

# 05. Technology

The manifestation of the technical detailing of the project is derived from the same concept which drove the design process, namely; healing through empowerment by means of connection, independence and transition. The **independence** of elements and materials are expressed through the manner in which they are connected. These **connections** are elaborated and celebrated. Structural elements are also used to illustrate the directionality of the building's **transition** from public to private.

**CONNECTION, INDEPENDENCE, TRANSITION**



Figure 5.1: The roof construction is independent from the concrete frame structure (Author).

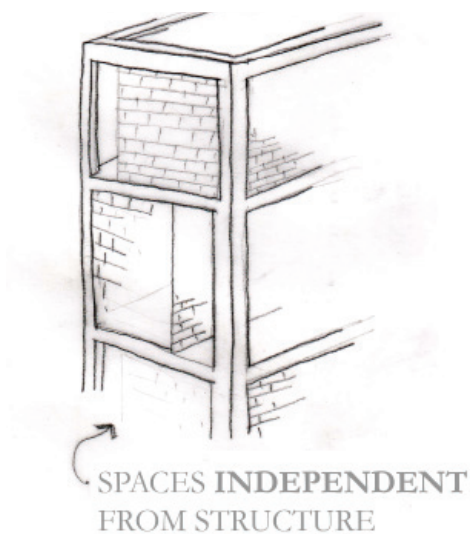


Figure 5.2: Individually units are positioned independently from the structure (Author).

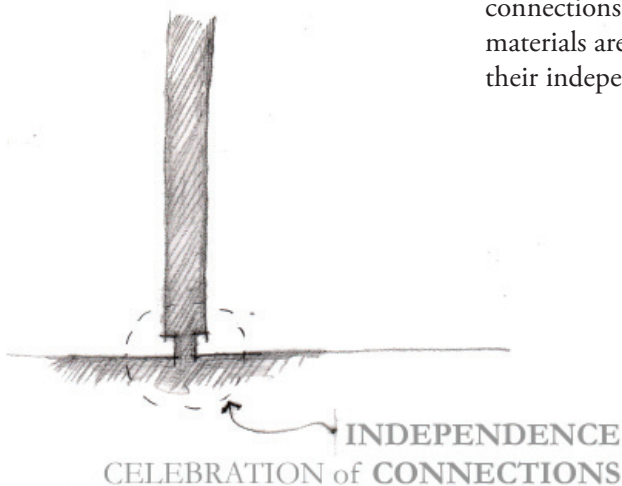


Figure 5.3: By celebrating the connections different elements and materials are joined to illustrate their independence (Author).

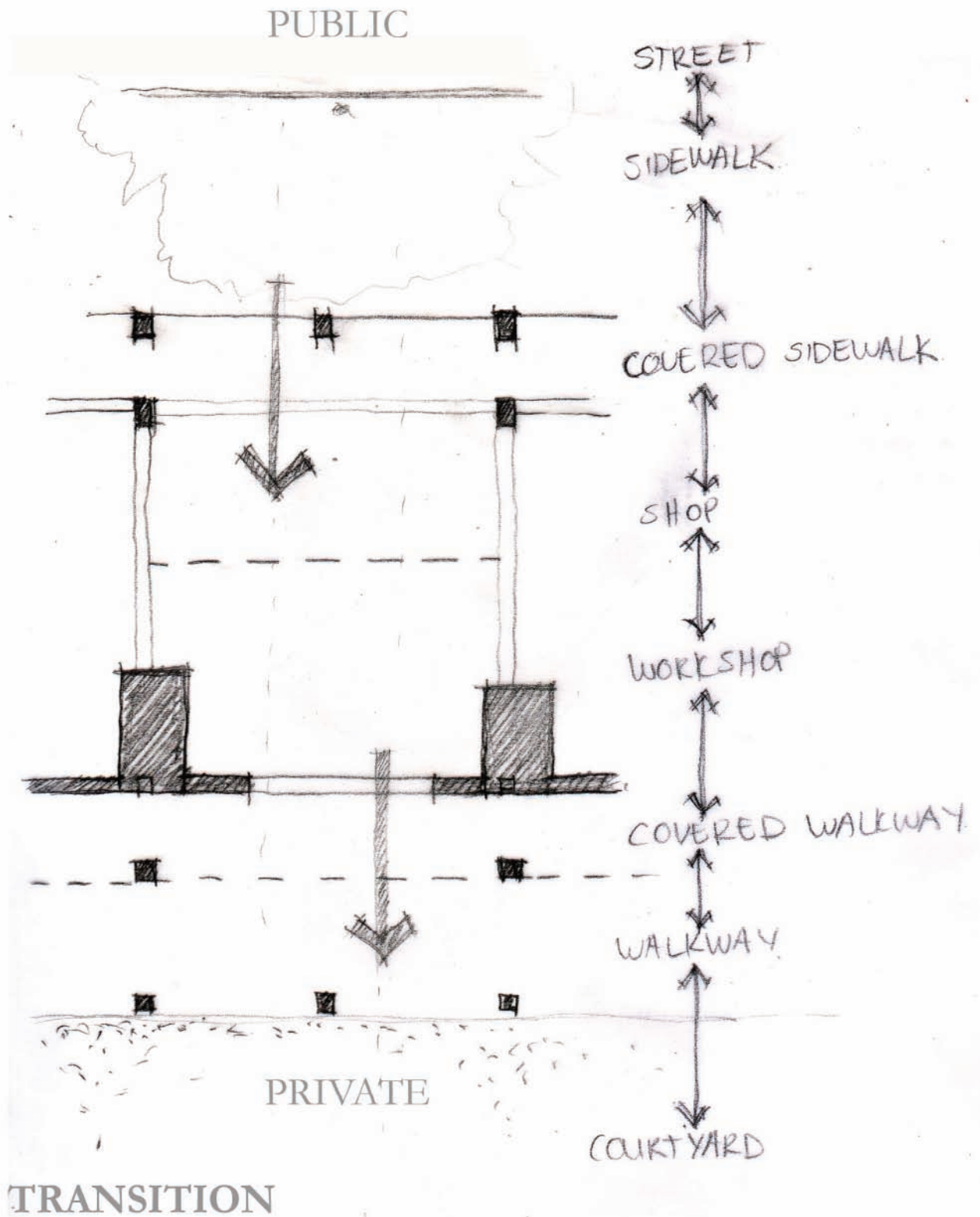


Figure 5.4: Structural elements are used to illustrate the directionality of the building's transition from public to private (Author).

This chapter investigates the technical resolution of the shelter in terms of the concept of healing through empowerment by means of connection, independence and transition as explain above. The technical resolution is expressed through the following illustrations:

- Section AA, scale 1: 100
- Section BB, scale 1: 100
- Section CC, scale 1: 100
- Section AA, scale 1: 50
- Structural system
- Rain water collection
- Natural light
- Ventilation
- Material palette
- Sustainability: passive design
- Details A-E

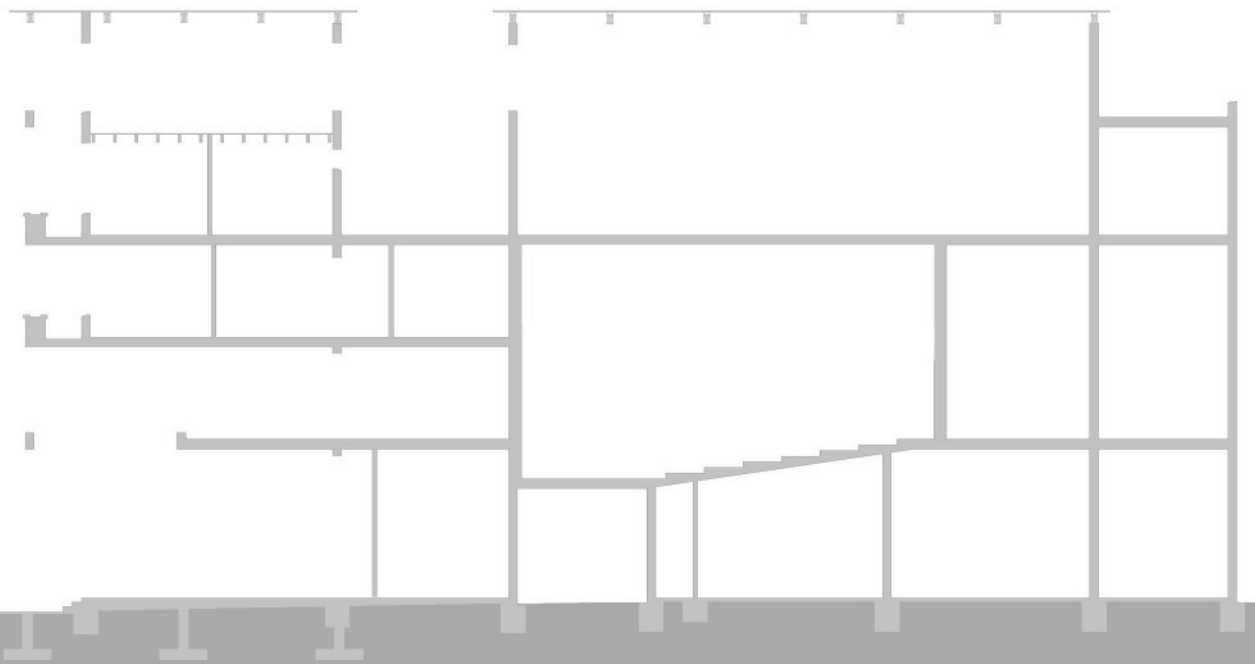
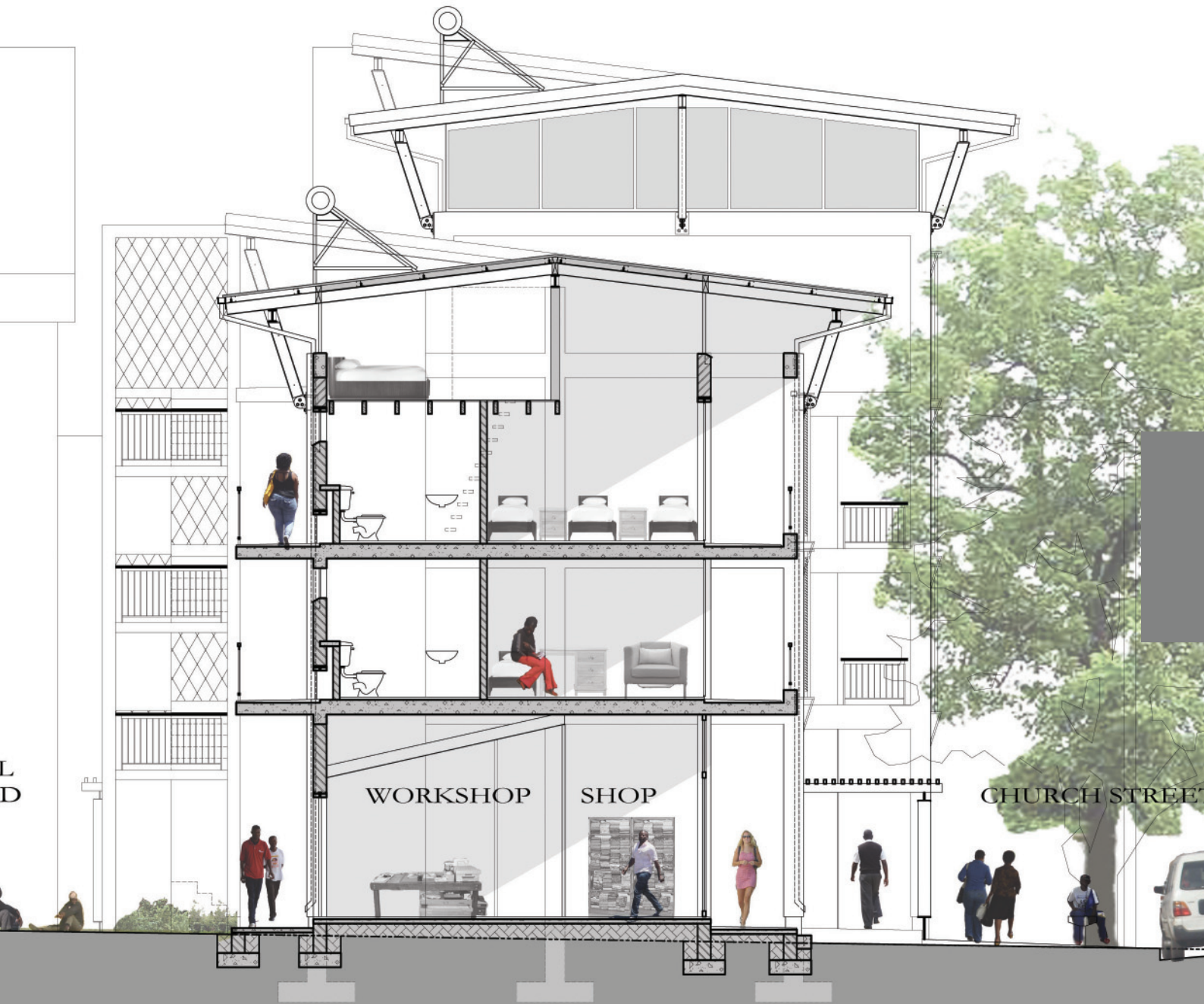


