

KNOWLEDGE TOWN

Trondheim's primal asset in establishing itself as its own definition or brand of City of Knowledge relies on the prowess of its higher education institutions. Building upon the existing knowledge base and a rapidly developing creative industry, and combined with the town's attractive features, Trondheim can develop the driving force to establish itself as a the focus of regional growth, balancing out to some extent the dominating role of Oslo at national level.

Current debates on the universities' role in such strategy are centred on assessing the potential benefits of co-locating different faculties in a new campus. In fact, arguments opposing this move are at present gaining the upper hand. Our proposal stems from the strategic importance of developing such an environment, fleshing out the latent opportunities that would be fulfilled through it. These would be:

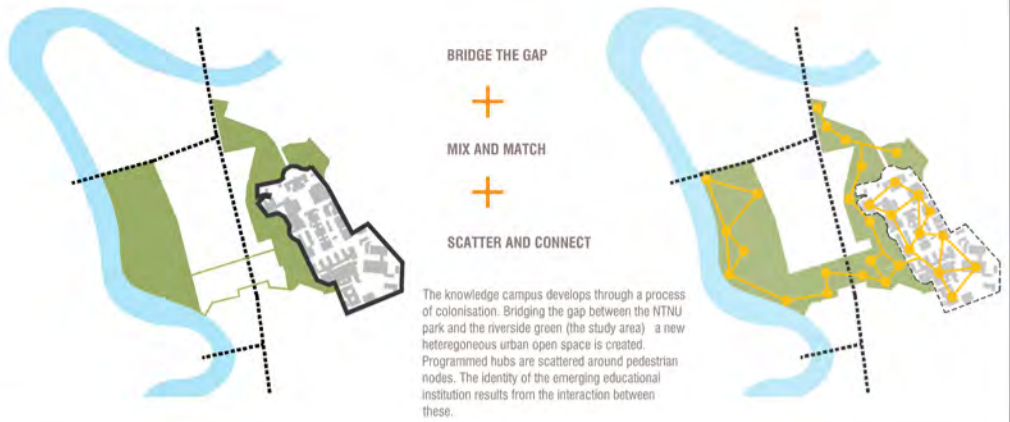
- A multi-tenanted campus would maximise the exchanges between education, research and industry agents.
- The campus would become an identified centre for interaction between town and university.
- Showcase urbanism.

How can the campus be developed in a sustainable and viable fashion over time? What would be the spatial a programmatic definition of such an urban domain?



ORANGE AXIS + GREEN MAT

KNOWLEDGE CAMPUS



The knowledge campus develops through a process of colonisation. Bridging the gap between the NTNU park and the riverside green (the study area) a new heterogeneous urban open space is created. Programmed hubs are scattered around pedestrian nodes. The identity of the emerging educational institution results from the interaction between these.

STUDY SITE DIAGRAMS SCALE 1/6000



RE-SHUFFLE PARKING LOTS AND GREEN SPACES:

- New lineal underground parking + new circulation
- extended green mat

NEW BUILT STRUCTURE:

- Hub buildings anchored on nodes along new public path network

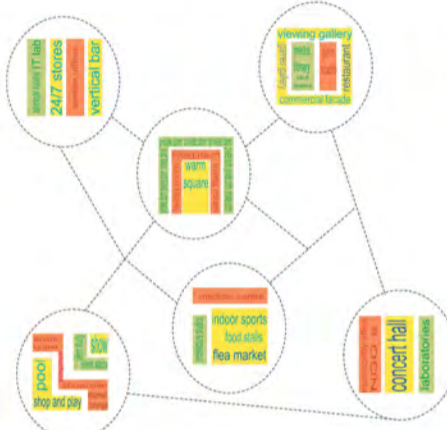
HUBS BUILDING:

- Located so as to maximise solar exposure

HUBS IN THE PARK

The extended park marks the location of the future campus. It is to be colonised by a number of scattered buildings with diverse programmes packed into robust hubs built around internalised public spaces (atria, galleries, rooftop greenhouses). The formal and programmatic definition of these 'warm icebergs' allows enough flexibility to encourage the occurrence of informal exchanges and uncharted encounters.

