

# Process

## **Inclusive Interiorities**

A focus on women; towards more inclusive designs



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## **1. Methodology**

From the beginning, I found personal resonance with the approach of the studio, where visual ethnography was presented to us as a research and analysis method. Having studied anthropology and sociology, I approached it with a lot of enthusiasm. The visual aspect of ethnography appealed me as I have been used to sketch during my bachelor studies, employing it as research, design and communication tool.

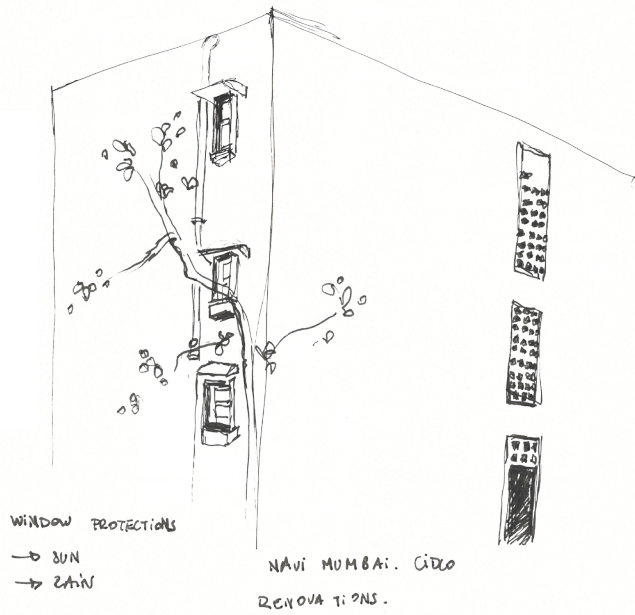
I decided to follow this visual approach, first during the fieldtrip, using sketches and notes as testimonies and ways to analyse the reality of the city, with a potential relevance for the design project later on. Sketching helped me a lot during the design process, as a means to rework plans, sections, and especially details. These visual representations, I believe, are very important to understand the space and its qualities, then helping to take design decisions. In the final presentations, I introduced hand-drawn illustrations, which come in continuation of the whole thinking and designing process.

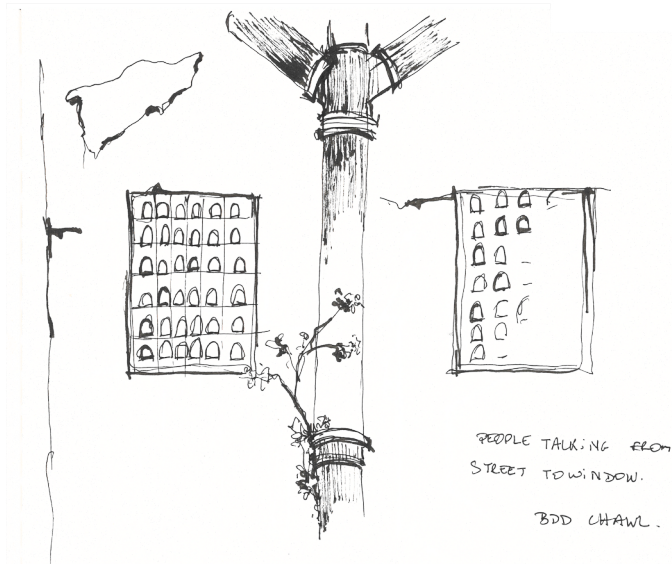
Besides that, I used model making during the design phase as a working, thinking and designing tool. It allowed me to experiment, test and improve the design, also by learning from my mistakes.

In my opinion, all these techniques added a more personal, visual and sensitive layer to my approach, enriching the theoretical and necessary background research done within the studio.

## **2. Site visits**

CIDCO Housing  
Navi Mumbai



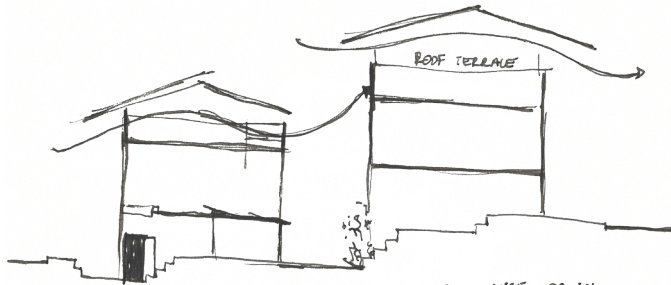


IN THE CORRIDORS:  
WOMEN DO HOUSE CHORES  
TOGETHER → COMMUNITY  
BONDS.

EXTENSIONS  
ALLOWED WITHOUT  
DEMIT TODAY.

↳ BEFORE = 10 ppl LIVING IN  
≤ 6m<sup>2</sup>.  
TODAY = 4 ppl + EXTENS-  
OF 3m<sup>2</sup>.

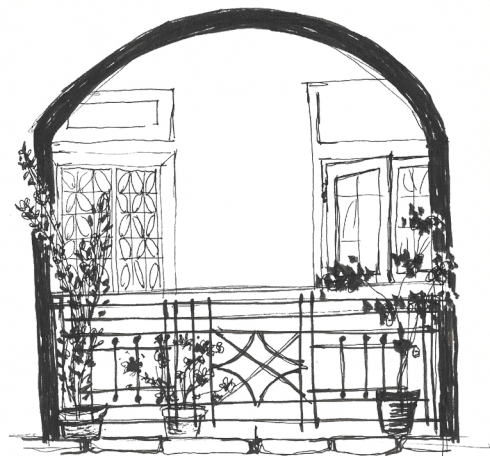
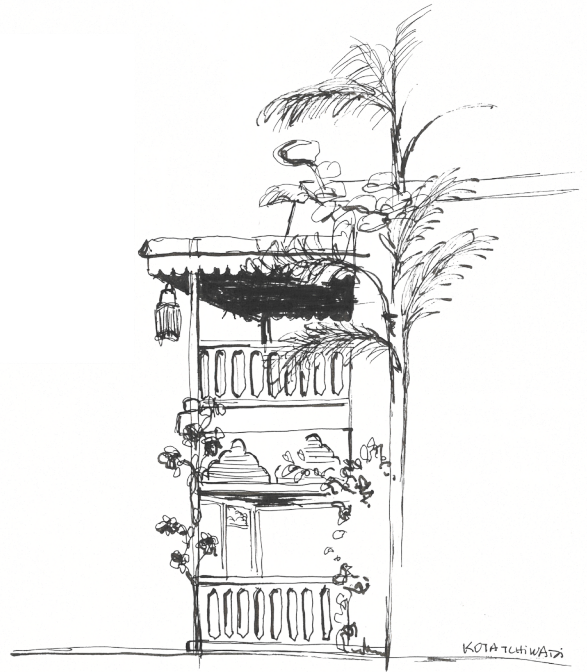
COMMON TOILETS IN CORRIDORS  
PRIVATE BATHROOMS IN APTS.



IMPORTANCE OF IN  
BETW SPACES. SMALL  
VILLAGE. HALF LEVELS  
STEPS. SMALL SQUARES

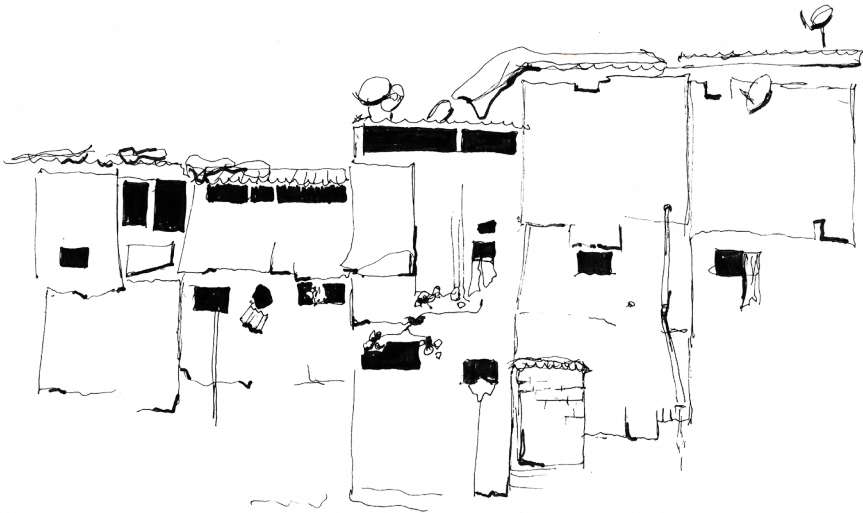


Kotachiwadi

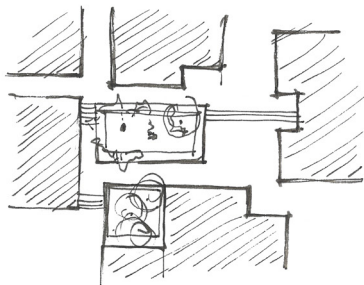




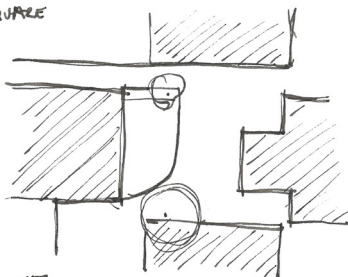
Facade in  
Dharavi



Belapur,  
Charles Correa



BELAPUR - CORREA  
3711 SQUARE



INDIV. HOMES  
QUITE HIGH DENSITY  
WITH STILL POCKET SPACES



LOTS OF IN BETWEEN  
SPACES URBAN POCKETS.

