

Master thesis theme A

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#### ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The Gutstrasse is object to a recent masterplan by Peter Märkli Architekten, foreseeing the demolition of the existing after-war emergency housings ('Not-Siedlungen') built by Karl Egender and Wilhelm Müller between 1949 and 1955. The replacement buildings aim for a greater density (up to nearly three times the actual), diversity in terms of private and public uses, and more comfort for the inhabitants, notably by proposing modern apartments instead of the existing ones, among others.





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The project investigates the parcel at the crossing of the Gutstrasse and the Triemlifussweg as a case study for the adaptation of the existing instead of its demolition.





#### EXISTING

The days of the existing houses on the investigated parcel are now counted. A competition has been won for their replacement with bigger housing buildings. The winning project by ARGE Lütjens Padmanabhan Architekten and Caruso St John architects, 'Gilbert & George' sets the objectives for the intervention and serves as inspiration for its design.



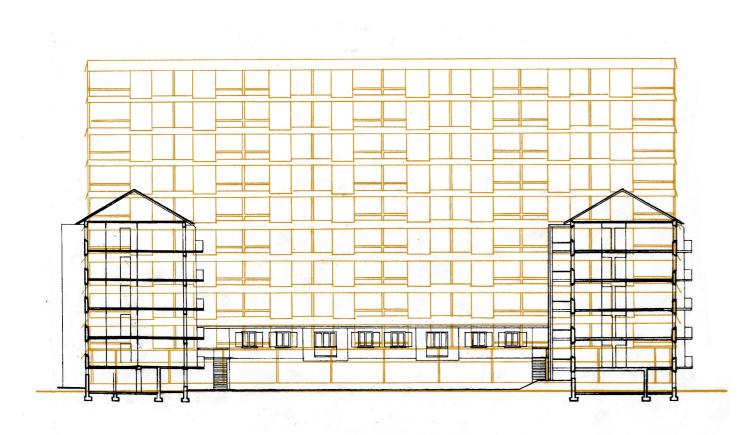


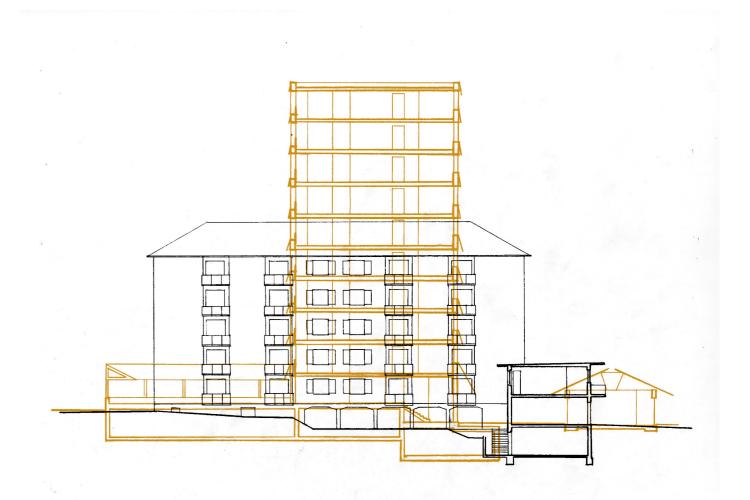
The proposal consists in the overlay of drawn possibilities for these houses.

Overlay with 'Gilbert & George' (orange) and Peter märkli's masterplan for the Gutstrasse (red)

