

# SENIOR COLLECTIVE

bridging the gap

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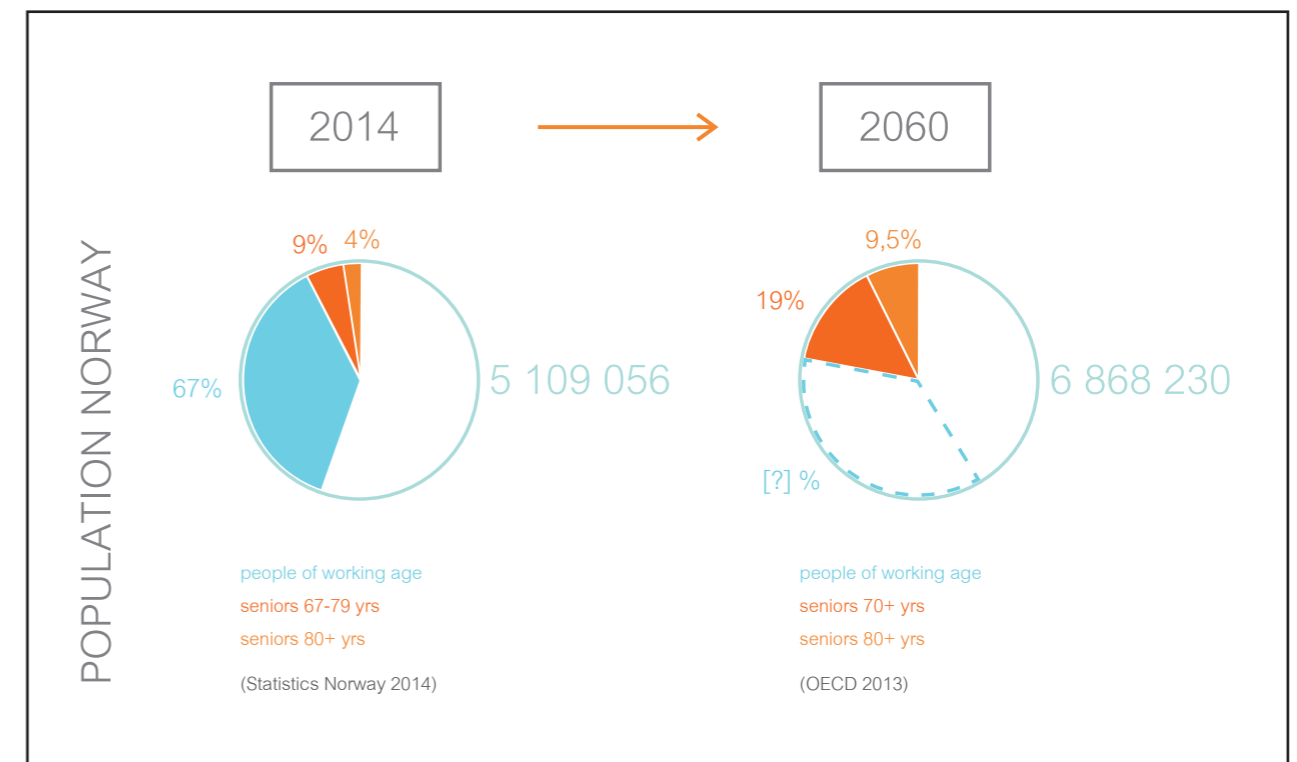
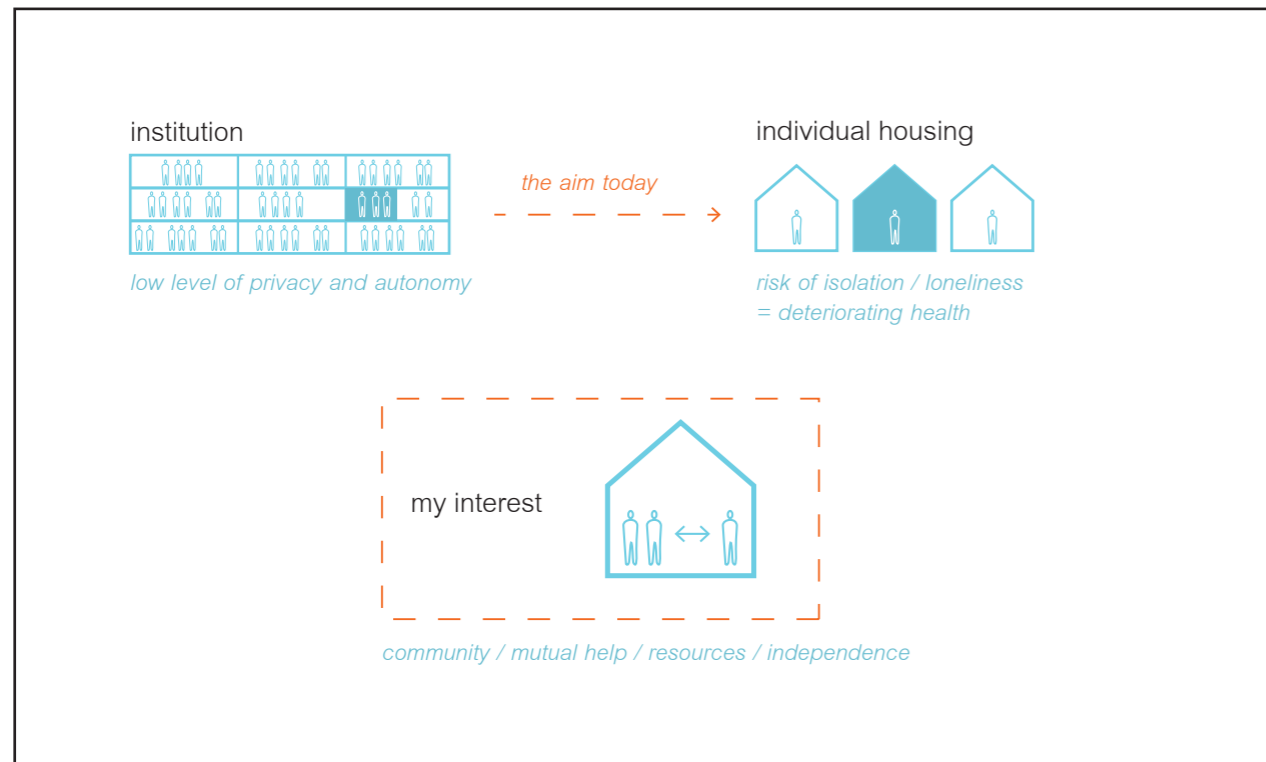
## THE TOPIC

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This project is the product of explorations into how people live together, what they need and want for themselves as well as socially with others, and how the architecture reflects that. I am interested in how our built environment affects social situations and how it makes us feel.

For my diploma, I selected to work with a home for seniors. As a living situation for multiple individuals who have a need for privacy as well as social opportunities, I found that this provided a setting where I could explore the topic of co-existence on an interesting level.

I want tomorrow's seniors to have a desirable housing alternative that builds on mutual help, intimate social circles and the feeling of belonging.



I believe that housing for seniors is an extremely relevant topic for today's, and not the least tomorrow's, society.

Through the last decades, social politics have moved away from institutions as the dominating housing solution for groups such as the elderly and disabled individuals.

What is prominent instead is the focus on individual housing units and use of home care services, aiming to keep people living at home as long as possible.

My concern is that this increases loneliness and isolation amongst seniors, particularly if their health starts deteriorating. Research shows that those who live alone have greater issues with mobility and therefore worse health - it is better for people to be around others!

In Norway, the number of people over 67 years of age will double in the coming decades, making this group an ever more important one to address. As society changes and evolves so must our resources, including housing opportunities.

We are living longer and feeling healthier in our senior years. This

part of our lives should not be spent feeling alone, isolated or bored.

