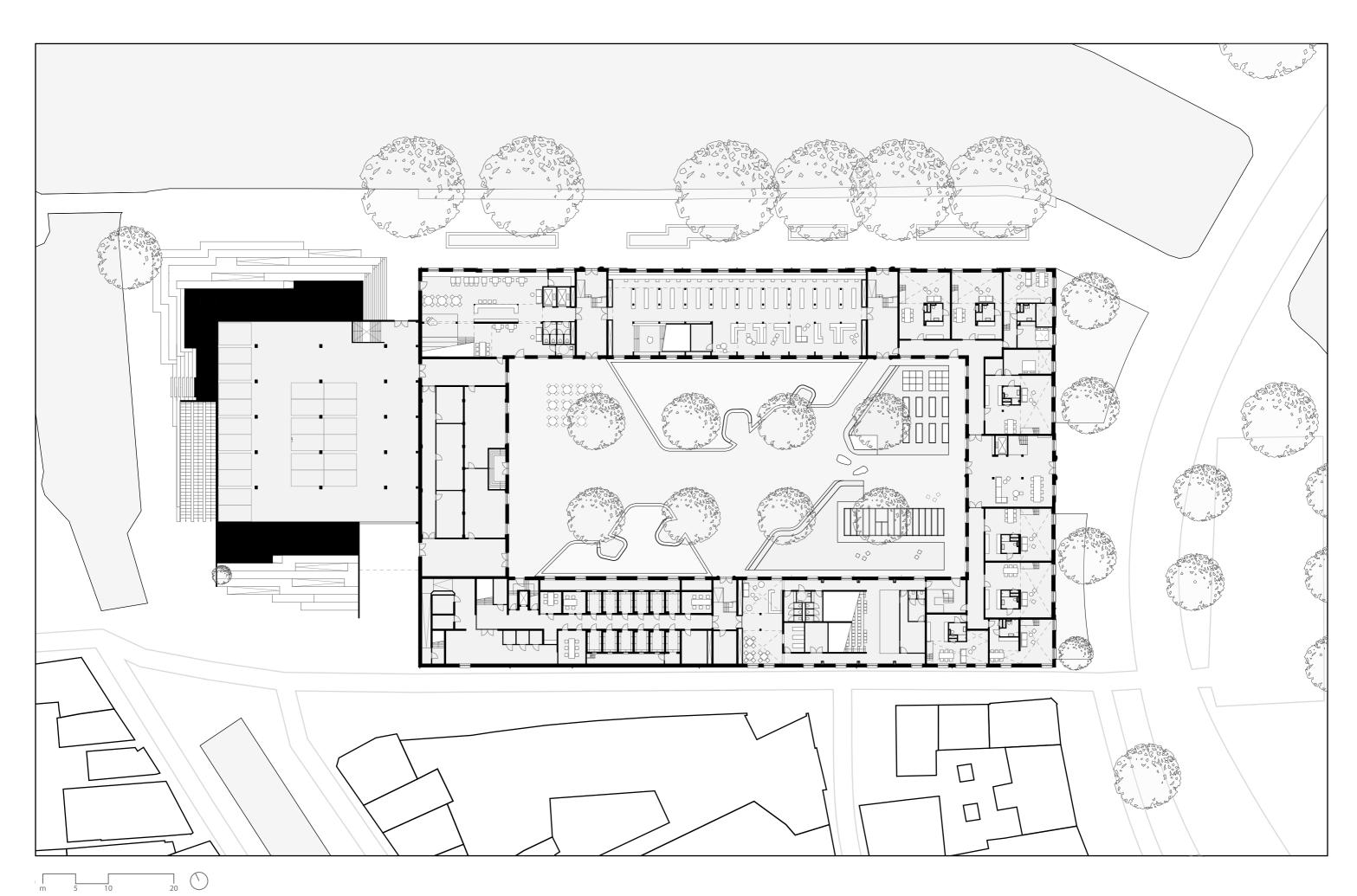






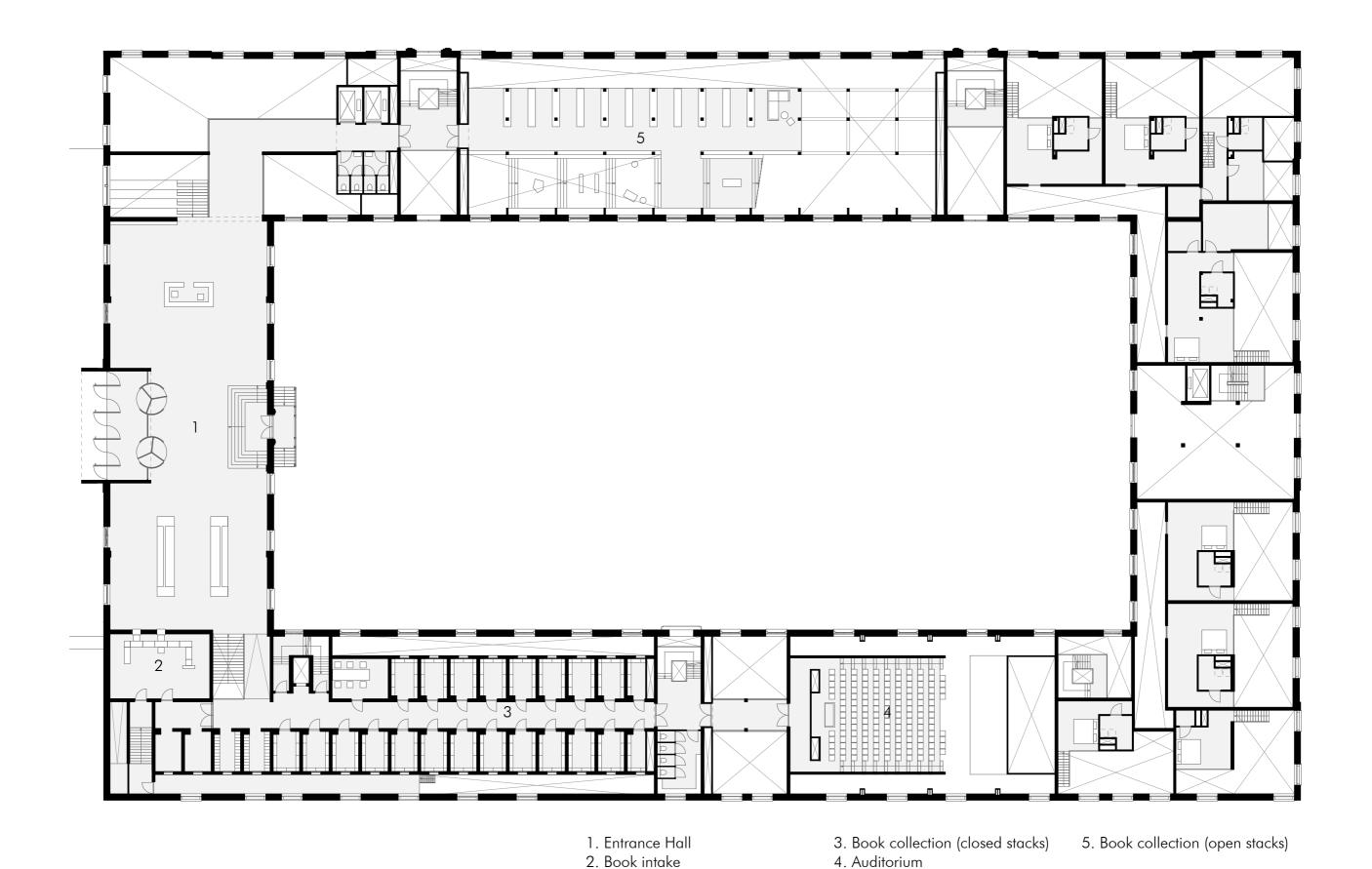


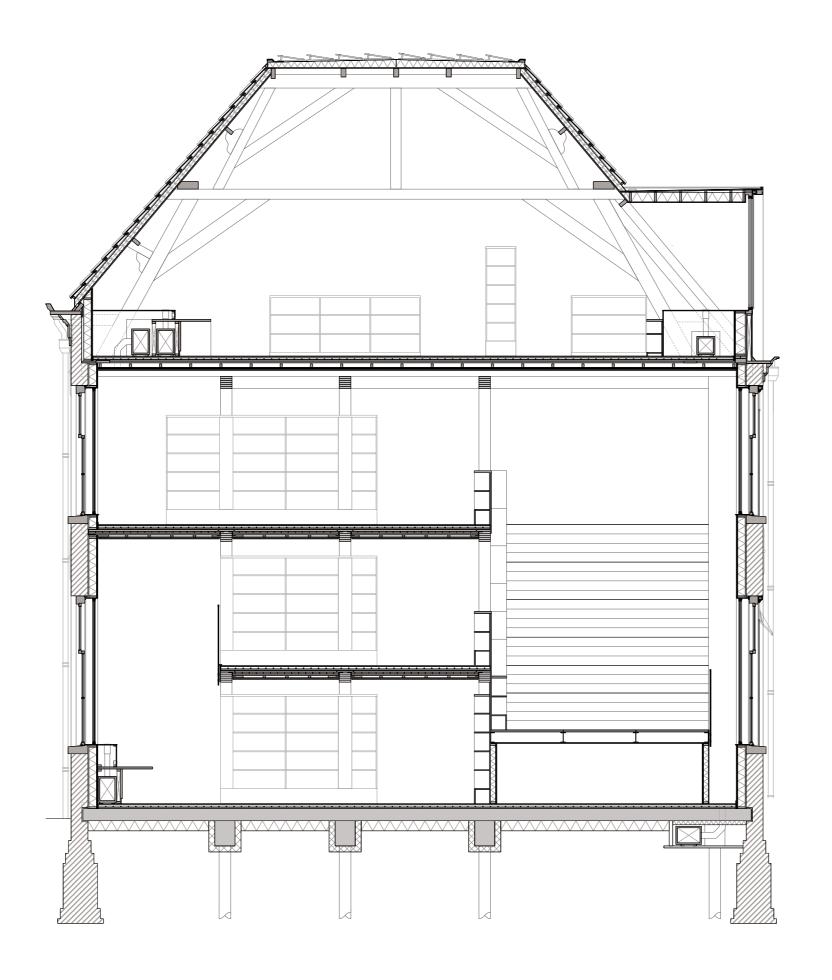


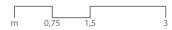


