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Thresholds of
Appearance:
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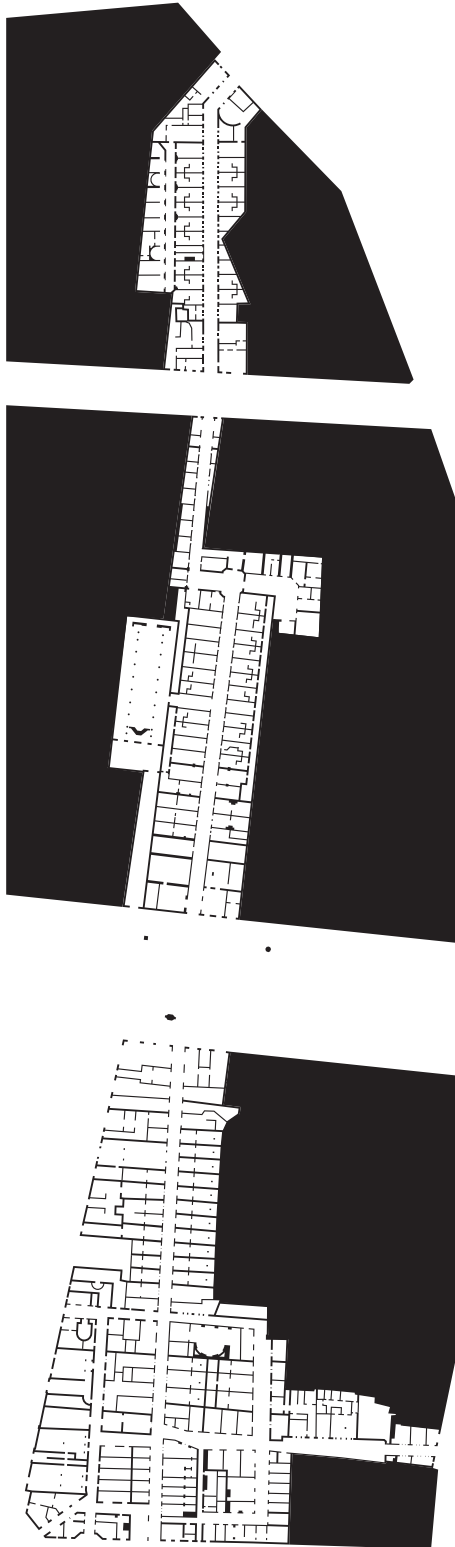
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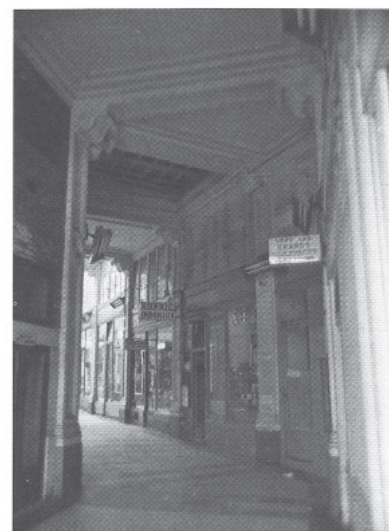
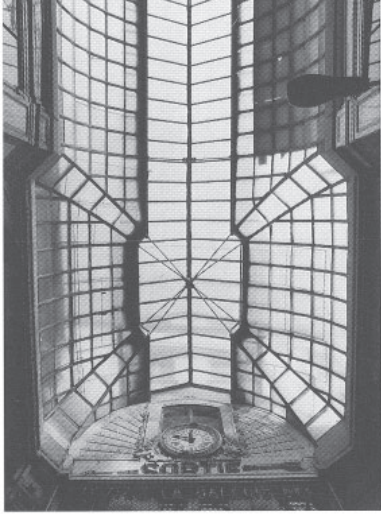
Excursion on City Rooms



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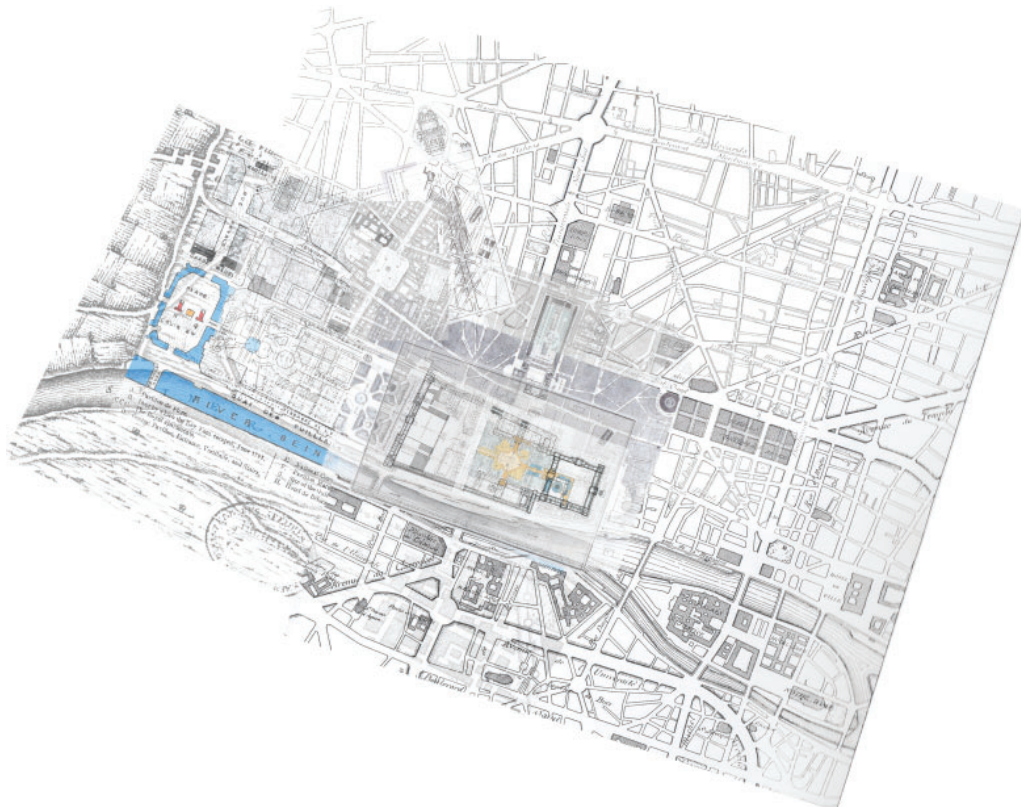
Passage Verdeau - Passage Jouffroy - Passage Panoramas





Map of Passages in Paris

1869



Historical Maps Montage

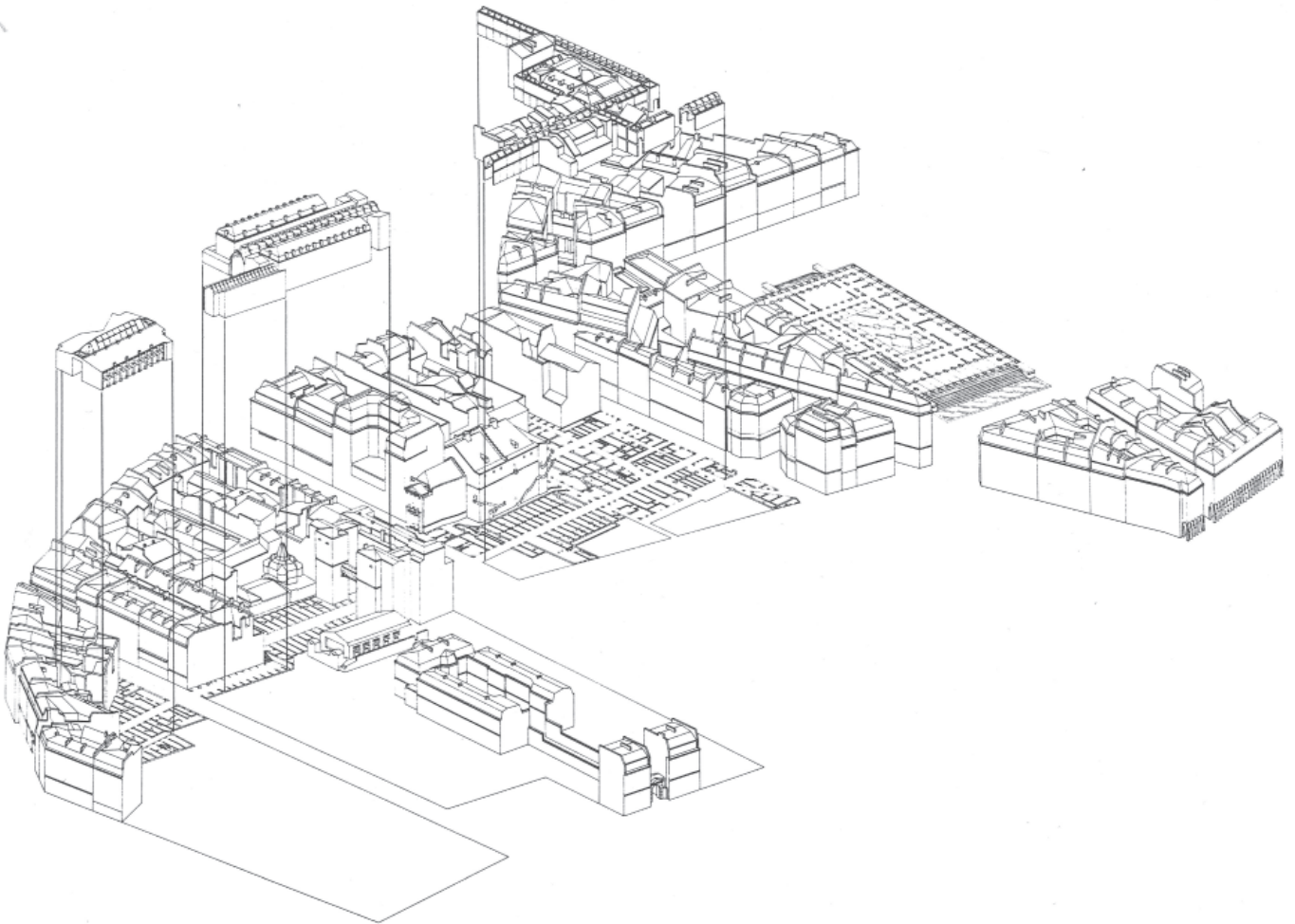
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Plans of Passages

Passage Verdeau - Passage Jouffroy - Passage Panoramas

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Restitution axonométrique des passages des Panoramas, Jouffroy et Verdeau, montrant leur insertion dans le cœur des îlots.

Axonomic drawing of Passages

Passage Verdeau - Passage Jouffroy - Passage Panoramas



PIETITES MACÉDOINES D'AUBERT. PL. 95.

Passages



Passage de la rue de la Grande



Passage du pont neuf
entre la rue de la Grande



Entrée du Passage de la Grande
entre la rue de la Grande



Passage de la rue de la Grande



Entrée du Passage de la Grande
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Passage de la rue de la Grande



Petit passage de la rue de la Grande



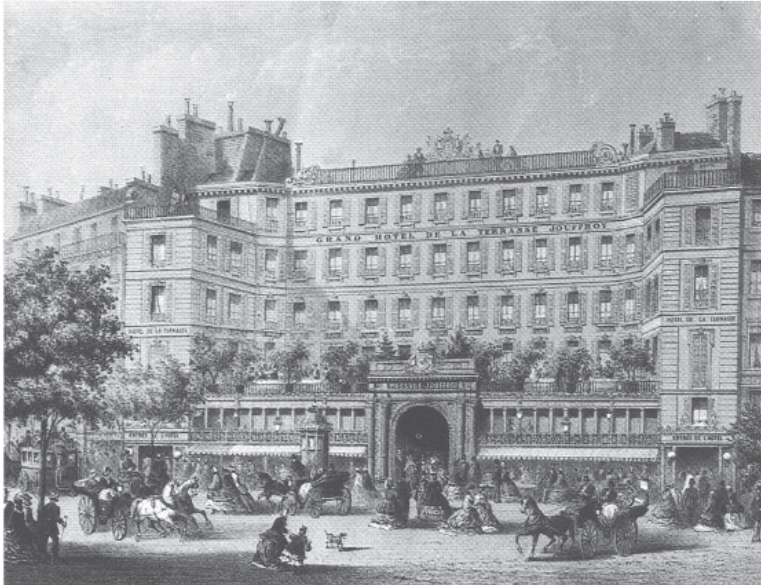
Passage de la rue de la Grande
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Entrée du passage de la rue de la Grande

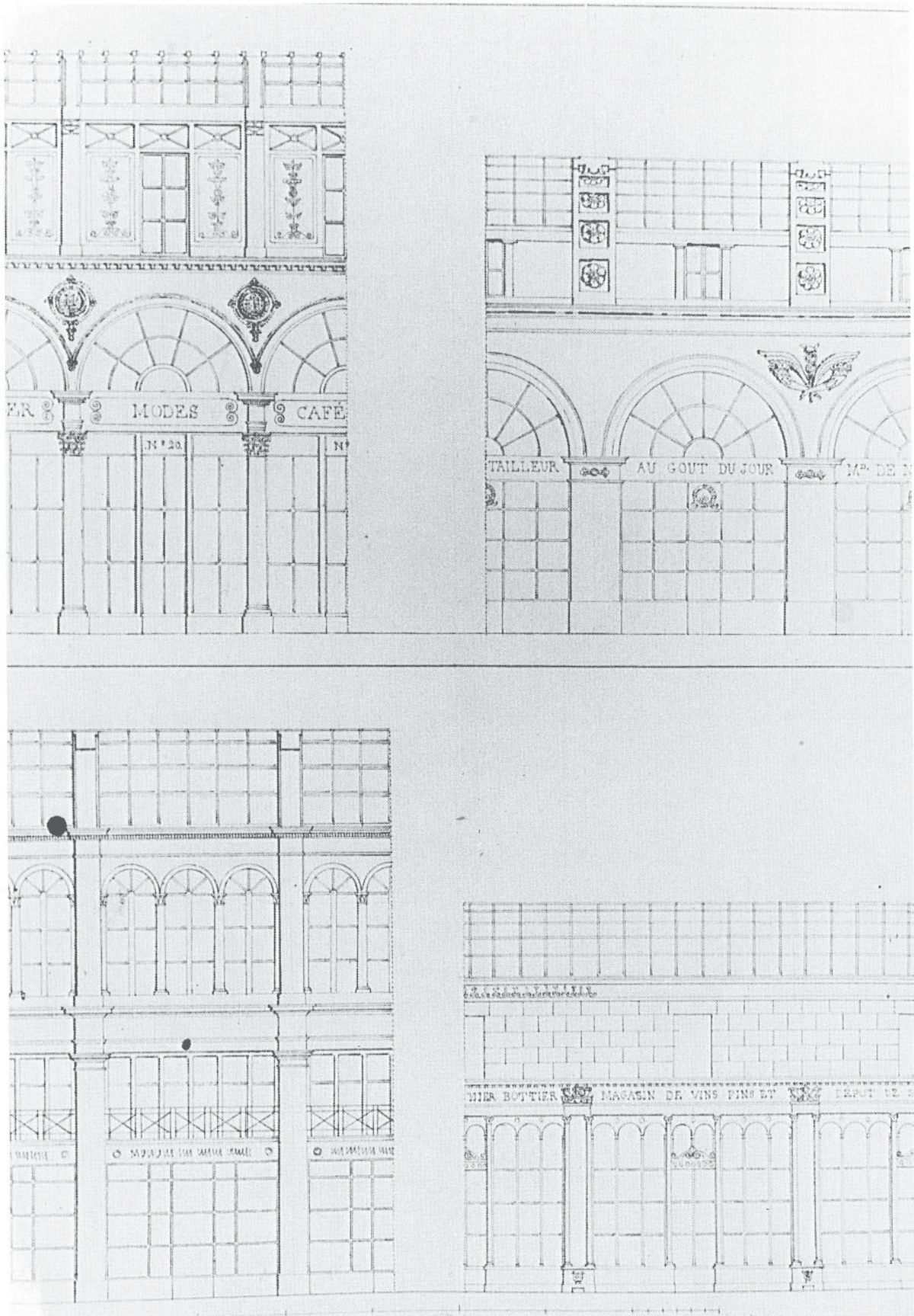


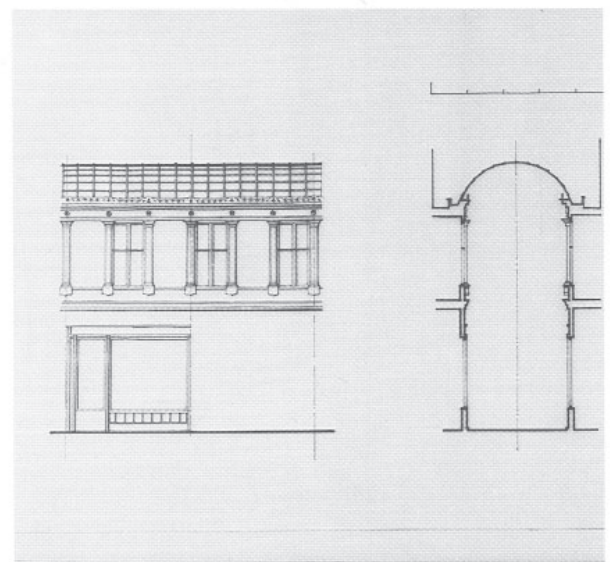
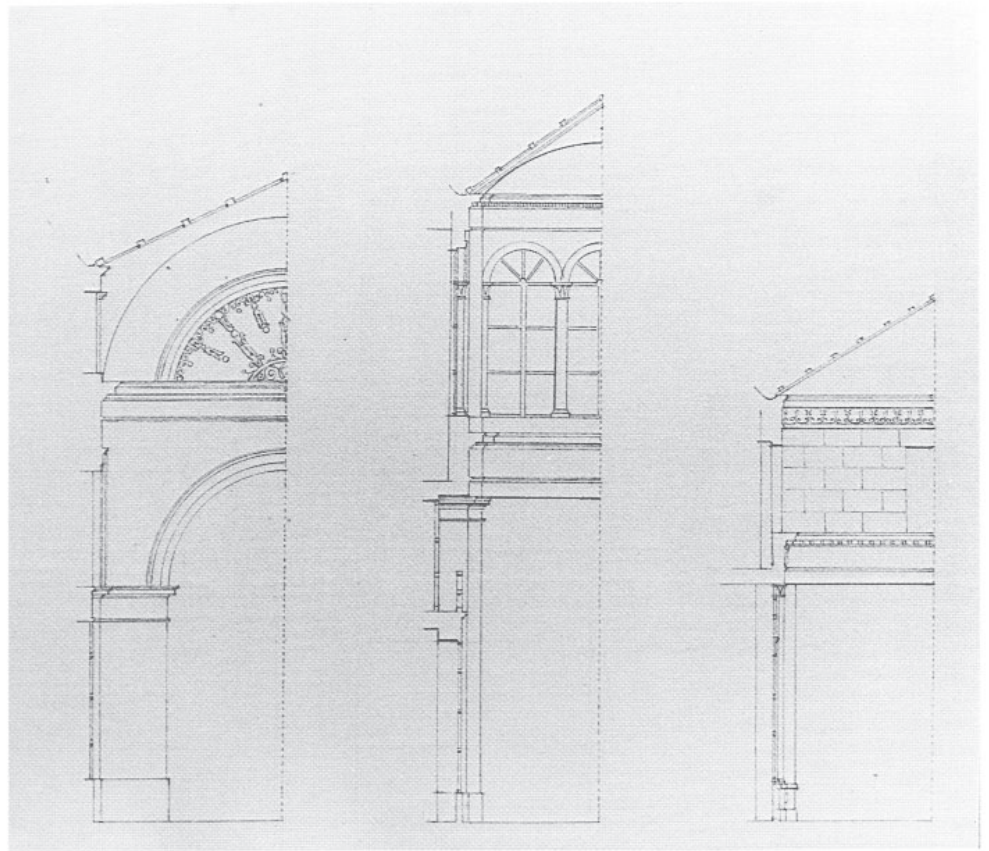
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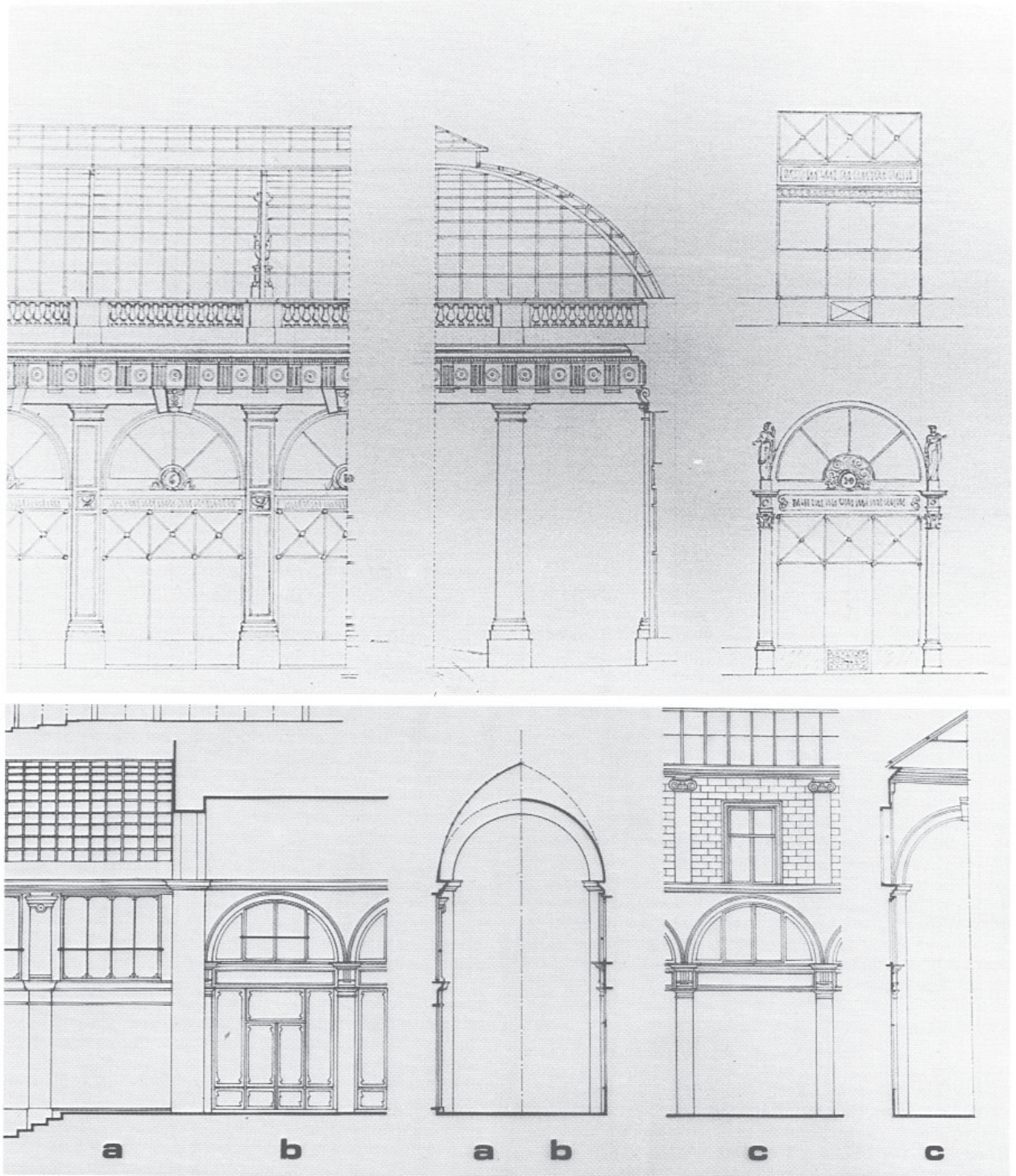


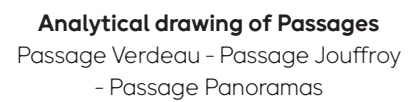
Le passage Jouffroy et l'hôtel de la Terrasse, litho de Rivière.
L'ancienne entrée du passage vers 1905.
La foule à l'entrée du passage.
Incendie dans le passage en janvier 1858.

Passage Jouffroy











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Passage Verdeau

Passage Jouffroy

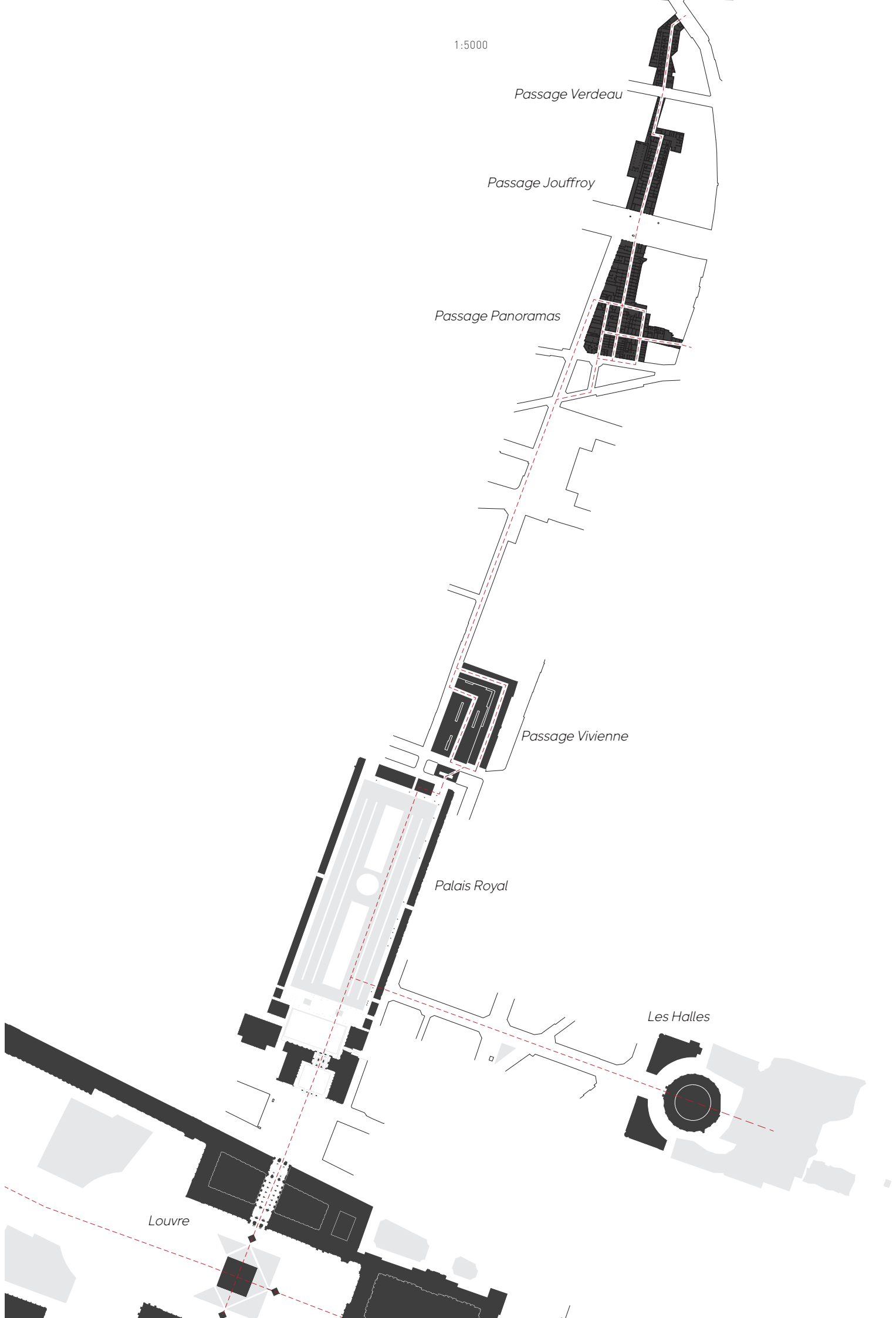
Passage Panoramas

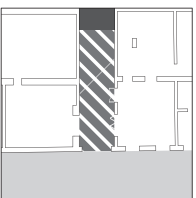
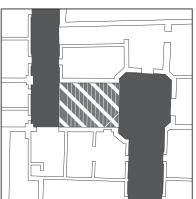
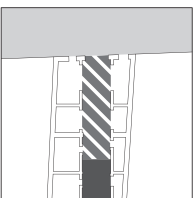
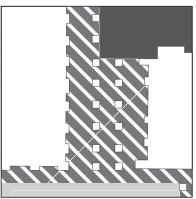
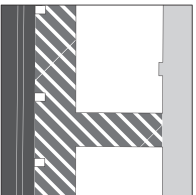
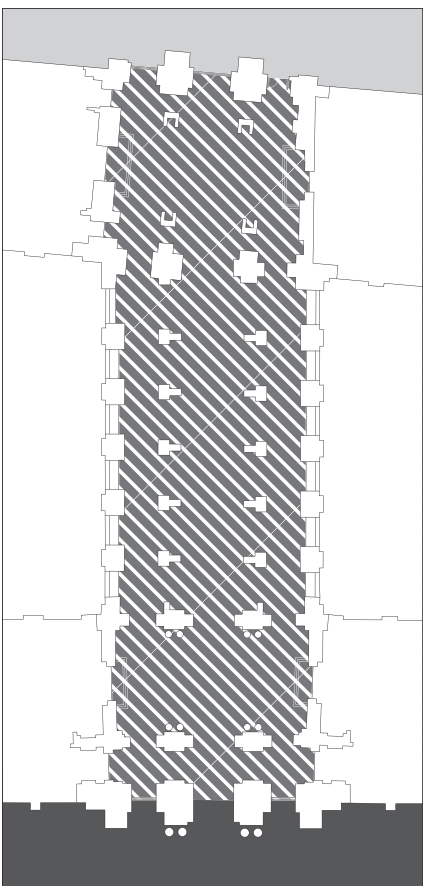
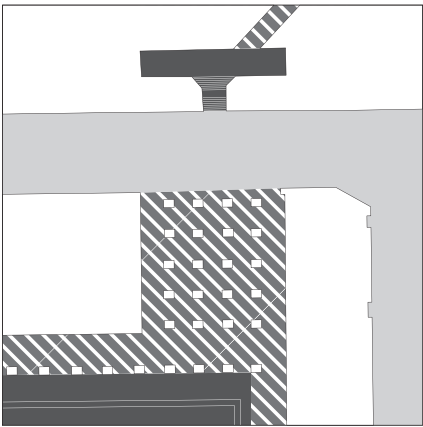
Passage Vivienne

Palais Royal

Les Halles

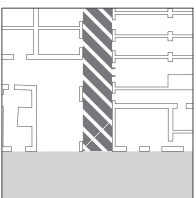
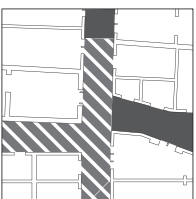
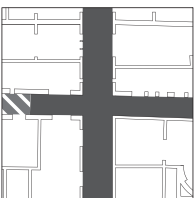
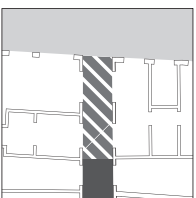
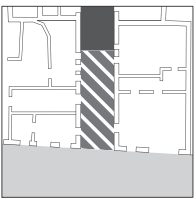
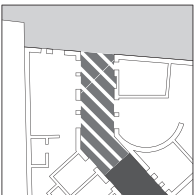
Louvre





Palais Royal

Passage Jouffroy



Passage Verdeau

Passage Panoramas

Musée du Louvre



Footage of Short Movie made for Assembly

21'14"

City Threshold - Wandering Space - A Place to stay - Transitions - Sequence of Space - Constant Flow - Islands of Time

City Rooms as thresholds

The passages came into being at around the beginning of 19th century. Their proliferation was due to the advancement in iron construction and the growing commercial valves of the city. Courtyards were being turned into covered walkways under glass roofs and wrought iron structures. Linear routes were introduced by piercing through existing urban fabric.

You could not have missed the elegant entrances of passages in Paris. The out-of-scale decorative portico seems to me a portal to an alienated world of fantasy. I entered Passage Verdeau early in the morning, owning the empty hidden corridor in the city all by myself. The phantasmagoria of passages in the beginning of 19th century has transcended my imagination towards commercial space.

The shops are relatively smaller in comparing to those lining the boulevards. Despite that, they share a unified interior allowing people to linger without much disturbance. The echoes of footsteps and splendid interior give a serene atmosphere to the passage. Boutiques, bookstores, and restaurants occupied the space in front of their shops as an extension of retail space, rendering the already narrow corridor into an intimate space. Crowds milling around certain shops or chill out at a café became part my transitory experience.

The foyers of these arcades are usually covered and have a lower ceiling. The space differentiates itself from the rest of the passage in terms of lighting condition and spatial dimension, acting as compressed threshold that enhances the sense of enclosure and privacy.

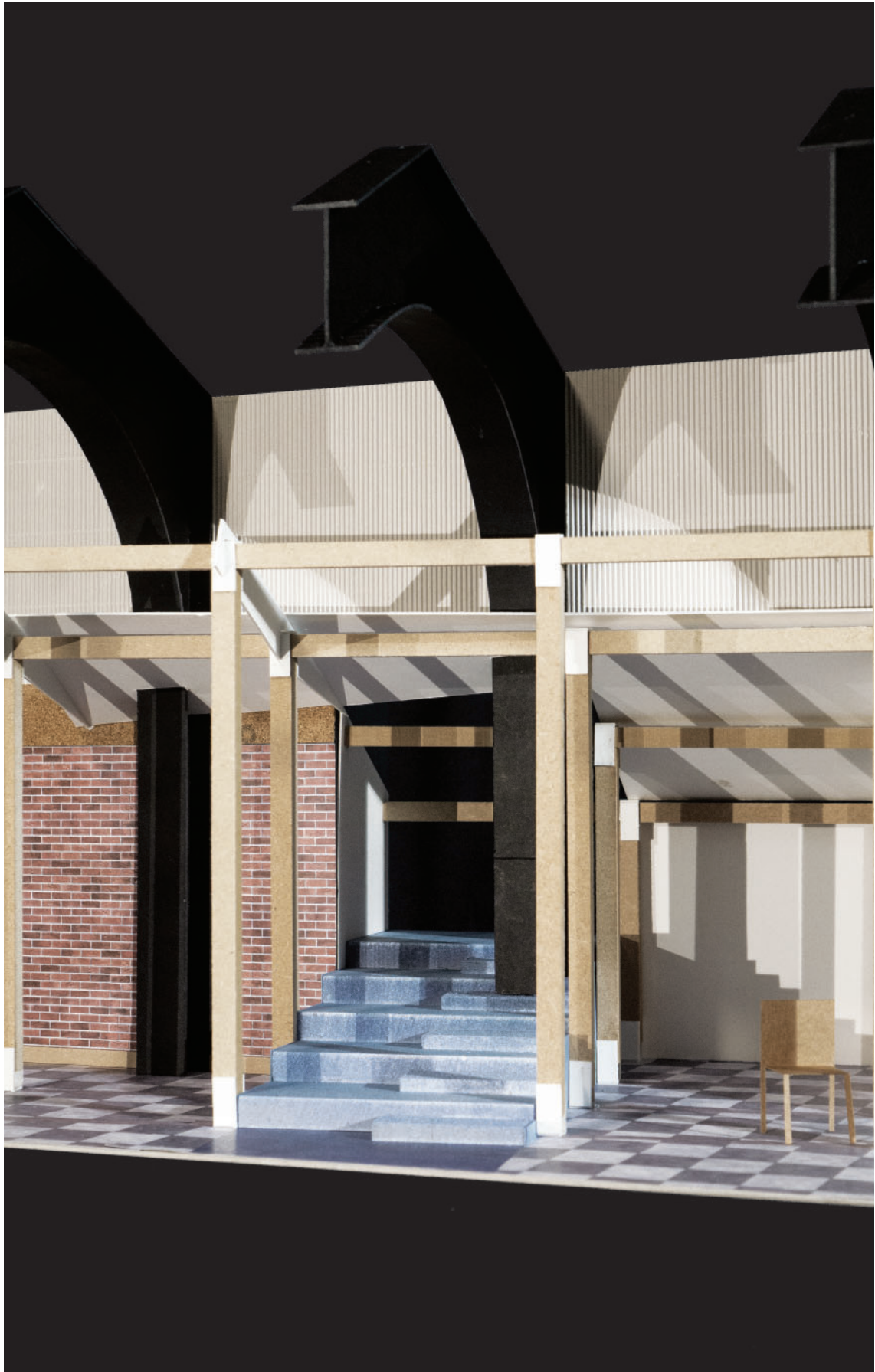
For me, much like the boulevards that bookend these spaces, the passages act as arteries or veins within the book of the city. The entry points act as valves and nodes in this system admitting or releasing people from these intimate worlds. The fast pace rhythm of the boulevard slows dramatism into the passage; pedestrians wandering the richly detailed sky lit interior.

At dusk, artificial lights in the passages resemble the space as domestic interior. As there are fewer visitors, restaurants further expanded and people chit-chatting as if they were standing at a roadside bar. The cosy atmosphere fades out as I started leaving. After closing the gate, the passage become a black hole in the city.

