



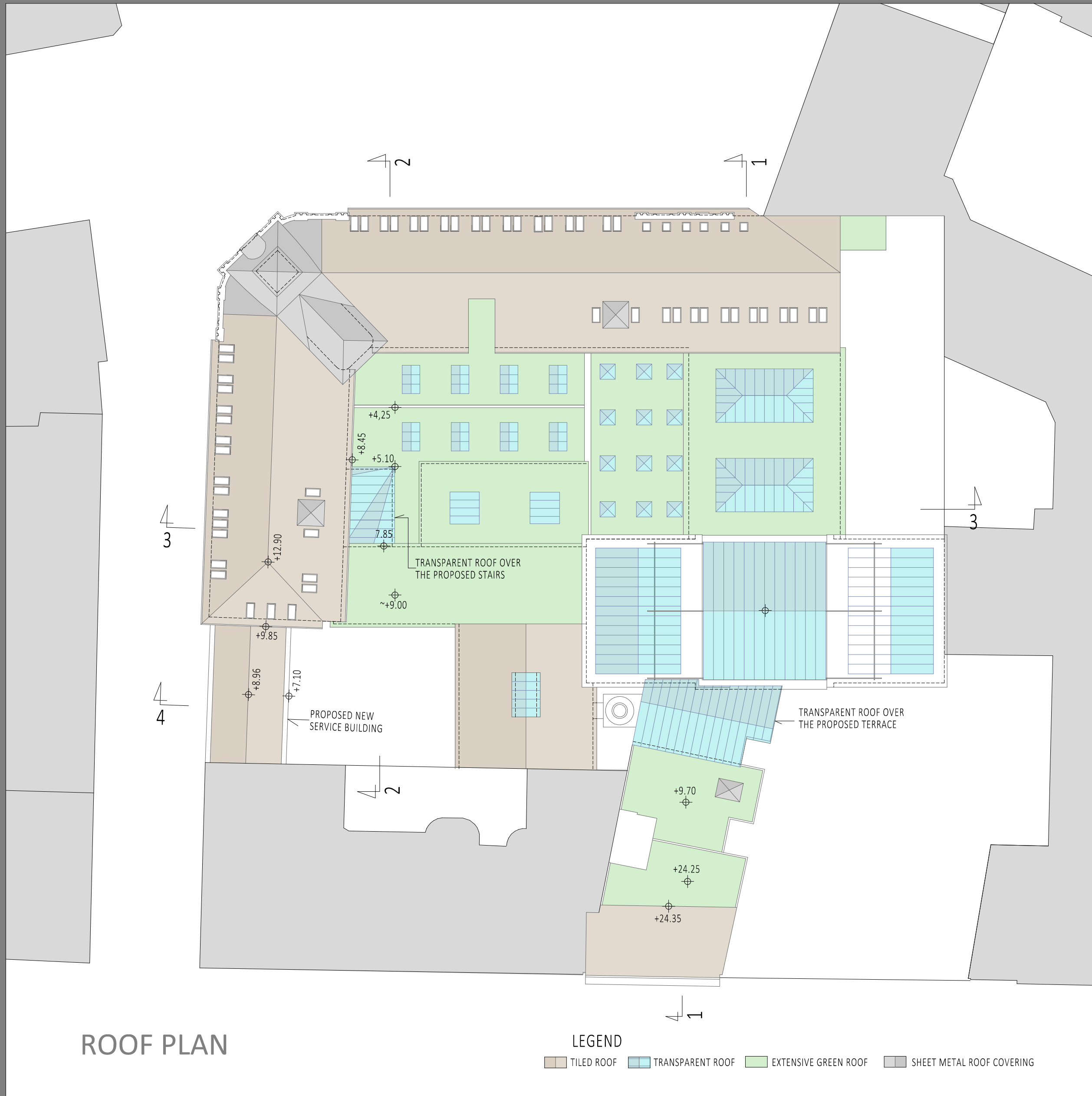
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3RD FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT PLAN



