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## Technical Development

This chapter deals with the materiality, structure and technical development of the proposed building. The chapter also looks at the SANS 10400 requirements for an alternative typology such as this design, as well as at theoretical discourse regarding weathering and returning to nature.

The exploded axonometric that follows depicts both the programmatic and technical development of the architecture, as well as the conceptual understanding and implementation of parameters established by the author. The diagram shows tectonic and stereotomic elements of the structure and how they interact with one another. The structures are defined by solid monolithic walls which extend out of the natural geology of the ridge, while the roof structures become extensions of the surface condition of the ridge, while also covering the exposed structures.

By using the structural integrity of the natural granite ridge and allowing planted roofs to extend out of the natural slope, one is able to develop an architecture that, when viewed from above and on elevation, responds sensitively to the ridge. By glazing most of the southern facades, natural light is allowed to illuminate spaces, which also helps the structure to blend into the ridge and make use of the trees surrounding the building to form a façade on the southern edges.

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The building becomes a route in itself which fosters ritual practice within the city. The routes between the structures are more part of the natural ridge and park than of the building. They serve as a connection between the urban environment and the natural ridge.

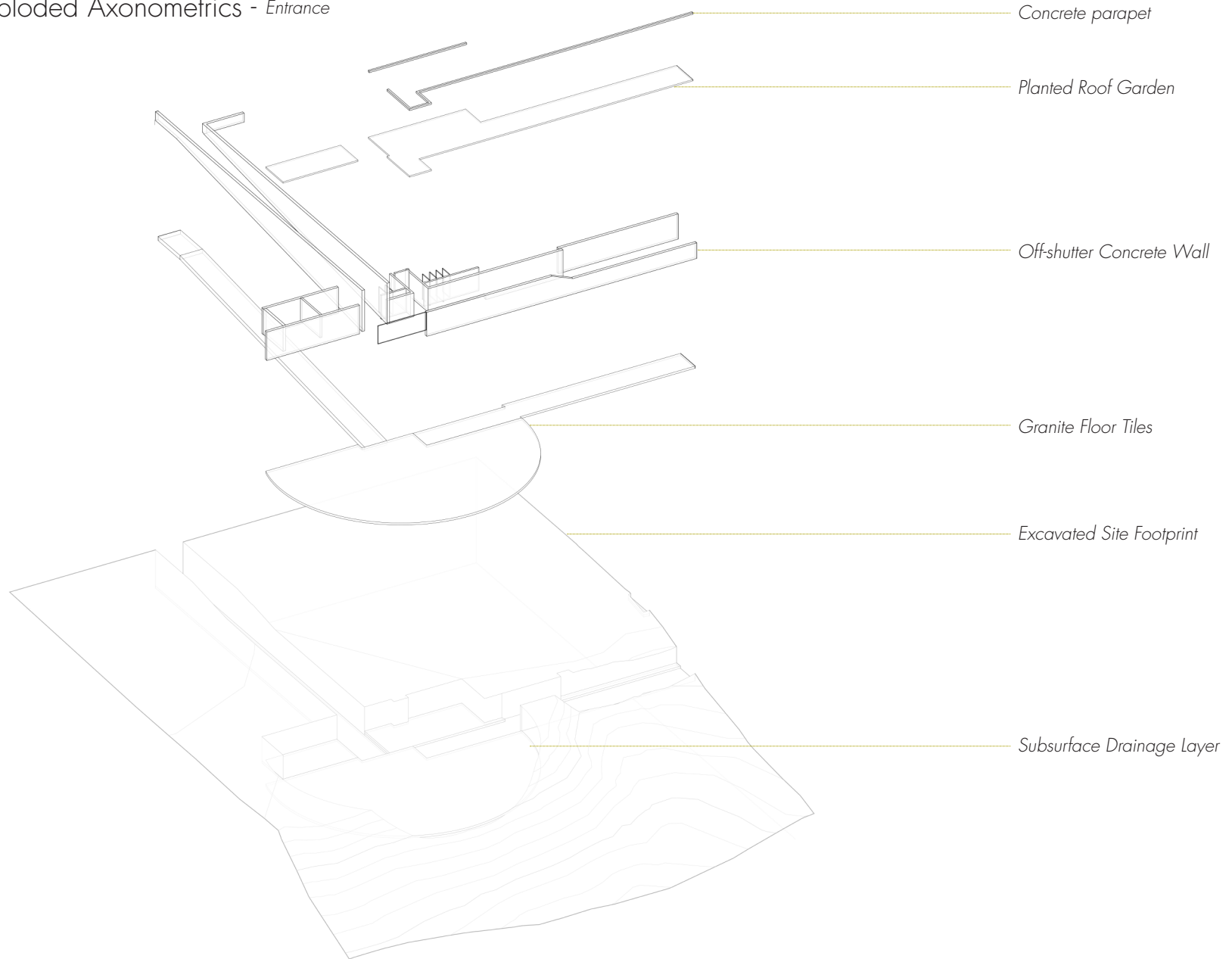
Finally, the chapter will discuss the detailed resolution of the structural system, plan, section and details. Choice of material and material application will also be discussed.

## Exploded Axonometrics

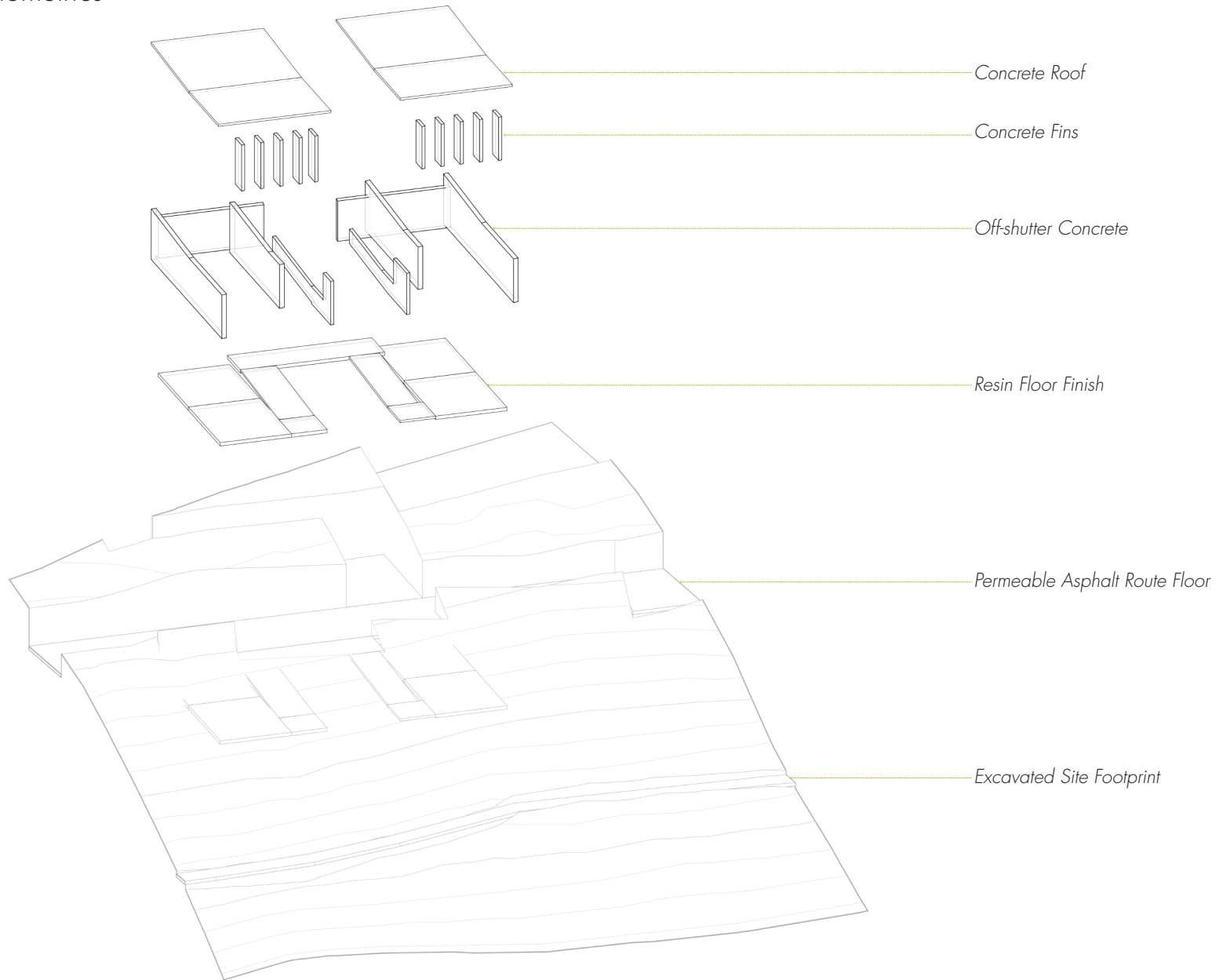
The following series of exploded axonometric drawings aid in the explanation of the structure as a whole, as well as isolated structures submerged in the ridge landscape. In these axonometric diagrams the materiality of various elements, the reasons for material choices as well as the implications of these choices are depicted. The diagrams also aid in the understanding of the nature of the design as a series of isolated, submerged structures within the ridge. More detailed exploded axonometrics of individual buildings follow the site axonometric to explain each building and its structural implications in more detail.

# Exploded Axonometrics - Entrance

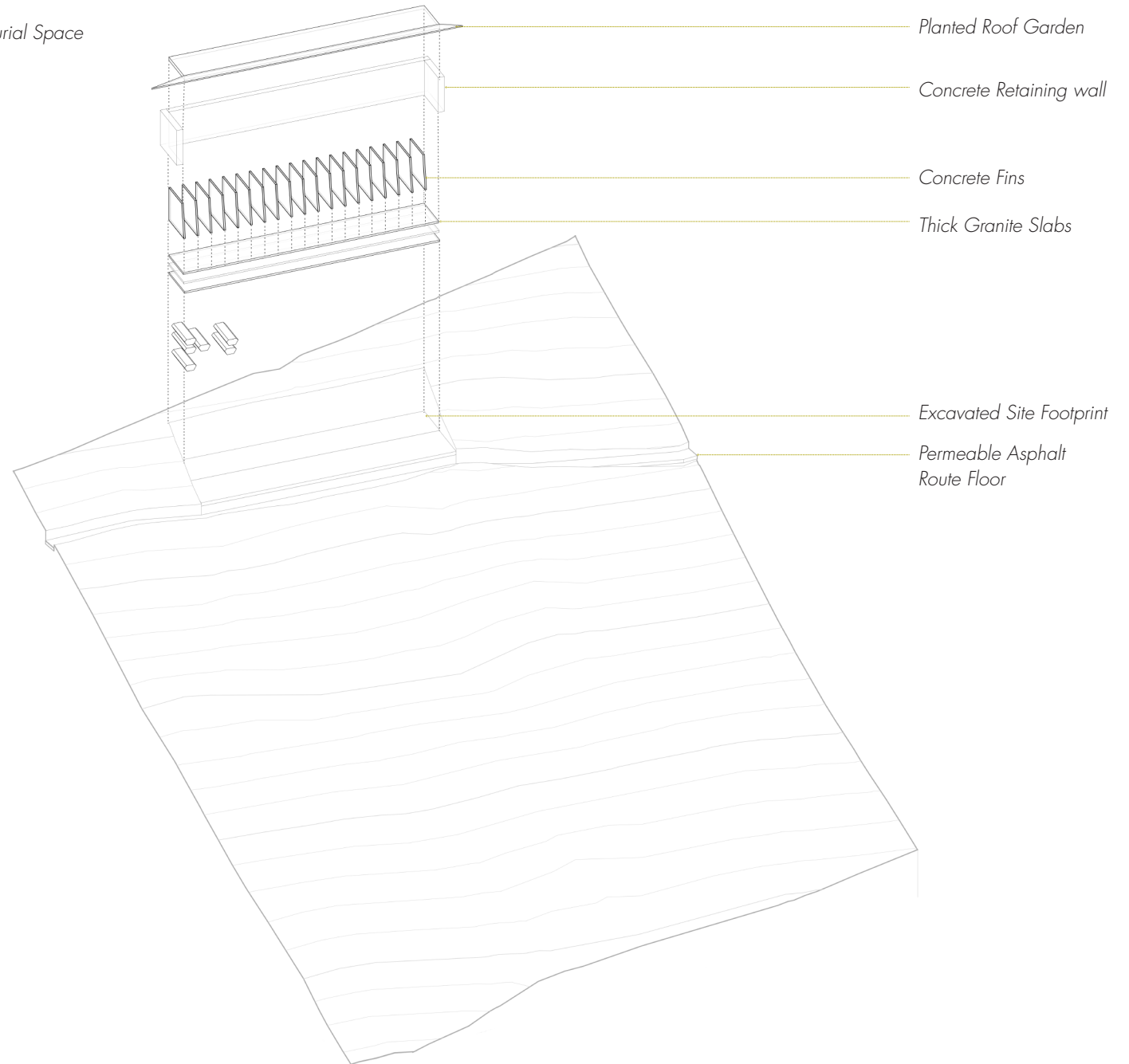
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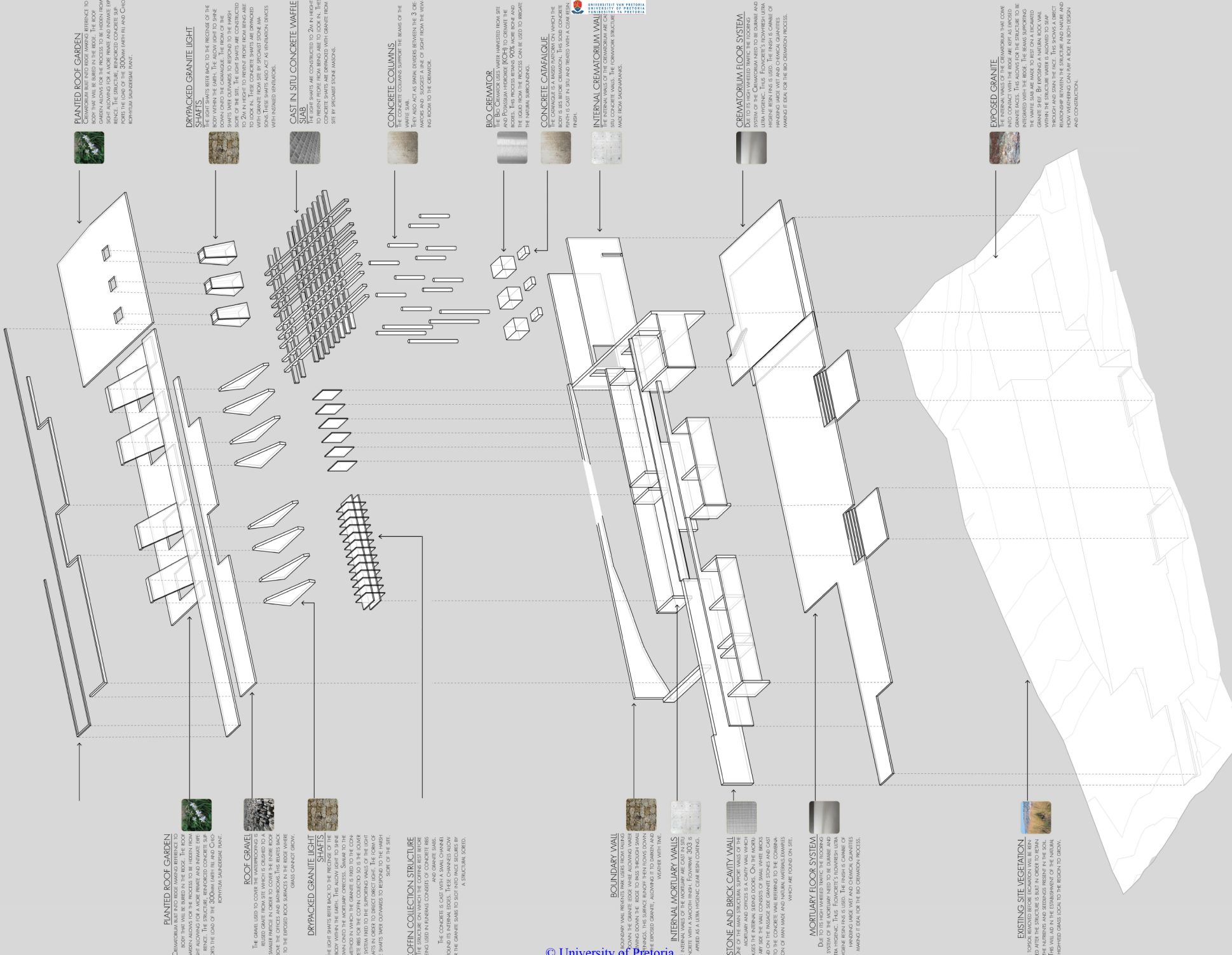
# Exploded Axonometrics - Bathhouse



# Exploded Axonometrics - Burial Space







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**CAST IN SITU CONCRETE WAFFLE SLAB**  
THE LIGHT SHAFTS ARE CONSTRUCTED TO 2M IN HEIGHT TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING ABLE TO LOOK IN. THESE SHAFTS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH GRANITE FROM SITE BY SPREADER STONE MASONRY.



**CONCRETE COLUMNS**  
THE CONCRETE COLUMNS SUPPORT THE BRACK OF THE ROOF AND ALSO ACT AS SPINA PROBES BETWEEN THE 3 ROOMS AND SUGGEST A LINE OF SIGHT FROM THE VIEWING ROOM TO THE CREMATORIUM.