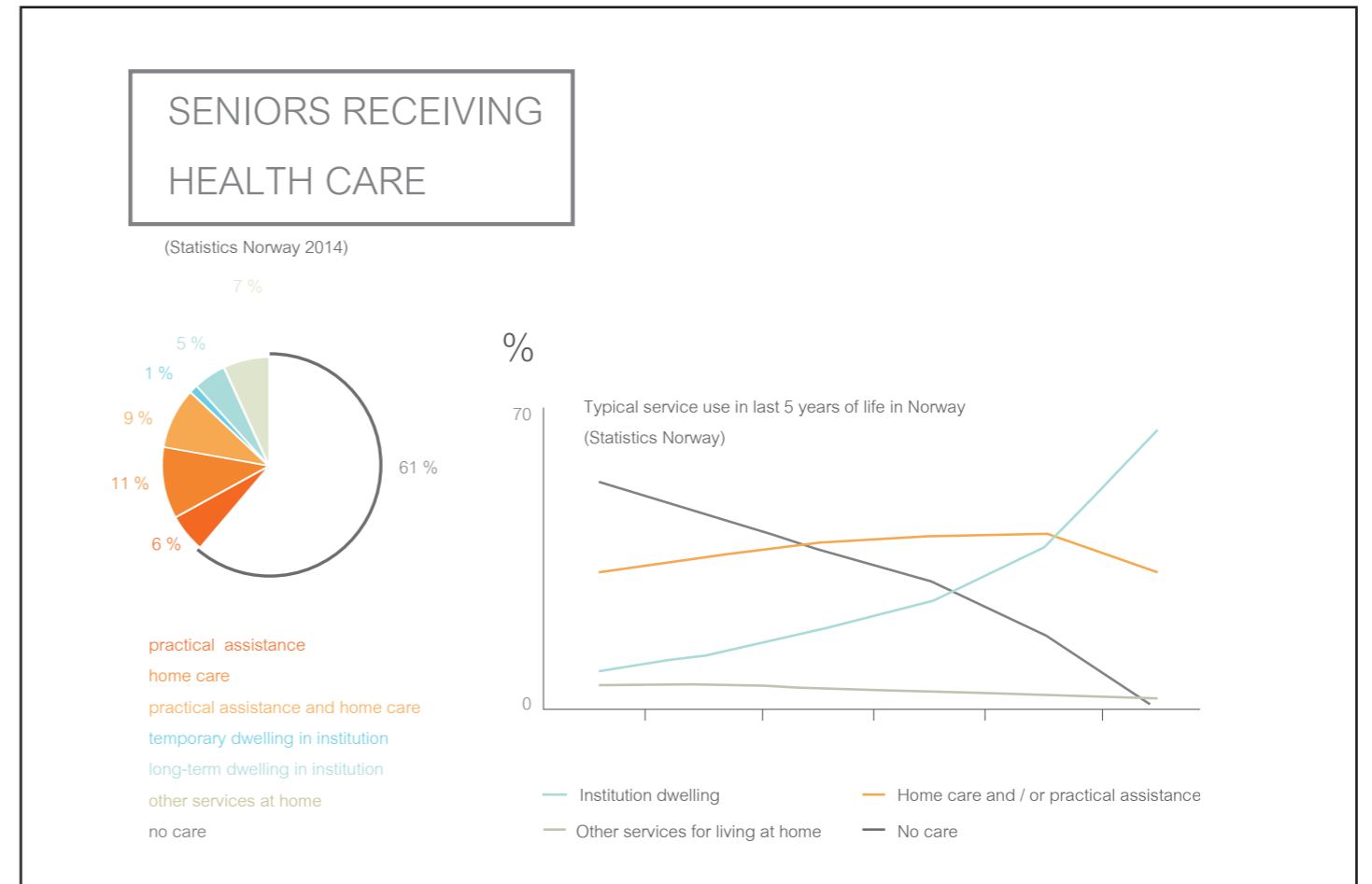
This is why a good social frame and proximity to services and activities is important in the lives of seniors.

I believe that the individual housing policy is the wrong way to go. I

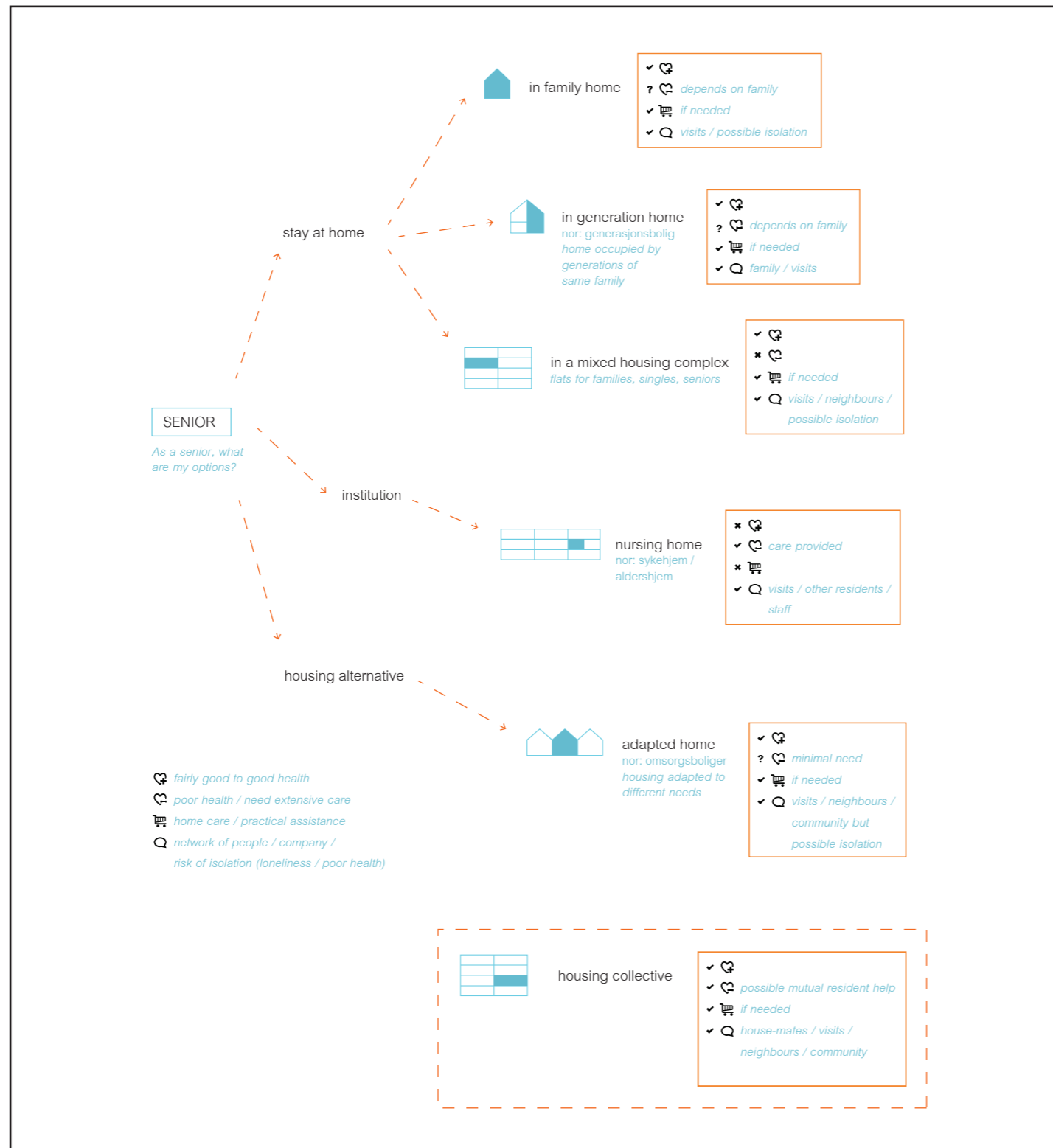
imagine, for one, that it results in a bigger spread of resources and an

increased demand of work force (which is already spread thin).

Most importantly, I believe it has a high risk of having an isolating effect on seniors, increasing the risk of loneliness and subsequent health issues.



Around 60% of retired seniors have good health and need no assistance and a further 10-20% only need a little assistance.