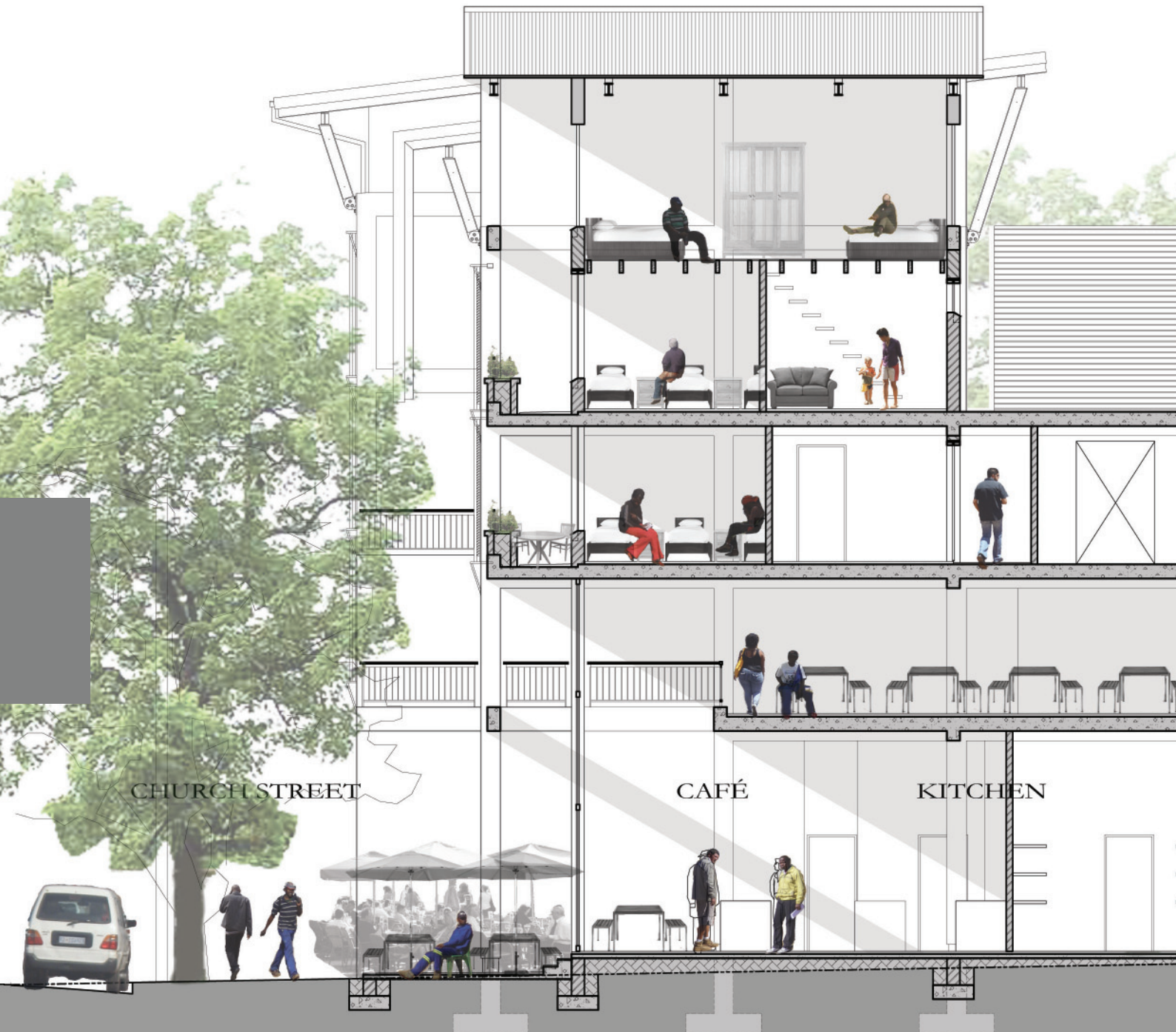
Figure 5.5: Structure and internal space (Author)



SECTION AA  
scale 1: 100

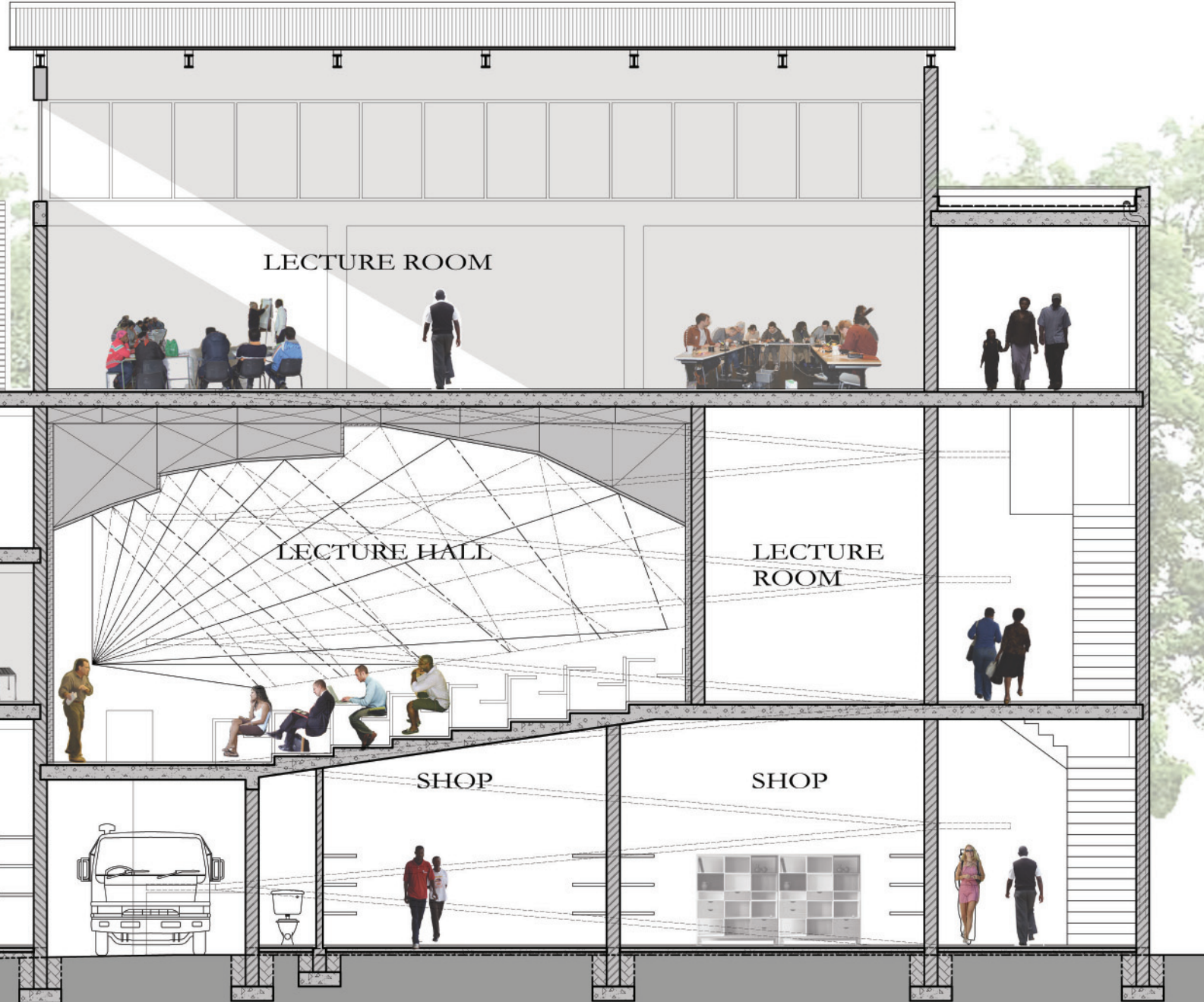
Figure 5.6: (Author)

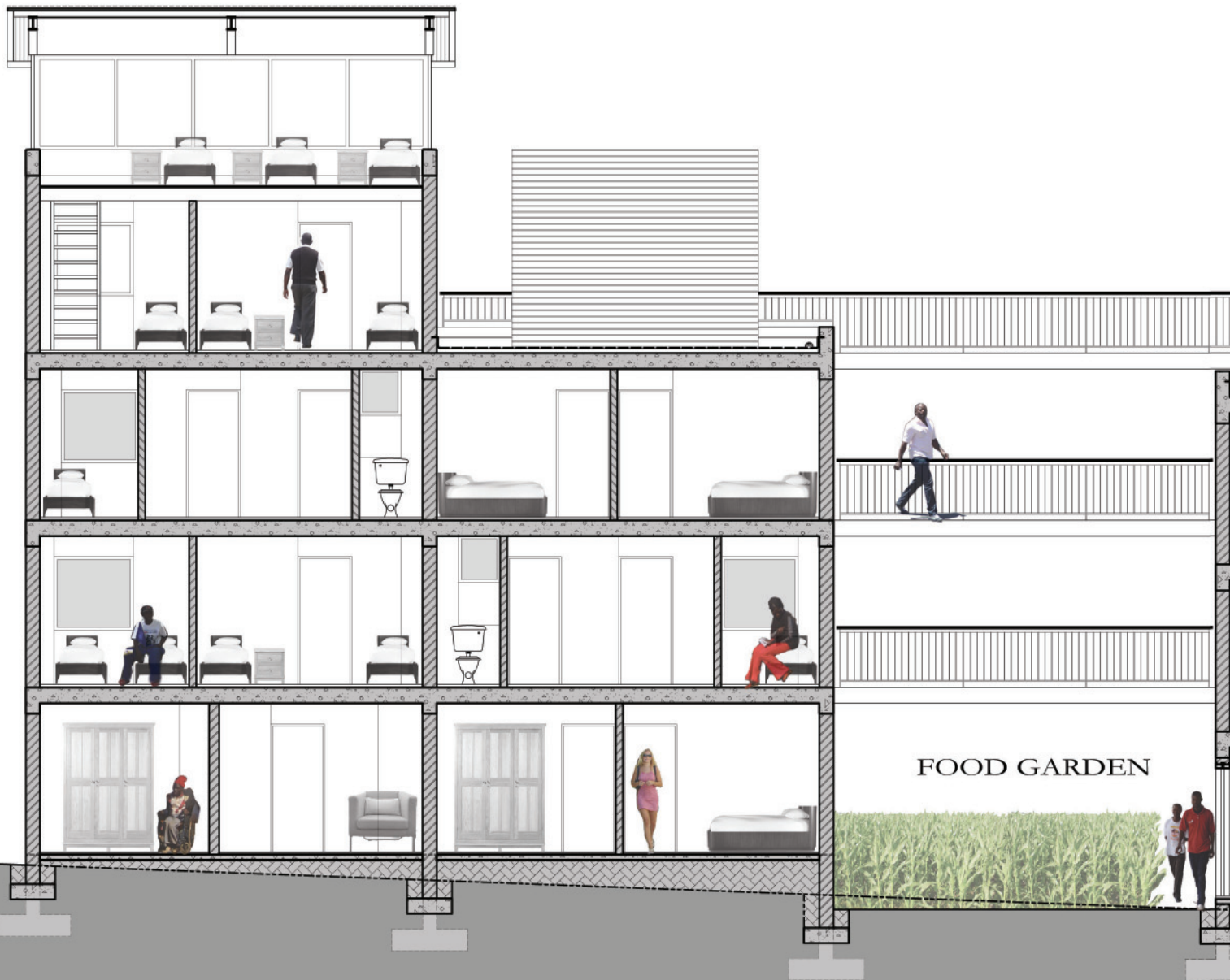




SECTION BB  
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Figure 5.7: (Author)

