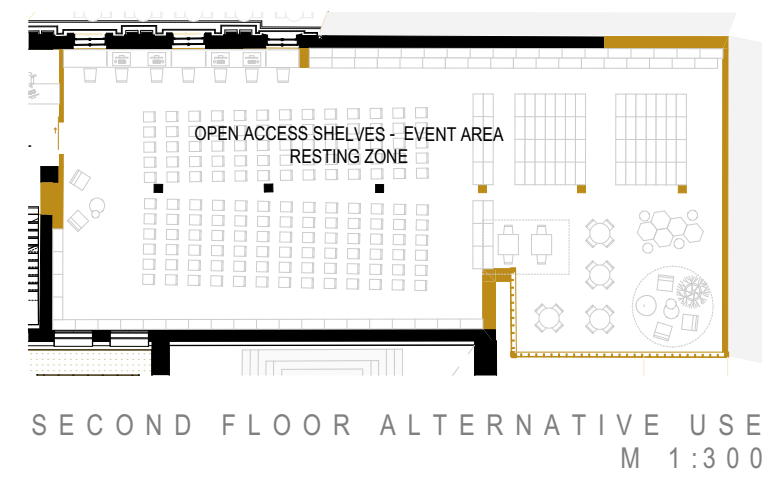
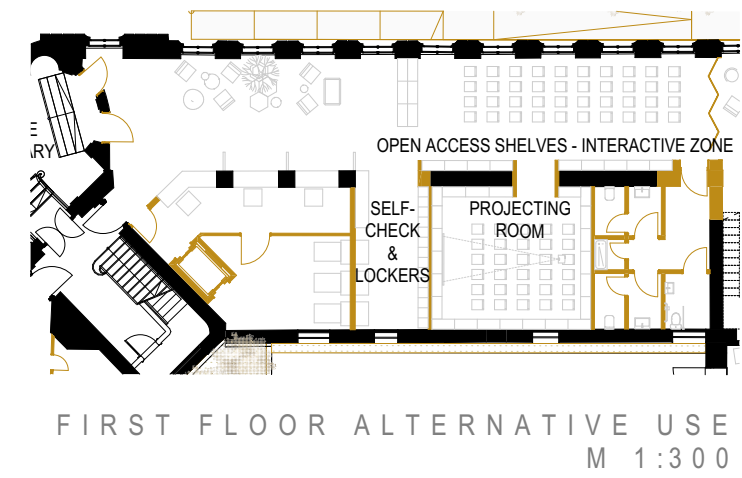