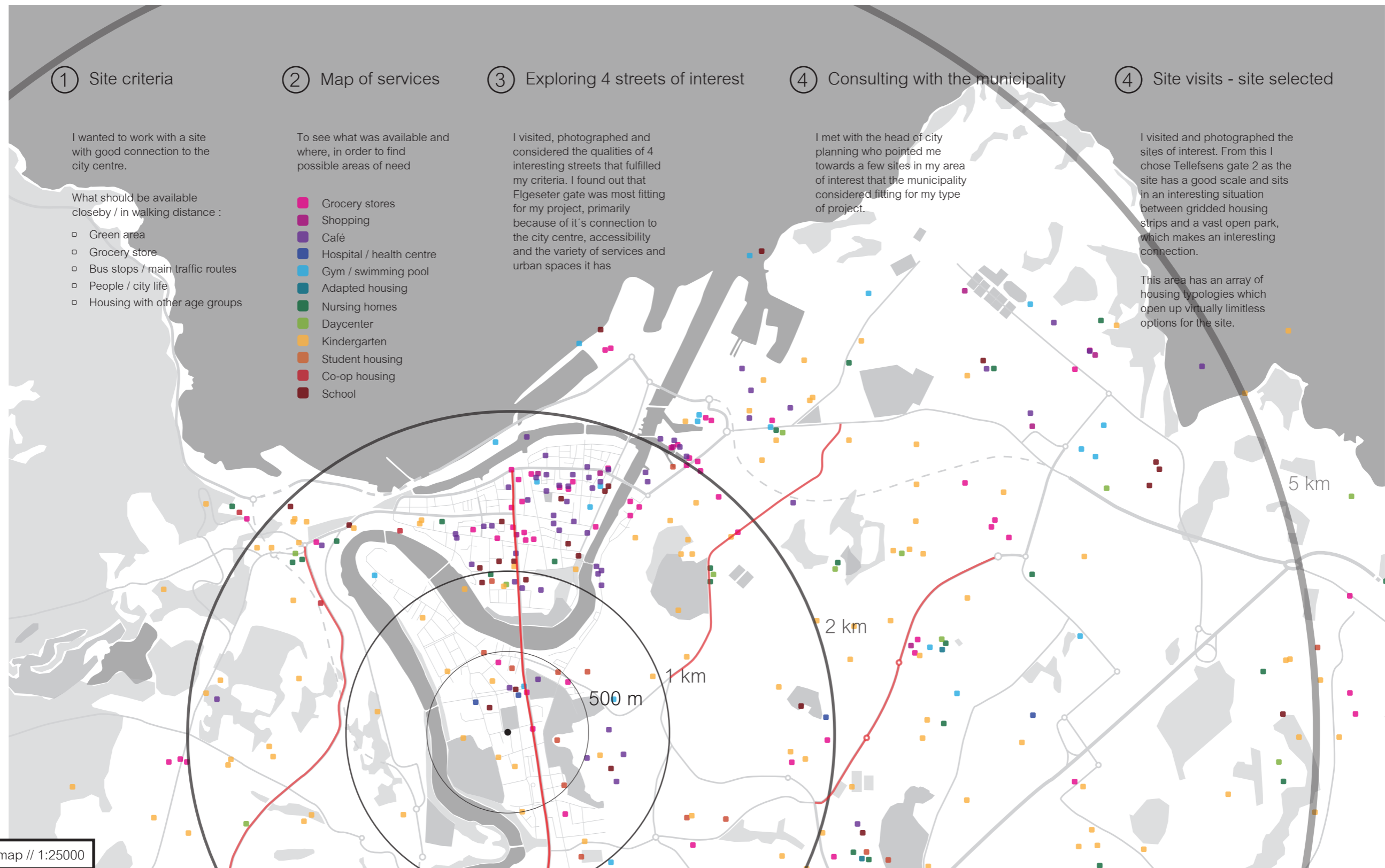
I mapped out the existing housing options available to a senior today, and found that there is a gap in our current housing resources; as a senior who doesn't want to live alone in a big family home when your children have moved out, or as an individual who likes the company of others but doesn't need institutional type care... where do you turn?

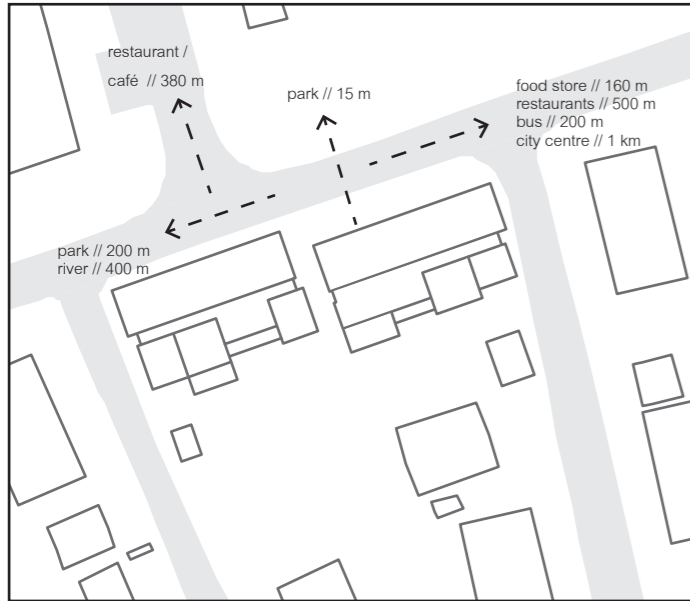
This could be extended further into society; as a single parent who would like to live with others, as a small family that would like to be a part of a community, as an individual who might need some help at times... where can those needs be met?

I determined I wanted to try to fill the gap between the family home and the institution, between the private residence and shared housing. I wanted to work with a housing typology that provides the individual with private space and shared facilities, and to explore what happens between the two.

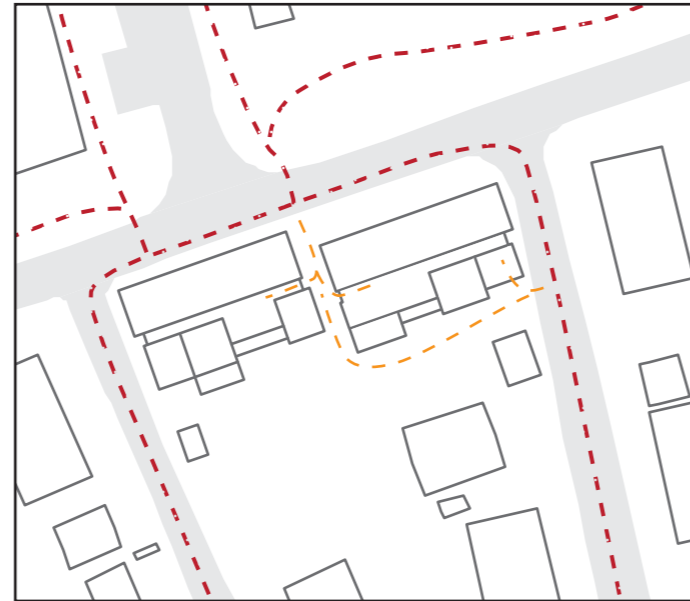
The aim was to find out how this typology would take form and how the architecture can support co-existence and mutual help.