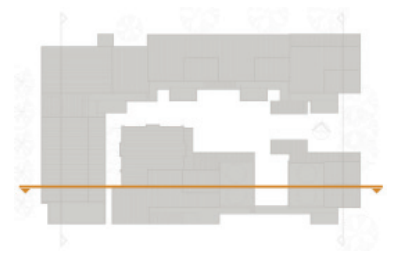




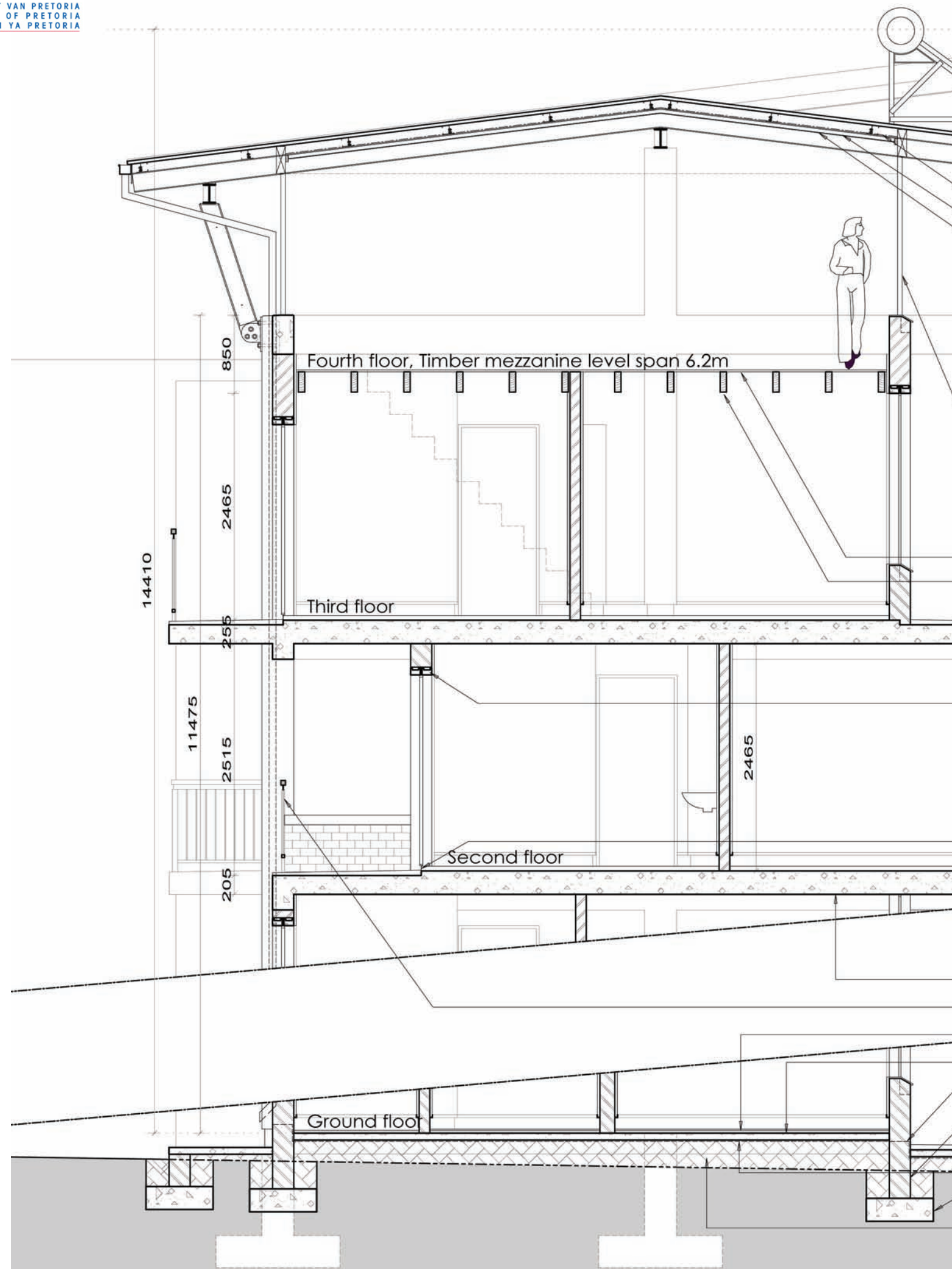
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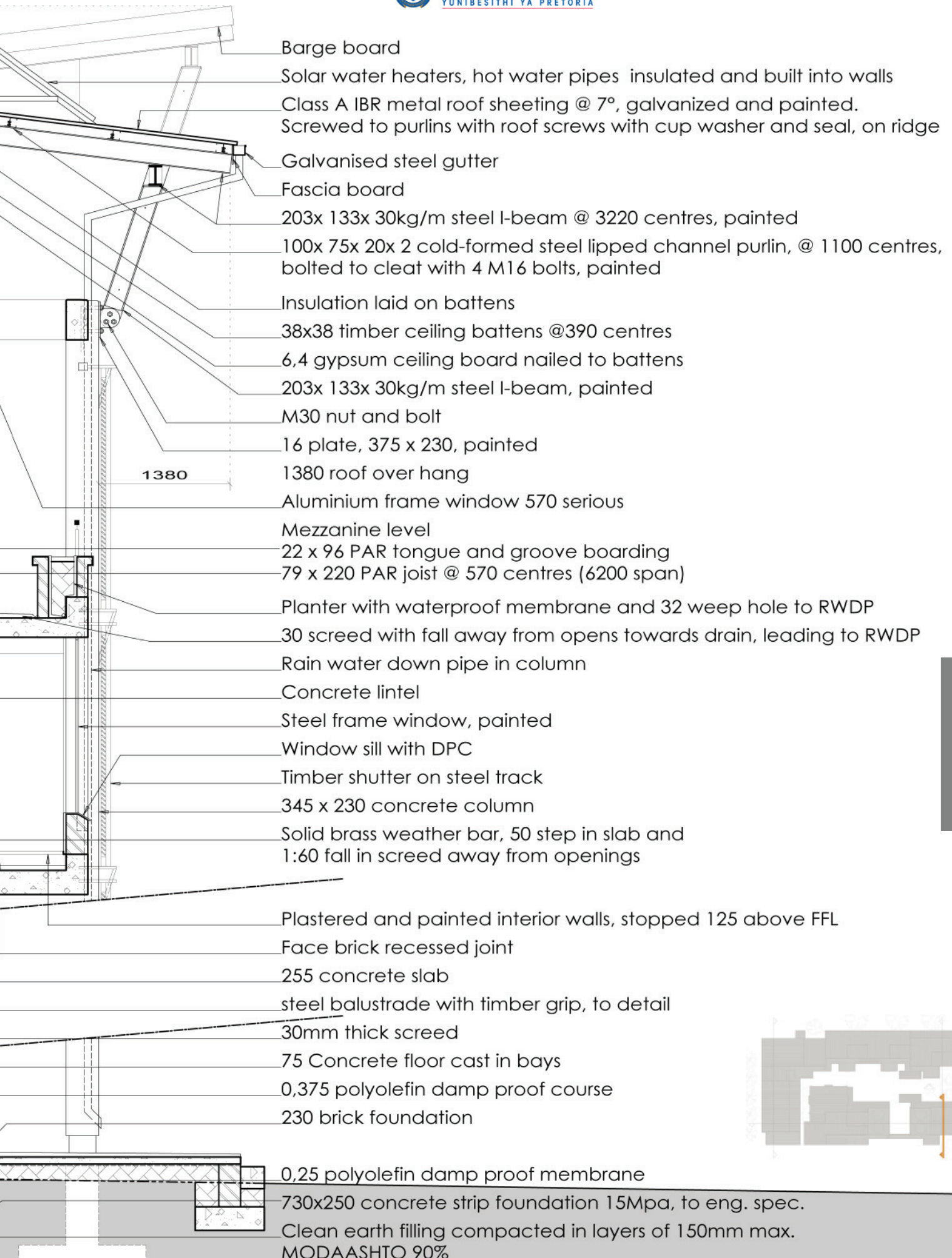
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Figure 5.8: (Author)



# SECTION CC





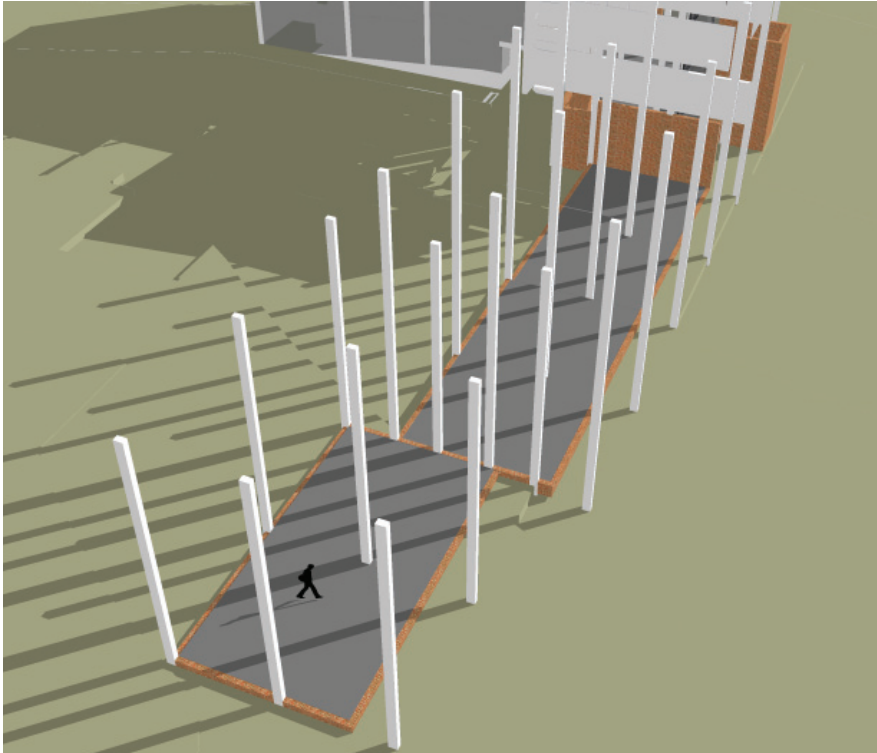
## SECTION AA scale 1:50

Figure 5.9: (Author)

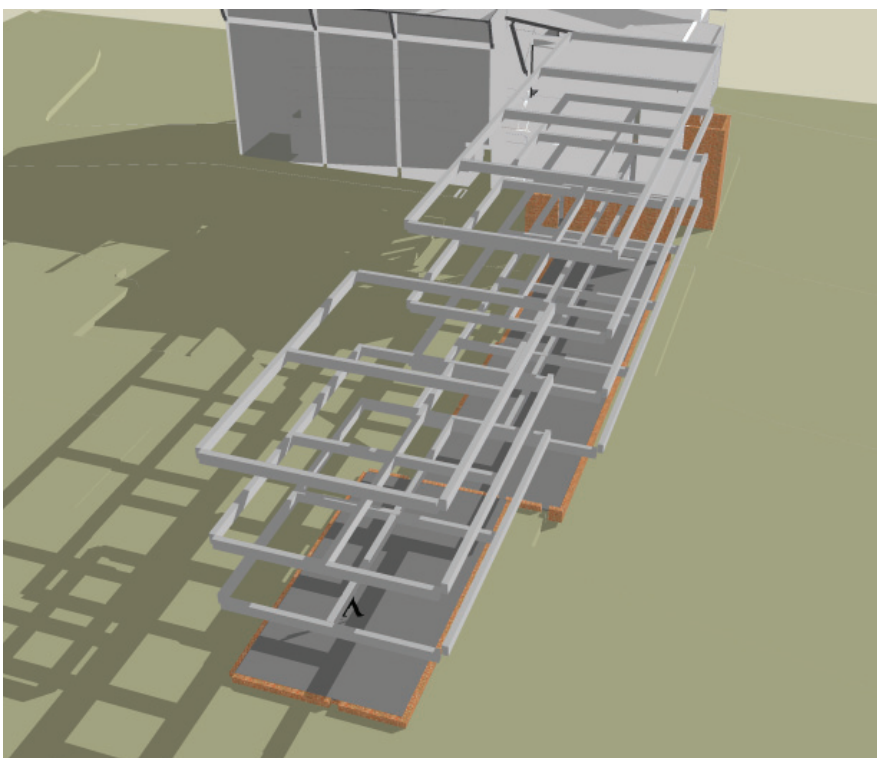
## STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

### of northern units along Church Street

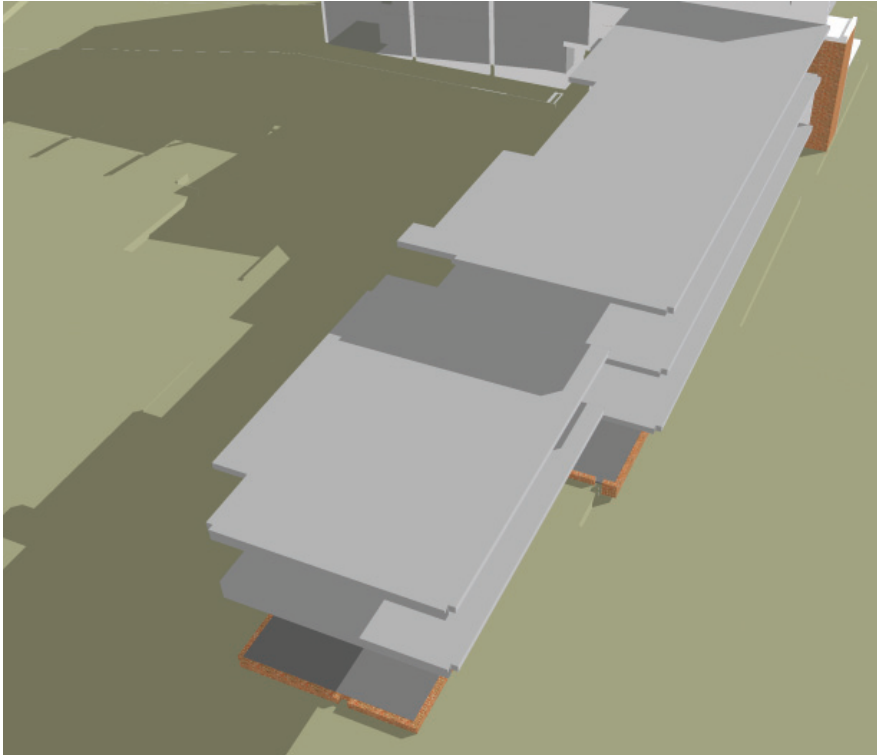
The figures below illustrate the different components of the structural system. Although the concrete structure consists of various components namely columns, beams and slabs, it functions as one system. Figure 5.10-13 (Author)



5.10 Concrete columns

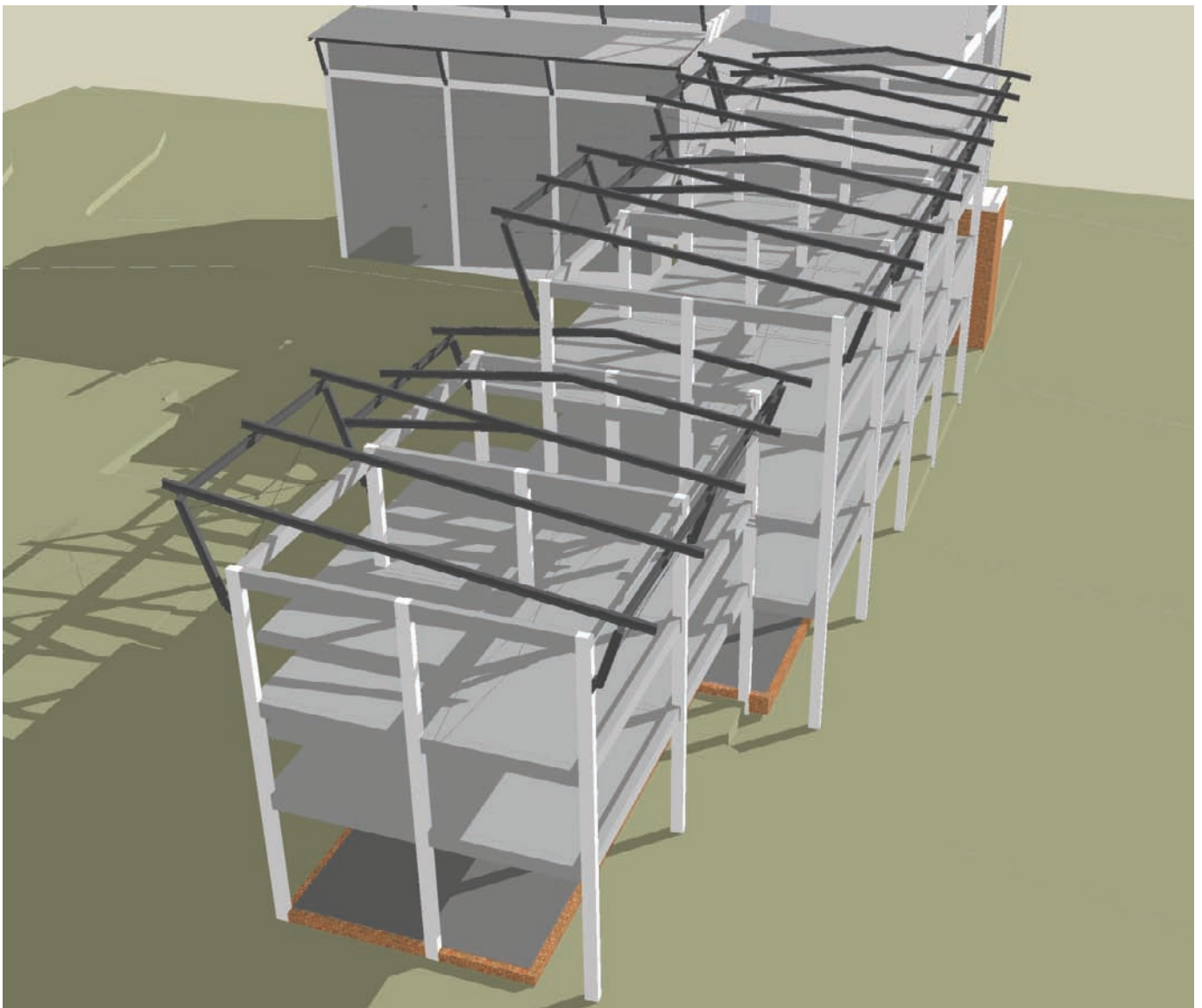


5.11 Concrete beams



5.12 Concrete slabs

5.13 Full structural system. Infill and coverings omitted for clarity.





•Rain water collection to irrigate gardens, particularly in dry winter months

•Average annual rain fall for Pretoria: 674 mm (0.674m)  
•Volume of water tank: 3.5m diameter, 3m height = 28.8m<sup>3</sup>