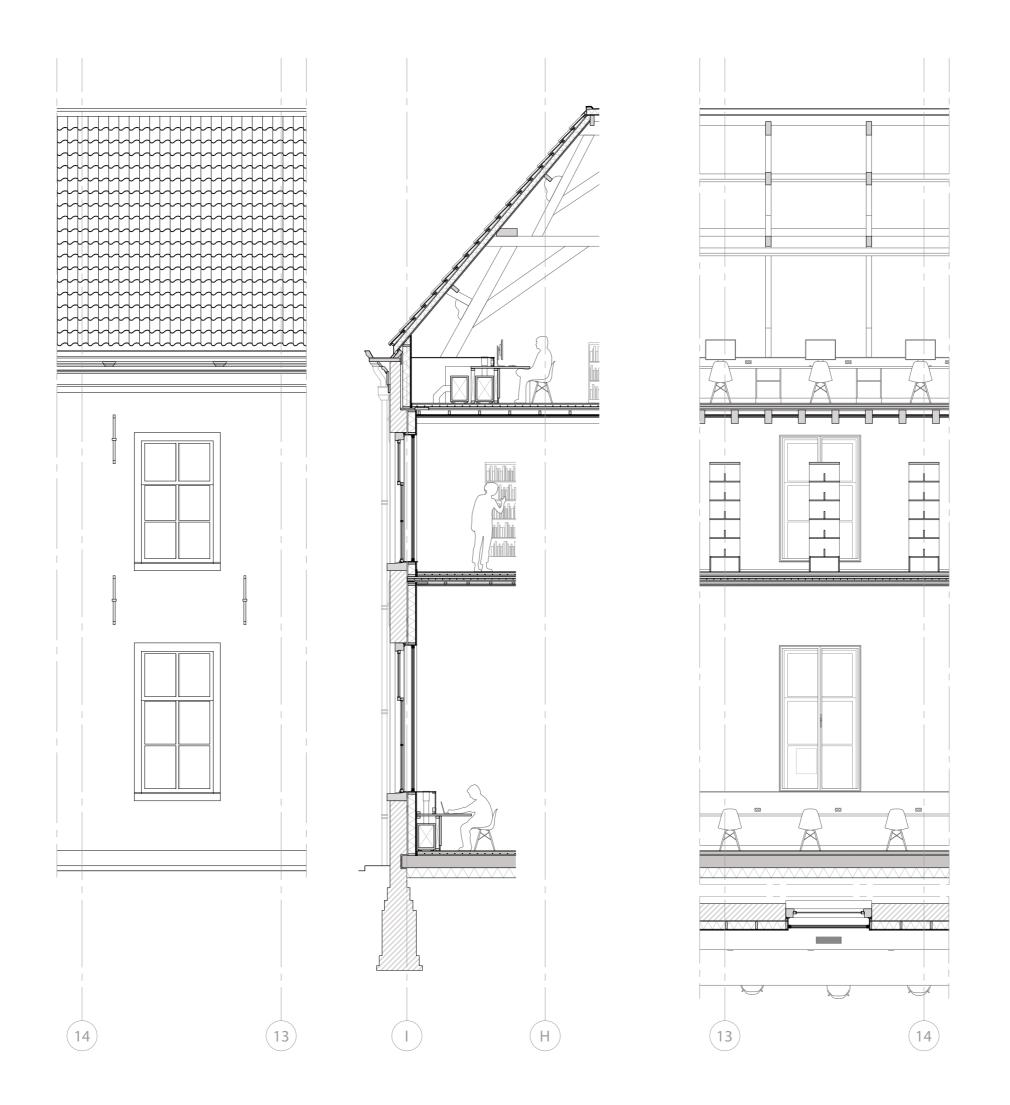
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Perpendicular	Both axis	Corridor	Side	Corridor	Central	Cell block