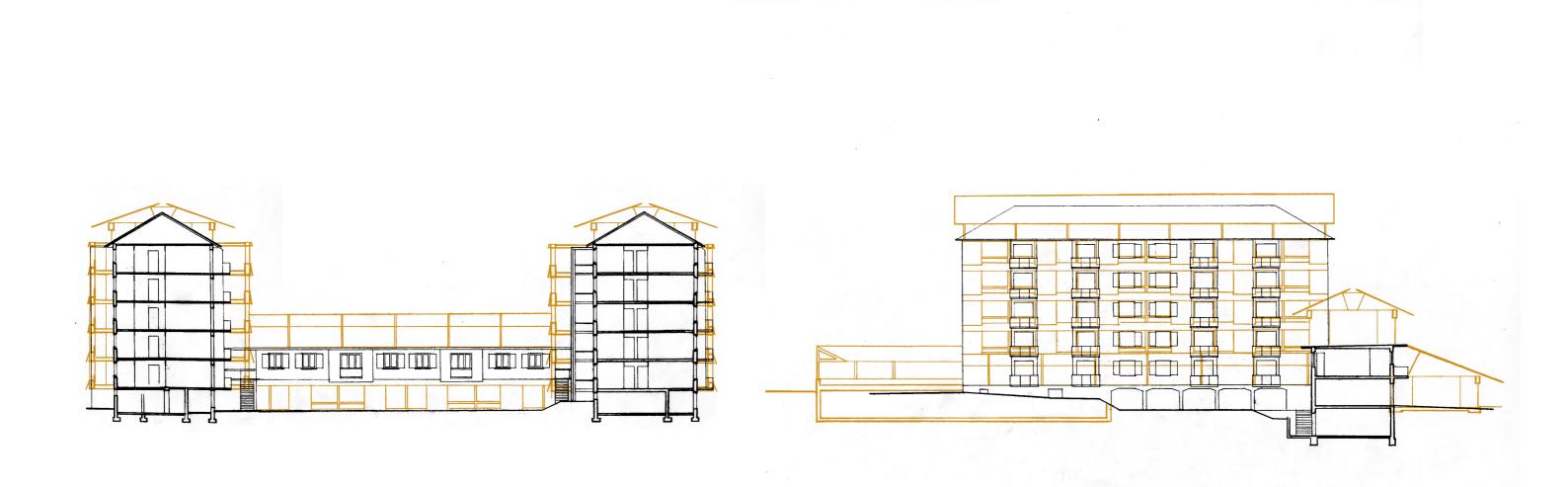


Overlay with 'Gilbert & George' ground and first floors

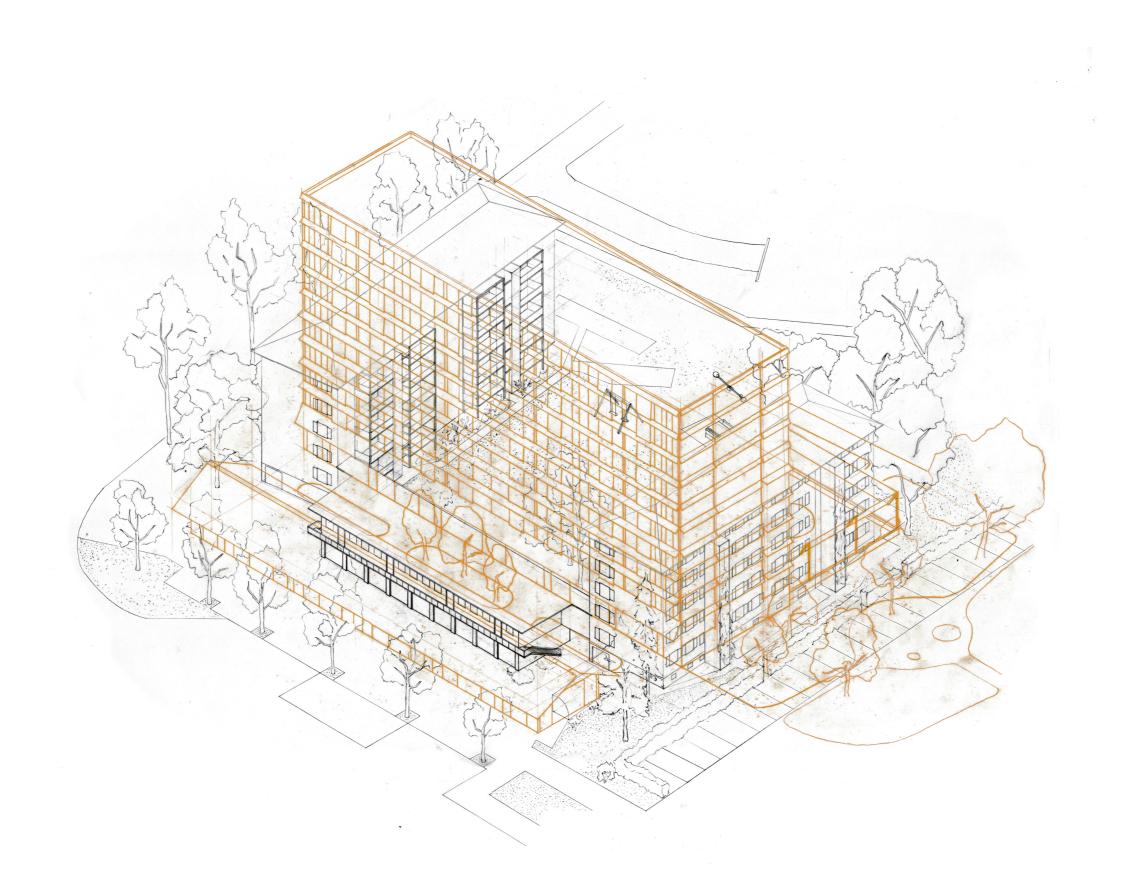




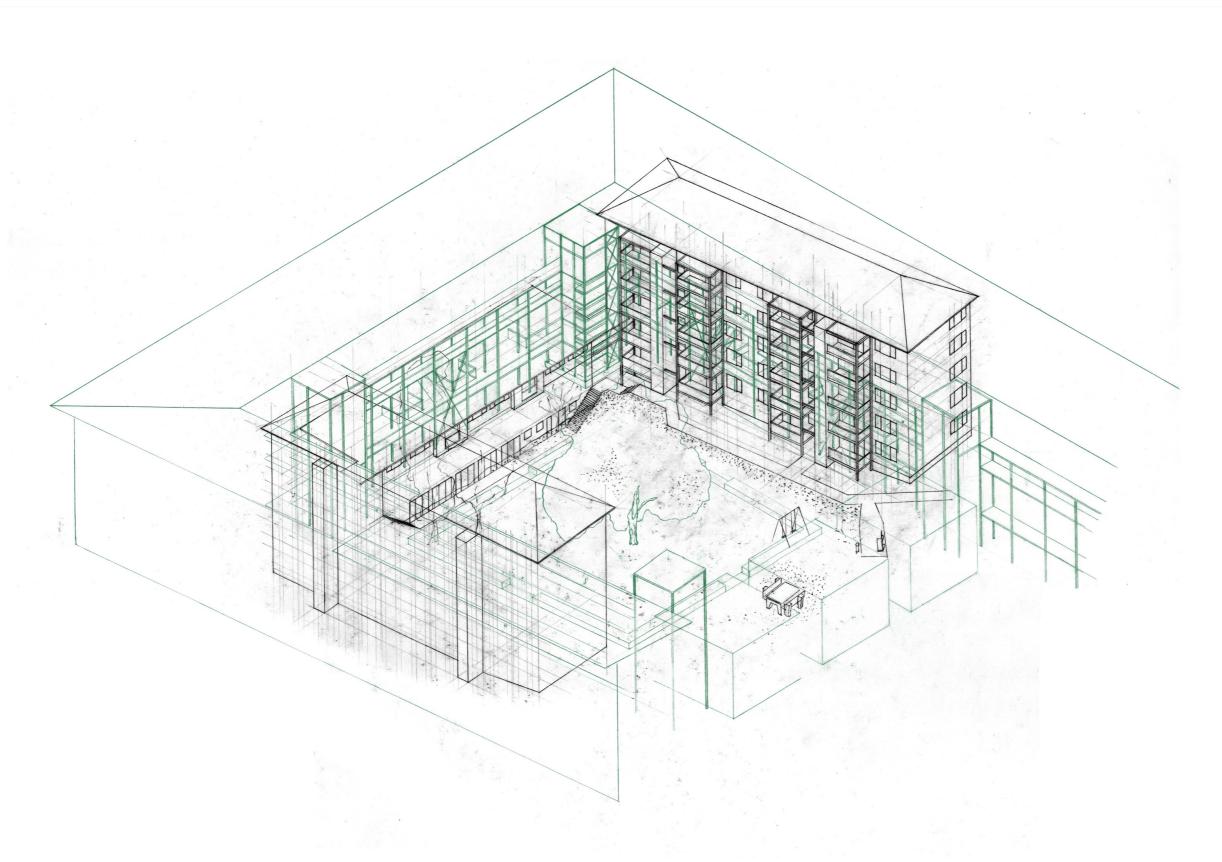
Overlay with 'Gilbert & George' sections