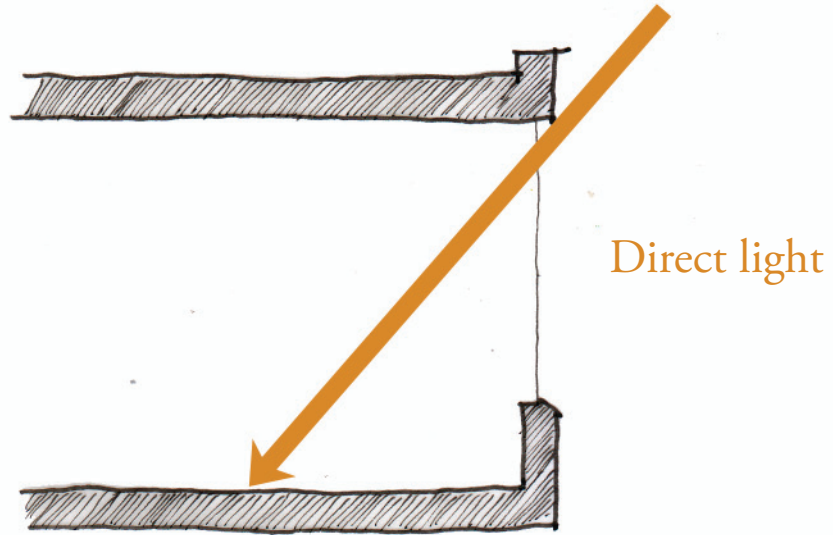
•Roof area A, for water collection: 240m<sup>2</sup>  
240m<sup>2</sup> x 0.674m = 161.76m<sup>3</sup>  
Therefore water tank can be filled and emptied 6 times annually (regular use)

•Roof area B, for water collection: 174m<sup>2</sup>  
174m<sup>2</sup> x 0.674m = 117.276m<sup>3</sup>  
Therefore two water tanks (volume 57.6m<sup>3</sup>) can be filled and emptied twice annually (long term storage)

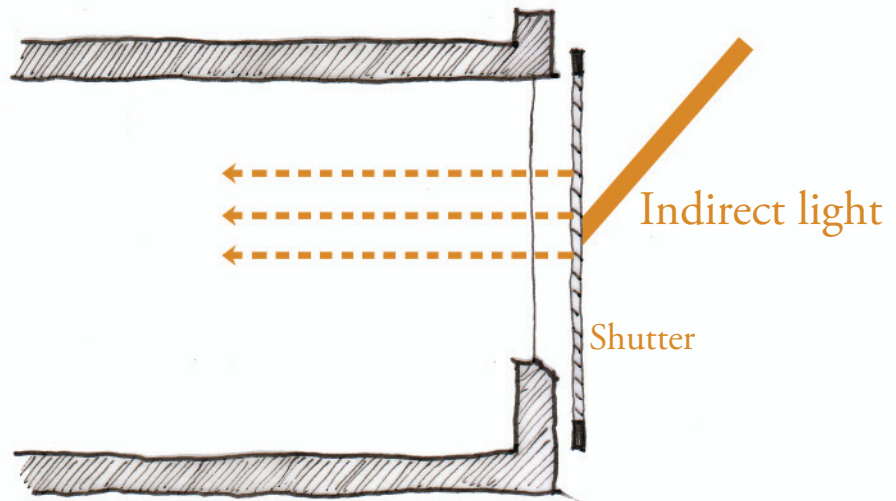
•Roof area C, for water collection: 82m<sup>2</sup>  
82m<sup>2</sup> x 0.674m = 55.268m<sup>3</sup>  
Therefore two water tanks (volume 57.6m<sup>3</sup>) can be filled and emptied once annually (long term storage)

## RAIN WATER COLLECTION

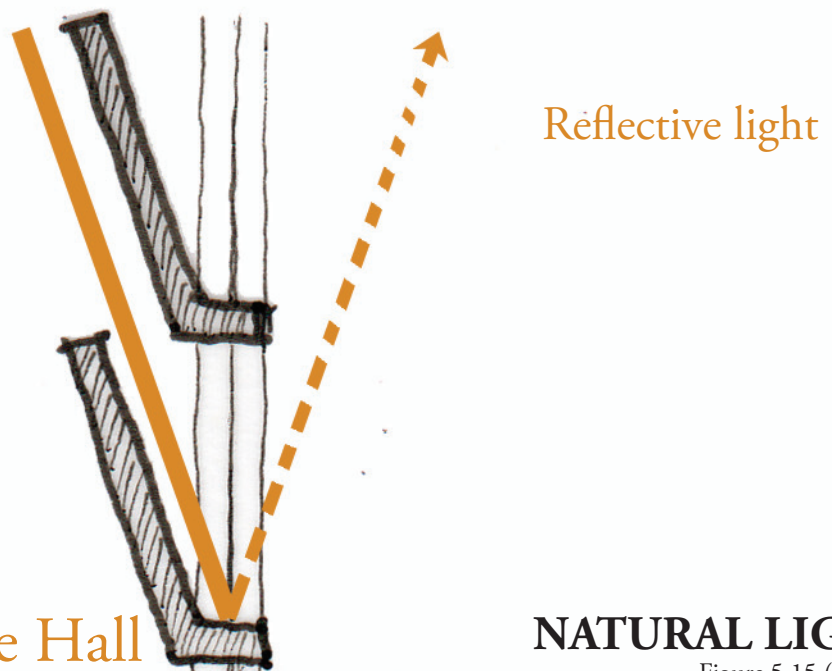
Figure 5.14 (Author)



### 1. Units



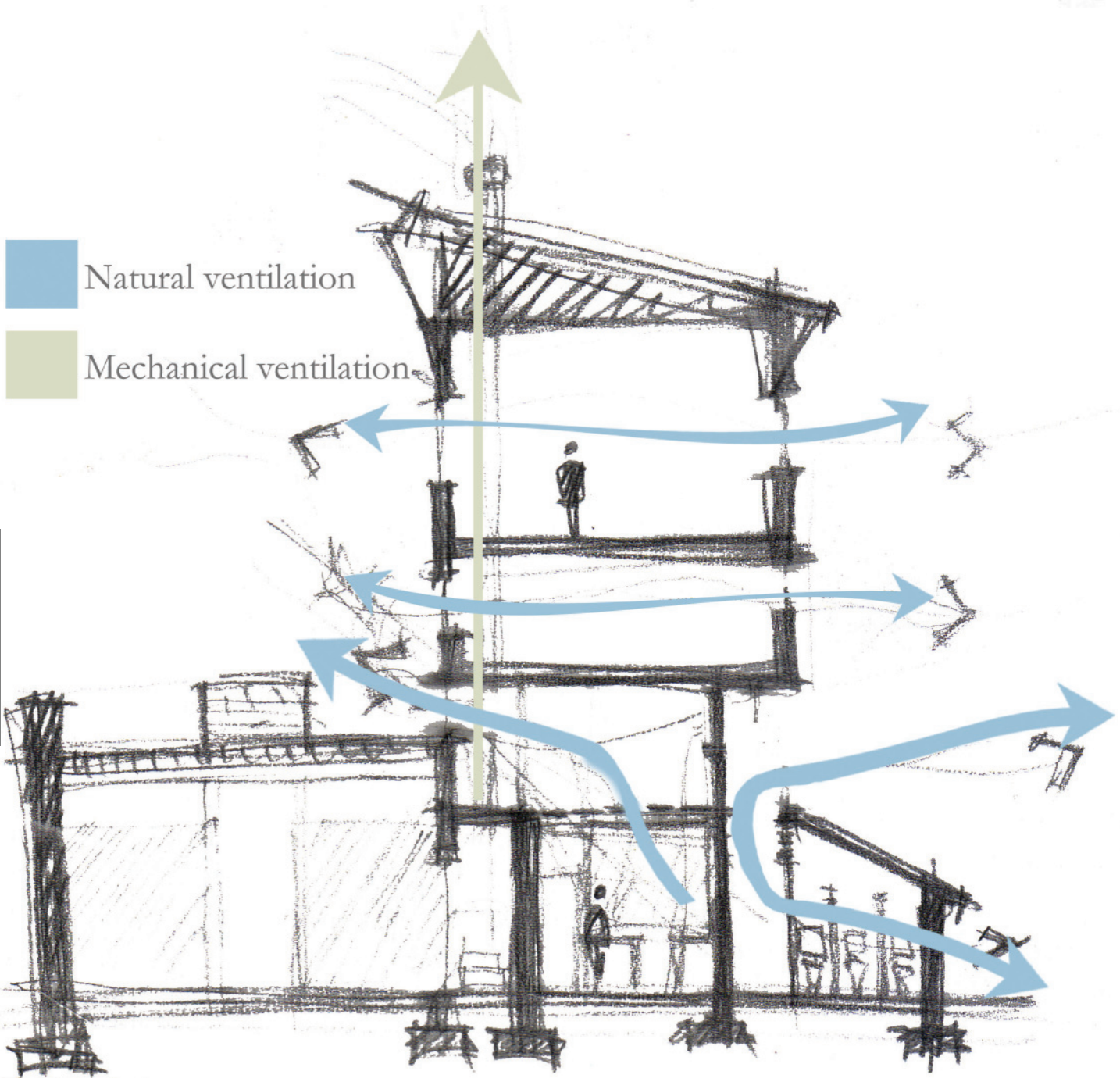
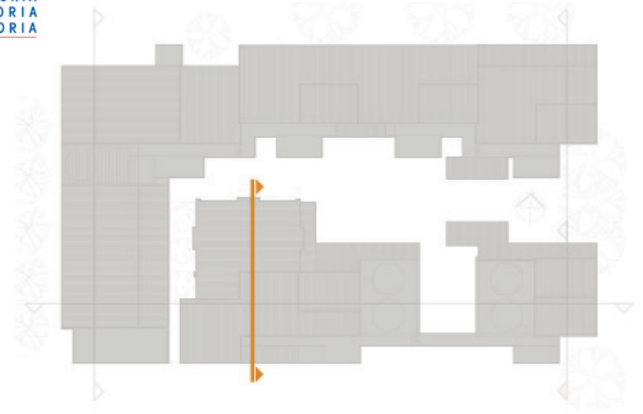
### 2. Units



### 3. Lecture Hall

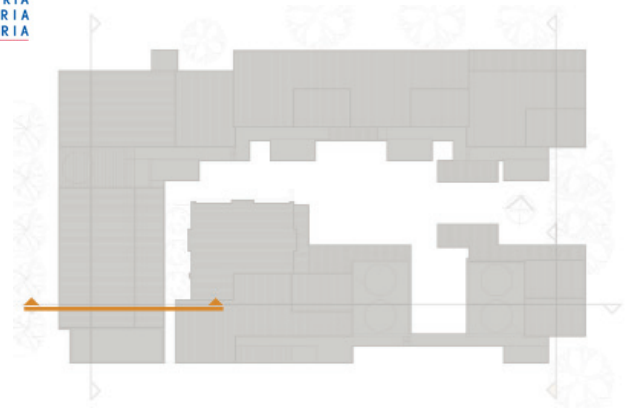
## NATURAL LIGHT

Figure 5.15 (Author)