City Rooms

Fragments of Intimacy

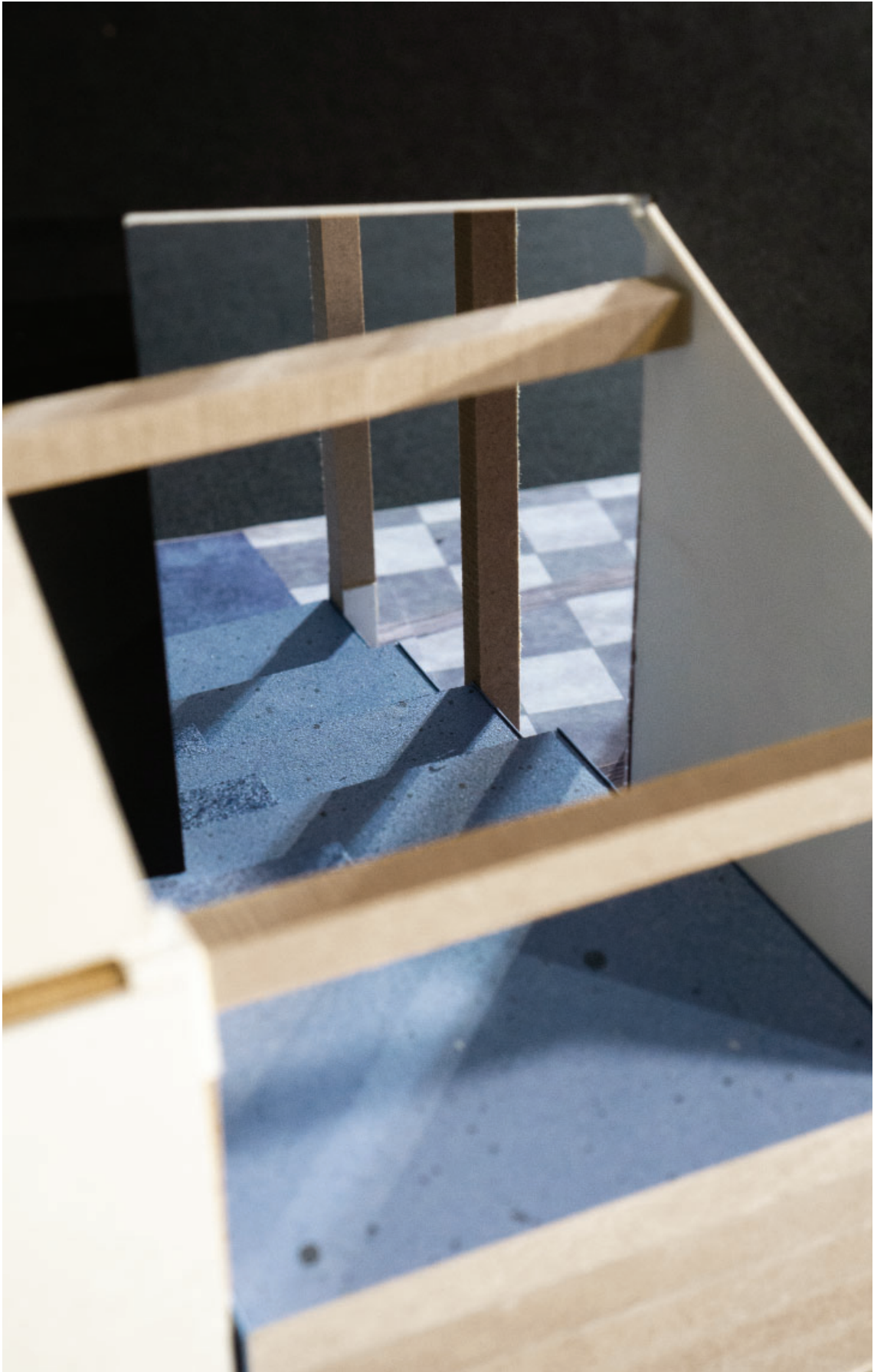
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Model of Ideal City Room

1:20





Model of Ideal City Room

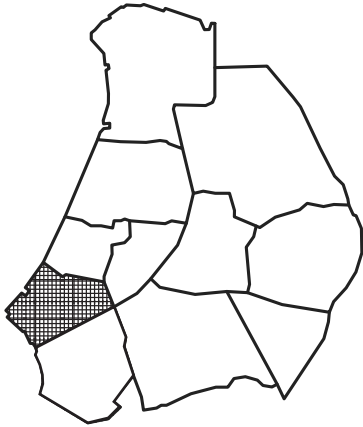
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In the exercise for P1, I explored the circulation space through the making of a 1:20 model. I tried using architectural elements like arch, columns, and steps as kind of a territorial device. These devices are placed in an obstructing way that between these overlapping they create small intimate rooms that was once part of the circulation.

Antwerp

Sites of Disappearance





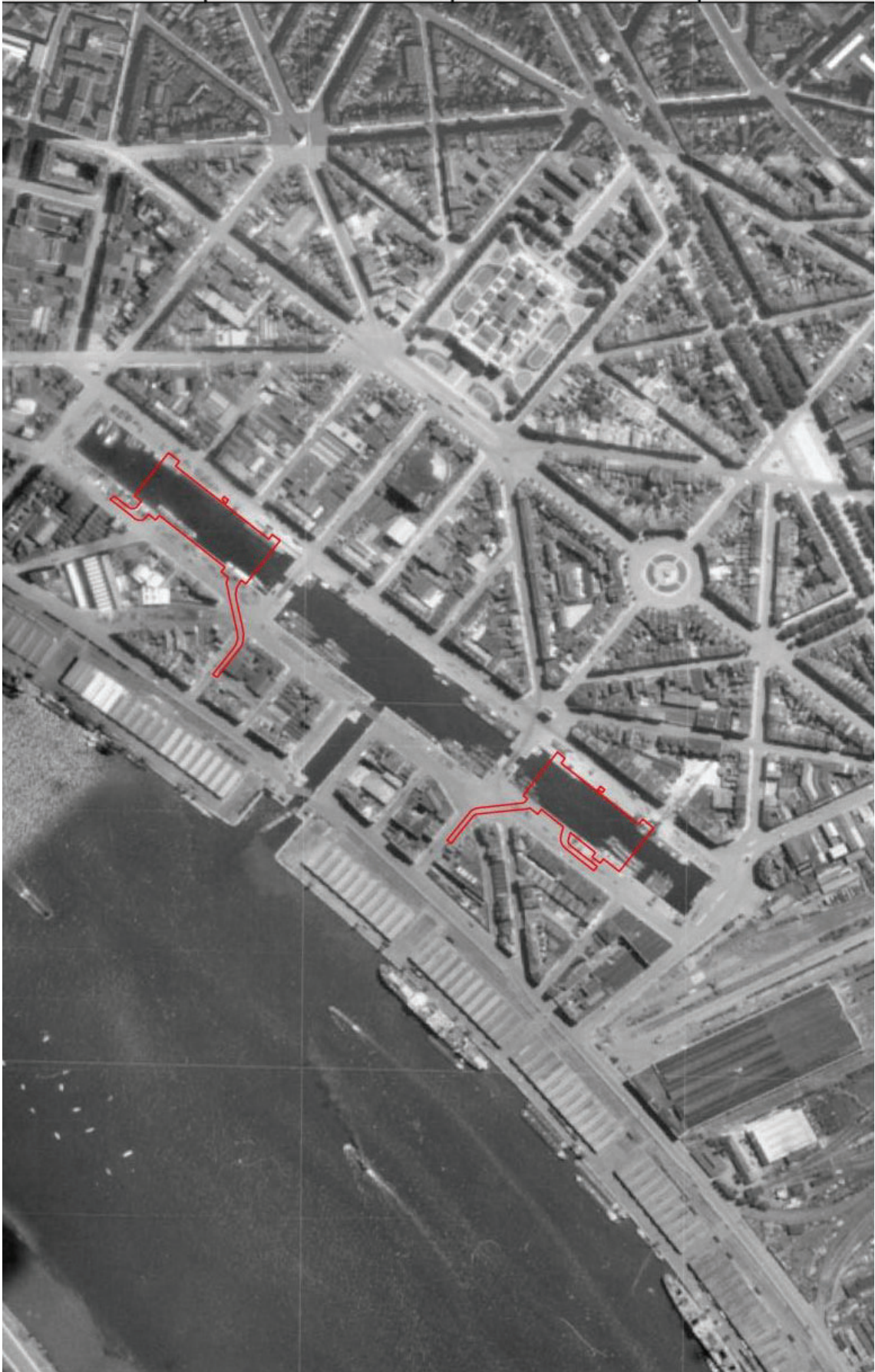
t' Zuid

By Harro, Federico, and Josie

The neighborhood “t Zuid” is located south of the fashion district in Antwerp. The boundaries of this area are formed by de Kaaien (waterbanks along de Schelde) de Singel, de Amerikalei, de Kasteelpleinstraat and the de Kronenburgstraat. It is the cultural heart of the city, because of the three museums that are located here. ‘T Zuid is a fashionable neighborhood and a popular leisure area.

This neighbourhood came into being after the demolition of the big citadel in the south of Antwerp called Zuidkasteel. The big fortification was built by the former Spanish rulers, the courtyard used to be at the place where now the Lambermontplaats is situated. After the demolition they started building the street plan in 1875. This plan was inspired by the design of Paris by the baron Hausmann. It was therefore called Petit Paris later-on. Places that refer to this impression are for example the Marnixplaats and the Lambermontplaats, they seem to relate to the star-shaped squares in Paris. In the south of the area there is even a little reproduction of the Arc de Triomphe (on the Place de étoile in Paris). Every street in the neighbourhood is named after a Dutch war hero, this was done as an opposition to the former Spanish regime. In 1885 and 1894 a world exhibition was held in front of the Museum for fine arts.

In the western part of the area a dock was based called: de zuiderdokken. This used to be an important docking station for transportation of goods with ships. During the Second World War the neighbourhood was damaged quite heavily as a V1 rocket landed in the south of its perimeter. After the rebuilding of the neighbourhood it declined in popularity. The docks were drained and made place for a big parking lot and the station connecting it to the surroundings, the Zuid station, was demolished. Due to this unpopularity the rents of housing had gotten very low. When young people and artists noticed this, they started to move here and made the neighbourhood the trendy and young area that it is today.



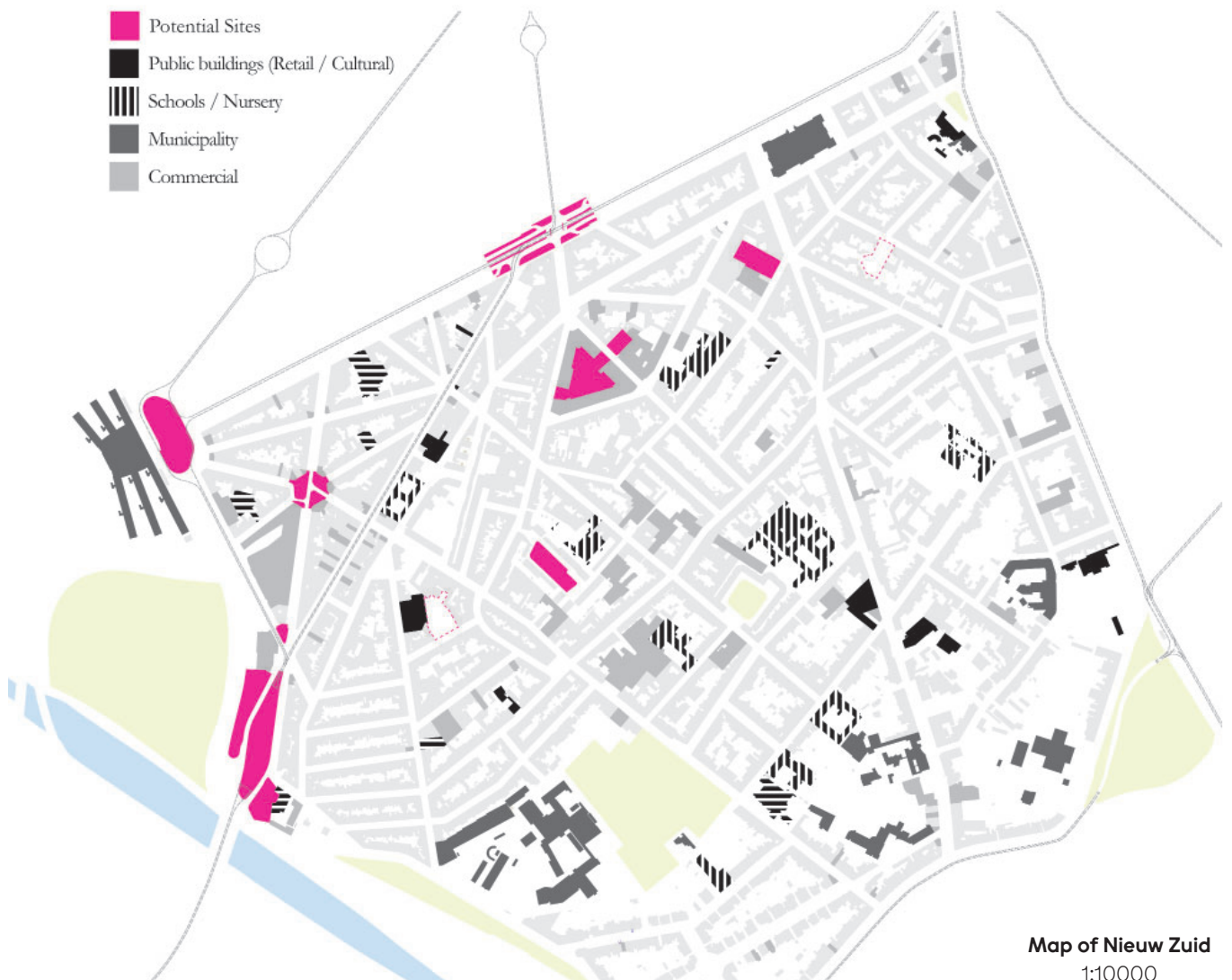
Aerial view of t' Zuid

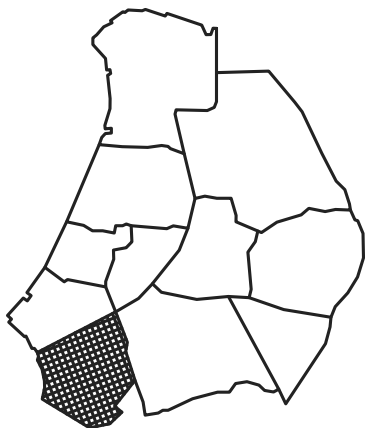
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Nieuw Zuid

The beginnings of Antwerp reach times of Roman Empire: Antwerp allegedly was created first as Roman vicus (neighbourhood, settlement). The most prominent times however for Antwerp came in 16th century. Antwerp Citadel - a pentagonal bastion fort was built at that time as well. It was the most pronounced building of the south part of the city, with rest of the neighbourhood filled with fields and small, rural infrastructure.

With the demolition of the Antwerp Citadel (1874), the Antwerp Zuid area came to life - the 11th zone - Brederode became part of the city in the end of 19th, beginning of 20th century. Street plan was approved in 1875 and it is said it was inspired by Haussmann's ideas.

During World War II, Antwerp has suffered severe destruction. Like the rest of Europe, it was also facing with the problem of housing shortage.

The most important buildings include:

Den Bell (1882) - the first foreign branch and headquarters of communication company Bell Telephone, with 13-storey high tower added in 1953. Since 2010, Den Bell has housed the administrative services of the city of Antwerp,

St. Michiels church (built in 1897),

South Station 'Antwerpen Zuid' (opened in 1898).

The demographics in Nieuw Zuid is also appealing to the setting of an art-social space. Since there are numerous schools and densified dwellings, youth who are fond of arts in their leisure time or people who could afford high art both co-exist in this neighborhood.



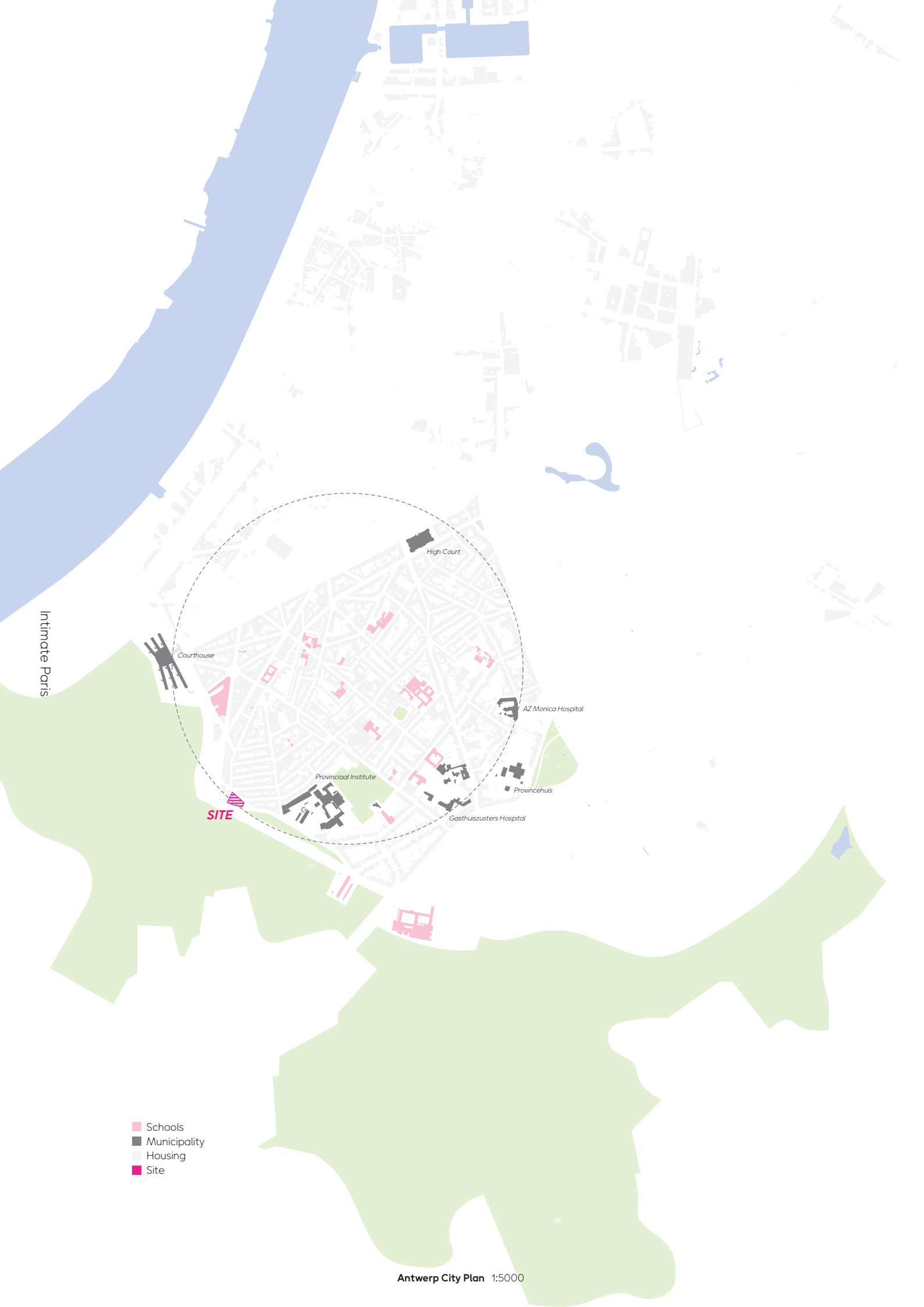
Confrontation
Site Sample 1





Enclosure
Site Sample 2





Intimate Paris

Courthouse

High Court

AZ Monica Hospital

Provincial Institute

Provinciehuis

Gasthuuszusters Hospital

SITE

- Schools
- Municipality
- Housing
- Site

PIVA Institute/PIDPA Offices
Technical collage/water services



Province House

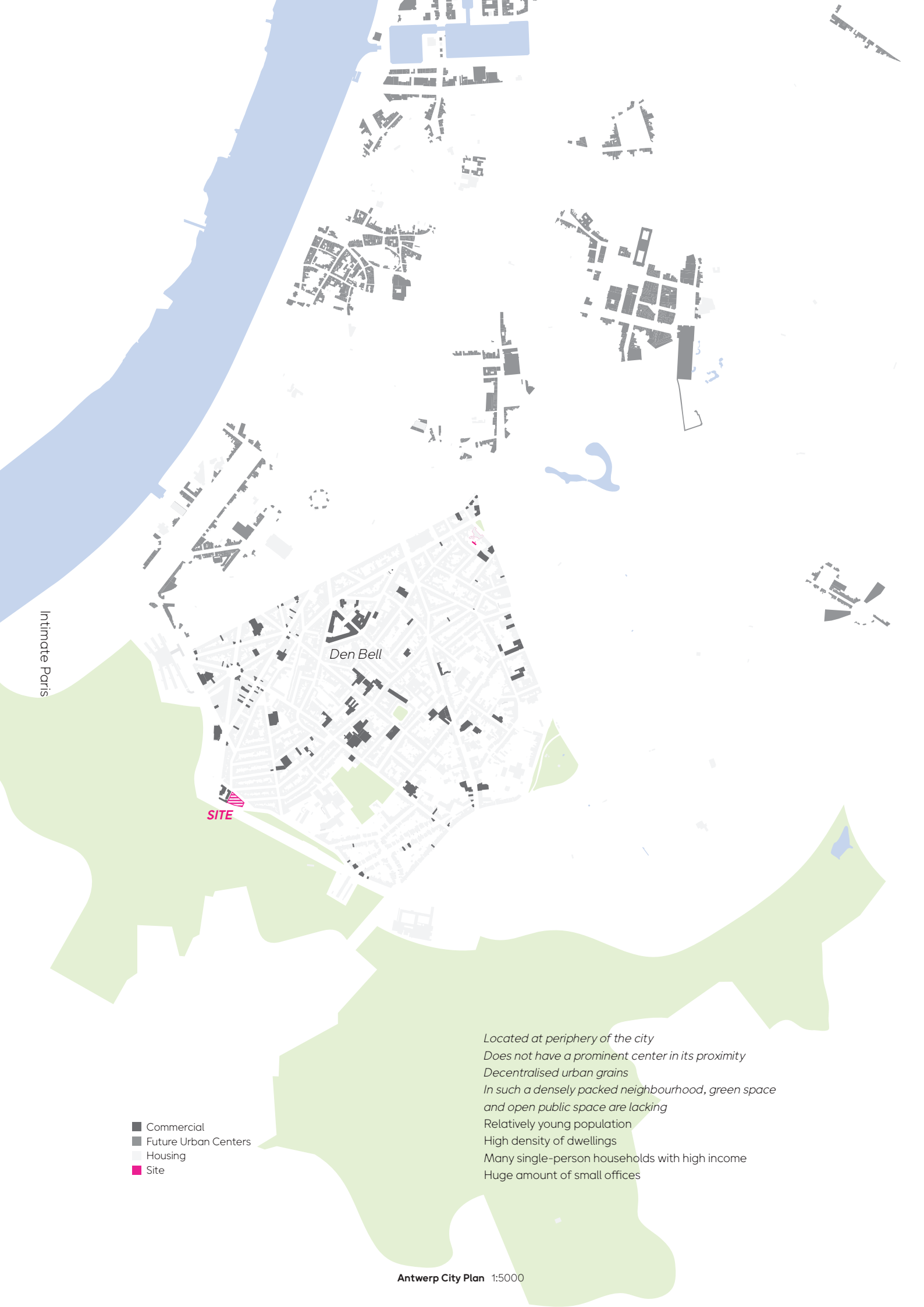


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Den Bell
administrative services of the city of Antwerp



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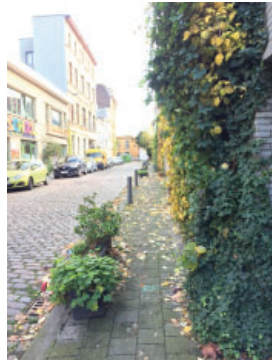
Intimate Paris

Den Bell

SITE

- Commercial
- Future Urban Centers
- Housing
- Site

*Located at periphery of the city
Does not have a prominent center in its proximity
Decentralised urban grains
In such a densely packed neighbourhood, green space
and open public space are lacking
Relatively young population
High density of dwellings
Many single-person households with high income
Huge amount of small offices*



Need for green





Streetscape

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'The reality of the public realm relies on the simultaneous presence of innumerable perspective and aspects in which the common world presents itself and for which no common measurement or denominator can ever be devised. For thought the common world is the common meeting ground of all, those who are present have different location in it, and the location of one can no more coincide with the location of another than the location of two objects. Being seen and being heard by others derive their significance from the fact that everybody sees and hears from a different position. This is the meaning of public life, compared to which even the richest and most satisfying family life can offer only the prolongation or multiplication of one's own position with its attending aspects and perspectives.'

Hannah Arendt

The Human Condition (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), 57
From the book written by Hens Teerds "At Home in the World: Architecture, the Public and the Writings of Hannah Arendt", 608

For her the city in the 20th century is full of urban enclaves that arrange spaces through similarities. So, the gentrified space become even more gentrified while the left-over space being pushed further away from the city core. This has resulted in a segregated city where public space become privileged that are only entitled to the upper class of the society. She thinks that plurality in the public realm is key to the making of a democratic space. Similar to that, from the many examples of city rooms that we have visited during the excursions, what they have in common is the relatively open ownership of space where one could freely appropriate and inhabit. These rooms are also often connected with movements, in which Arendt thinks that these movement could actually enhance one's possibility to be seen or to be heard in the public, and thus making a space of appearance. Publicity and intimacy emerge whenever a spectator could become an actor in space. So, my hypothesis is that an ideal city room should somewhat reflect the qualities of a space of appearance (which has plural composition and have constant movements). And I would also study particularly the threshold that frames the transition from the private realm into the public realm.

Enclaves of Similarities

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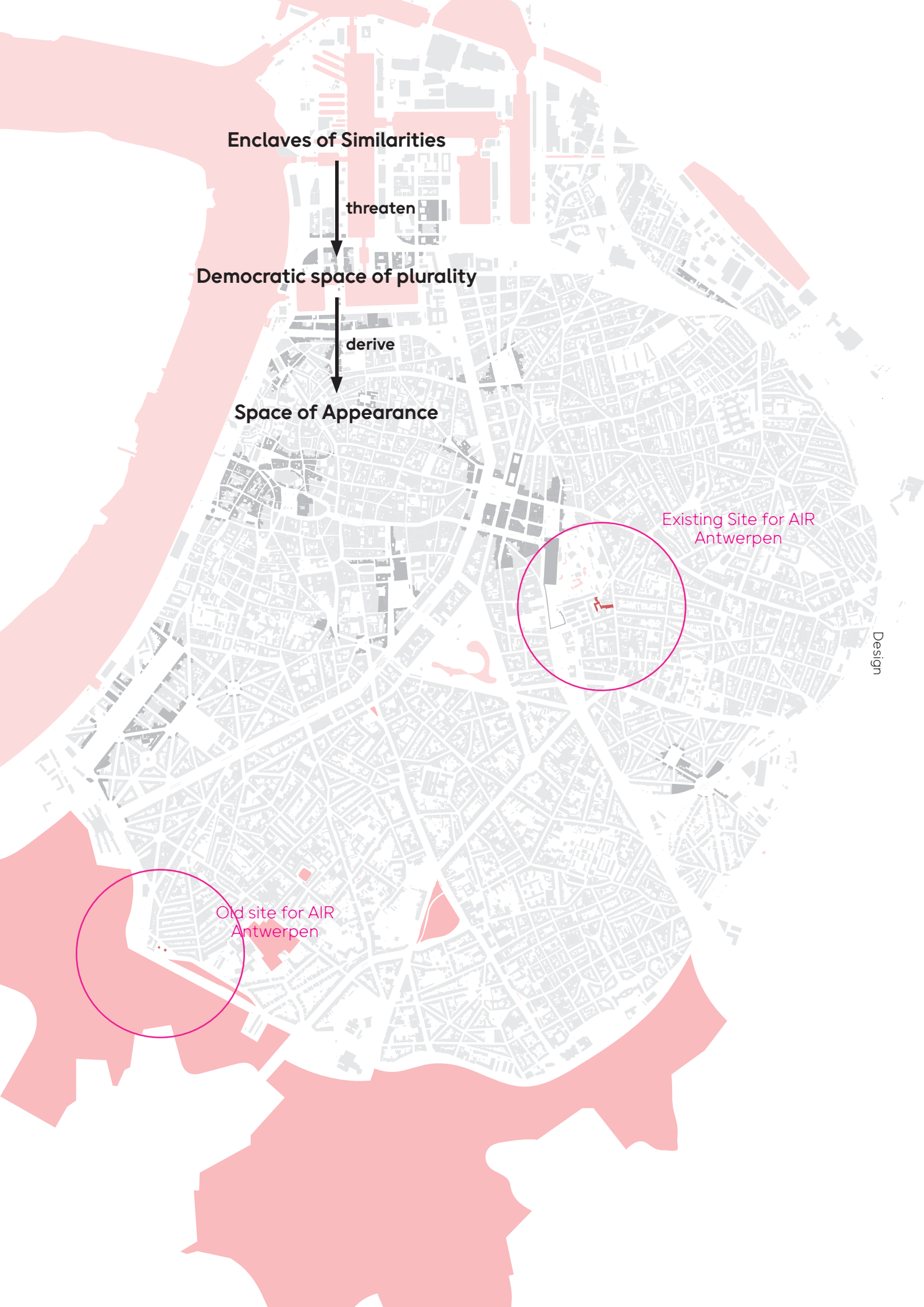
Democratic space of plurality

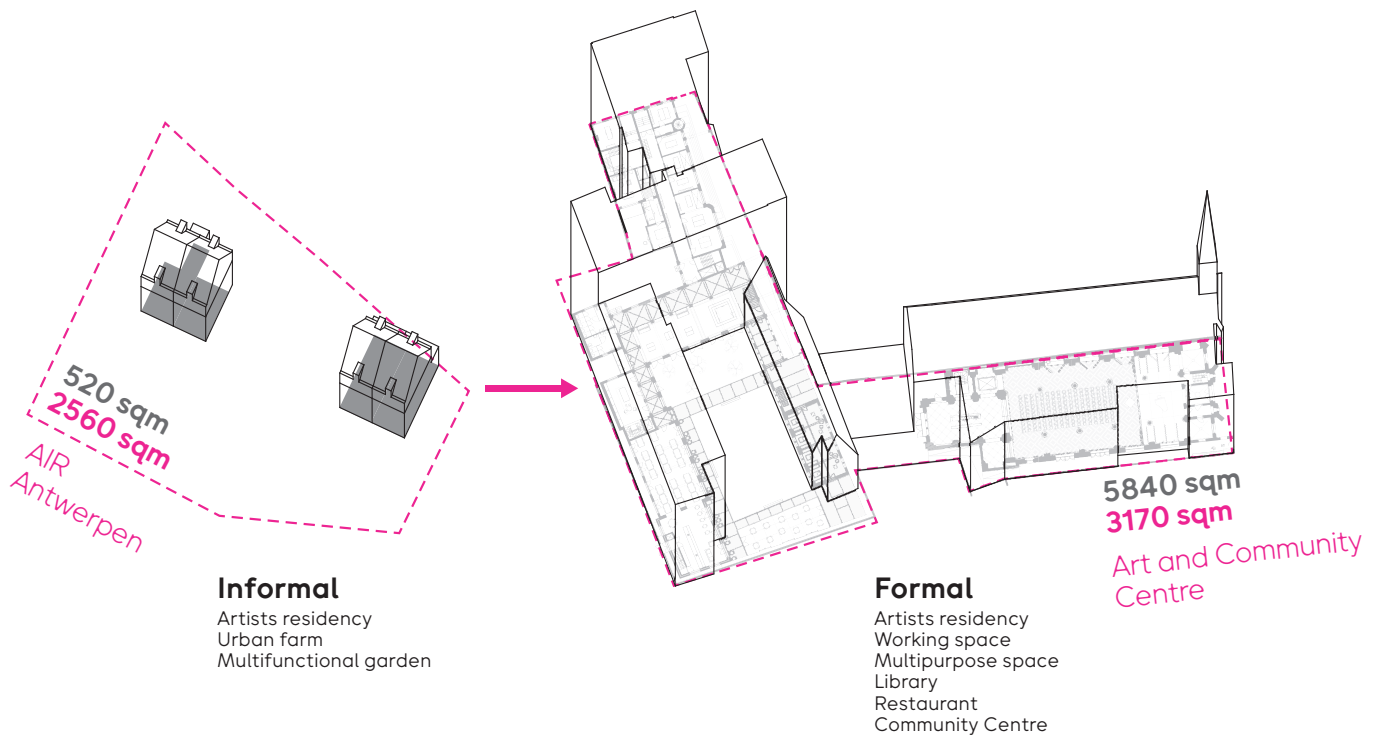
derive

Space of Appearance

Existing Site for AIR
Antwerpen

Old site for AIR
Antwerpen





Set aside the theoretical backdrop, the project starts off by looking into a site of disappearance, the relocation of AIR Antwerpen in the Nieuw uid district. It is an independent international artists institute which offers artists a temporary stay where they get to interact with other artists. In its current deteriorating site, 6 artists from different backgrounds reside, work and exhibit there as a collective. And in the last month, they have just officially moved to a new site on (plustrat) Ploegstraat, near the Antwerp central station. Their residency is combined with a larger project of a community centre which consist of a larger residency as well as co-working space, library, restaurants, and multifunction halls.

Sites of Disappearnace



Abandoned Site of AIR Antwerpen



New Site for AIR Antwerpen



Design

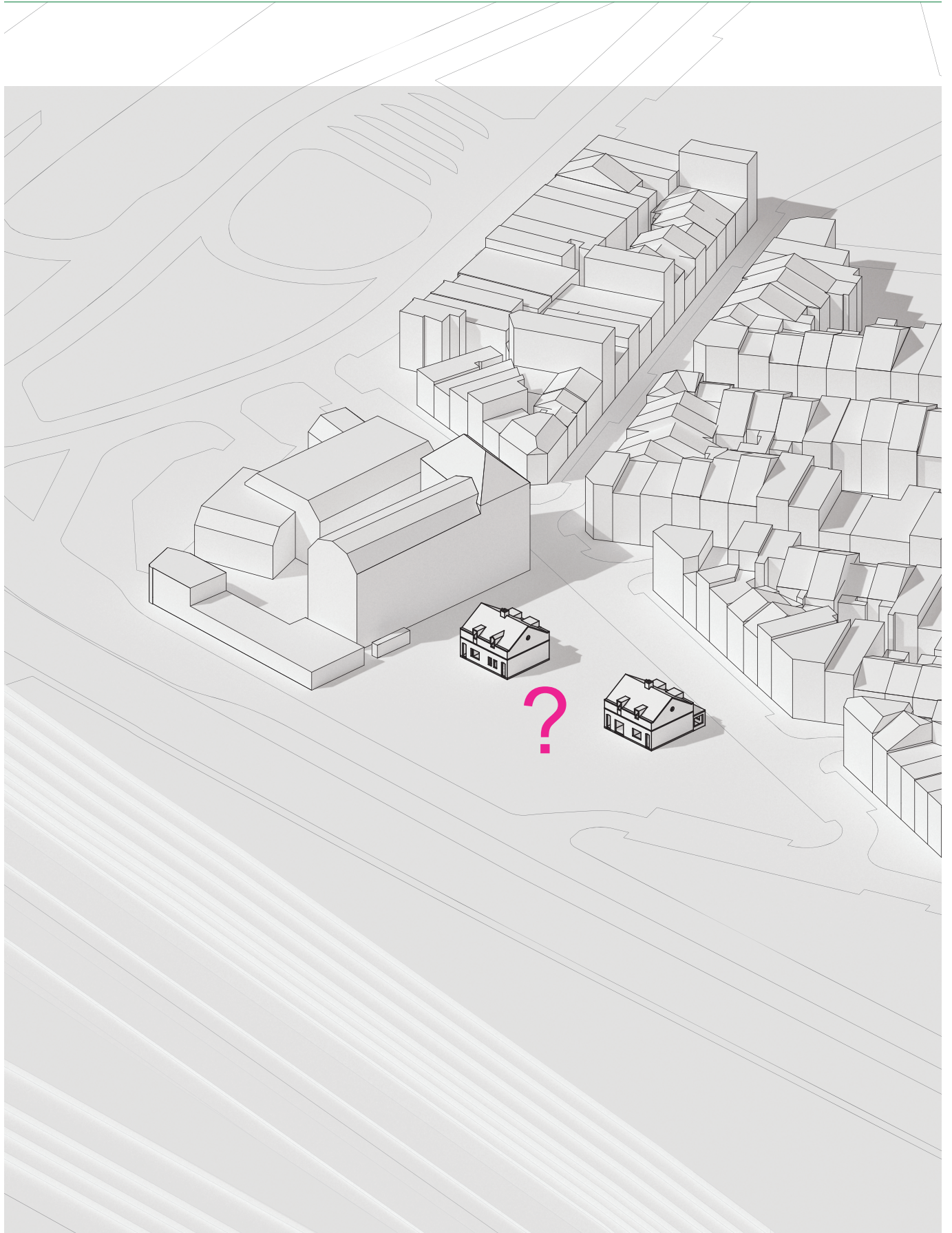


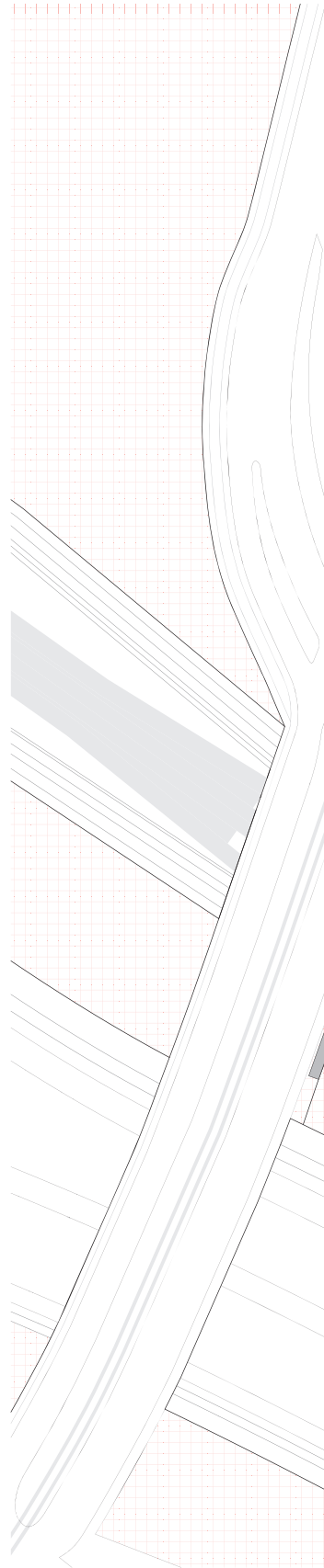
Up to this point, I become skeptical whether this site of disappearance could give rise to a new project. If the artists residency is combined with a redefined art center, instead of merely a community center, would that become a more specific city room that foster social engagement between the artists and the public?