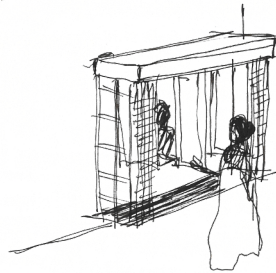
COMMUNITY FEELING.  
INCREMENTAL HOUSING

FIDDLE INCOME  
GROUPS.

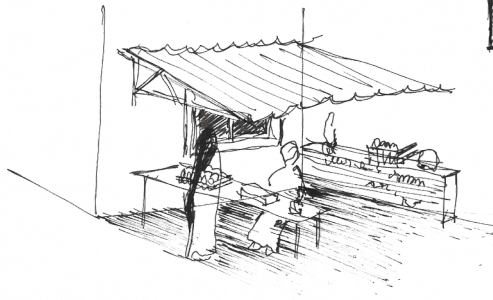
8.

SANGARSH NAGAR - P.K. DAS

DAY 6



DWELLING-  
WINDOW USED  
AS SHOP  
ON GF.



SET BACK OF  
BUILDING  
+ SELF BUILT  
ROOF  
↳ PLACE  
FOR A  
SHOP.  
+ CONNECT  
W/ ART WINDOW.

Mumbai: 1st<sup>o</sup> of main phenomena in  
India & in the world.  
SIMILAR ISSUES worldwide.

\* DESIGN - Too often becomes a product.

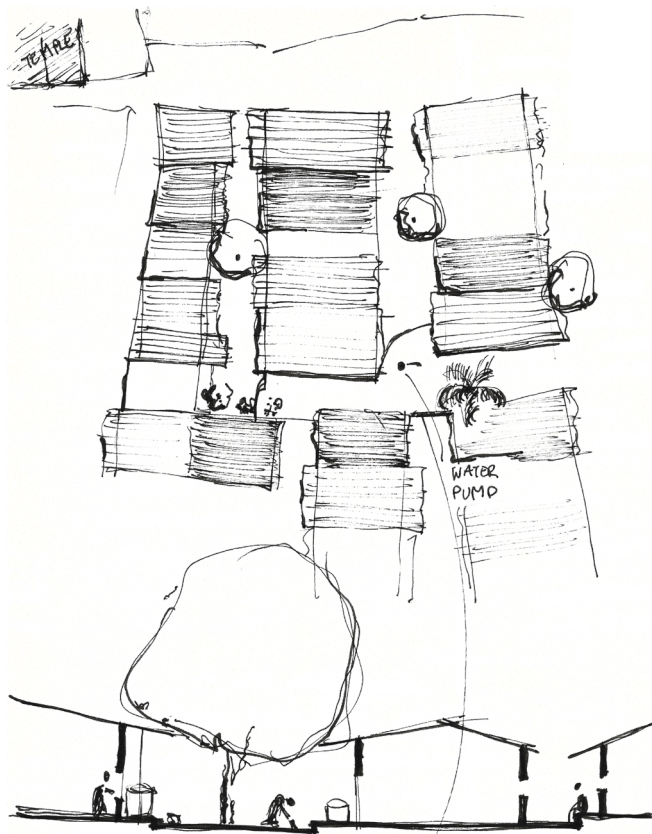
\* DENSITY - theory/brief & practice.  
each house = 30m<sup>2</sup>; small  
dwellings → more density

BUILDINGS → PEOPLE  
depend on each other.

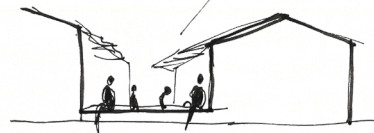
(here: FSI=4  
and 8 in practice)

Religious,  
Cultural, Ecog, Gender  
Social Networking

Urban morphologies of Nalaspara

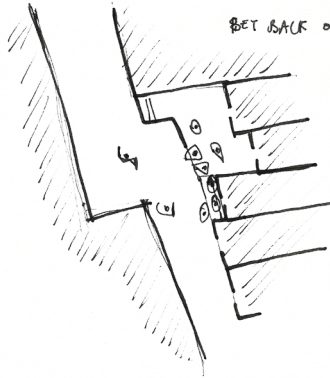


17:30  
BACK FRONT  
SCHOOL:  
WOMEN BEING  
KIDS



BOUNDARY WAIT FOR STREET  
MEETING / WAITING SPOT

JAY 3



BET BACK OF HOUSES

- STEPS =

PLACE TO HANGOUT & MEET.

Conflict:

domestic & public space. Women making food or working usually not too much mixed.

Chawls:

- structure, 3 already.
- shops & people already settled. A lot of activity - public space & life. Relatively enough space to breathe & hangout.
- already connected to infra system (water)

Low chawls / chawli

- ventilat<sup>n</sup> issues: too few space to breathe (open space)
- no proper sanitat<sup>n</sup> / water system.
- no building tenure
- too ~~big~~ small dwellings
- not so well connected to infra = low accessibility

USE OF TIME

MORNING = use of space: INTERNAL

AFTER-EVENING = life (use progressively transfers outside).

Living space becomes workshop space:  
sewing, shoes fixing...

16:00 = naptime for women.  
Living room empty. Kids go out.

17:30 = move to outside = chaos,  
socializat<sup>n</sup> & more light activit<sup>y</sup>.

WETLANDS: regulate privacy

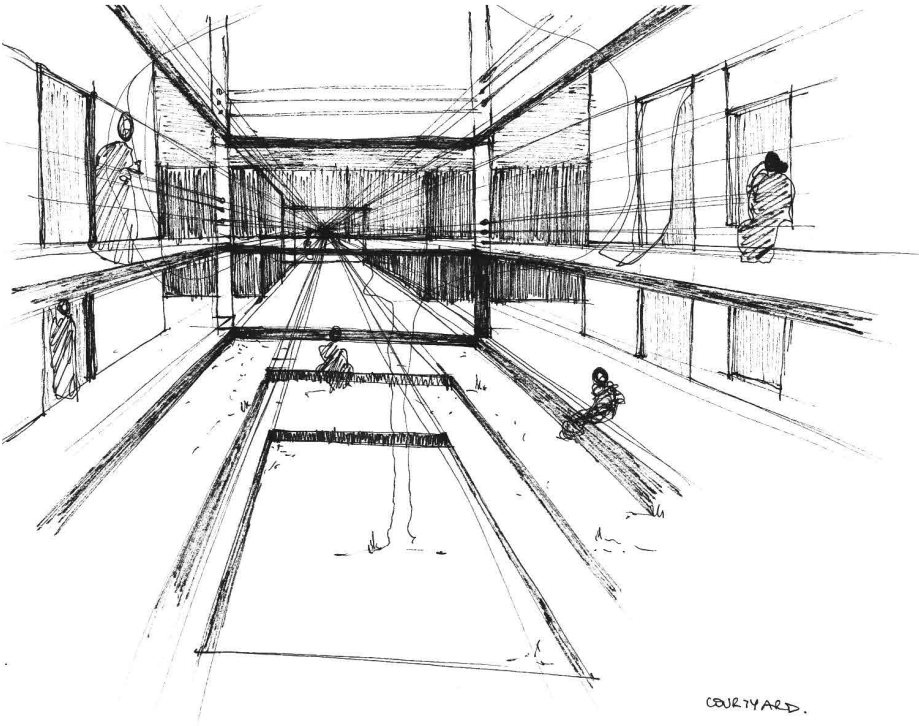
18:30 = dinner prepared & thresholds  
↳ social interact<sup>n</sup> outside  
Kids start playing outside  
↳ women can check