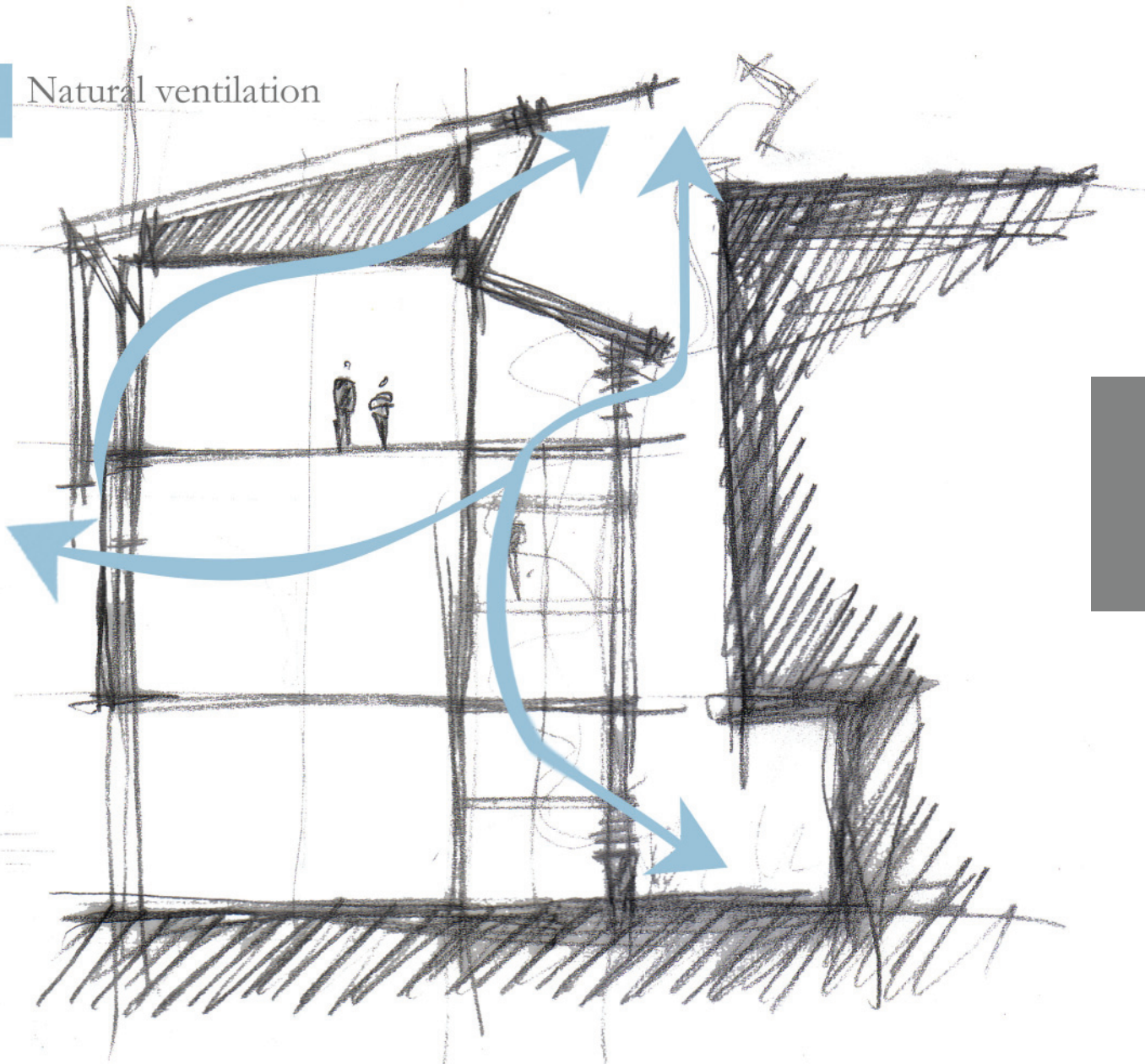


## VENTILATION: KITCHEN, COMMUNAL ABLUTION FACILITIES & UNITS

Figure 5.16 (Author)

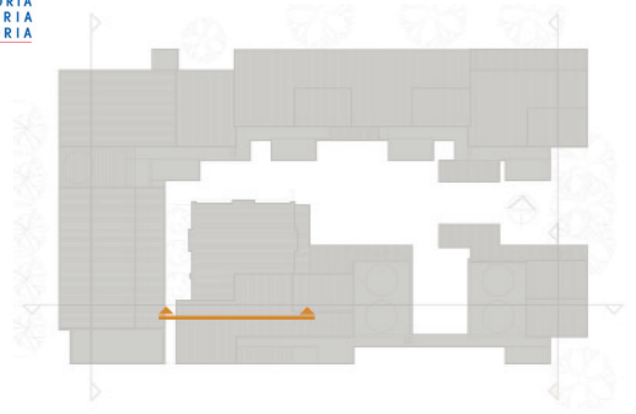




 Natural ventilation

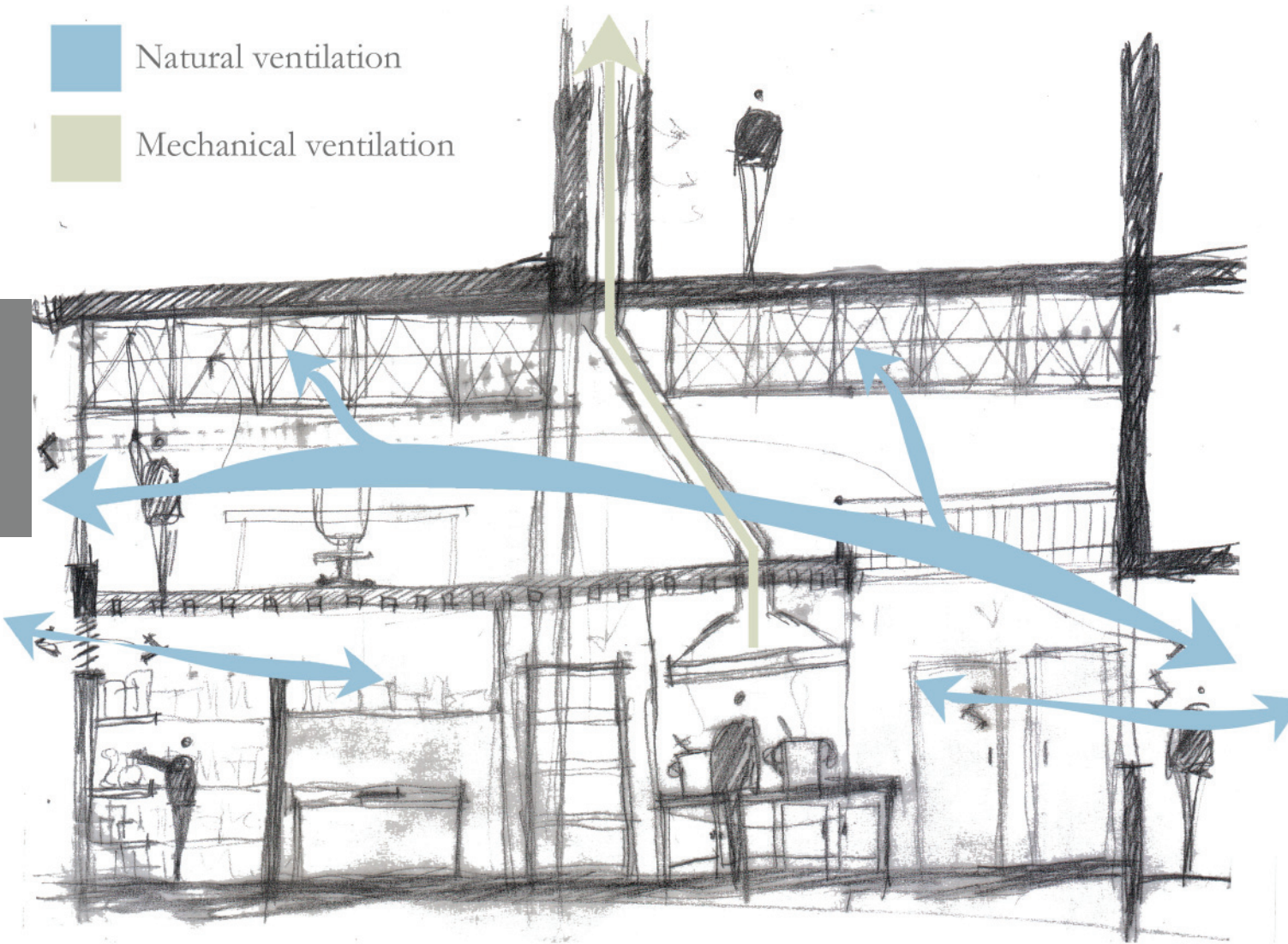


## VENTILATION: EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE & EXHIBITION SPACE

Figure 5.17 (Author)



-  Natural ventilation
-  Mechanical ventilation



## VENTILATION: KITCHEN

Figure 5.18 (Author)

# MATERIAL PALETTE



Figure 5.19: Shelter entrance – timber screen, transitional layers (Messedat, 2007: 223)



Figure 5.20: Timber shutters for units (Online)



Figure 5.21: Roof covering IBR (Online)

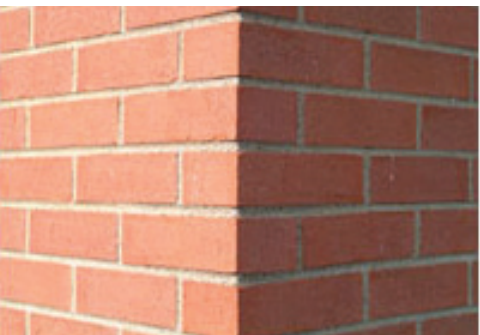


Figure 5.22: Brick infill (Online)

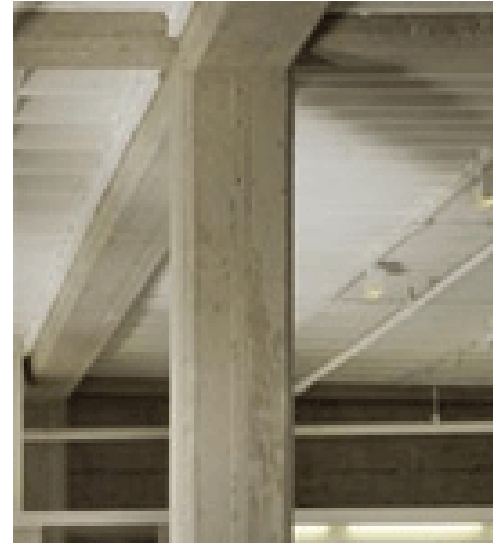


Figure 5.23: Structural System – Concrete columns (Online)



Figure 5.24: Roof structure - I-beams (Online)

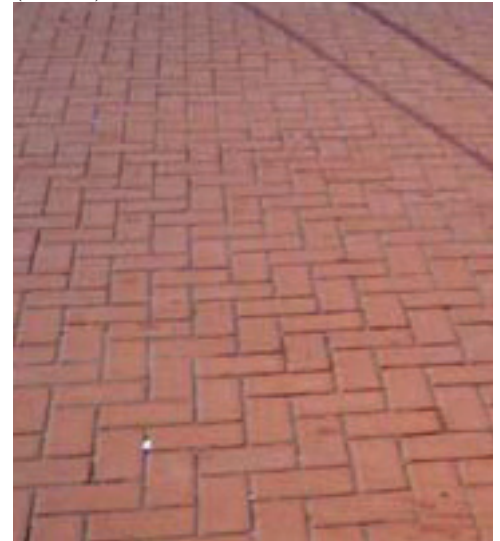
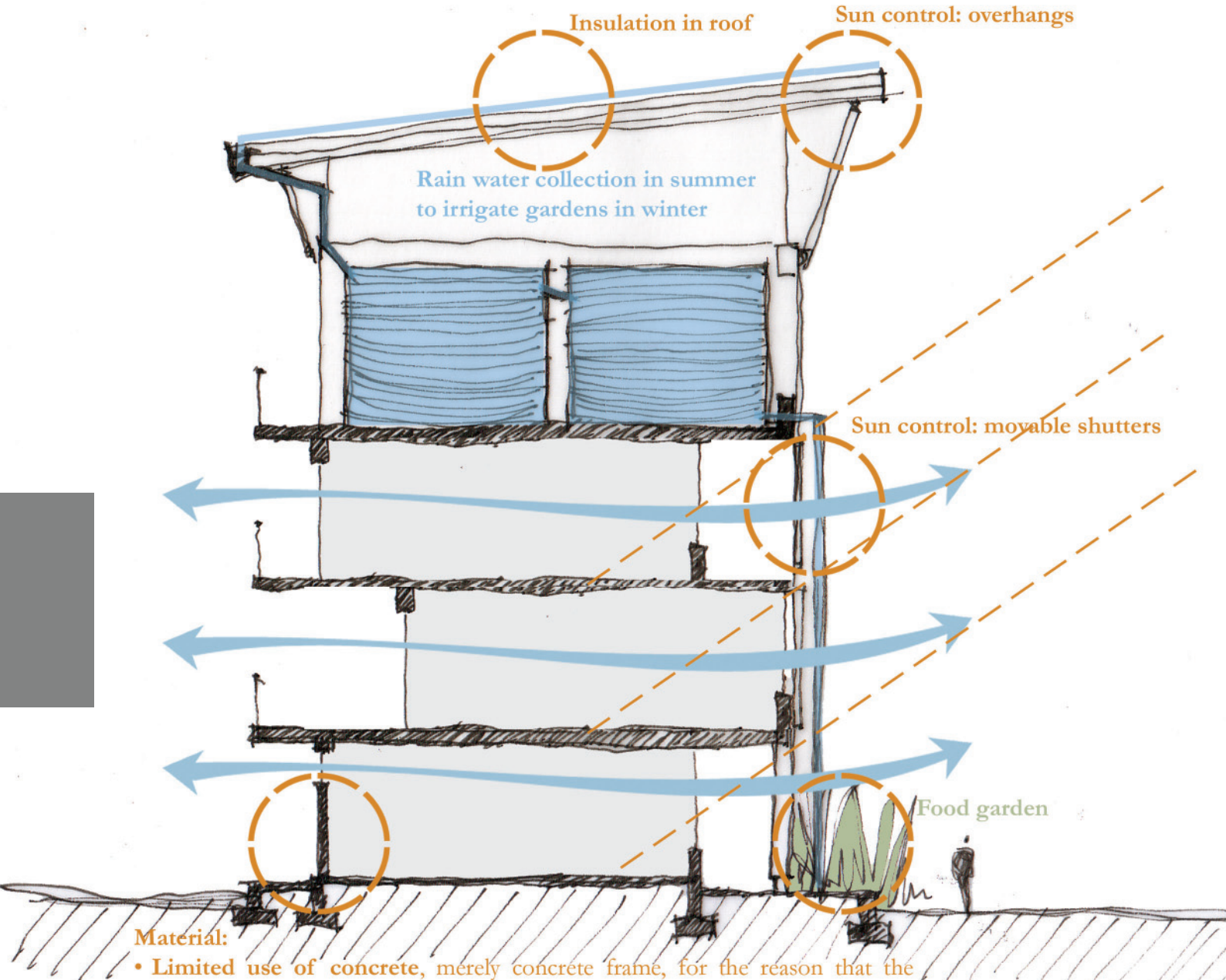


Figure 5.25: Herring bone paving used in space designed to linger: entrance of shelter and Educational Community Centre (Online). Walkways on ground floor - stretcher paving.