LIBRARY ALTERNATIVE USES



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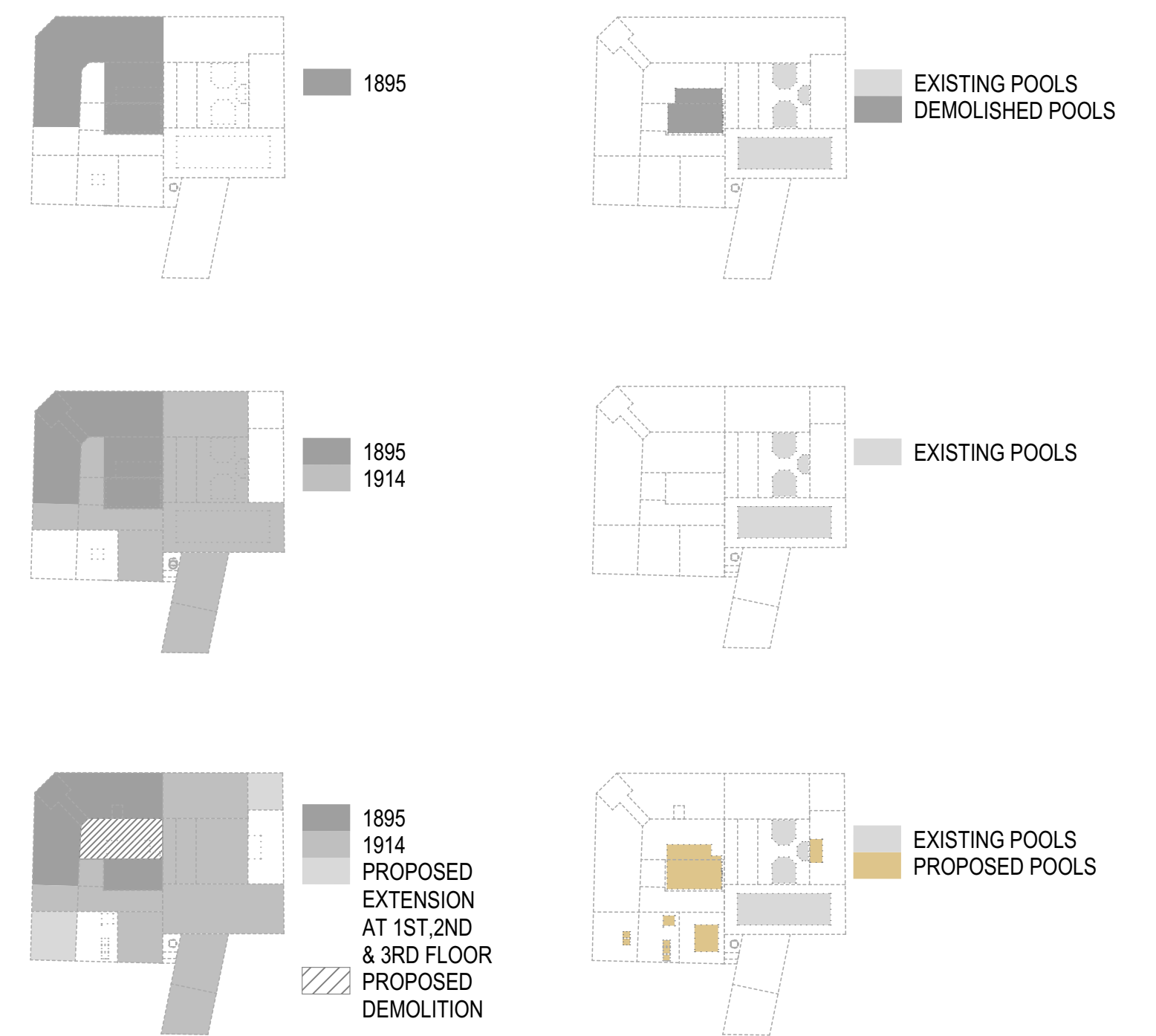
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