### **3. Work in progress**



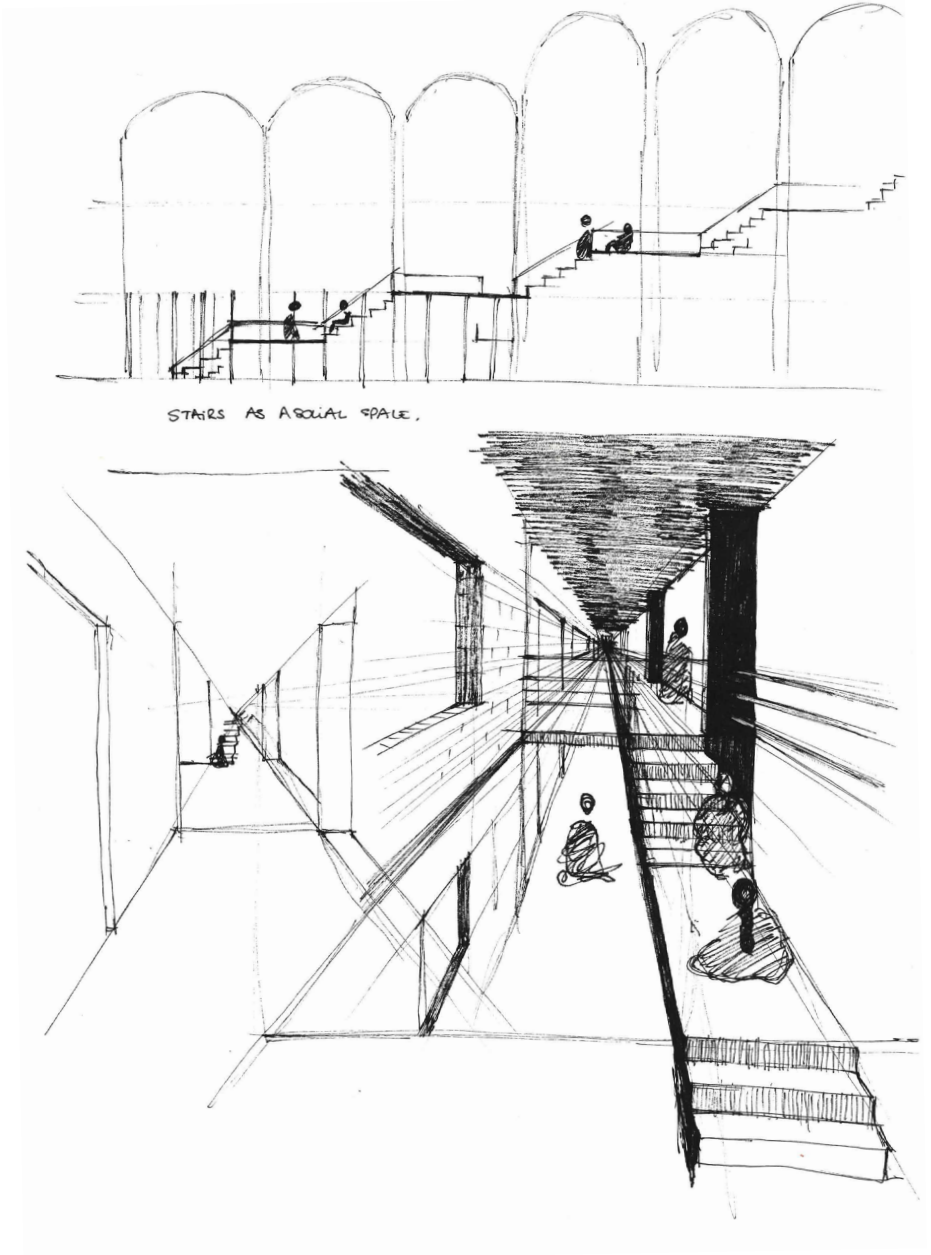
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Courtyard



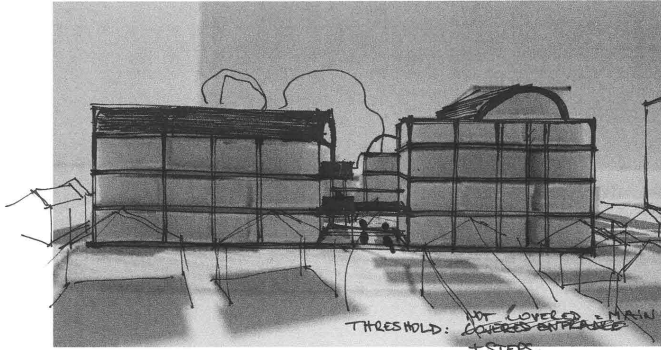
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Circulations



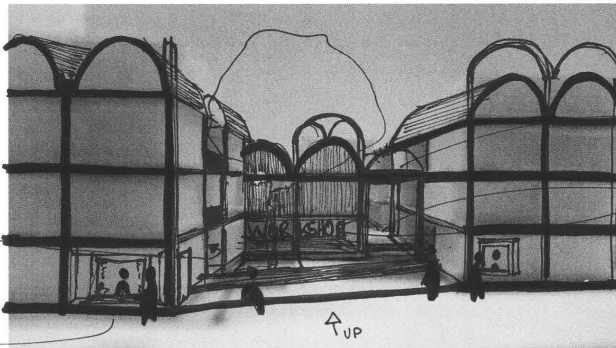


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Urban scale,  
Volumetry,  
Heights,  
Shade

ONLY "PRIVATE"  
ENTRANCES ARE  
COVERED?  
DISTINGUISH HIERARCHY!



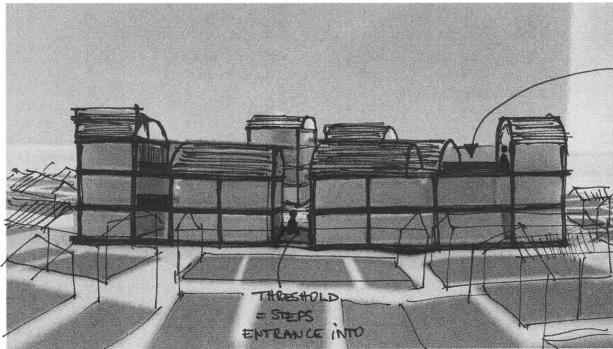
FLAT ROOF:  
CIRCULATION = NOT  
PRIVATE

DOWN

PRIVATE  
ENTRANCES  
OF GF DWELLINGS.

WINDOWS OPEN  
FOR  
SHOPS ON GF

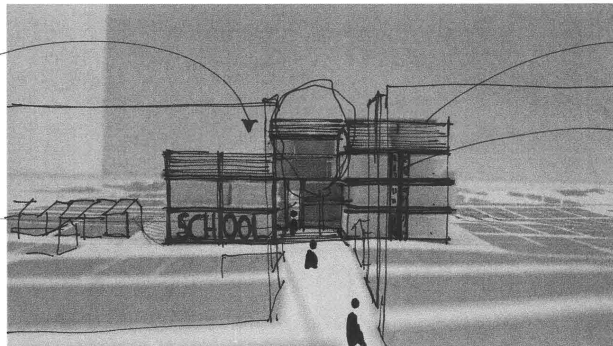
UP



ACCESSIBLE  
ROOF  
TERRACE =

- WATER STORAGE  
+ SOLAR COLLECTOR  
+ SOLAR COLLECTOR
- CLOTHES DRYING
- KIDS CAN PLAY
- SOCIALIZATION SPACE

THRESHOLD  
= STEPS  
ENTRANCE INTO  
BUILDING ENSEMBLE



CAN BE  
HIGHER?

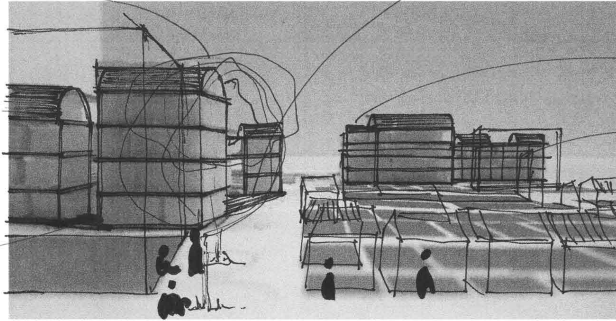
OPENING  
THROUGH THE  
BUILDING:  
VIEW + VENTILATION

CAN ALSO BE  
HIGHER = KEEP UP  
WITH HEIGHT OF  
EXISTING 5 STOREY  
CHAWLS!

JALIS FOR LIGHT  
+ VENTILATION  
IN CIRCULATIONS

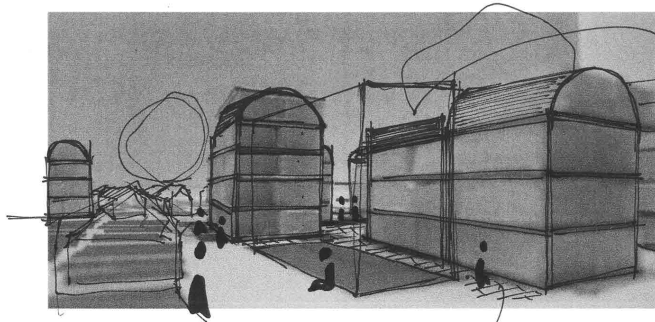
PUBLIC COURTYARD:  
HOW TO DEFINE ITS  
BOUNDARIES?

BUILDING HEIGHT  
RESPONDS TO  
EXISTING CONTEXT:  
5 STOREY HIGH  
HIGH RAHWL.