## Open building design for prolonged future use

Building orientated north

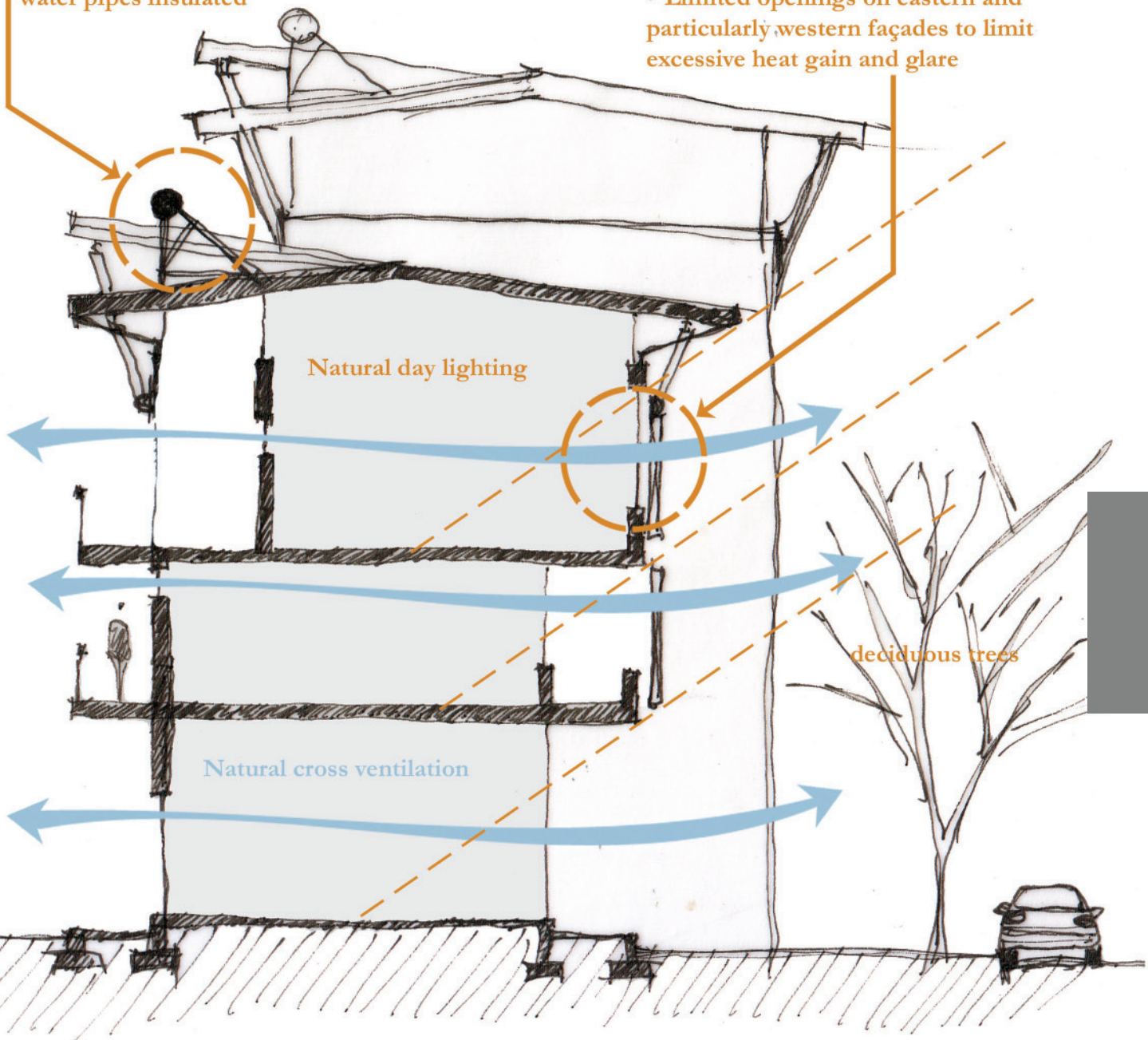


### Material:

- **Limited use of concrete**, merely concrete frame, for the reason that the manufacturing process of concrete has a large environmental impact
- **Infill: Locally produced bricks**. Although a significant amount of energy is used for the firing of clay bricks it is still less than the energy consumed by comparable concrete masonry (Thompson & Sorvig, 2000: 314)
- **Local materials**
- **Durable materials**
- **Low maintenance materials**

Solar water geyser, panels at 36° for optimal use, hot water pipes insulated

- Opens on northern façades for heat gain in winter
- Limited openings on eastern and particularly western façades to limit excessive heat gain and glare



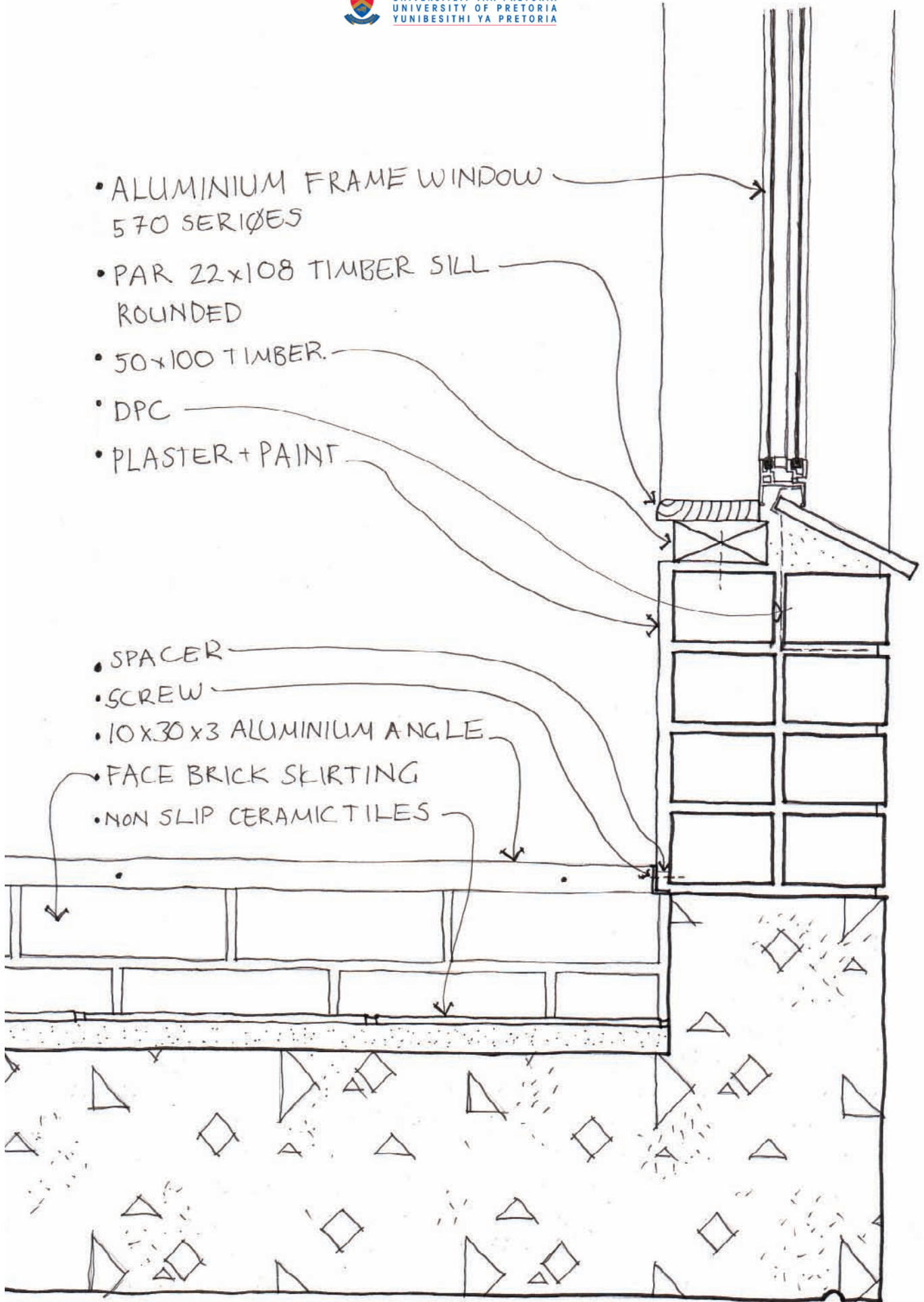
## SUSTAINABILITY: PASSIVE DESIGN

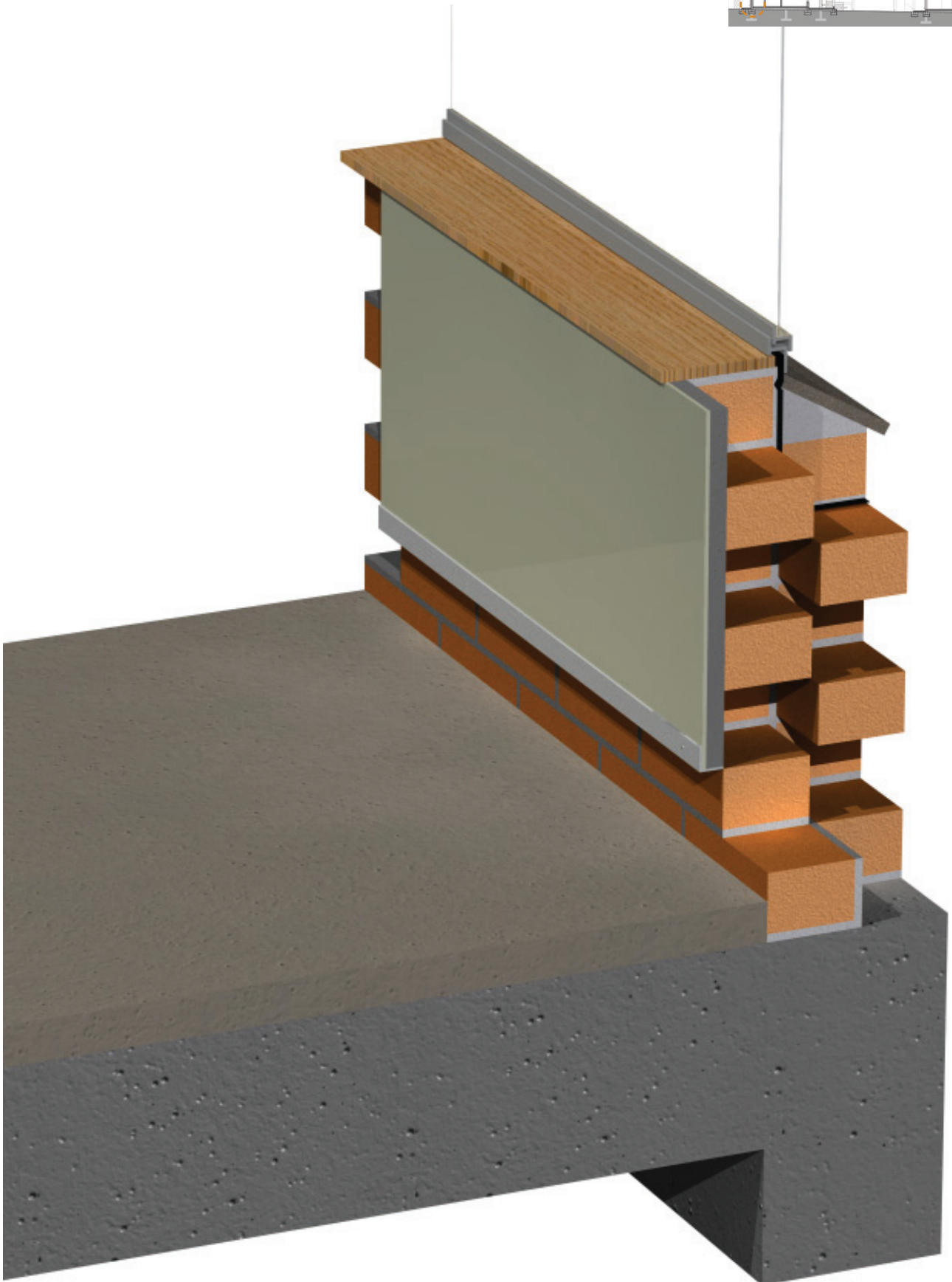
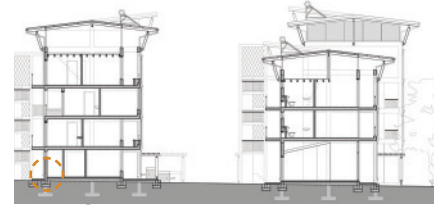
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- ALUMINIUM FRAME WINDOW 570 SERIES
- PAR 22x108 TIMBER SILL ROUNDED
- 50x100 TIMBER.
- DPC
- PLASTER + PAINT