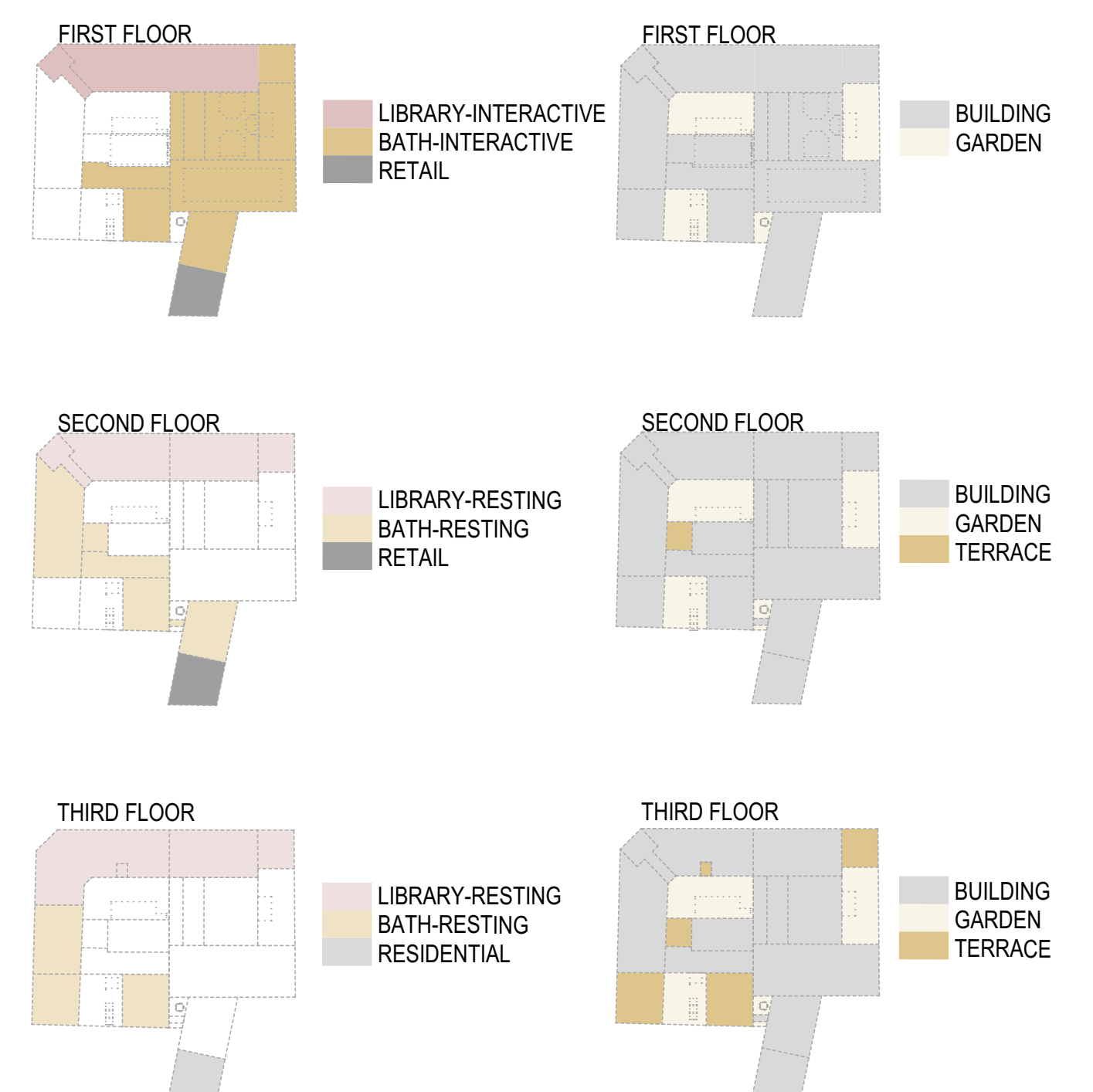
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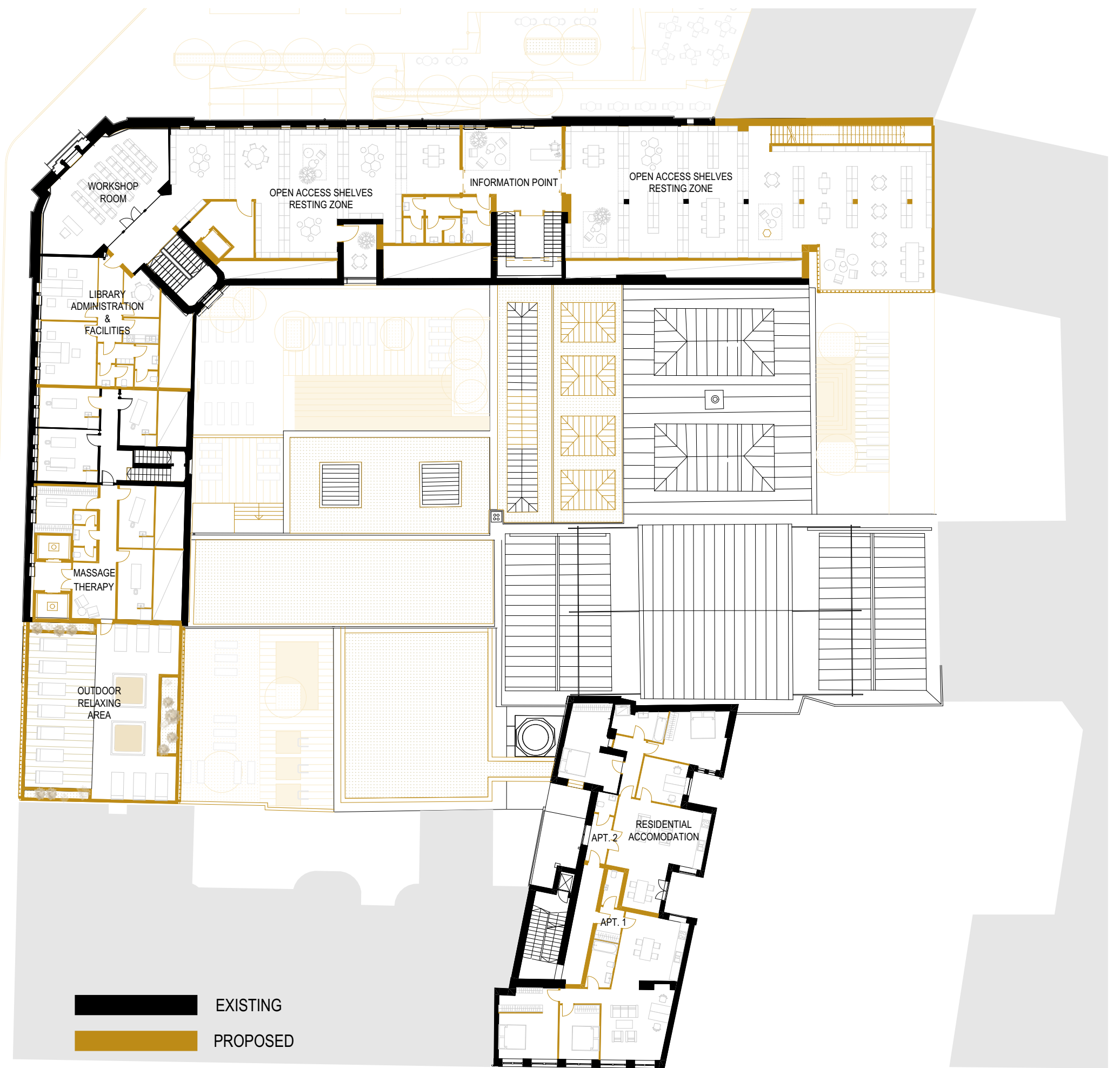