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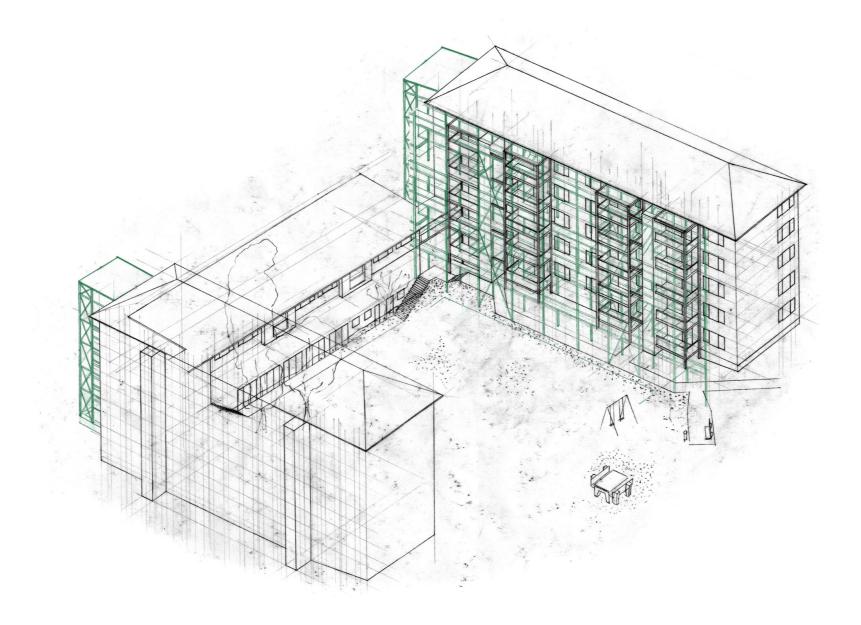


Overlay with 'Gilbert & George'



The Brahmshof building is used as a reference for its circulation consisting of stairs and lift towers at the angles of the courtyard and wide galleries.

Overlay with Brahmshof



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Overlay with 'Gilbert & George'





Overlay with 'Gilbert & George' and Brahmshof



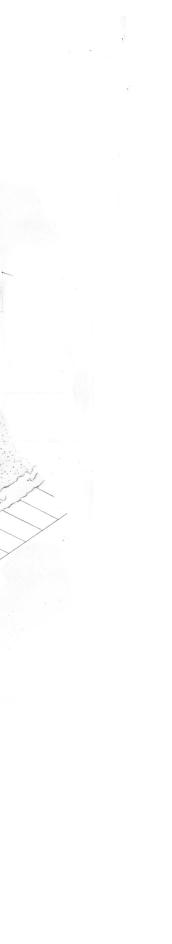


Overlay of Gilbert & Georges, Brahmshof and other possibilities



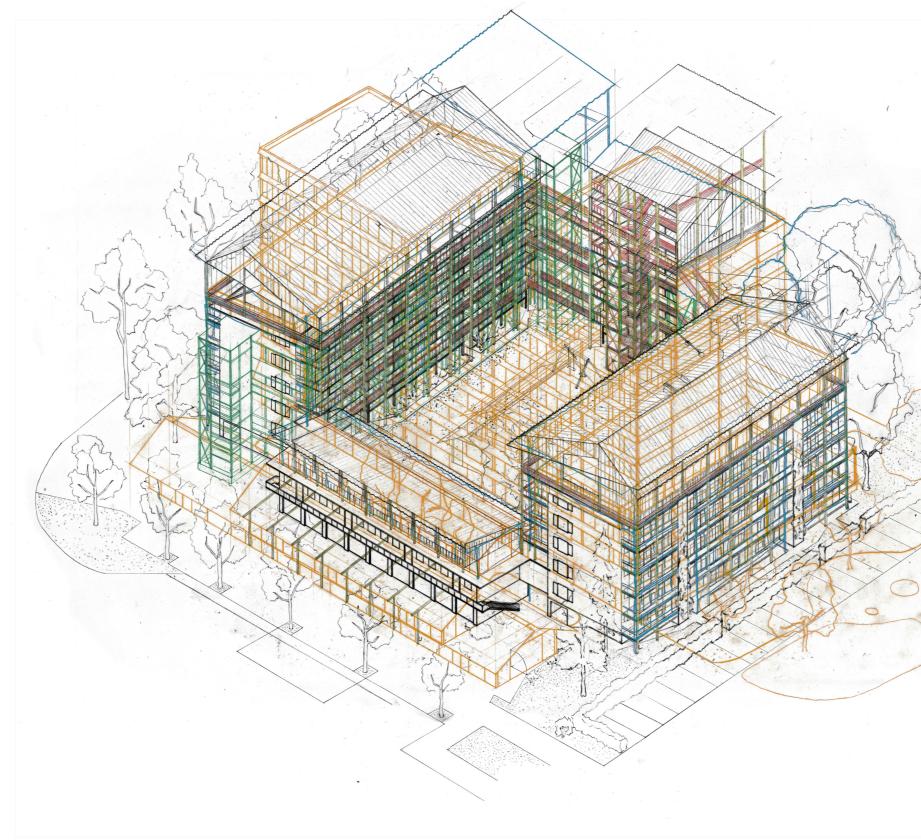


Overlay of other possibilities





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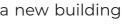