# THE PLACE

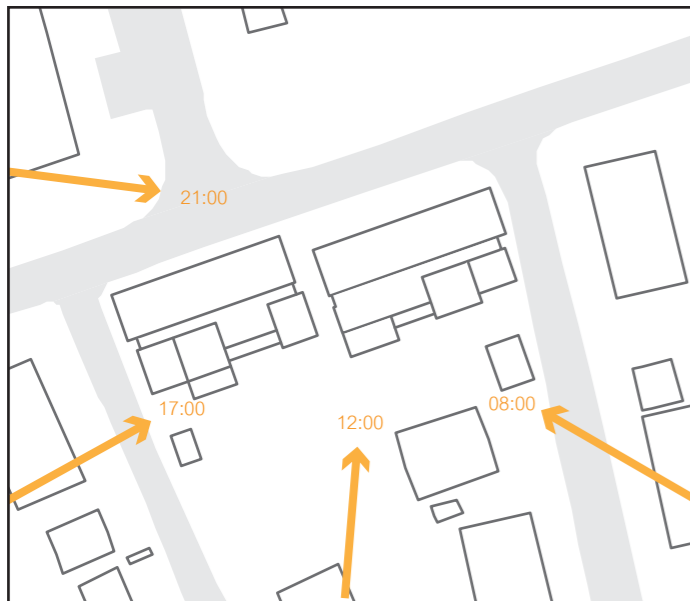




Distances / services



Flow

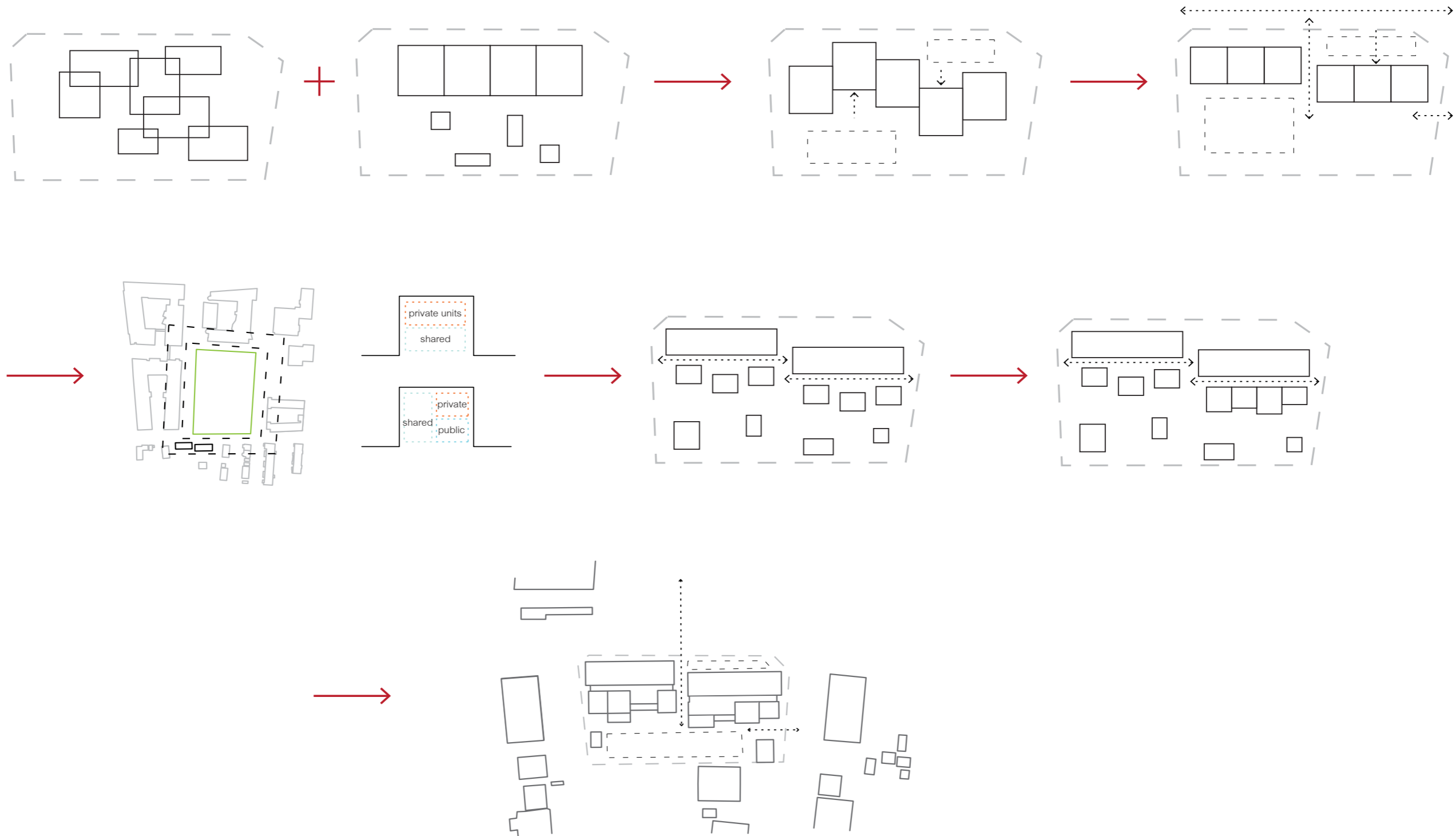


Site analysis // 1:1000

Area atmosphere



# CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

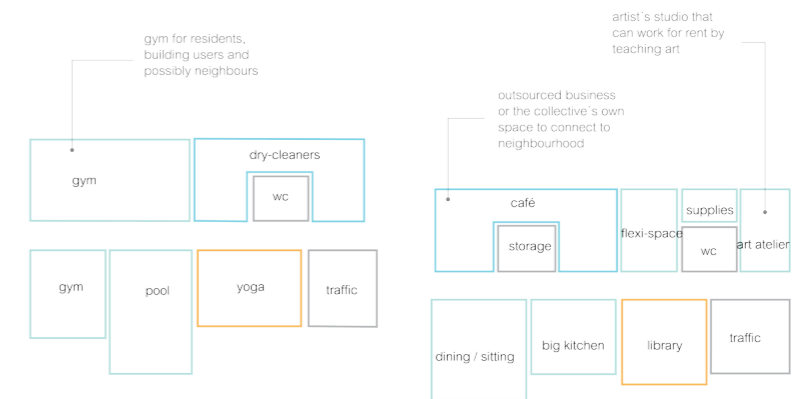


# THE BUILDING

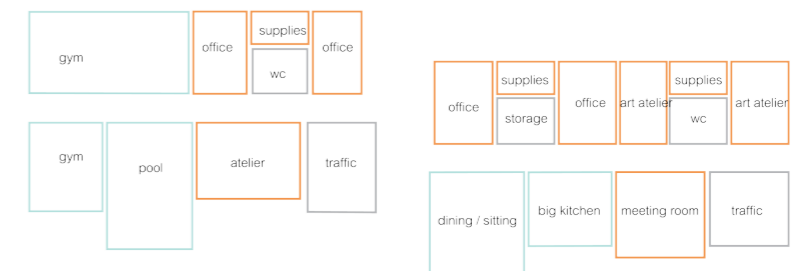


Situation plan // 1:2000

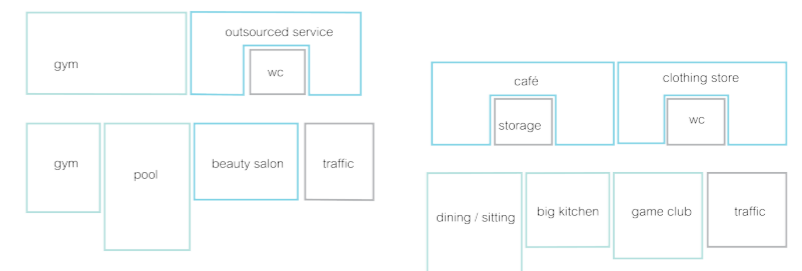
- private space
- semi-private shared space
- semi-public shared space
- public space