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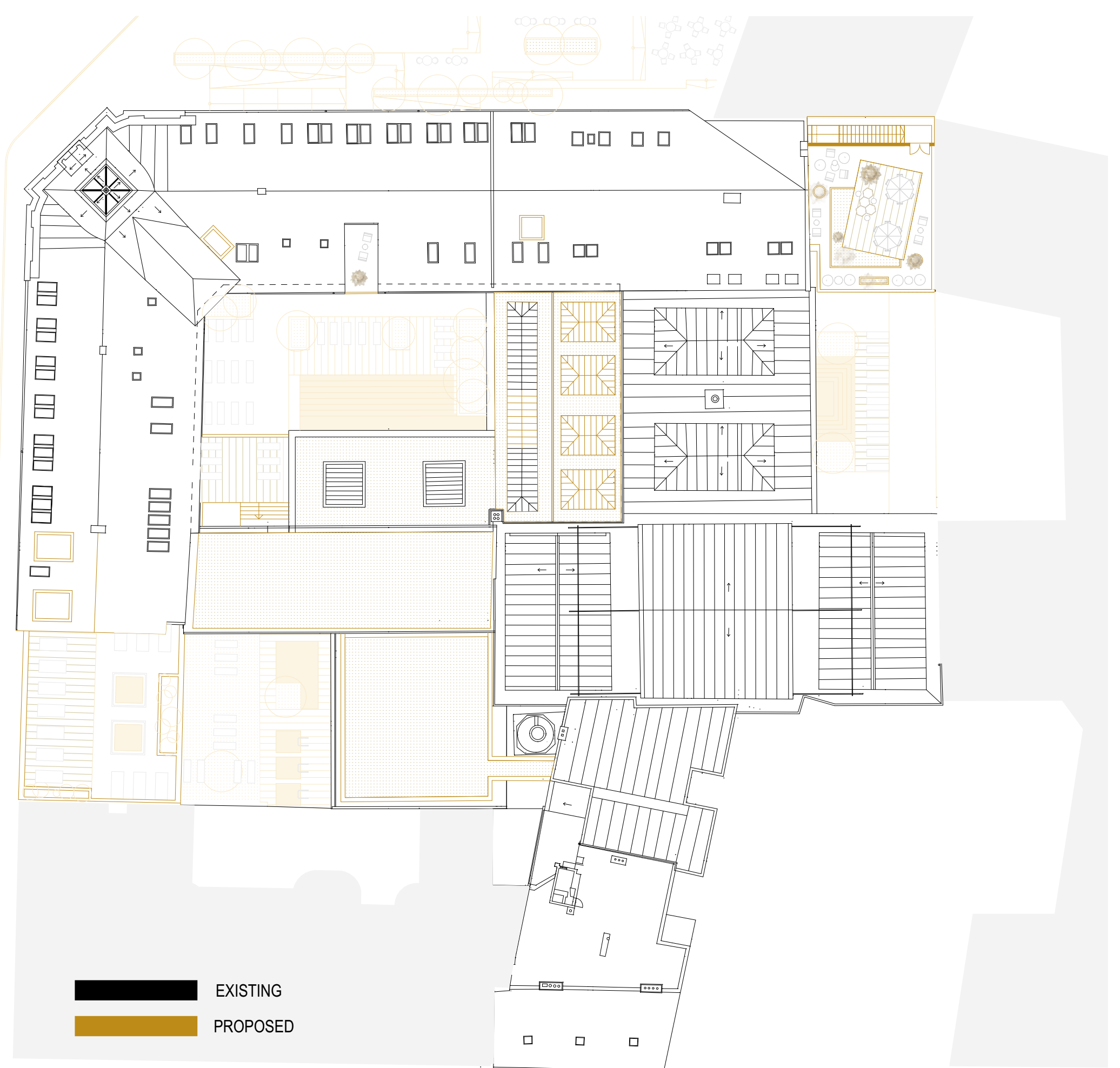
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GRÖSSLING CITY BATH CONCEPT DESIGN