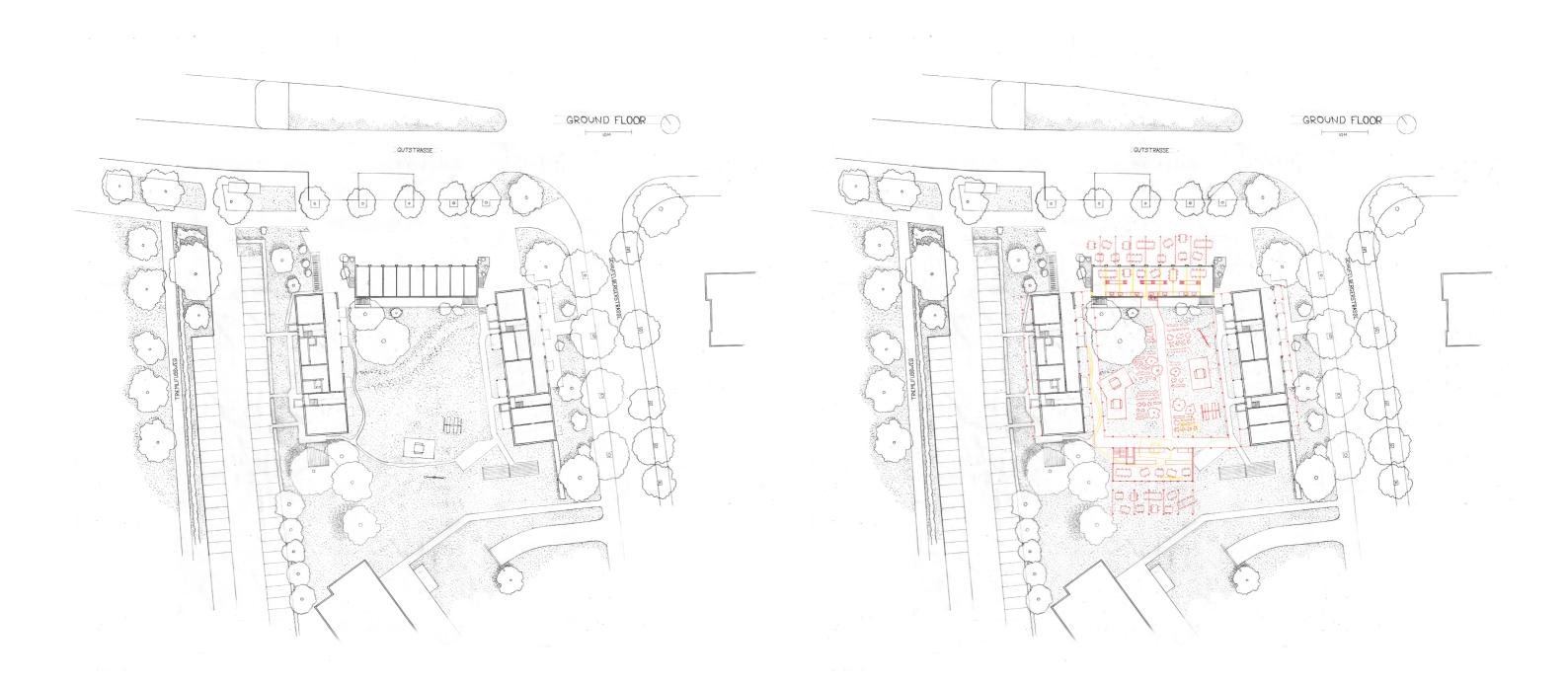
Overlay of multiple possibilities



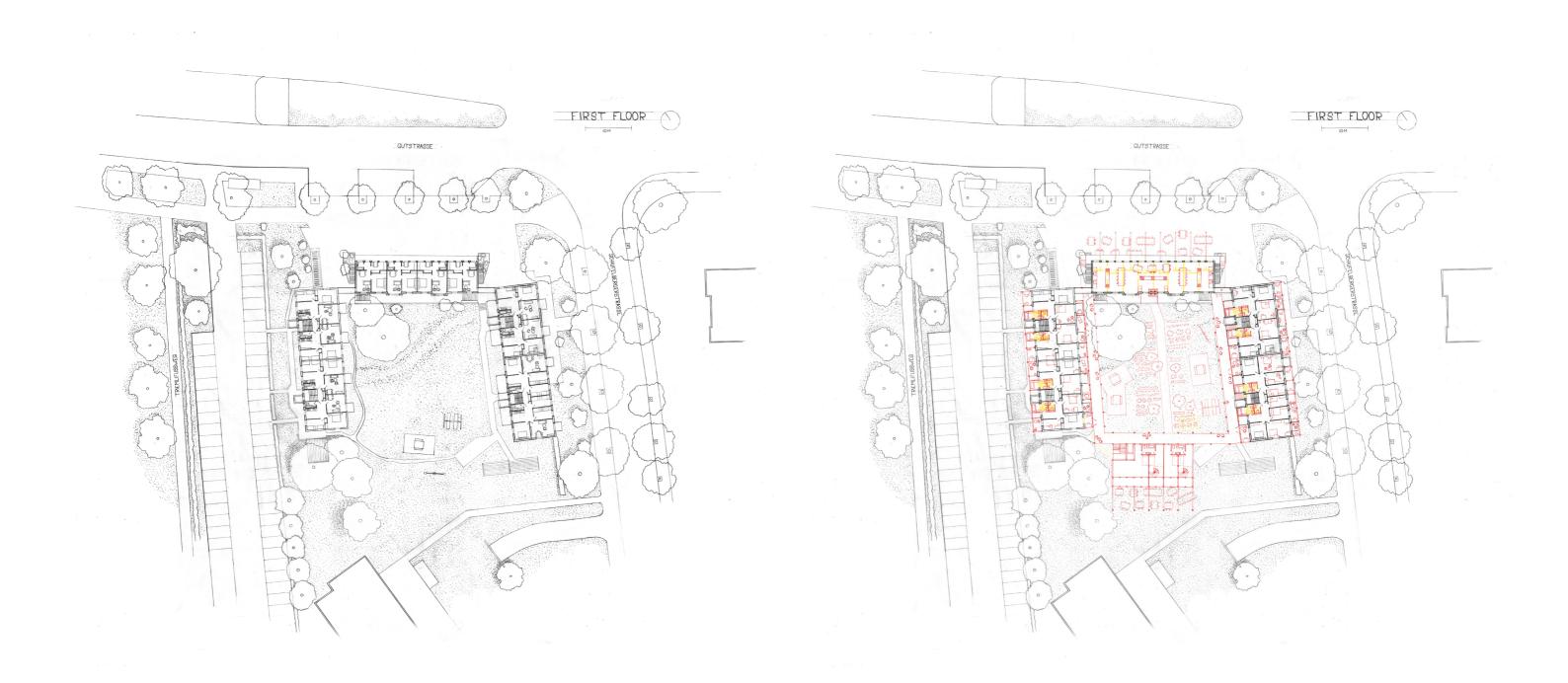


The overlays eventually lead to the proposition of a wooden scaffolding built around and on the existing, as well as a new building enclosing the courtyard.