Groundfloor - current scenario



Groundfloor - most private scenario

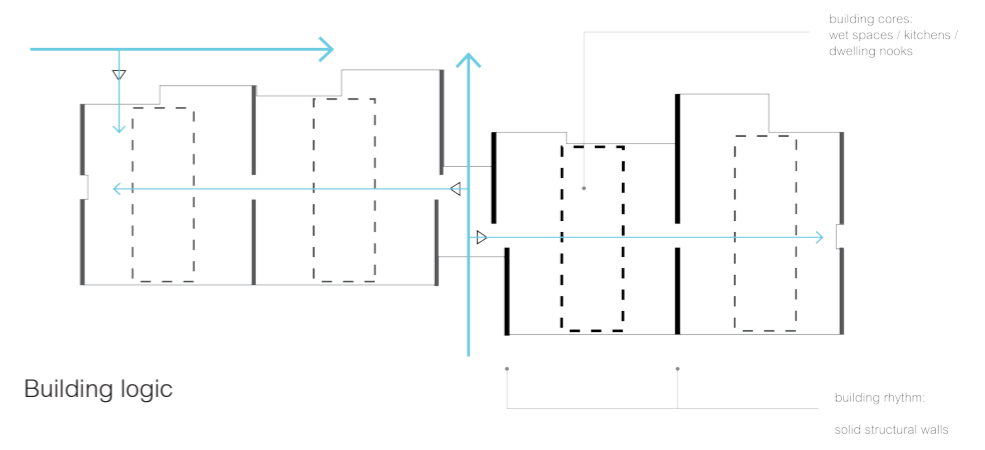
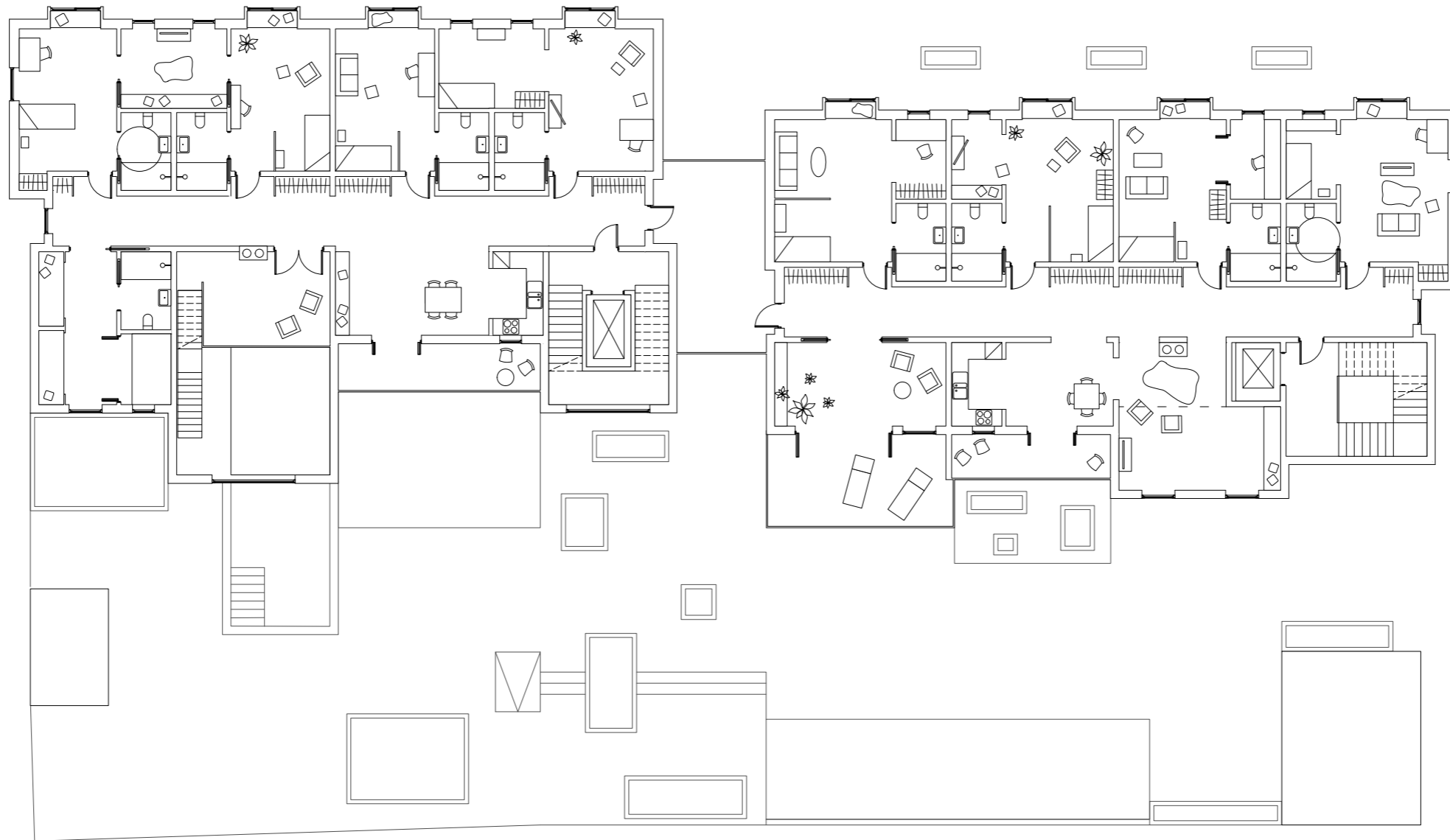


Groundfloor - most public scenario

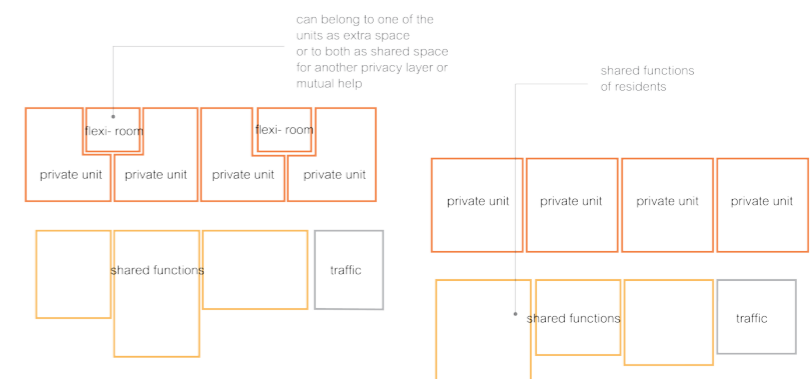
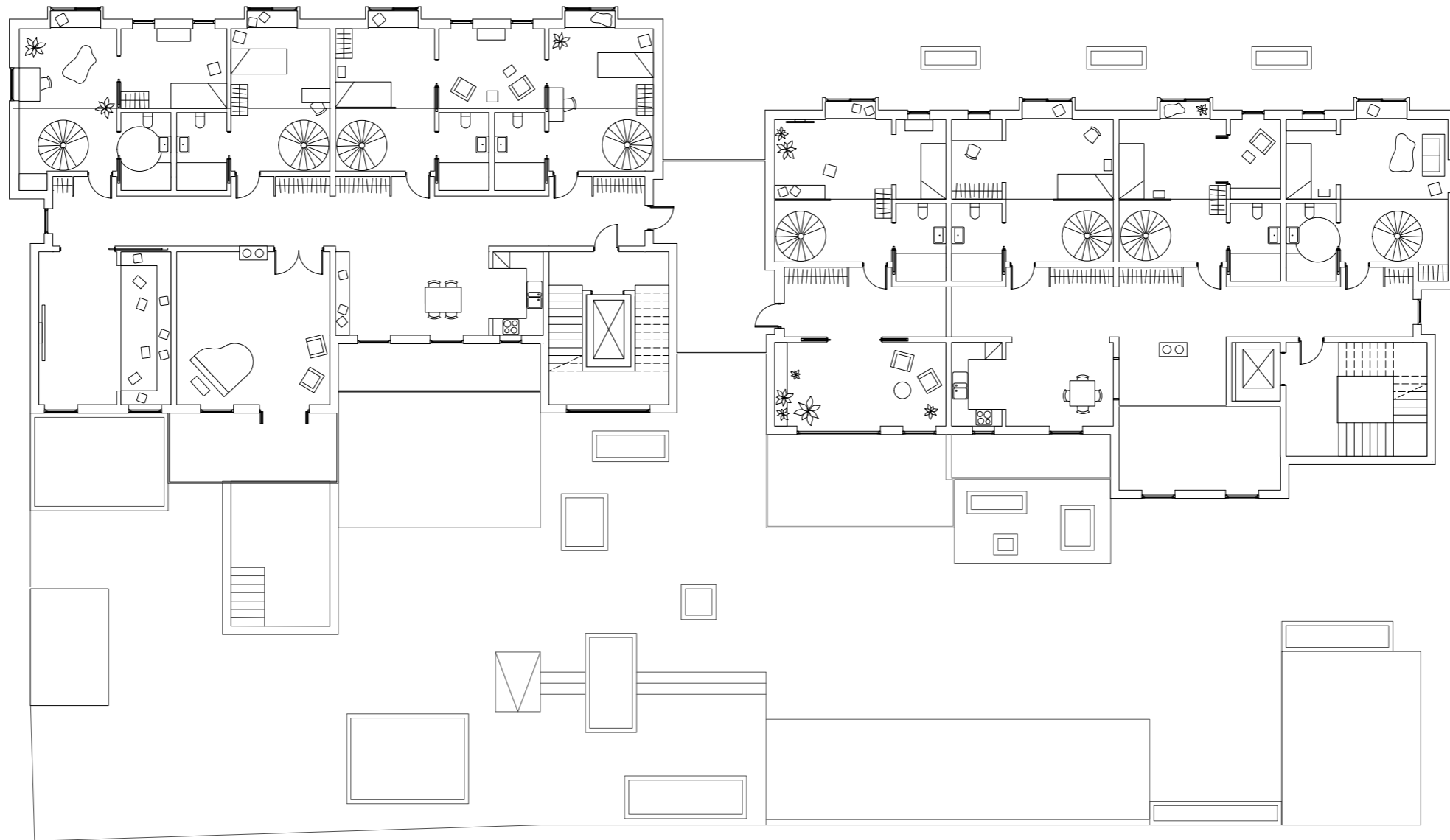
Possible future scenarios