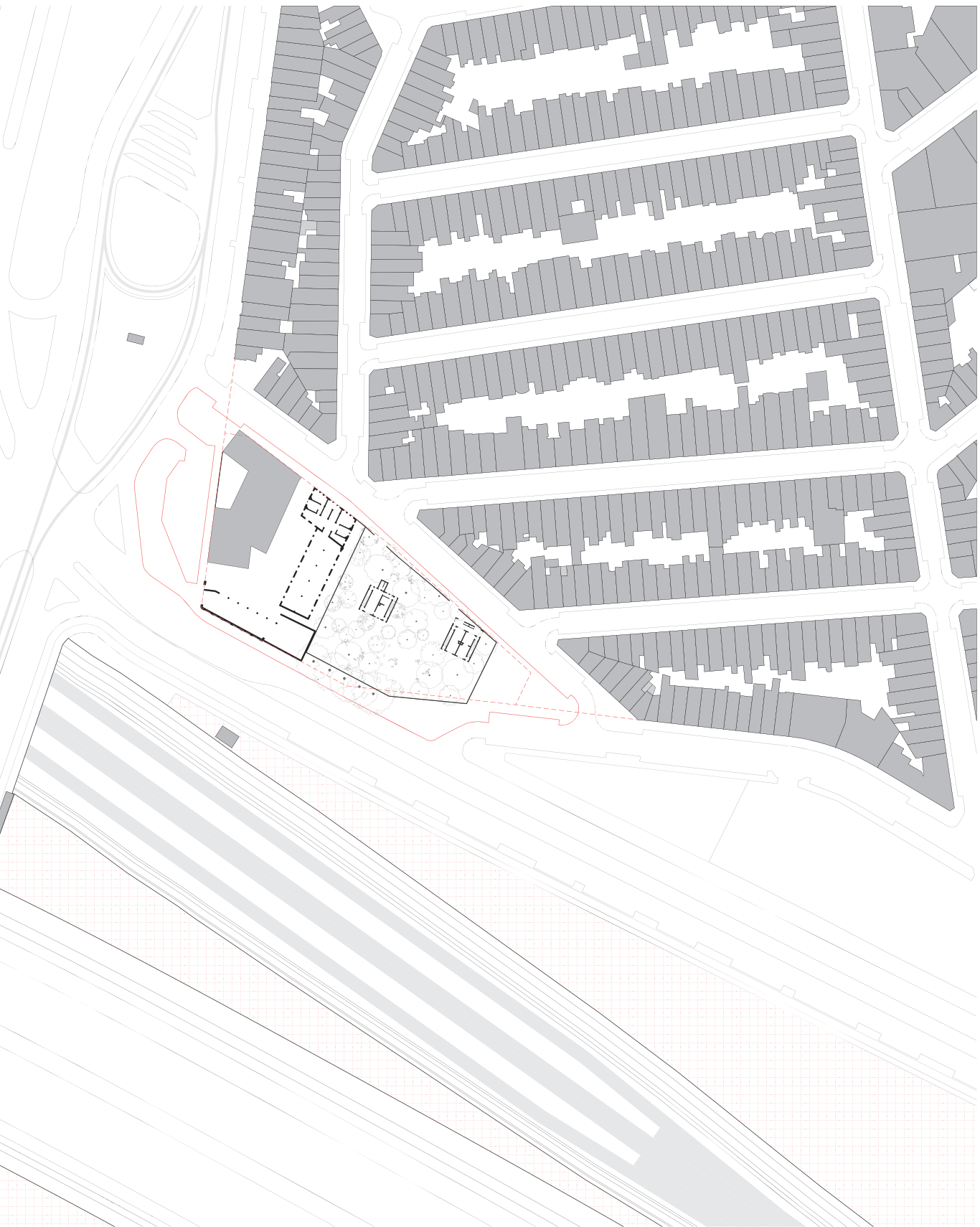


The drawback I see from this relocation is that it became an additional program to a larger community centre. It is a parasitic program that does not have a clear identity nor enjoy the same openness in the urban context before. In addition, the institute no longer share an open ground acting as the buffer space between them and the public. You could not walk-in into the open garden nor peep inside the artist's workspace. Therefore, it is reasonable to question whether the new location would provide the same publicity or sense of appearance as before.















Antwerp 1913

Former Housing for military personnel

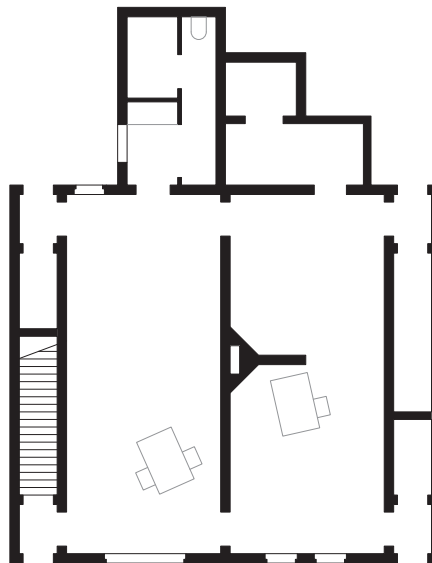
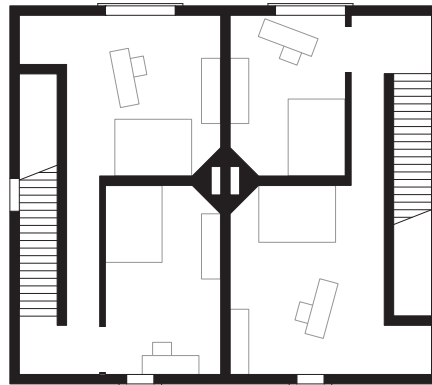
The Brialmont Fortress was a city fortification with a fortress belt consisting of eight forward forts, built between 1859 and 1865. The Kielsevest was built at the same time (in 1874) with the Brialmont fortress and connected the Kielse with the Boomse Poort. Only on the north side of this street (even numbers) the grounds were parceled for private houses. The buildings on the south side consisted of structures that belonged to the Brialmont fortress. During the demolition of the ramparts in the 1960s, these buildings were demolished, with the exception of the homes at nos. 23-25 and 31-33. The current canal around the city follows the route of this monumental, plastered wall.

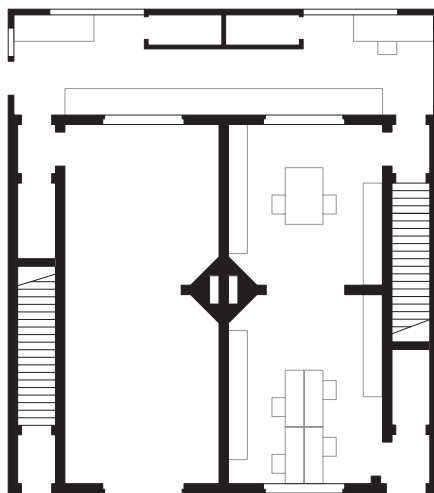
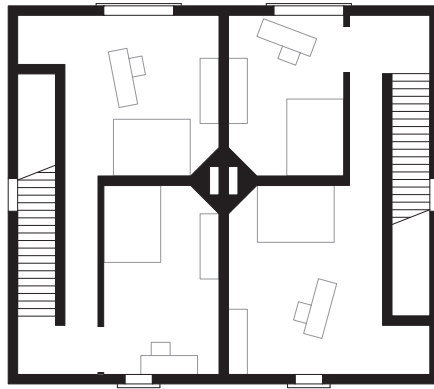
Antwerp
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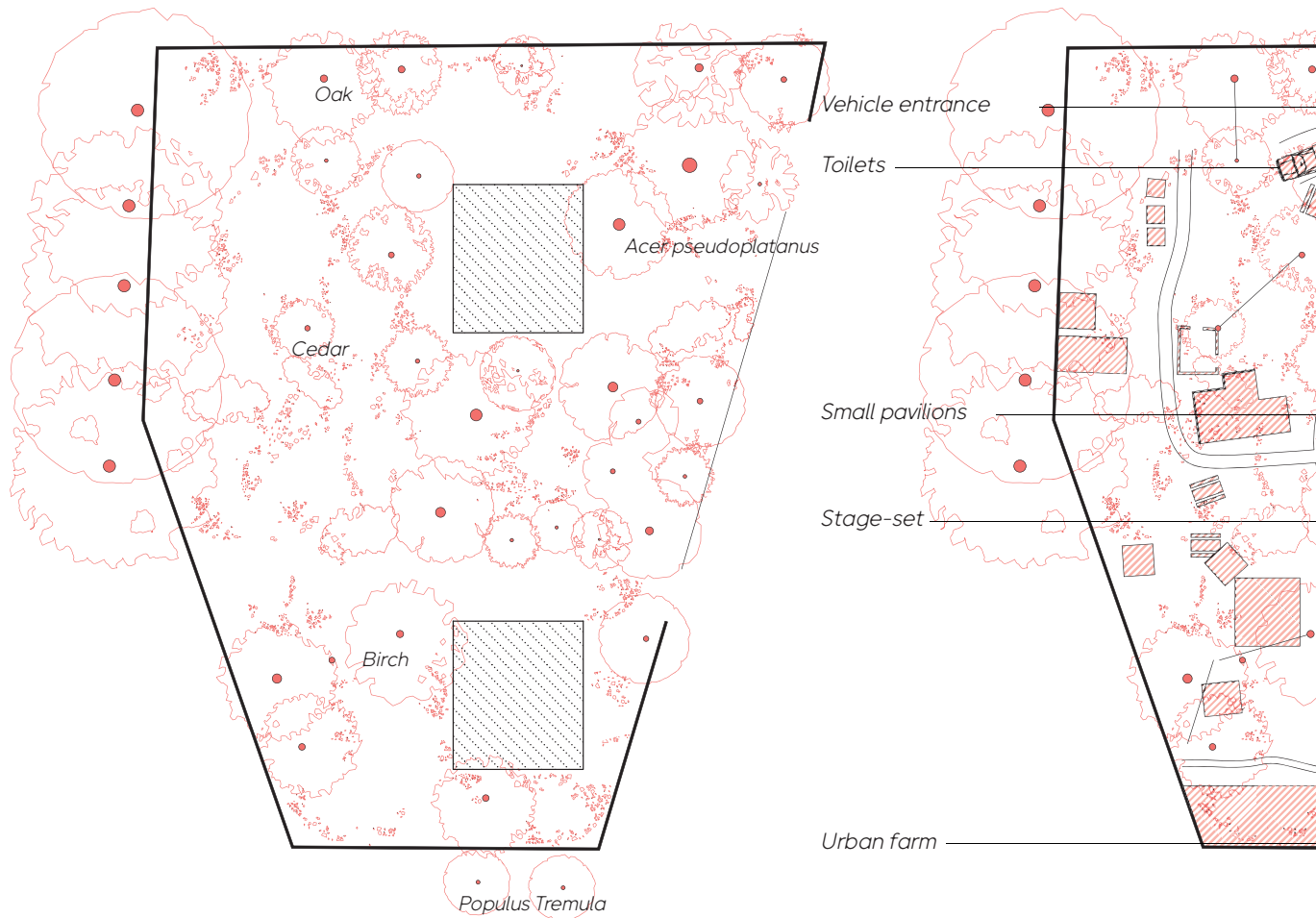




The houses on the Kijlsevest Nos. 23-25 and 31-33 are two identical semi-detached houses, with the façades facing the Desguinlei. These are brick houses of one and a half storeys and two bays under pans of saddle roofs, with a low rear under flat roofing. The houses are linked together mirrored two per two. The brick façades are painted white and are provided with a profiled cordon frame in front and side walls, which demarcates the first building layer. The wall openings were originally all arched: in the façade a front door in the outer bay and two narrow, linked window openings; in the rear façade a arched back door in the far bay and a arched window opening next to the rear building. Due to renovations in the front and rear façades, the wall openings were partly changed. An oculus illuminates the attic rooms in the side wall. The picturesque character of the houses is mainly determined by the finishing of the saddle roofs with beautiful wooden windboards, also on the rear and through the wooden skylights that break the cornice in front facade, originally all with a saddle roof.

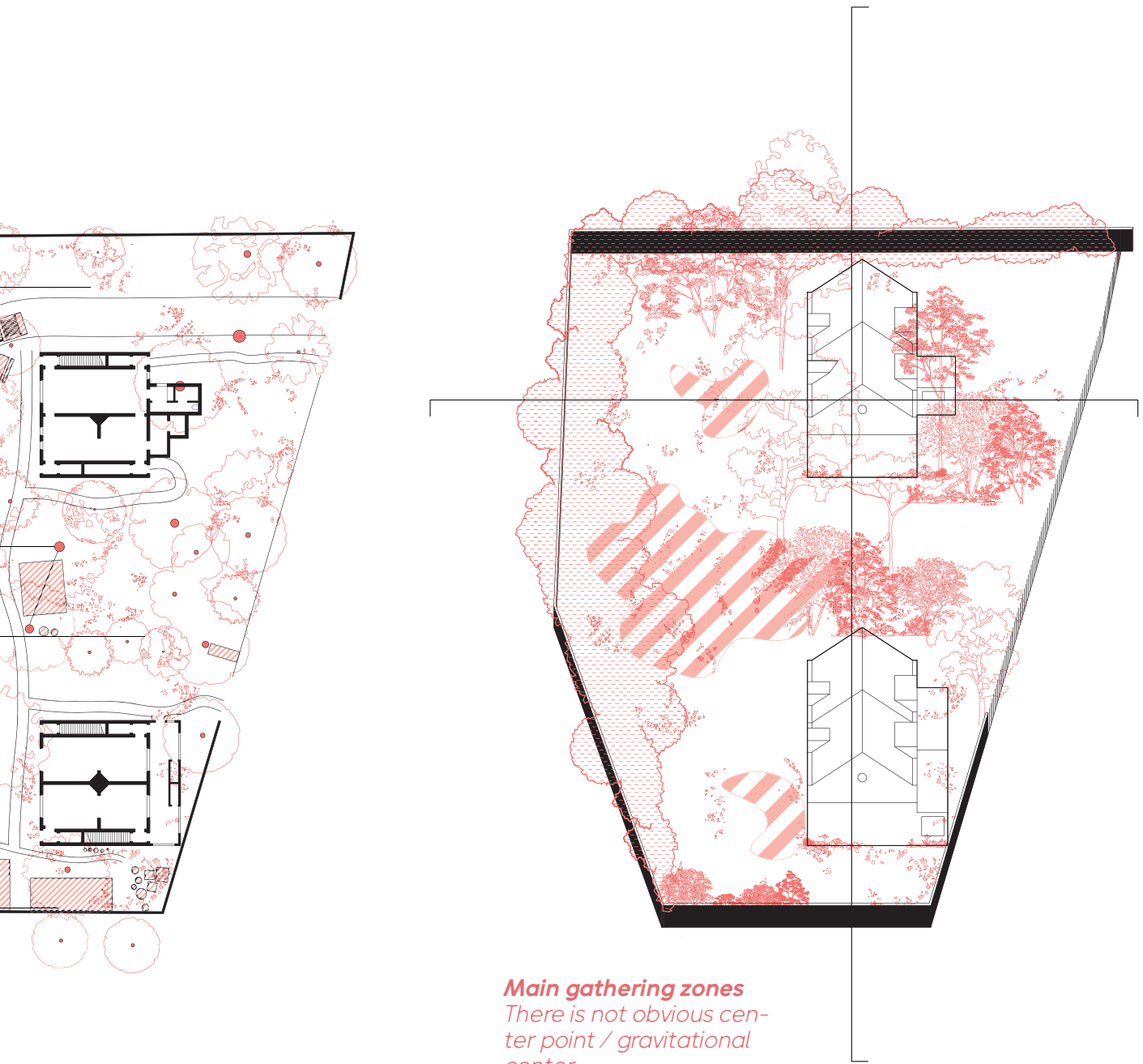






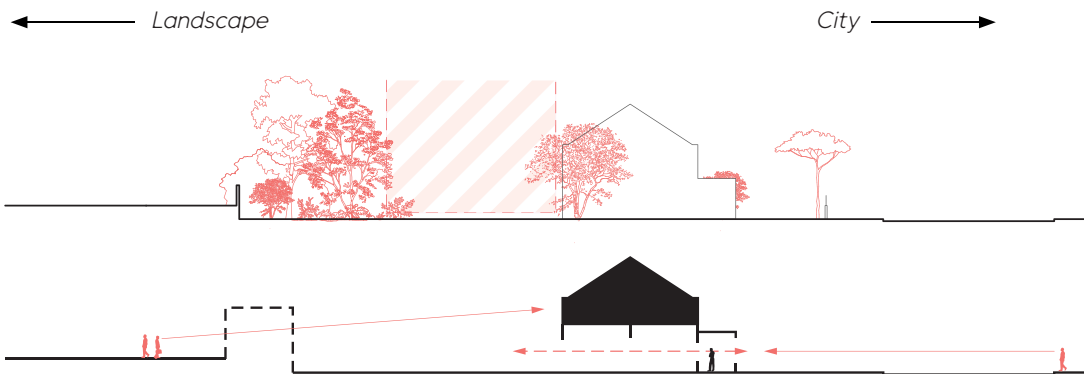
From the coupe attached at the back you could see the two small houses which consist of a public co-working area, office, bedrooms, toilets, kitchen, studios, as well as the open ground between the houses which is for exhibitions, events and gatherings.





Main gathering zones

There is not obvious center point / gravitational center



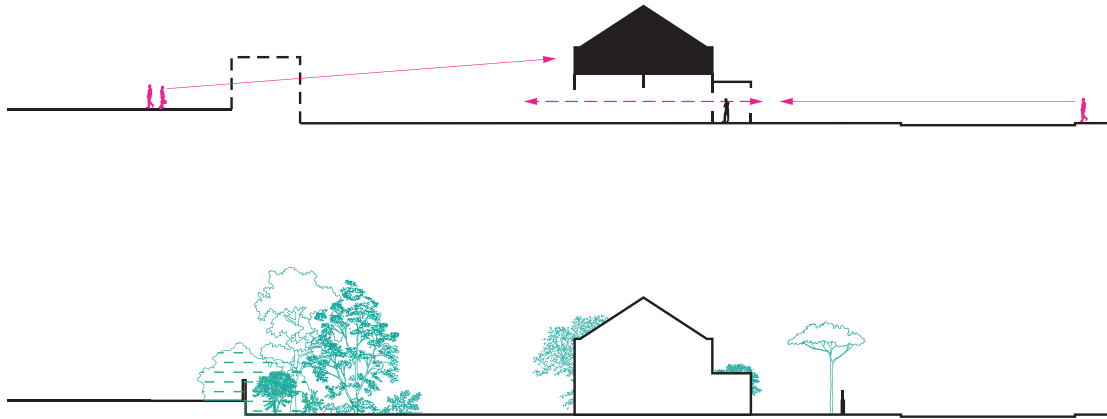


Domestic objects as territorial device

Main social sites are defined by the domestic objects like chairs, pavilions, cupboards, shelves, umbrellas, lampposts etc. These sites extend the public interiors to exterior, making a continuous flow public route.

1 Spontaneous, incremental, temporary composition of space **2** Feeling of being outside the city, being in another space **3** Circulations as the intrusive tool to create rooms in mundane space





Different enclosures towards city/landscape

The building is enclosed from the landscape side, while much more opened towards the city. Itself also suggests a series of visual thresholds that connect the front facade to its rear facade. These visual portals has brought forward the dialogue between the city and the landscape







Site Photos



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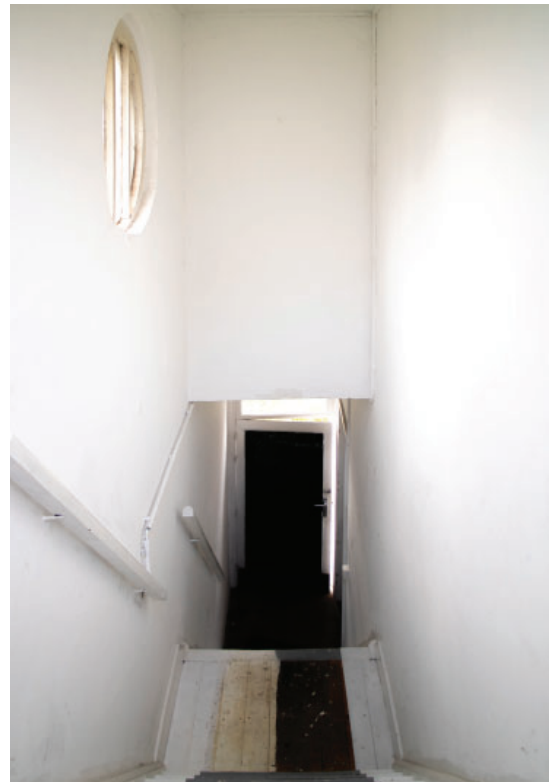
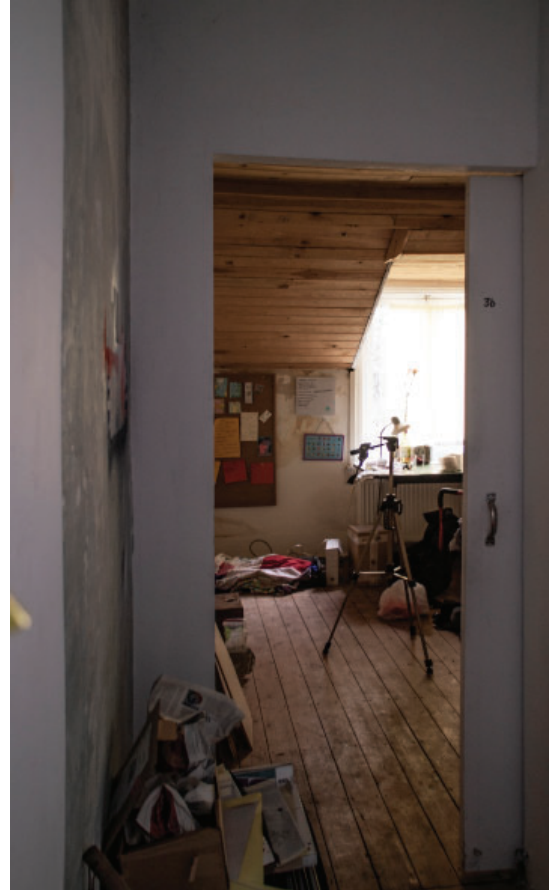


Design

Enclosed Garden









Studio





Territorial Objects

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Intimate Paris



Streetscape



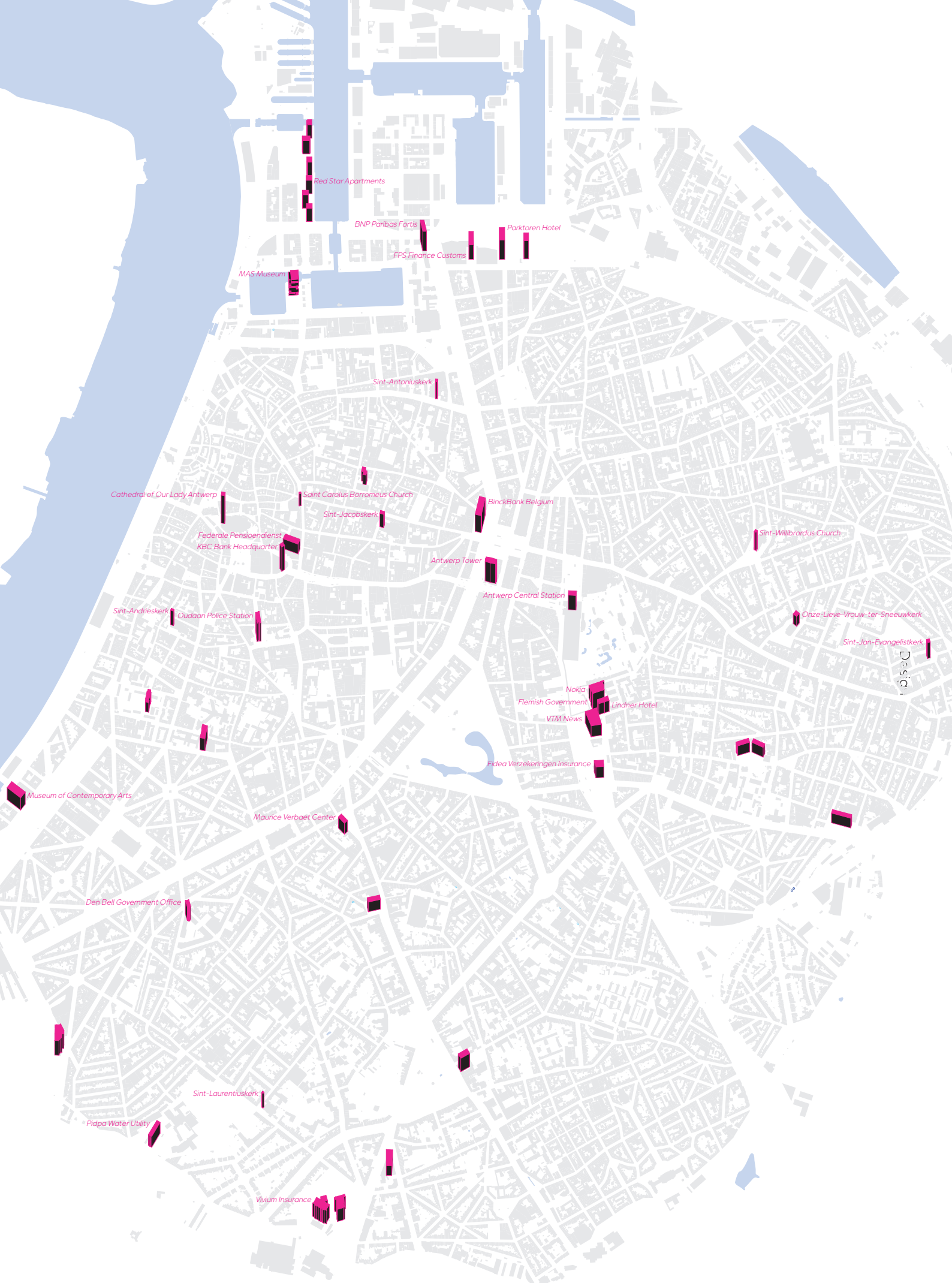
Design

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City of Towers

Antwerp does not have many highrises, nor having them congested within a particular zone. Towers in Antwerp are usually taller than the average building height for at least 20m. The mapping shows all buildings taller than 40m. The dispersion of towers has created an unique skyline and suggest certain power structure within the city.

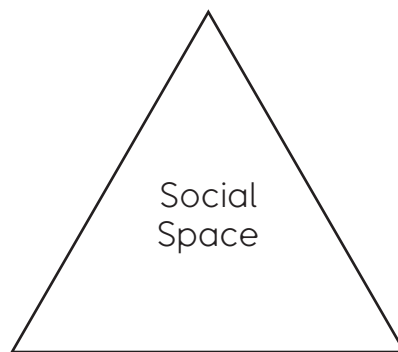


Thresholds of Appearance: A new artists' hub for the city

Existing boulevards and routes that link various art and creative actors together as an aggregation

Material patterns,
routes, networks

Perceived Space
Spatial Practise



Conceived Space
Representation of Space

Abstract maps, Architectural plans
and its discourse

Het Zuid district being
planned as an art and cre-
ative hub in the city

Lived and Endured Space
Representationl Space

Experiential embodiment of the
inhabitants

The specific sites where artists get to
engage with the public (i.e. Museums,
galleries etc)

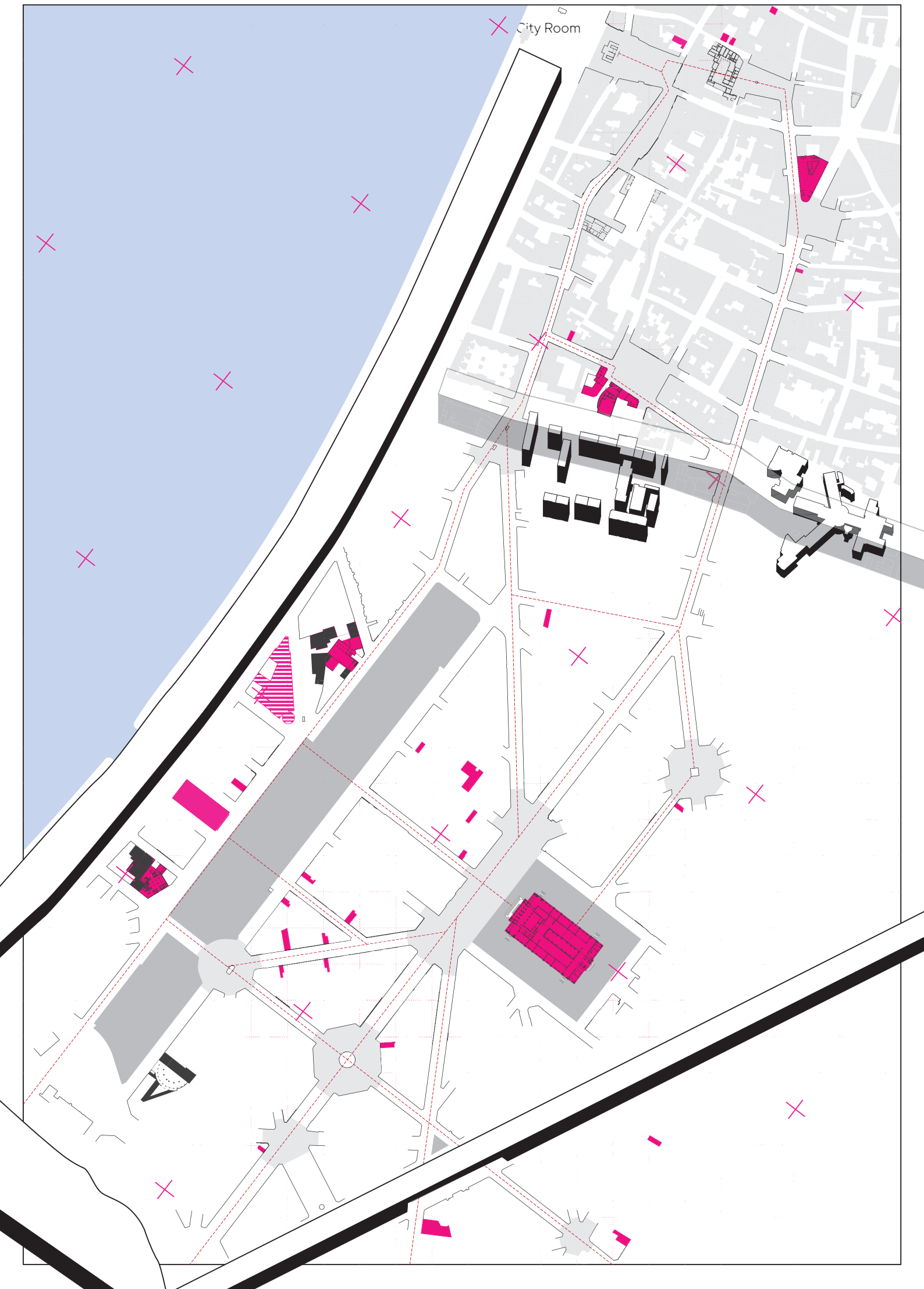
*"...Space is being socially produced and productive
through human intentions..."*

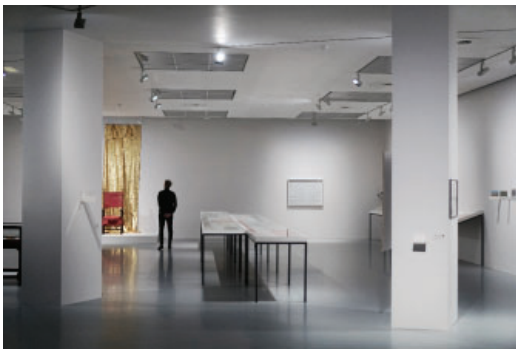
*Henri Lefebvre
The Production of Space*

I tried to borrow the idea of social space from (Lufeb)Lefebvre's book, The Production of Space, in arguing that the city room we have been talking about could be one of the social spaces that he proposed in his triad's theory. First, even if the museum has been relocated, the site would maintain experiential imprints in the urban fabric. How people lived and endured the art space would remain an immaterial yet experiential image in the neighborhood.



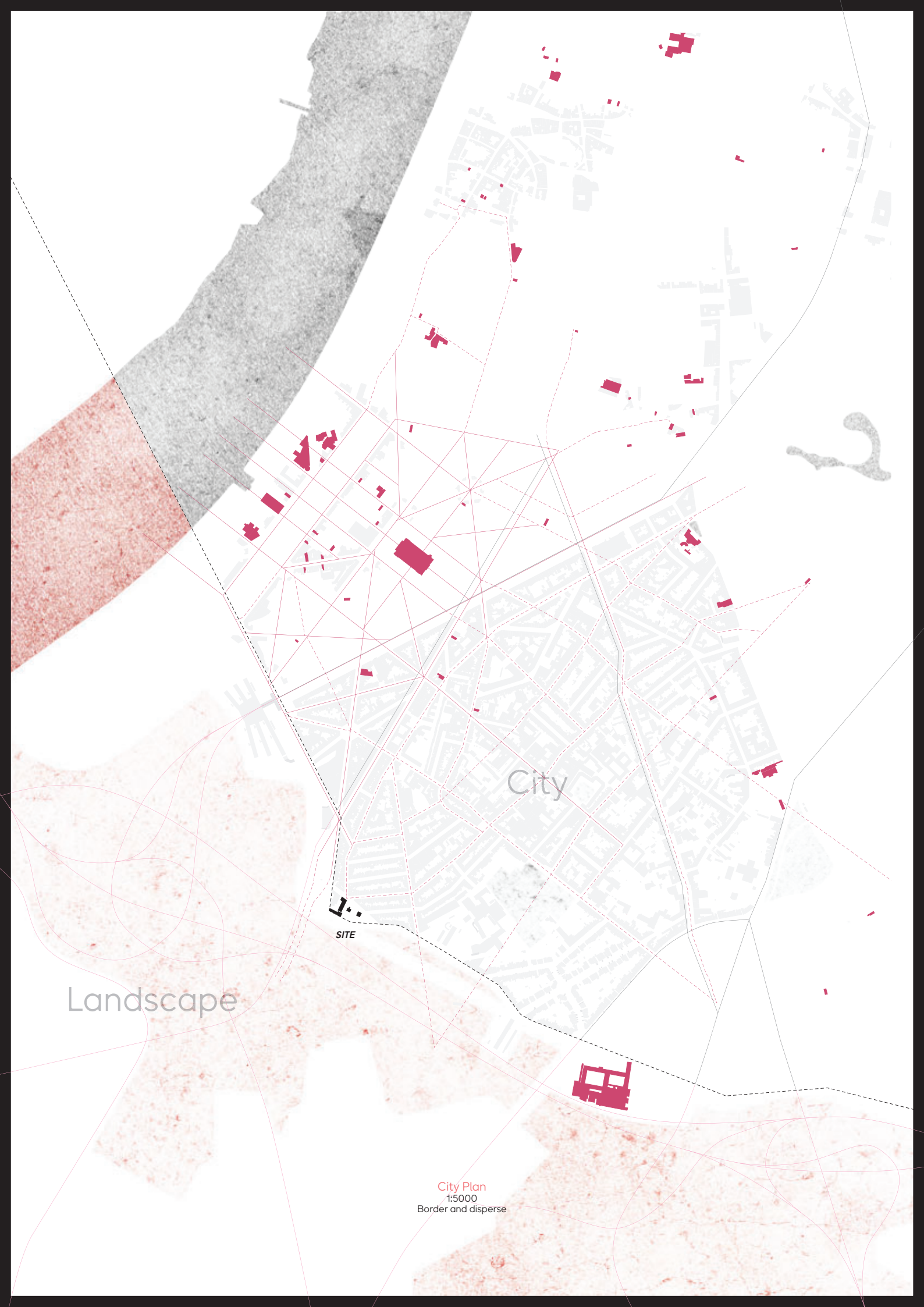
There is a wide spectrum of exhibition of art within het Zuid district. From spontaneous to cultivated, from informal galleries to formal museums, participating in art has become one of the things that people coming to this district would usually do. And by making use of the already produced spatial image on the spot, one would imagine the possibility of re-introducing an art-related social space there.