**BIO CREMATOR**  
THE BIO CREMATOR IS MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS HARVESTED FROM BIRCH AND POISSONIA HYPOBOEA (KOH) TO CREMATE THE BODIES. THIS PROCESS RETAINS 90% MORE BONE AND THE LOGS FROM THE PROCESS CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL SUBSTRATE.



**CONCRETE CATALAQUE**  
THE CATALAQUE IS A BARRIED PLATFORM ON WHICH THE BODIES ARE PLACED. THE CATALAQUE IS CONSTRUCTED FROM CAST IN SITU AND TREATED WITH A GRANITE FINISH.



**INTERNAL CREMATORIUM WALL**  
THE INTERNAL WALLS OF THE CREMATORIUM ARE CAST IN SITU CONCRETE WALLS. THE FORMWORK STRUCTURE IS MADE FROM SCAFFOLDING.



**CREMATORIUM FLOOR SYSTEM**  
DUE TO ITS HIGH WHEELED TRAFFIC THE FLOORING SYSTEM OF THE CREMATORIUM NEEDS TO BE DURABLE AND LONG LASTING. THE FLOORING IS MADE FROM A HIGH STRENGTH POLYURETHANE RESIN. THE FINISH IS GRABBLE HANDLING LARGE WET AND CHEMICAL QUANTITIES MARKING IT IDEAL FOR THE BIO CREMATION PROCESS.



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THE INTERNAL WALLS OF THE CREMATORIUM THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE BODIES ARE LEFT AS EXPOSED GRANITE. THE GRANITE IS SELECTED TO BE INTEGRATED WITH THE ROOF. THE BRACKS SUPPORTING THE WAFFLE SLAB ARE MADE TO REST ON A REINFORCED CONCRETE WALL. THE GRANITE IS SELECTED TO MATCH WITHIN THE STRUCTURE WALLS AS ALLOWED TO SHINE THROUGH AND SHINE THE FACE. THIS SHOWS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STRUCTURE AND NATURE AND A CONNECTION WITH THE NATURE THAT IS IN BOTH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.



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THE STRUCTURE ON WHICH THE COFFINS REST BEFORE BEING USED IN THE CREMATION PROCESS. THE STRUCTURE IS CONSTRUCTED FROM CAST IN SITU CONCRETE AND GRANITE SLABS. THE CONCRETE IS CAST WITH A SMALL CHANNEL AND GRANITE IS USED TO COVER THE INTERIOR EDGES. THIS SHOWS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STRUCTURE AND NATURE AND A CONNECTION WITH THE NATURE THAT IS IN BOTH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

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**STONE AND BRICK CAVITY WALL**  
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## Technical Concept

The natural granite which makes up most of the Yeoville Ridge is a major influence, both on design and construction. By combining the typologies of the naturalistic rural cemetery and the formalistic urban cemetery one is able to establish a new, more contextual typology for burial in the city of Johannesburg and, more importantly, the Witwatersrand. By making incisions into the natural granite rock of the ridge, the ridge can be used not only as a structural support system, but also to become a subterranean burial park that becomes a city of the dead that is accessible to the living – a calm and isolated space within the chaos of Johannesburg. And more importantly the Witwatersrand. By making incisions into the natural granite rock of the ridge the structure is able to use the ridge not only as a structural support system but become a subterranean

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The use of materials that show weathering allow the structure to age. This refers to the notion of time and decay and how life in itself is not infinite. The weathering of the structure relates back to nature and how it is not static, this notion awakens reality within the user and arouses intrigue as does most buildings in decay. They ultimately awaken nostalgia within those experiencing it.

By creating a building that decays as a result of the landscape the architecture is able to successfully become a mediator between the living and the dead. A sensitive intervention that decays back to the earth. It merges with the landscape.

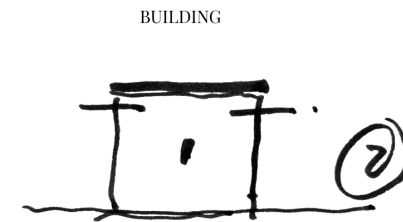
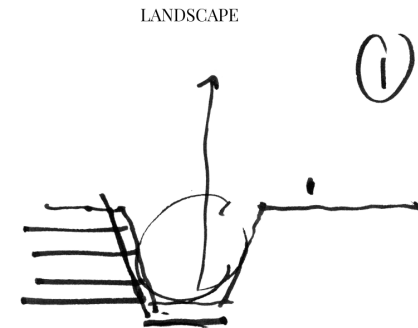
The construction of the structure allows for exposure of man-made and natural elements throughout the route.

## Theory - Weathering

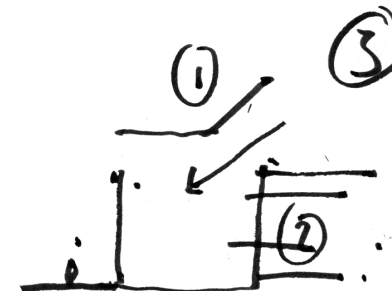
*Erosion of a surface through weathering exposes newer surfaces of the same material in its depth, at once erasure of one surface and the revelation of another. Exposure also involves sedimentation and the gathering of residual deposits, the combination of which – subtraction and addition – is a testimony to the time of a building, "creating the present form of the past life but according to its past as such." In this sense architectural duration implies a past that is caught up in the present and anticipates the future.*

(Mostafavi & Leatherbarrow 1993:64)

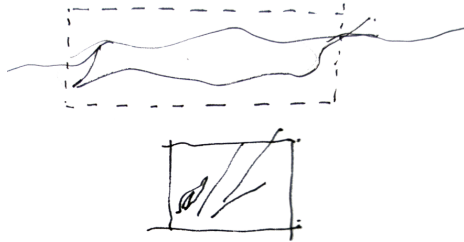
Weathering as we know it is seen quite differently from what Mostafavi and Leatherbarrow suggest. When this process is allowed to continue uninterrupted, it enables the building to develop a second skin which ultimately becomes natural or Nature. This tension created between the natural (site and location) and the man-made (art) is ultimately what Tadao Ando speaks of when he explains his understanding of nature and the constructed site (Ando 1996).



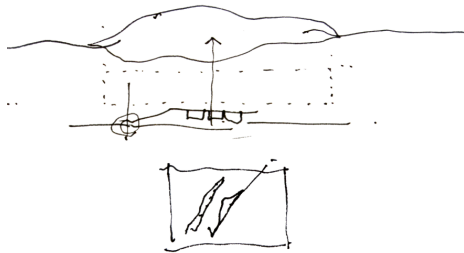
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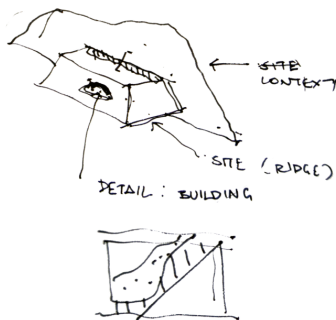
CONTEXT



SITE



BUILDING / DETAIL



Thus, considering the text by Mostafavi and Leatherbarrow (1993), weathering ultimately produces something which is already there through the process of extraction. This process ultimately transforms the roles of art and nature. In the design process, art is assumed to be the dominant force which shapes nature, over the lifetime of the construction. However, nature reforms the finished artwork (Mostafavi & Leatherbarrow 1993:64).

*What is the value of this accumulation of dirt, or this erosion of a finished edge? Is it not tragic? Alternatively, does it not show the rightful claim nature has on all works of art? Is not this return of matter to its source, as a coherent body, already implied in its constitution, insofar as every physical thing carries within its deepest layers a tendency towards its own destruction – death as birth right? If tragic, this metamorphosis is just. The value, then, of works that suffer strains and abrasions is the revelation of the eventuality of this final justice.*

(Mostafavi & Leatherbarrow 1993:69)

This relates directly to the process of death and how a piece of art – as a result of weathering – is taken back to its location, the place where it was first taken from. Thus, during and after the construction of a building, it naturally takes on the characteristics of the site, the textures, colours, surface patterns and smells on which it is constructed. These adopted characteristics which the piece of art or building gathers from the site are in turn given back to the landscape. The building as a geological element allows the site to form around it and become one with the structure. In this way both nature and man-made art become aware of one another, and respond accordingly in a sensitive manner (Mostafavi & Leatherbarrow, 1993:72).

In conclusion it is clear that whatever the design develops into, the process of weathering is an inevitable one that adds to the experiential qualities of the spaces.

This idea relates back directly to the proposal of a crematorium and funerary route nestled within the landscape, creating a connection between nature and the man-made structure. By designing for the inevitable effect of weathering on elements such as granite, concrete and stone walls, one is able to enhance the experience of the space and, most importantly, relate it back to the process taking place in the programme. Just as the process of death is one of weathering in itself, so should the structure that facilitates the burial process also become weathered due to time. The structure then ultimately becomes a monument of the past funerary processes in the landscape, returning to the landscape like those whom it has catered for, and so becoming a ruined folly within the ridge as a geological agent on the Witwatersrand.

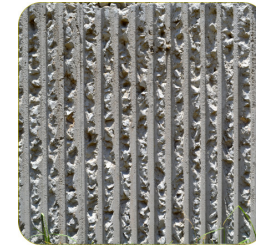
## Material - *Material palette and Application*

### Roof

#### Concrete

As an element in all the structures, concrete forms an integral part of the various roof structures, finished in accordance to variations in programmatic use.

The finish of the chapel roof varies. The northern pitched roof of the chapel tower is finished with bluegum plank formwork for a smooth, reflective finish, while the roof structure above the seating is cast in situ with thin timber purlins spaced at 100mm centres in order to allow for acoustic displacement. With the concrete finish of the internal roof structure exposed, the space can respond directly to its surrounding urban context as well as to the geology of the ridge. Wood is a material that is able to merge seamlessly with stone in order to create harmony between man and nature.



#### Green roof

The roofs of the chapel (above the seating) and of the mortuary are planted with various indigenous grasses listed in the planting palette. Conceptually the planted roof allows the structure to merge with the landscape. Viewed from above these roofs soften the impact the structures have on the ridge, but replace the footprint removed from the submersion of the various structures. The earth layers of these green roofs improve insulation of the structures below and also protect the roof structure from water leakage.

#### Granite Rock

The granite which is excavated from the site in order to submerge the structures is crushed and used as a gravel alternative to cover the waterproofing on exposed flat roof structures. The pitched tower roof of the chapel is packed with roughly cut granite slabs to cover the waterproofing, but also to conceptually fit into the exposed rock of the ridge, becoming an exterior extension of the exposed rock face in the chapel. The packed granite slabs above the mortuary coffin collection area and fridges are seen as extensions of the internal geology of the ridge itself.

## Structure

### Concrete



One of the main materials used as structural element in all the structures is 25MPa cast in situ concrete. The fin structures span the length of the chapel while supporting its entire roof structure. A similar fin system supports the roof of the mortuary while defining smaller slots in the coffin collection area and mortuary cooling space. A concrete waffle slab system is implemented as roof structure for the crematorium to support the large green roof. The robustness and finish of the concrete elements enhance the spatial experience of the spaces and the changes in volume, and support the conceptual approach and the representation of monumentality.

### Granite Rock



Exposed granite rock is used in the chapel, crematorium and bathhouse as an internal wall finish, but more importantly as a structural support for the roof structures and walls to slot into. The concrete fins supporting the chapel roof slot into deeply excavated grooves in the exposed rock, whereas the waffle slab beams of the crematorium are supported by the rock. These beams are laid 1.5 m into the cut rock, allowing for weathering to occur without weakening the structural integrity of the granite and concrete beams.

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### Structural Glazing

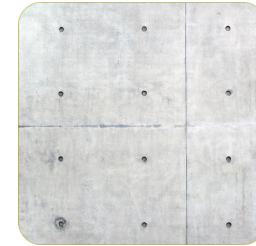


Structural fin glazing is used at the top of the pitched-roof chapel tower to allow natural light to penetrate the space, enabling light to shine directly onto the catafalque and down the granite rock face. The pitch of the chapel roof is at such an angle that light will never directly shine into the eyes of the seated congregation. A structural fin glazing system is also used in the coffin collection and mortuary spaces to admit natural light.

## Wall

### Concrete

Most of the building's walls consist of thick bluegum-shuttered cast in situ concrete. These walls add to the robustness of the structure and relate directly to the structures in the immediate surroundings – structures such as Ponte City, the old Jewish Synagogue, the concrete Yeoville water tower and the overpass system along Joe Slovo Drive.



### Granite

The exposed natural granite of the ridge is used as internal walls for the crematorium, chapel and mortuary bathhouse. These walls are conceptually used to indicate spaces where interaction between the mourners and the body of the deceased takes place. These exposed walls also allow the man-made structure to become dependent on the natural ridge, so that the space resembles a cave or tunnel like space submerged within the ridge, making reference to the mining history of Johannesburg.



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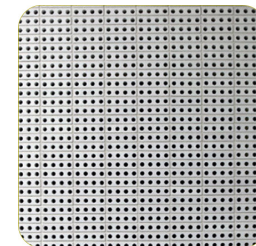
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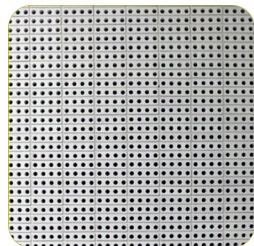
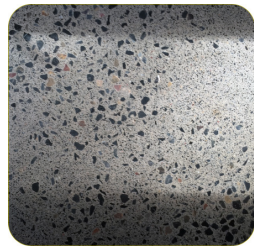
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### Brick

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## Floor

### Timber

Cordwood floors are installed in the office spaces of the mortuary and the park, as well as in the prayer area of the chapel and viewing room within the crematorium. The wood used for the floors is recycled from bluegum trees on site, which have been removed as part of the rehabilitation process of the ridge. The use of cordwood was investigated by the author while visiting the Coromandel Manor Estate by architect Marco Zanuso. In the Coromandel house cordwood was used between the internal fireplace and the “stoep” area overlooking the valley. This use of a natural material in an alternative manner was extremely interesting and allowed for the space to be experienced differently from the rest of the wood-floored spaces in the house.

### Resin finish

Due to hygiene requirements, the coffin collection area, mortuary and crematorium require a floor finish that is easily washed and sterilised. By finishing the floor surface and skirting with white polished resin, these requirements are met. The choice of colour aids in making areas that are dirty visible, thus making the cleaning process easier. The floor structure slopes to an enclosed drainage system which drains into the effluence tanks in the service space, allowing for UV treatment to take place later before the water is stored in the irrigation reservoir.

### Power floated Concrete screed

Polished power-floated concrete screed floors are used in the passageway between the mortuary and the offices, as well as in the mortuary bathhouse. This material is used as a transition material between the hygiene-specific mortuary and the offices. Due to its relatively low maintenance it is also used for spaces with heavy traffic.

### Granite tiles

Granite tiles are used in conjunction with porous coloured asphalt as floor material for the routes throughout the site. This material allows for water to drain freely into gutters, from where it is then pumped into the subterranean water reservoir. The floor surface of the chapel is covered in granite tiles which respond to the geology that has been removed in the construction of the chapel. Granite rock tiles are also used as surface material for the courtyard space at the entrance to the park.



fig 11.1. Photograph of Granite sample excavated from site. (by Author, 2015)





fig 11.2. Photograph of Granite sample excavated from site. (by Author, 2015)

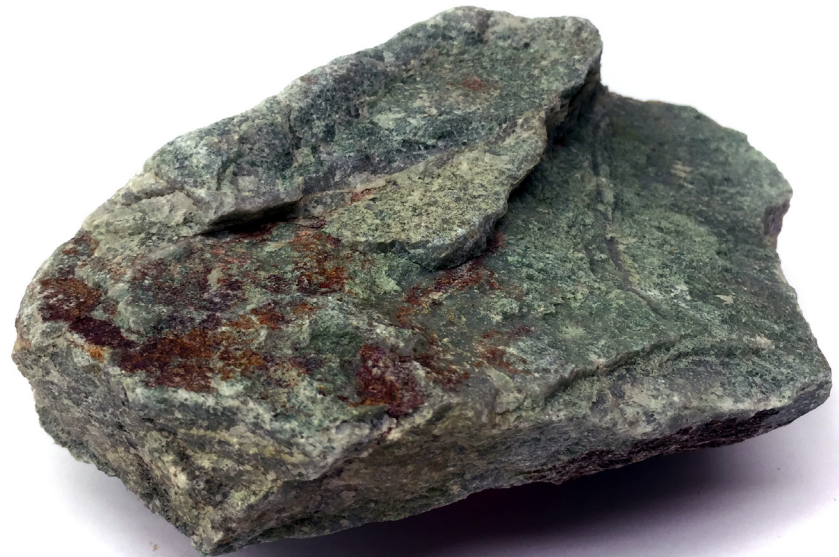


fig 11.3. Photograph of Granite sample excavated from site. (by Author, 2015)

## SANS 10400 Requirements

SANS 10400 was consulted at the beginning stages of design in order to create a more functional and technical guideline for design. Research undertaken of various sections within the SANS document are discussed below. This research has become a foundation for the technification process of the project.