Groundfloor plan // 1:200

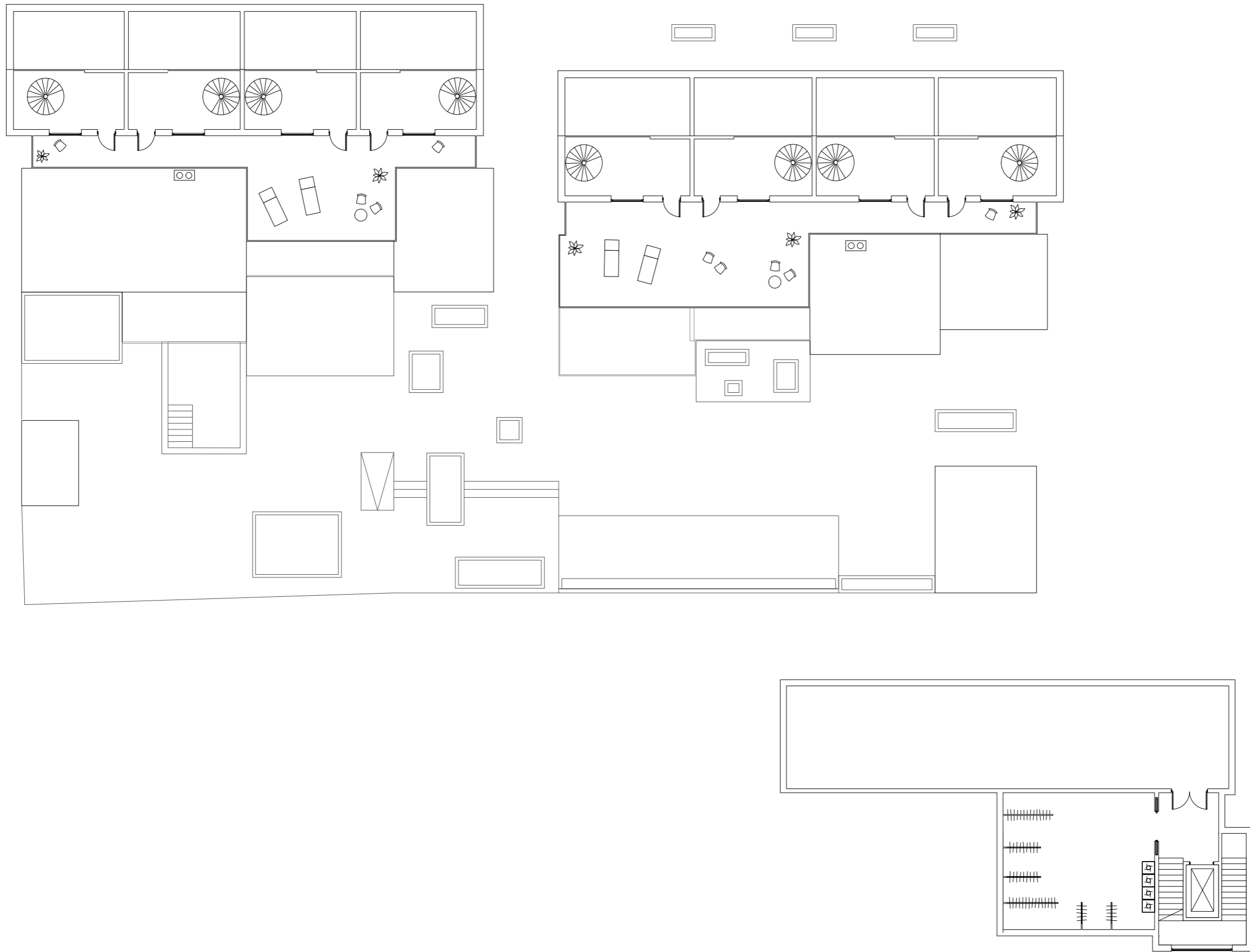


2nd floor plan // 1:200

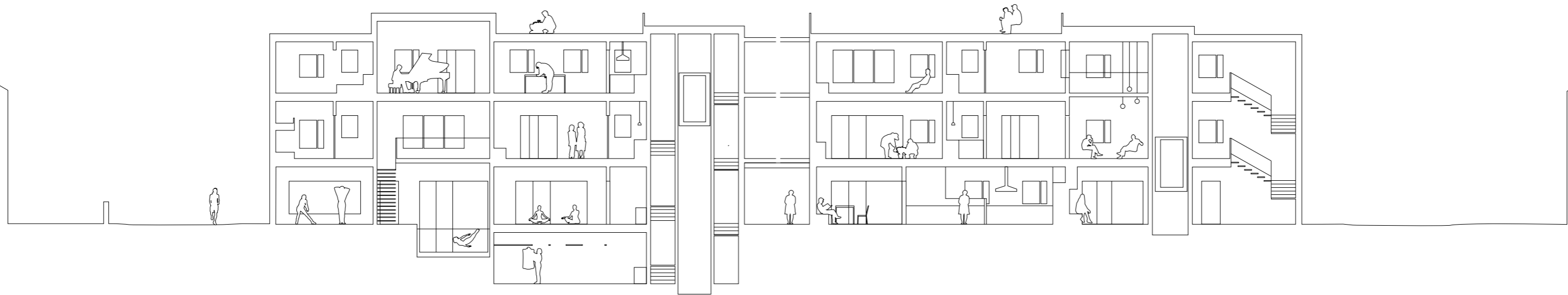


Organization 2nd & 3rd floor