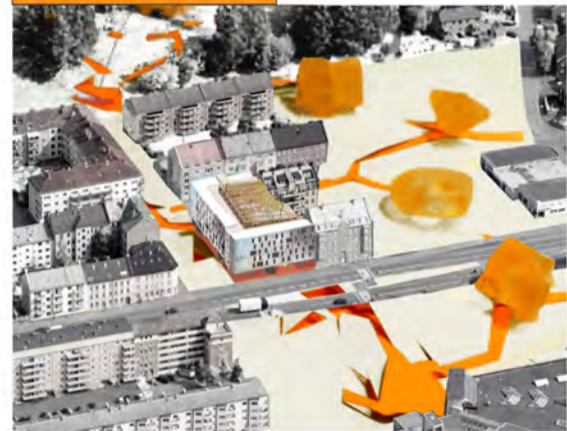
Each hub, located at the nodes of the campus 'warm path network' is characterised by a certain degree of specialisation. By virtue of their size and separation from each other buildings are allowed to feed off each other. In essence, what is envisaged is a collegiate structure, where each building can operate as an individual mix-use institution within the overall framework of the knowledge campus.



MULTI-TENANT CAMPUS-MIXED

PROGRAMME HUBS

WARM AXIS IN WINTER



A PATH FOR ALL SEASONS

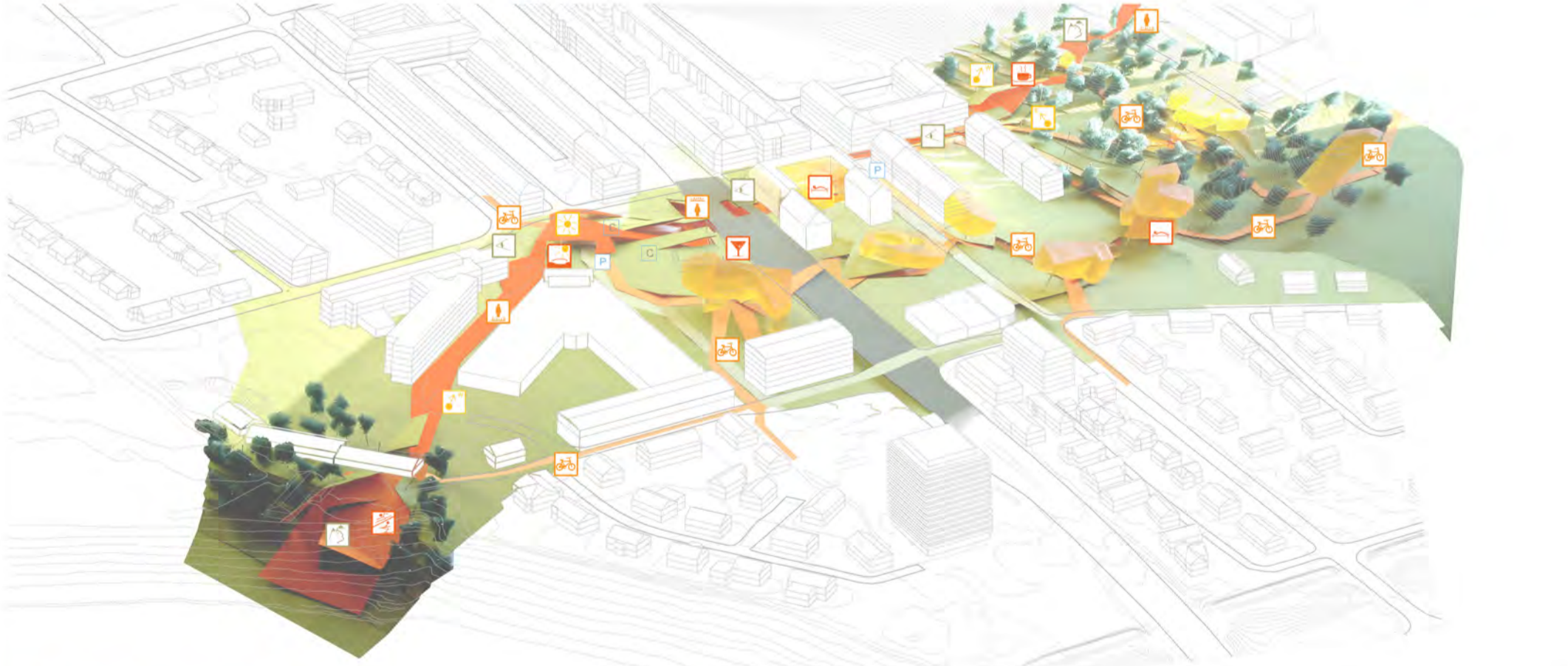
The competition brief touches upon an important array of questions and expectations, ranging from the very specific to the highly speculative. This is but a reflection of the scope of the potential agents involved and their differing needs. Add to this the diffused and disjointed urban environment where the site is located and it becomes apparent that any urban intervention must operate from a set of internalised parameters. The orange axis (as opposed to the green one proposed by the local development plan) is introduced as a somehow alien element that nevertheless establishes a clear line of action.