### PART A

Table 1: Building classification

A4 – Worship:

Occupancy where persons assemble for the purpose of worshipping

Table 2: Occupancy Planning

Number of fixed seats or 1 person per m<sup>2</sup> if there are no fixed seats

Estimated number of users: +100

### Part O

Table 2 – Air requirements for different types of occupancies

Public Halls:

Churches

Air changes per hour : 10

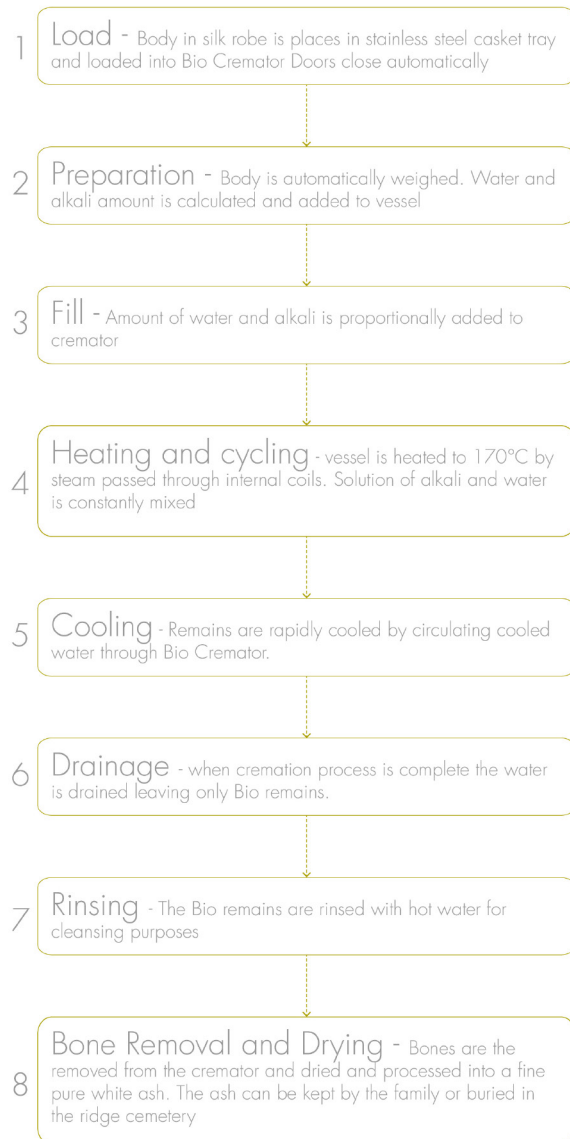
L/s per Person : 7.5ls

7.5ls x 100 = 750ls for Chapel

### Part P

Table 4 and 6: Provision of sanitary fixtures for personnel

Required		Provided
Male:		
3WC Pans	-	4 WC Pans
5 Urinals	-	4 WC Urinals
4 Wash hand basins	-	8 Wash hand basins
Female:		
7 WC Pans	-	8 WC Pans
4 Wash hand basins	-	10 Wash hand basins
Disabled:		
2 WC Pans	-	2 WC Pans
2 Wash hand basins	-	2 Wash hand basins



## Bio Cremation Process

Bio cremation was developed as an alternative method of cremation that, instead of destroying or capturing harmful emissions, seeks to prevent the creation of emissions altogether. It was first developed in 1998 at the University of Florida and was known as the first “institutional” human system. The world’s first bio cremation centre was established in 2009 in St Pete, Florida, in the United States.

The process, otherwise known as Alkaline Hydrolysis, uses a mixture of water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and Potassium Hydroxide (KOH) to break down (hydrolyse) organic human tissue. 400 Litres of water is mixed into a concentrated solution of KOH which is determined by the weight of the body. The bio cremator itself is used to weigh the body as well as mix the correct amounts of H<sub>2</sub>O and KOH. After the body has been weighed and the H<sub>2</sub>O and KOH have been mixed, the remains are heated to 140°C. This process of heating is achieved through a strong exothermic reaction between H<sub>2</sub>O and KOH. Similar to traditional flame cremation, bio cremation reduces the body to its basic elements of bone fragments and ash. After the process, which takes between 2-3 hours (similar to flame cremation) has been completed, a sterile liquid is released which can be discarded in a normal drainage system or put through a UV filtration process which kills off any excess bacteria not destroyed by KOH. This process, which is closer to the natural decomposition of the body, is used to accelerate natural decomposition.

In traditional earth burial (B2B), the body on average takes between 5 to 20 years to decompose. The speed of this natural process is determined by the manner in which the body was prepared, the material type of the casket, the type of vault in which the body is buried, and the soil type. Just as KOH is the main catalyst for the decomposition of the body in bio cremation, soil and microorganisms or O<sub>2</sub> are the catalysts for earth decomposition.

The process of bio cremation retains 20-30% more bone fragments, uses less energy, is recyclable, creates neither air nor mercury emissions, and the need for surgery to remove medical implants that may be recycled, is diminished.

## System Design Focus – Water

Due to the nature of the programme, the geological location of the site and its topographic layout, it naturally led the focus to the systematic design of water as a theme. The intention of this system has two main components:

- 1 - Site rehabilitation and irrigation
- 2 - Minimised water requirements from Rand Water

By being able to collect surface runoff from large areas of the natural ridge as well as paved surfaces and roofs, it is possible to treat and recycle water, which can then be fed back into the system as required in the proposed structure.

The sterile liquid released by the cremation process would strictly only be used for irrigation of the natural ridge landscape, and would undergo an additional UV filtration process as a precautionary measure against harmful bacteria.

Thus, according to the proposed strategy, the structure should be able to cremate a certain number of bodies.

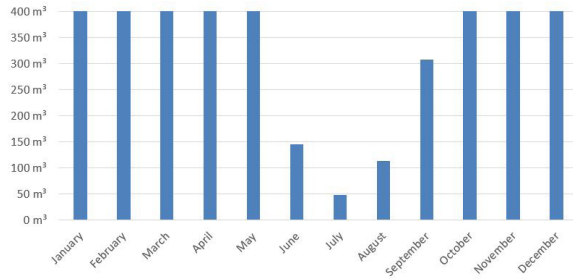
By using harvested rainwater, it would also be able to provide ample water for sanitation as well as drinking fountains along the route.

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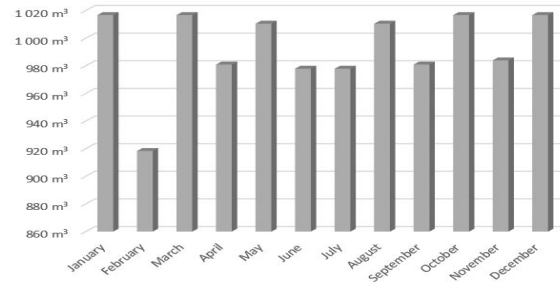
By calculating the building's water budget according to the principles and guidelines set out by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research South Africa (CSIR), it is made clear how the water strategy of the structure and the entire site as park could be optimised.

By combining the domestic demand of the structure with that of the requirements of the site along with climate data, one is able to calculate and explore water storage and recycling options.

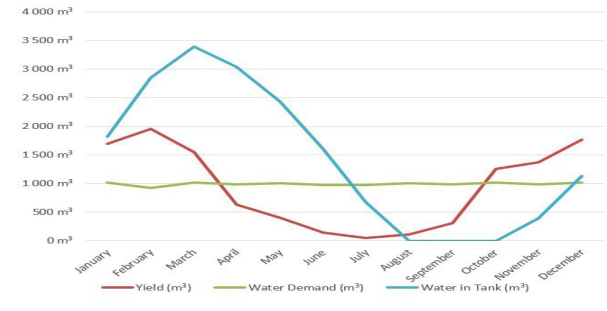
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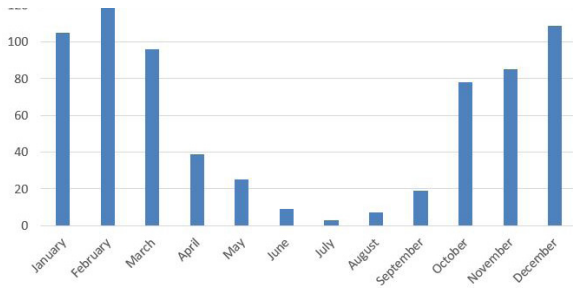
Cremation Total Demand (m³)



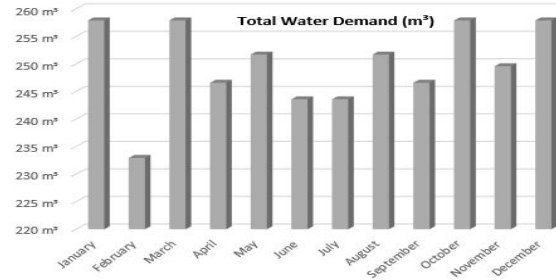
Cremation Water Tank Size Calculator (m³)



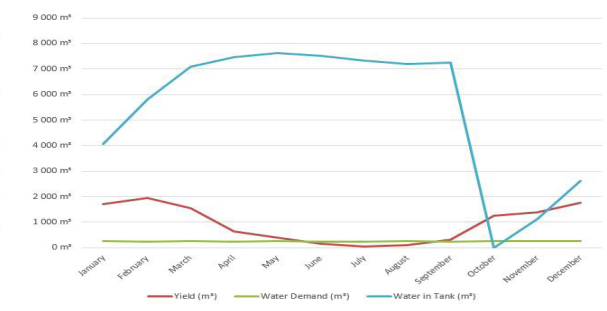
Average Monthly Yield (m³)



User Total Demand (m³)



User Water Tank Size Calculator (m³)



### Cremation - Domestic Demand (m<sup>3</sup>)

	Planting Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Irrigation Depth per week (m)	Irrigation Depth per month (m)	IRRIGATION DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )
January	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.177 m	12 m <sup>3</sup>
February	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.160 m	11 m <sup>3</sup>
March	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.177 m	12 m <sup>3</sup>
April	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.030 m	0.129 m	9 m <sup>3</sup>
May	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.020 m	0.089 m	6 m <sup>3</sup>
June	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.020 m	0.086 m	6 m <sup>3</sup>
July	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.020 m	0.086 m	6 m <sup>3</sup>
August	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.020 m	0.089 m	6 m <sup>3</sup>
September	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.030 m	0.129 m	9 m <sup>3</sup>
October	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.177 m	12 m <sup>3</sup>
November	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.171 m	12 m <sup>3</sup>
December	70 m <sup>2</sup>	0.040 m	0.177 m	12 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>70 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.032 m</b>	<b>1.646 m</b>	<b>115 m<sup>3</sup></b>
	<b>(Average)</b>	<b>(Average)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>

### Cremation - Total Demand (m<sup>3</sup>)

	IRRIGATION DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )	DOMESTIC DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )	TOTAL WATER DEMAND
January	12 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 017 m<sup>3</sup></b>
February	11 m <sup>3</sup>	907 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>918 m<sup>3</sup></b>
March	12 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 017 m<sup>3</sup></b>
April	9 m <sup>3</sup>	972 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>981 m<sup>3</sup></b>
May	6 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 011 m<sup>3</sup></b>
June	6 m <sup>3</sup>	972 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>978 m<sup>3</sup></b>
July	6 m <sup>3</sup>	972 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>978 m<sup>3</sup></b>
August	6 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 011 m<sup>3</sup></b>
September	9 m <sup>3</sup>	972 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>981 m<sup>3</sup></b>
October	12 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 017 m<sup>3</sup></b>
November	12 m <sup>3</sup>	972 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>984 m<sup>3</sup></b>
December	12 m <sup>3</sup>	1 004 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 017 m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>115 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11 794 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11 909 m<sup>3</sup></b>
	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(TOTAL)</b>

### Cremation - Yield (m<sup>3</sup>)

Yield (m<sup>3</sup>) = P x A x C (Where P=precipitation (m), A=area (m<sup>2</sup>), and C=run-off coefficient)

Area of Catchment: (Per surface)	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Run-off Coefficient
Roofing	690.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.9
Paving	2 403.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.8
Veldgrass	28 234.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.4
Lawn	0.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.4
Planting	70.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.3
Gravel	1 671.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.7
Grey water	1 141.50 m <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>34 209.50 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.47</b>

MONTH	Precipitation Average Monthly (mm)	Area	Run-off Coefficient	Yield P(m) x A(m <sup>2</sup> ) x C
January	105 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 698 m <sup>3</sup>
February	121 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 956 m <sup>3</sup>
March	96 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 552 m <sup>3</sup>
April	39 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	631 m <sup>3</sup>
May	25 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	404 m <sup>3</sup>
June	9 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	146 m <sup>3</sup>
July	3 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	49 m <sup>3</sup>
August	7 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	113 m <sup>3</sup>
September	19 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	307 m <sup>3</sup>
October	78 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 261 m <sup>3</sup>
November	85 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 374 m <sup>3</sup>
December	109 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 762 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>696 mm</b>	<b>34 210 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>11 254 m<sup>3</sup></b>

### User - Domestic Demand (m<sup>3</sup>)

	Number of Individuals	Water / capita / day (Litres)	Total Water / month (Litres)	DOMESTIC DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )
January	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
February	110	72 l	221 760 l	222 m <sup>3</sup>
March	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
April	110	72 l	237 600 l	238 m <sup>3</sup>
May	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
June	110	72 l	237 600 l	238 m <sup>3</sup>
July	110	72 l	237 600 l	238 m <sup>3</sup>
August	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
September	110	72 l	237 600 l	238 m <sup>3</sup>
October	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
November	110	72 l	237 600 l	238 m <sup>3</sup>
December	110	72 l	245 520 l	246 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>72 l</b>	<b>240 240 l</b>	<b>2 883 m<sup>3</sup></b>
	<b>(Average)</b>	<b>(Average)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>

### User - Total Demand (m<sup>3</sup>)

	IRRIGATION DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )	DOMESTIC DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )	TOTAL WATER DEMAND
January	12 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>258 m<sup>3</sup></b>
February	11 m <sup>3</sup>	222 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>233 m<sup>3</sup></b>
March	12 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>258 m<sup>3</sup></b>
April	9 m <sup>3</sup>	238 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>247 m<sup>3</sup></b>
May	6 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>252 m<sup>3</sup></b>
June	6 m <sup>3</sup>	238 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>244 m<sup>3</sup></b>
July	6 m <sup>3</sup>	238 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>244 m<sup>3</sup></b>
August	6 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>252 m<sup>3</sup></b>
September	9 m <sup>3</sup>	238 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>247 m<sup>3</sup></b>
October	12 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>258 m<sup>3</sup></b>
November	12 m <sup>3</sup>	238 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>250 m<sup>3</sup></b>
December	12 m <sup>3</sup>	246 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>258 m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>115 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2 883 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2 998 m<sup>3</sup></b>
	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(TOTAL)</b>

### User - Yield (m<sup>3</sup>)

Yield (m<sup>3</sup>) = P x A x C (Where P=precipitation (m), A=area (m<sup>2</sup>), and C=run-off coefficient)

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Paving	2 403.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.8
Veldgrass	28 234.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.4
Lawn	0.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.4
Planting	70.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.3
Gravel	1 671.00 m <sup>2</sup>	0.7
Grey water	1 141.50 m <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>34 209.50 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.47</b>

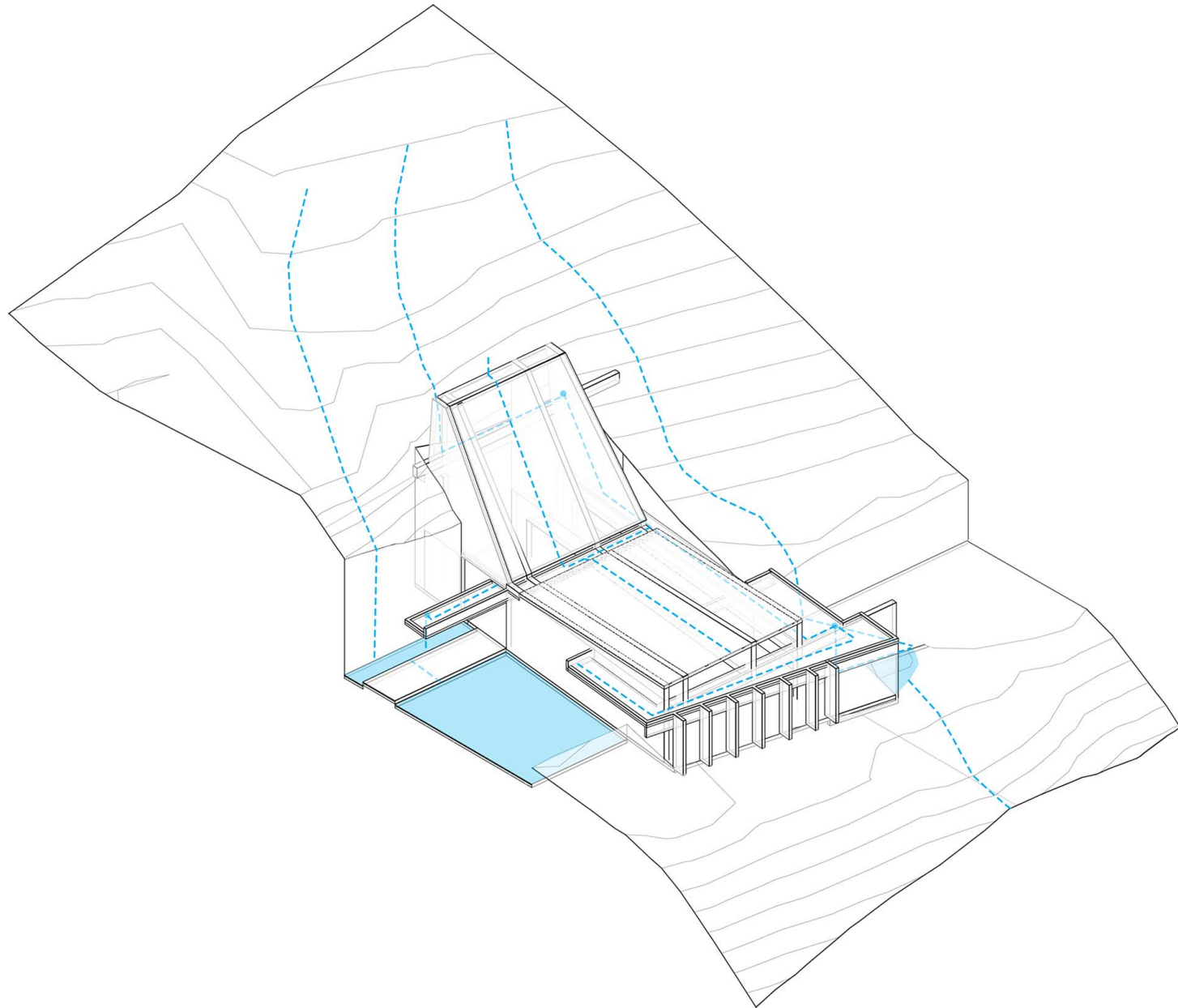
MONTH	Precipitation Average Monthly (mm)	Area	Run-off Coefficient	Yield P(m) x A(m <sup>2</sup> ) x C
January	105 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 698 m <sup>3</sup>
February	121 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 956 m <sup>3</sup>
March	96 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 552 m <sup>3</sup>
April	39 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	631 m <sup>3</sup>
May	25 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	404 m <sup>3</sup>
June	9 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	146 m <sup>3</sup>
July	3 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	49 m <sup>3</sup>
August	7 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	113 m <sup>3</sup>
September	19 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	307 m <sup>3</sup>
October	78 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 261 m <sup>3</sup>
November	85 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 374 m <sup>3</sup>
December	109 mm	34 210 m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	1 762 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>696 mm</b>	<b>34 210 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>11 254 m<sup>3</sup></b>