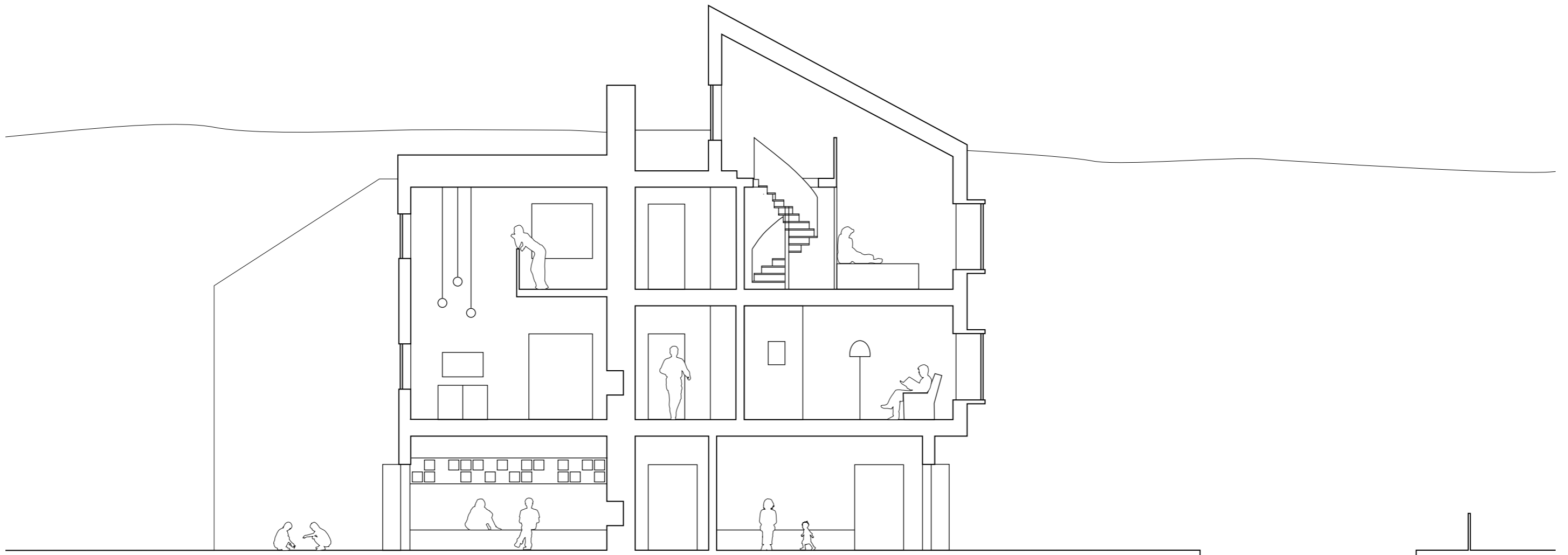
3rd floor plan // 1:200



Roof plan & basementnd // 1:200

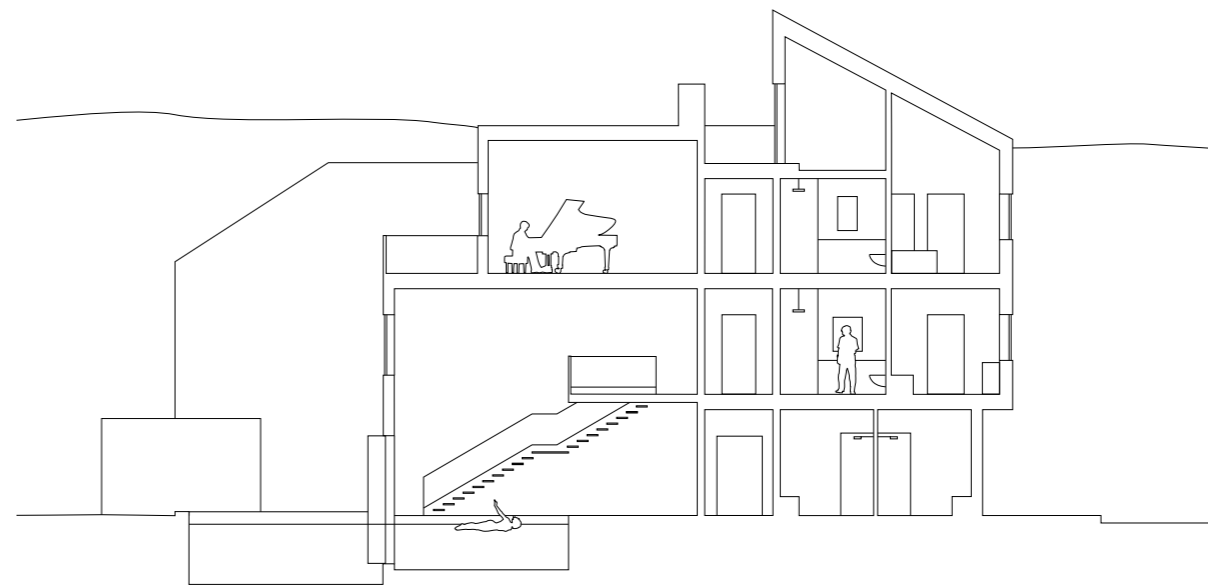
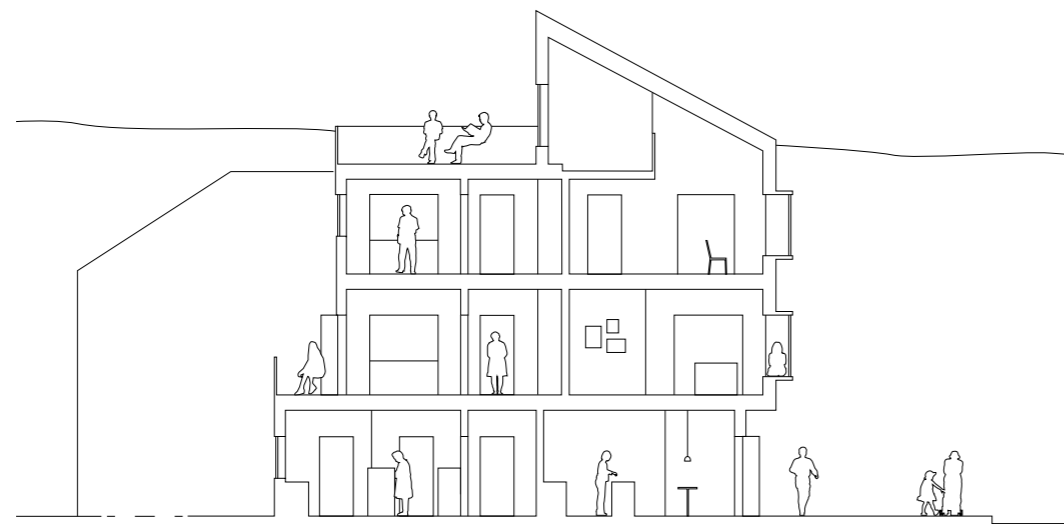