The link between the Gjoshaugen plateau and the Nidelva river is designed as a continuous linear public space dotted with a sequence of varying programmes, including the proposed students' hall of residence. It is envisaged as an acclimatised street, a warm path with below surface heating that allows for an all-year usage.

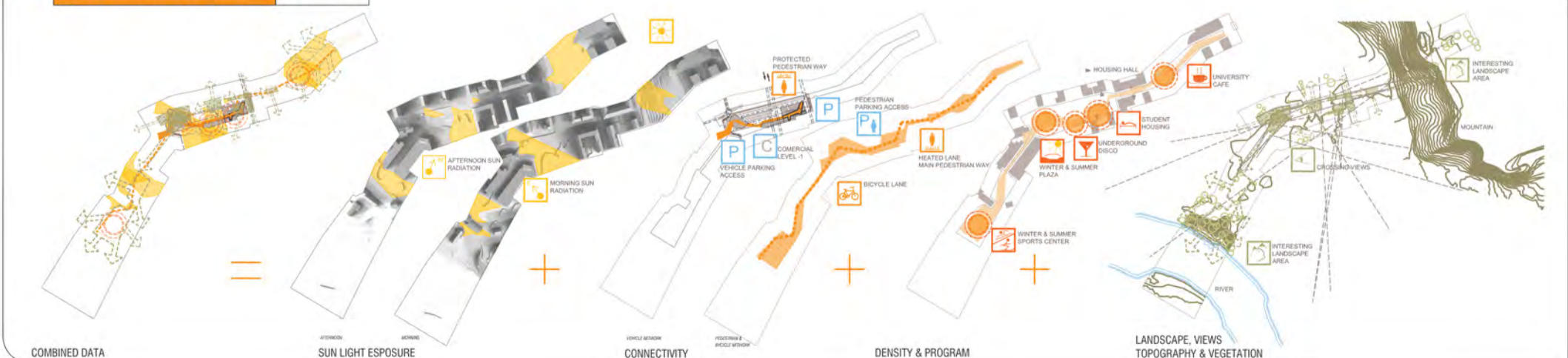
The orange axis constructs an easily recognisable image of the new campus, restructures the existing urban structure, and provides an infrastructural anchor for future development.

HARDEN AND SOFTEN

A two tier strategy accommodates short and long term solutions, allowing for simultaneous processes of urban growth and regeneration and the use of specific planning tools for each of these. Two strands, one hard (orange), the other soft (green). The first addresses the connection between the NTU campus and the river. A built axis that, by including a large underground car park, ties up the plots for future development (highlighting in fact the need to take action). A linear infrastructure that concentrates pedestrian and vehicular flows, becomes the ready-made image of the new campus, and anchors vital connections for future development. The latter strand relies on an extension of the existing hillside park, creating a green mat that will mature over time and become the locus of the second phase development. A single plot that literally serves as the baseboard to discuss the image and programmatic structure of the future knowledge park.