## Cremation - Water Budget (m<sup>3</sup>)

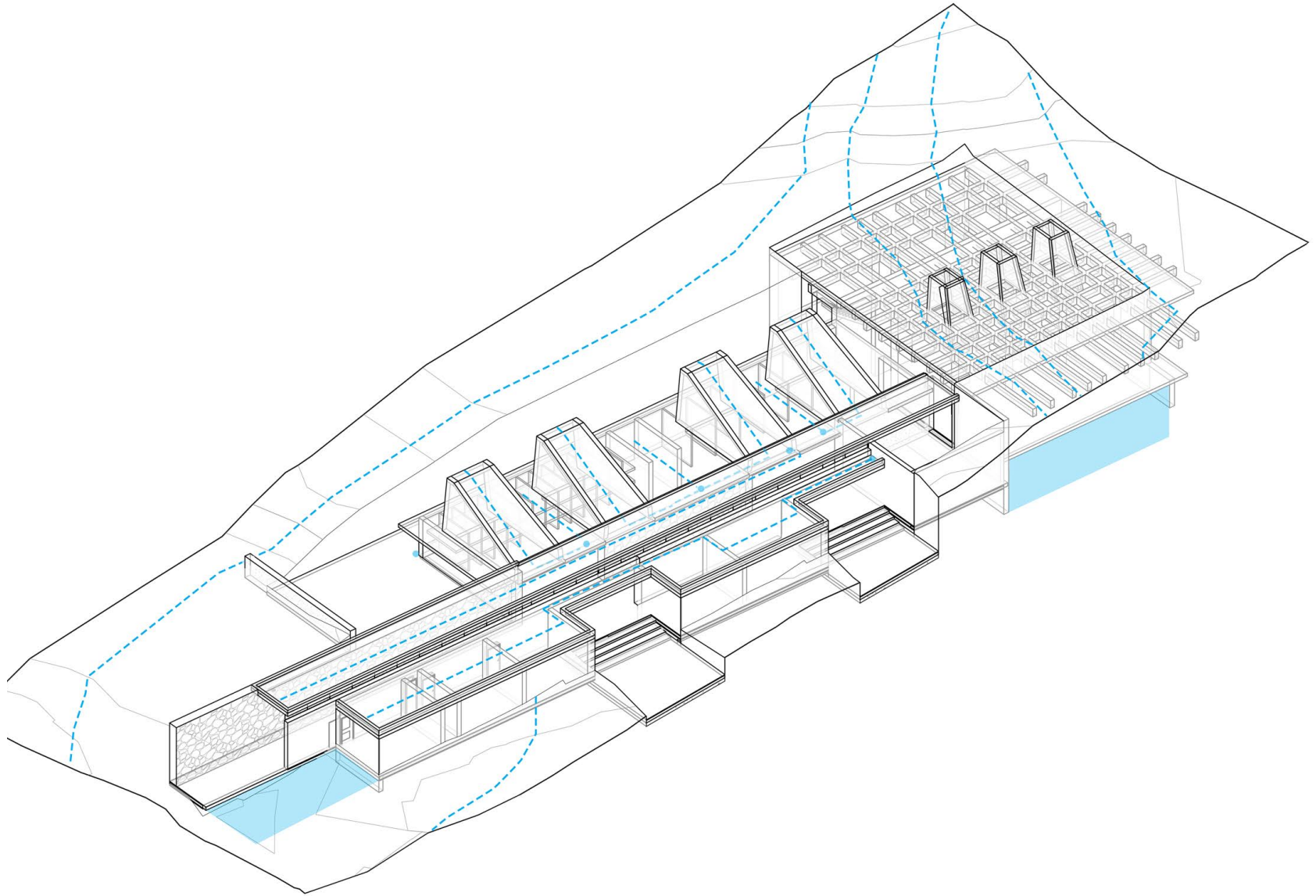
	YIELD from onsite runoff (m <sup>3</sup> )	DEMAND total onsite water demand (m <sup>3</sup> )	Monthly Balance	Water in Tank/Reservoir (m <sup>3</sup> )
January	1 698 m <sup>3</sup>	1 017 m <sup>3</sup>	681 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 817 m<sup>3</sup></b>
February	1 956 m <sup>3</sup>	918 m <sup>3</sup>	1 038 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>2 855 m<sup>3</sup></b>
March	1 552 m <sup>3</sup>	1 017 m <sup>3</sup>	535 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>3 391 m<sup>3</sup></b>
April	631 m <sup>3</sup>	981 m <sup>3</sup>	-3 50 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>3 040 m<sup>3</sup></b>
May	404 m <sup>3</sup>	1 011 m <sup>3</sup>	-6 06 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>2 434 m<sup>3</sup></b>
June	146 m <sup>3</sup>	978 m <sup>3</sup>	-8 32 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 601 m<sup>3</sup></b>
July	49 m <sup>3</sup>	978 m <sup>3</sup>	-9 29 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>672 m<sup>3</sup></b>
August	113 m <sup>3</sup>	1 011 m <sup>3</sup>	-8 97 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0 m<sup>3</sup></b>
September	307 m <sup>3</sup>	981 m <sup>3</sup>	-6 74 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0 m<sup>3</sup></b>
October	1 261 m <sup>3</sup>	1 017 m <sup>3</sup>	244 m <sup>3</sup>	0 m <sup>3</sup>
November	1 374 m <sup>3</sup>	984 m <sup>3</sup>	390 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>390 m<sup>3</sup></b>
December	1 762 m <sup>3</sup>	1 017 m <sup>3</sup>	746 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 136 m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>23 163 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11 909 m<sup>3</sup></b>		
	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(TOTAL)</b>		
Greatest volume of water in tank/reservoir at any time is the minimum capacity of the tank				3 391 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Safety Factor:</b>	1	<b>Final Tank/Reservoir Size:</b>	3 391 m <sup>3</sup>	

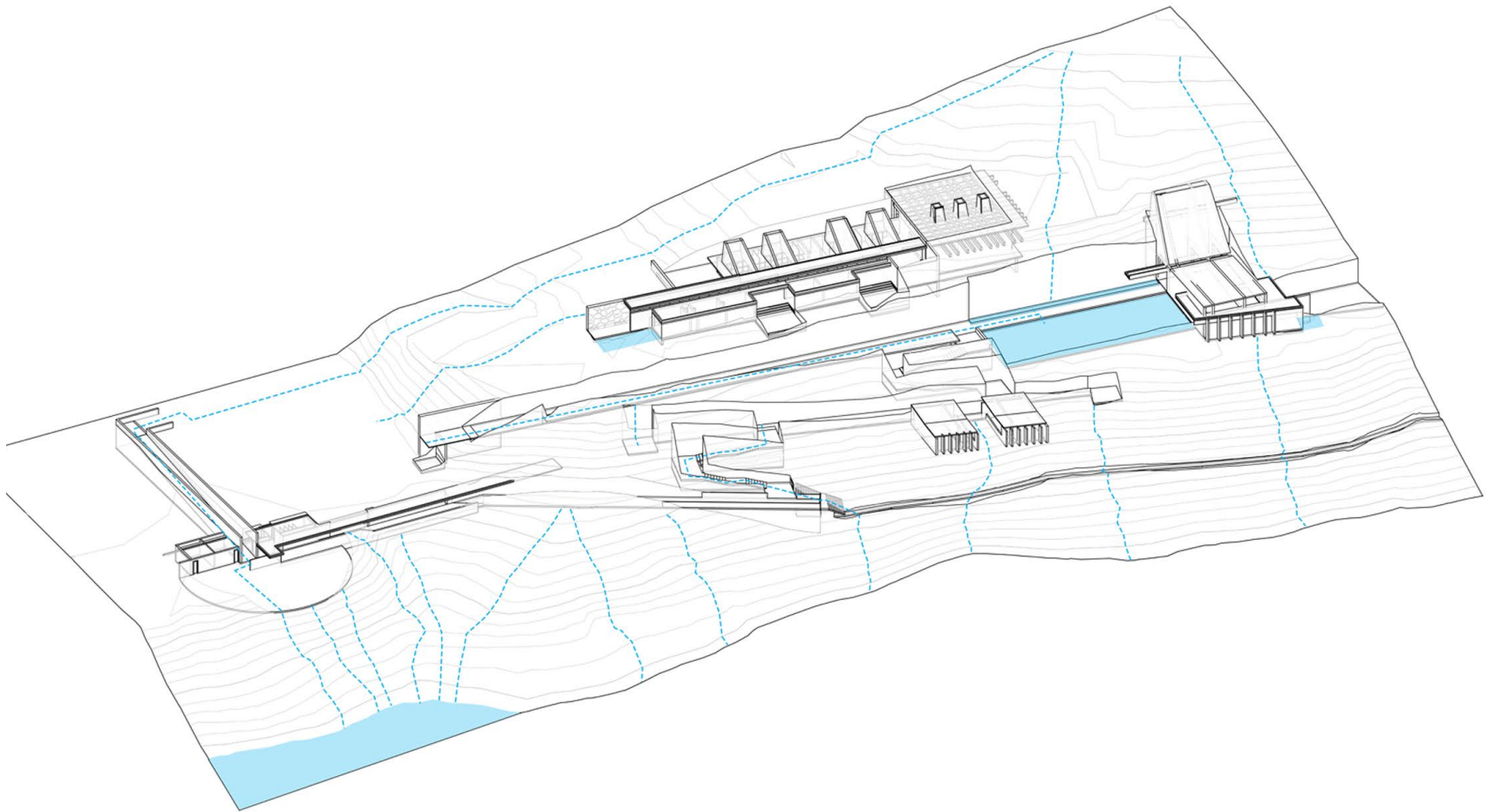
## User - Water Budget (m<sup>3</sup>)

	YIELD from onsite runoff (m <sup>3</sup> )	DEMAND total onsite water demand (m <sup>3</sup> )	Monthly Balance	Water in Tank/Reservoir (m <sup>3</sup> )
January	1 698 m <sup>3</sup>	258 m <sup>3</sup>	1 440 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>4 069 m<sup>3</sup></b>
February	1 956 m <sup>3</sup>	233 m <sup>3</sup>	1 724 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>5 793 m<sup>3</sup></b>
March	1 552 m <sup>3</sup>	258 m <sup>3</sup>	1 294 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 087 m<sup>3</sup></b>
April	631 m <sup>3</sup>	247 m <sup>3</sup>	384 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 471 m<sup>3</sup></b>
May	404 m <sup>3</sup>	252 m <sup>3</sup>	153 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 623 m<sup>3</sup></b>
June	146 m <sup>3</sup>	244 m <sup>3</sup>	- 98 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 525 m<sup>3</sup></b>
July	49 m <sup>3</sup>	244 m <sup>3</sup>	-1 95 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 330 m<sup>3</sup></b>
August	113 m <sup>3</sup>	252 m <sup>3</sup>	-1 39 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 192 m<sup>3</sup></b>
September	307 m <sup>3</sup>	247 m <sup>3</sup>	61 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>7 252 m<sup>3</sup></b>
October	1 261 m <sup>3</sup>	258 m <sup>3</sup>	1 003 m <sup>3</sup>	0 m <sup>3</sup>
November	1 374 m <sup>3</sup>	250 m <sup>3</sup>	1 125 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 125 m<sup>3</sup></b>
December	1 762 m <sup>3</sup>	258 m <sup>3</sup>	1 505 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>2 629 m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>14 252 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2 998 m<sup>3</sup></b>		
	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>(TOTAL)</b>		
Greatest volume of water in tank/reservoir at any time is the minimum capacity of the tank				7 623 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Safety Factor:</b>	1	<b>Final Tank/Reservoir Size:</b>	7 623 m <sup>3</sup>	



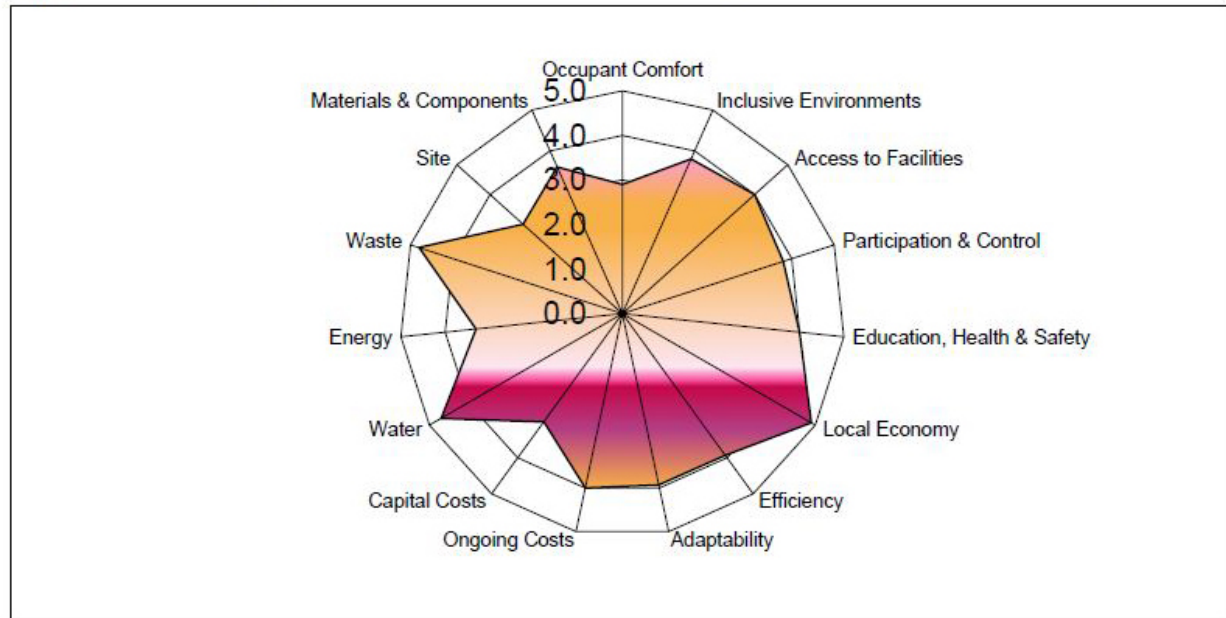






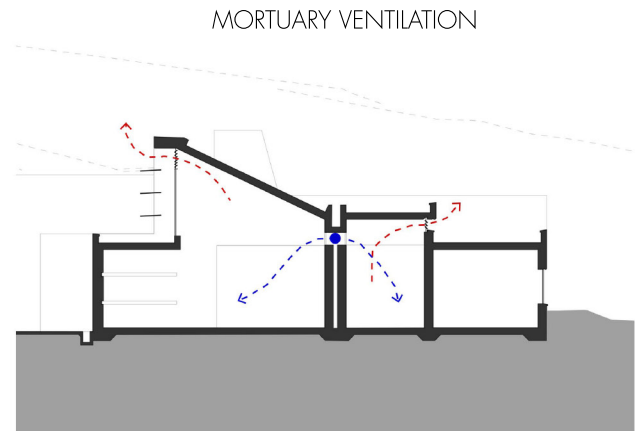
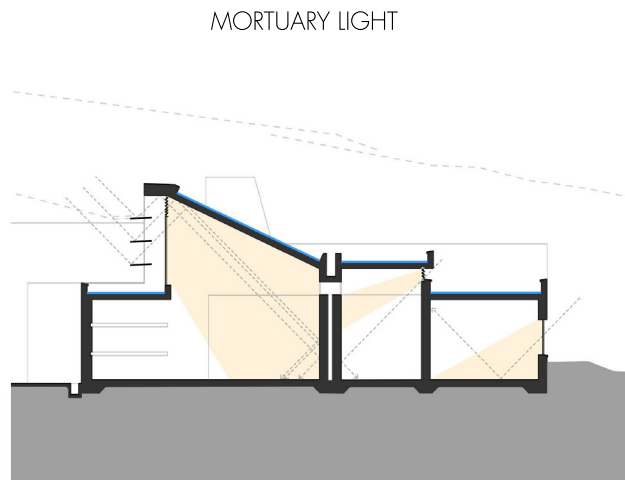
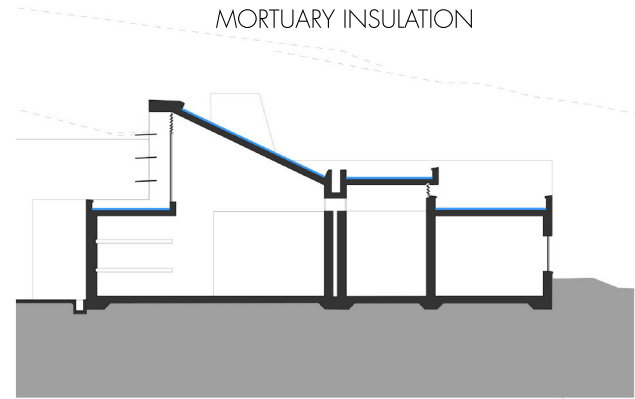
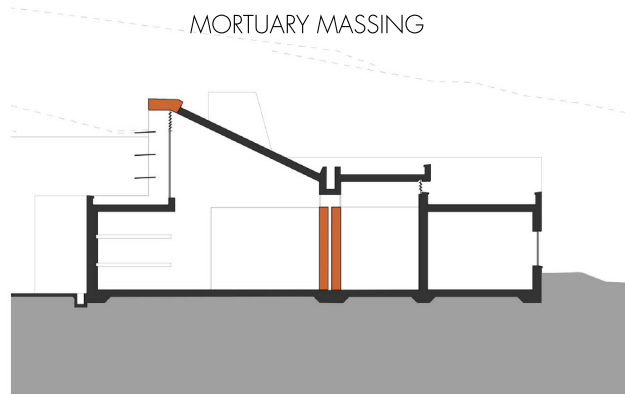
# Sustainable Building Assessment Tool (SBAT- P)