CONCRETE HANDRAILS?  
EXTRUSION OF SLABS.  
DON'T MAKE  
CONCRETE COLUMNS  
VISIBLE ON THE FACADE  
→ ONLY SLABS

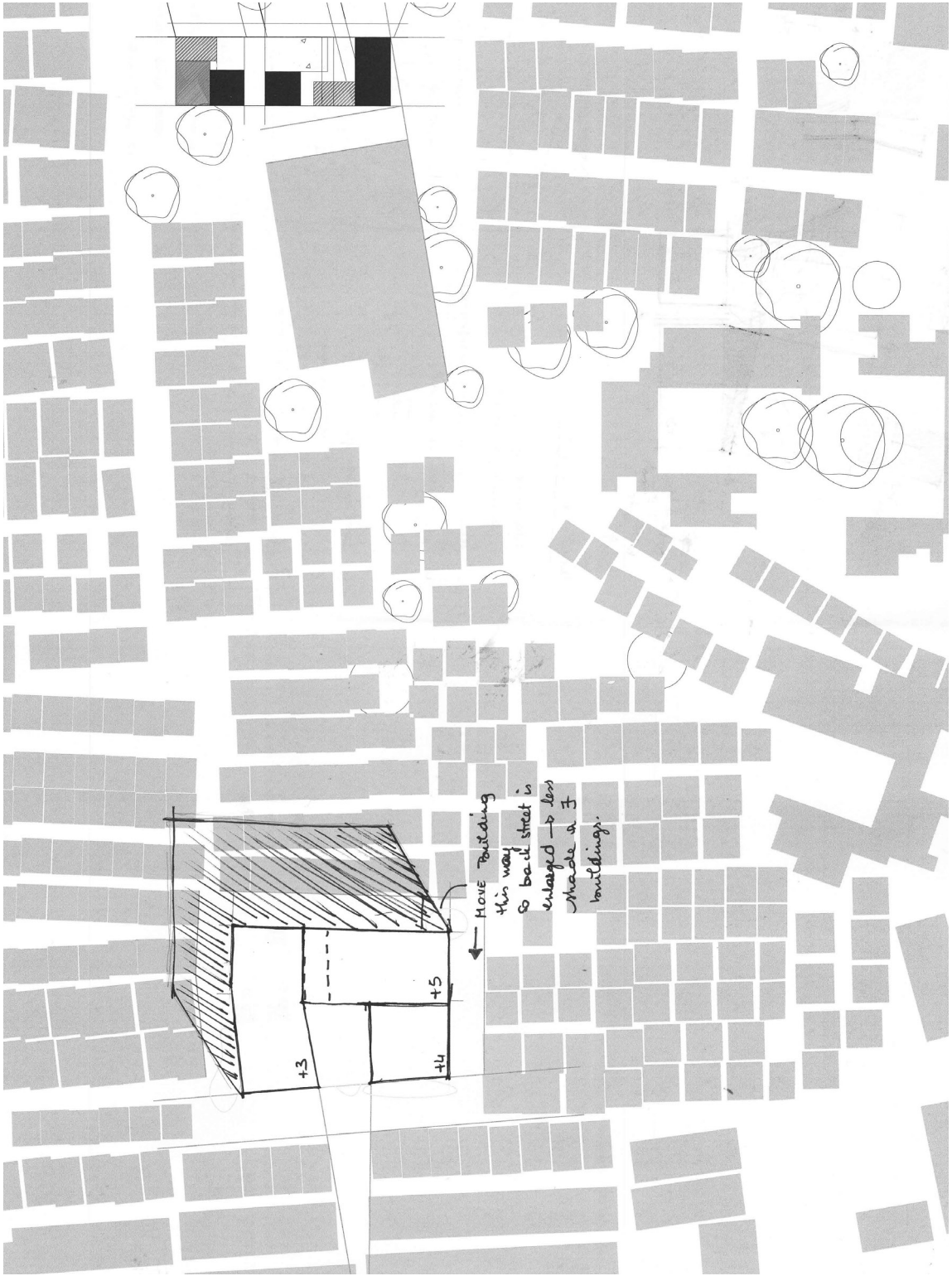
DEFINE  
THRESHOLD



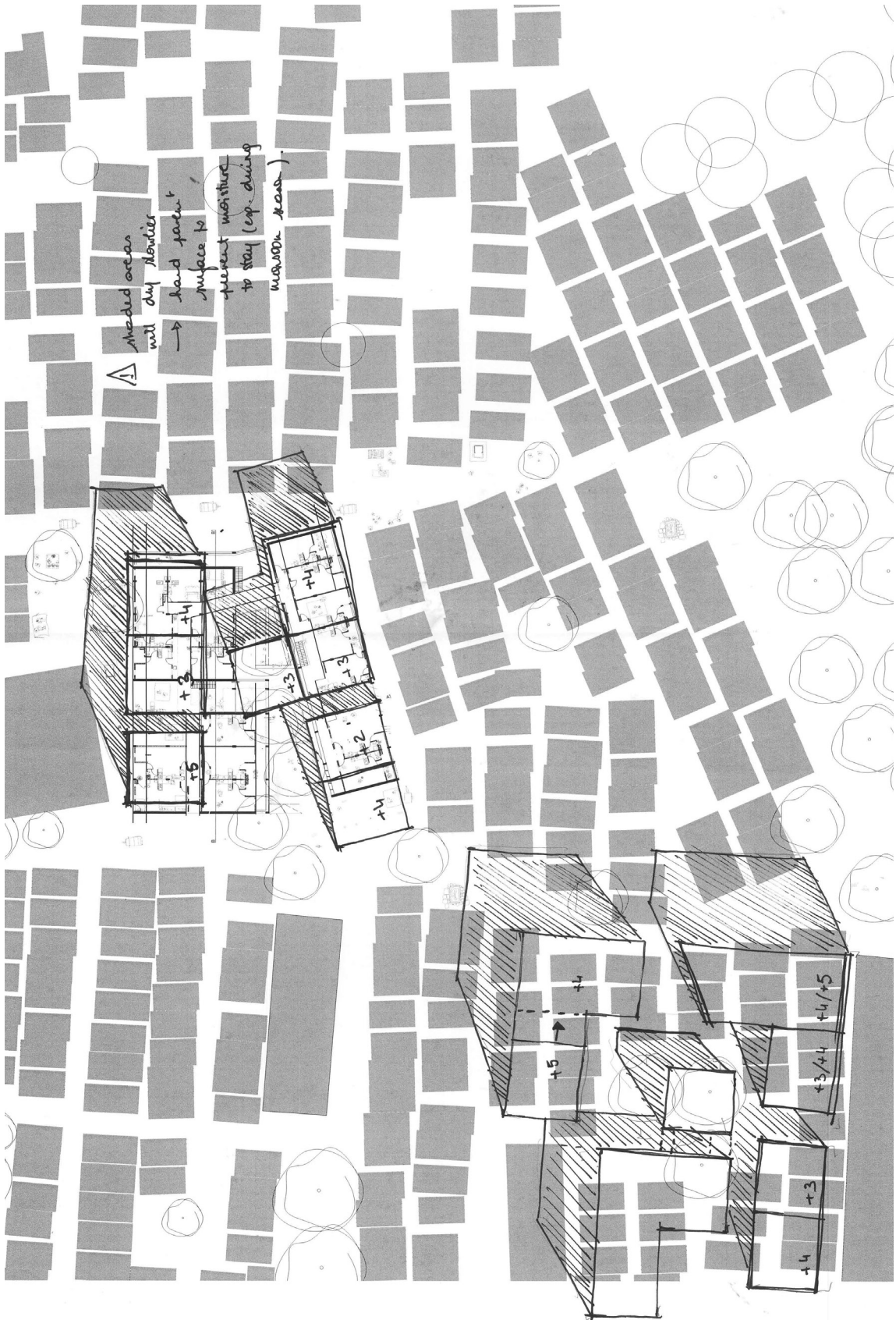
ROOF TERRACE

CURVED  
ROOF = GIVE A  
SIMILAR LANGUAGE  
IN THE CITY.

PAVEMENT?  
WHERE TO STOP?