DIAGRAMS ORANGE AXIS SCALE 1/5000



COMBINED DATA

SUN LIGHT ESPOSURE

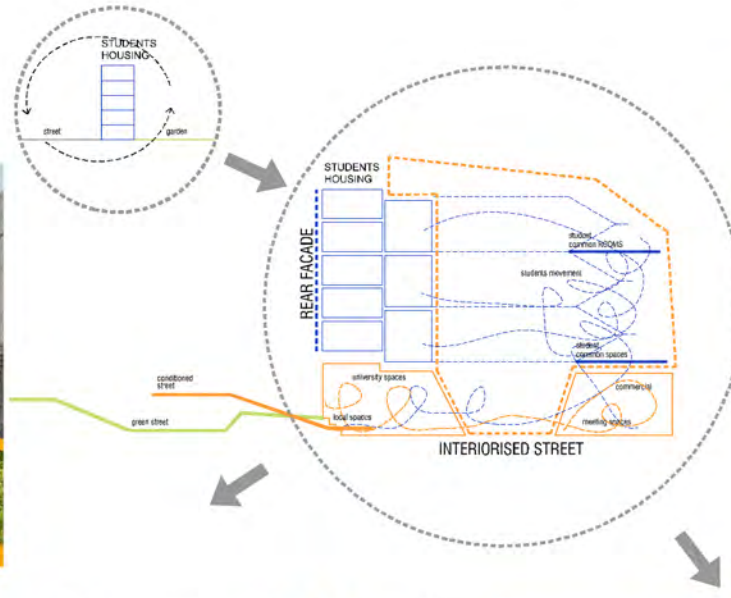
CONNECTIVITY

DENSITY & PROGRAM

LANDSCAPE, VIEWS TOPOGRAPHY & VEGETATION



EXTERIOR VIEW FROM ALBERSGATE

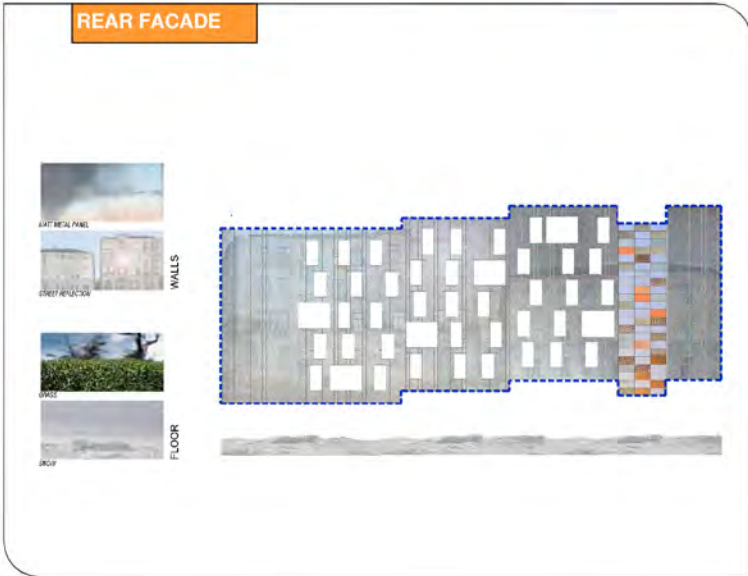


INSIDEOUT ARCHITECTURE

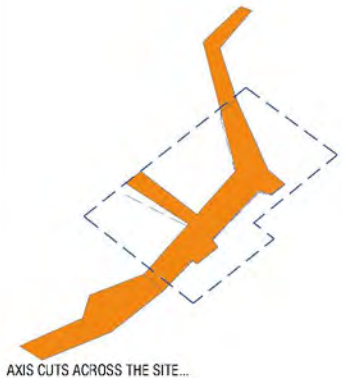
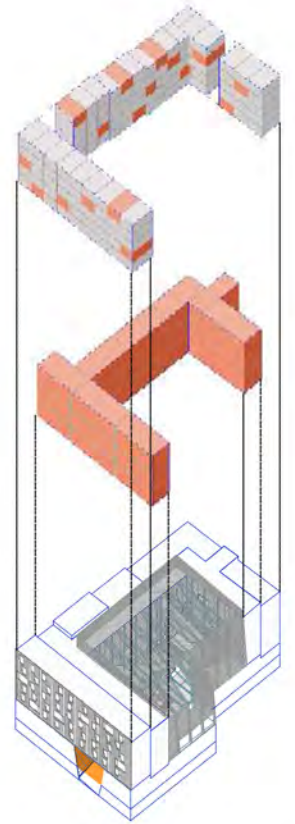
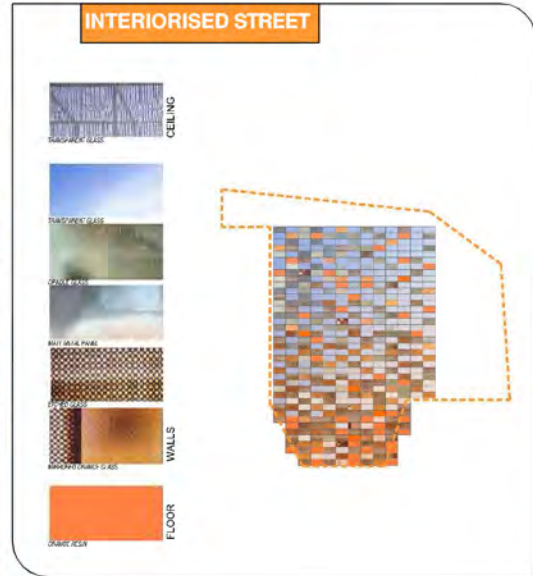
Turn architecture inside out and it becomes urbanism. The student residence is plugged into the urbanism, internalising the public space which is borrowed deep in the heart of the building. The internal arrangement of the building is inverted so as to line the internal facade with the large common living rooms (or rather, the *superkitchens*). A large metal and glass cage encloses the public atrium, thus allowing for the introduction of climate control mechanisms.