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Location:	Johannesburg, Obersevaty Ridge	Undertaken by:	Erwin Struwig
Building type:	Crematorium, Cemetery, Park	Company / organisation:	UP Boukundie
Internal area (m2):	2672	Telephone:	Fax:
Number of users:	110	Email:	



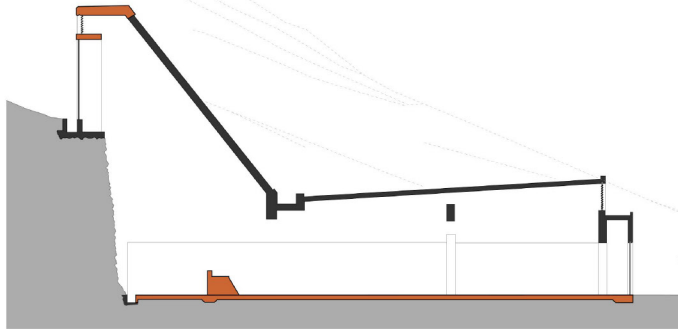
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# MORTUARY ENVIRONMENTAL DIAGRAM

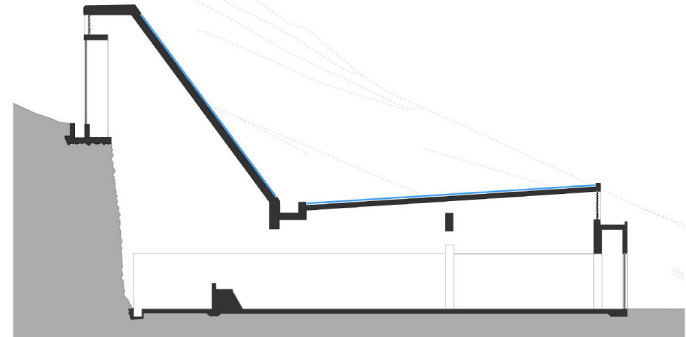


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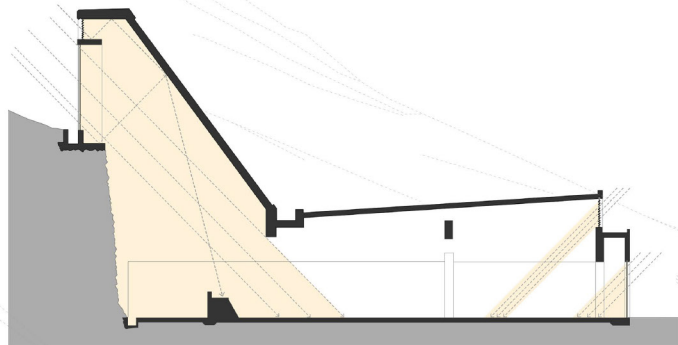
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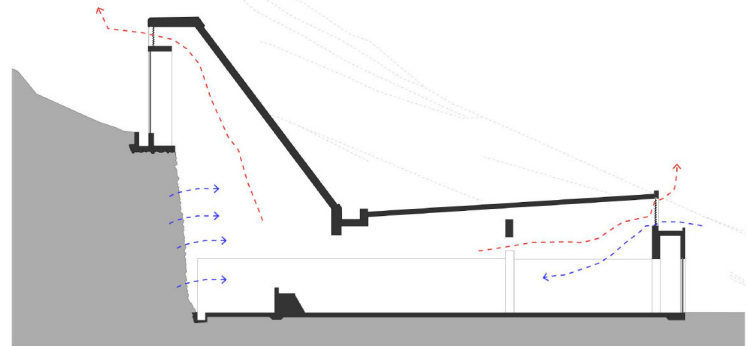
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CHAPEL LIGHT



CHAPEL VENTILATION



## System Design Focus – Water

The following section deals with the technical process of the design. It illustrates a series of development sketches. The process is an ongoing one, therefore none of the following diagrams or drawings are final and should be seen as iterations working toward a final set of drawings that will be presented in the examination.

These drawings also aid in creating a clearer understanding of the route towards the final drawings.

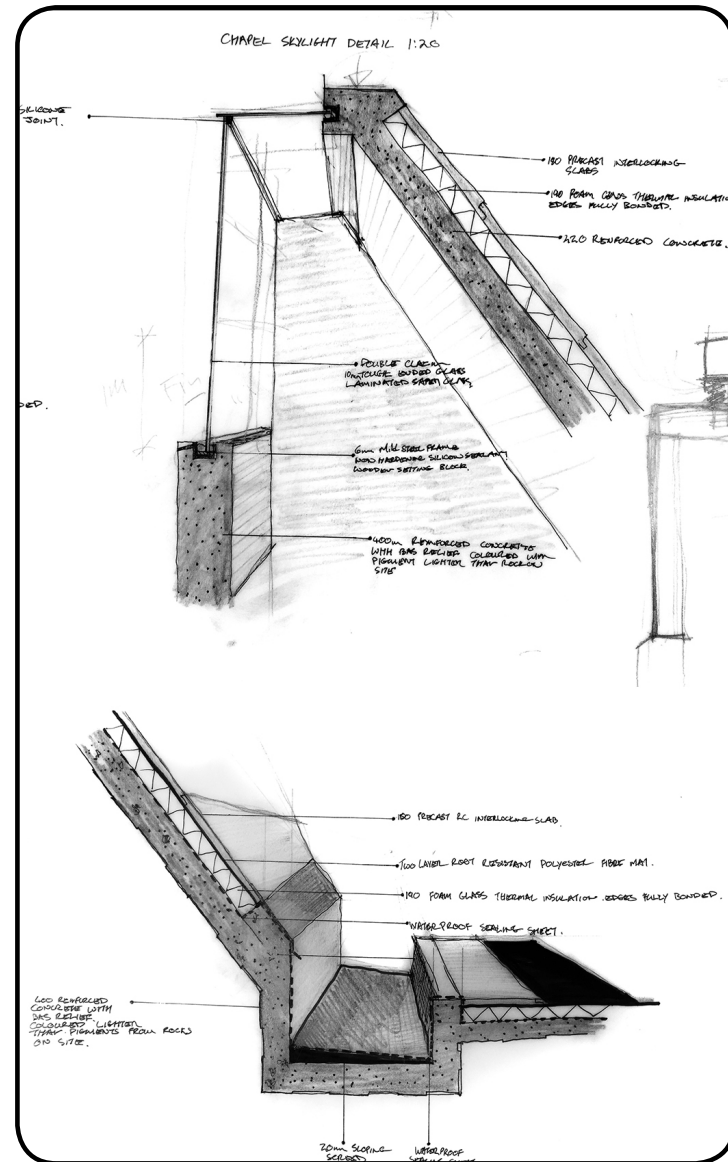
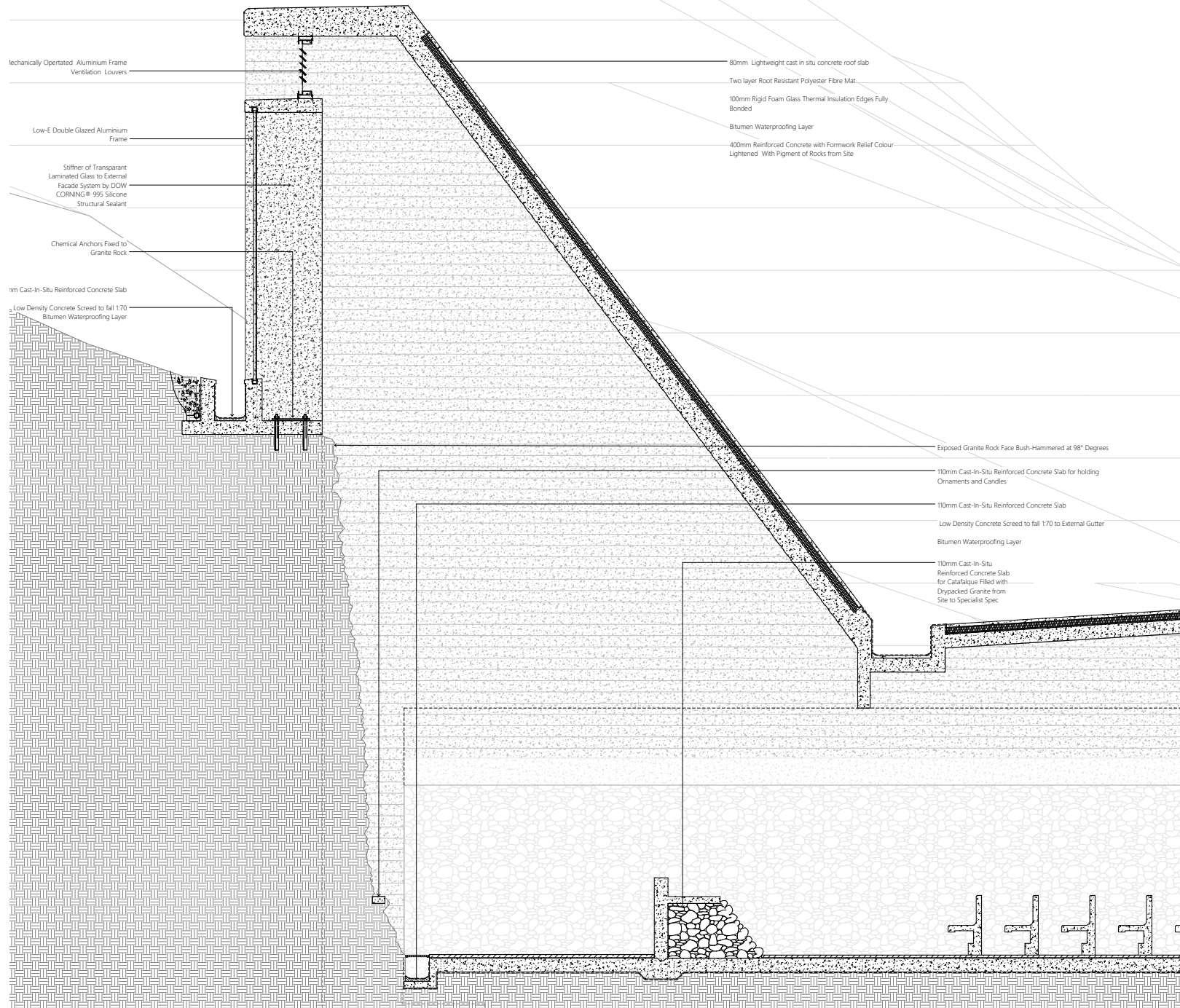


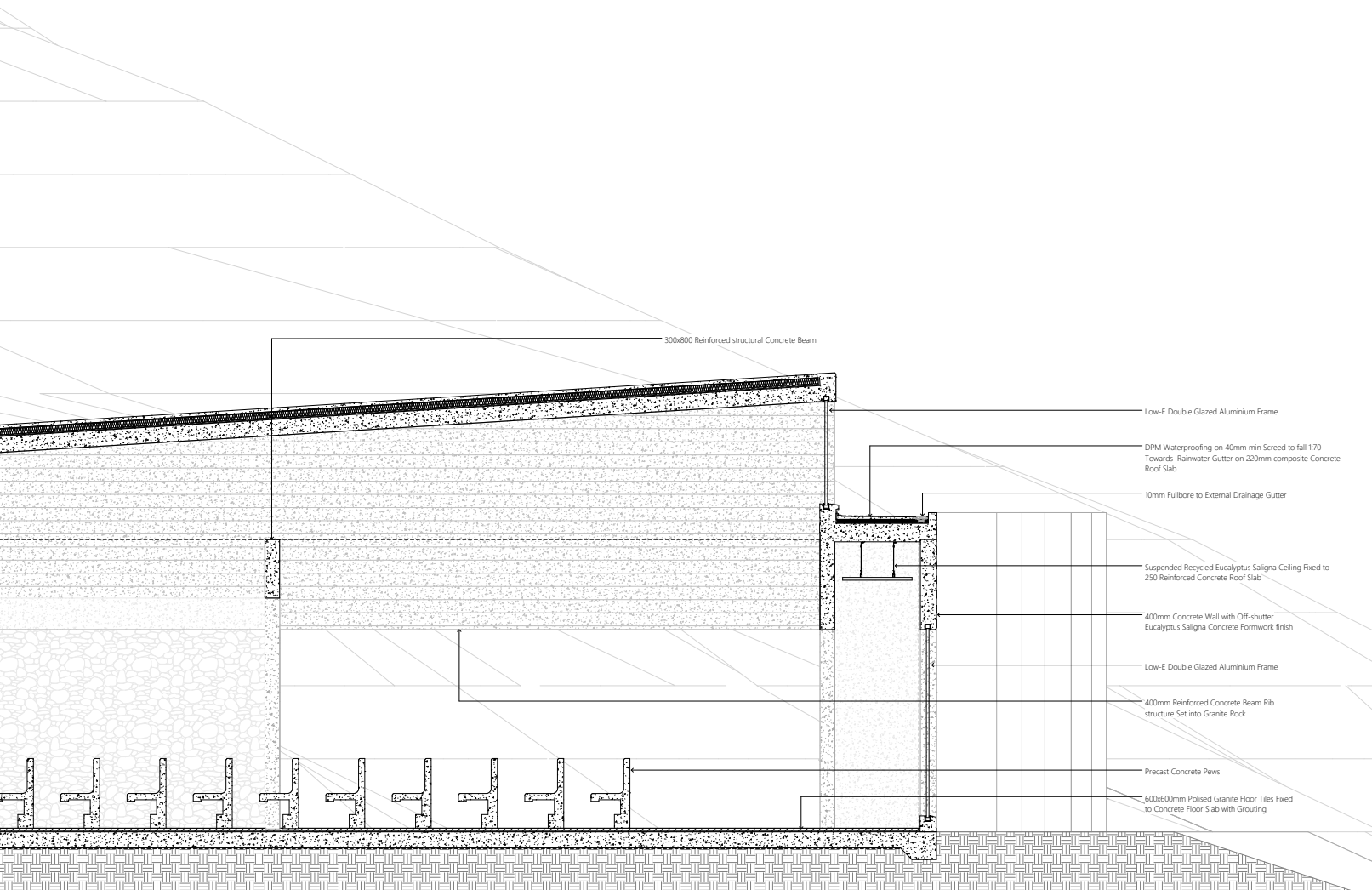
fig 11.4. Sketches illustrating detail iteration of chapel skylight and gutter system NTS. (by Author, 2015)