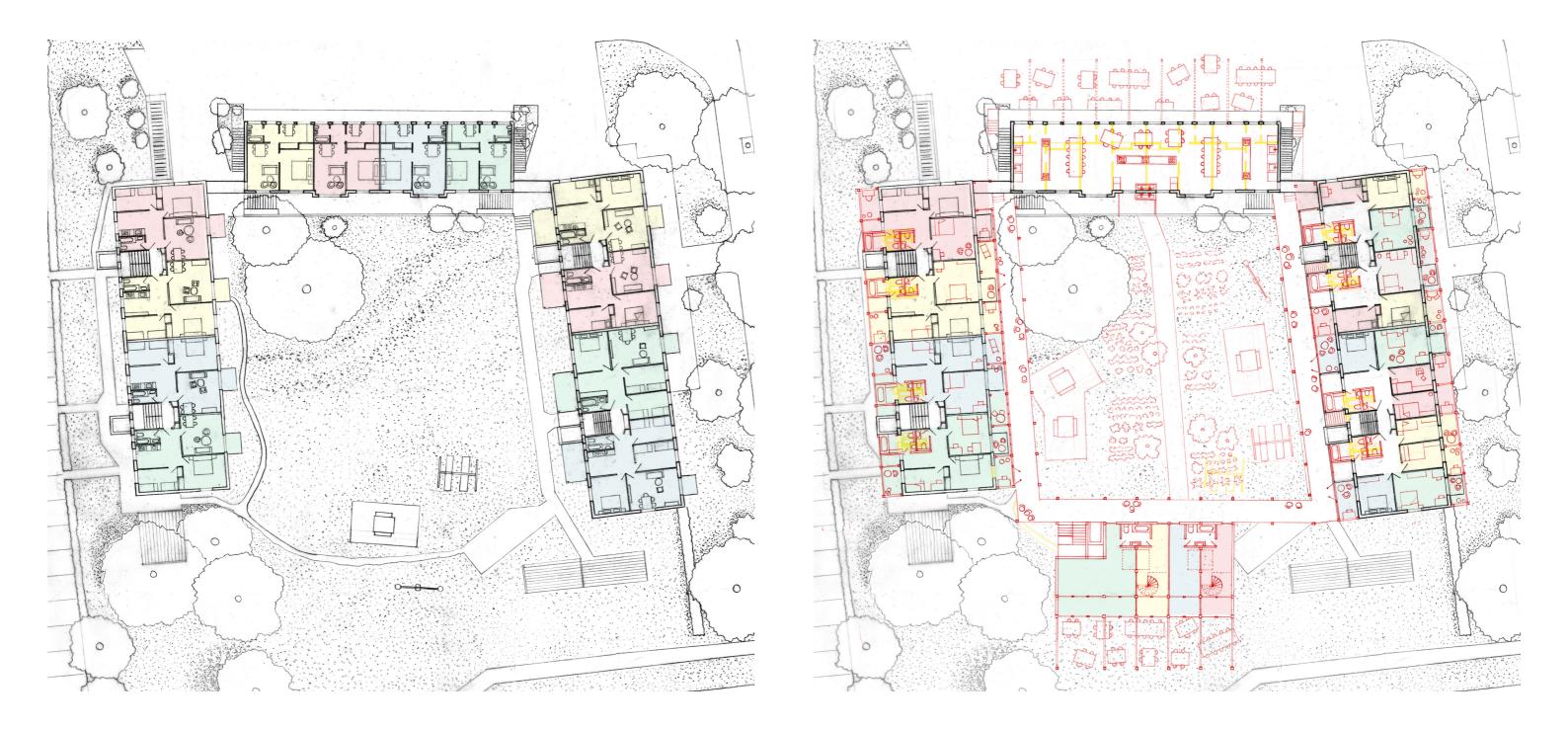




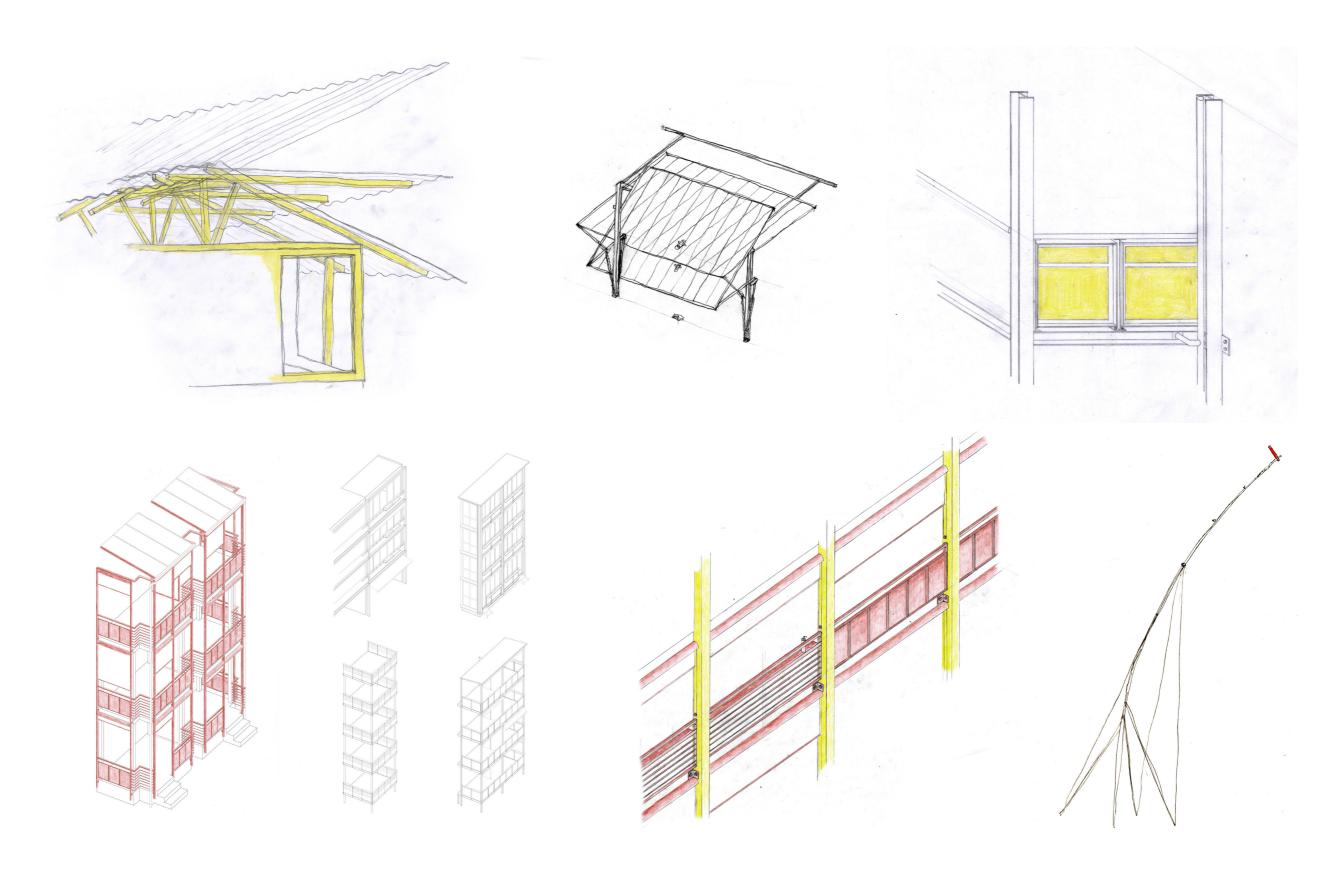
The interventions aim to change from an all-inclusive type of living with a relatively big private surface per inhabitant to smaller private rooms combined with big shared common spaces such as living rooms in the roofs, kitchens in the attached pavilion on the north side, and a laundry on its roof.