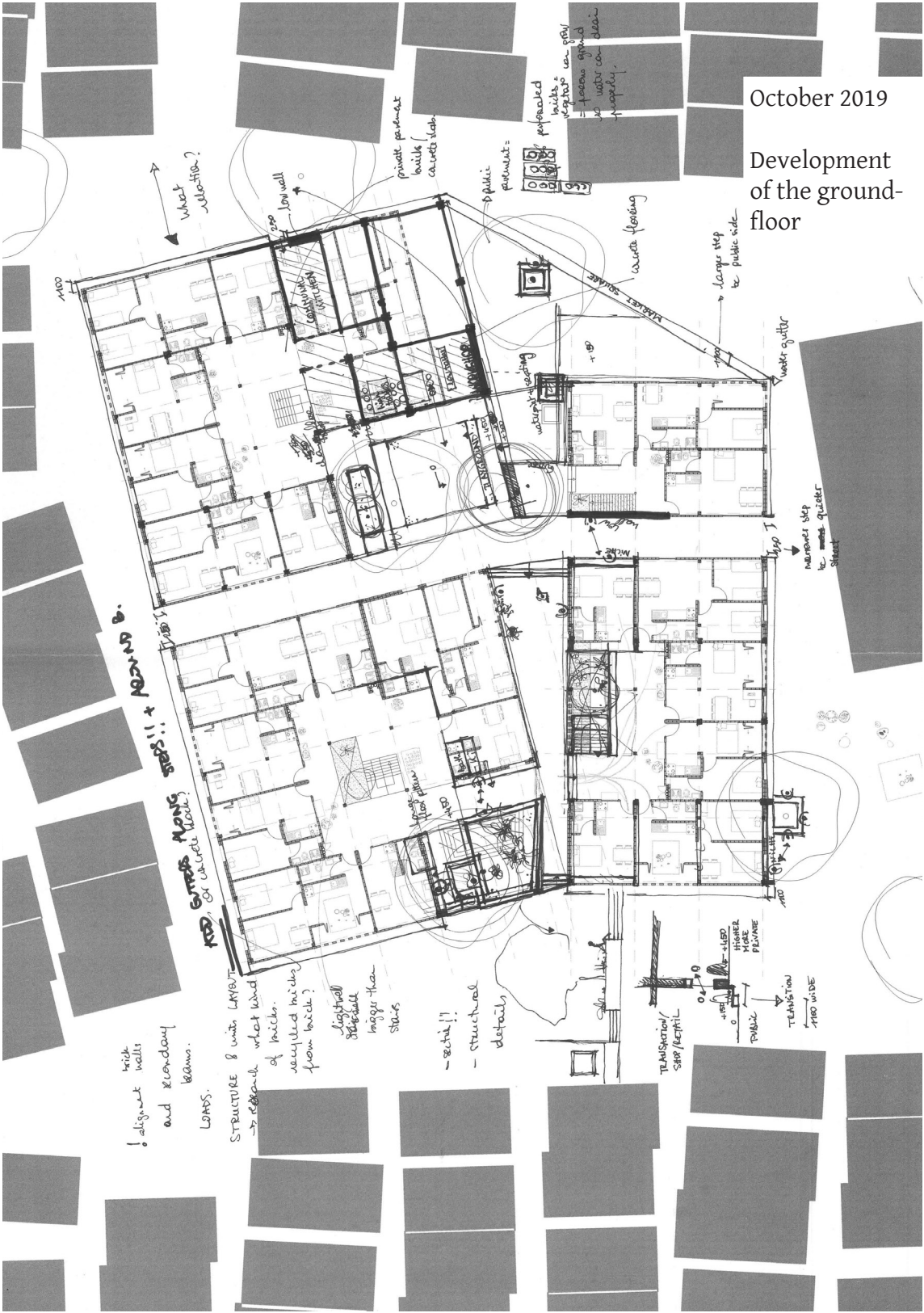






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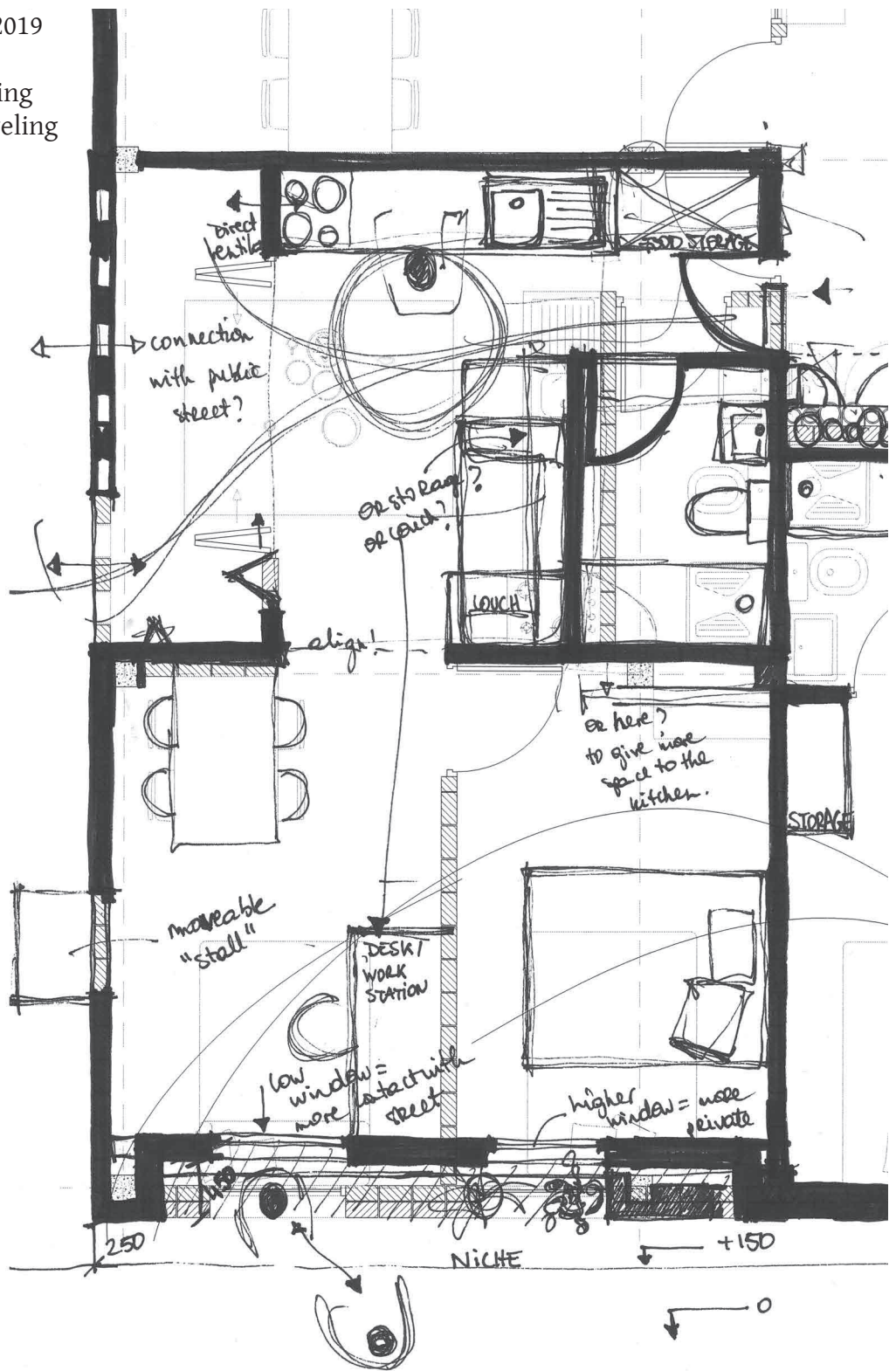
# Development of the ground-floor





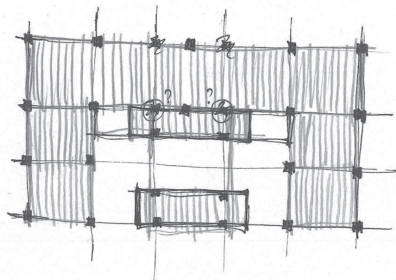
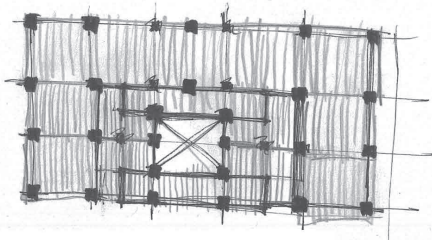
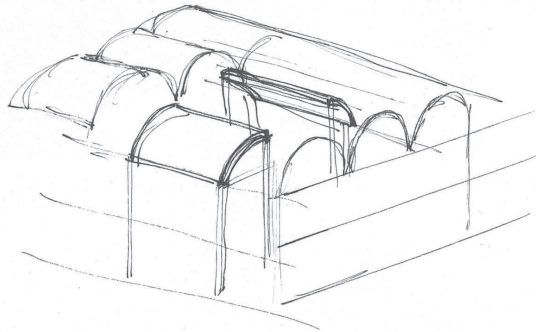
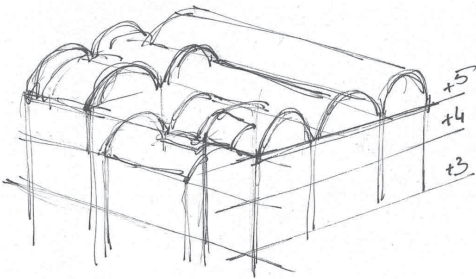
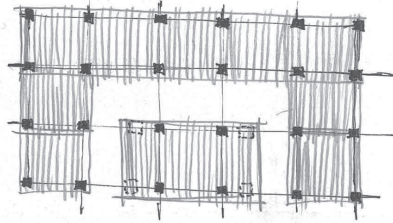
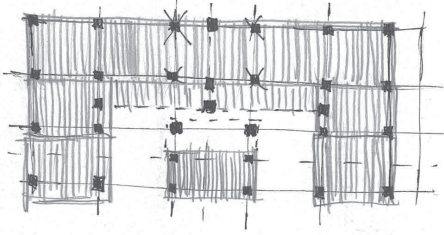
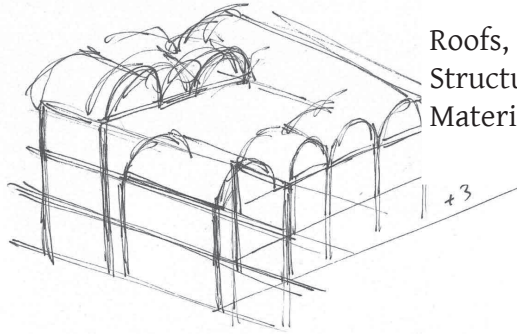
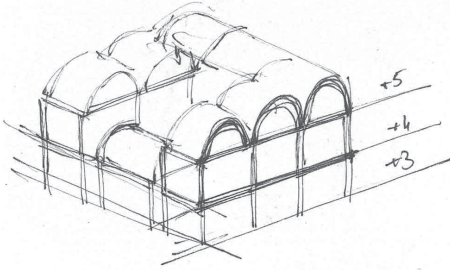
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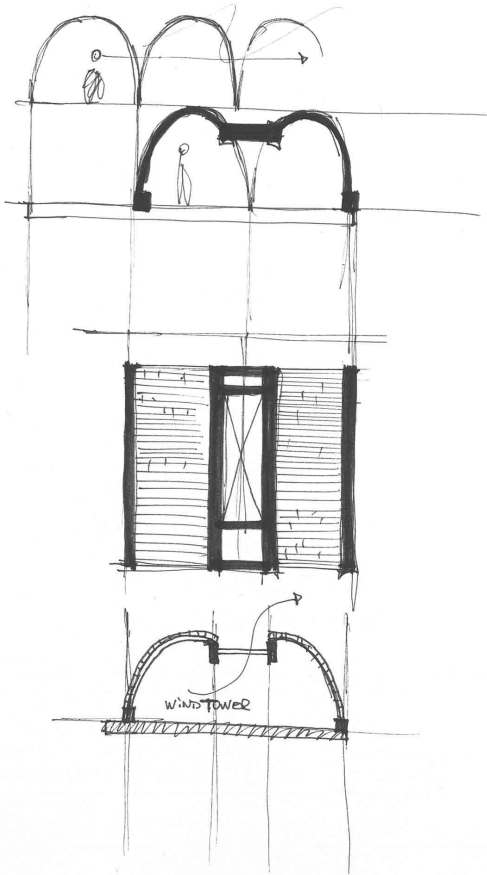
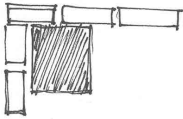
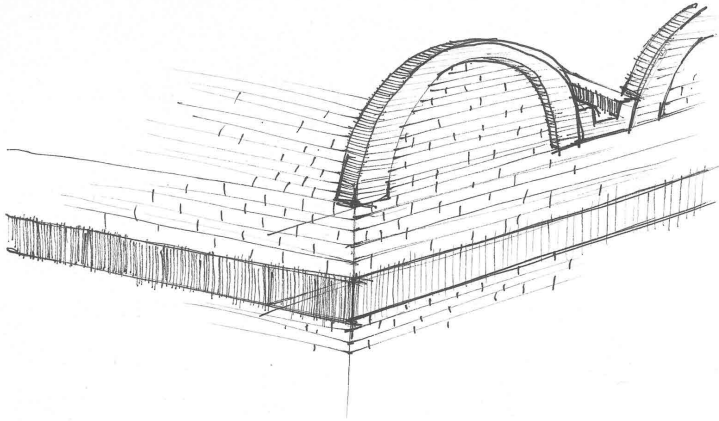
# Functioning of the dwelling units



