

12

conclusion

In this essay, various analytical tasks were undertaken to better understand the site, its users and their needs in terms of both the historical and social condition. This, along with the precedent studies, guided an approach of incrementality, adaptability, flexibility and multiplicity to programme and design. The existing activities of appropriation on site, multiple tangible and intangible tensions, and the in-depth study of the site and user groups has led to a multi-layered mixed programme with three strands: a social welfare component, a public [commercial] interface component and an anchoring link between the two. This programme is envisioned to develop on site within a conceptual phased framework that remains sensitive to the social condition and heritage buildings, and also remains resilient in that it in itself should be re-evaluated and adjusted according to changing needs and discoveries moving forward. The conceptual strategy/framework lays the foundation for a sensitive approach to the site and users, where the transitional housing programme in the “social welfare pocket” forms the focus for further research and design resolution in Essay Three.

Transitional Housing: focus for further development



Phase 1: Temporal Insertions



Phase 2: Social Welfare Pocket



Phase 3: Public Interface

Site strategy/vision shown as consecutive phase of development, with the transitional housing component as the focus for further development (Author 2021). 12.1.