ROOF PLAN

LEGEND
TILED ROOF TRANSPARENT ROOF EXTENSIVE GREEN ROOF SHEET METAL ROOF COVERING

DESCRIPTION

FORTUNATELY, THE OUTER FACADES AND MANY INNER DETAILS OF THE GRÖSSLING BUILDING HAVE PRESERVED THEIR ORIGINAL CHARACTER, WHICH WAS RESPECTED DURING THE 1914 CONVERSION AND EXTENSIONS TOO, BUT IT HAS UNDERGONE MANY TRANSFORMATIONS OVER THE PAST 120 YEARS. TRANSFORMATIONS HAVE OFTEN RESULTED COERCIVE SOLUTIONS. THE ORIGINALLY UNIFIED FACILITY GRADUALLY BECAME A SET OF SMALLER STAND-ALONE UNITS. AS A RESULT, THE INTERIOR SYSTEM OF THE BUILDING HAS BECOME LESS AND LESS COHERENT. IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO LONGER POSSIBILITY FOR THE BUILDING TO BE MONOFUNCTIONAL AGAIN AS IT WAS BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, BUT THE PROGRAM OF THIS COMPETITION OFFERS A POSSIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING A COHERENT BUILDING FROM THE COOPERATING DIFFERENT UNITS.

ARCHITECTURAL INTENTIONS AND SOLUTIONS

WHEN WE DEVELOPED OUR PROPOSAL, OUR MAIN EFFORT WAS TO RECALL SOMETHING OF THAT ELEGANCE OF "BELLE ÉPOQUE" THAT THE BUILDING EXTERNALLY EXPRESSES ALSO IN THE RANGE OF THE INTERIOR SPACES OF THE BUILDING. WE THOUGHT THAT THE SECRET OF THAT ELEGANCE IS HIDDEN NOT ONLY IN THE RICHNESS AND BEAUTY OF THE ARCHITECTURAL FORMS BUT IN THE WAY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE SPACES. THIS ATTEMPT CAN BE CHARACTERIZED WITH THE KEYWORDS OF

ORDER, AXIALITY, SYMMETRY AND TRANSPARENCY

THESE CONSIDERATIONS SOMETIMES CONFLICT WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PRESERVE THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURES AT ALL PRICE. FOR EXAMPLE THE NARROWISH OLD SERVICE STAIRCASE IS THERE, WHERE THE HIGH CAPACITY CHANGING ROOMS AND THE THERAPY ROOMS SHOULD BE ACCESSED. WE DID NOT KEEP THIS UNDERLING STAIRS IN OUR PLAN, BUT RECOMMENDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SUITABLE SPACIOUS STAIRCASE WITH ELEVATOR. FOR SAKE OF TRANSPARENCY AND PERMEABILITY WE HAVE PROPOSED ALSO NEW DOORS IN THE POOL SPACES THAT THERE WERE NOT EARLIER.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE THREE FACILITIES

THE LOCATION OF THE THREE FACILITIES IS CLEARLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE PARK ALONG MEDENA STREET IS REQUIRED BY BOTH THE CALL FOR TENDERS AND REASONABLENESS. THE SYMMETRICAL DIVISION OF THE MULTI-STORY BUILDING BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE BATH ON EITHER SIDE OF THE DIAGONAL MAIN ENTRANCE ALSO INEVITABLY DERIVES FROM THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TWO FACILITIES. LOCATION OF THE CAFE IS EVIDENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE BATH. WE WANTED TO PLACE THAT PREMISES IN THE STREET SIDE OF THE MAIN LEVEL THAT ARE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE PUBLIC. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE DESIGNED HERE A CONTINUOUS, PERMEABLE RANGE OF SPACES THAT CONSISTS OF THE LIBRARY'S OPEN GROUND FLOOR AREA, THE CAFE, THE ELEGANT MAIN ENTRANCE AND THE SPACIOUS NEW LOBBY OF THE CITY BATH. THIS SEQUENCE OF SPACIOUS ROOMS CAN CLASP TOGETHER THE BATH, CAFE AND LIBRARY. THE SYMMETRICAL DIVISION OF THE MULTI-STORY BUILDING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE DIAGONAL MAIN ENTRANCE BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE BATHROOM ALSO INEVITABLY RESULTS FROM THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TWO FACILITIES. WE HAVE FURTHER INCREASED THIS SYMMETRY IN OUR PLAN BY DISMANTLING THE ORIGINAL SIDE STAIRCASE IN THE KÚPELNÁ STREET WING AND DESIGNING A NEW ELEVATOR AND STAIRCASE WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF DEMAND AS THE STAIRS IN THE LIBRARY WING.