# Chapel Section - Development







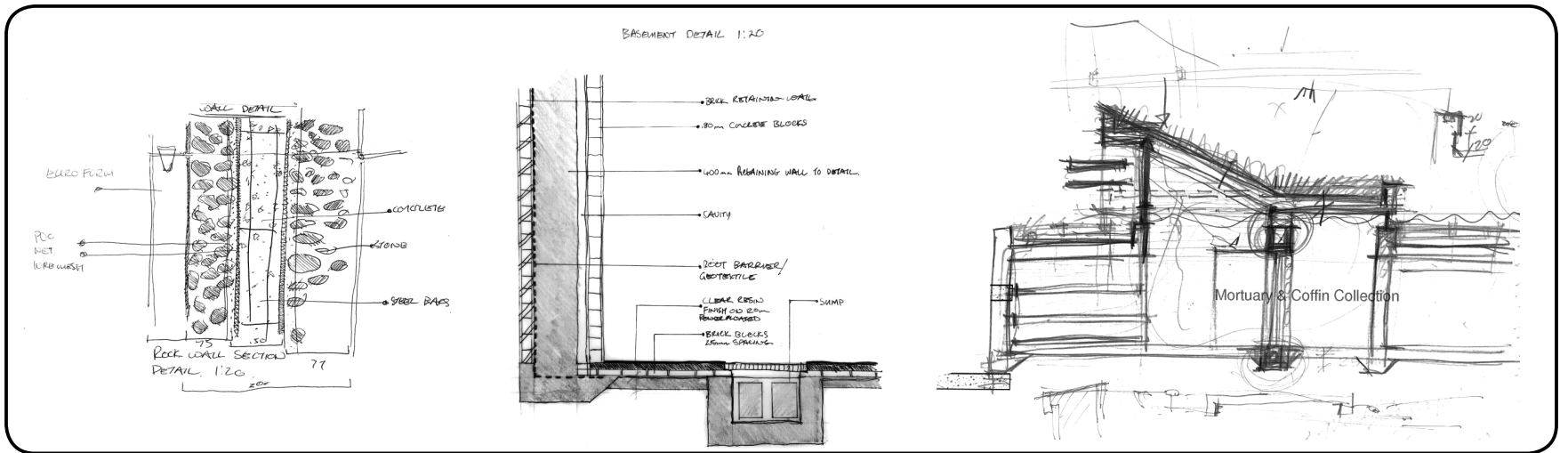
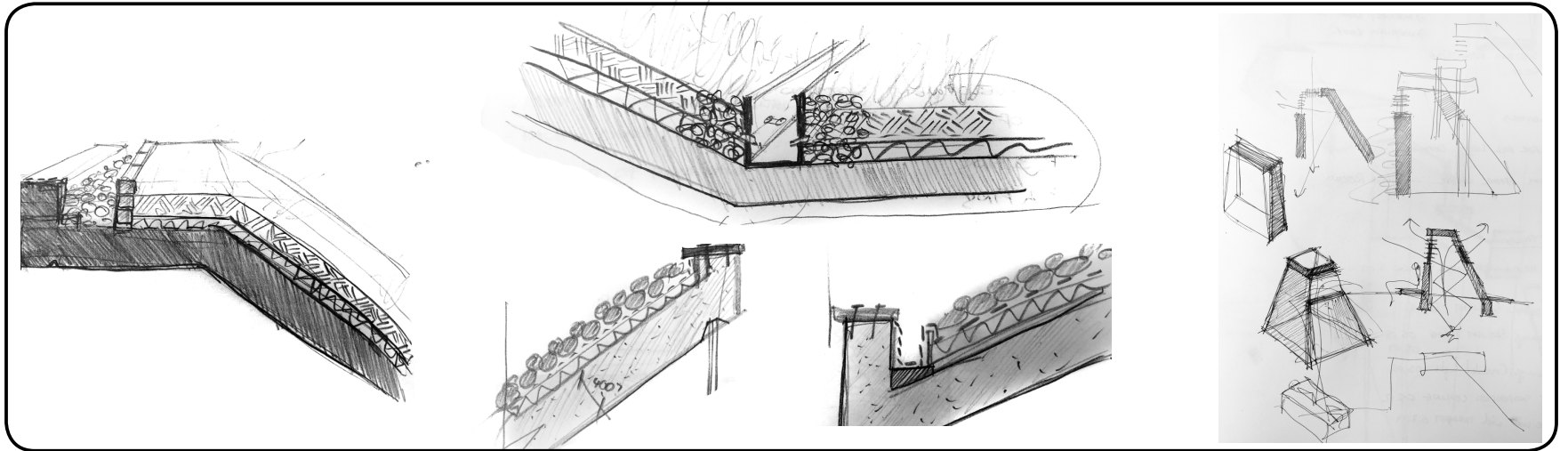
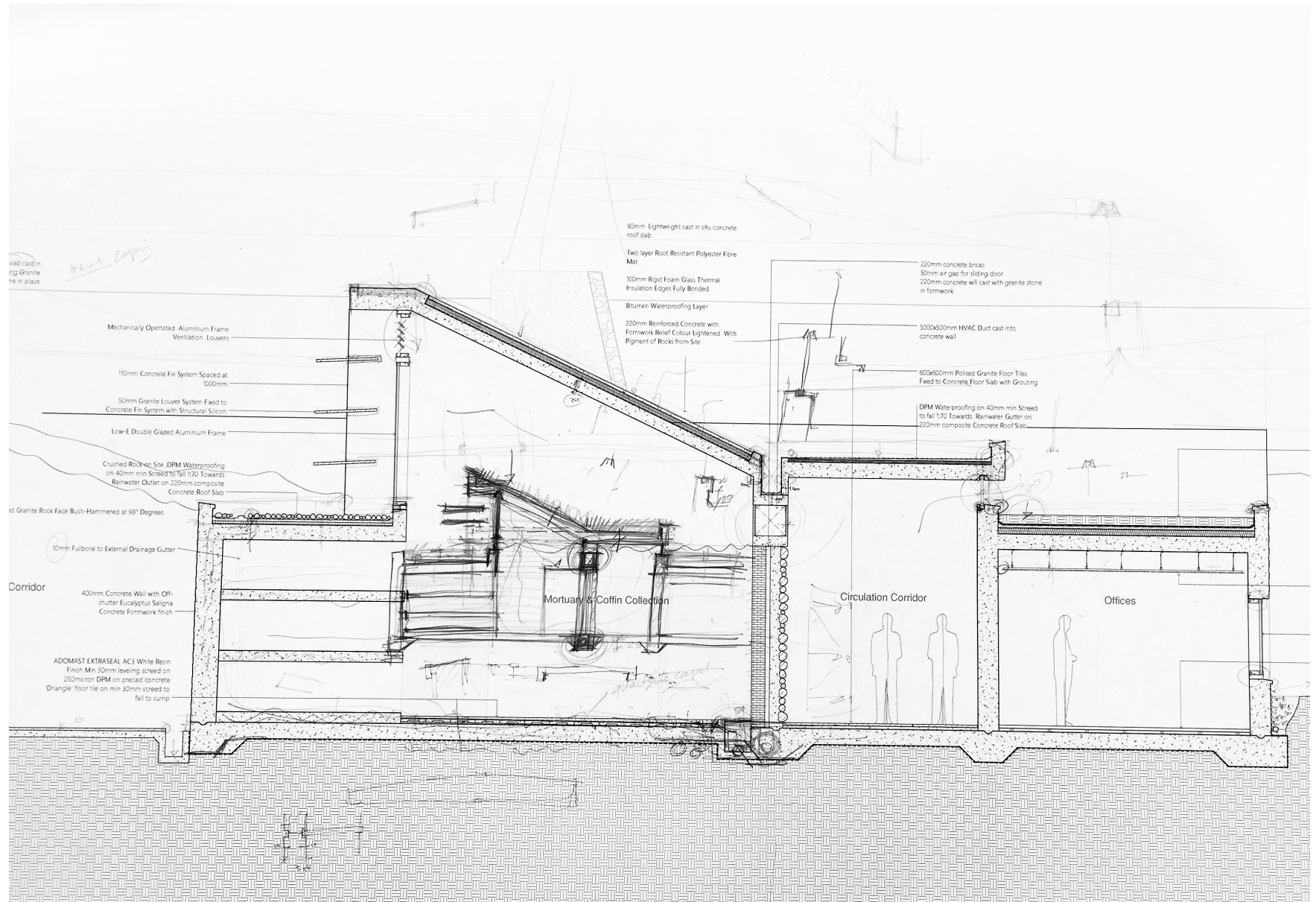
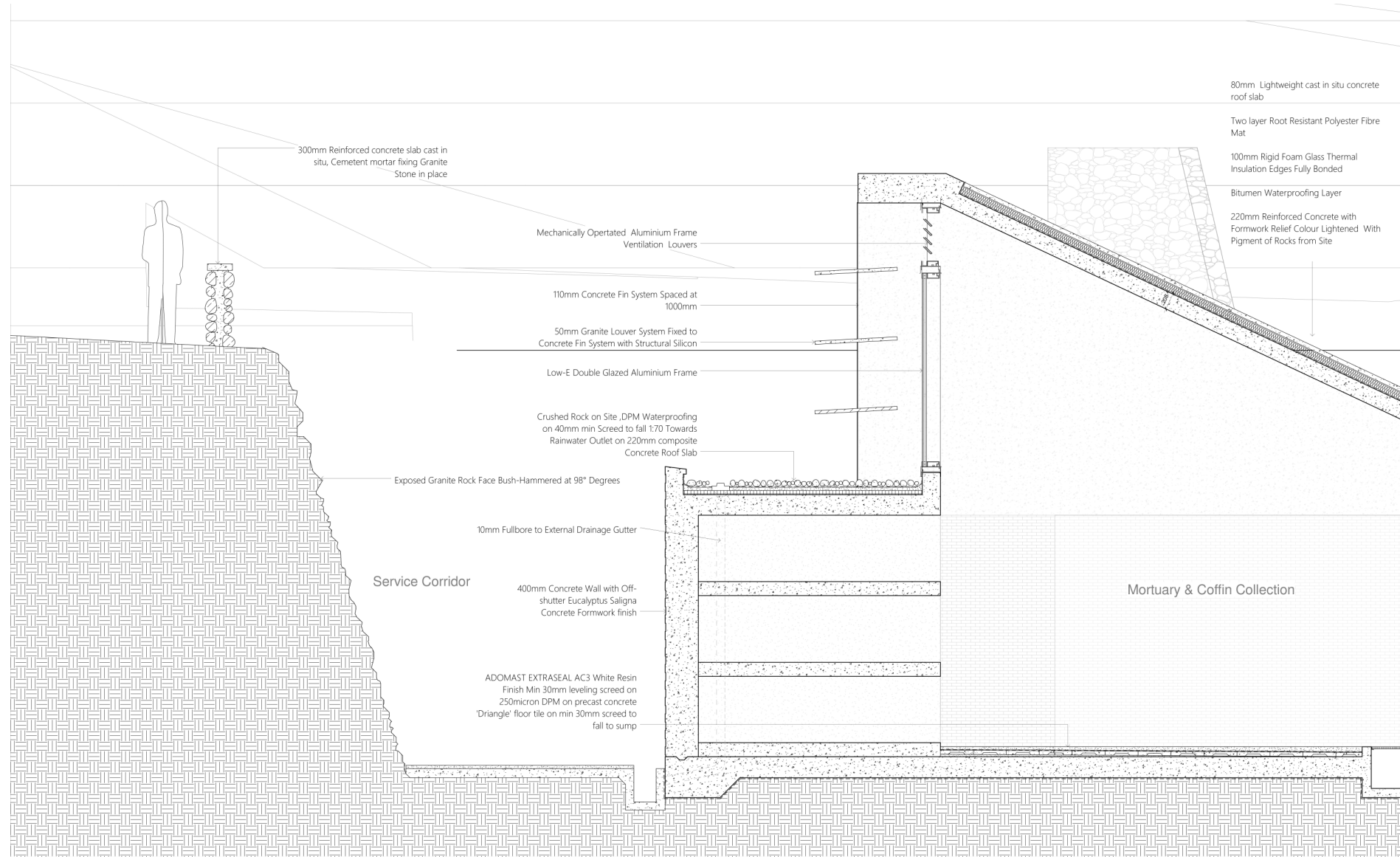
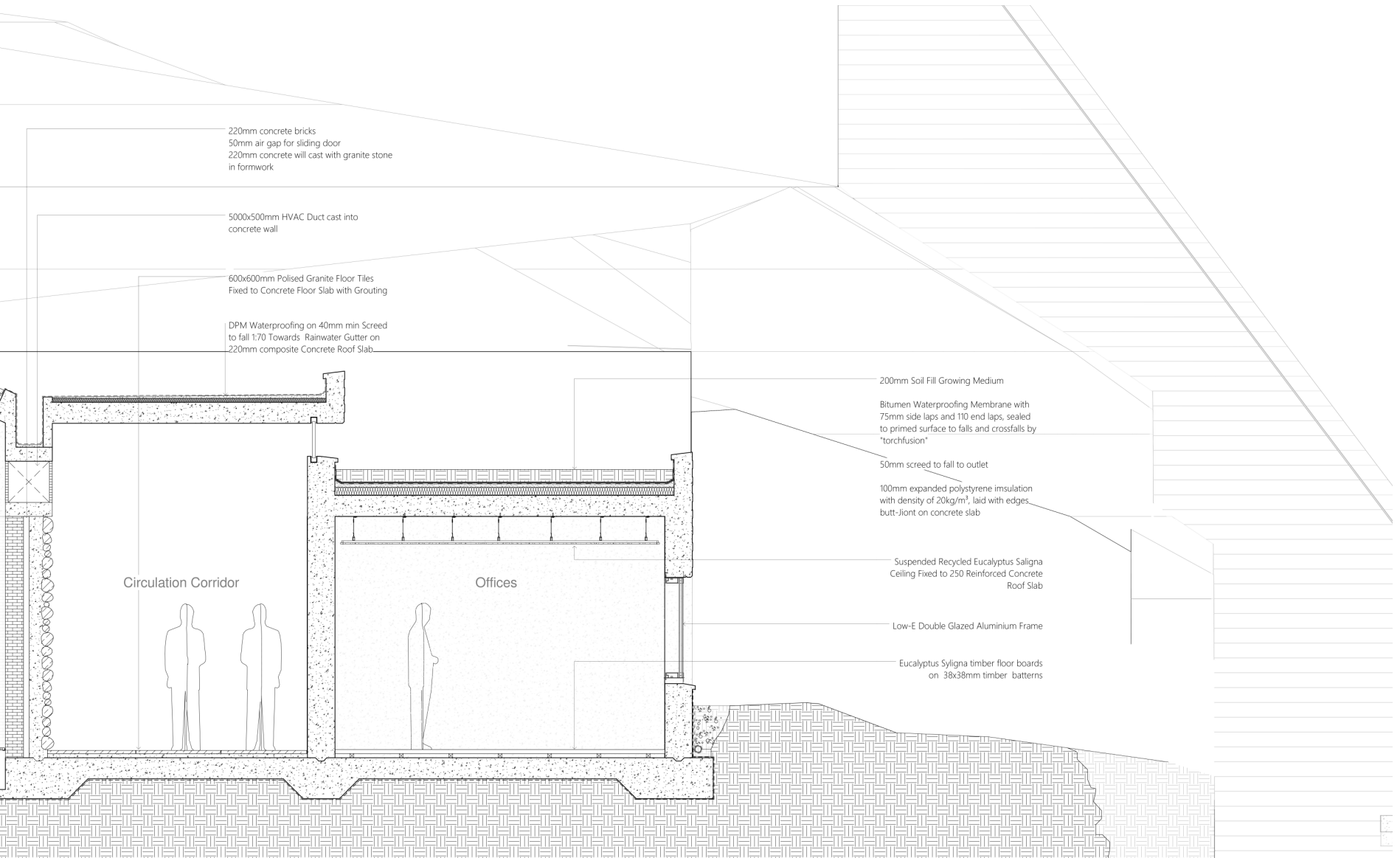


fig 11.7. Sketches illustrating the iterative process of Mortuary section development. (by Author, 2015)



# Mortuary Section - Development





220mm concrete bricks  
50mm air gap for sliding door  
220mm concrete will cast with granite stone in formwork

5000x500mm HVAC Duct cast into concrete wall

600x600mm Polished Granite Floor Tiles  
Fixed to Concrete Floor Slab with Grouting

DPM Waterproofing on 40mm min Screed to fall 1:70 Towards Rainwater Gutter on 220mm composite Concrete Roof Slab

200mm Soil Fill Growing Medium

Bitumen Waterproofing Membrane with 75mm side laps and 110 end laps, sealed to primed surface to falls and crossfalls by "torchfusion"

50mm screed to fall to outlet

100mm expanded polystyrene insulation with density of 20kg/m<sup>3</sup>, laid with edges butt-joint on concrete slab

Suspended Recycled Eucalyptus Saligna Ceiling Fixed to 250 Reinforced Concrete Roof Slab

Low-E Double Glazed Aluminium Frame

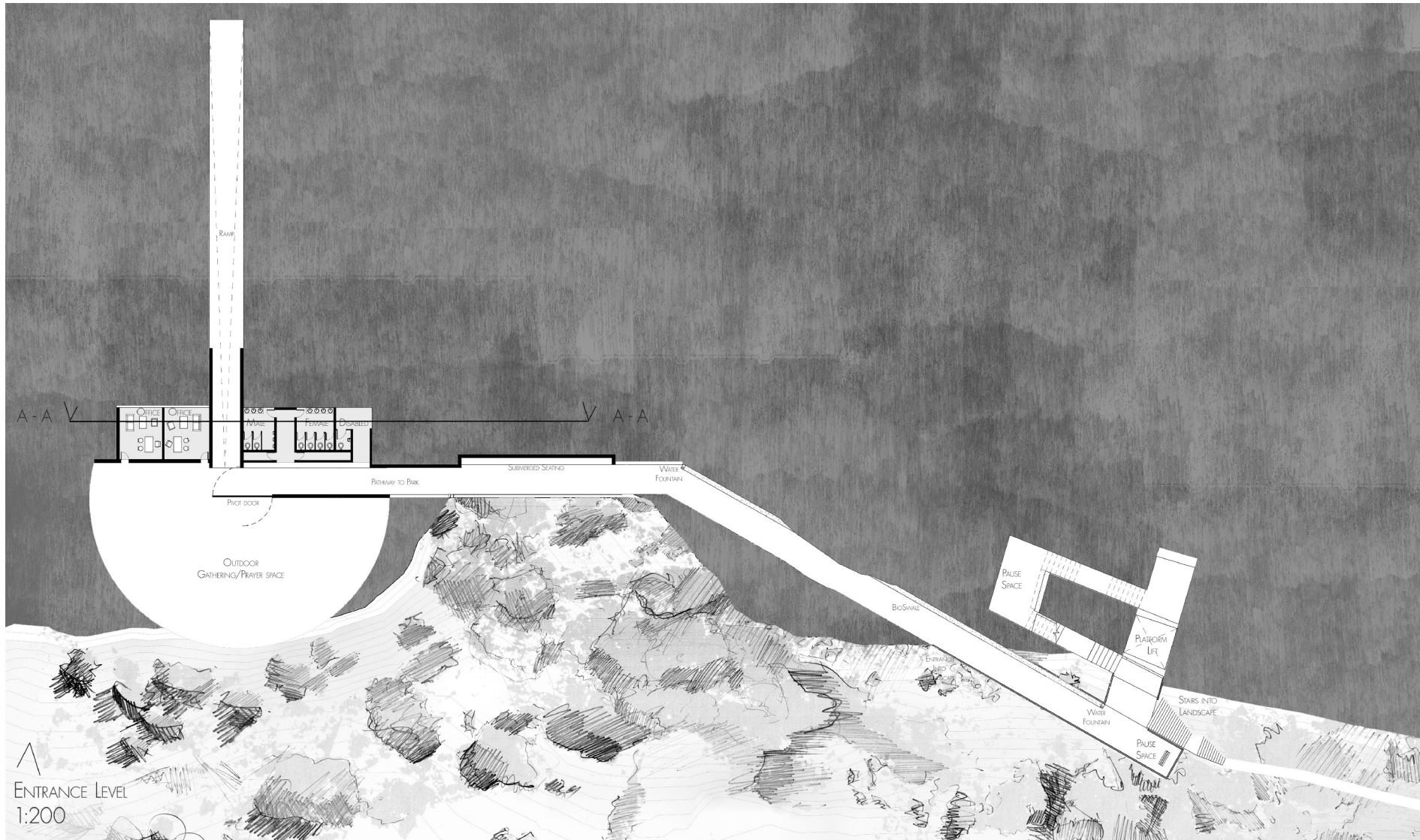
Eucalyptus Saligna timber floor boards on 38x38mm timber battens