The restoration proposal for the iconic building in Bratislava, aims to preserve the historical and architectural value as well as the social traditions by strategically allocating the two main functions: the bath and the library, as well as, providing a welcoming urban space which can assist a wide variety of social interaction. The location of the Grössling City Bath on a residential historical area, benefits from the green area in front of the building at Medená ulica. The proposal intends to potentitalize this area by creating a dynamic access to the building through a park-square that not only provides a peaceful green sheltered area and kids' playground, but also an active building stepped green terraces access with disabled access that supports the interior functions of the building. Therefore, this space can host different activities which promotes diversity, sensitivity and participation for residents of the area and for the city.

The historical building periods of the building, determine a gradual extension of the space areas in accordance to the functions and society demands. The architectural proposal, extends the current building by adding two volumes at each end, filling the gaps and covering fire walls of the adjacent existing neighboring buildings. The extension at Kupčeva ulica provides enough space for a generous bath entrance hall, and the extension adjacent to the residential building at Medená ulica provides a substantial space for the library future extension and bath functions. Consequently, the proposed volumes enclosure allows two independent access for each use: one for the bath at Kupčeva ulica and two entrances for the library, a primary at the corner of Medená ulica and Kupčeva ulica and secondary at Medená ulica. The architectural proposal restores and preserves as much of the existing building, and extends by creating two modern volumes conceived as transparent and translucent boxes which allow natural light into the spaces and provide privacy for some of the interior functions.