THE CITY LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY IS ACCESSIBLE FROM THE TERRACE SHARED WITH THE CAFE. THE STAIRCASE TO THE TERRACE IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH A STAIR LIFT, THEREFORE IT IS SUITABLE FOR THE DISABLE PEOPLE. THIS TERRACE PROVIDES THE CONNECTION OF THE PARK AND THE LIBRARY. WE HAVE PROPOSED TO PROHIBIT VEHICLE TRAFFIC FROM THE AREA BETWEEN THE PARK AND THE BUILDING, SO THE LIBRARY CAN BE GIVEN A PEDESTRIAN FORGROUND. THE TERRACE IS SUITABLE FOR PODIUM LECTURES IN ADDITION TO THE PURPOSE RELATED TO THE COFFEE HOUSE, THEREFORE IN THE FORGROUND OF THE LIBRARY AND THE CAFE THERE ARE BUILT BENCHES FOR THE AUDIENCE. LOCATION ON THREE LEVELS OF A LIBRARY MAY NOT BE IDEAL, BUT THIS ARRANGEMENT MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE NOISIER AND QUIETER ZONES.

THE LARGER SPACES IN THE LOWER TWO LEVELS SEEMED FOR US SUITABLE FOR LOCATING THE INTERACTIVE ZONE, THE SMALLER SPACES AND THE LARGER SPACE IN THE UPPER LEVEL FOR THE QUIET READING. AN EXCITING LECTURE SPACE OR LITTLE THEATER CAN BE BUILT UP IN THE INTERIOR OF THE CORNER TOWER OF THE BUILDING, THEREFORE WE IMAGINED IT AS PART OF THE LIBRARY. IT IS IMMEDIATELY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING, THE DISABLED PEOPLE CAN GET TO THERE THROUGH THE LIBRARY. THE FORMER MAIN STAIRCASE OF THE BUILDING IS ESSENTIALLY THE SECOND STAIRCASE IN OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE LIBRARY AND THE TWO APARTMENTS RELATED TO IT. WE HAVE PLANNED 208 M LONG OPEN ACCESS BOOKSHELVES ON THE THREE LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY, THEIR ESTIMATED CAPACITY IS 52 000 BOOKS ARRANGED IN SIX ROW ABOVE EACH OTHER ON THE BOOKSHELVES.

THE CITY BATH

ONE COULD SAY, THAT THE BIG LOBBY IN OUR PROPOSAL IS TOO LUXURIOUS FOR THAT BATH. WE SAY, THAT THIS IS NOT RIGHT, IF THE BATH IS A PLACE, WHERE THE PEOPLE NOT ONLY HAVE A BATH BUT THEY CAN MEET, OR WHERE THEY CAN BUY NEWSPAPERS OR TRAFFIC GOODS, ETC. THIS LONG LOBBY HAS PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE ENTRANCE CAN BE NOT ONLY IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE CHANGING ROOMS, BUT ALSO WITH THE CAFE AND EVEN WITH THE BATH OFFICES TOO.

WE WERE ABLE TO DESIGN THE CHANGING ROOMS ONLY ON THREE LEVELS. OUR PLAN PROVIDES 88 CABINS ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND IN TWO BASEMENT ROOMS WITH VAULTED CEILINGS. A TOTAL OF 290 LOCKERS WITH CHANGING BOOTHS WERE PLACED IN TWO GROUPS ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF KÚPELNÁ STREET WING. THE TWO ROOM GROUPS CAN BE USED SEPARATELY BY GENDER IN CASE OF A CLAIM. THE CHANGING ROOMS IN THE BUILDING AT VAJANSKÉHO NABŘEŽÍ ARE SIMILAR FOR 70 PEOPLE.