PLAN ENTRESOL

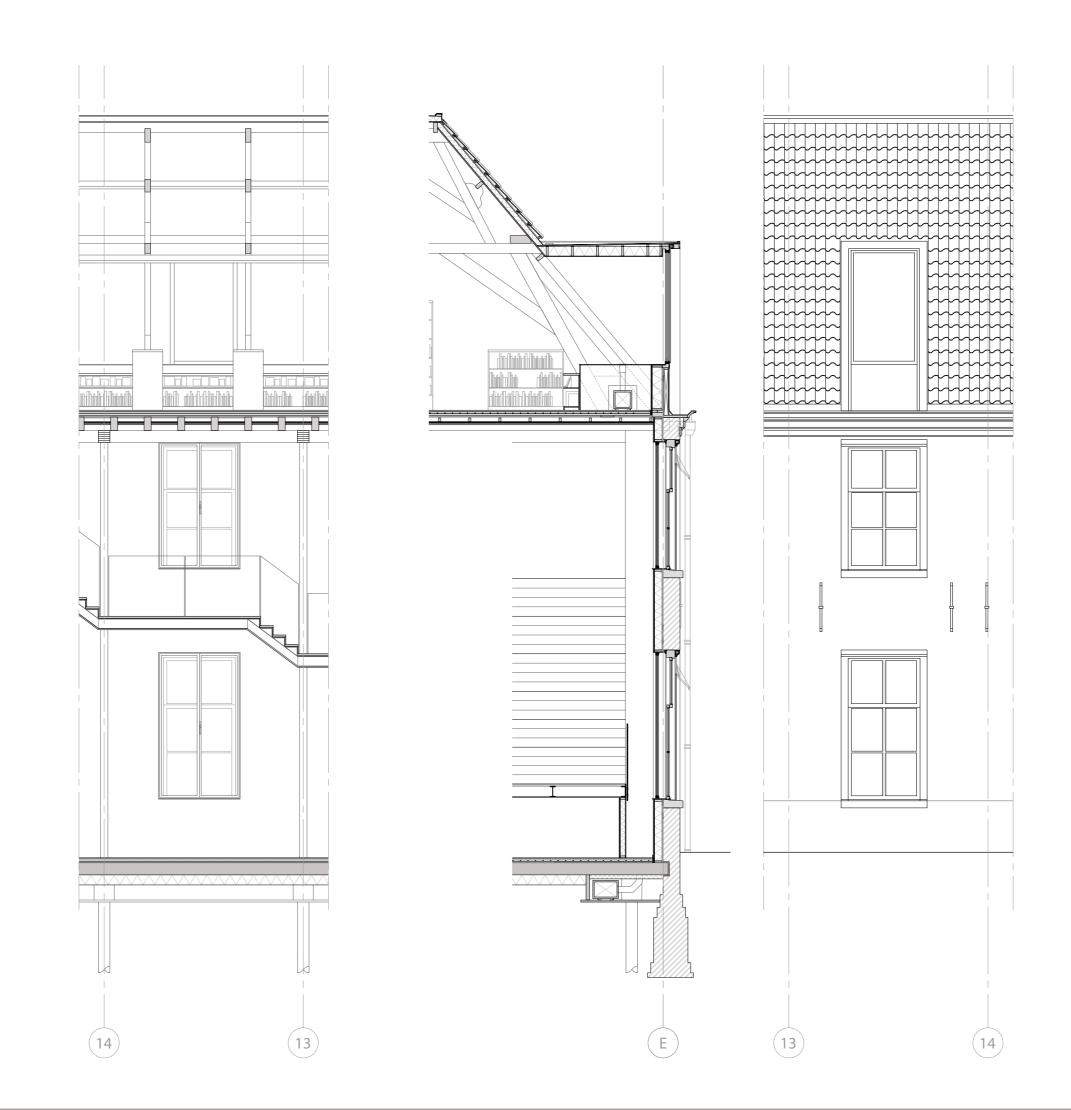






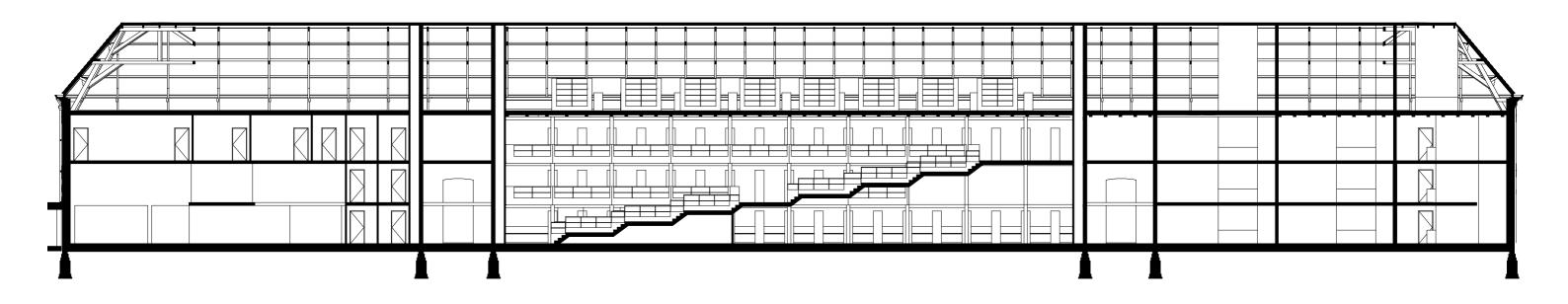




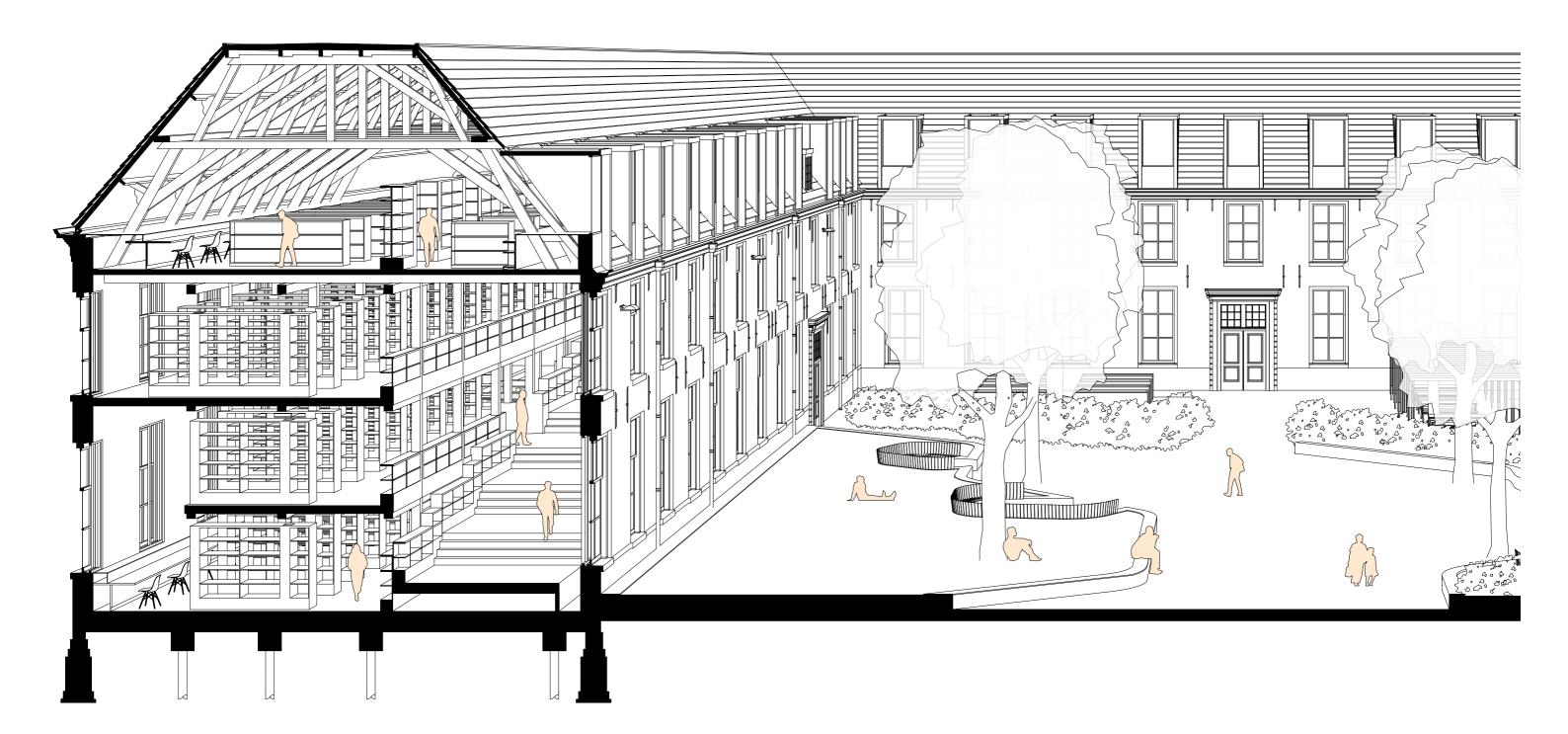


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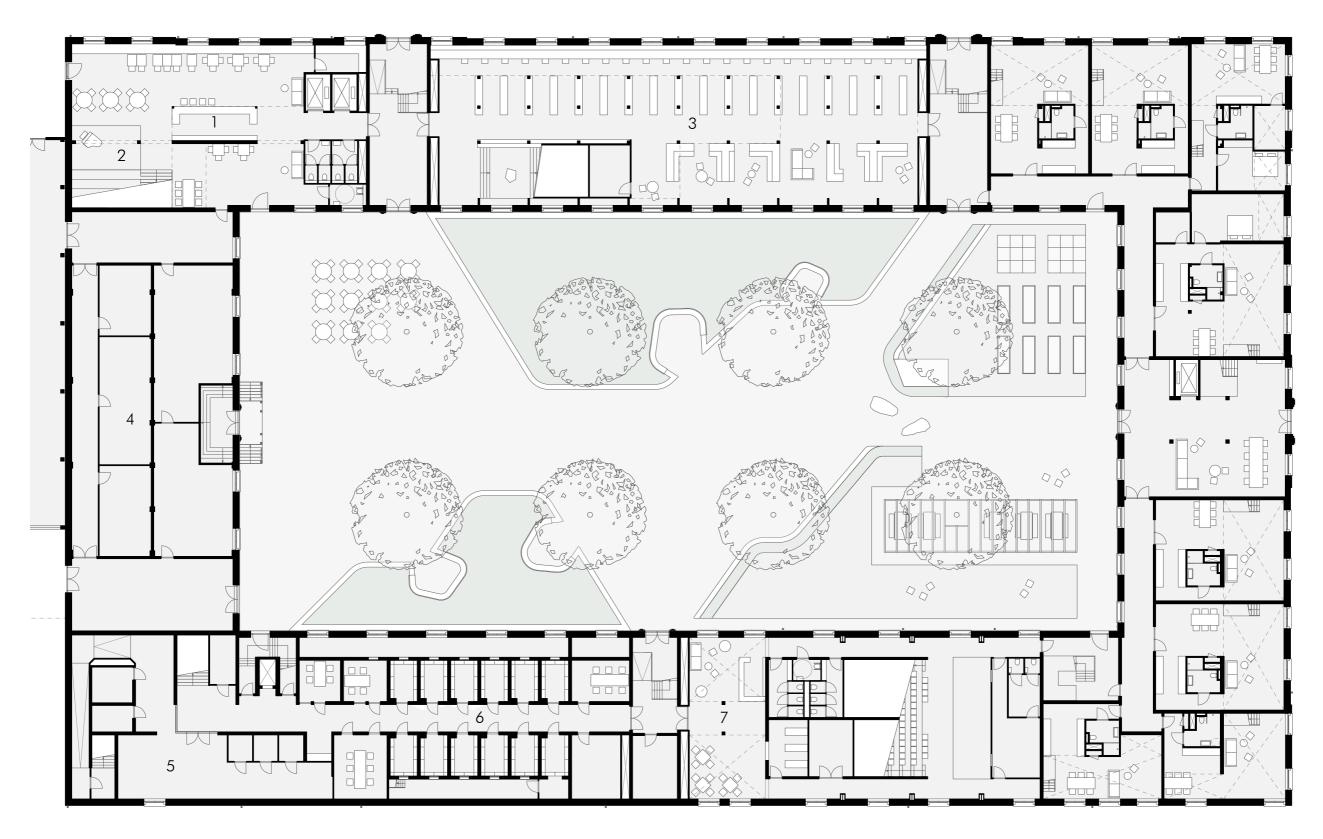






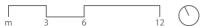


PLAN GROUND FLOOR



- 1. Cafe
- 2. Podium
- 3. Book collection

- 4. Storage & logistics5. Library operations6. Book collection (closed stacks), Project rooms
- 7. Auditorium & lobby
- 8. Auditorium