Having these visible axis and boundaries in the proximity, there is a clear hierarchy of urban space, and thus indicated important routes, monuments, and buildings among the rest. Art spaces like galleries and museums are benefited from this urban hierarchy by closely connecting to these urban axis and urban nodes. The proximity of public space and art space formed an intimate yet invisible system. The system of museums or performance space and the system of galleries each has a different set of urban scale in play, represented in red crosses and dotted lines respectively. People in Antwerp would understand these art spaces in such adapted scales, distances, and occurrence.

As a short conclusion, in (Lufeb) Lefebvre's theory, through the dynamic inter-relationships between the three, the lived and endured space (high density of galleries and museums), the perceived space (existing routes or trajectories of relating and passing through these art space), the conceived space (overall picture that this district being a cultural hub), altogether, produce social space over time. Given the existing cultural vibes in the area, the site where the museum would disappear could be a better alternative to the location in the city centre for such an art-social space, and the city room should be something that revolves around it.



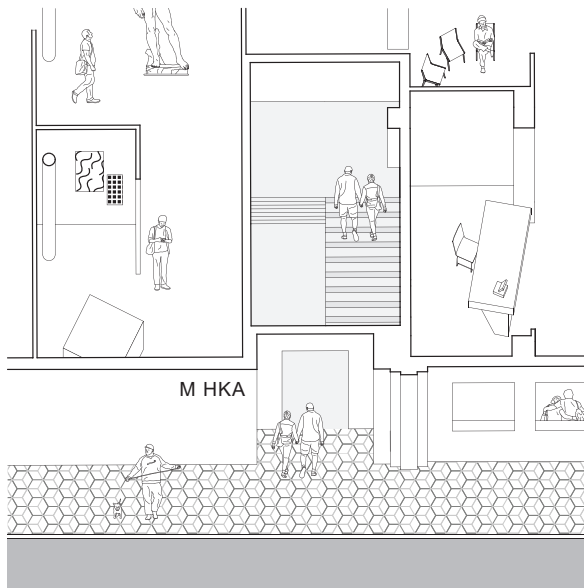
City

Landscape

SITE

City Plan
1:5000
Border and disperse





Live

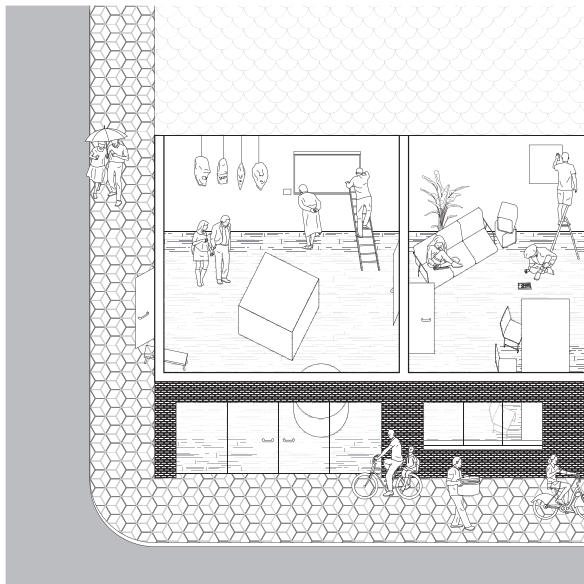


Work



Exhibit / Interact

Separated modes of production:
Museums become the space where artists gather and interact with the public.



Live



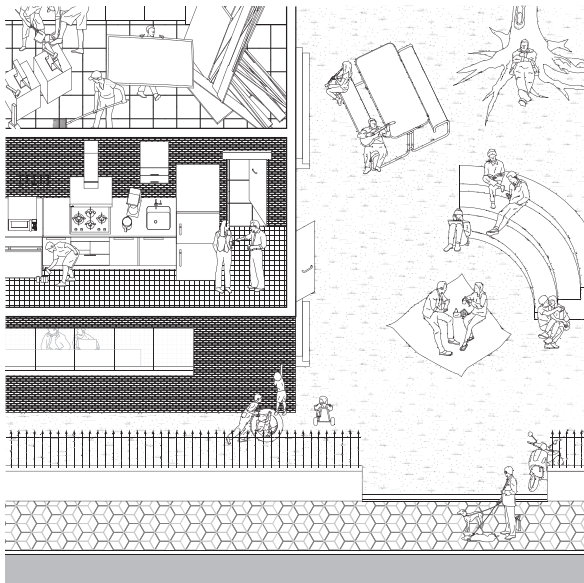
Work



Exhibit / Interact

Affiliated studio-show-room space:

The production and the exhibition of art become closely related and intensified. However the gallery space become unused voids in the city on its low occupancy.



Live



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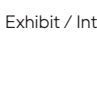


Exhibit / Interact

The all-together model:

The artists dwelling become part of their interactions with the public as the exhibition space / workshop intertwined with one another in an intimate scale.

Proceeding from the site analysis as well as the theoretical backdrop, I started looking into how artists in Antwerp are engaging with the public. Here I illustrated three modes of engagements: the first one is what I observed from AIR Antwerpen, where their live, work, and exhibition space all compressed into one small scale of space. The artist dwelling become part of their exhibition, in which the public are also invited to become part of the showcase. The second one is what we usually see in the galleries in Antwerp, where the production and exhibition space become closely related and intensified. However, it is often seeing these spaces as urban voids in the city especially when they are not open to public in most of the time of the week, that sometimes you have to make appointments in order to visit. I picked a fragment of the M HKA museum as the typology of museum as the third mode of engagement. Artists who are affiliated to museums have a separated set of live, work, and exhibition space, and the museum become the only space for them to meet fellow artists or the public. As you see the scale of how they could engage with the public in the exhibition space escalated as it set apart from the live and work space. It makes me start to wonder if there are an alternative typology that could keep these spaces interconnected without sacrificing the scale of engagements.

Another way of looking at these spaces and their relative ways of engaging with the public is by aligning them with the notion of production versus consumption. Nowadays most of the art space in Antwerp and the rest of the world is highly dichotomy or dualistic. They are either production space like art schools or workshops for artists, or consumption space like museums and galleries. Spaces that link the production of art to the consumption of art are limited to very few examples like AIR Antwerpen, and they seem to be restricted in a relatively small scale due to various reasons. First reason could be that the small scales of such spaces when they are being compiled together encourages a sense of intimacy and domesticity in it. I was surprised when they invited me inside their workspace when I was wandering outside their house of AIR Antwerpen. This could not happen when it is being escalated up to an institutional scale, when things start to get formalised. That's why for the task of the graduation studio I would like to challenge the notion of a slightly larger scale of program which mediate between production and consumption.

Main Research Questions

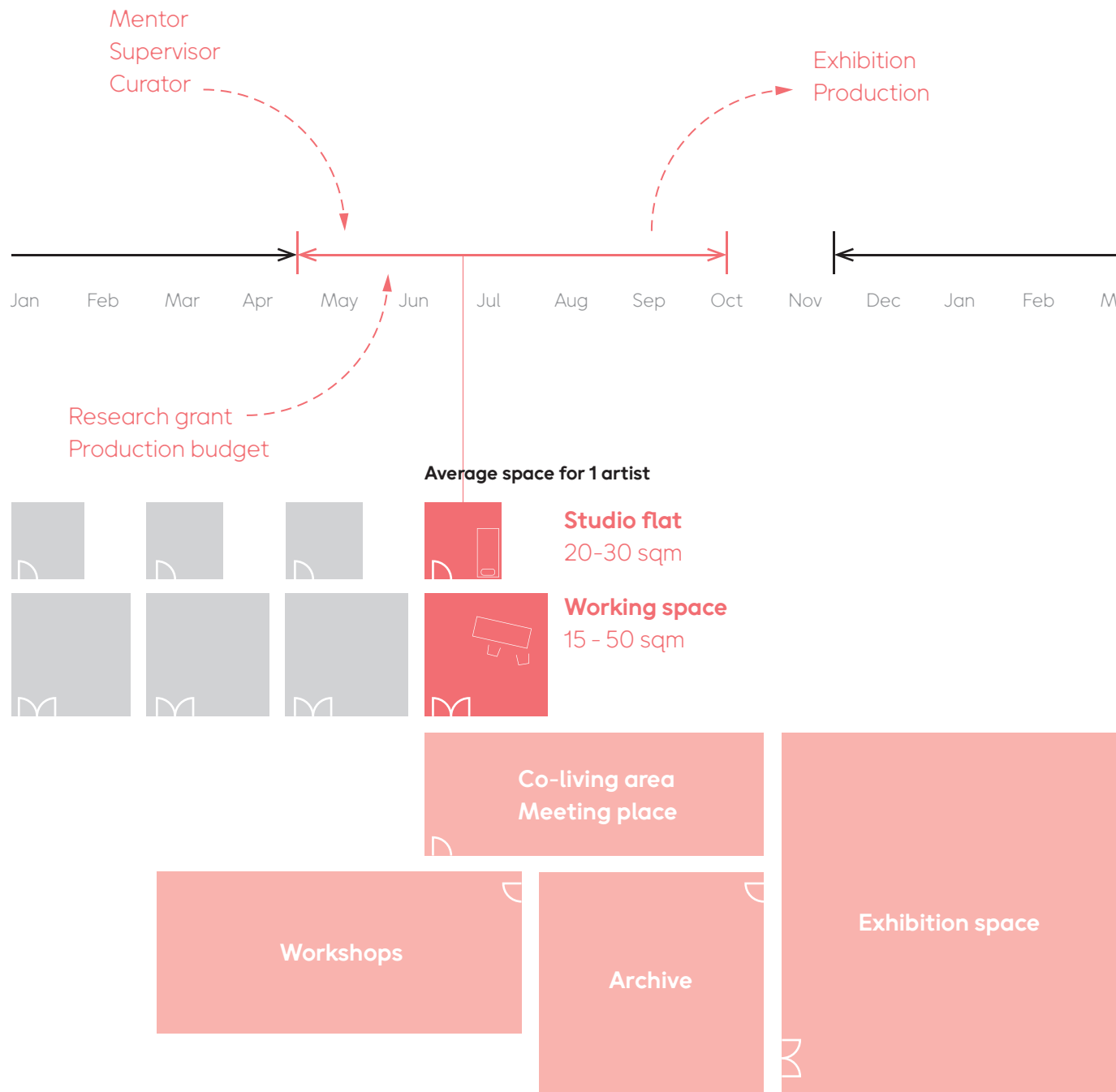
Design: A new expansion of an Artists' hub on the edge of the city

What would the new typology of art-social space, the city room, be like?

How would a city room help mediating between these polarities? How could it represent, and bring together a particular community?

In what way would be best to provide a design solution, for AIR Antwerpen and the larger artist community, that welcome further inhabitation and public engagements, at the same time negotiating controversies within scales and privacy of the residency? What would re-appear on its original site, as a new site of appearance?

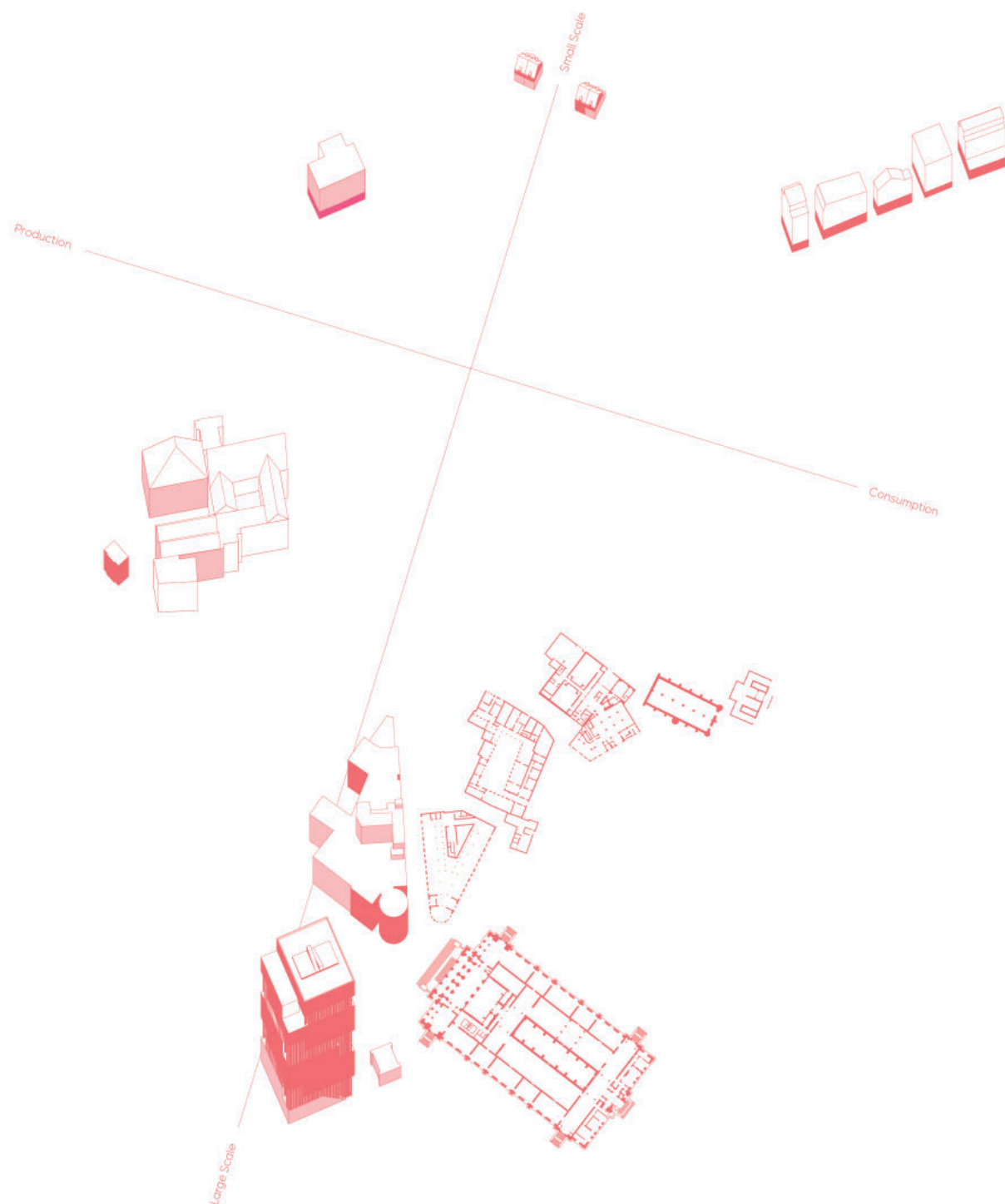
Operation Model of an artists residency



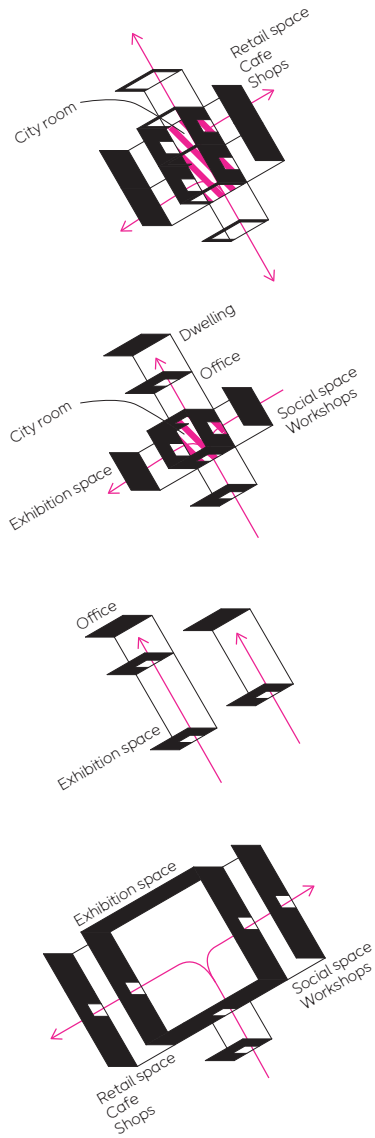


Design

City room?



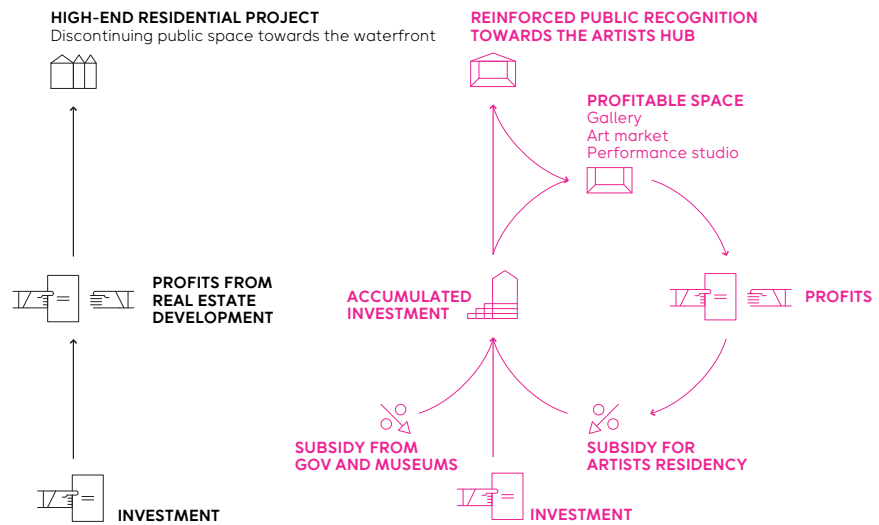
Art-scape in Antwerp
Duality between production
and consumption of art



As a reference I borrowed the programmatic breakdown of the new community center on (plustrat) Ploegstraat, near Antwerp central station. The original brief is not much art-related, but the proportions of public programs versus private programs could suggest a feasible composition of a social space. I overlay a proposed programmatic breakdown for the design in pink, on top of the community center's program which is in grayscale. The design would have an open archive serving the museums nearby, which is also at the same time an exhibition space. There would also be working space for both the public and the artists at various extents of publicity. The residency would also get a more dominant role in the entire complex, which houses around 20 to 30 artists-in-residence, more than that as planned in the site in (plustrat) Ploegstraat. Most importantly, the city room here, as a preliminary thought, should serve as a space that flows through all the spaces and connect them together, kind of like a circulation space which is neutral yet open up thresholds for these spaces to crossover.

The idea of circulation space being the city room itself derived from our earlier excursion in Paris. Before carrying out fieldwork in Antwerp, as a studio we visited Paris and try to document some of its public spaces. I drew a line of which I walked through the city from Passage Verdeau to the Louvre. This southward journey passes through a series of passage-like space which appears to be quite vibrant and exhibit certain intimacy that one could not find on the open streets. In the model of a typical passage, the space is arranged in a sense that the circulation space become the converging point between public entrances and relatively private residences and shops. The passage also allows diffusion of other spaces, so that it is no longer merely a street but also the sitting area for restaurants, shopfronts for bookstores, space for street performers etc. On the other hand, in the spatial model of an artist's residency is somewhat similar, the courtyard that allows people to go from one room to another also becomes the diffusion ground like the passage.

The significance of having the city room as the connection allows the space to evolve into a space of appearance. As this drawing of passage is suggesting, people appropriate the space to their own use, adding certain domesticity to it. Passing through the street no longer feel like passing through a singular street, but multiple smaller rooms that allow for pauses and appearance in the public. These spaces are ideal city rooms in my mind. Although they are of different typologies, they exhibit ambiguity as well as intimacy that I would like to bring forth in my design.



Proceeding from the concepts, one final step before starting the design I would like to address the practicalities of the project. For the site was supposed to be returned to the real estate market for profits. From the planning point of view, the site could not be merely a non-profitable social space that occupy such a prime location in the city. Therefore, I proposed a revenue cycle that could help the art-social center to sustain its operation with profitable space like temporary art markets or performance space for rent or cafes and bars. To be honest the profits generated from this model is not comparable to the real estate model, but it is the publicity of a possible city room that we are searching for in this study, so the social value is concerned here. And apart from that, this is also going to be finalized as the design proceeds.

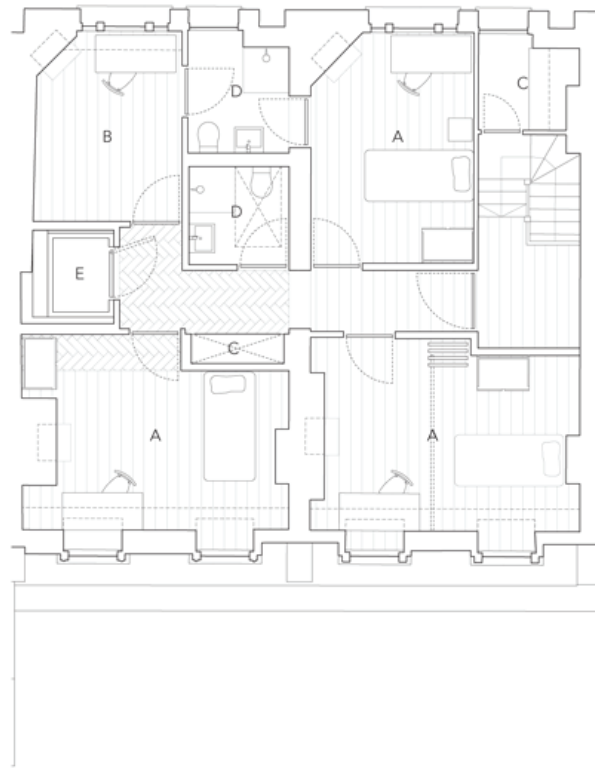
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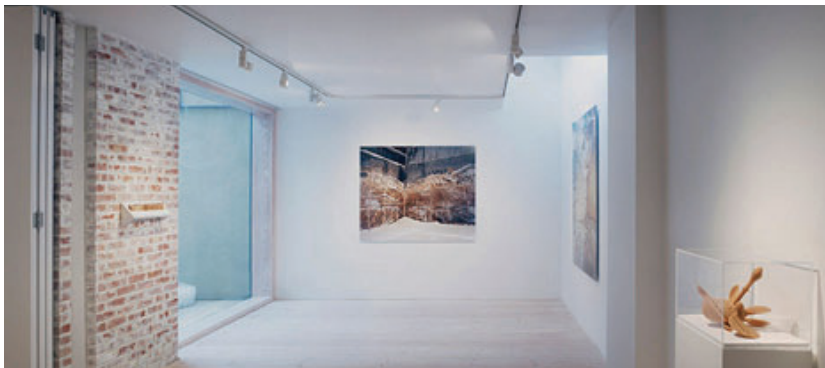
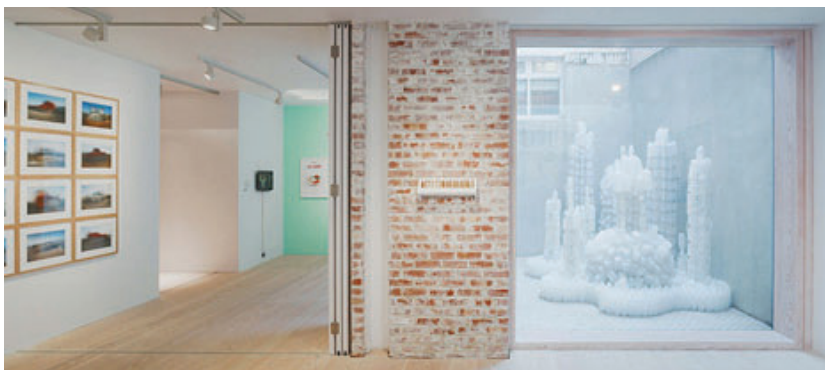


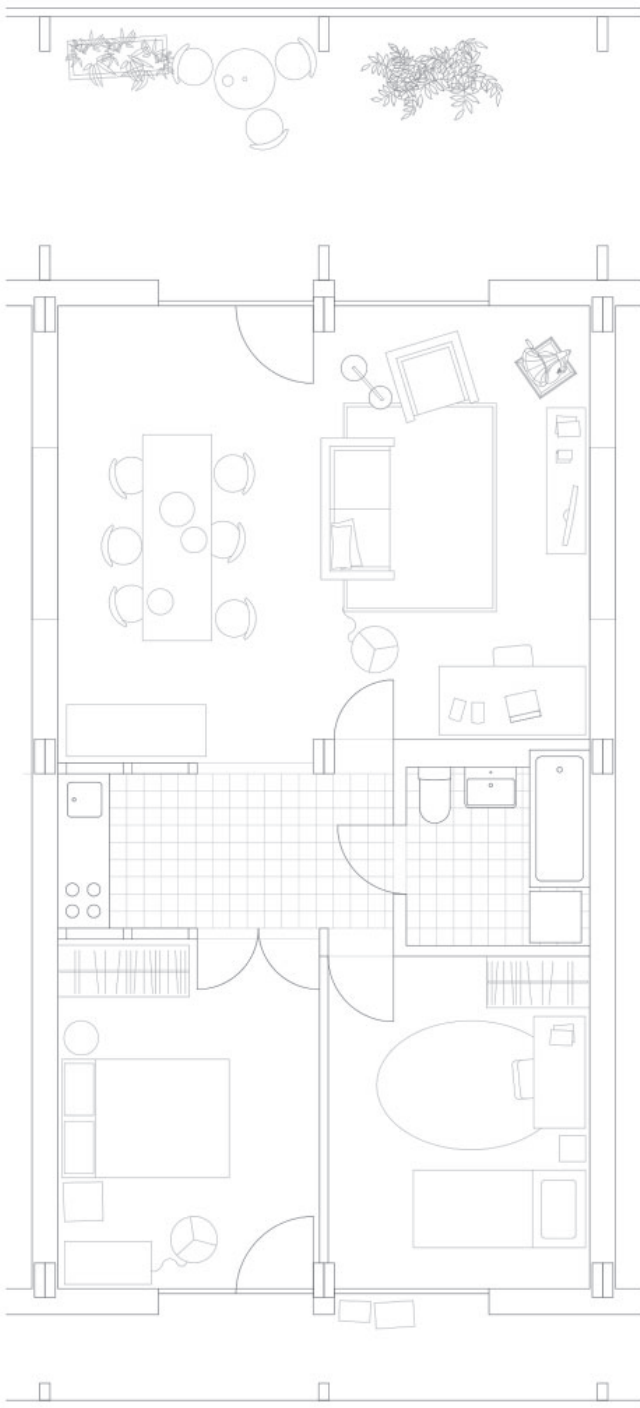


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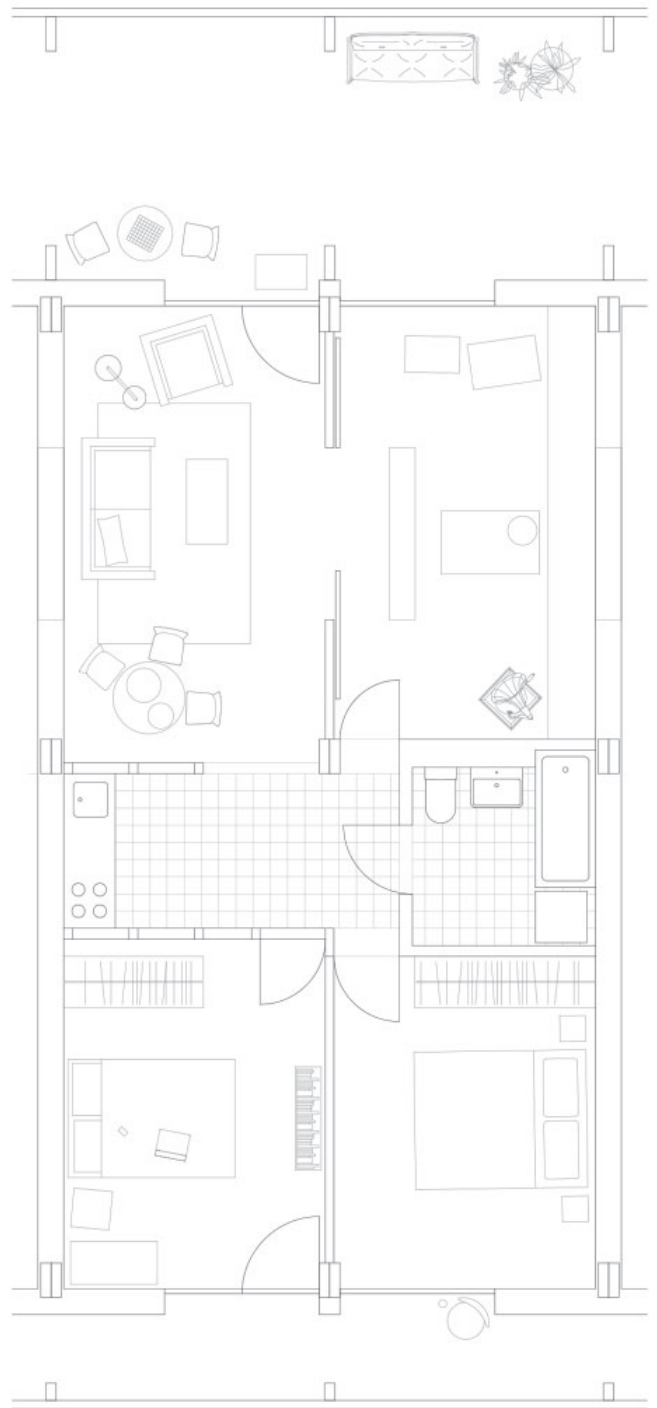
"We provide residents with a platform to incubate their ideas and showcase them to their international peers and the general public"

Artists residency
~8
Exhibition space
Working space





Open Plan Family Apartment
 Large living/kitchen/dining/study
 1 Double bedroom
 1 Combined single bedroom and study



2 Artist Flatshare
 Small living/kitchen/dining
 1 Shared studio
 2 Double bedrooms



Create Residency London

"By placing artists squarely within the community, the project aims to remove barriers to engagement, fostering inclusive and creative ways of using civic space"

Artists residency ~12

Communal outdoor space
Shared living space



Project reference



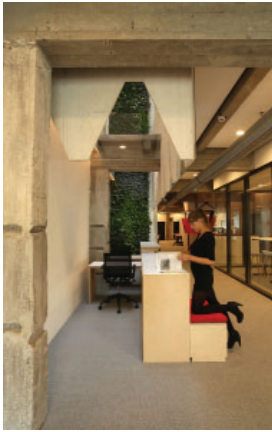
Sala Beckett
Barcelona

"A meeting point for theatrical authors with other stage creators and professionals from different spheres and disciplines"

Artists residency
~6

Performance art theatre
Performance space
Forum space
Cafe and clubs





Vooruit Gent

*"Meeting place and a house for art,
culture and reflection"*

Artists residency

~15

Performance space

Forum space

Cafe and clubs



Design

Project reference



Rijksakademie Amsterdam

"Apart from facilities such as a studio, work budget and stipend, there is a research and production infrastructure. There is no standard program, predominant style or ideology. The Rijksakademie provides time, people and possibilities"

Artists residency ~50

Workshops
Teaching facilities
Library





**Jan van Eyck
Academy
Maastricht**

"core values that the Van Eyck aspires to are meeting, connection, cooperation, engagement and process"

**Artists residency
~40**

Workshops
Teaching facilities
Library
Urban farm
Cafe



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De Winkelhaak Antwerp

"a collective building for creative entrepreneurship and offers coworking tailored to starters up to and including ambitious growth companies"

Family residency ~6

Workshops
Office and Meeting Room
Residency
Shops





**Food Factory
Phoenix
Rotterdam**

"a culinary hotbed; a place to go shopping"

Restaurants
Event space
Shops



Design

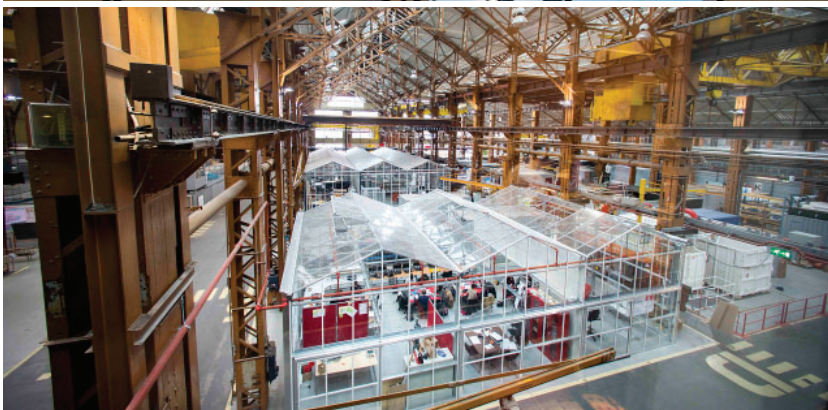
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RDM
Rotterdam

"the hotspot for innovation in the port; this is where the manufacturing industry of the future is taking shape"

Campus
Business space
Event space



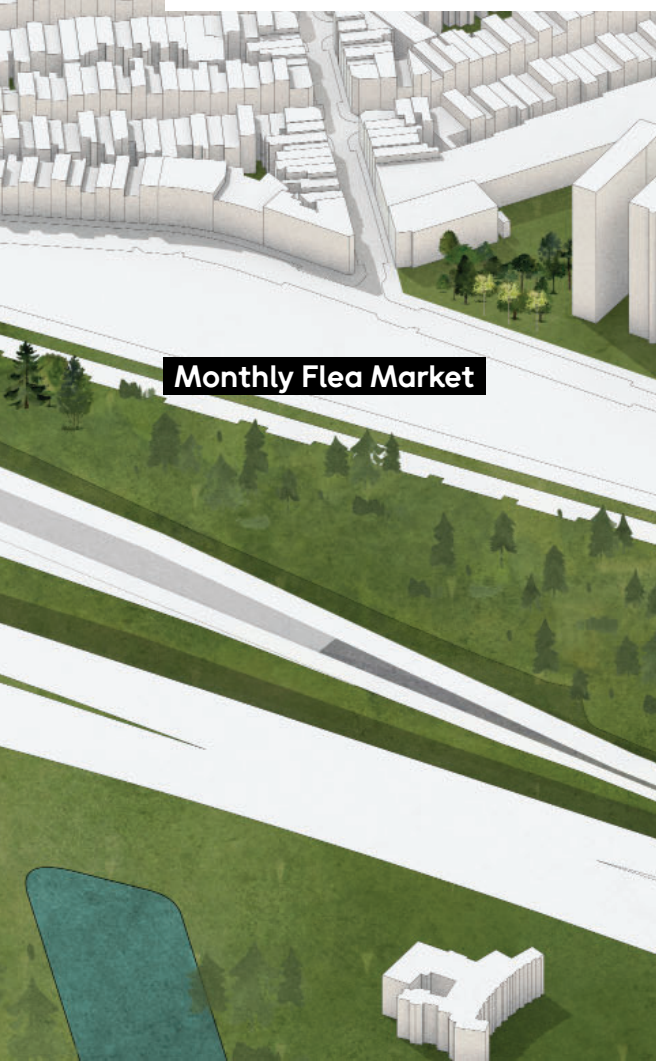


Tram / bus Terminal

Antwerpen Zuid Station

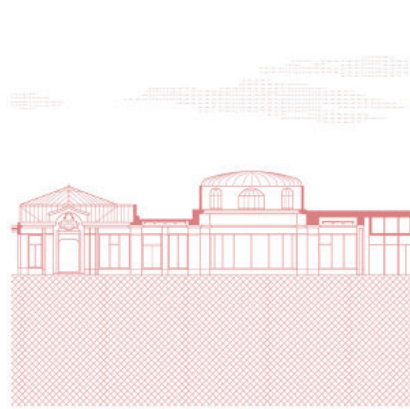
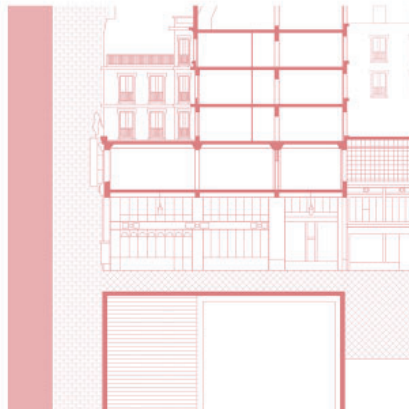
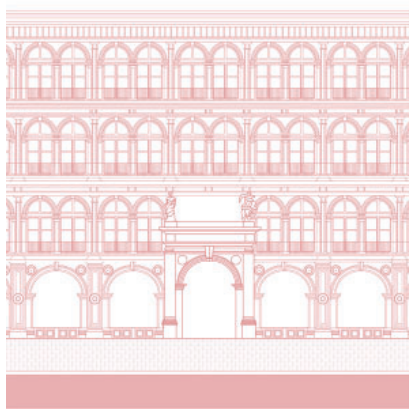
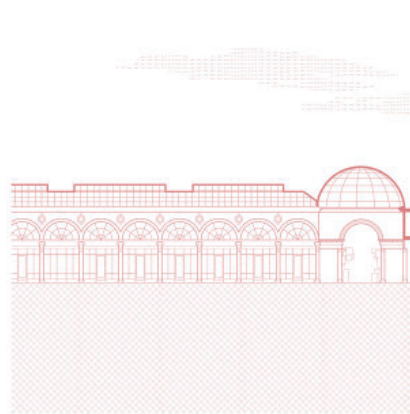
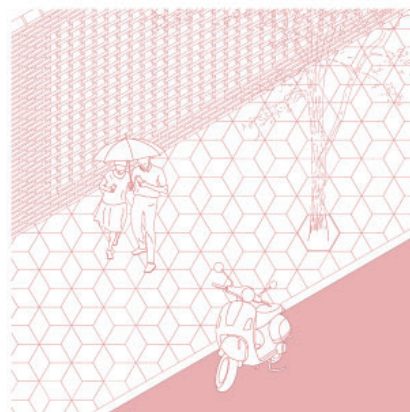
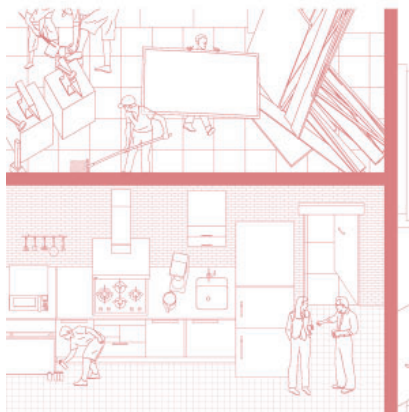
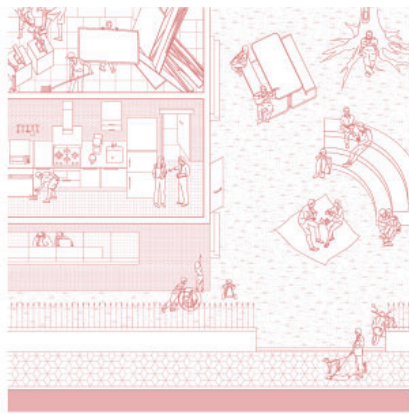
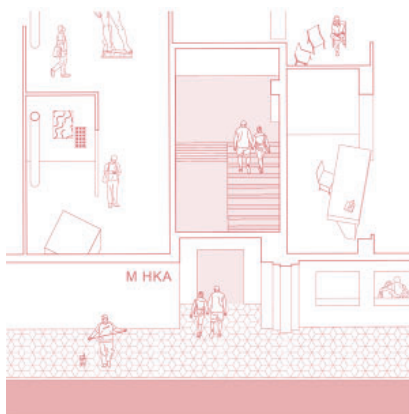