The public atrium is designed so as to build a particular atmosphere through a multiplicity of reflected lights and images. Metal, glass and mirrored surfaces titillate with variations of natural and artificial lights. The crystalline interior reverberates with the movements of dwellers and passers-by. The glazed facade becomes in effect a giant screen subdivided into a smaller grid of colours and reflections.

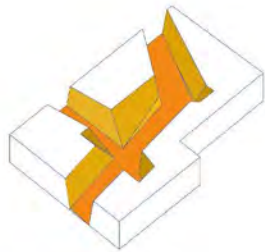
The thermal environment of the interiorised street is enhanced by the spatial organisation of accesses to the student flats. These are concentrated around a single circulation core from which stems a series of light bridges that lead to the flats' front doors. A long and winding route that builds a Piranesian interior criss-crossed by metal platforms.



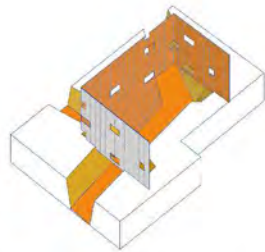
INTERIORISED STREET



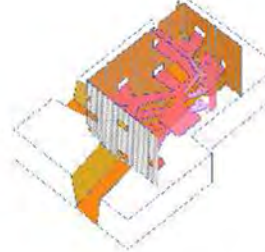
AXIS CUTS ACROSS THE SITE...



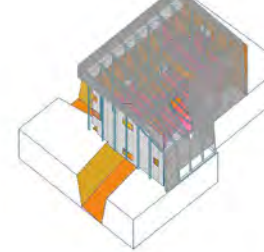
...BUILDINGS CROP UP AROUND IT...



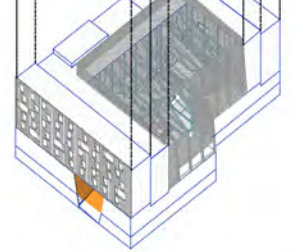
...WRAP A PANELLED SKIN ABOVE THE ALLEY...



...BRIDGE THE ATRIUM WITH LIGHT PLATFORMS...