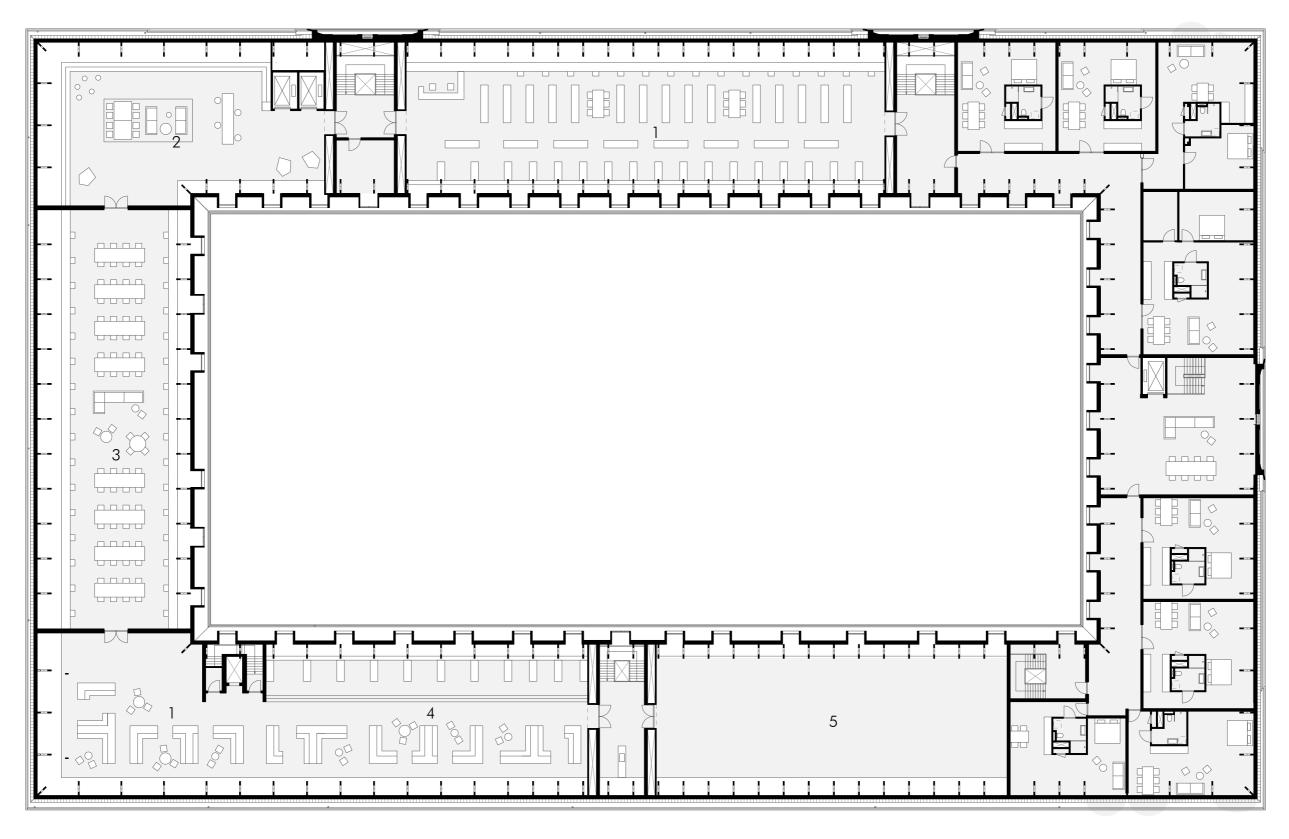
PLAN FIRST FLOOR



- Meeting rooms
 Book collection (open stacks)
- 3. Staff office
- 4. Workshop rooms



PLAN SECOND FLOOR



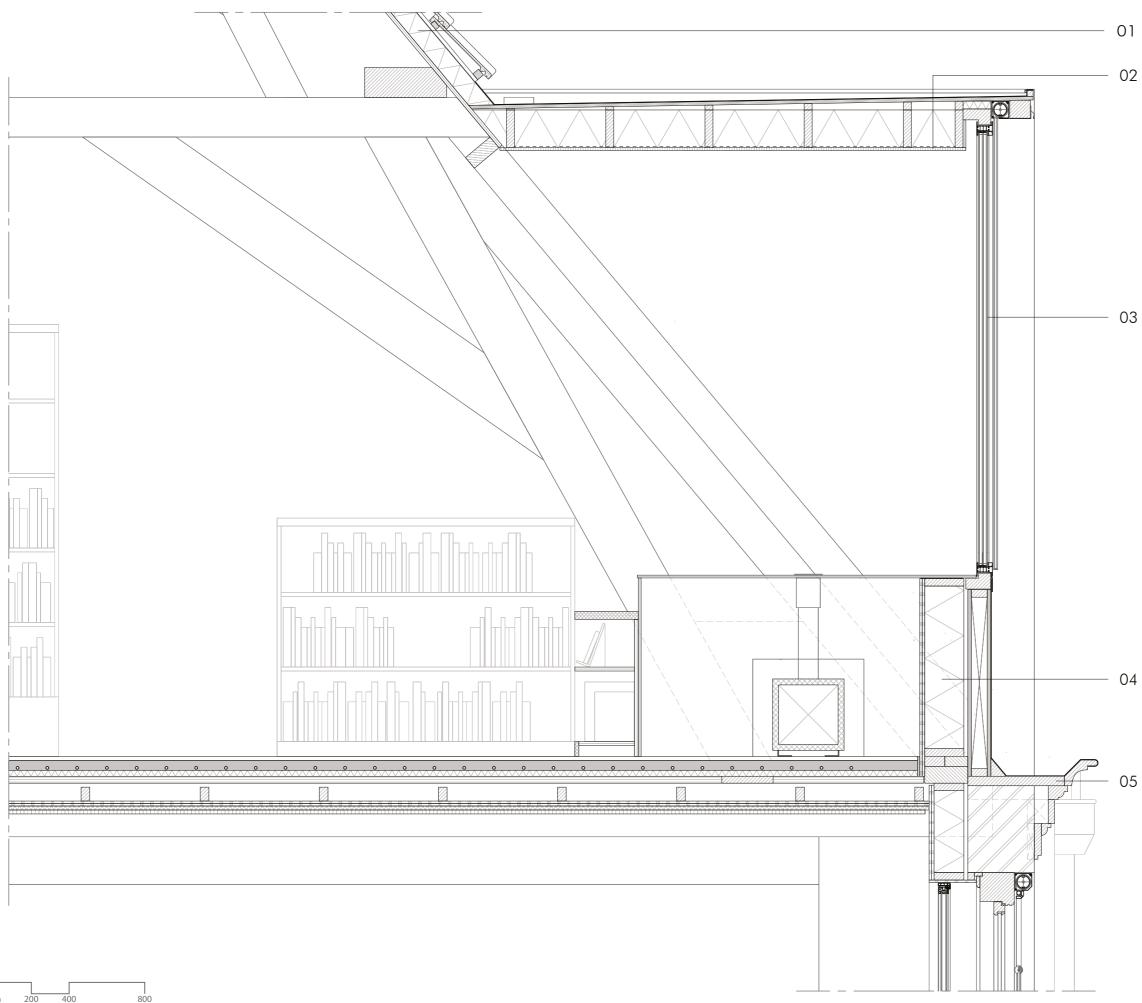
- 1. Book collection (open stacks)
- 2. Childrens library

- 3. Reading room
- 4. Teenagers library

5. Event space



DETAIL 04



01 Roof

- existing roof tiles (re-used)
- 24 x 38 mm wooden battens
- water barrier foil
- 100 mm PIR renovation panels
- 20 mm roof sheathing existing

02 Dormer

- EPDM roofing membrane
- 18 mm multiplex
- 38 x 140 mm wooden battens
- 190 mm mineral wool
- vapour barrier foil
- 14 mm wooden slat panel

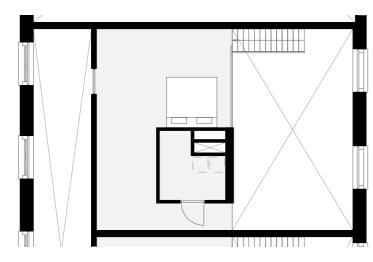
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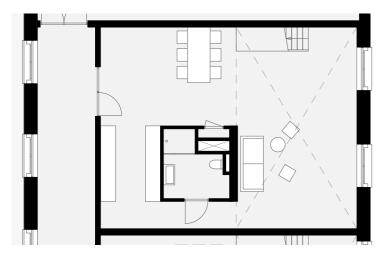
- zinc cladding
- support structure wooden 38 x 150 mm battens
- 200 mm mineral wool
- vapour barrier foil
- 2x 12,5 mm plasterboard