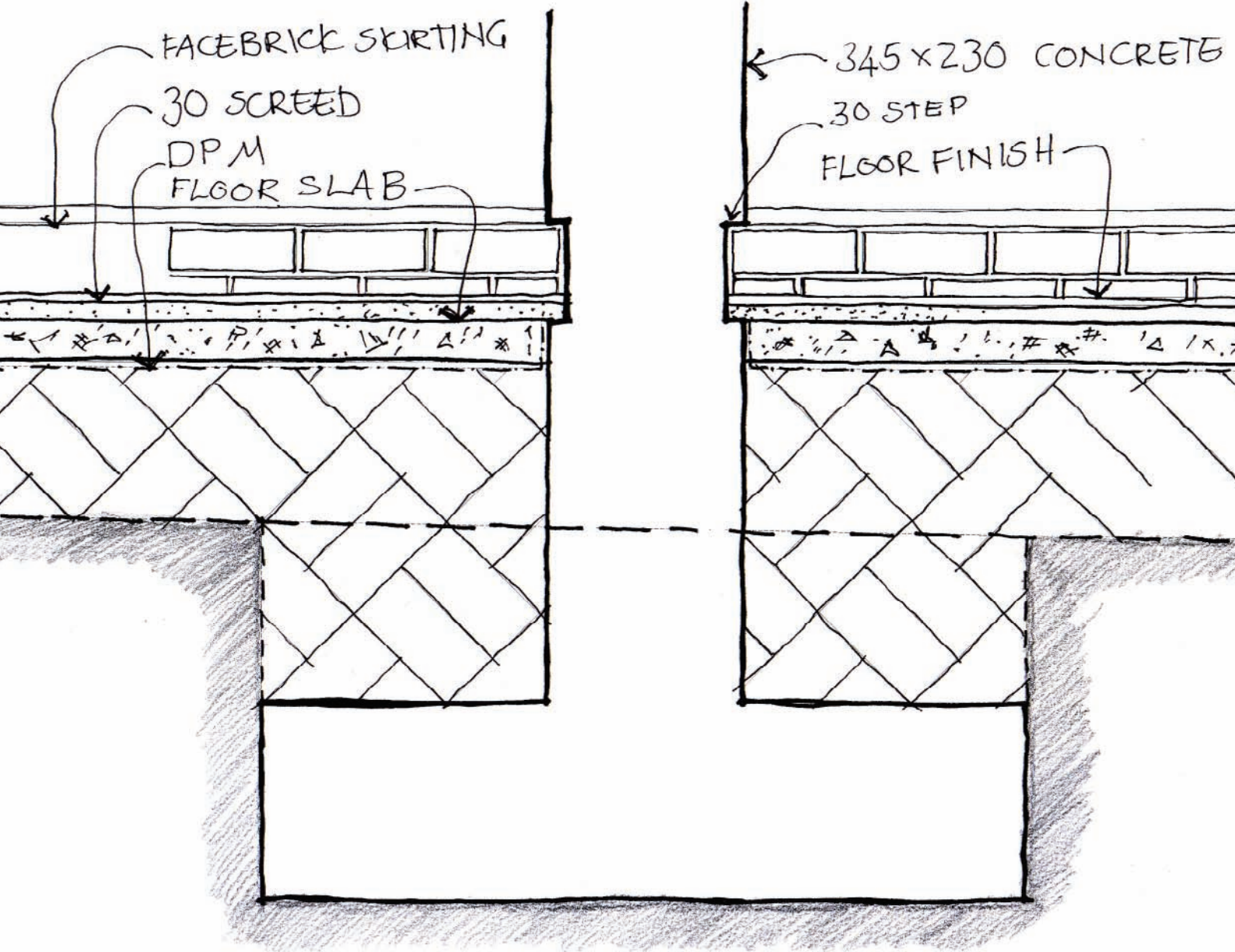
- SPACER
- SCREW
- 10x30x3 ALUMINIUM ANGLE
- FACE BRICK SKIRTING
- NON SLIP CERAMIC TILES

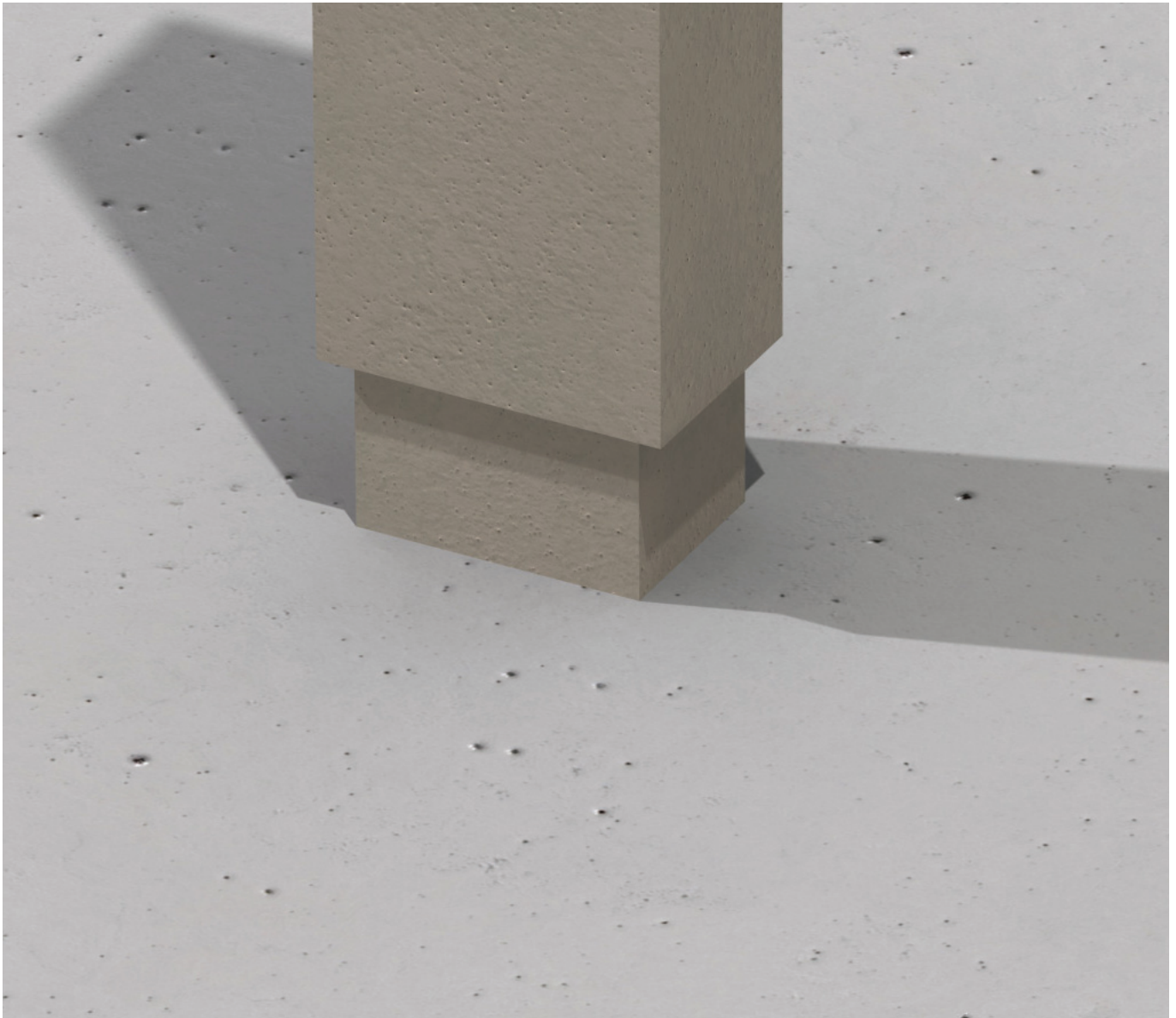
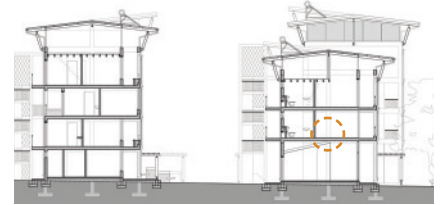




## DETAIL A: WALL/ FLOOR

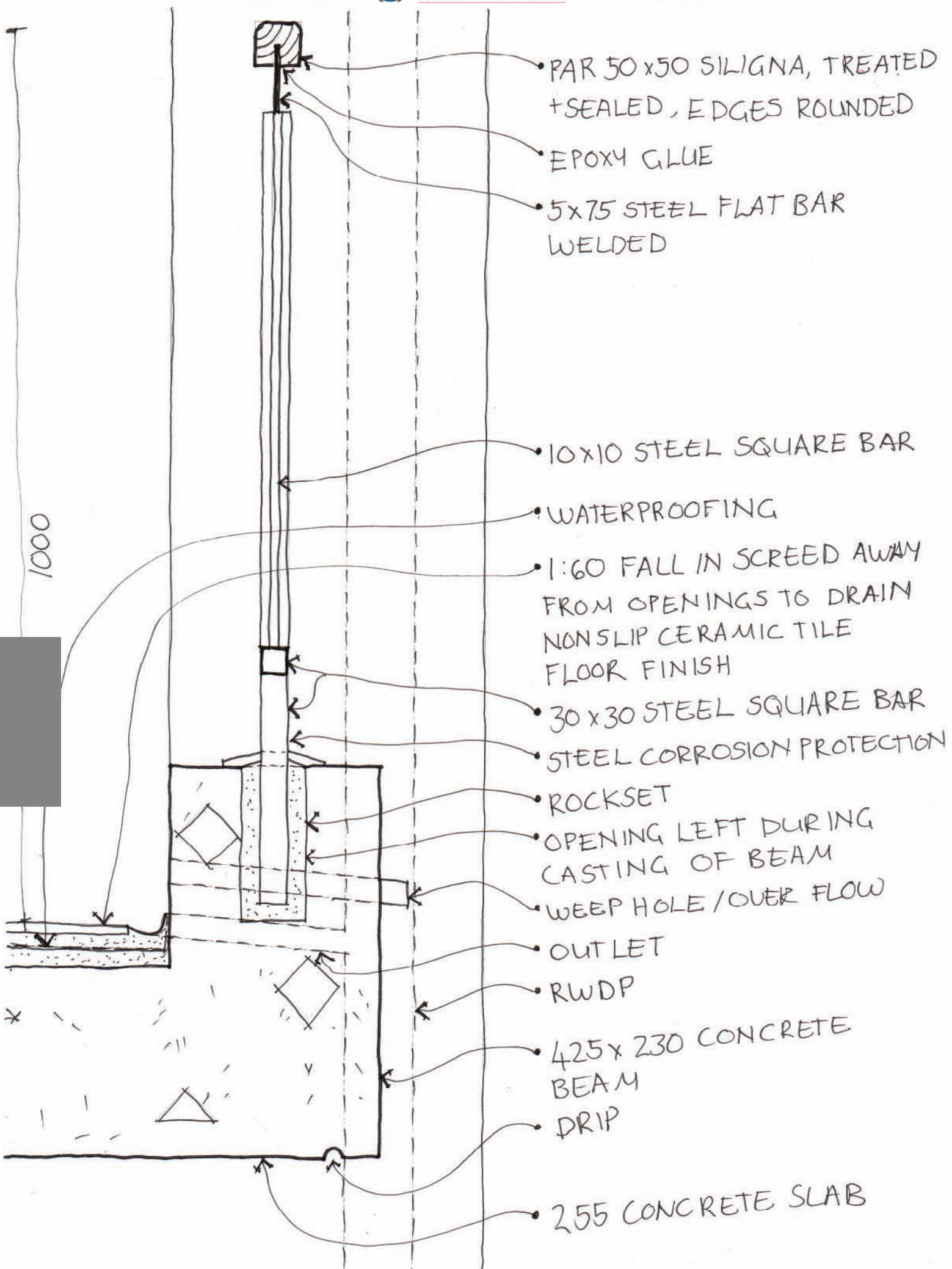
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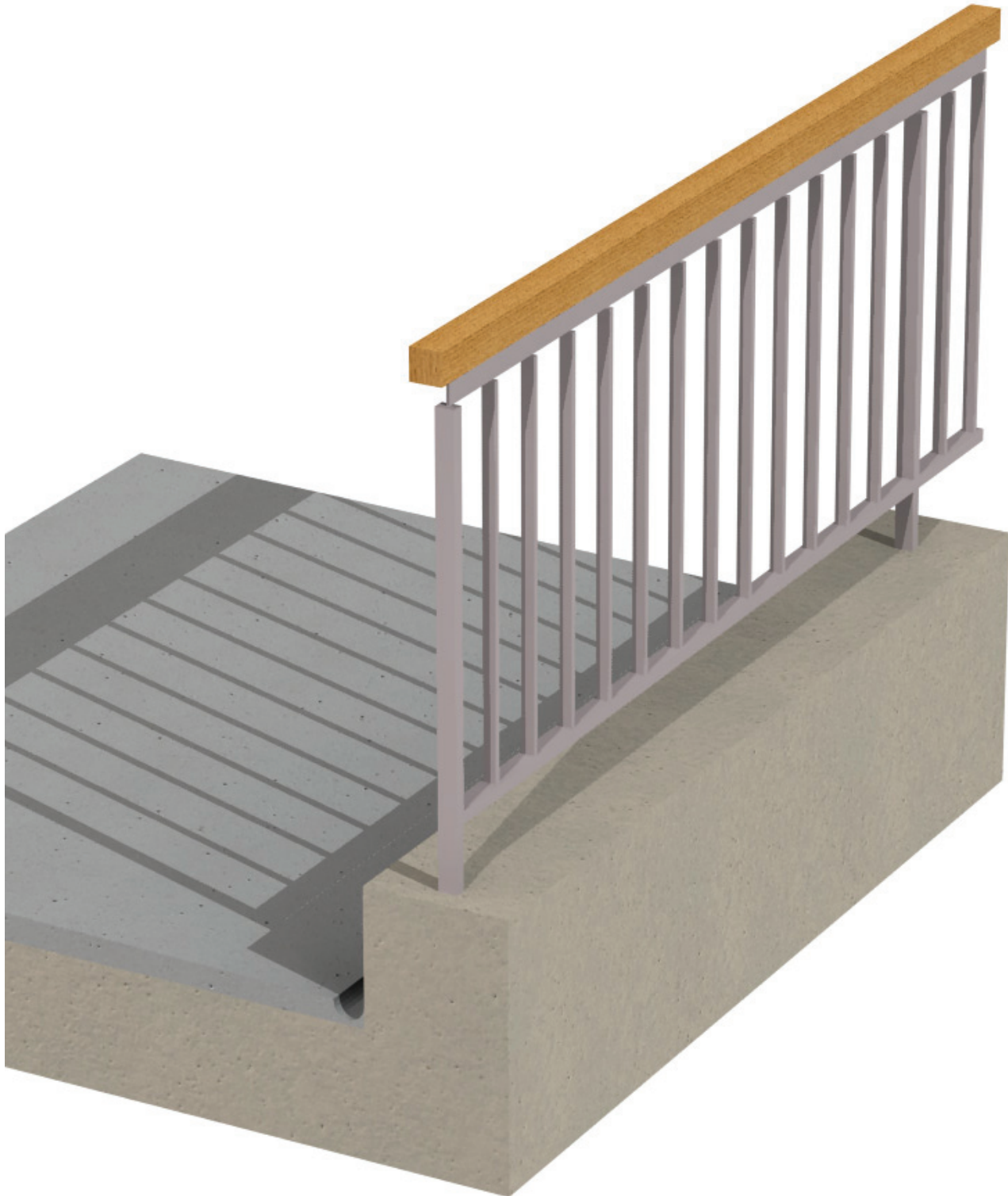
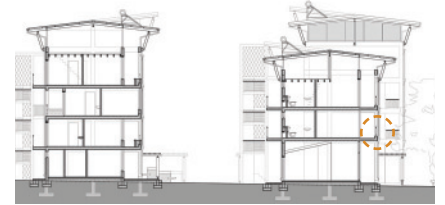