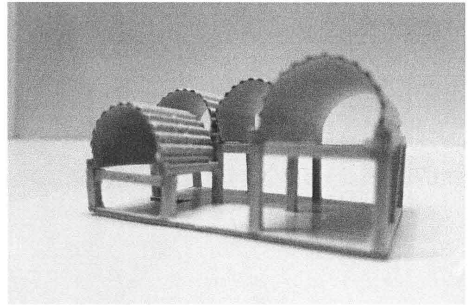
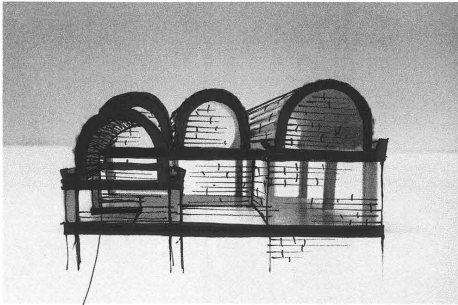
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Roofs,  
Structure,  
Materials



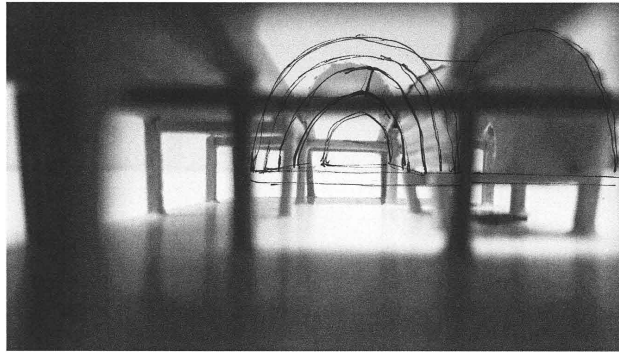




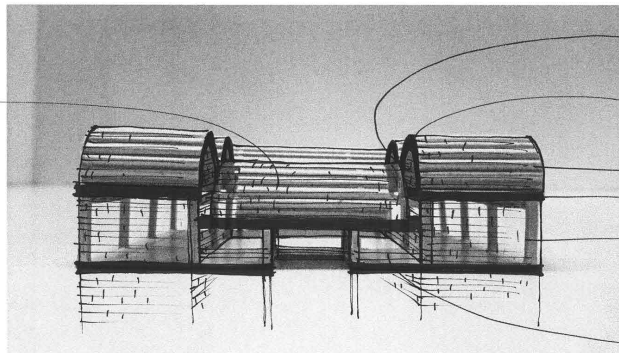


OPEN VAULT

- \* from inside: only concrete is visible
- \* from outside = beam (concrete) is visible + vault

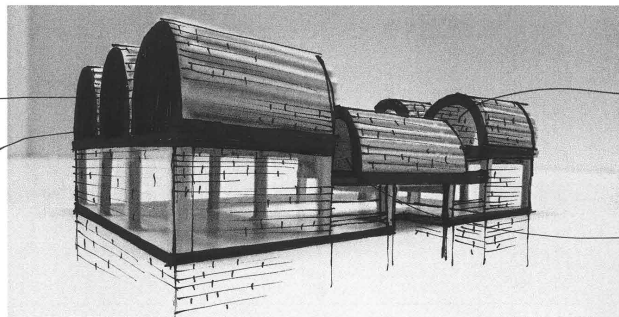


maybe opening in vault?  
act as wind tower for ventilation



- gap allows light in
- concrete arch w/ brick infill
- bricks
- inside concrete slabs
- brick infill plastered inside & outside
- bamboo handrails

public side:  
concrete infill  
design gutter!

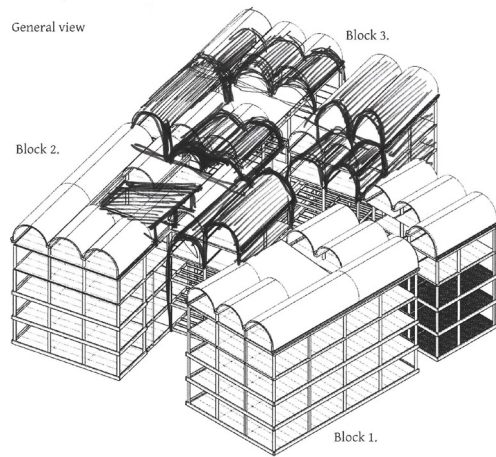


- "INTERIORITY" = brick infill
- OPEN = no infill only vault (concrete + bricks).

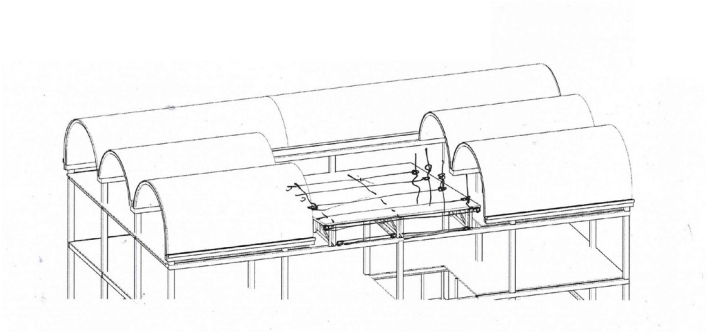
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Details  
Structure  
Materials

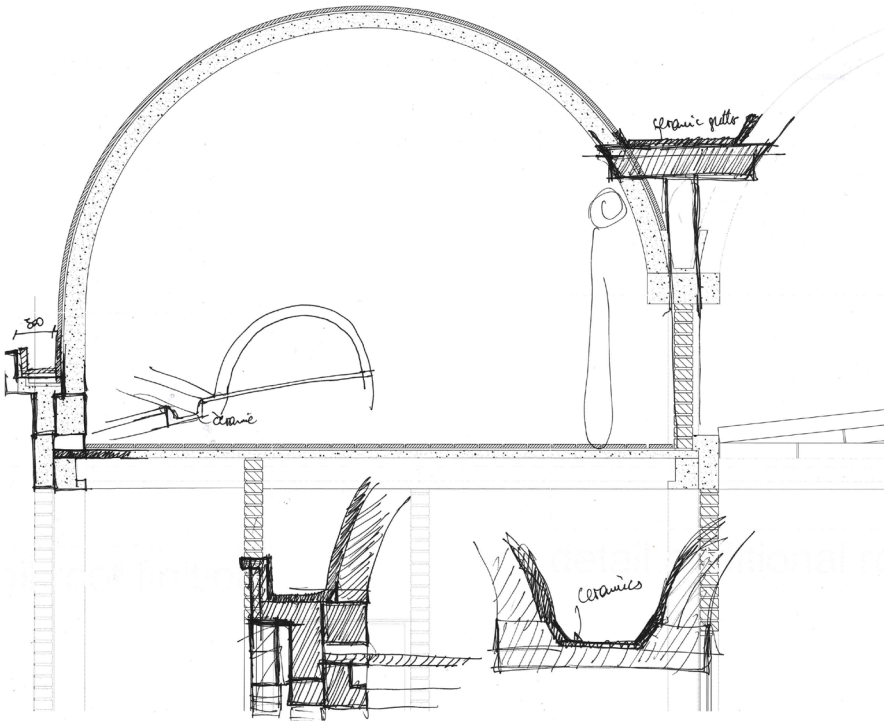
Playing with  
roof heights and  
shapes