05 existing eaves, new zinc gutter cladding

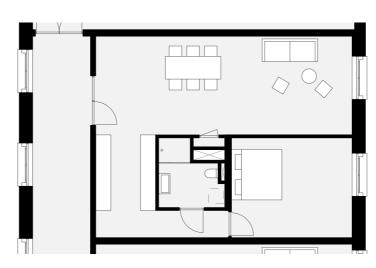




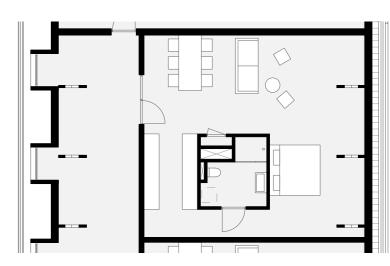
Ground floor +



Ground floor (split level)

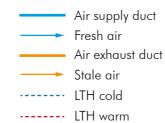


First floor (elderly)

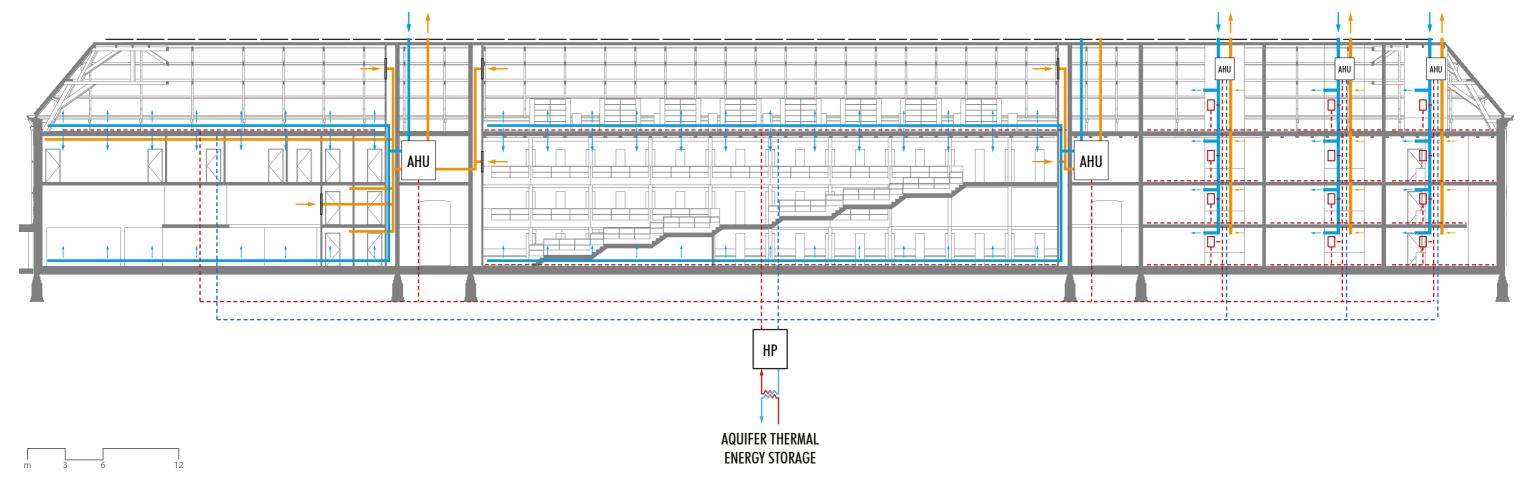


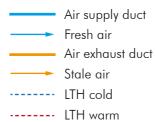
Second floor (studio)