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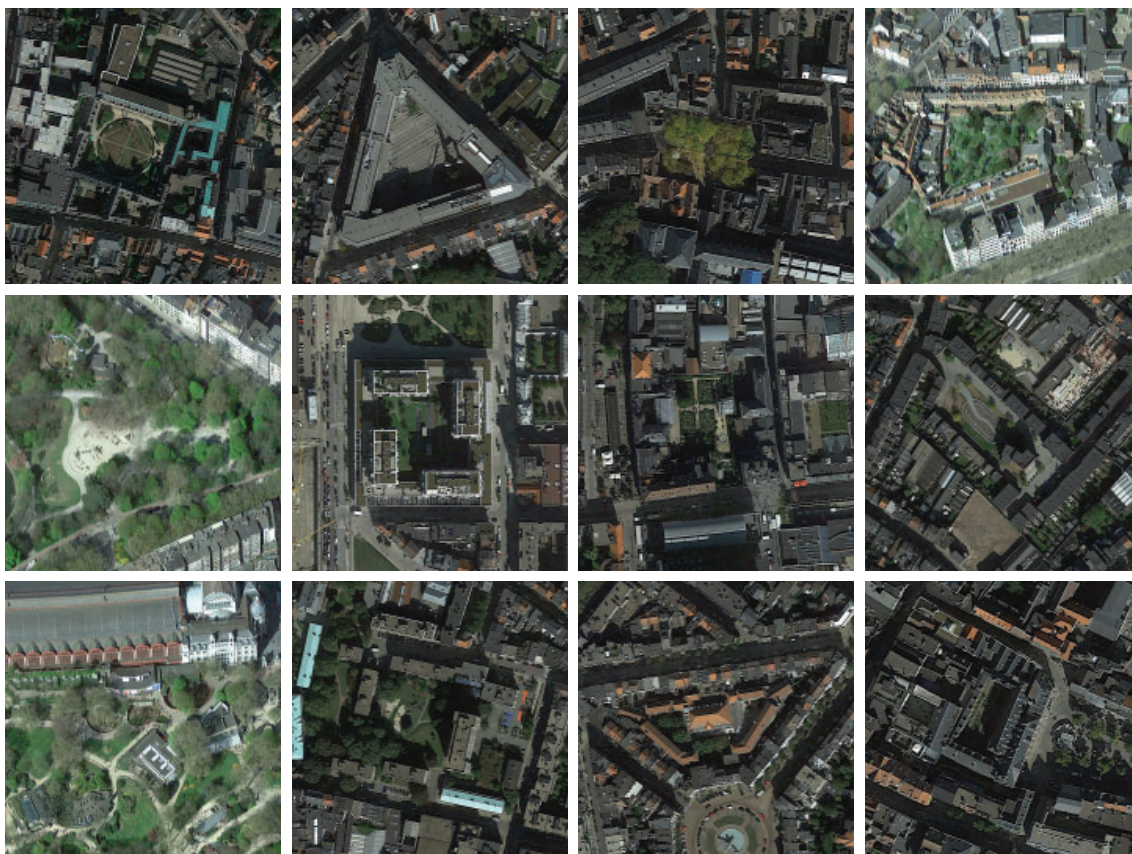


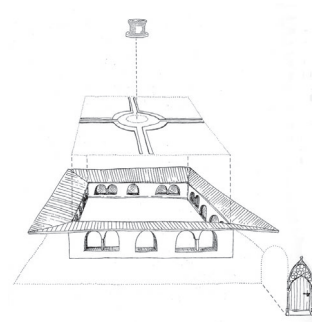
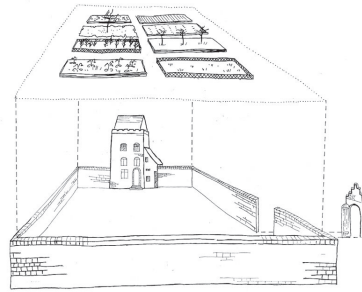
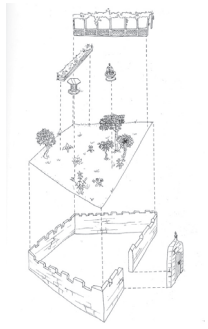
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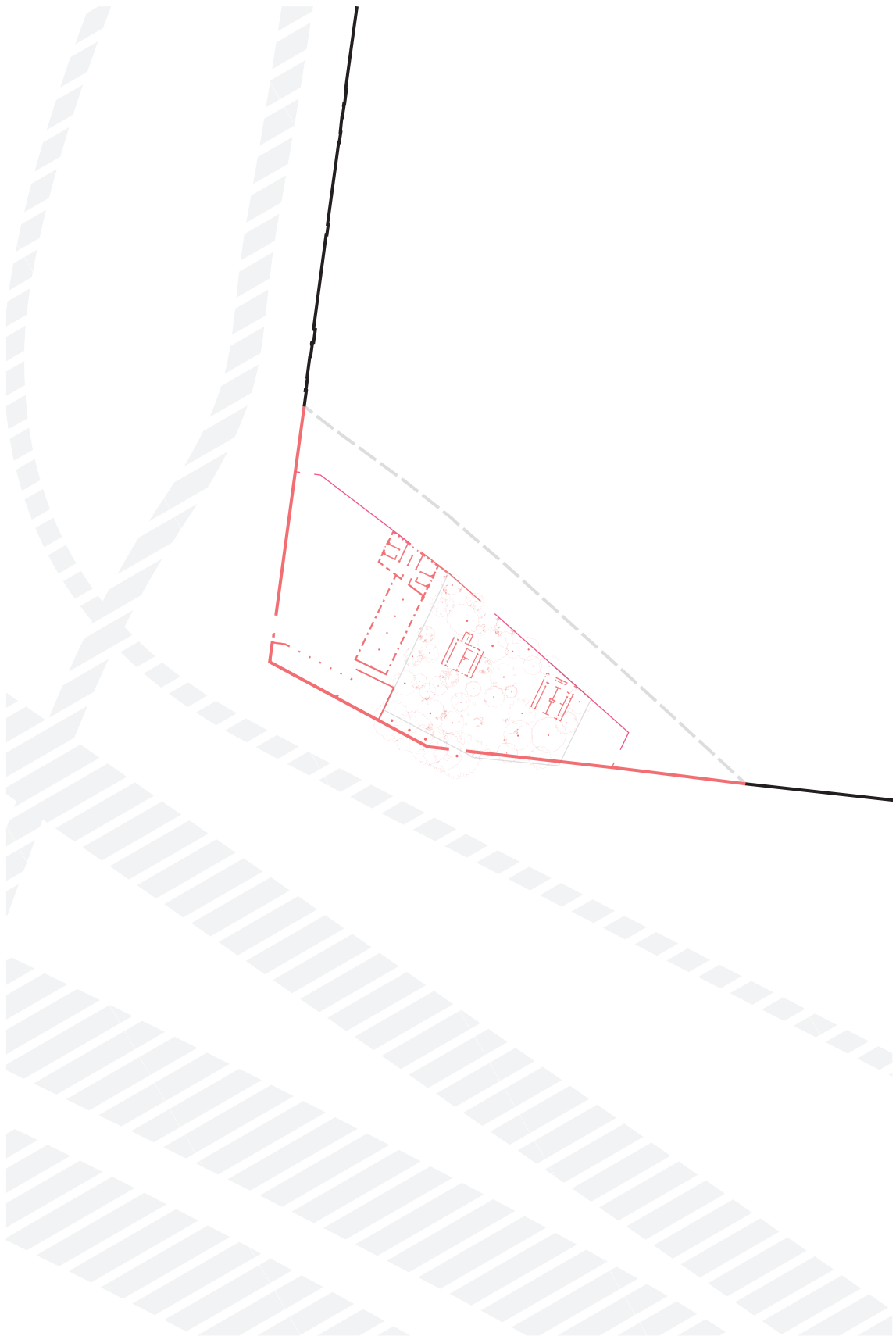
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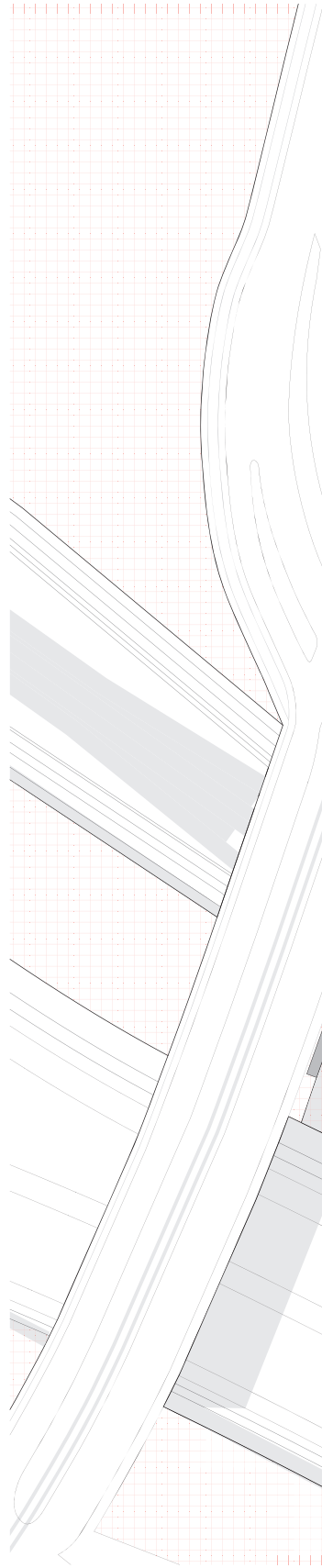


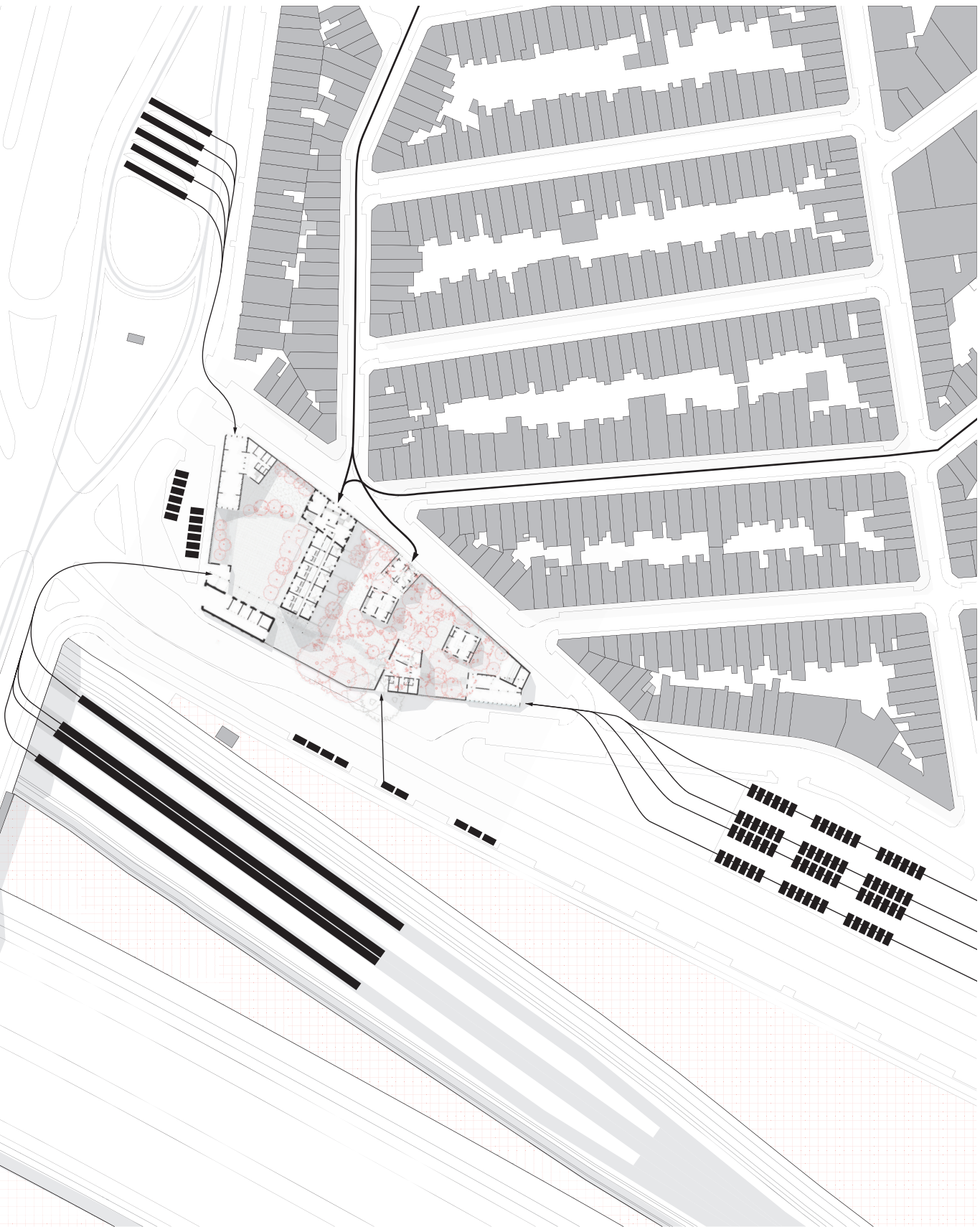
Enclosed garden as a typology in Antwerp

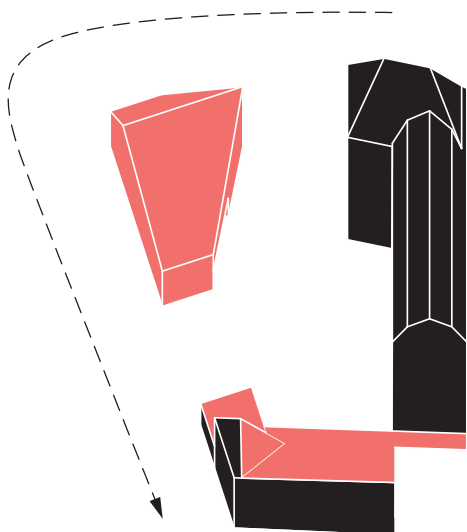
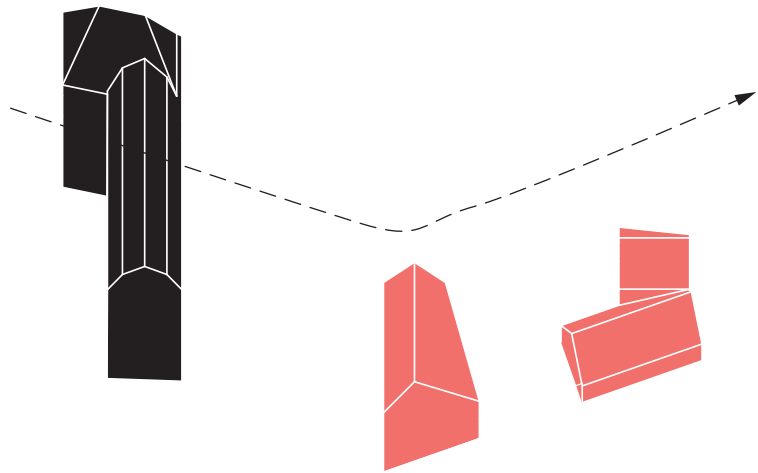
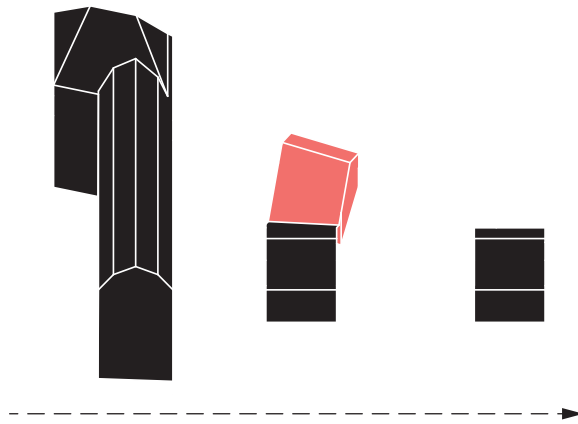


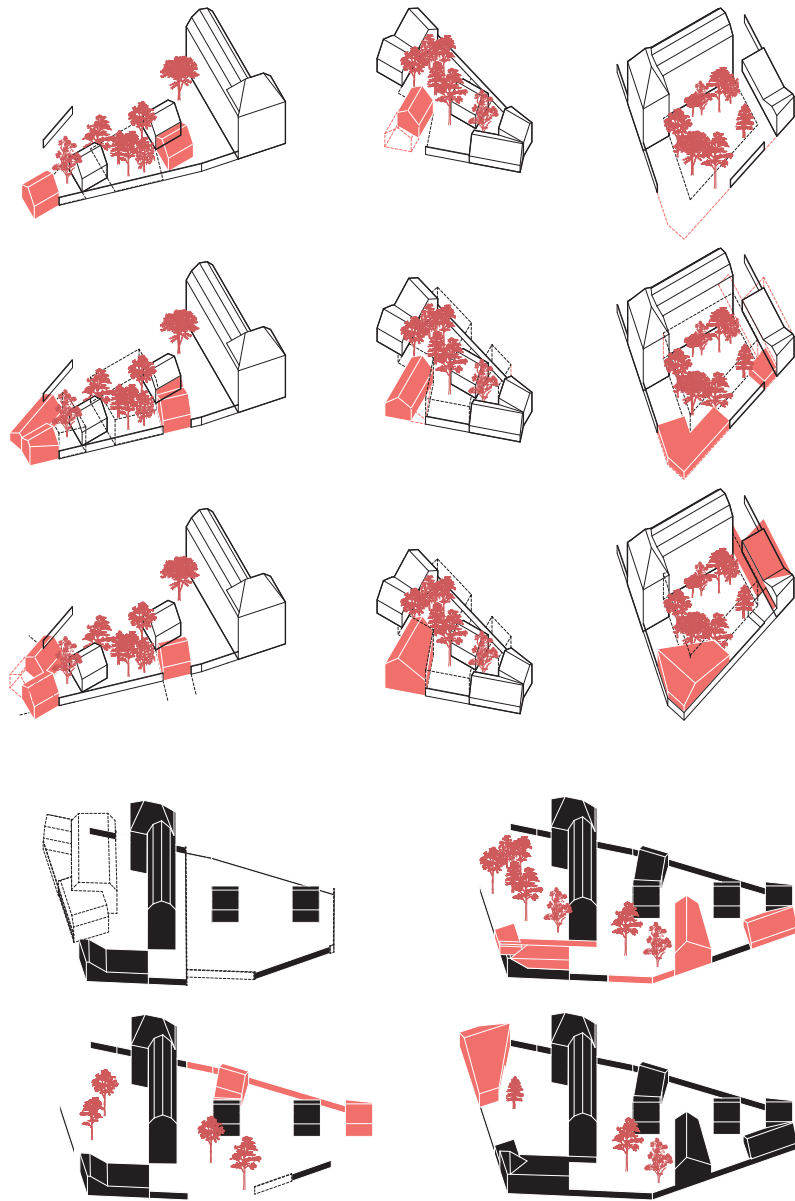


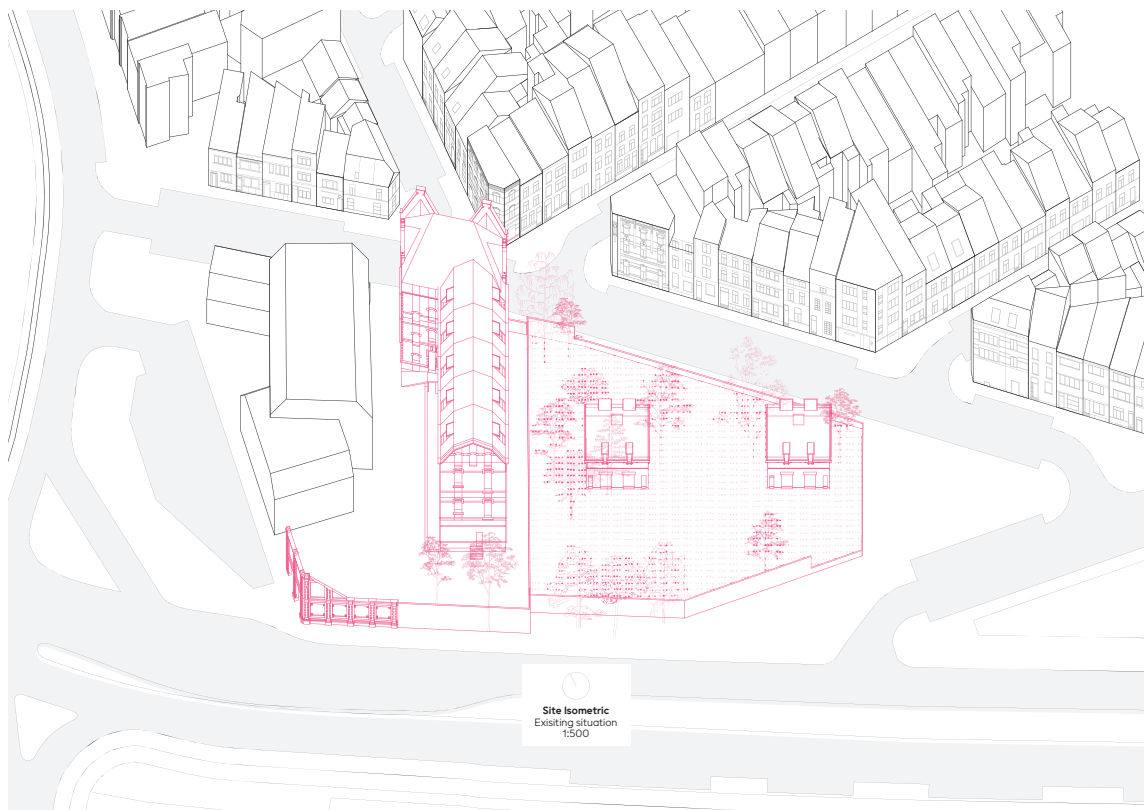


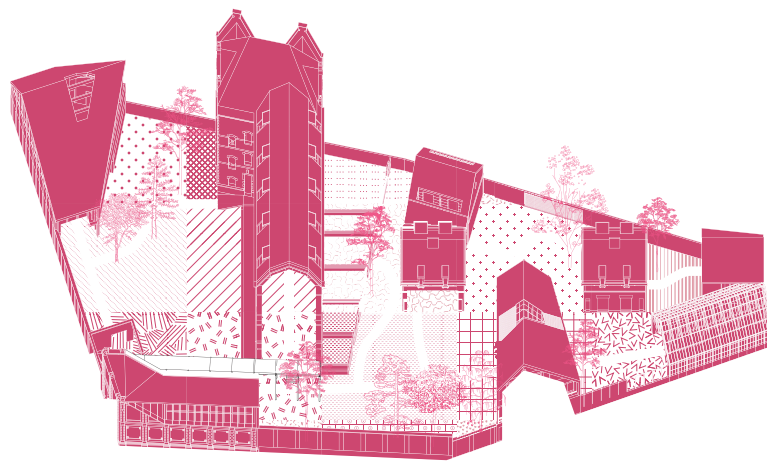






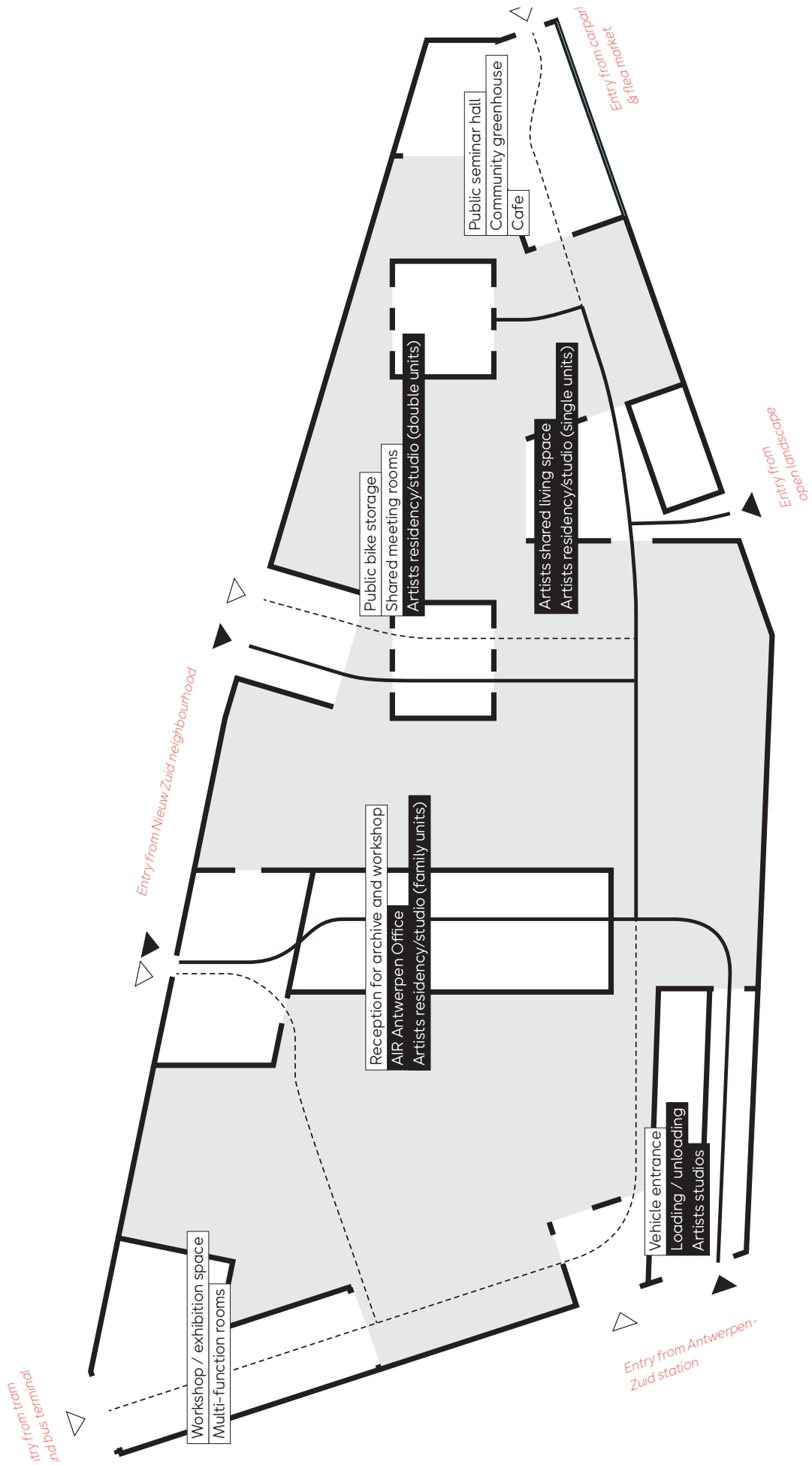


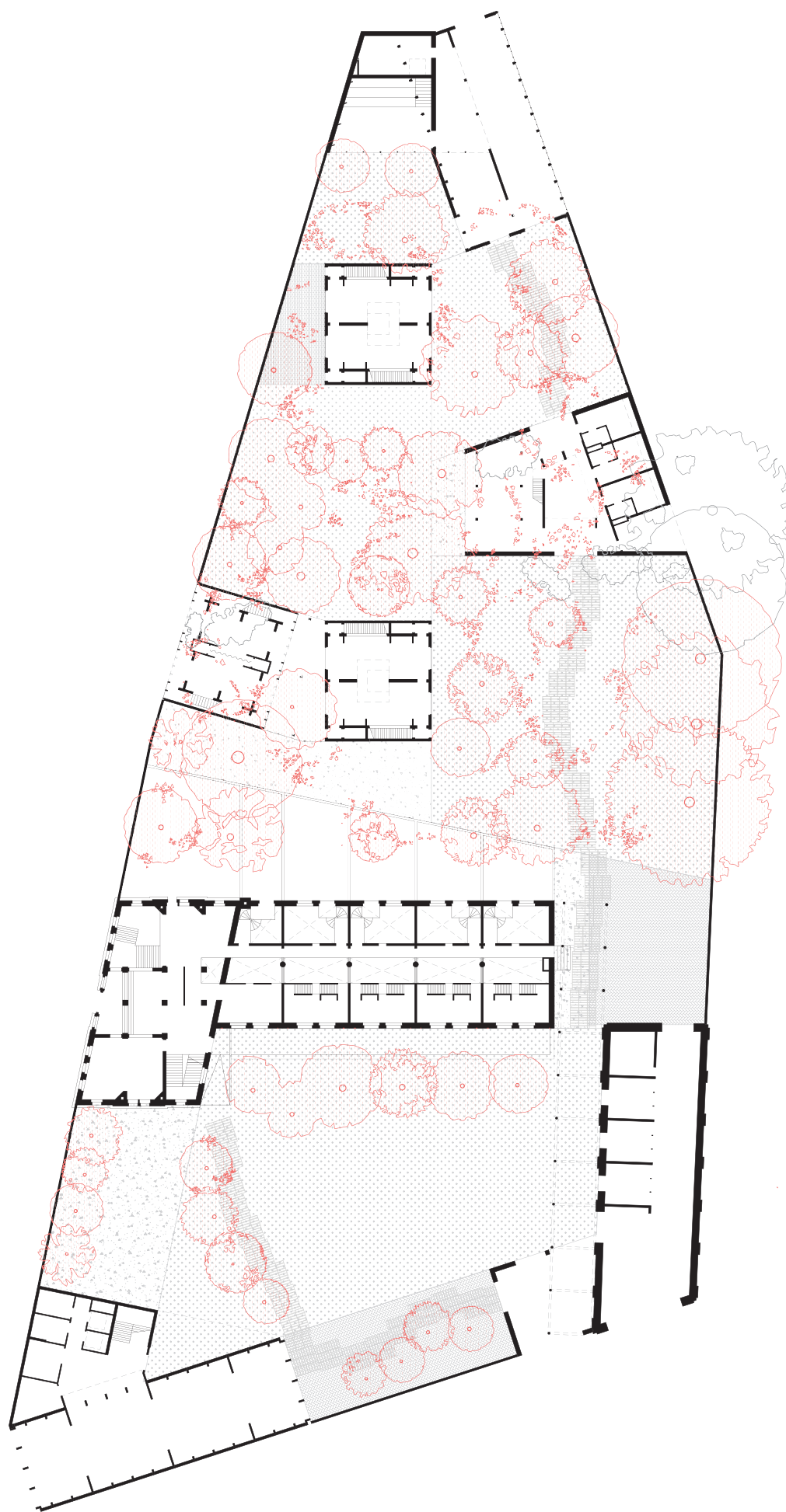




Site Isometric
Design
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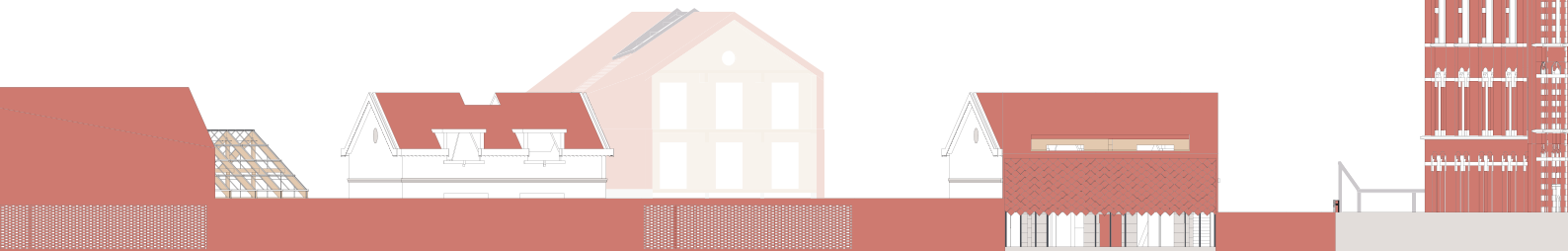
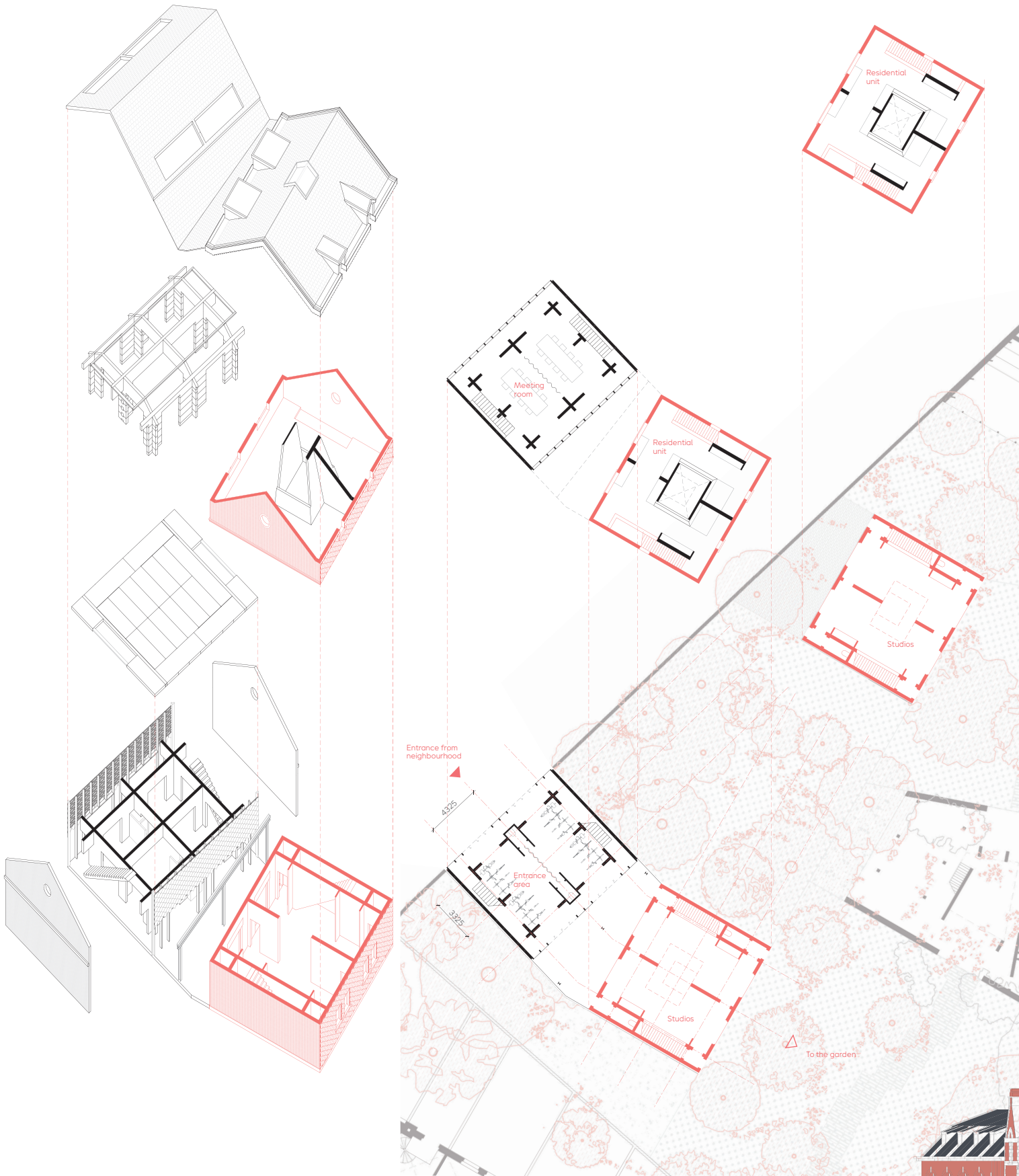