Circulation Corridor

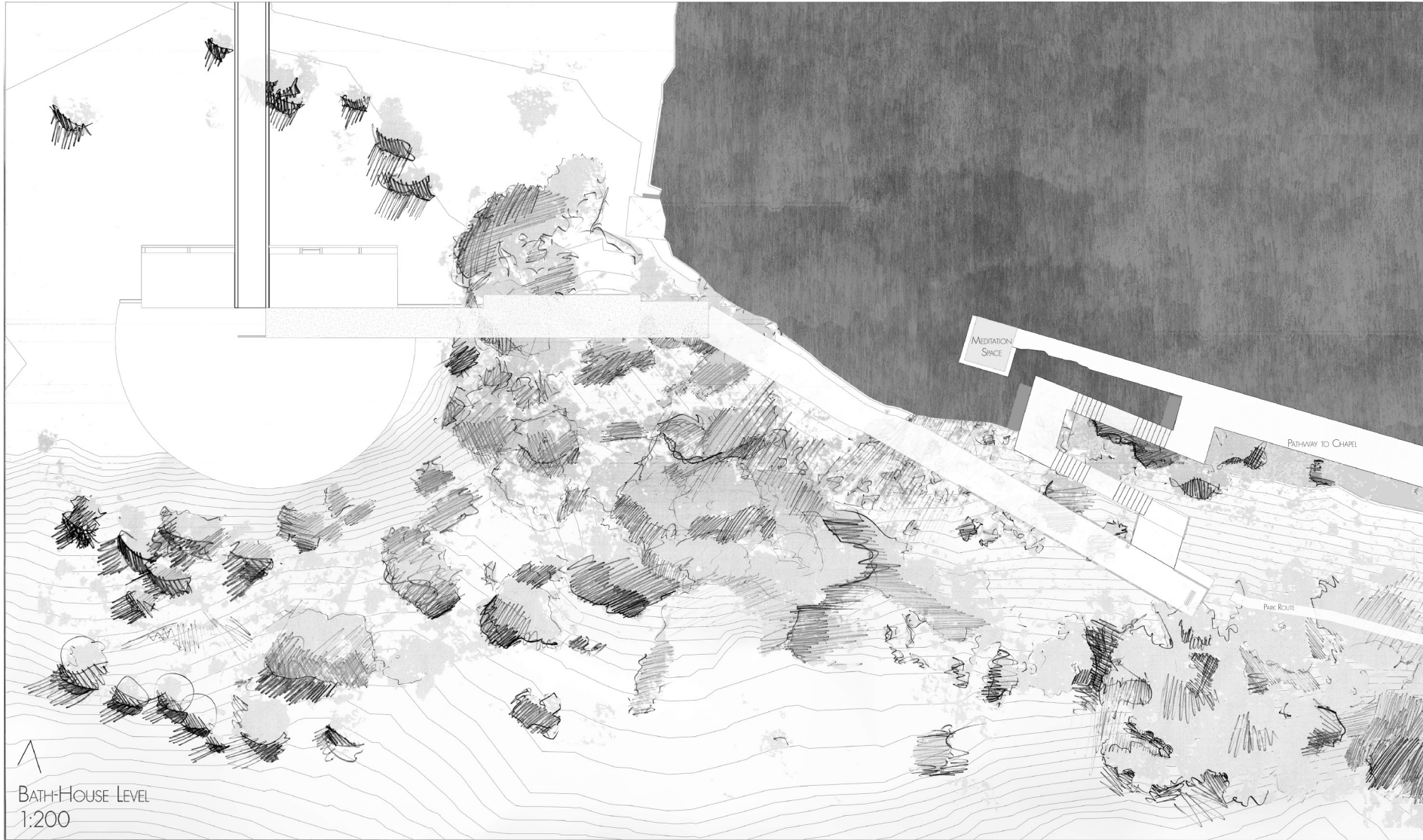
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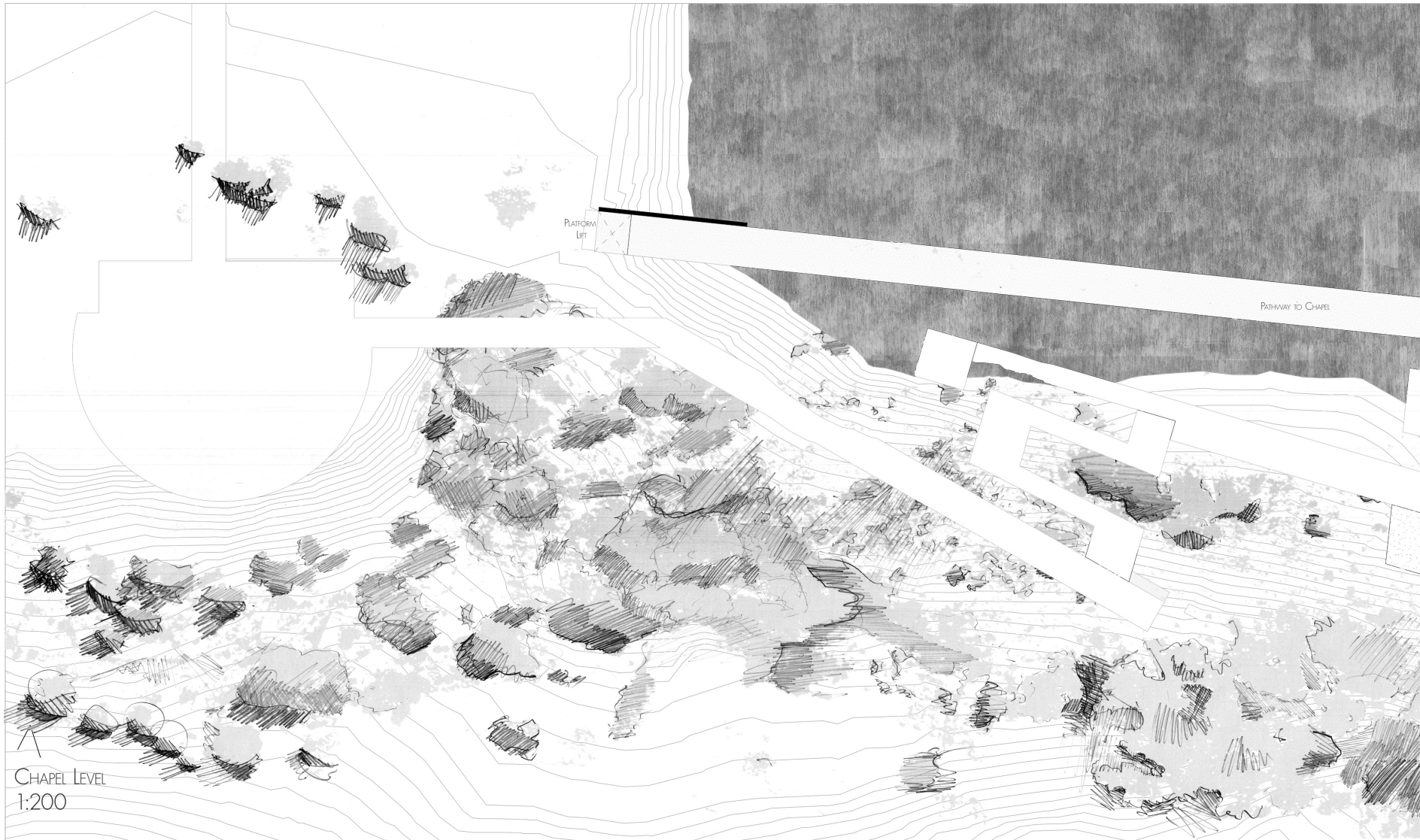






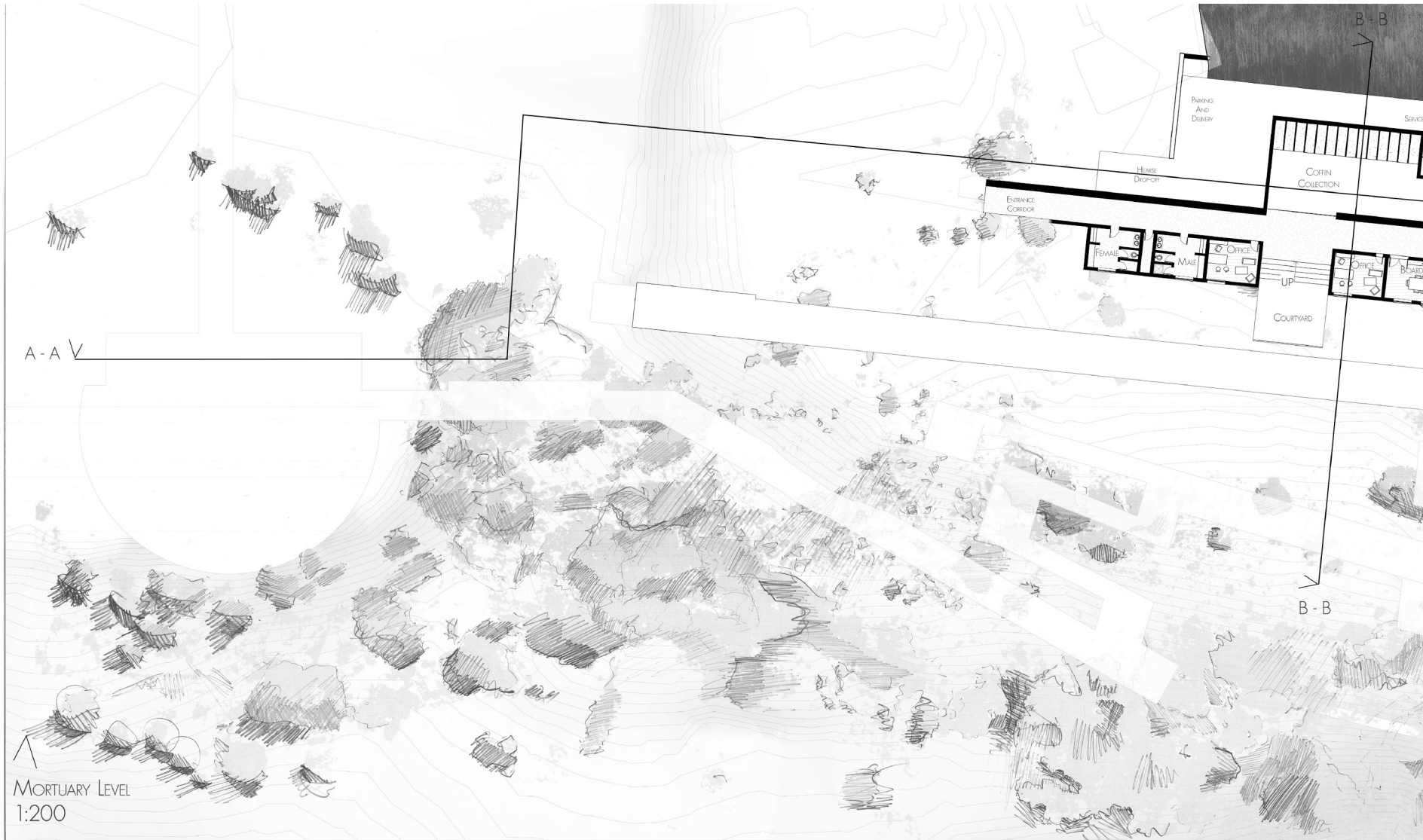






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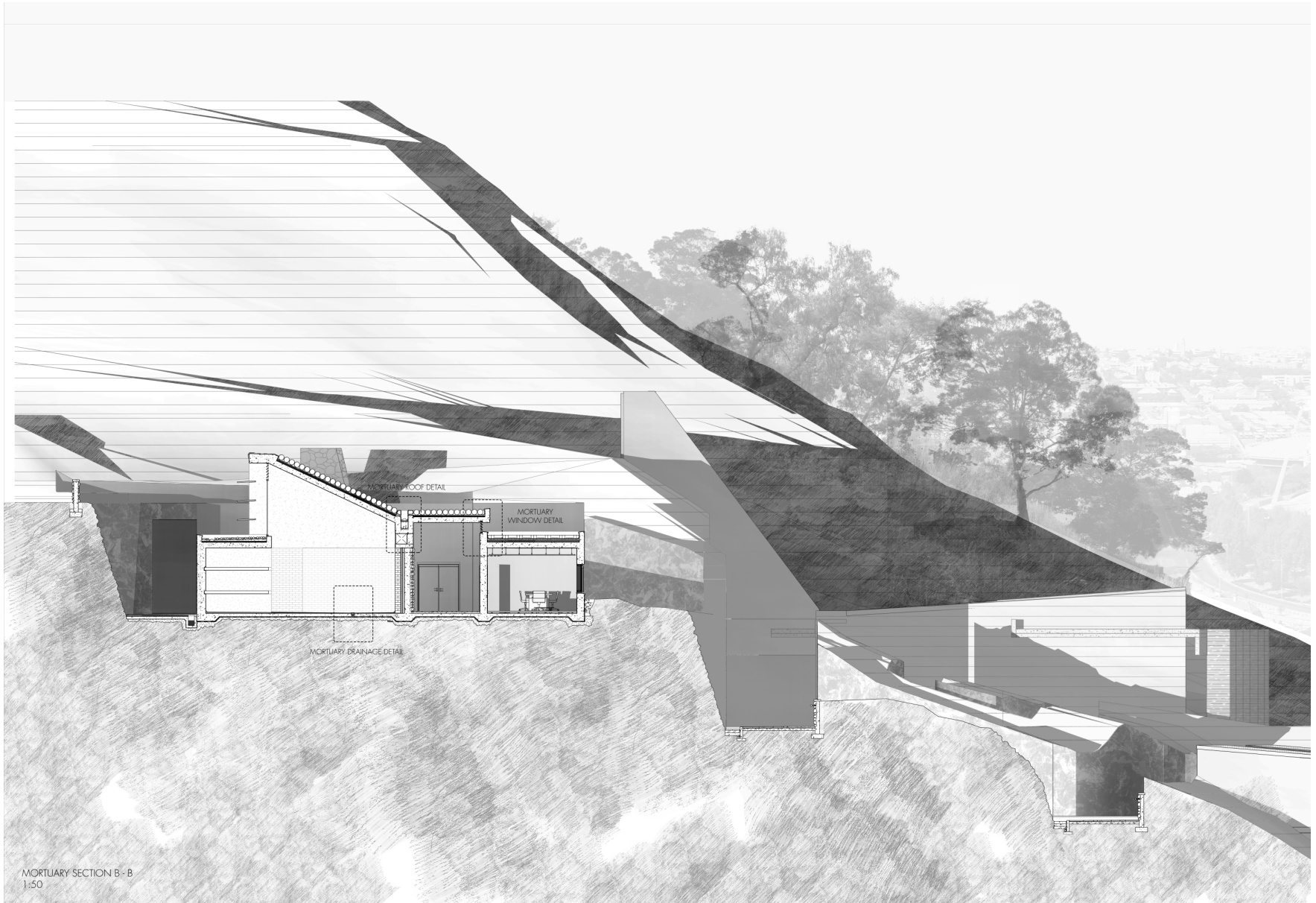