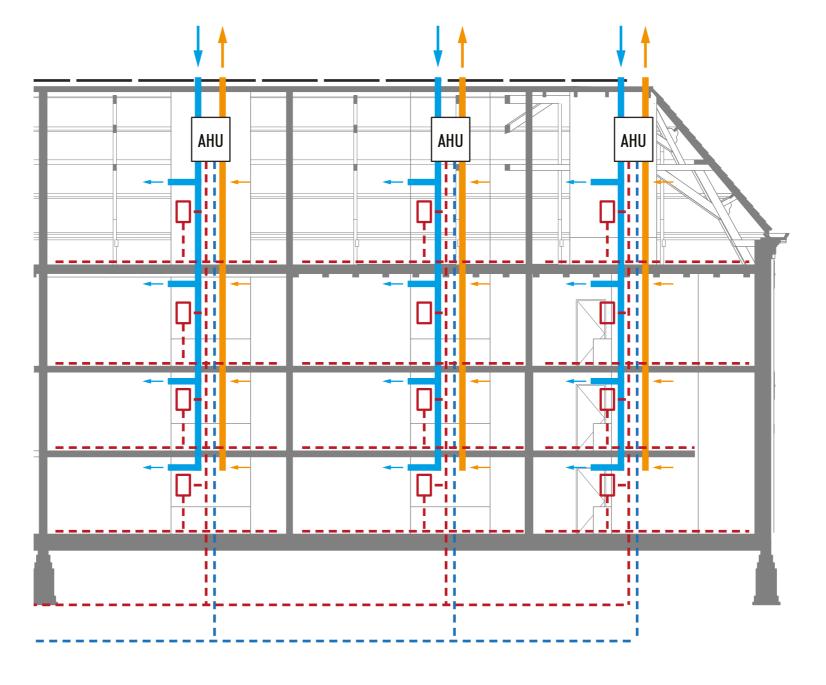
Indoor climate



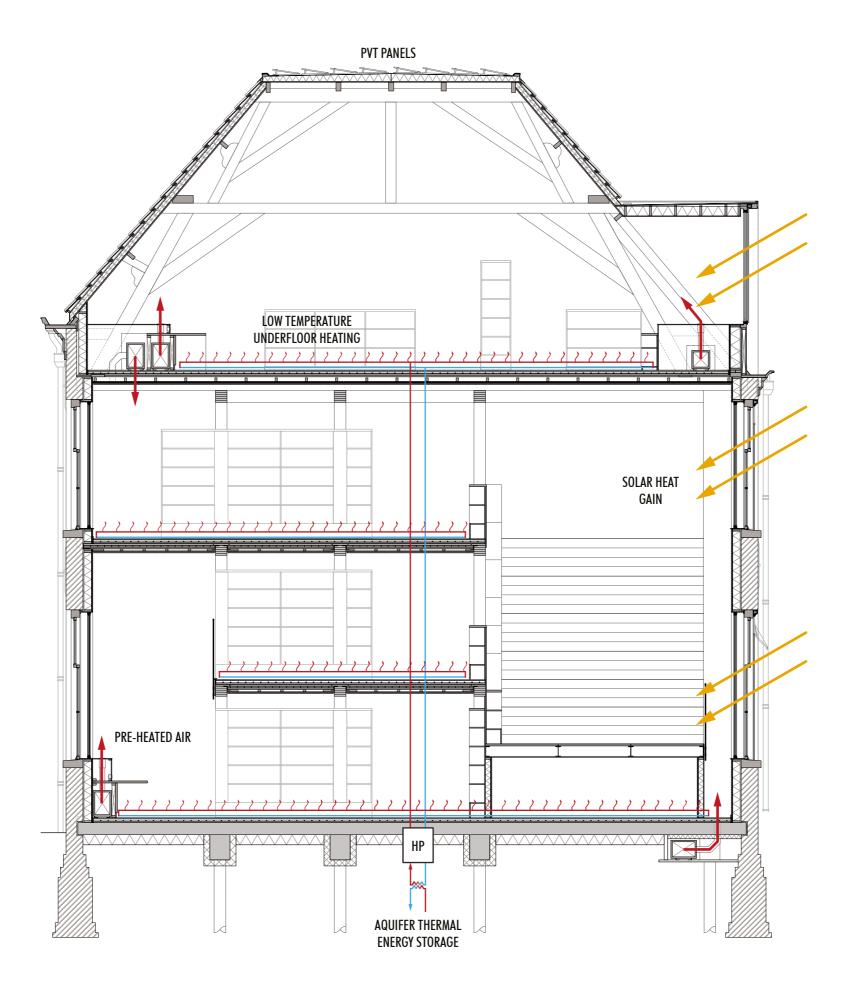
- Thermal insulation of exterior walls and roof
- Secondary thermal glazing
- Aquifer thermal heat storage and heat pump (HP) provide low temperature heating (LTH) and cooling
- PVT panels provide electricity for climate installations and general use
- PVT panels provide warm tapwater (through heat exchanger) and replenishment of aquifer thermal energy storage
- Air handling units (AHU) provide mechanical ventilation
- Double walls function as ventilation shafts