## DETAIL B: COLUMN/ FLOOR

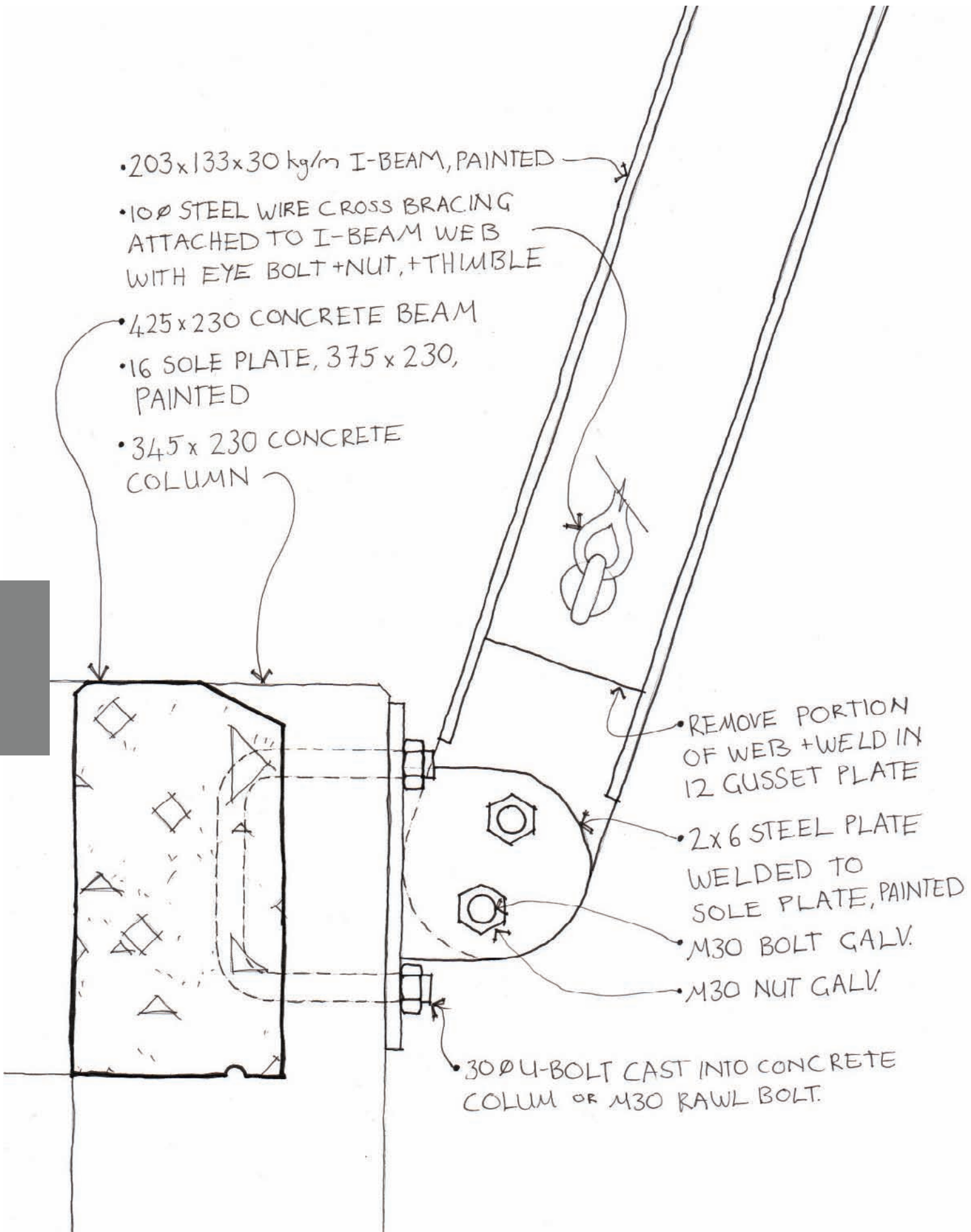
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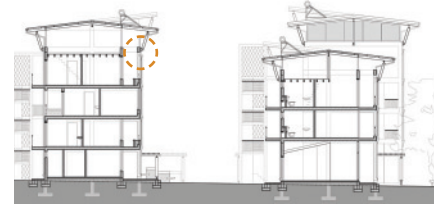




## DETAIL C: BALCONY BALUSTRADE

Figure 5.29 (Author)





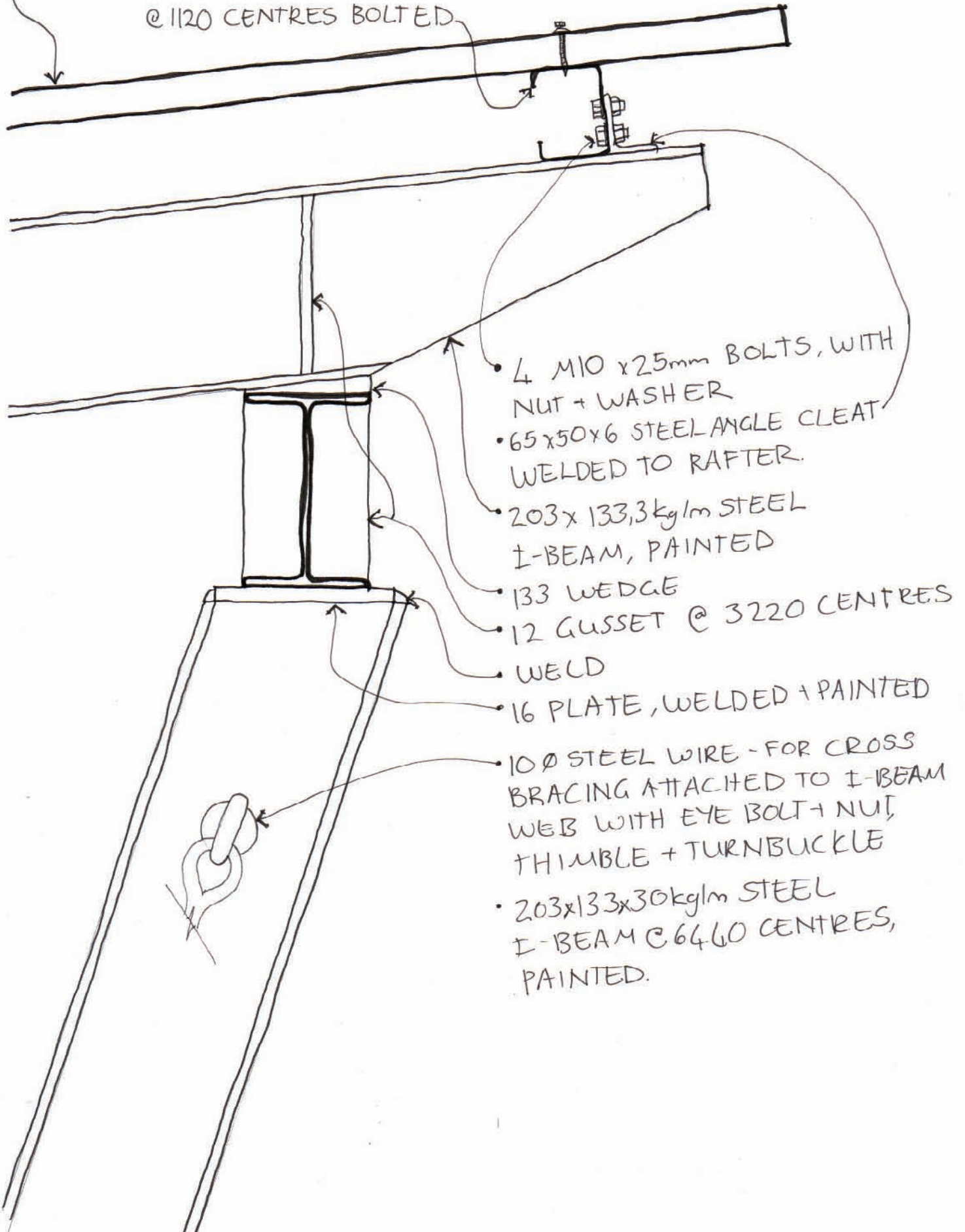
## DETAIL D: ROOF STRUCTURE

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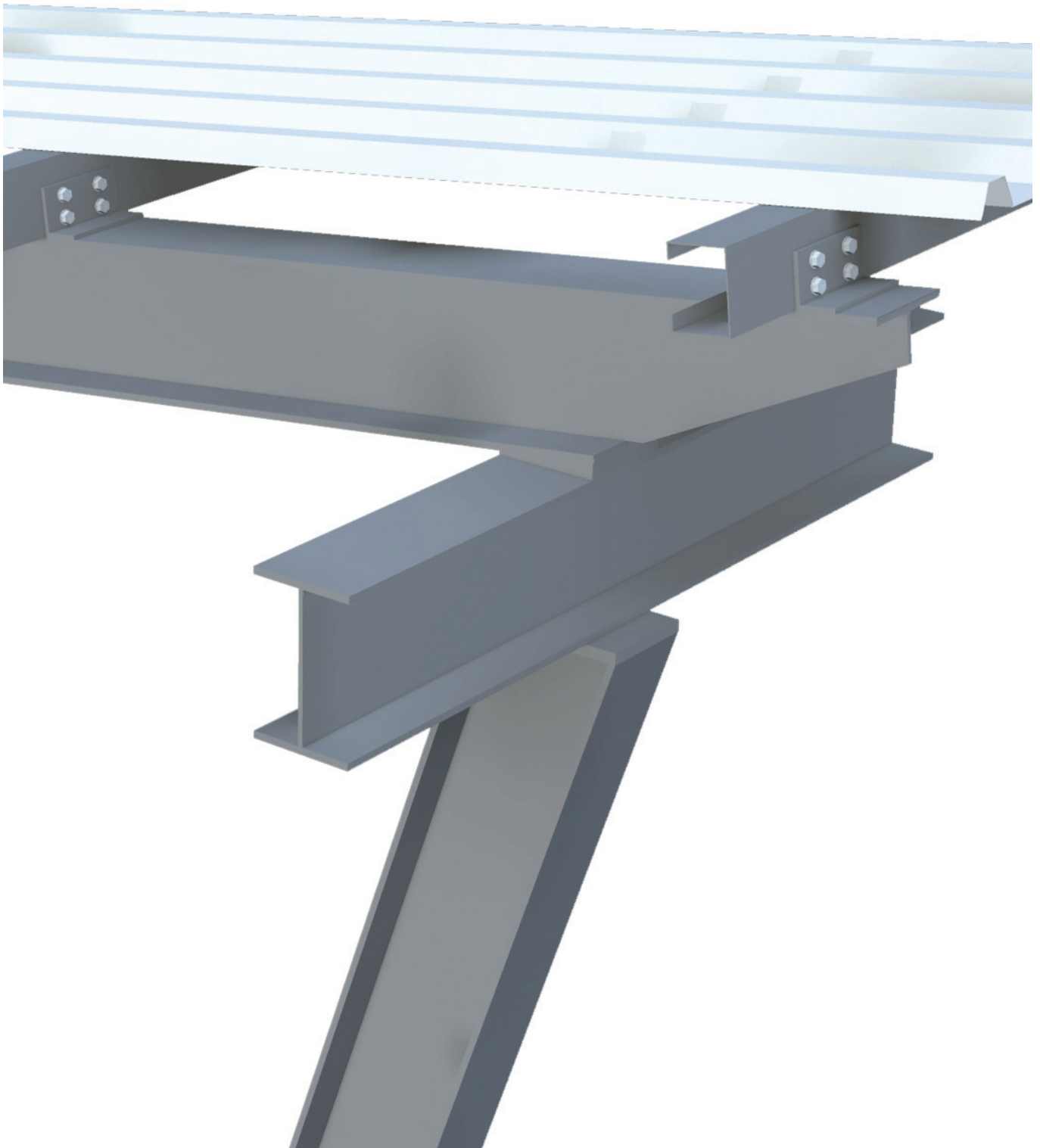
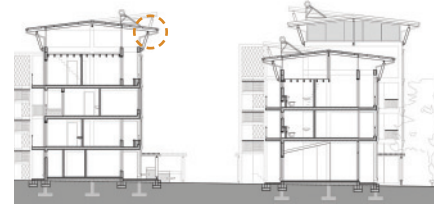


CLASS A 1BR, GALV. METAL ROOF SHEETING @ 7'  
SCREWED WITH ROOFING SCREW WITH CUP WASHER + SEAL ON RIDGE

- 100x75x2 COLD-FORMED LIPPED CHANNEL @ 1120 CENTRES BOLTED



- 4 M10x25mm BOLTS, WITH NUT + WASHER
- 65x50x6 STEEL ANGLE CLEAT WELDED TO RAFTER.
- 203x133,3kg/m STEEL I-BEAM, PAINTED
- 133 WEDGE
- 12 GUSSET @ 3220 CENTRES
- WELD
- 16 PLATE, WELDED + PAINTED
- 10 Ø STEEL WIRE - FOR CROSS BRACING ATTACHED TO I-BEAM WEB WITH EYE BOLT + NUT, THIMBLE + TURNBUCKLE
- 203x133x30kg/m STEEL I-BEAM @ 6460 CENTRES, PAINTED.



## DETAIL E: ROOF STRUCTURE

Figure 5.31 (Author)