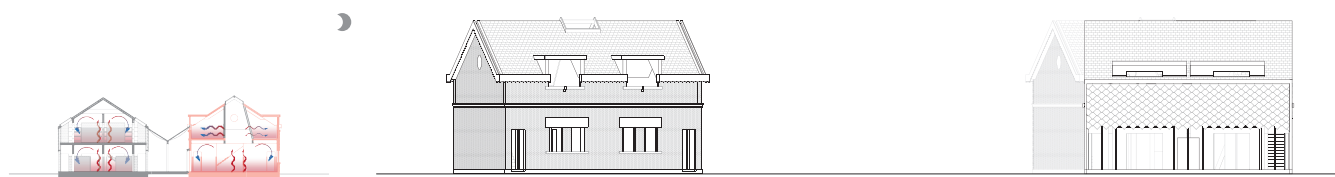
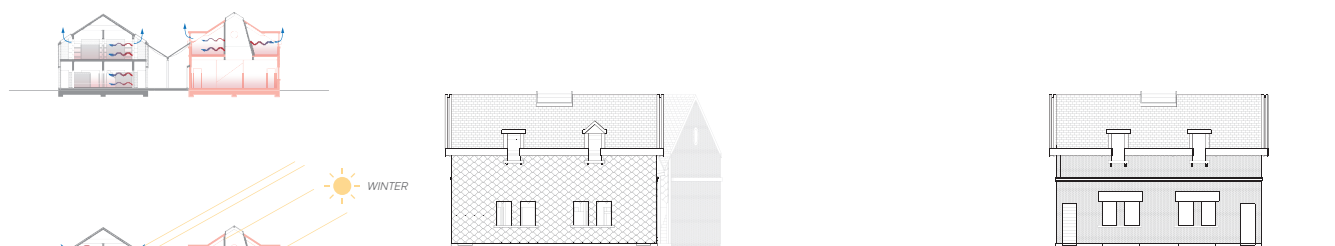
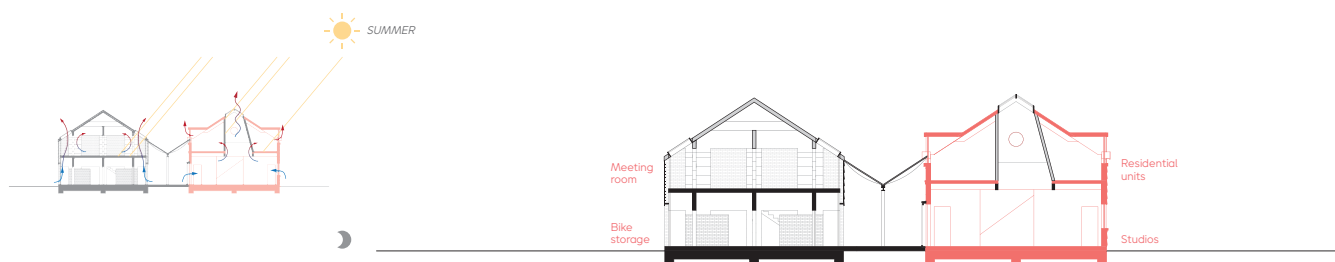




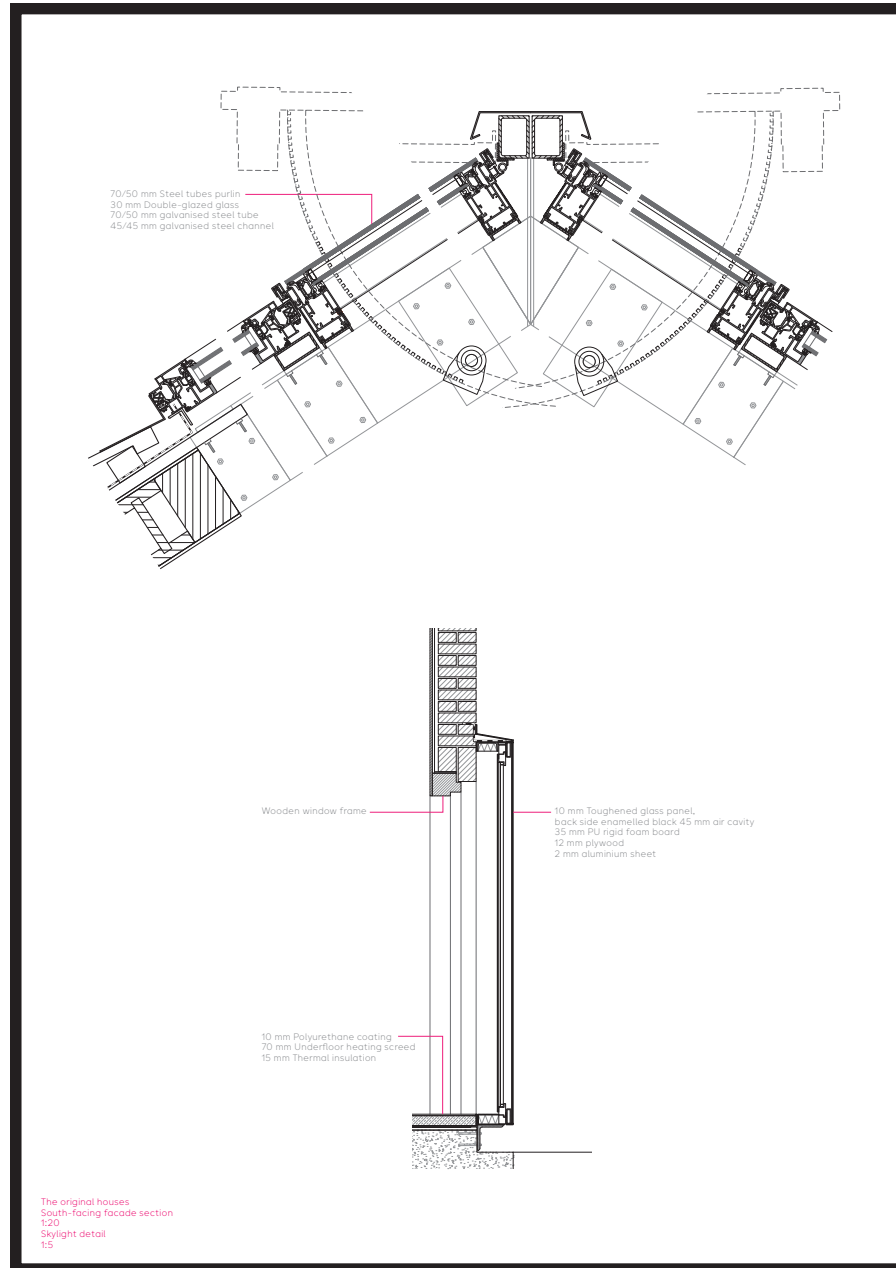
The studio block
1:200
Axonometric
Plans

Renovated the two small houses into more flexible and climatically stable interiors, with another duplicate next to it, acting as the entrance pavilion for the garden.
Log construction on concrete foundation, clad with shingles.
A flexible adjustment on indoor climate could be established with the openable unheated buffer zone, between the inner grid and the facade.





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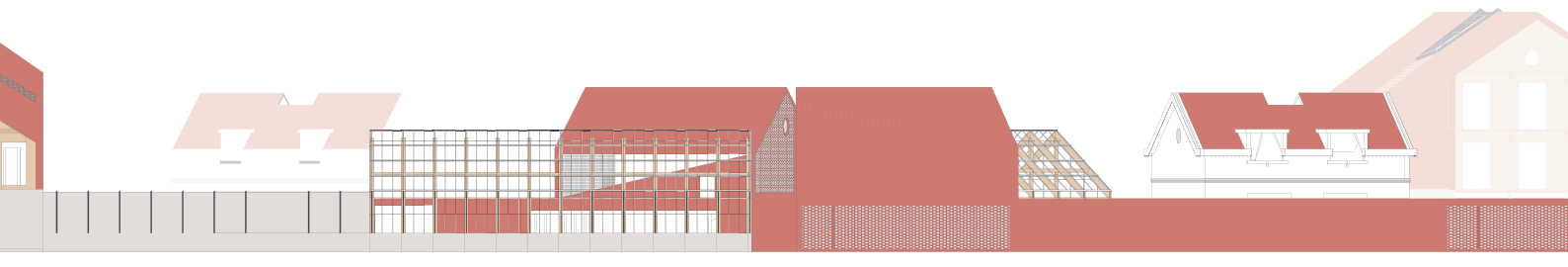
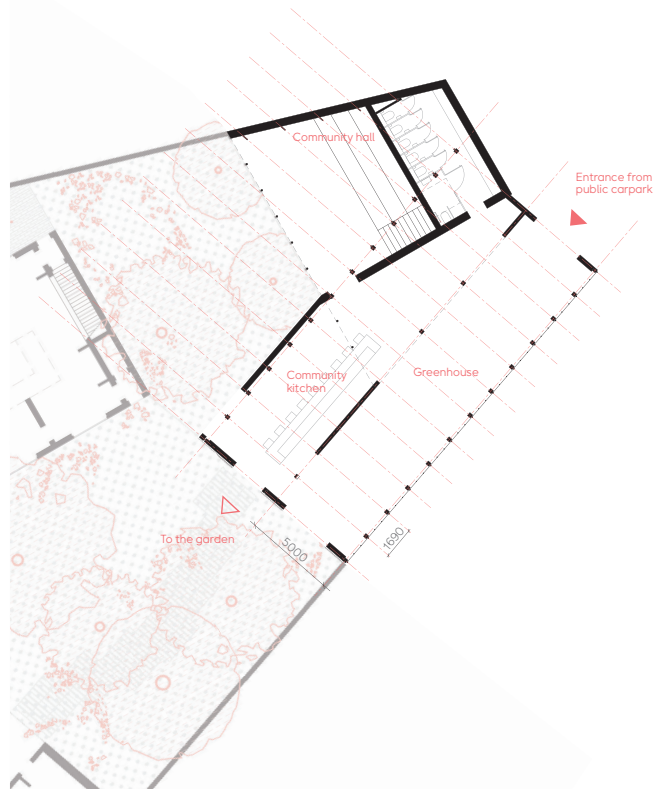
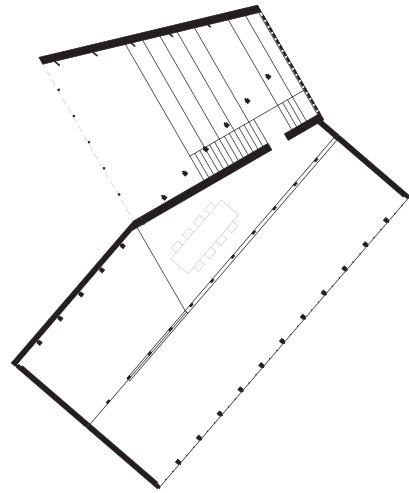
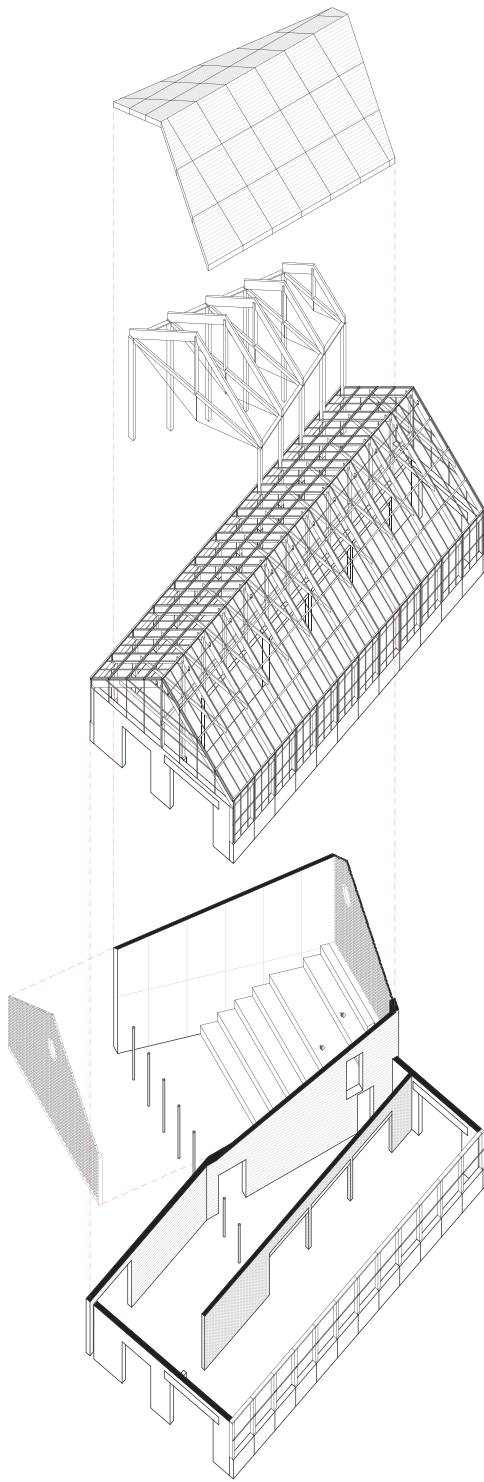


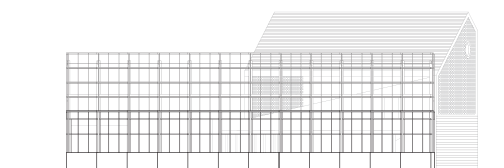
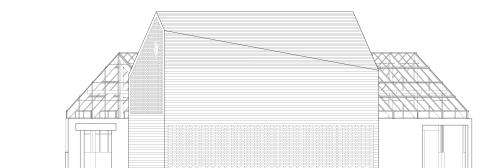
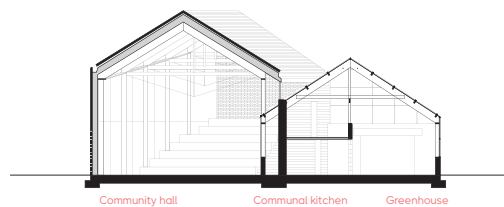
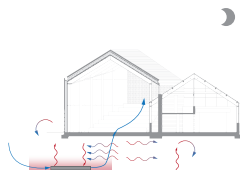
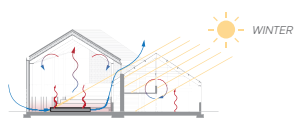
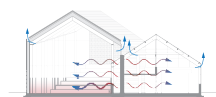
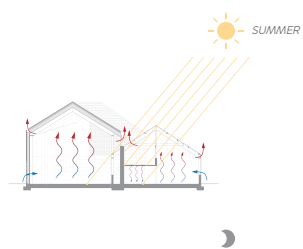




The community block
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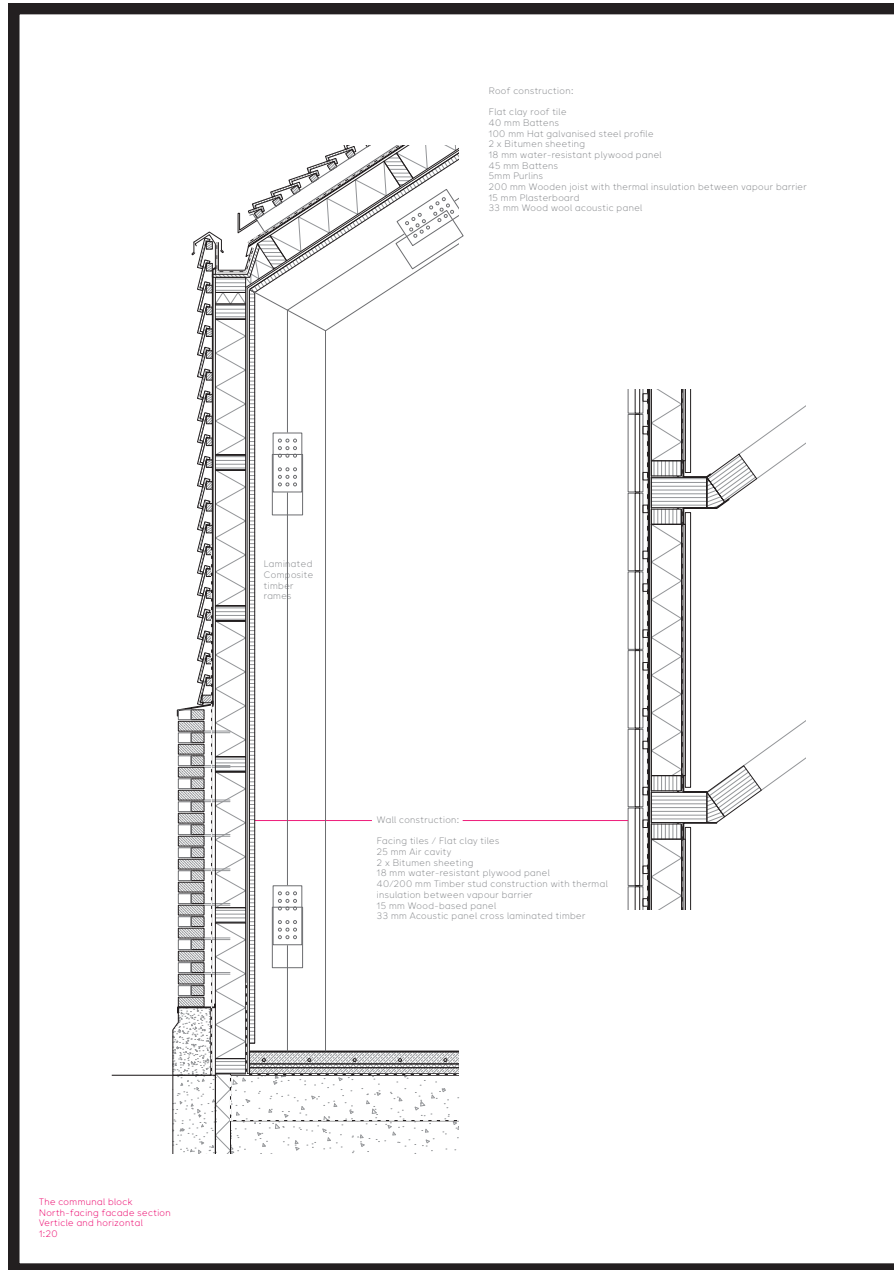
The pavilion facing open carpark and weekend flea market houses a greenhouse, providing stable indoor climate for the communal kitchen and meeting hall next to it. Timber framing construction with concrete/brickwork foundation, with steel framework on top for fixing the glass plates, clad with facing bricks on the other side to blend in. Trombe wall in the middle as a climate device.

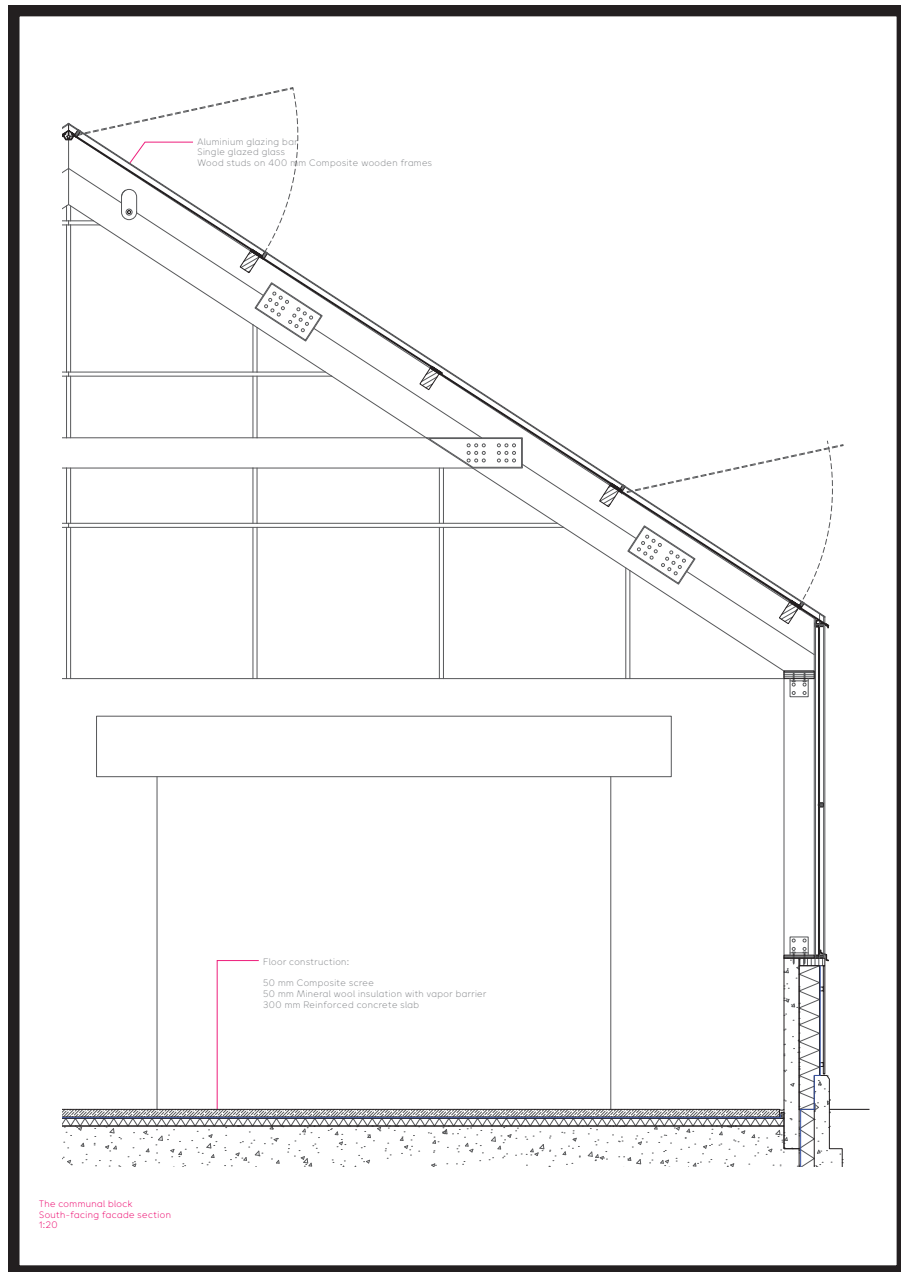




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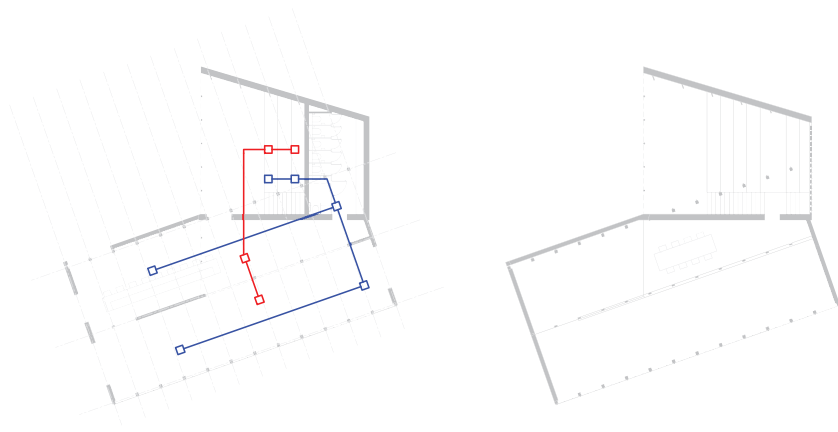
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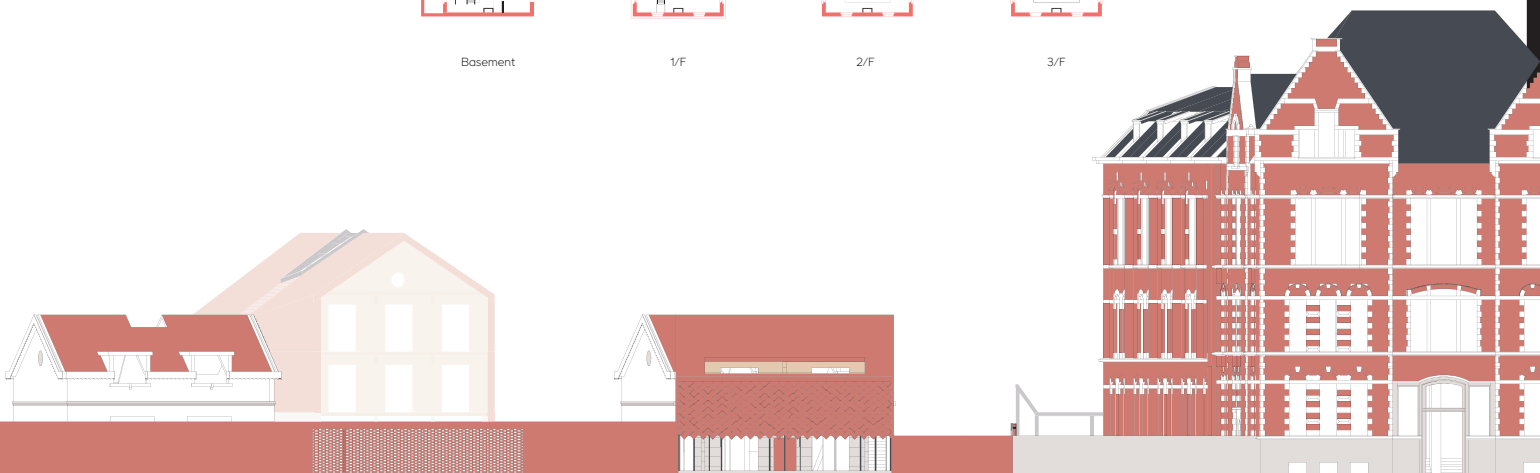
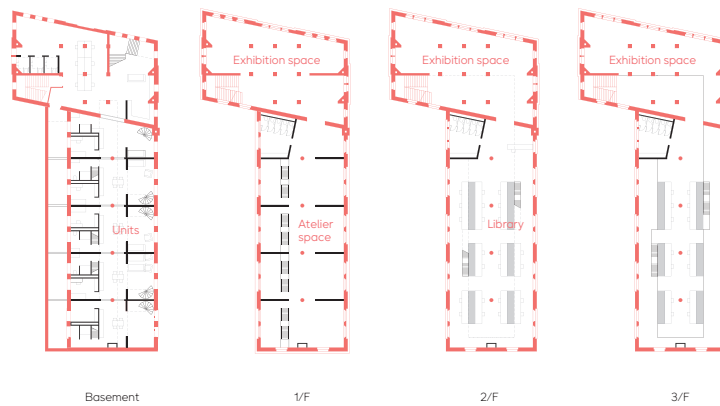
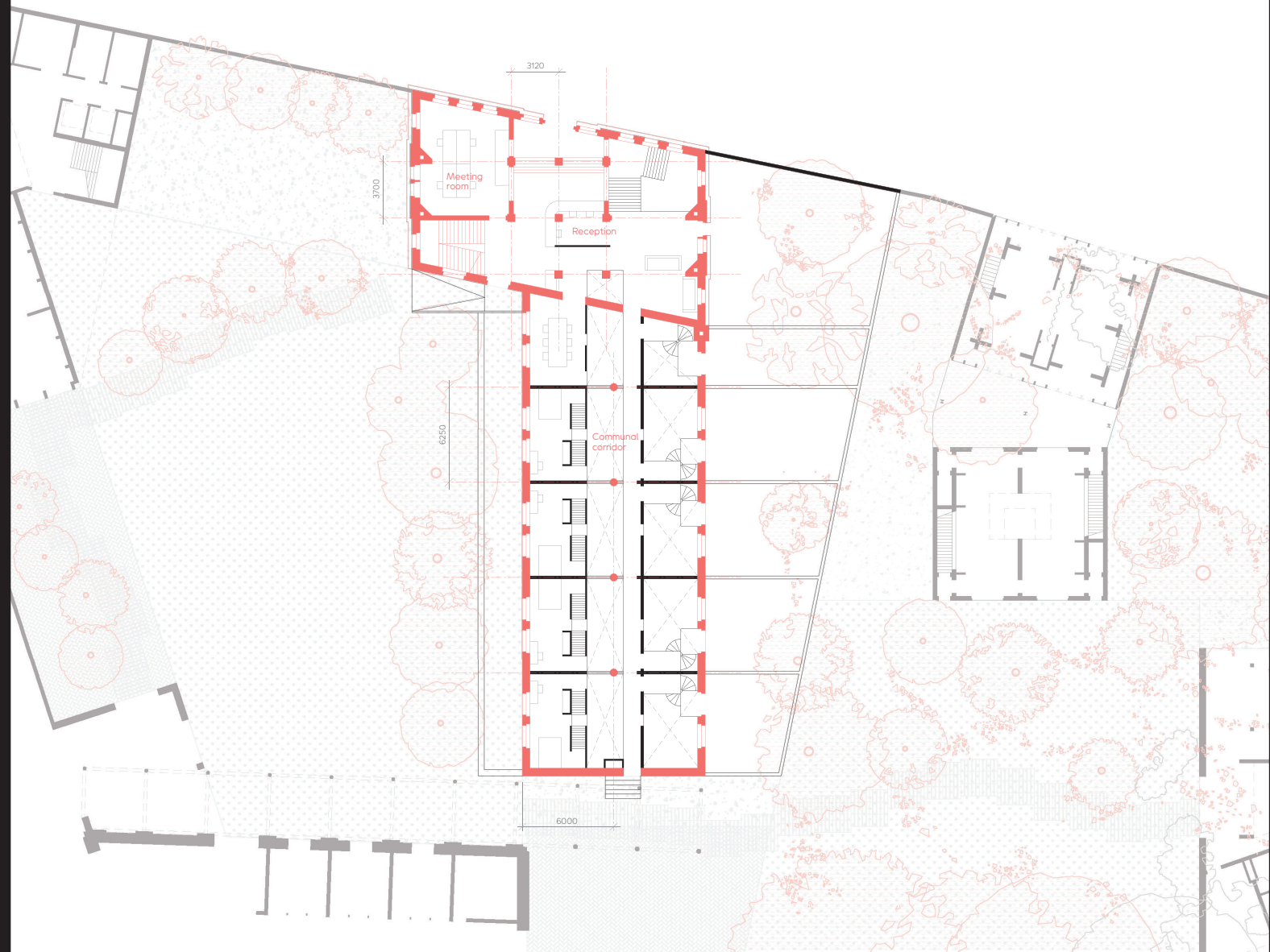


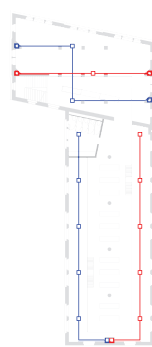
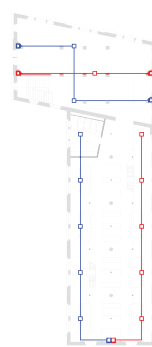
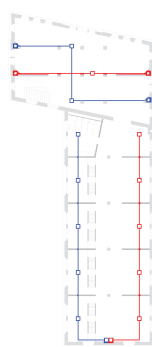
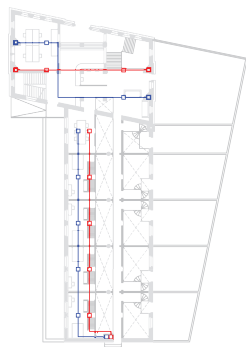
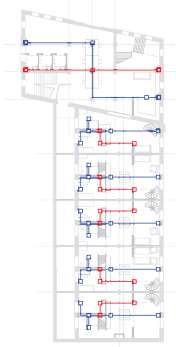
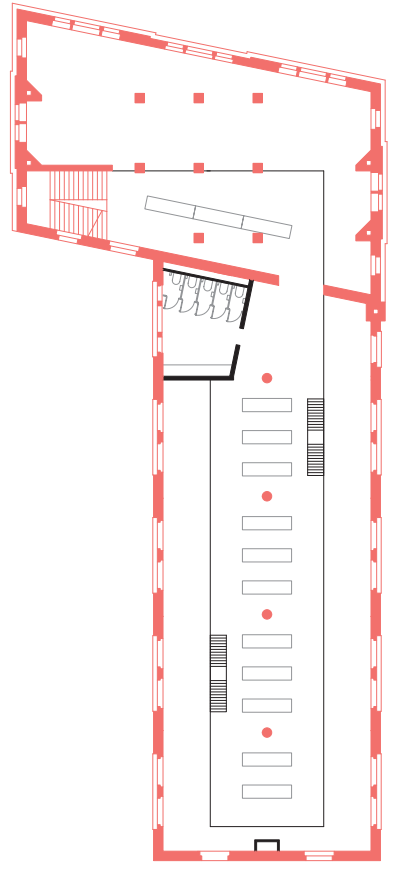
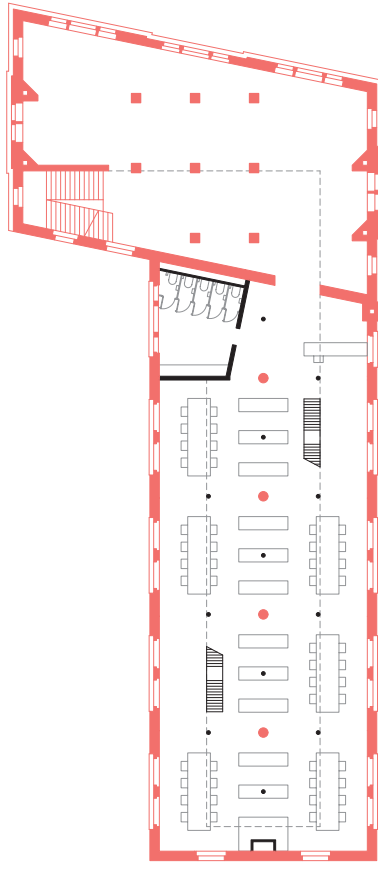
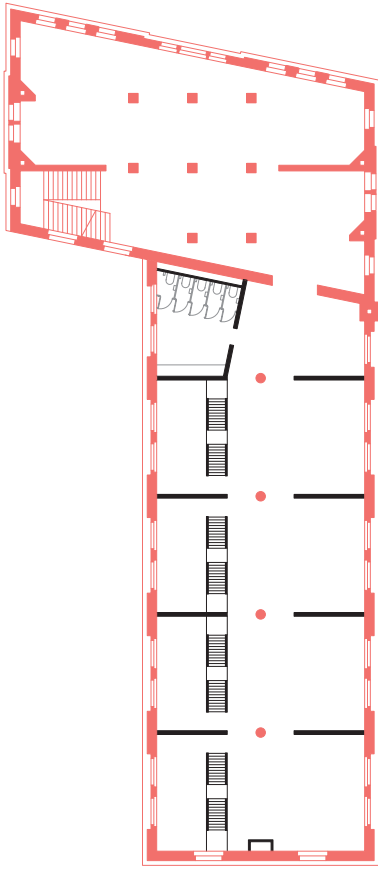




The main block
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Section
Elevations

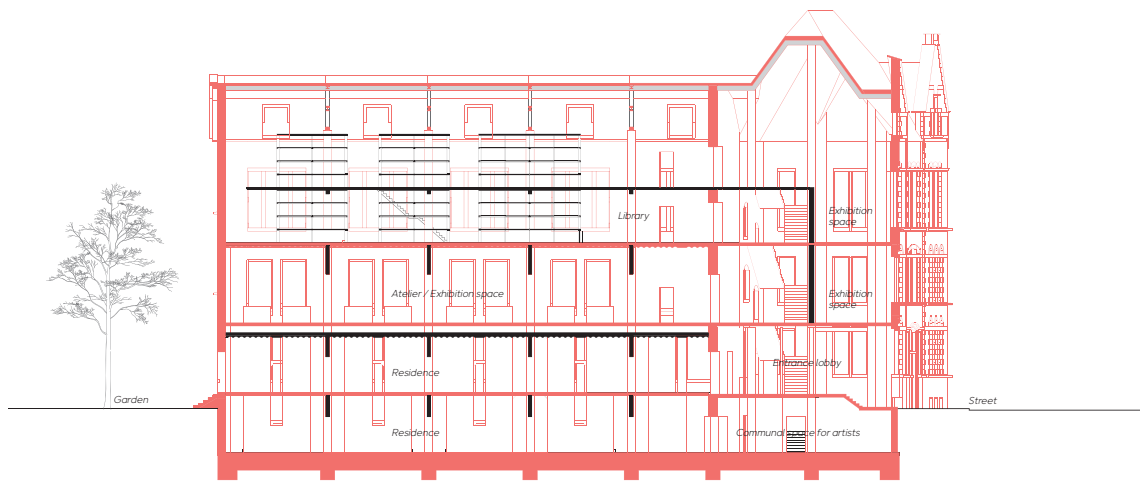
Main building, former factory block
Ground floor and basement renovated into residential duplex, while an additional floor is added on top to increase floor area
Light-weight prefabricated components and slabs inserted