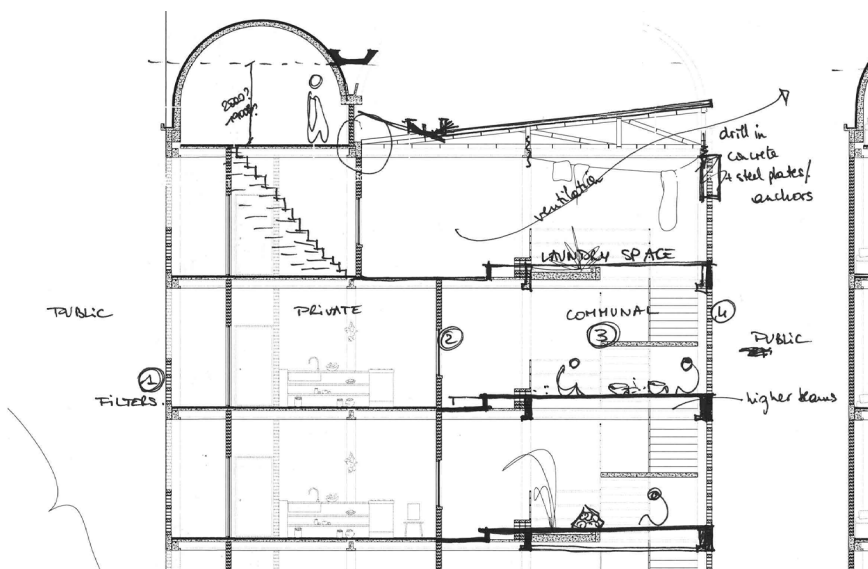
Additional  
lightweight bam-  
boo roof



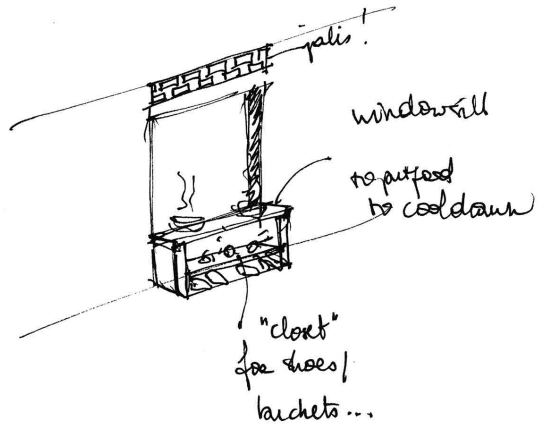
Concrete roof detail



Communal area

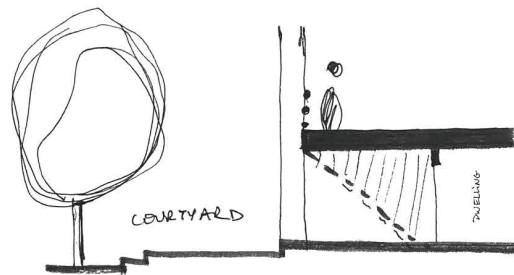
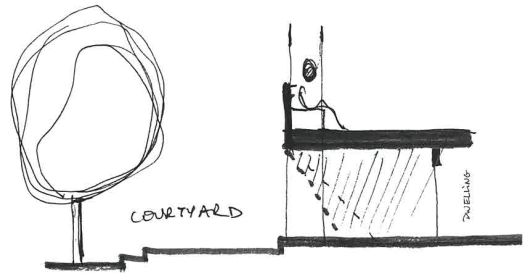


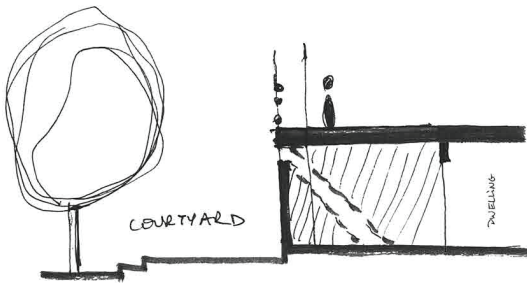
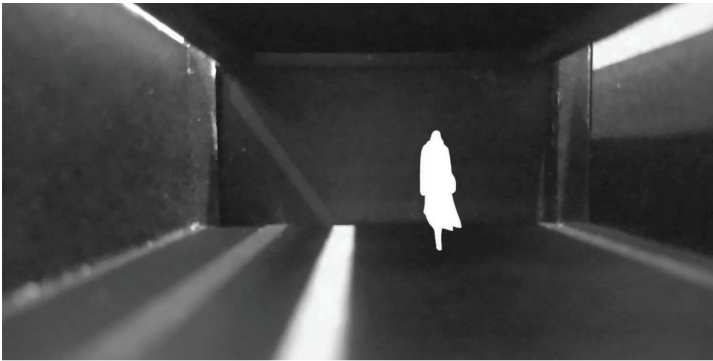
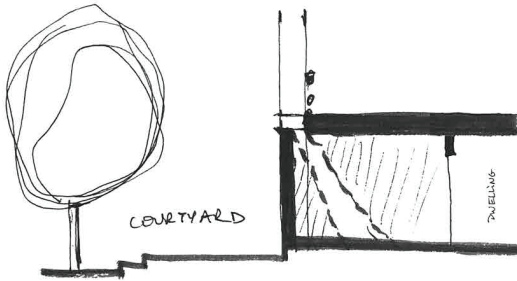
Window toward  
the communal  
space



## 4. Models

# Light studies







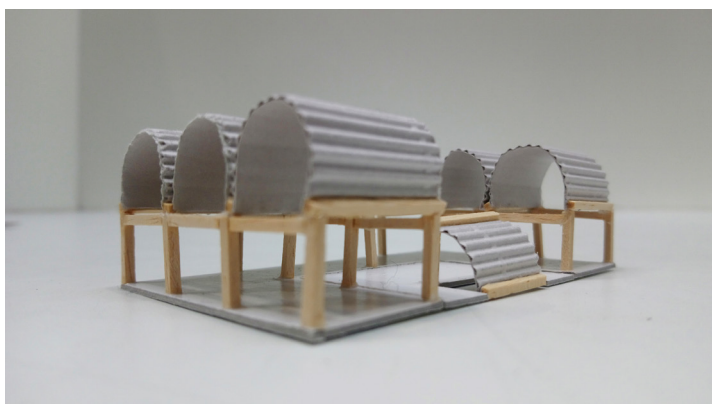
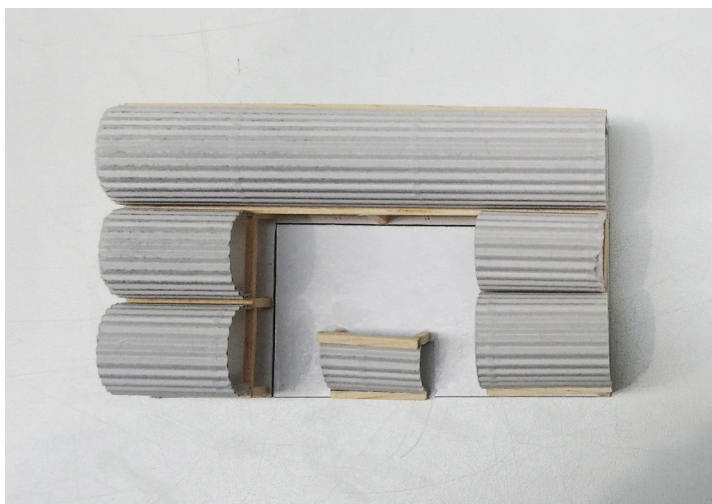
Textures,  
Light,  
Structure,  
Perspectives ,  
Thresholds