The typical nuclear family apartments are split into clusters of rooms without private living rooms or kitchens. By doing so, the number of inhabitants aimed by Gilbert & George is reached. However, some apartments can be used further as they are for bigger families, in order to avoid a lack of diversity of the inhabitants.



# DETAILS

A collection of details found on site or in 'Gilbert & George' inspire the materiality of the proposition.



#### PAVILION

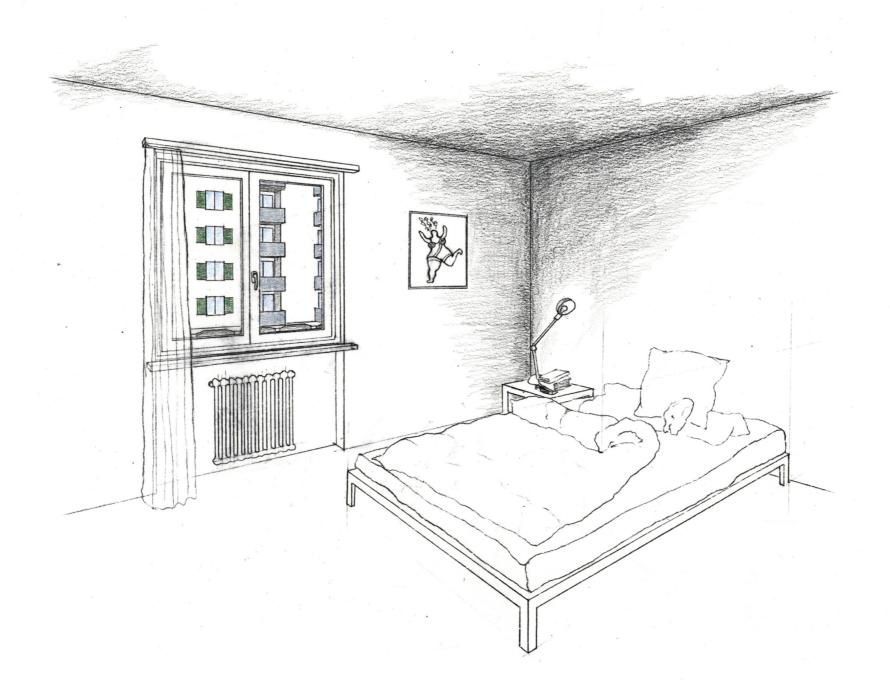


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It is opened and converted into a common kitchen for the community with a terrace on the sidewalk of the Gutstrasse, accessible by the public.



PAVILION



#### ROOMS

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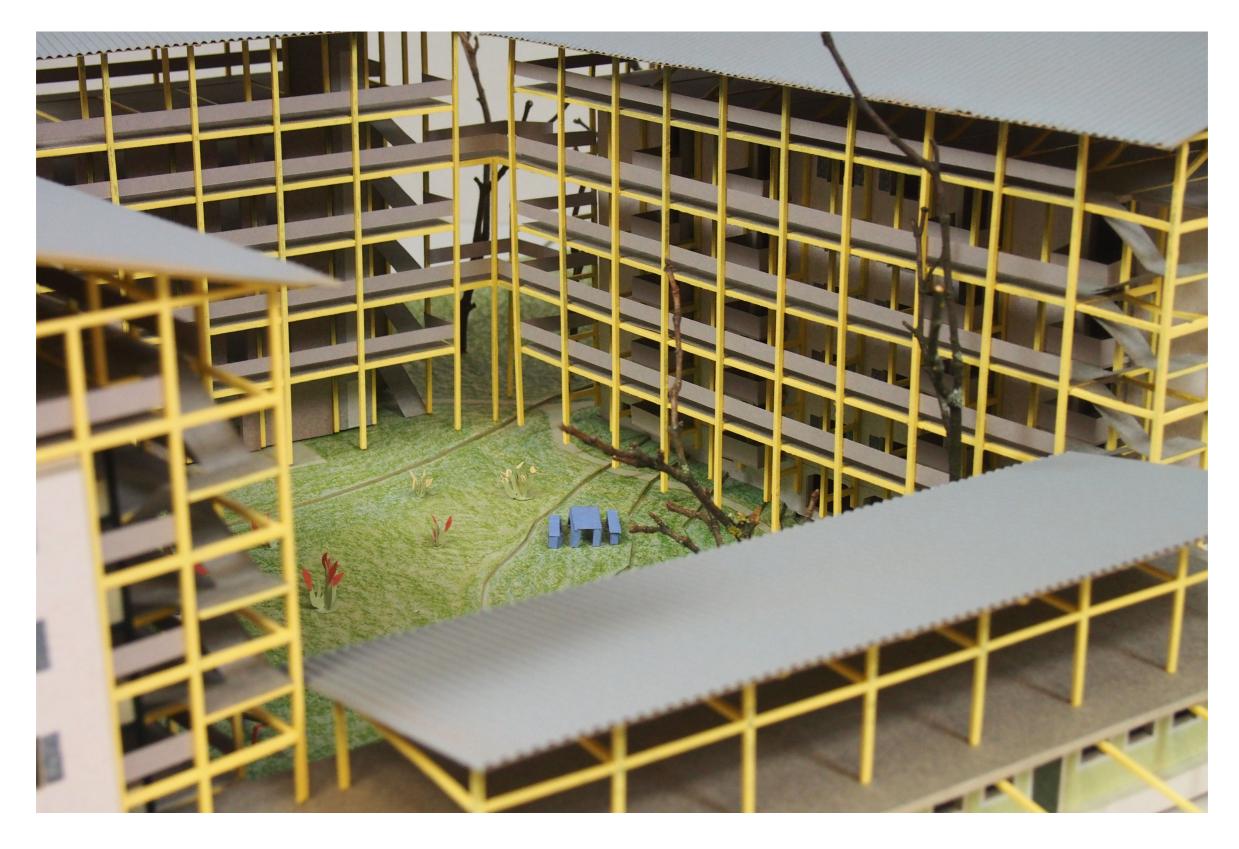
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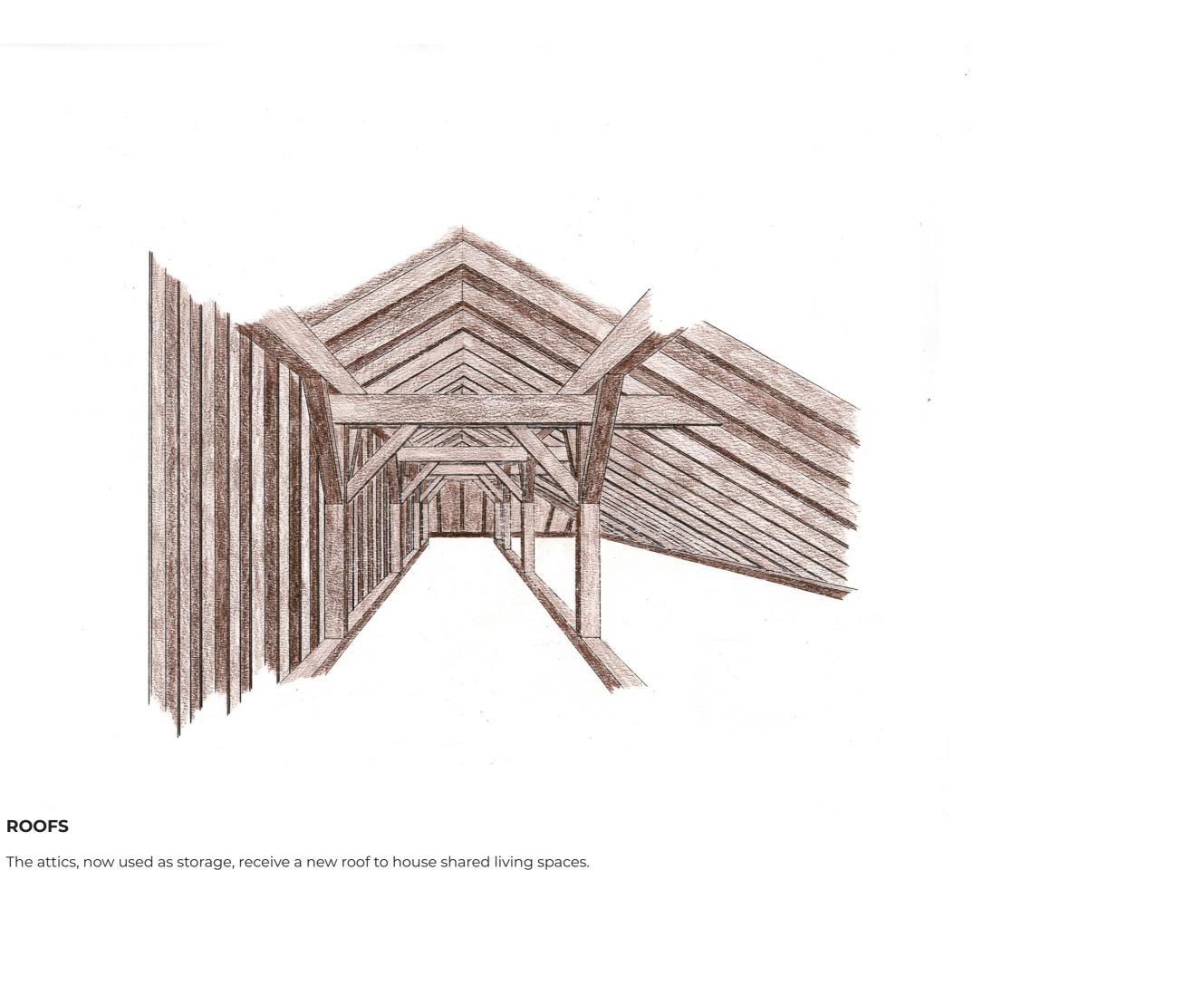