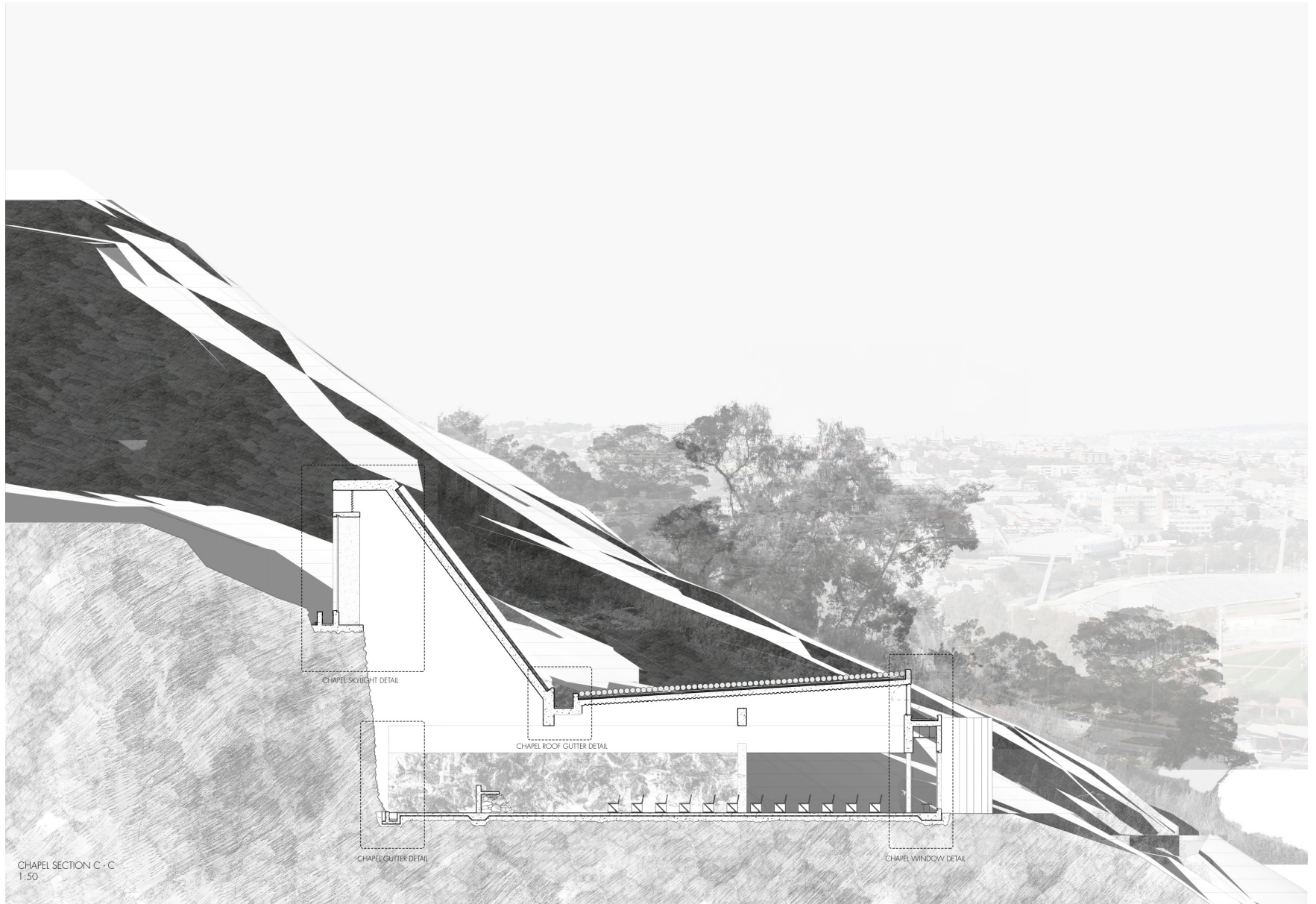






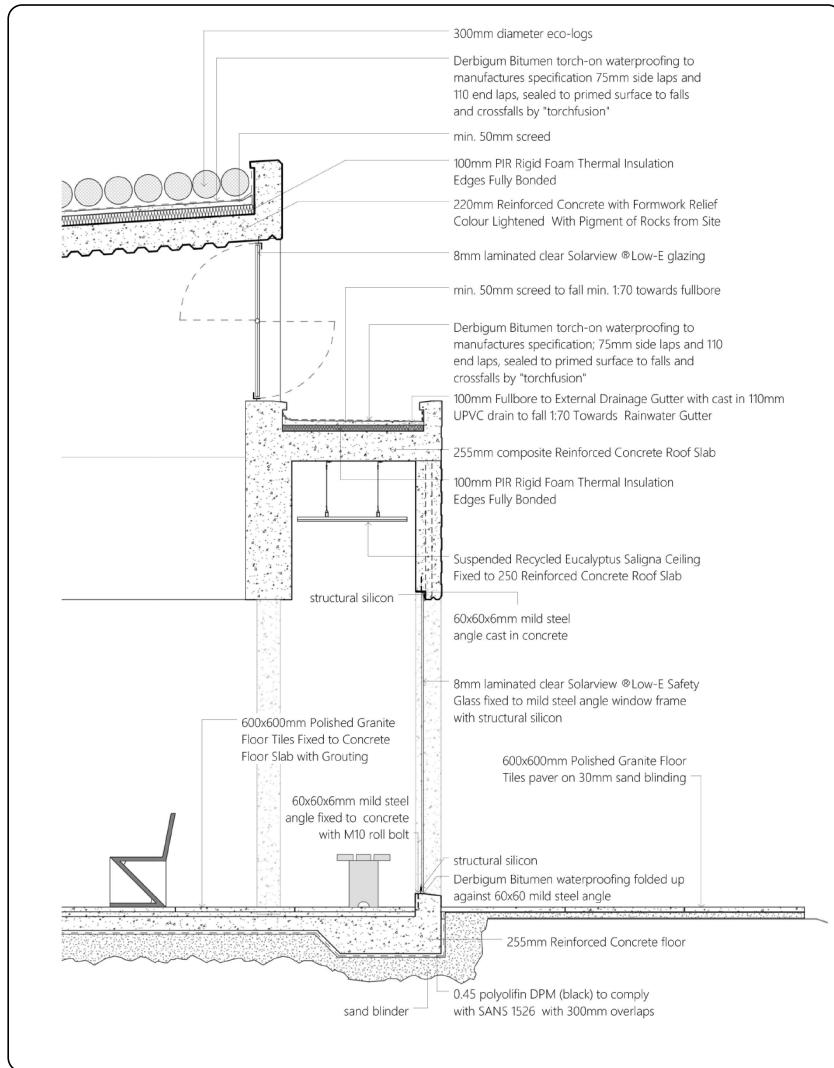






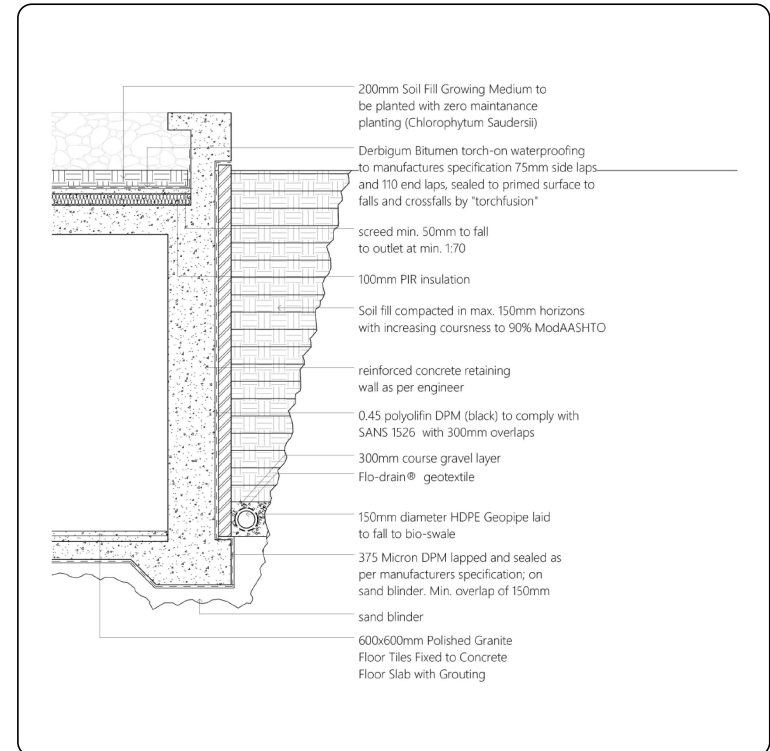
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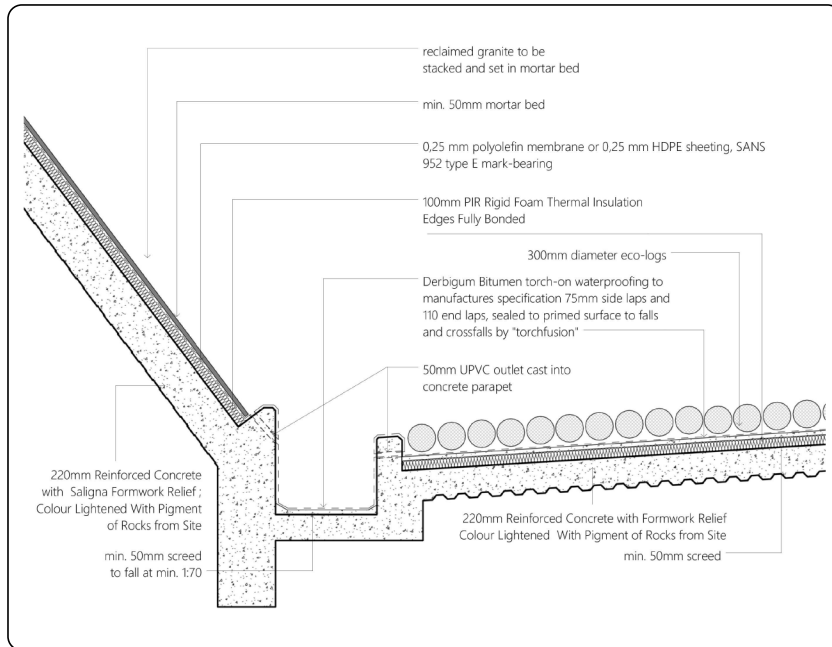


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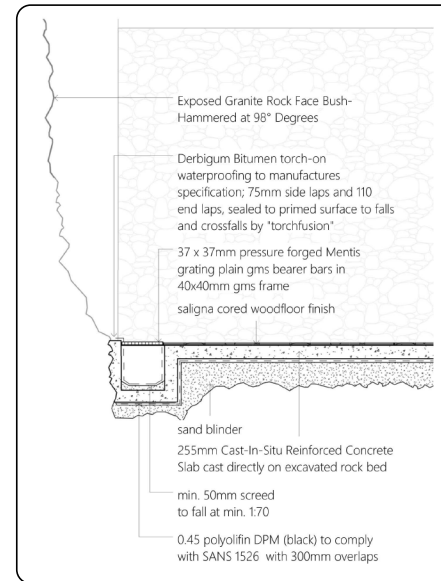
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*CHAPEL ROOF GUTTER DETAIL*  
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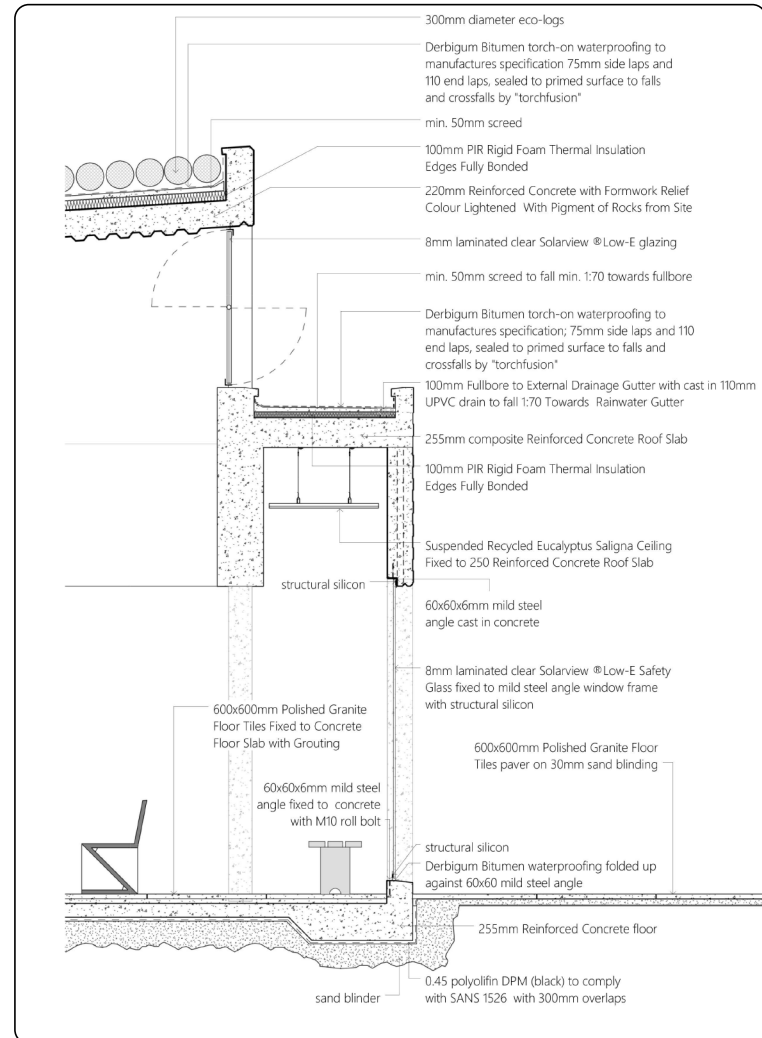


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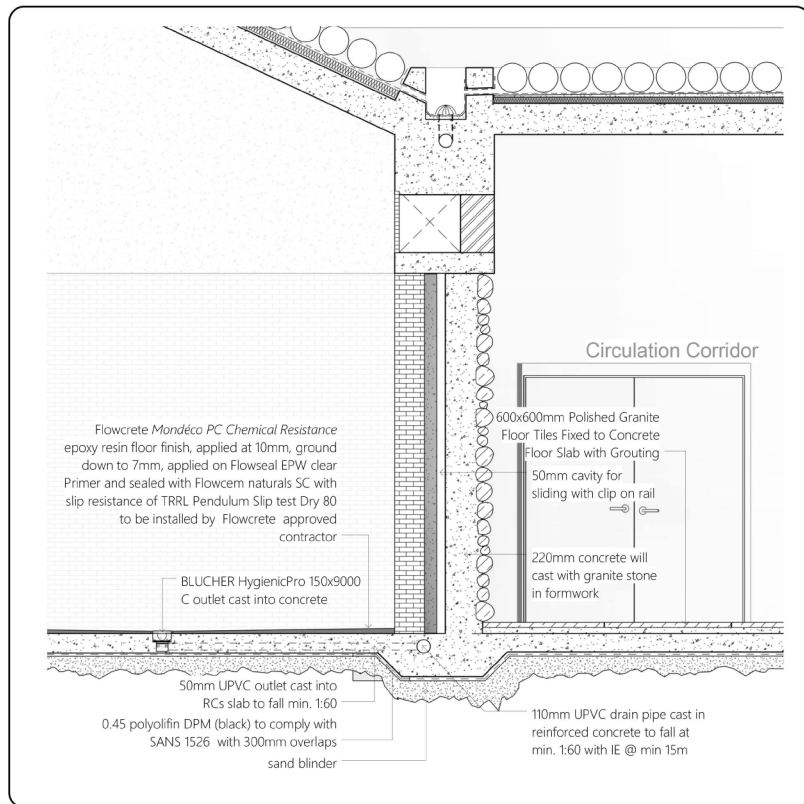
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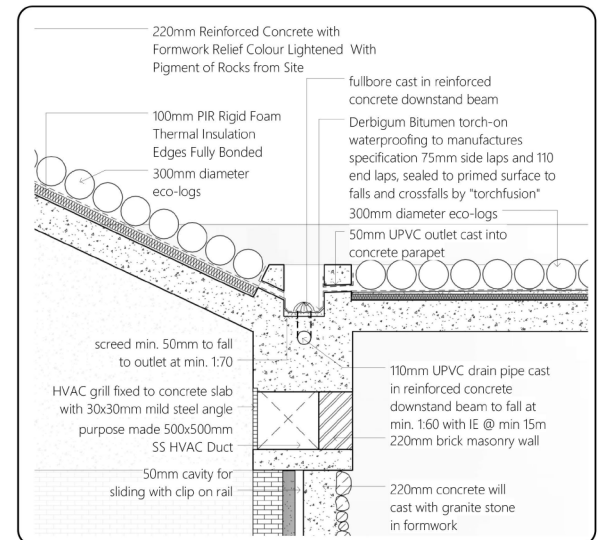




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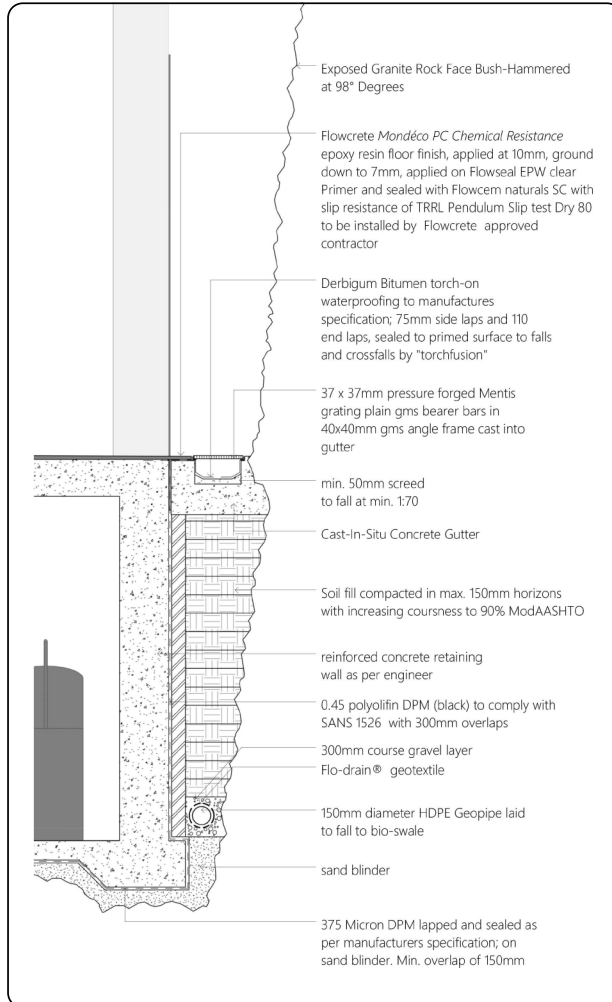


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