BOTH THE CHANGING ROOMS AND THE THERAPY ROOMS ON THE THIRD FLOOR ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE BY ELEVATOR. ELEVATOR SERVES THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE BUILDING AT VAJANSKÉHO NABŘEŽÍ TOO. WE TRIED TO ORGANIZE THE POOL HALLS AND THE LARGE U-SHAPED REST AREA INTO A WELL-REVIEWABLE RANGE OF SPACES. WE TRIED TO DEVELOP OPTICAL AXES THAT HELP THE PERCEPTION OF THE LINKING OF THE SPACES. WE HAVE THOUGHT IT IS NECESSARY TO LOCATE AGAIN A POOL INTO THE SPACE, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED AS A SWIMMING HALL WHEN THE BATH WAS BUILT. THIS NICE ROOM IS SURROUNDED BY THE U-SHAPED REST AREA, SO WE TRIED TO MAKE IT TRANSPARENT BY PLANNING NEW OPENINGS ON IT.

WE CONSIDER THE SOUTH EAST COURT SUITABLE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE NEW OUTDOOR POOL, BECAUSE THERE IS A DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE LARGE INDOOR RESTING AREA. WE WANTED TO LET THE OLD BOILERS NOT STAY IN A SPACE LOCKED AWAY, BUT THEY CAN BECOME THE NATURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BATHERS' ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S WHY WE PLANNED TO DISMANTLE THE LOWER PART OF THE FACADE WALL OF THE OLD BOILER HOUSE AND TO EXTEND THE PLANNED OUTDOOR POOL INTO THE HOUSE AND PLANNED A RESTING PLACE ON THE TOP OF THEM.

THE EXISTING WATER SURFACE IS 295 M² LARGE, THE PLANNED NEW WATER SURFACE IS 156 M² AND A 32 M² FURTHER WATER SURFACE AS SALTWATER POOL ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING AT VAJANSKÉHO NABŘEŽÍ.

THE CAFE

THE CAFE WAS DESIGNED BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE LOBBY OF THE BATH CORRESPONDING TO THE COMPETITION BRIEF. WE HAVE CONSIDER IT AS THE PART OF THE LIBRARY THAT IS MANAGED BY OTHERS. IN THE CAFE 50 INDOOR AND 20 OUTDOOR PLACE IS PROVIDED AND 20 SEAT FOR READING GUESTS. THE SERVICE PART OF THE CAFE IS CONNECTING BOTH TO THE RESTING AREA OF THE BATH AND THROUGH THE EXISTING STAIRS TO THE BASEMENT. IN THE BASEMENT ARE PLACED THE STORAGES AND THE STAFF FACILITIES.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS

THE ESTIMATED PEAK HEATING ENERGY DEMAND OF THE BUILDING IS ABOUT 750 KW WITH THE ORIGINAL TRADITIONALLY WEAKLY INSULATED EXTERIOR WALLS AND ROOFS. THIS DEMAND IS UNREALLY HIGH TODAY.

FIRST OF ALL THE ENERGY DEMAND OF THE BUILDING SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY REDUCED BY ADDITIONAL THERMAL INSULATION OF THE ROOFS, THE INNER SIDE FACADES AND THE WINDOWS. THREE LAYERED GLAZING SHOULD ALSO BE PLACED UNDER THE GLASS SKYLIGHTS IN THE NIVEAU OF THERMAL INSULATION OF ROOF. WE RECOMMEND THE REPLACEMENT OF TODAY'S RUSTY METAL SHEET ROOF COVERINGS WITH GREEN ROOFS. THIS HAS NOT ONLY AESTHETIC BUT ALSO ENERGY BENEFITS.

WE CONSIDER THE GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AS THE MAIN POSSIBLE SOURCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. THE AREA NEEDED FOR THE WELLS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE AREA BEFORE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING, AND - IF THERE IS TECHNICAL POSSIBILITY TO THAT - IN THE NORTH-EAST COURTYARD. THE UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY OUR OPINION. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT ONLY THE USE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC TILES WITH A TRADITIONAL SIZE AND FORM MAY BE CONSIDERED ON THE PITCHED ROOFS BUT ABOUT 120 KWp OF ENERGY COULD BE PROVIDED IN THIS WAY. THE NECESSARY SOLAR ENERGY CENTER CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE PROPOSED NEW SERVICE BUILDING.