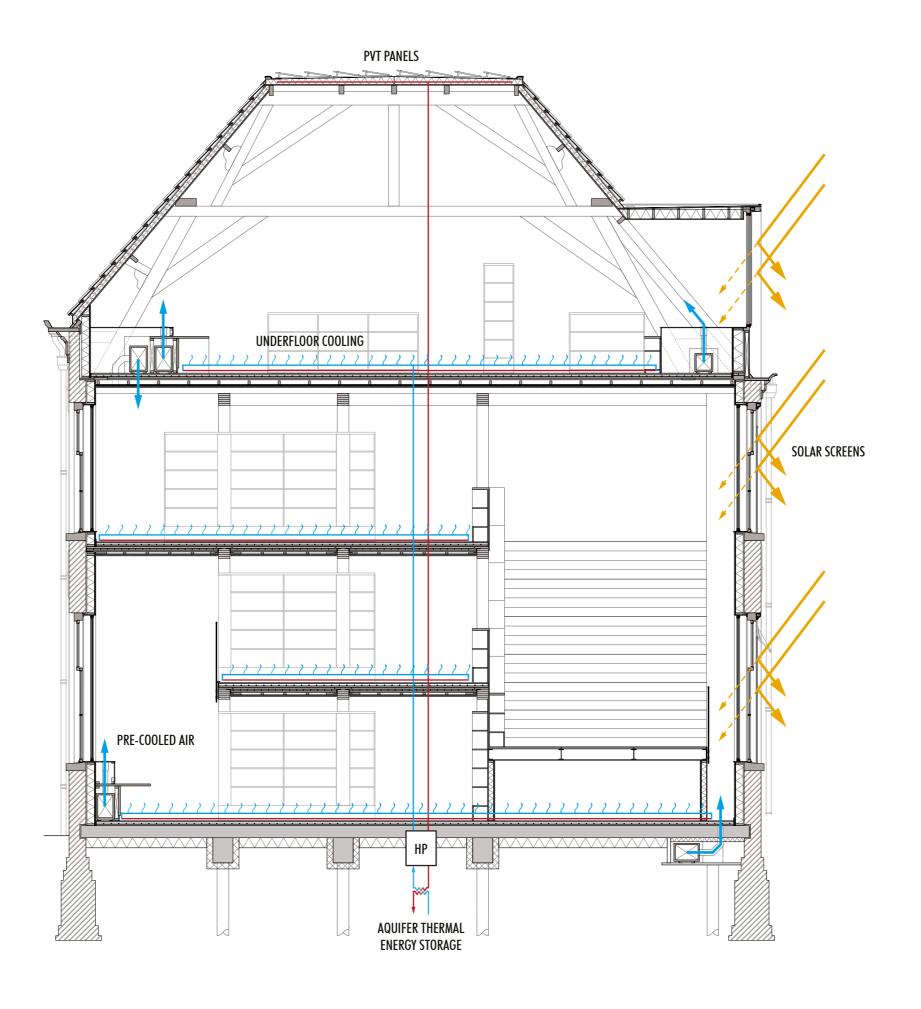




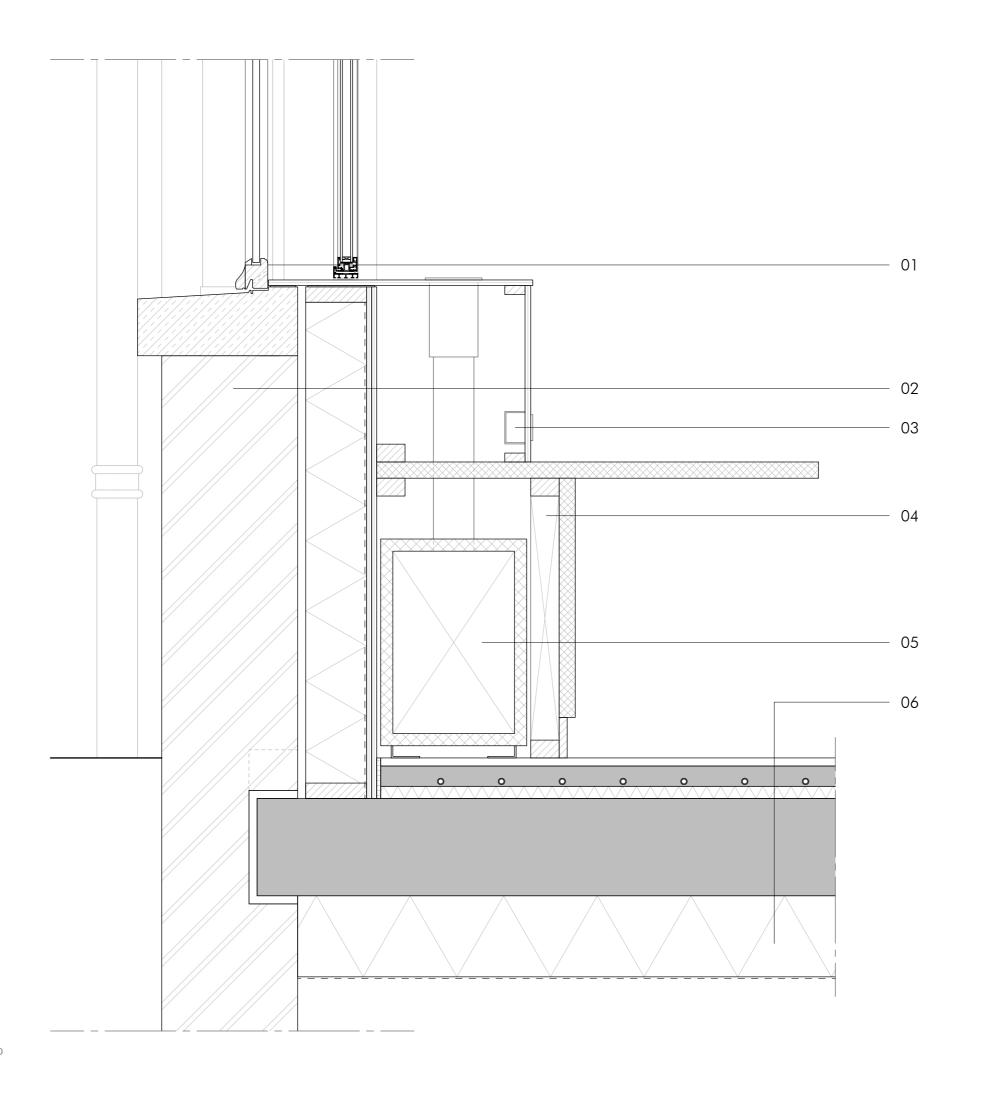


- Air handling unit (AHU) with heat recovery per 3 stacked dwellings
- Ventilation shaft in stacked bathroom units
- Air extraction in kitchen, bathroom and toilet
- Air inlet in living spaces
- Low temperature underfloor heating and cooling
- Boiler for warm tapwater per dwelling (powered by PVT panels)





DETAIL 01



01 Windows

- existing window frames, new openings for ventilation
- slightly ventilated air cavity
- MetaPlus Energy AMS-1 window

02 Wall

- 355 mm existing brick wall
- 20 mm air cavity
- 38 x 150 mm battens
- 150 mm mineral wool
- vapour barrier foil
- 2x 12,5 mm plasterboard
- 3 mm film layer

03 electrical outlet

04 Desk :

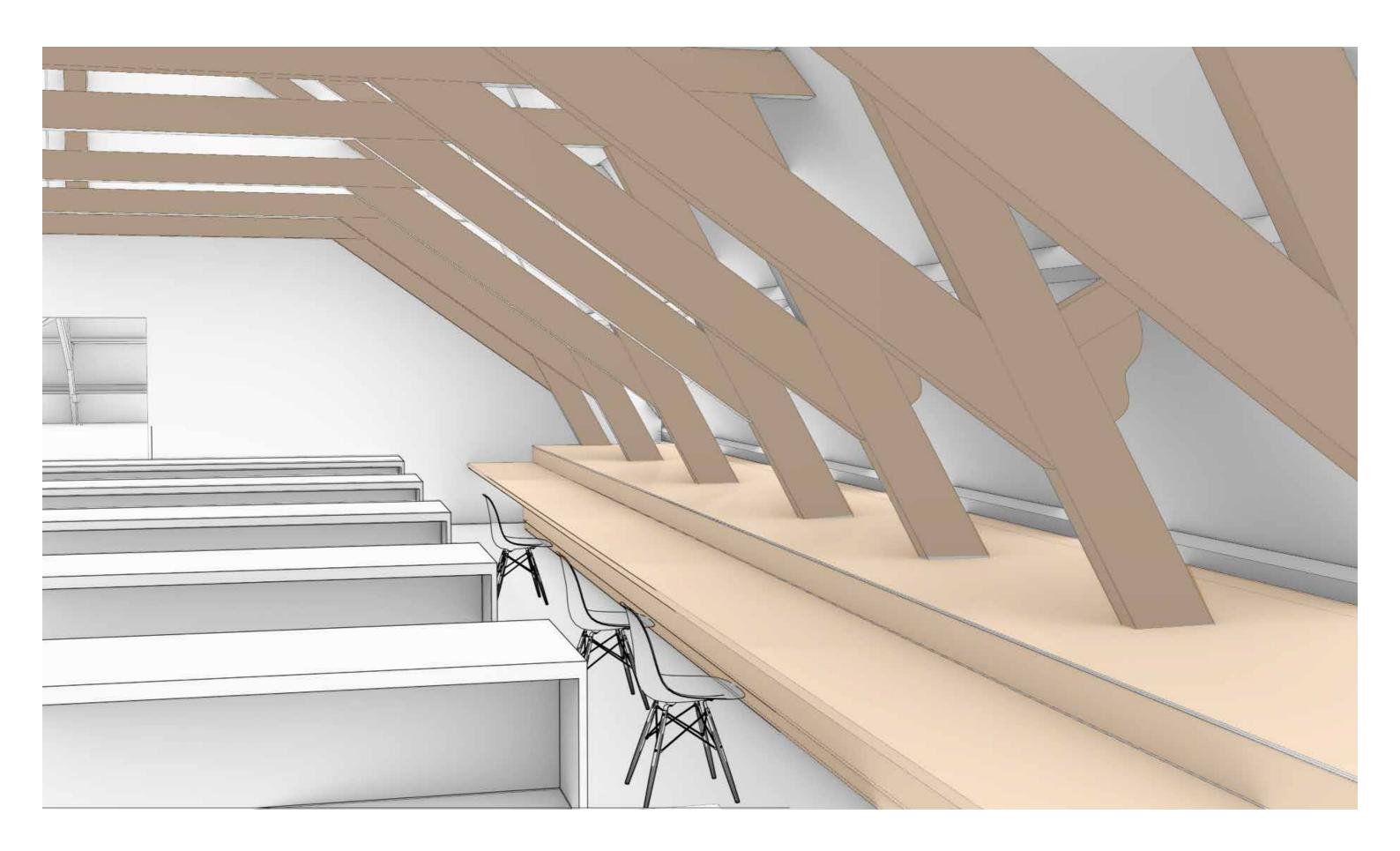
- wooden frame
- wooden panels

05 300 x 450 mm ventilation duct

06 Floor:

- finishing
- 50 mm anhydrite flowing screed with underfloor heating
- 30 mm XPS insulation
- 240 mm in-situ concrete floor slab
- 200 mm EPS insulation
- PE foil water barrier

DETAIL 03 01 Roof - existing roof tiles (re-used) - 24 x 38 mm wooden battens 01 - water barrier foil - 100 mm PIR renovation panels - 20 mm roof sheathing existing 02 Wall - 210 mm existing brick wall - 20 mm air cavity - 38 x 150 mm battens - 150 mm mineral wool - vapour barrier foil - 2x 12,5 mm plasterboard 03 - 3 mm film layer 04 03 existing eaves 04 Desk - wooden frame 05 - wooden panels 05 2x 300 x 450 mm ventilation duct 02 06 Floor - finishing 06 - 50 mm anhydrite flowing screed with underfloor heating - 30 mm XPS insulation - 35 mm wooden floorboards existing - 200 x 270 mm wooden beams existing - 44 x 70 mm wooden battens - 2 x 12,5 mm plasterboard - 20 mm acoustic insulation - 20 mm acoustic panel



Conclusion & Reflection

How can the Koudenhorn police building be transformed into a public library and city dwellings?

Research Heritage approach

Programme



Thank you