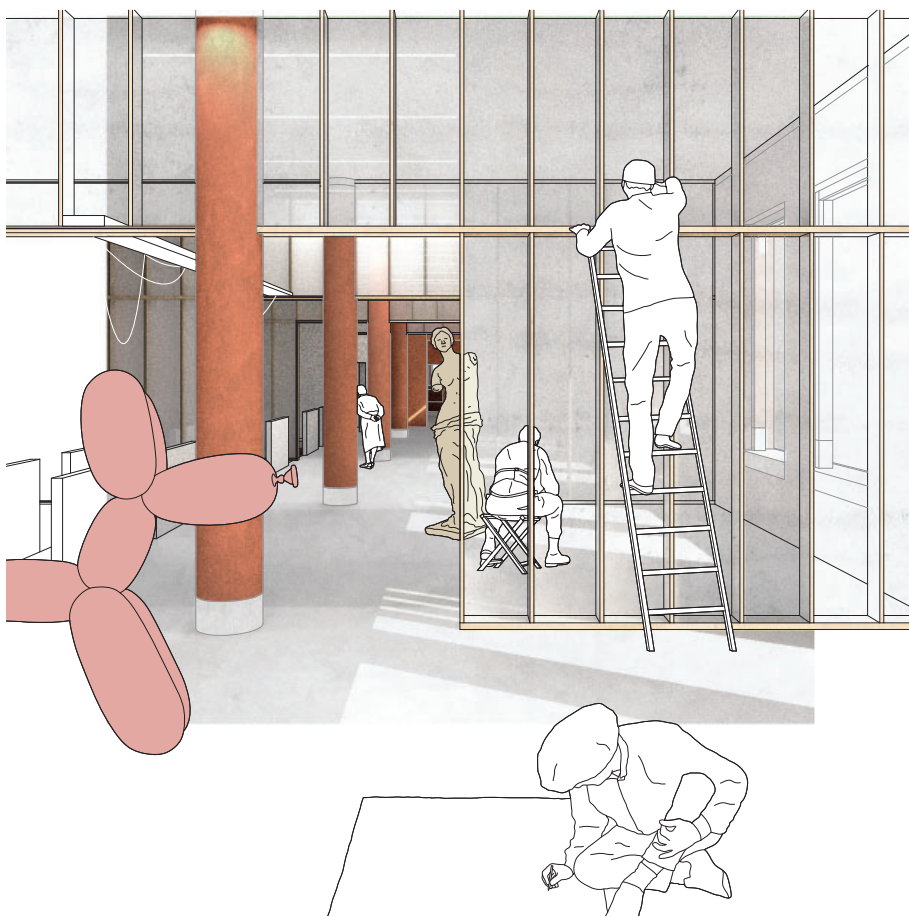
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The main block
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Longitudinal Section

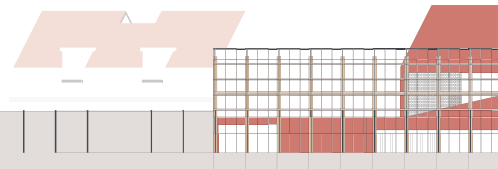
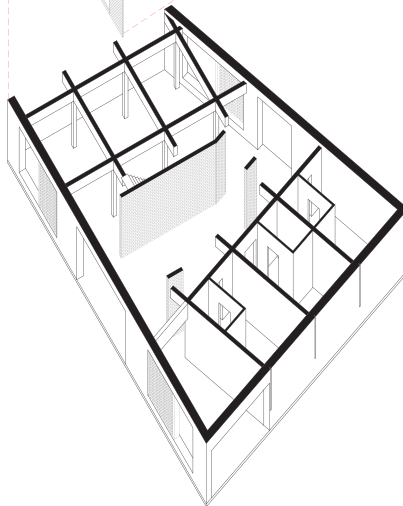
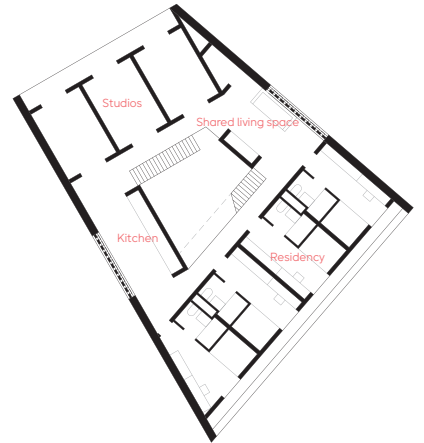
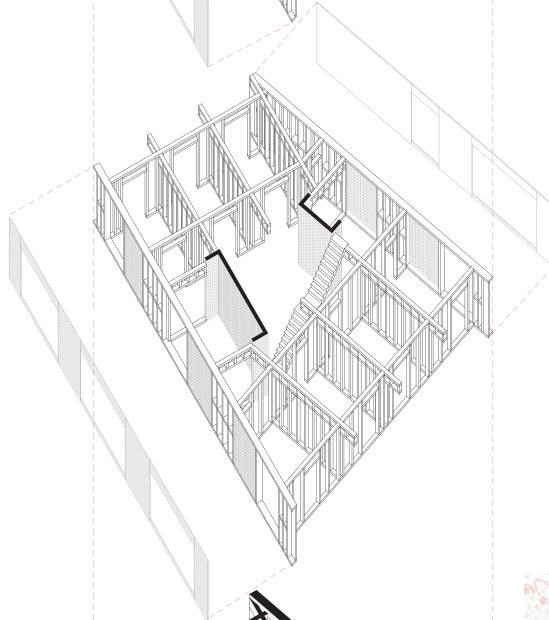
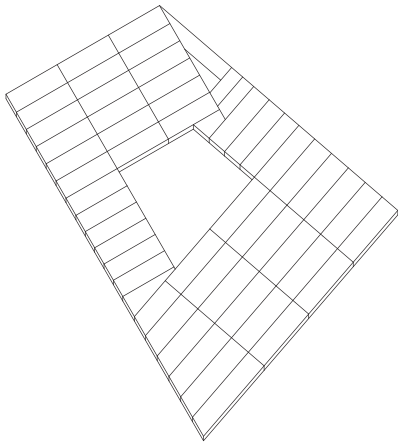
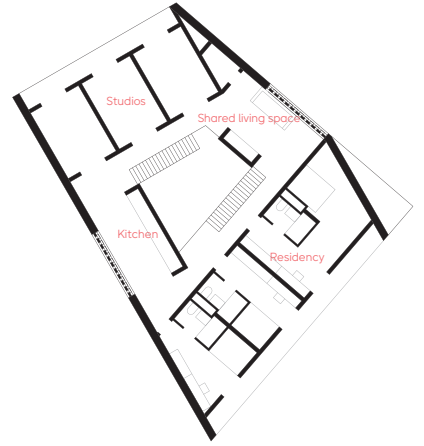
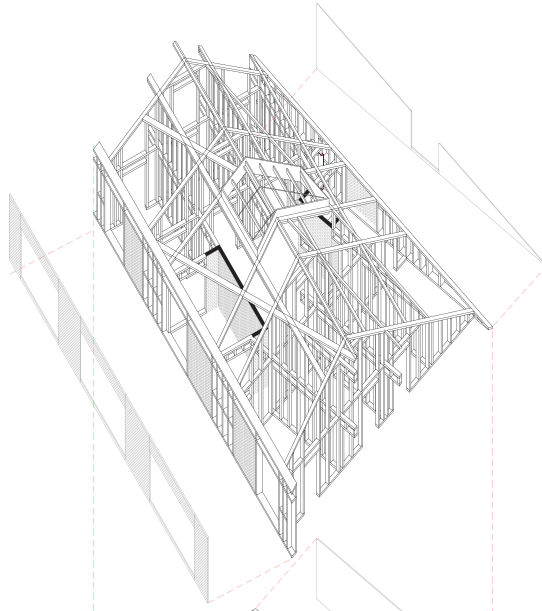
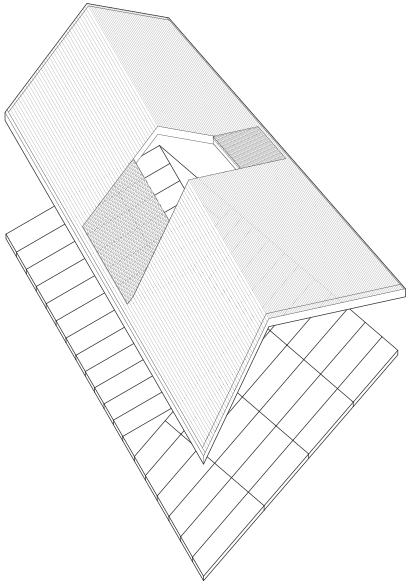


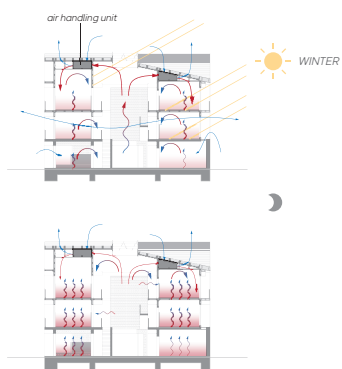
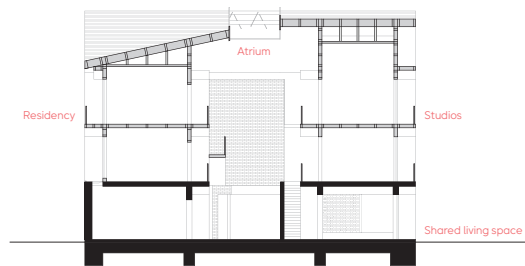
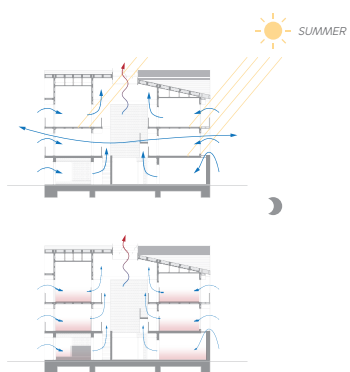




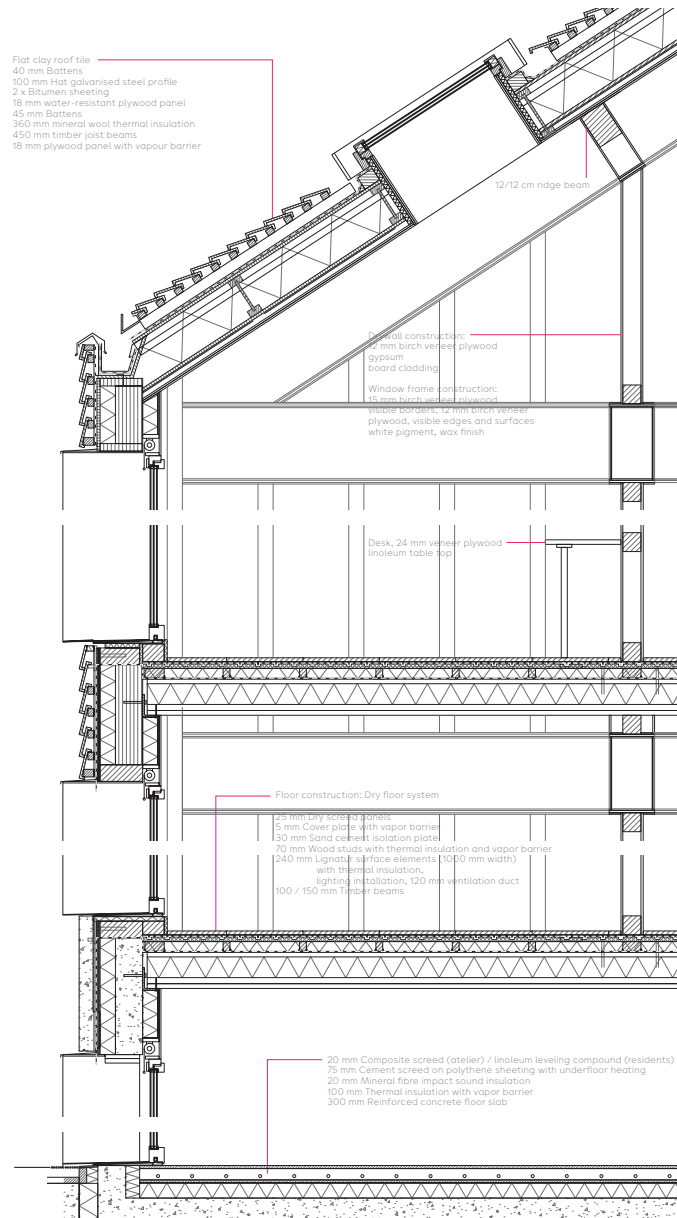
The residence block
1:200
Axonomic
Plans

Houses 11 residential units for single or couple artists
Artists share the communal courtyard for living and dining, with studios and apartments over-looking each other across the void
Roof tiles as continuation of facade claddings
Timber platform frame construction with Lignatur surfaces slabs on top of concrete foundation floor





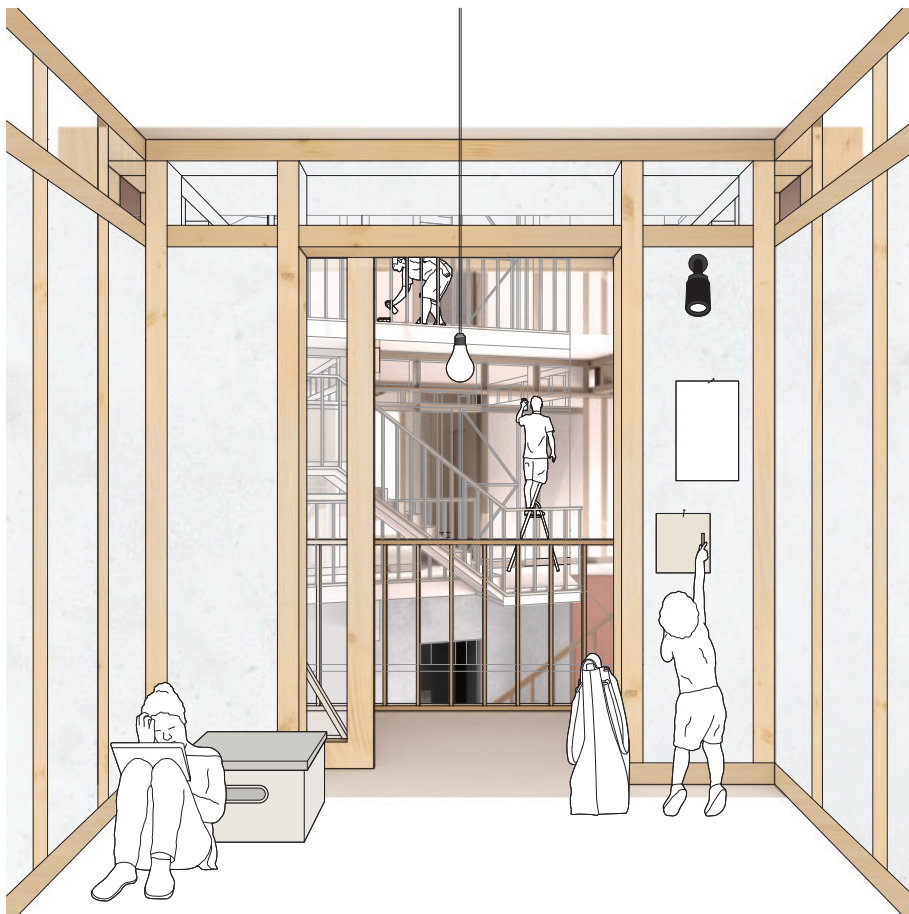
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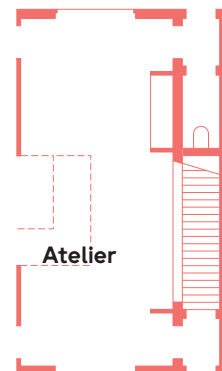
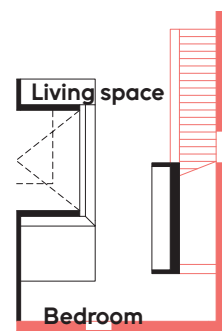
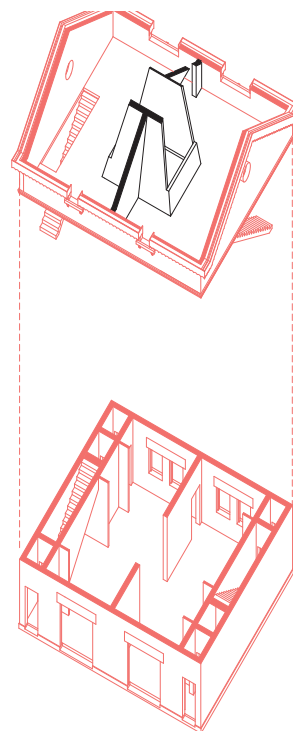
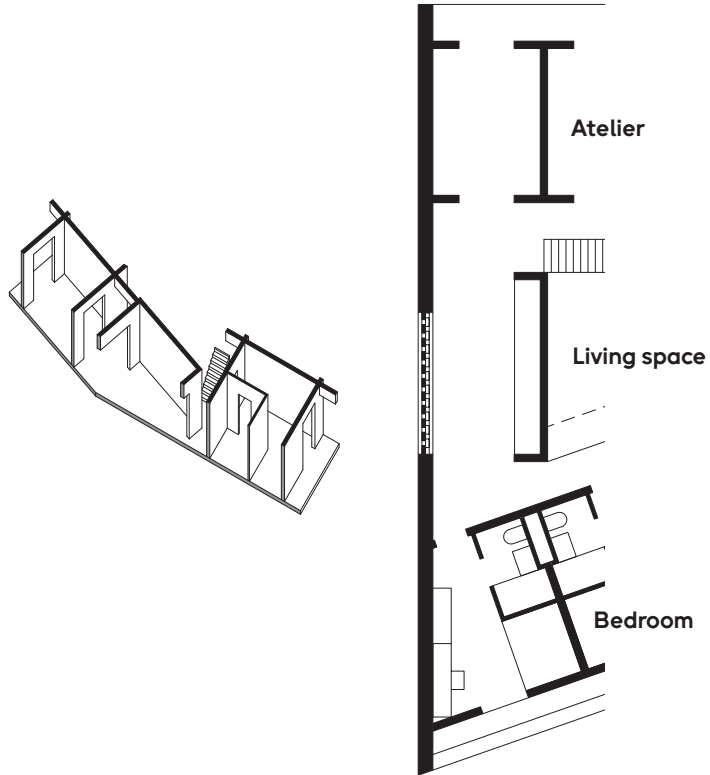
The residence/atelier block
West-facing facade section
1:20

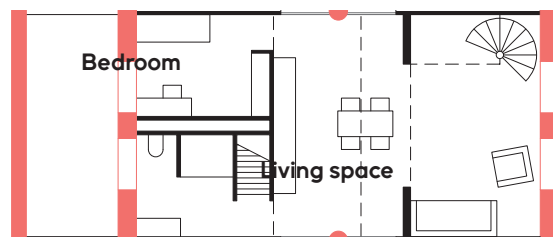
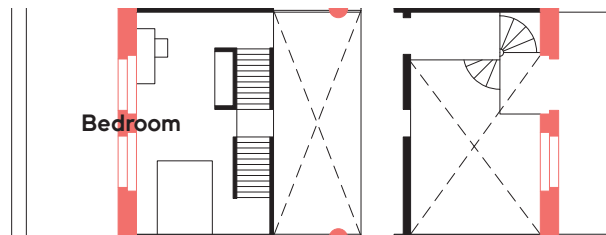
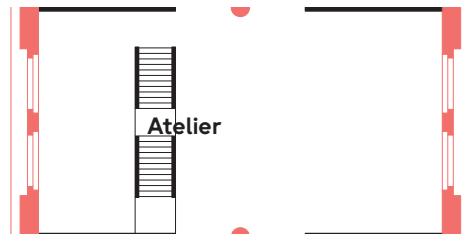
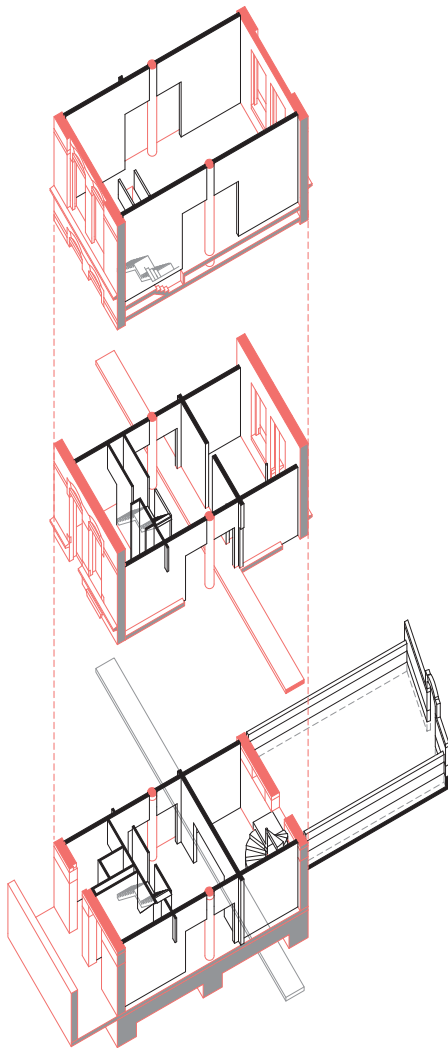


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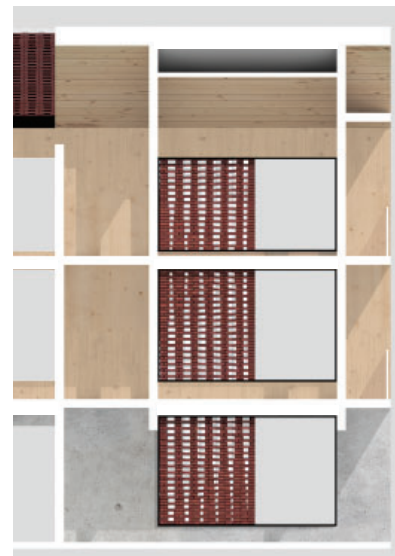
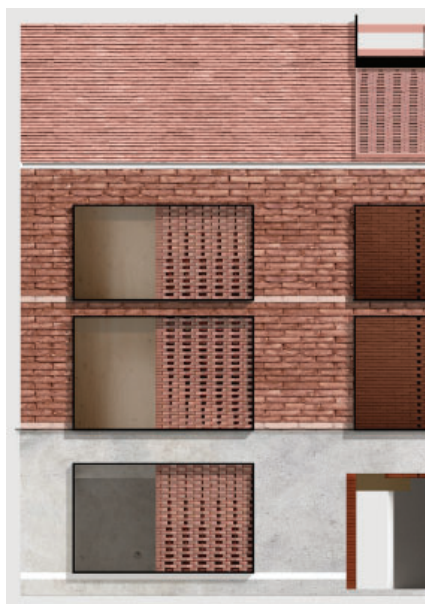




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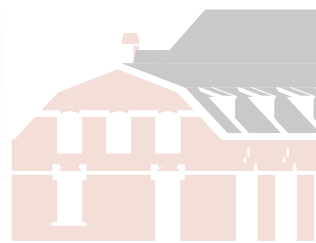
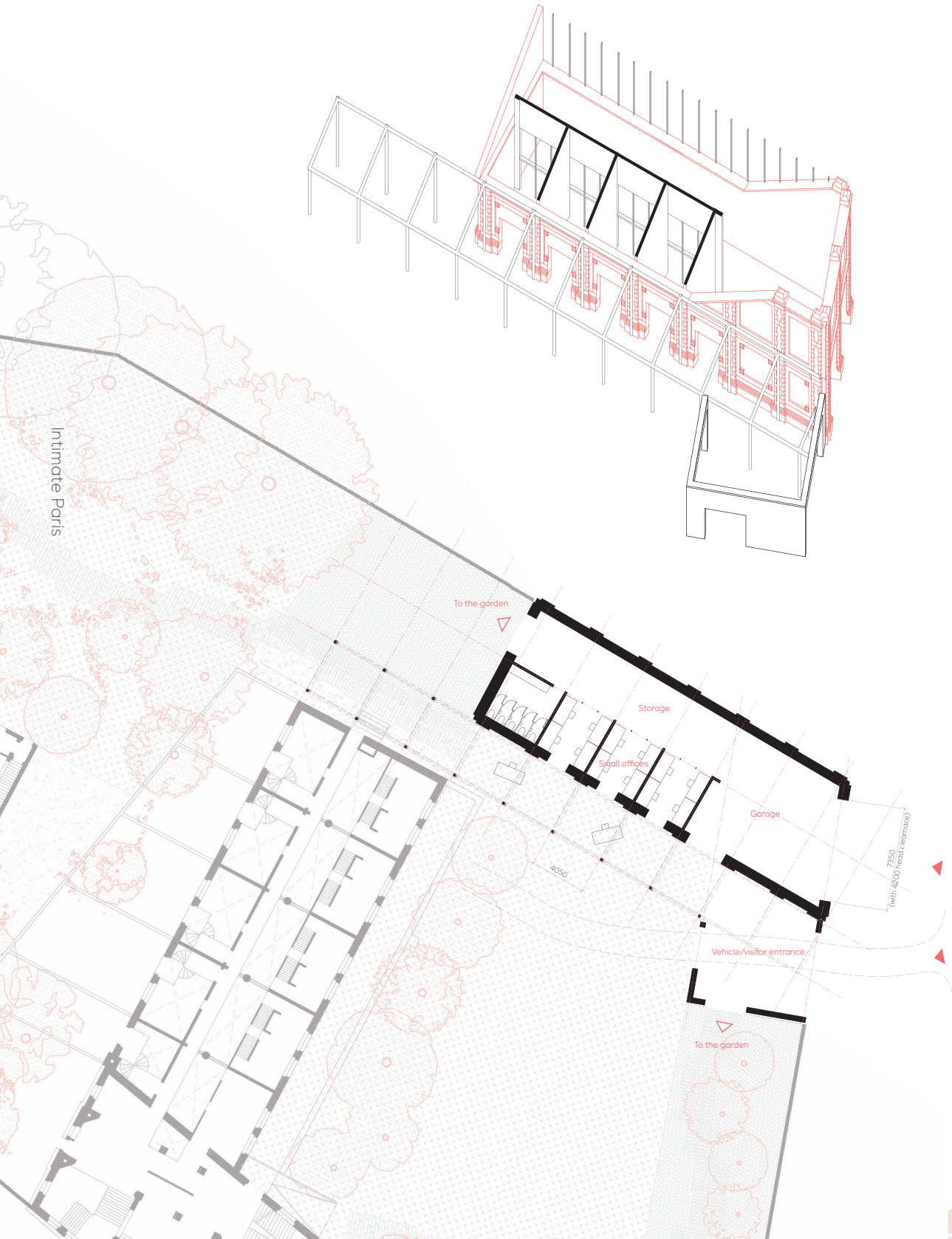
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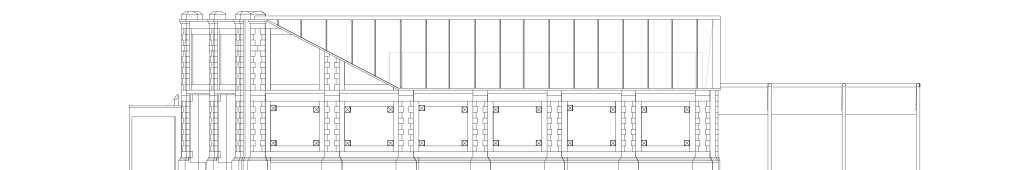
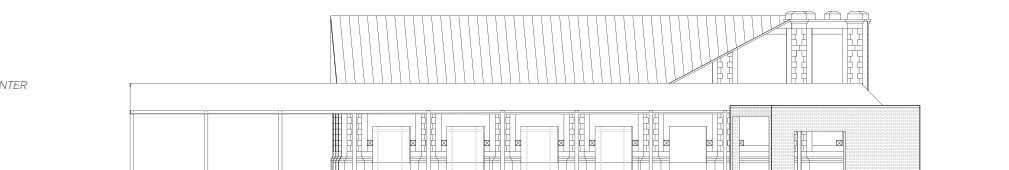
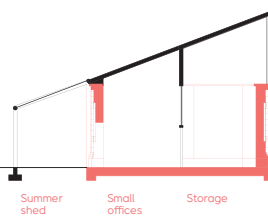
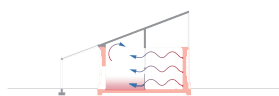
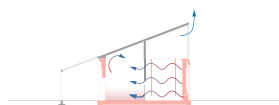
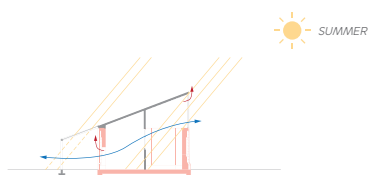
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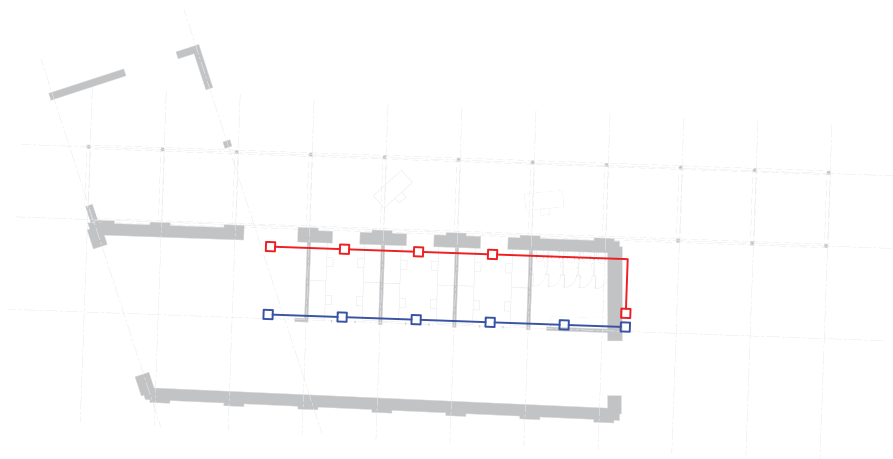
Axonometric

Plans

Main vehicle entrance for the enclosed garden.
Also houses individual offices for startups and visiting artists.
Light-weight steel structure on top of heritage brick walls.
Additional colonnades in front of it with simple construction,
textile cover for sun-shading, responding to the structural
grid of the brickworks behind.









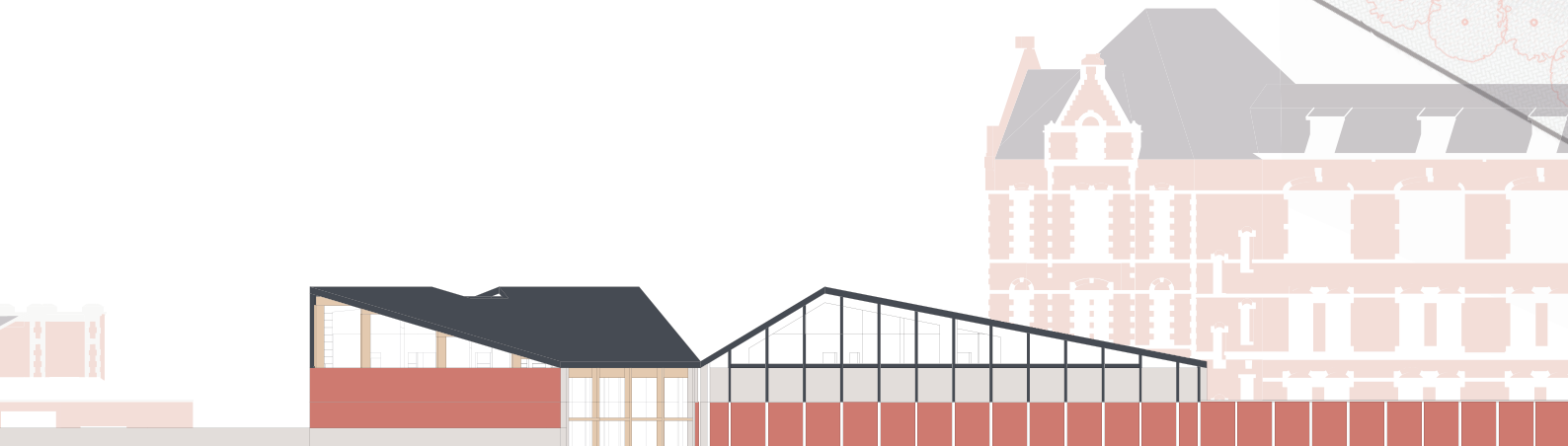
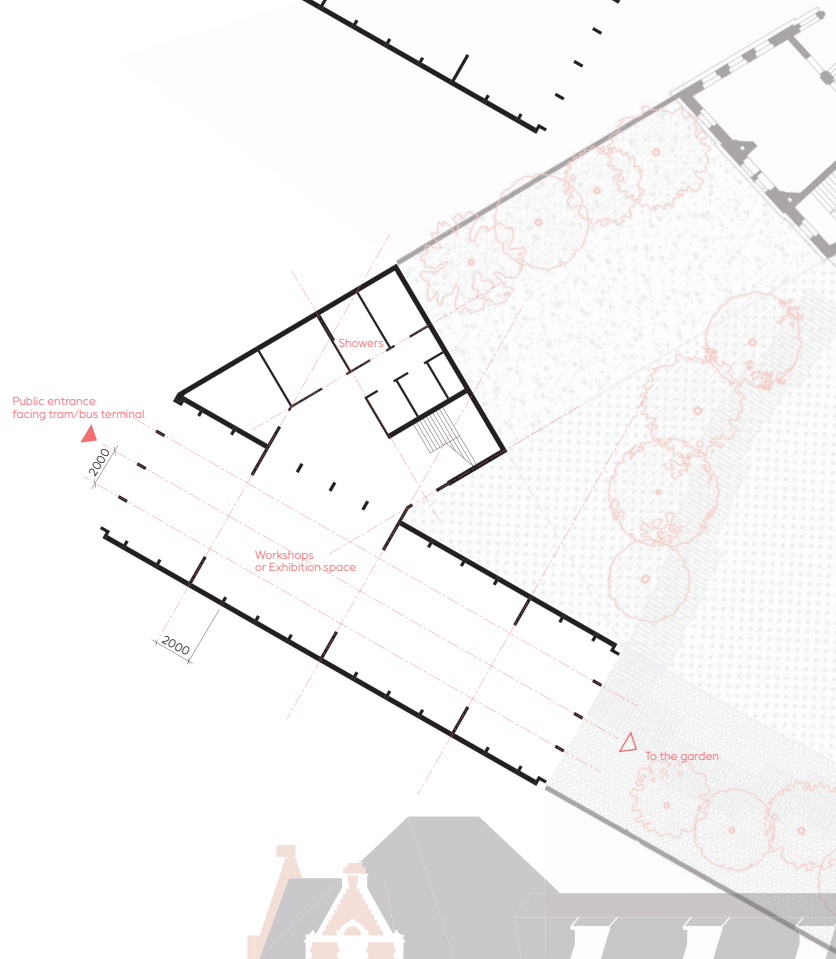
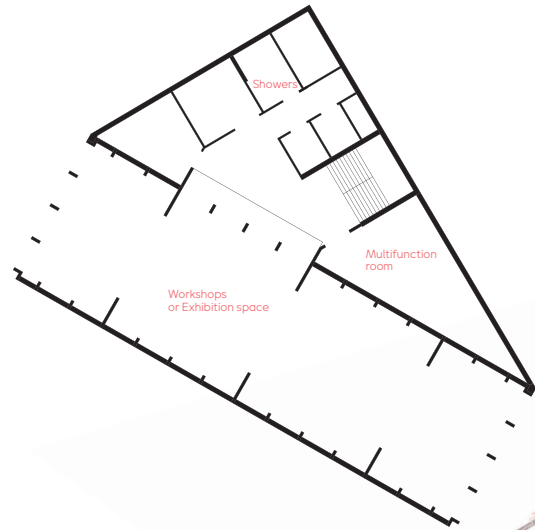
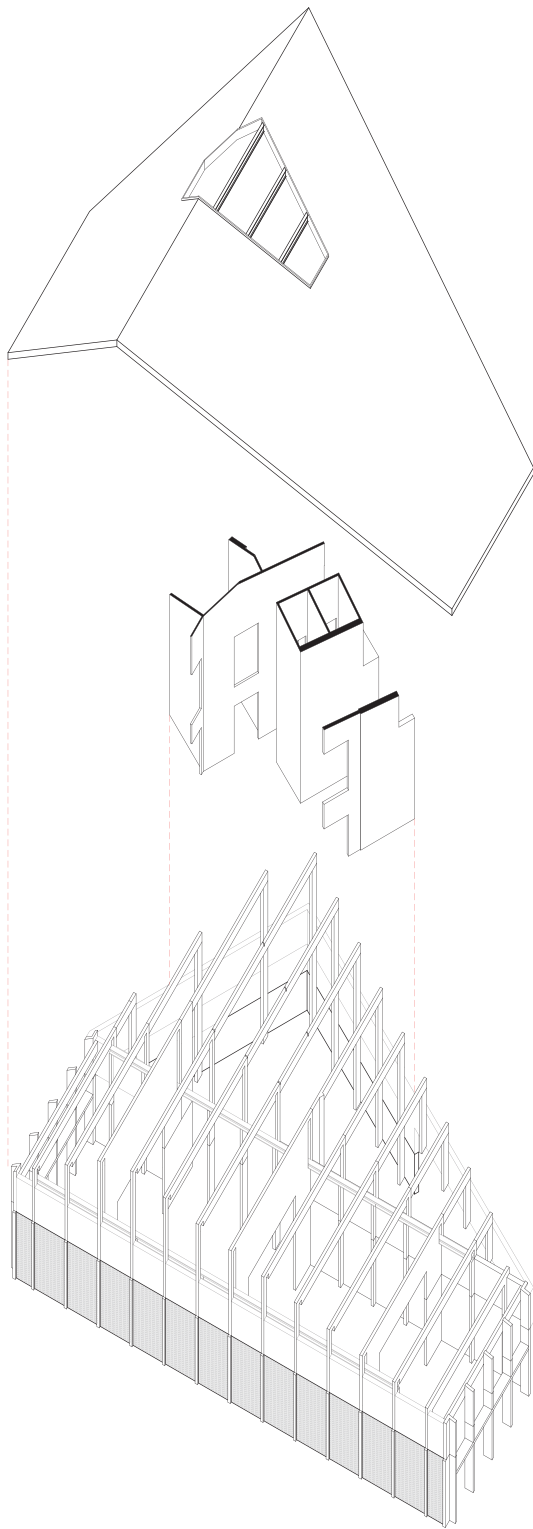