Longitudinal section // 1:200



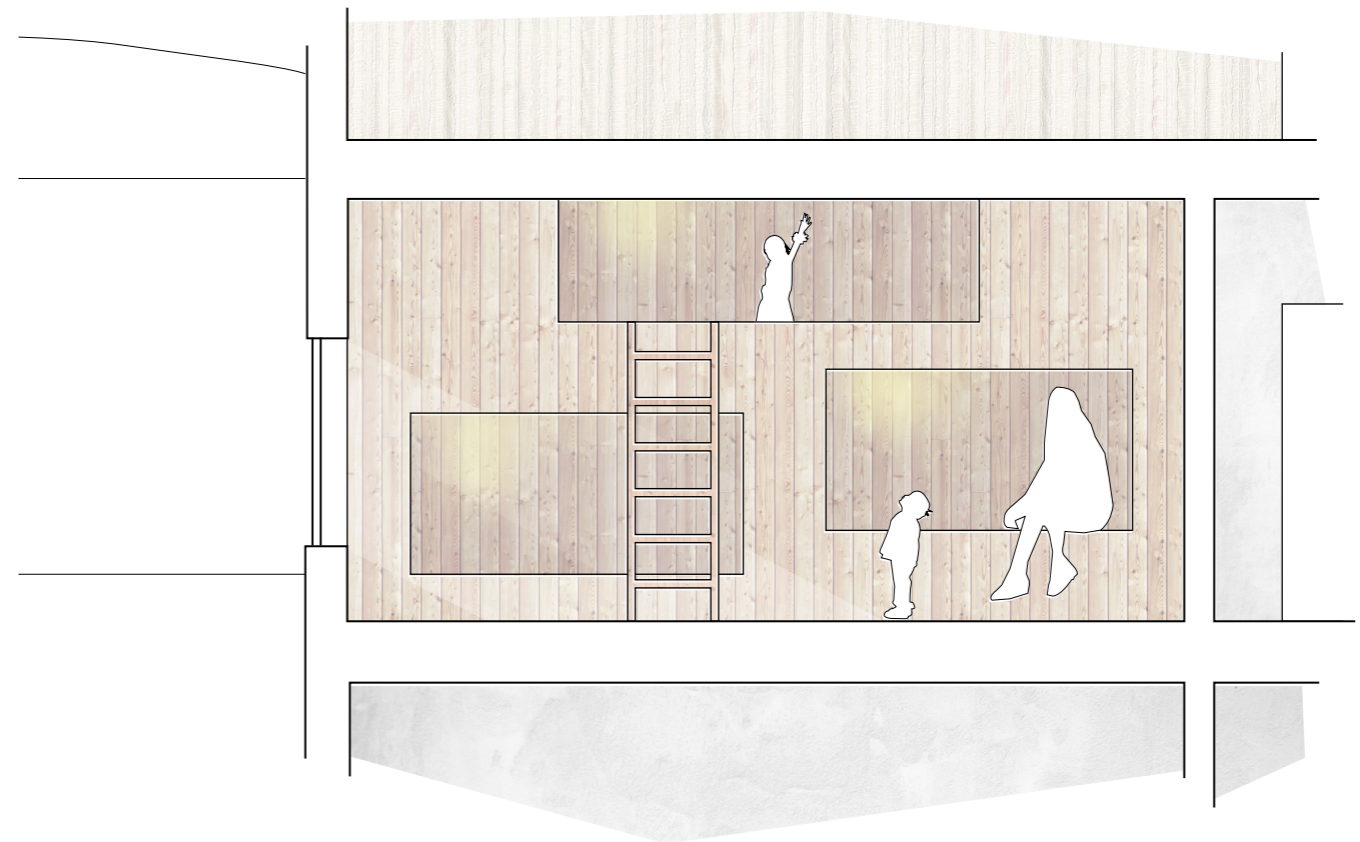
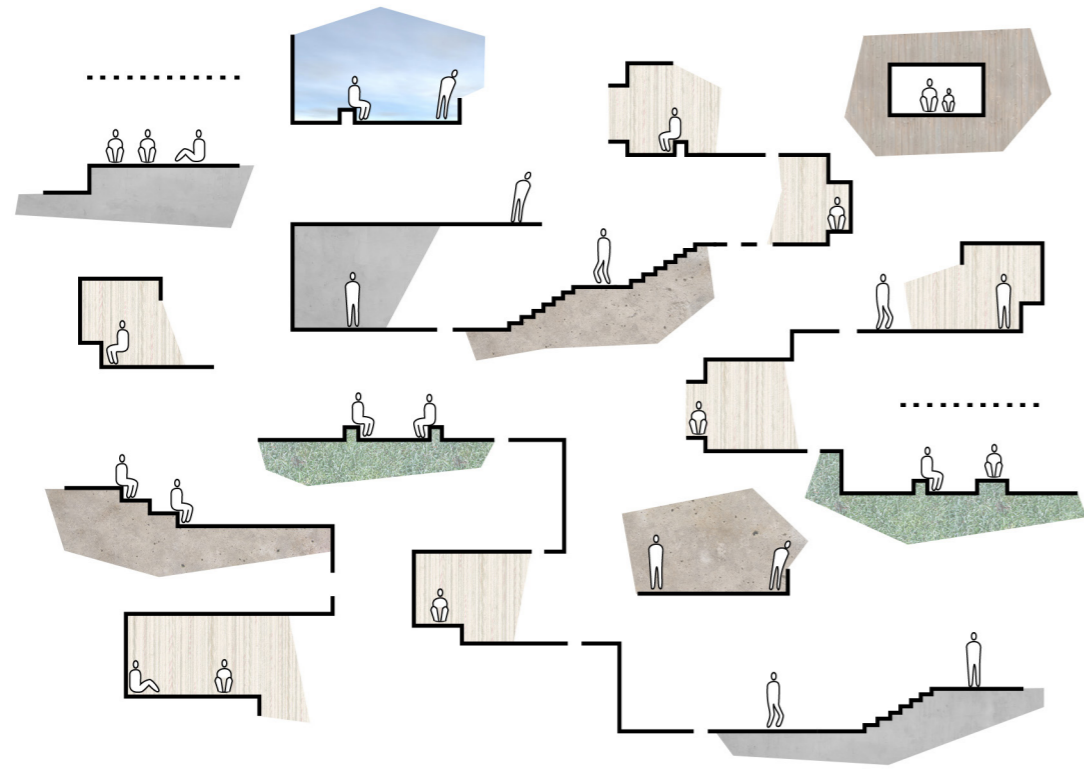
Cross-section A // 1:100



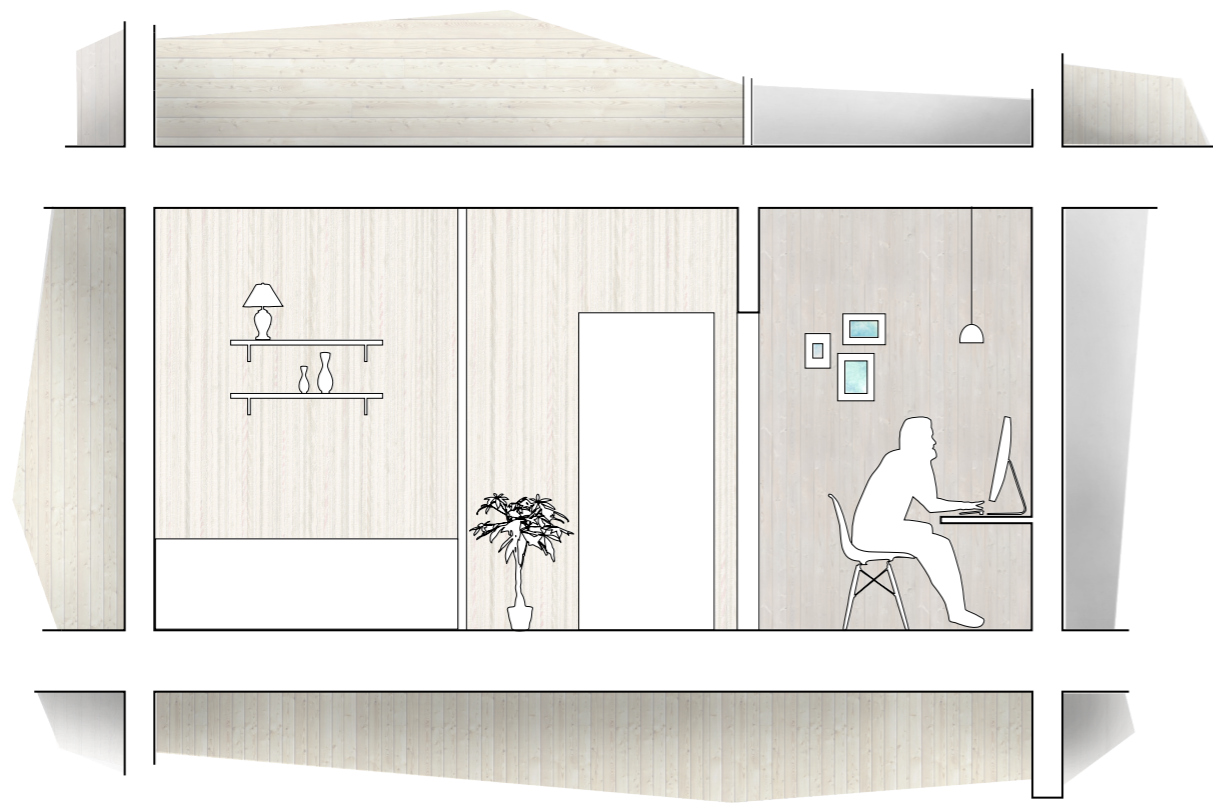


Cross-sections B & C // 1:200

# MOMENTS



Guestroom



Private unit