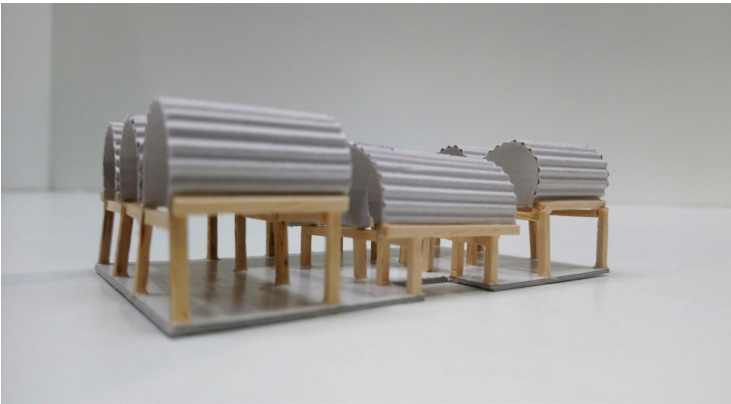
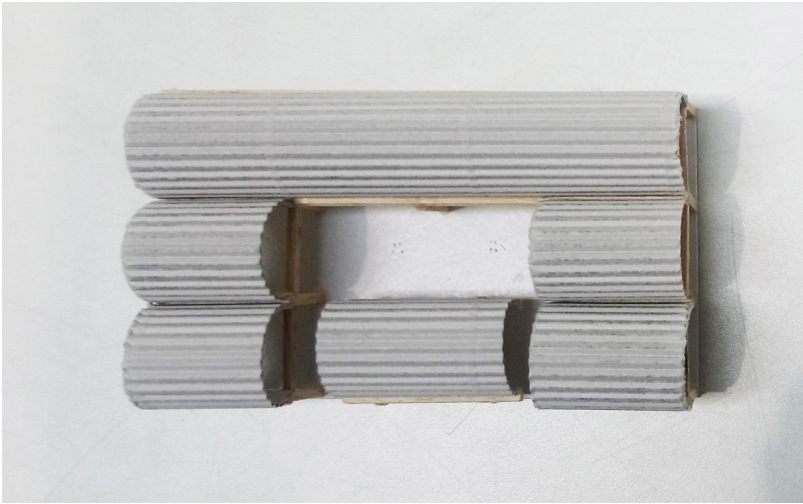


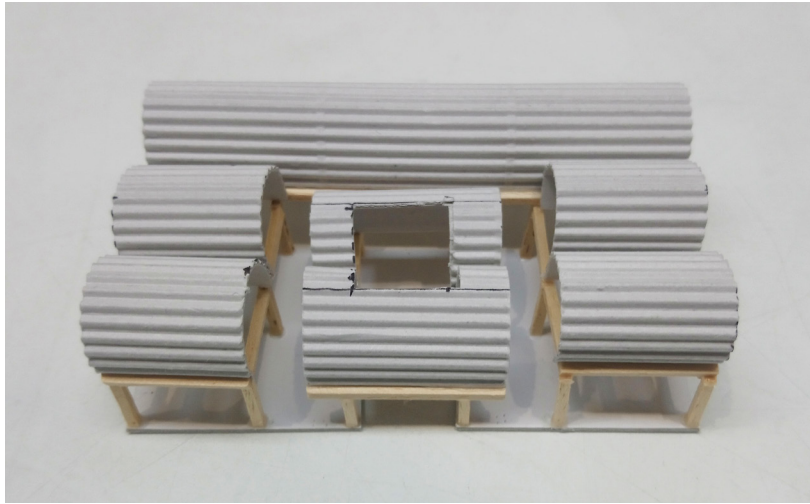


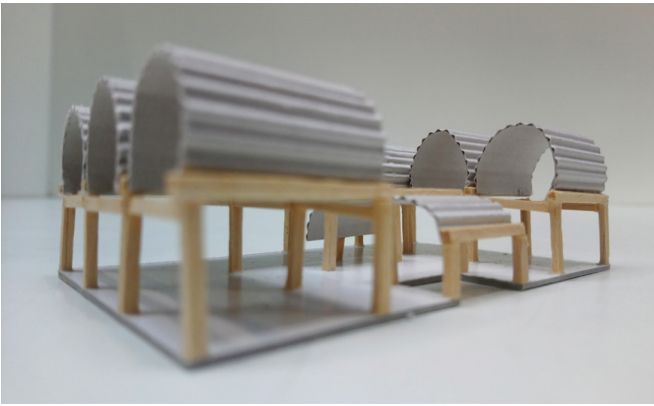
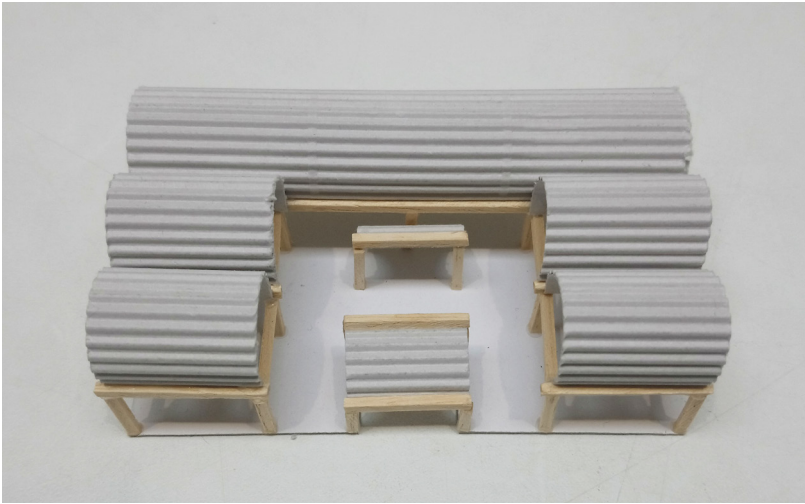


Study o roof va-  
riations



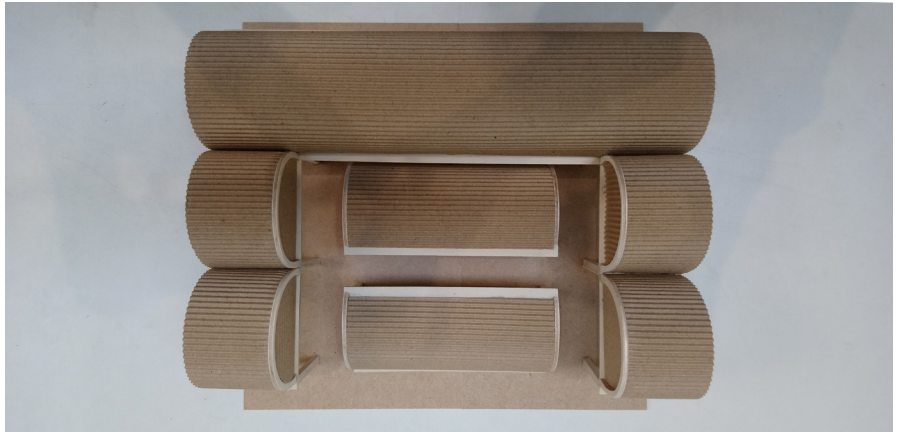








1.50 exploration  
of a roof option  
Vaults  
Structure



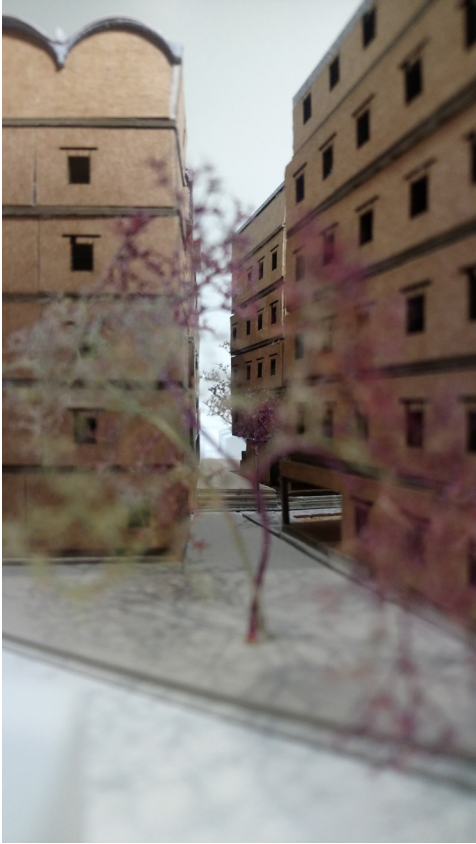


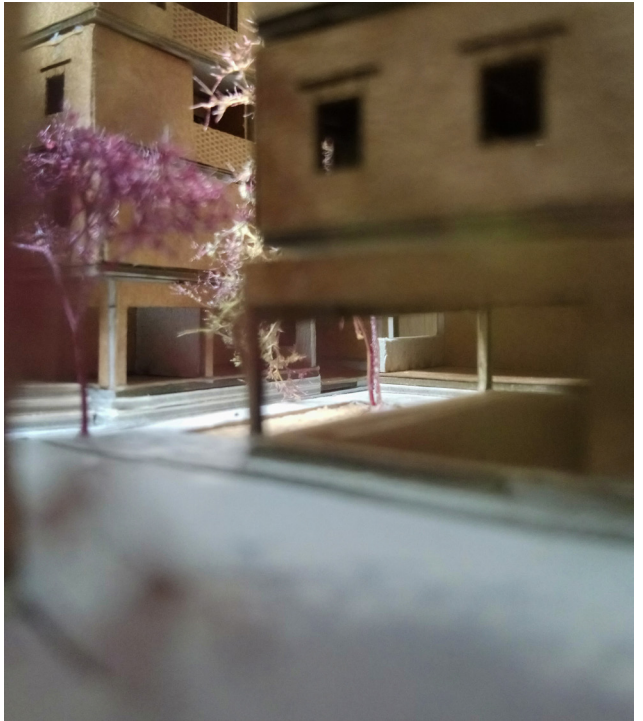
1.200  
Relationships  
between the  
buildings,  
Open spaces,  
Materiality,  
Openings,  
Relationship  
with the  
context











1.50  
Open spaces,  
Materiality,  
Light,  
Shade,  
Human  
experience











