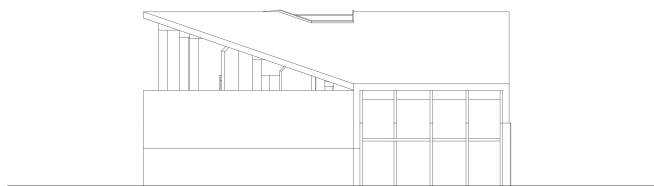
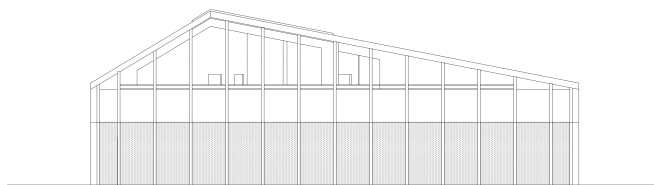
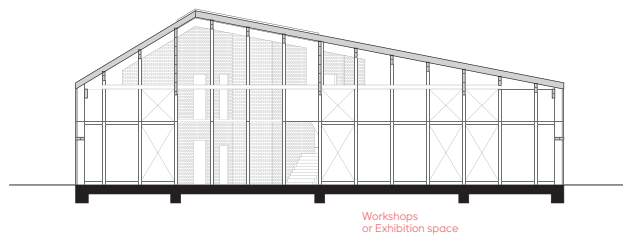
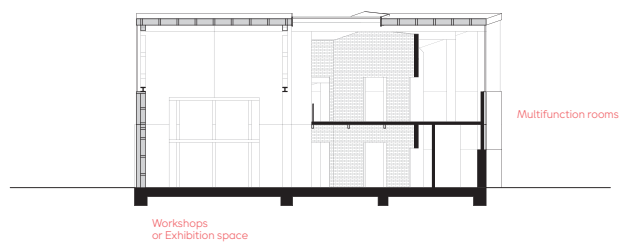
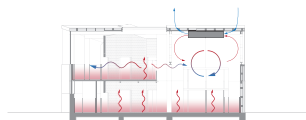
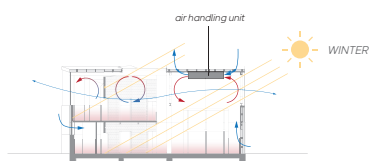
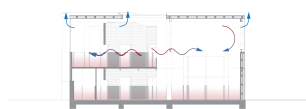
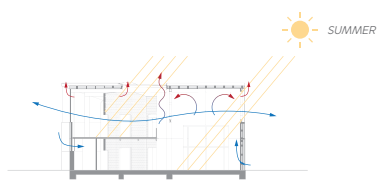
The factory block
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Axonometric
Plans

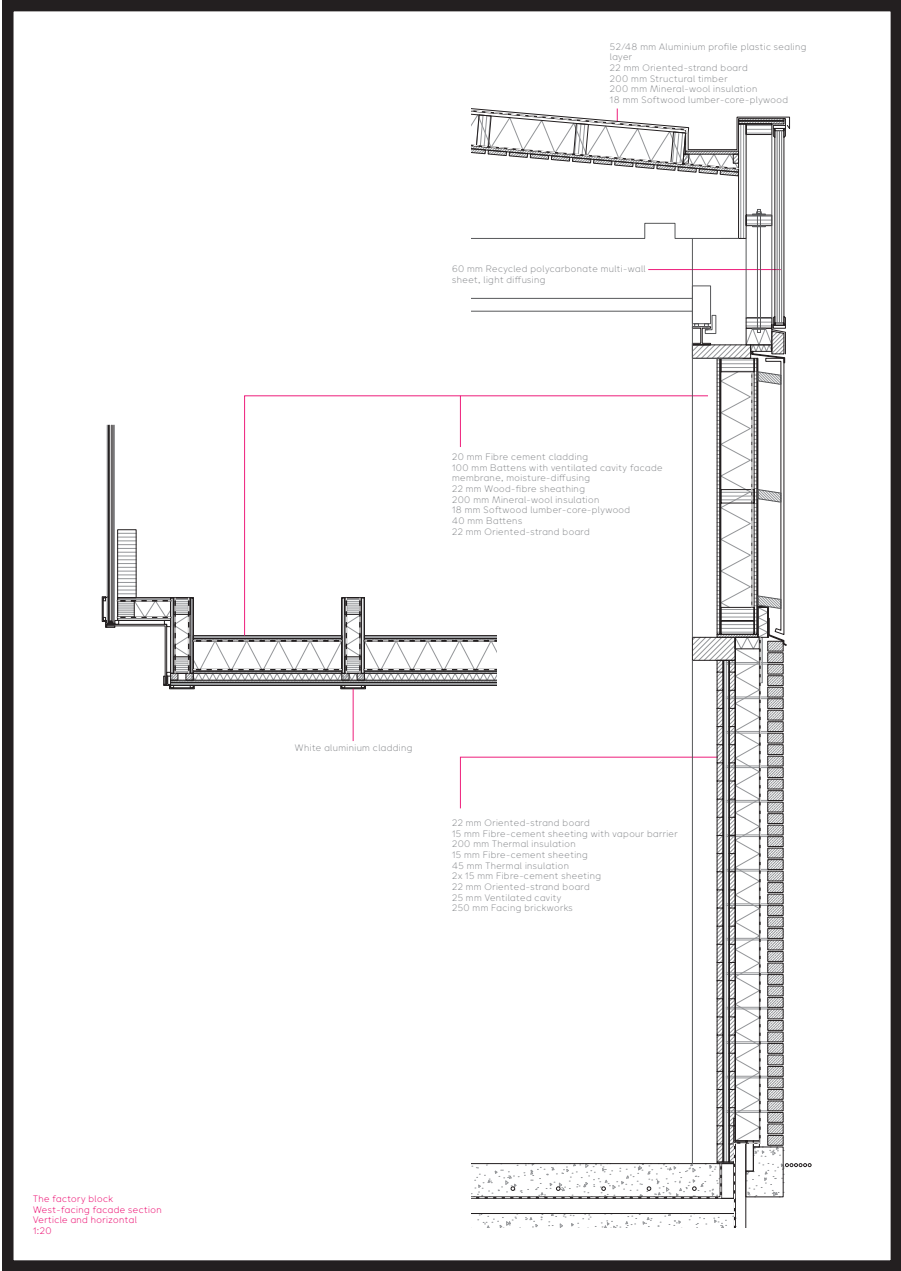
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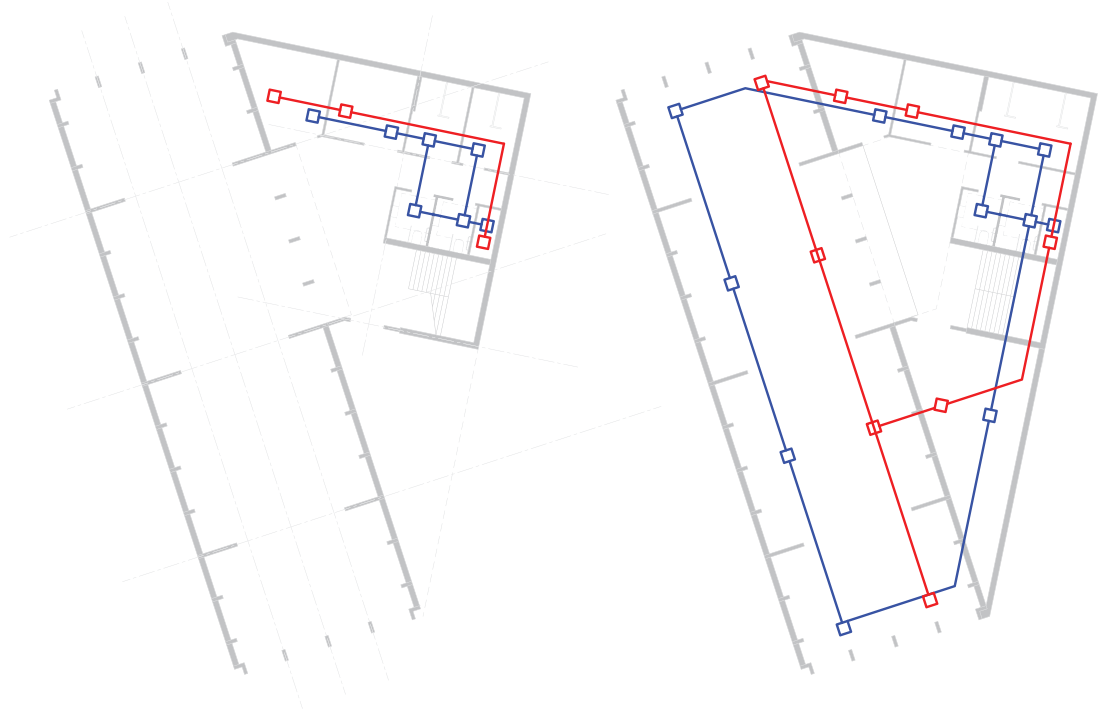
Acts as large-scale production facility and at the same time flexible exhibition space, multifunctional rooms and showers
Timber frame construction
Facing bricks, fibre cement cladding, and translucent polycarbonate panels facade
Recycled brick structure as mill partitions

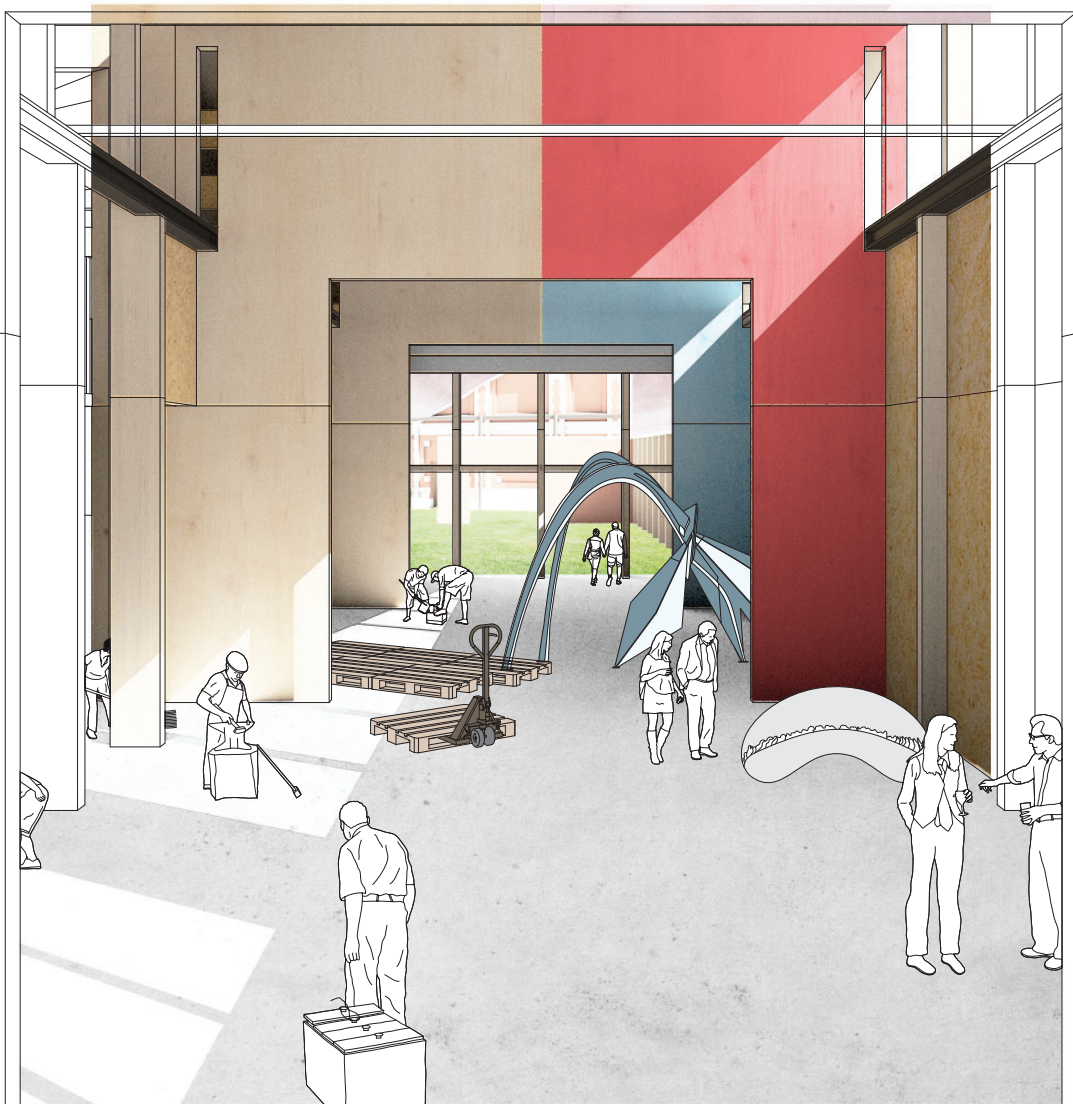
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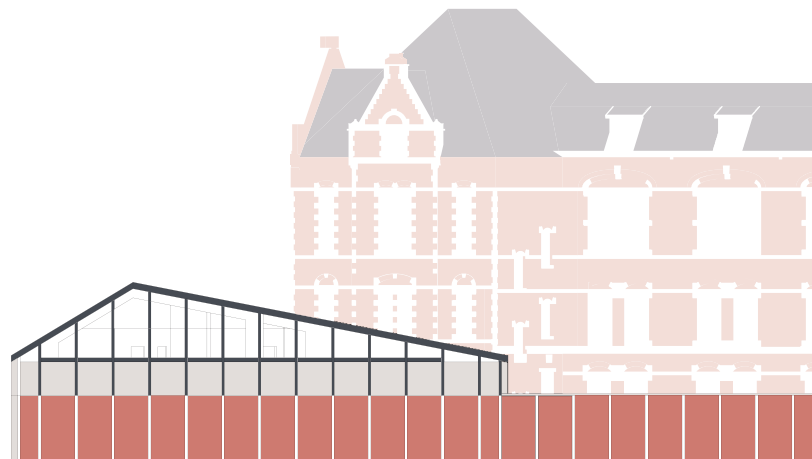
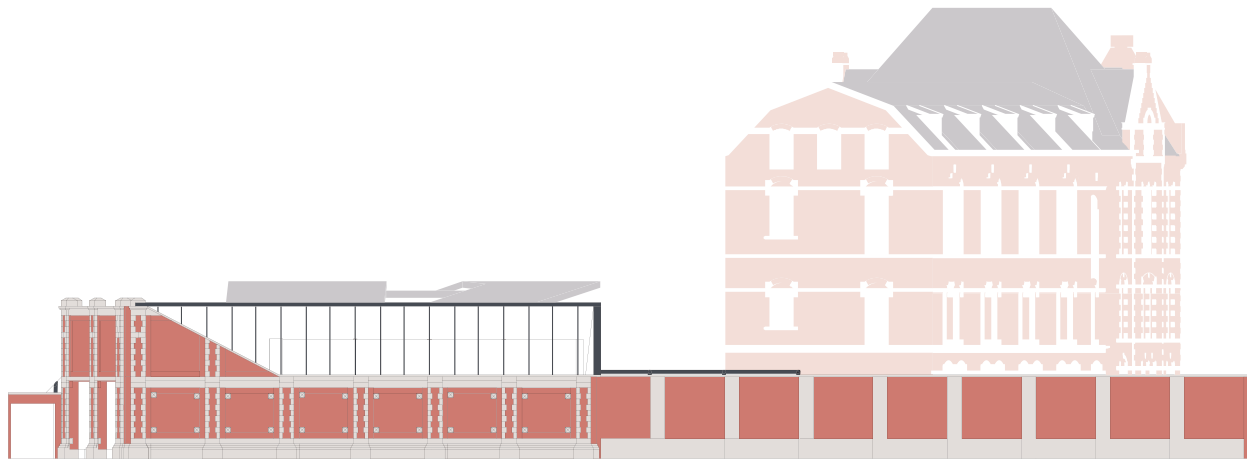
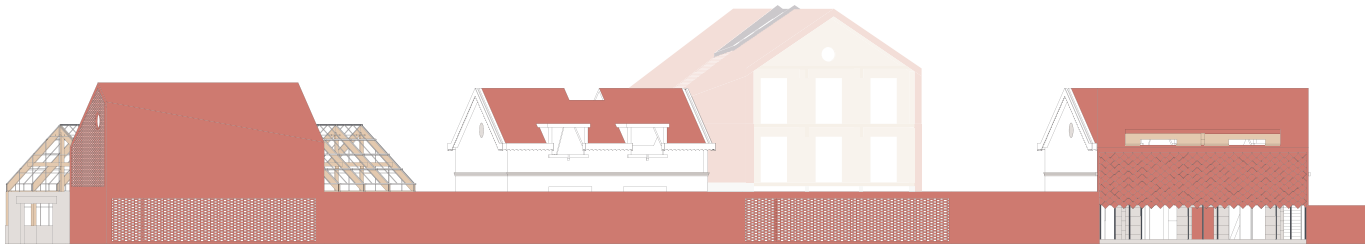


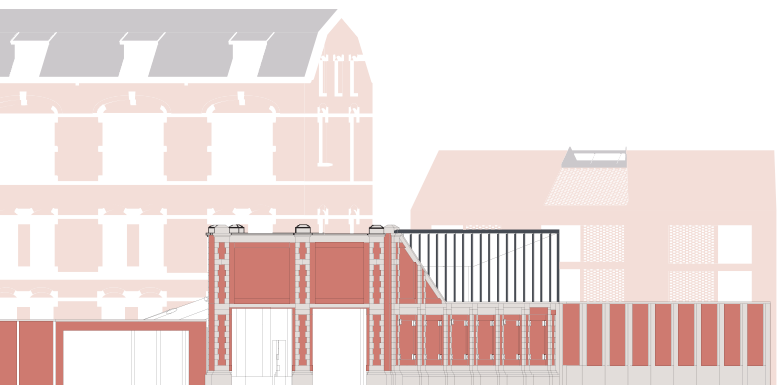
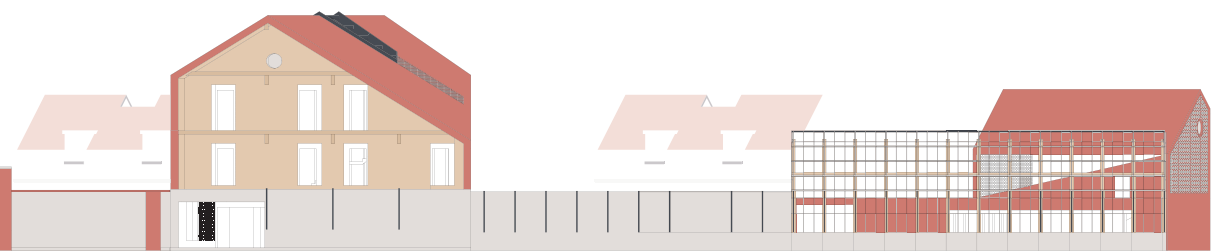


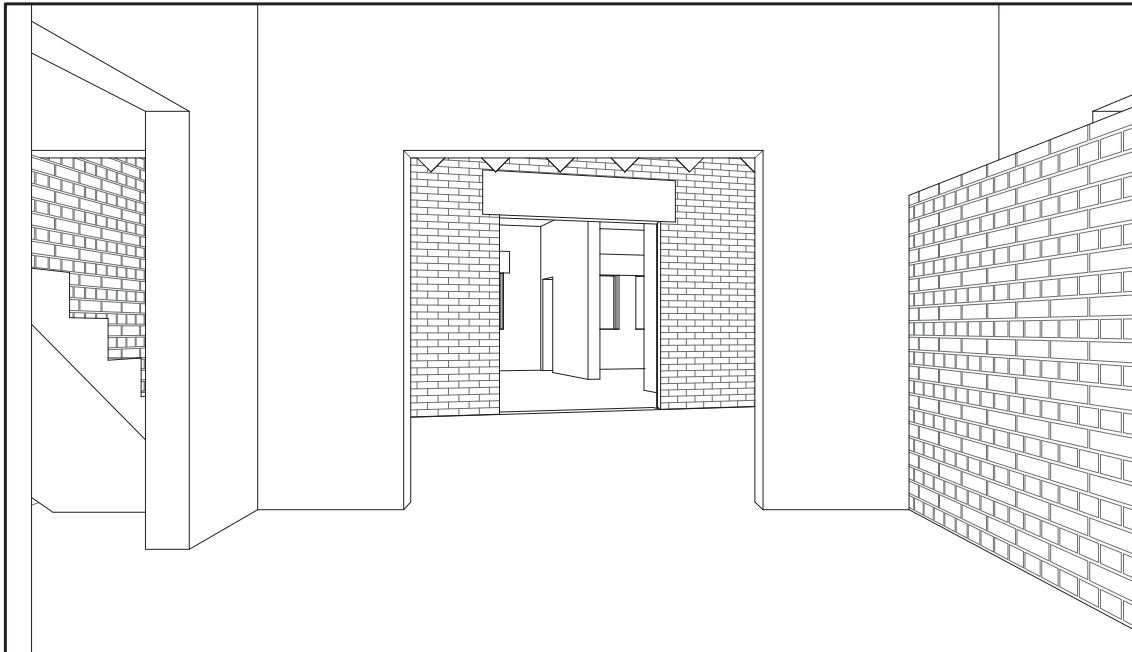


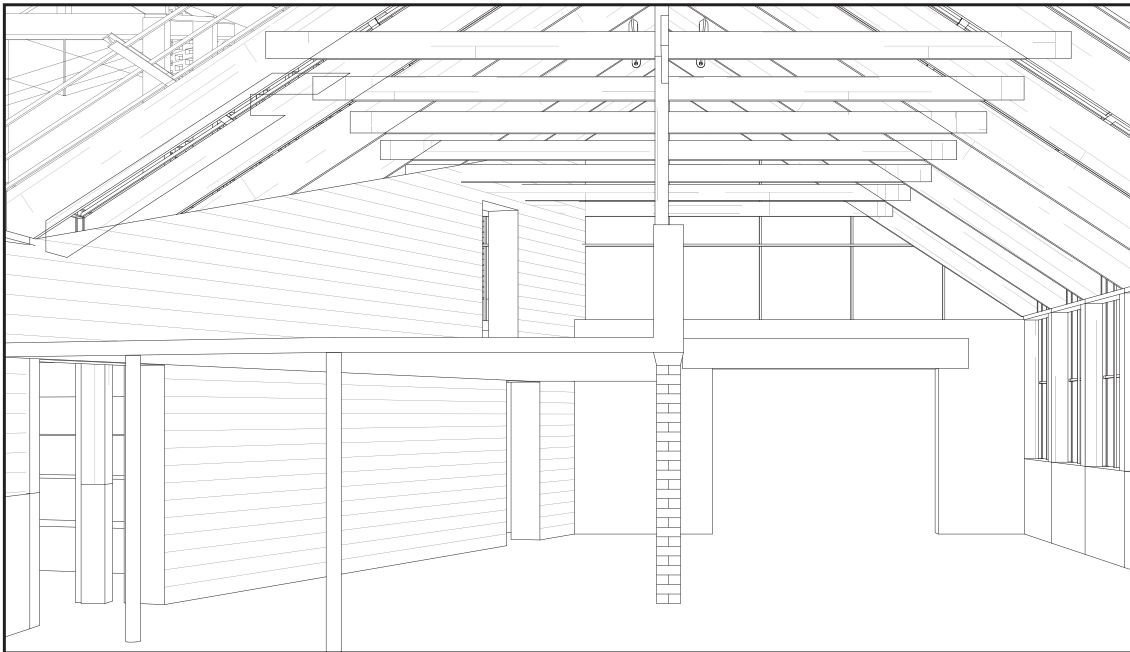


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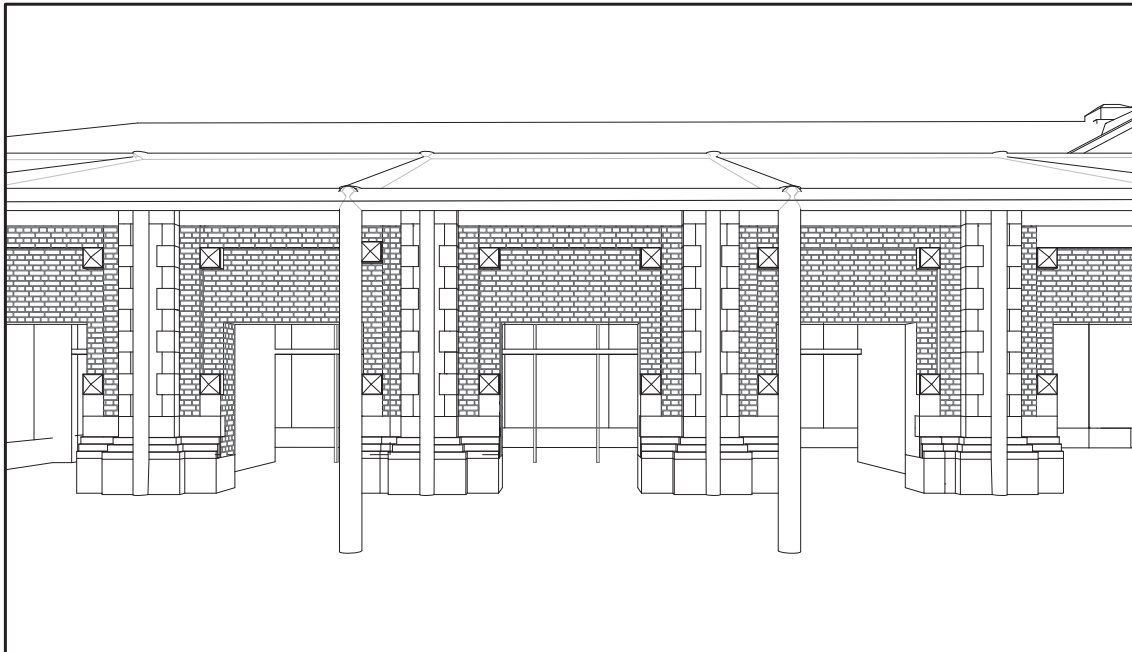


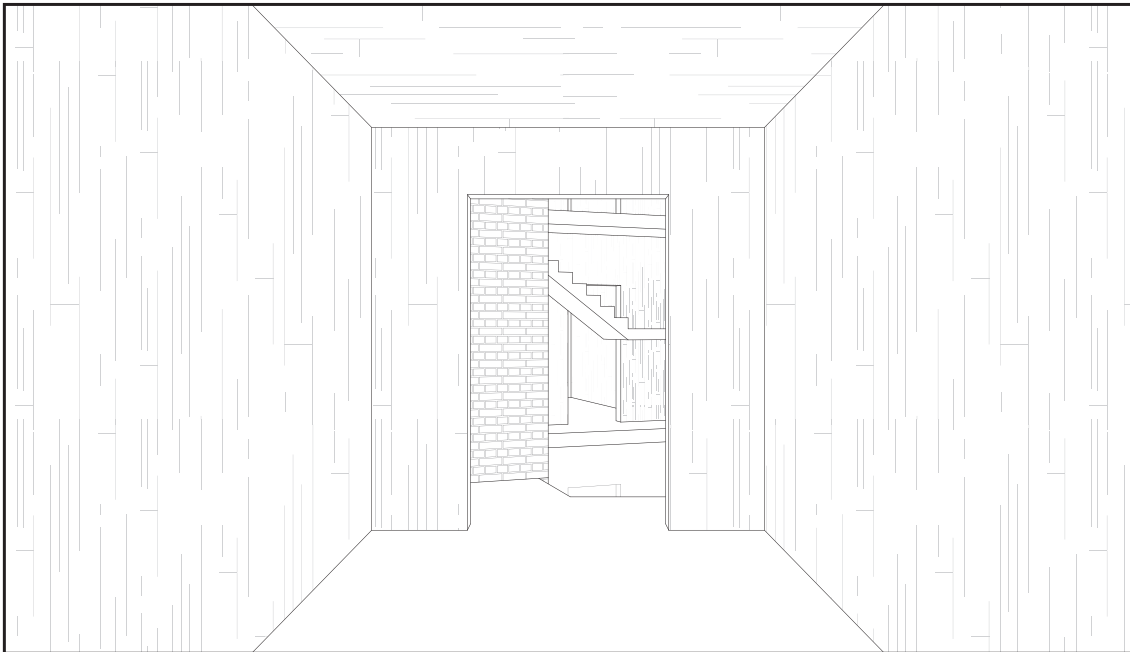


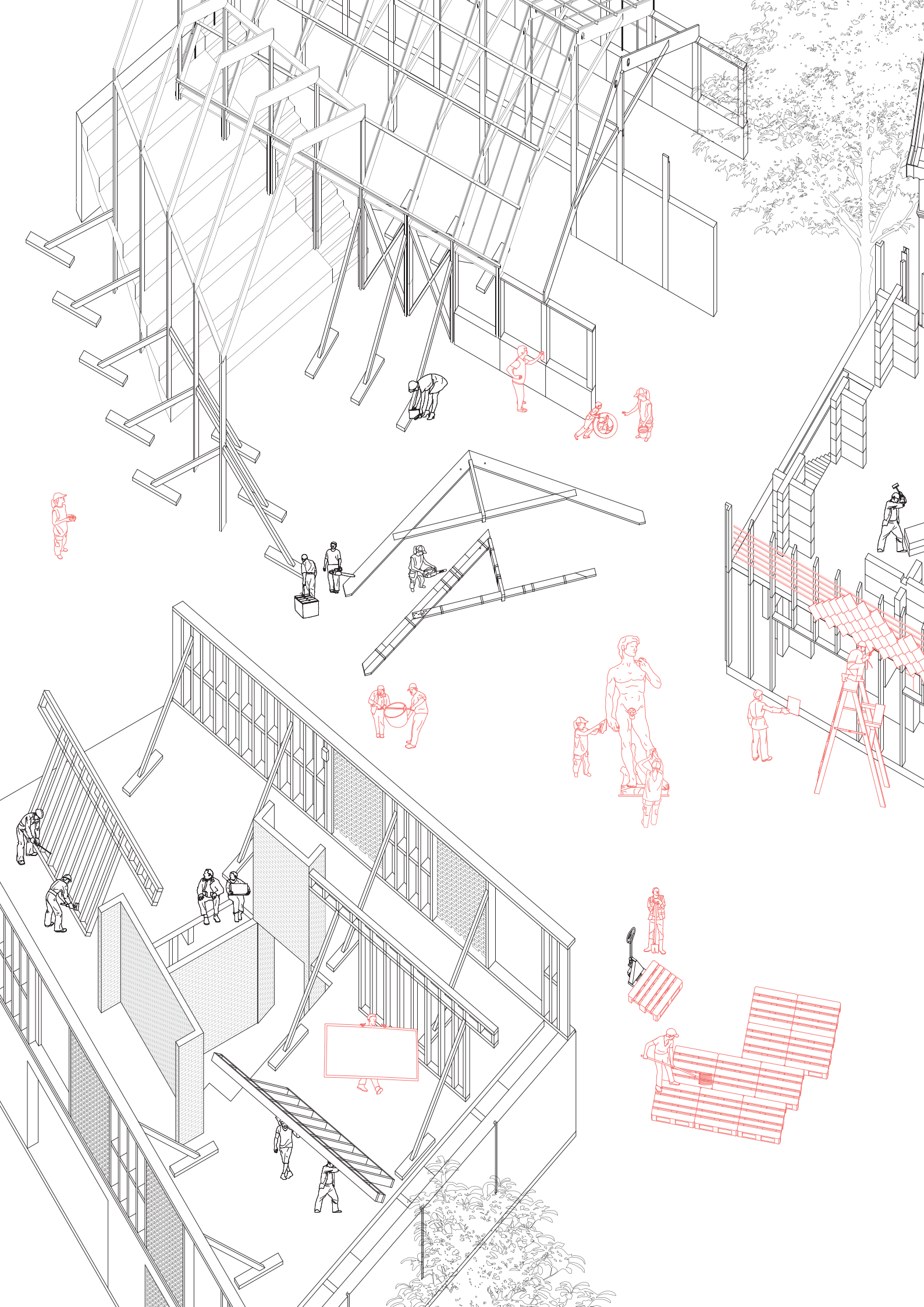




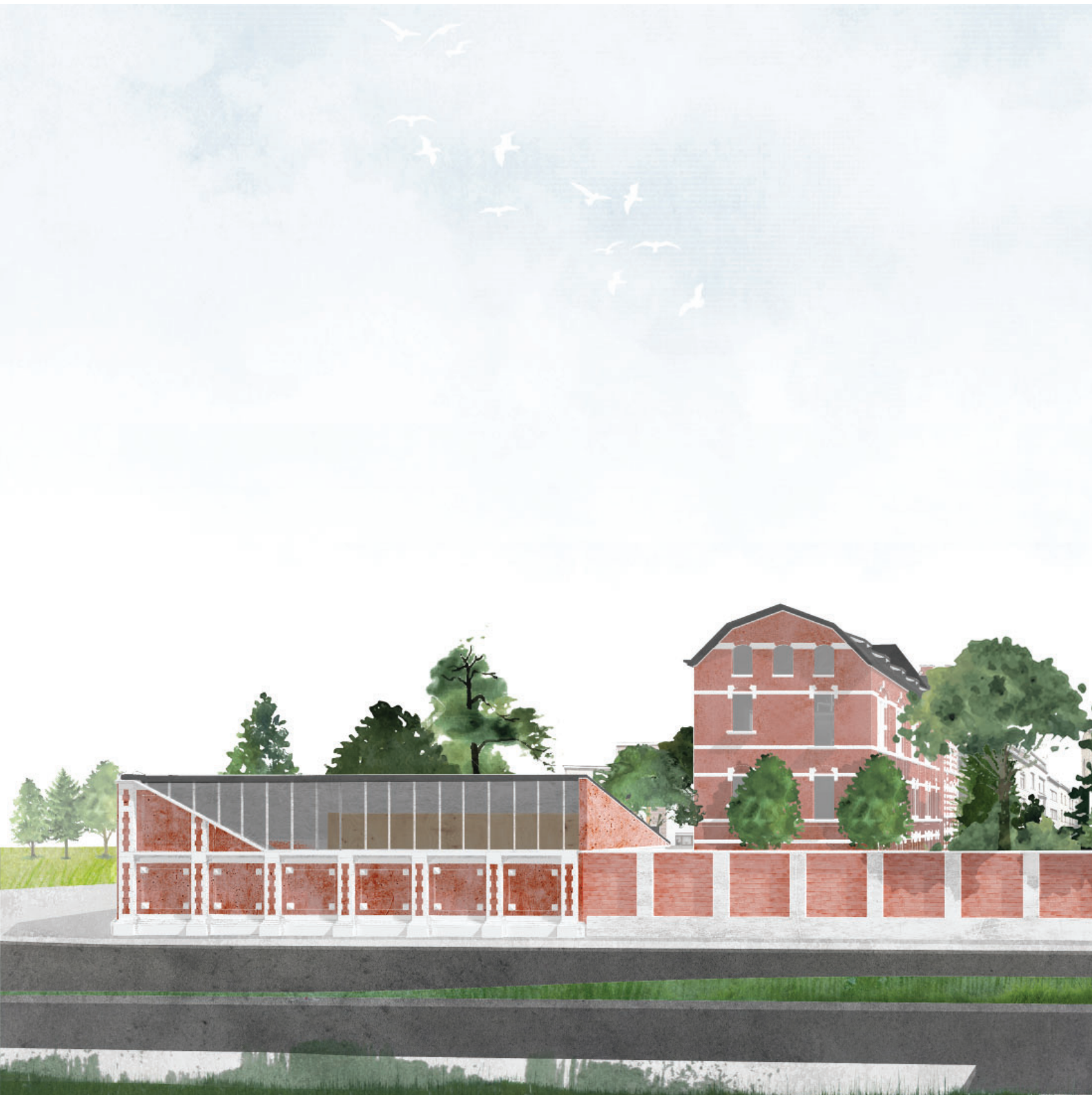
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