A. City Bath

The opportunity to access the city bath through the generous extension at Kupčeva ulica delivers an elegant, minimalistic and welcoming space, which attempts to visually connect the entrance hall towards the inner garden and pools through a transparent-translucent screen, evoking a natural but private atmosphere. Three key horizontal axis were conceived to organize the circulations inside the building, one that runs from the changing rooms towards the existing pools and two perpendiculars to it that connects with the two new indoor/outdoor pools. The bath secondary circulations are subsequent branches from the three main axis and will lead to steams, Finnish sauna and relaxing outdoor and indoor areas.

The city bath offers two zones: the interactive and the resting zone. The interactive zone is deployed in its vast majority on the first floor starting from the changing rooms and sanitary facilities area. Two new outdoor-indoor pools were considered to not only create connection towards the inner yards of the building but also to create connection with nature. The new pool located in the center of the building, preserves the existing arches and opens towards an outdoor inner garden used as outdoor relaxing area. The second new pool is an extension from the existing relaxing pools towards a garden and an outdoor area equipped with outdoor seating area. Next to the relaxing pools, a steam, showering and relaxation areas are supplied. Contiguous to the swimming pool, a substantial Finnish sauna space is provided with outdoor sitting pool, outdoor cold pools, garden and outdoor and indoor relaxing area, the aim on this space is to preserve part of the external case of the old boiler which will serve as envelope to the saunas to generate an atmosphere of remembrance to the visitor.

A private refreshment area was designed in the building extension at the northeast area that serves the visitors, equipped with indoor and outdoor seating and sharing the kitchen of the Library café. The resting zone is accessed privately from the changing rooms at the second floor and has an additional access from the first floor next to the Finnish sauna area. The resting zone is equipped with salt pool located on top of the old boiler, ice shower, bucket shower, outdoor Finnish sauna, infrared sauna, aroma sauna, steam, cold pools, ice fountain, indoor and outdoor seating. The massage and therapy area of the city bath is located at the third floor and it is equipped with massage rooms, sanitary facilities and an outdoor Jacuzzi and relaxation areas for therapeutic use.

The proposal offers and innumerable quantity of activities for both zones, that have a constant connection outdoor-indoor through gardens, decks and terraces, which maximizes the city bath uses throughout the year and contributes to the wellbeing of the visitors and the peacefulness feeling of a bath. The bath administration and facilities are located at the building extension on the second floor and the laundry, storages, maintenance rooms and workshops are located at the basement area, as well as, the mechanical rooms for the pools.

B. City Library

The library is supplied with two entrances: one at the corner of the existing building as main entrance hall of the library, which benefits from its enclosure to provide a secure out of hours covered self-service space and a second one through the stepped park-square supplied for disabled people that links directly to the café area.

The library has one primary circulation axis that runs in each floor from the corner staircase to the proposed building extension. This main axis allows the flexible arrangement of books shelving, furniture and aisles. From the center point of the primary circulation, the library vertical circulations are positioned offering a staircase and a lift which will be attached in every floor arrival linked to sanitary facilities, contact and information point and waiting area.

The first floor will host the interactive zone, central counter, self-service machines with books separation, lockers, open access shelves, kids' zone and interactive study and workplaces at an accessible distance from the café. The first floor area is flexible enough to rearrange the space to hold events or video projection. The café is equipped with storages and facilities for employees, the kitchen of the café will be connected to the refreshment area of the city bath to allow one operator to manage the independent business. The café greatly benefits from the outdoor urban space disposed with terraces intentionally to allow the placing of tables and outdoor furniture. The resting zone is located at the second and third floor, the designed space benefits from the building extension, providing quality spaces for quiet and intimate reading or study along with open access shelves that can be rearrange in the case that bigger event space is required. The third floor also holds the administrative premises and facilities. A small sorting and storage room had been provided in each floor to improve the book returns into each floor.



AERIAL VIEW VISUALISATION



INDOOR / OUTDOOR POOL VISUALISATION

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