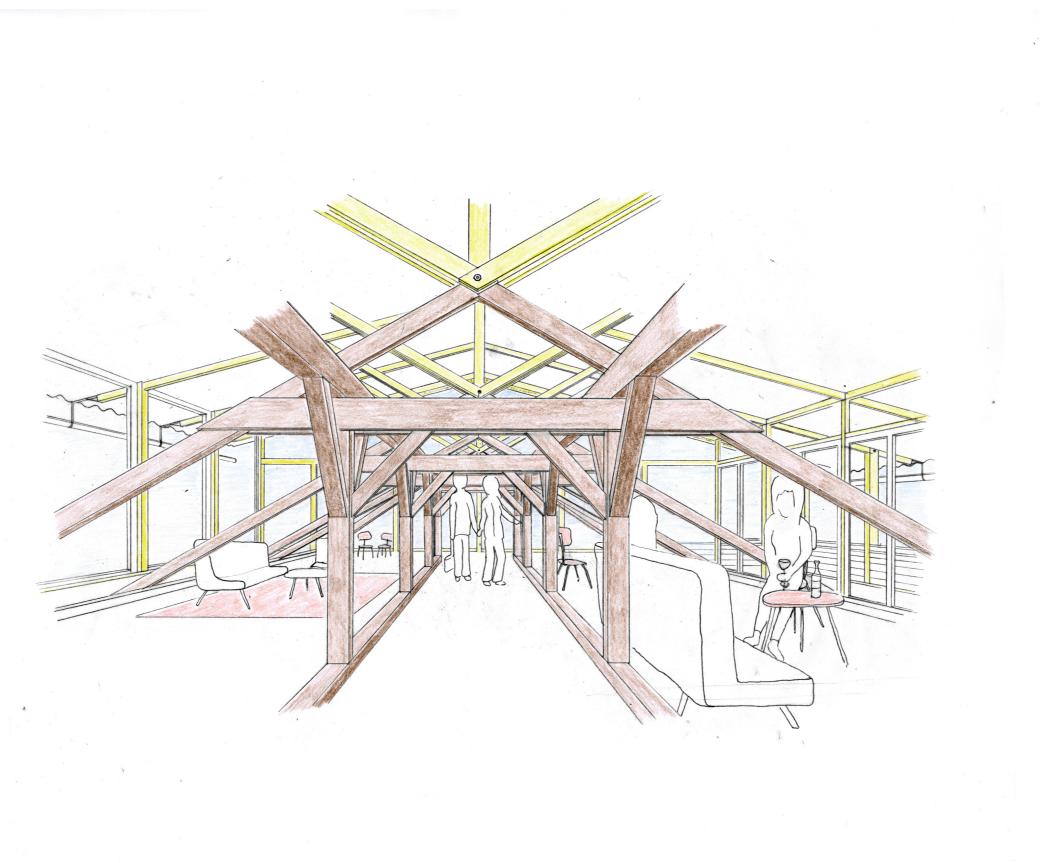
#### GALLERIES

The apartments are linked with circulation galeries on the side of the interior courtyard, wide enough to be the stage of social interaction between the community's neighbors.