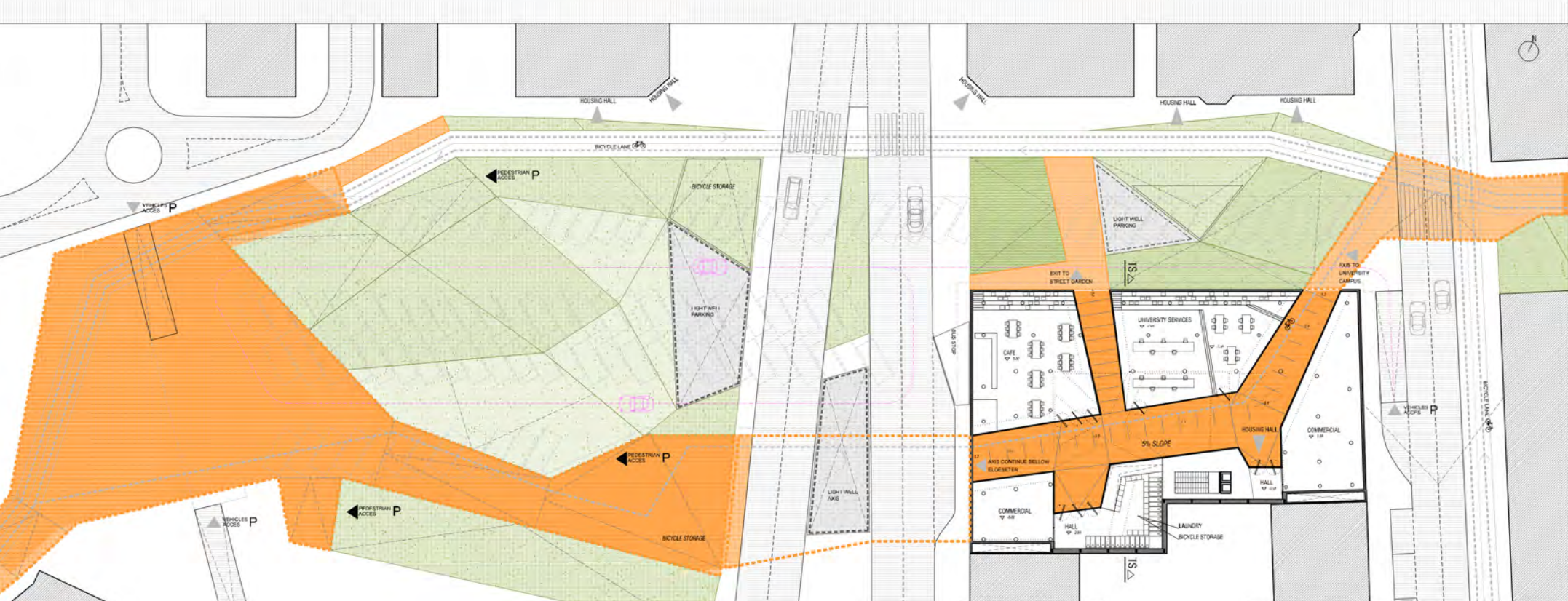
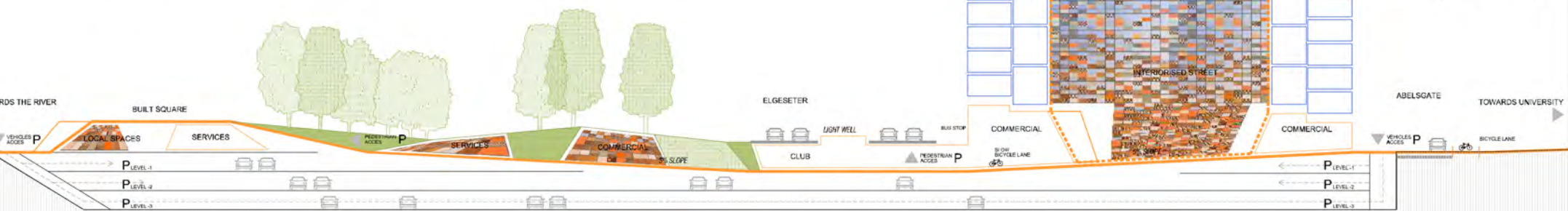


...ENCLOSE THE SPACE WITH A GLASS CAGE...



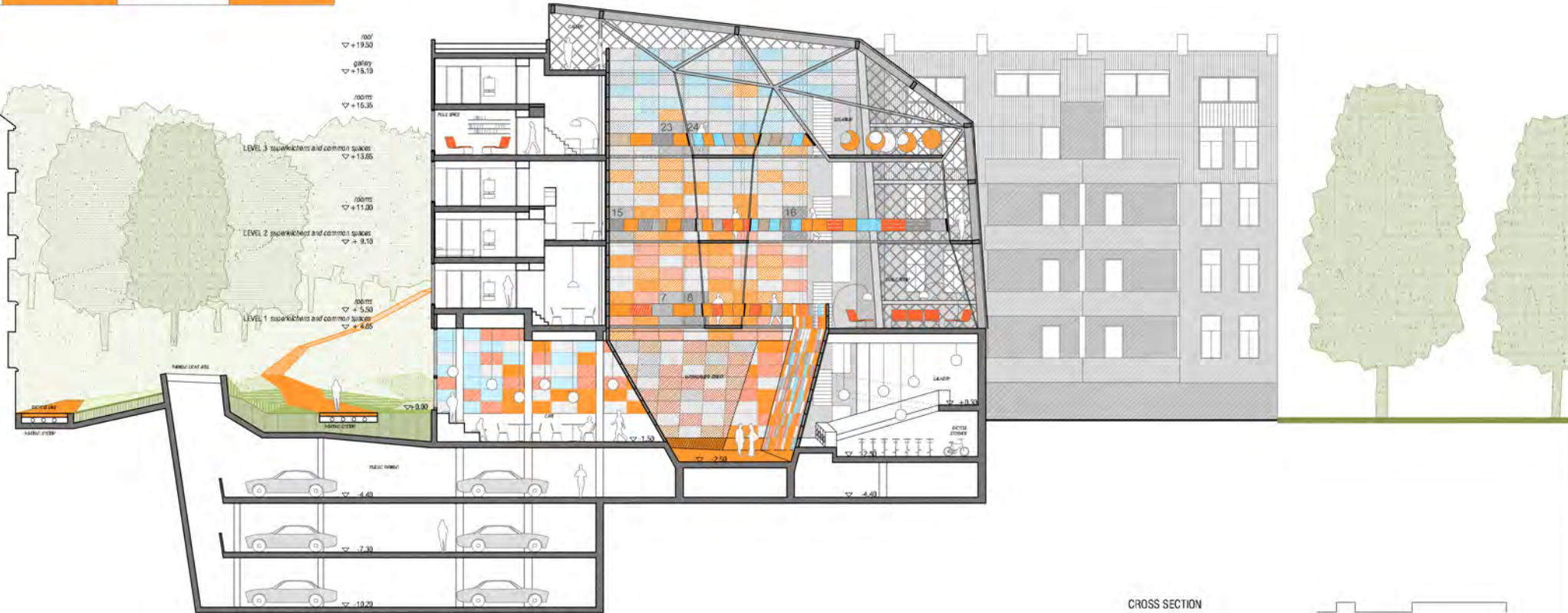
...SLOT THE DOUBLE LAYER DOMESTIC SPACES...

LONG SECTION public space



LEVEL 0 public space
▽ + 0.00

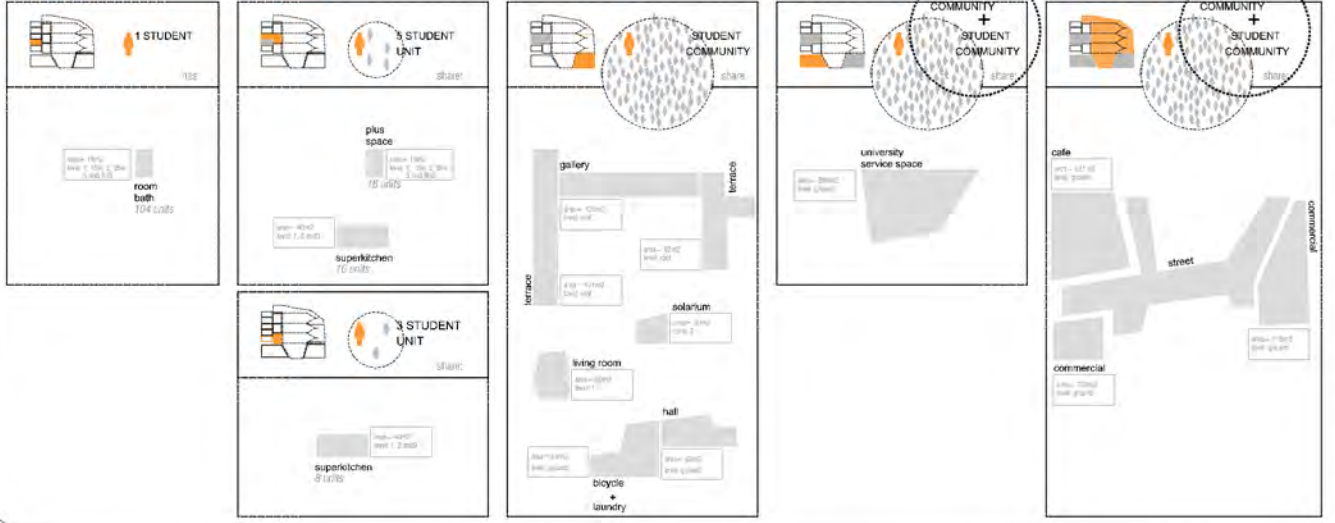
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CROSS SECTION



BUILDING PROGRAMME



DOMESTIC BLISS

Student housing units are structured from three basic spatial units in a variety of combinations:

- private bedroom.** Single bedrooms with on-suite shower in the exterior façade.
- plus space.** Functionless space piercing in a random fashion the front façade. Final (or indeed, temporal) use to be agreed upon by set of occupants.
- superkitchen.** Large common room. Lofty kitchen with a generous volume (ceiling height of 4.5 metres) and a glazed façade on to the interiorised street.

The inside out scheme rearranges spatial notions of privacy and domestic habits. The study bedrooms are piled around the outermost layer of the building, animating what would normally be the its most public façade. As a counterpoint, the plus spaces are scattered so as to be shared between 5 units. All rooms look on to a superkitchen, the focus of communal life openly exposed to the public atrium. As a result an apparently dense and vibrating interior reverberates with whatever activities are carried out within the flats, redefining the notion of domesticity and privacy.

Height differences between the larger and smaller spatial units allow for shifts in section which, combined with the varying allocations of the plus spaces, generate various flat types. A further degree of differentiation is implied by the undefined programme of the plus spaces.

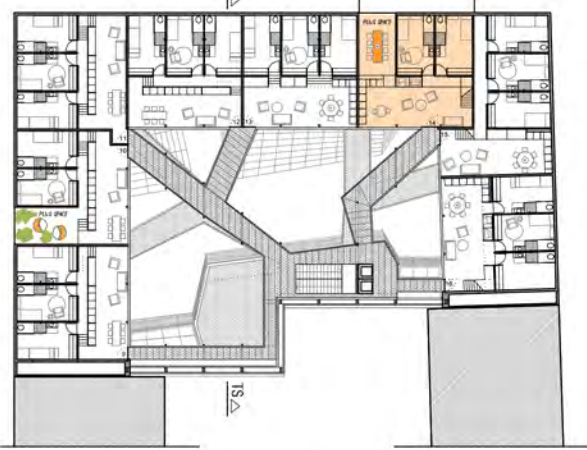
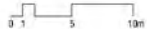


COMMON LOUNGE

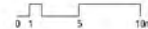
STUDENT UNITS TYPOLOGIES



LEVEL 1 superkitchens and common spaces
▽ + 4.65



LEVEL 2 superkitchens and common spaces
▽ + 9.10



LEVEL 3 superkitchens and common spaces
▽ + 13.65