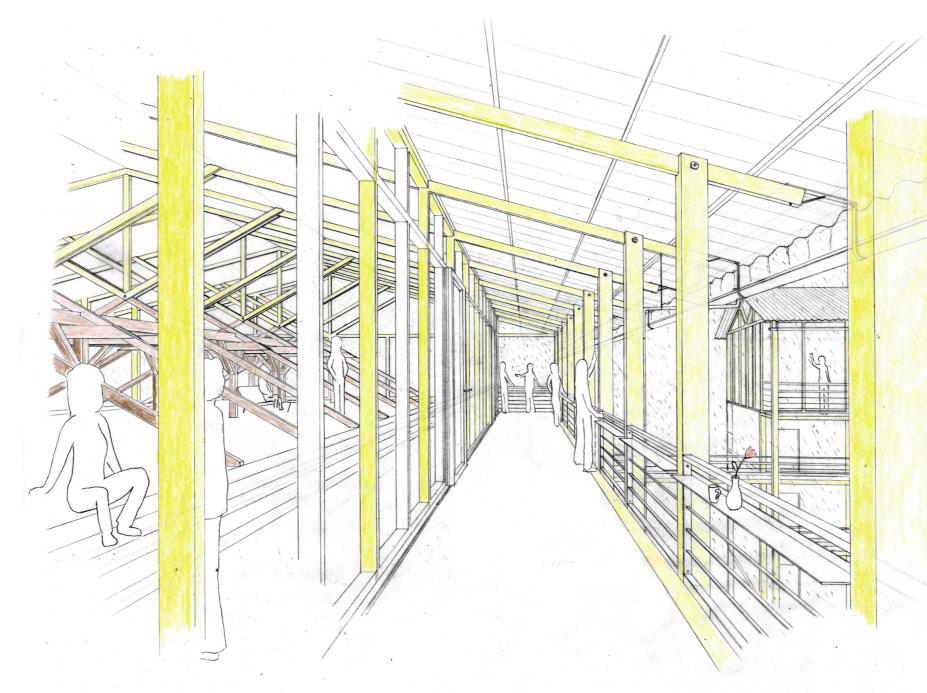
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The attics, now used as storage, receive a new roof to house shared living spaces. The new structure is fixed upon the existing one.



The hanging gutter makes visible the path of the water flowing down to the garden.







#### ADDITIONAL BUILDING

The additional building works with the same characteristics than the rest of the proposal. It houses a shared kitchen on the groundfloor, with a terrace invading the neighboring building's lawn and a shared living room under the roof. It also features a lift that allows people with disabilities to access their apartments without the need to walk up stairs, as it is the case with the existing lifts.



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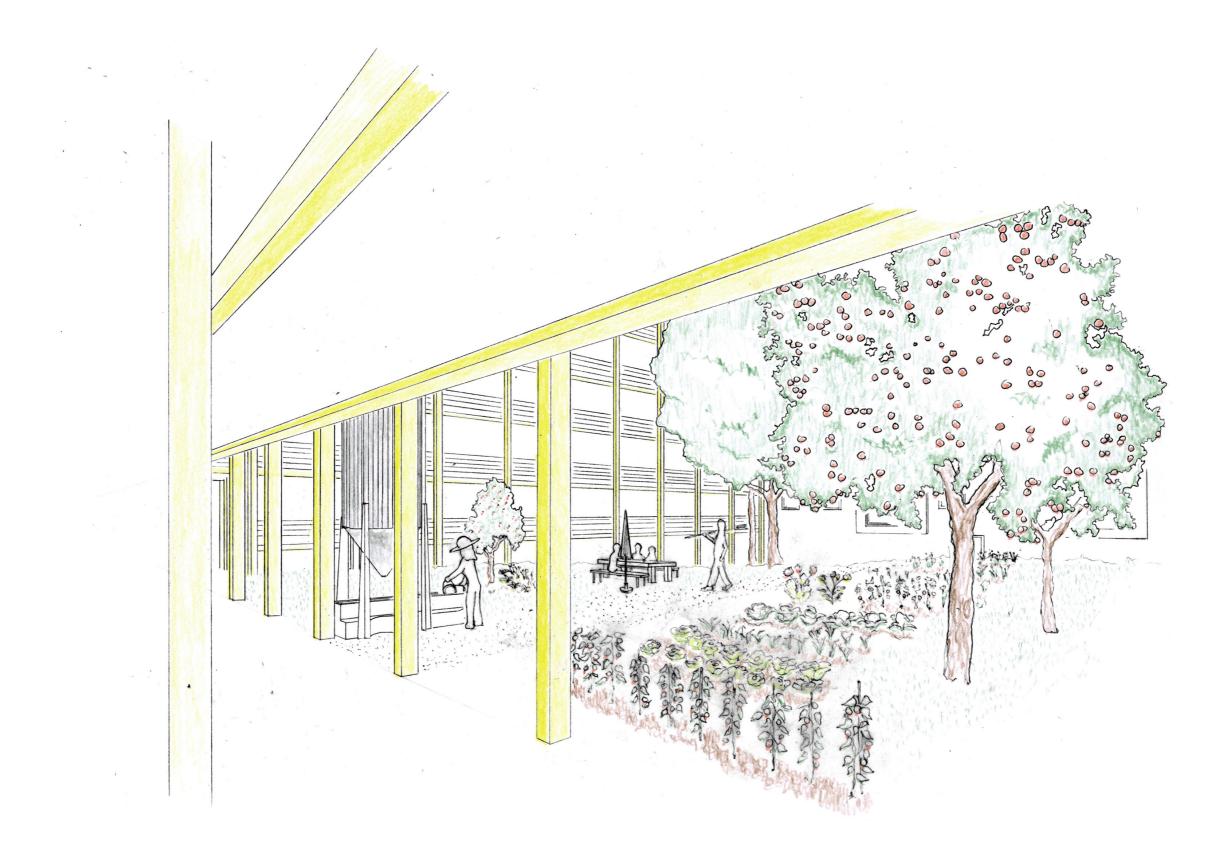
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#### COURTYARD

The interstitial green space, nowadays empty and unused.





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It is activated by the galeries and the community around it, and finds one of the purpose it was originally designed for, a community garden. For that use, water is collected from the roofs with hanging gutters that let it flow down to Justinas Zukly's water silos positioned at the side of the courtyard.

# GUTSTRASSE



# A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE