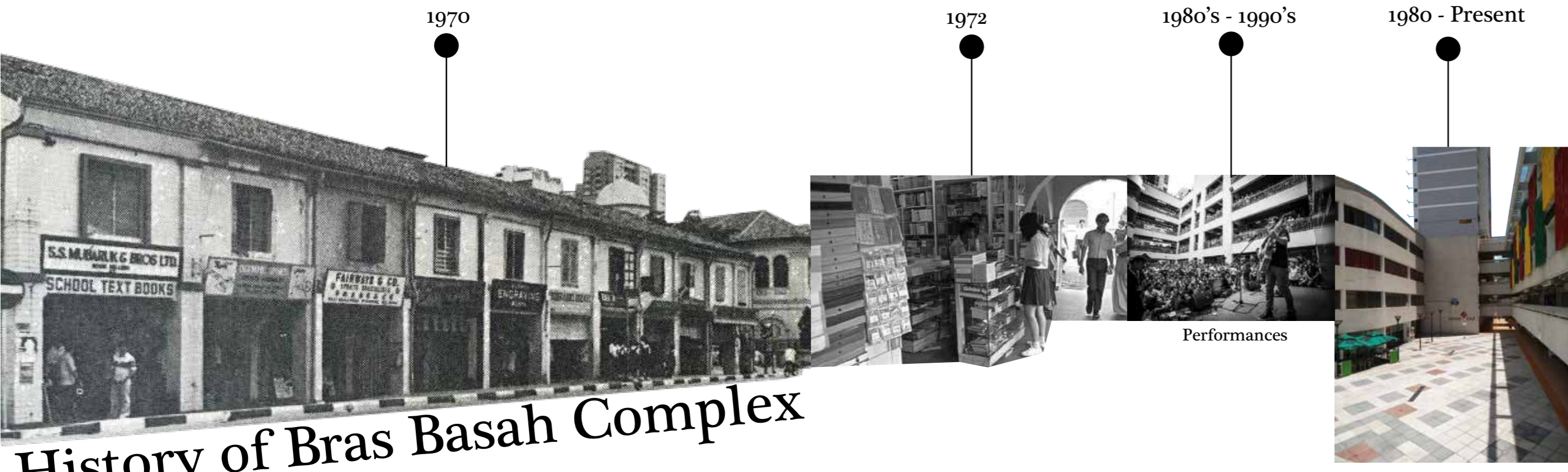
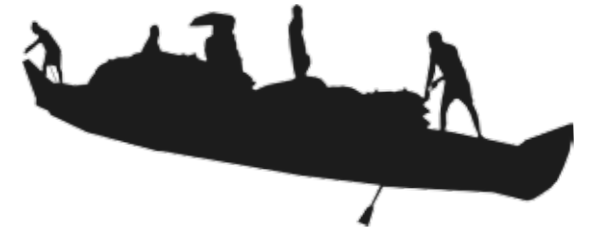


Bras Basah Complex

"Bras Basah"

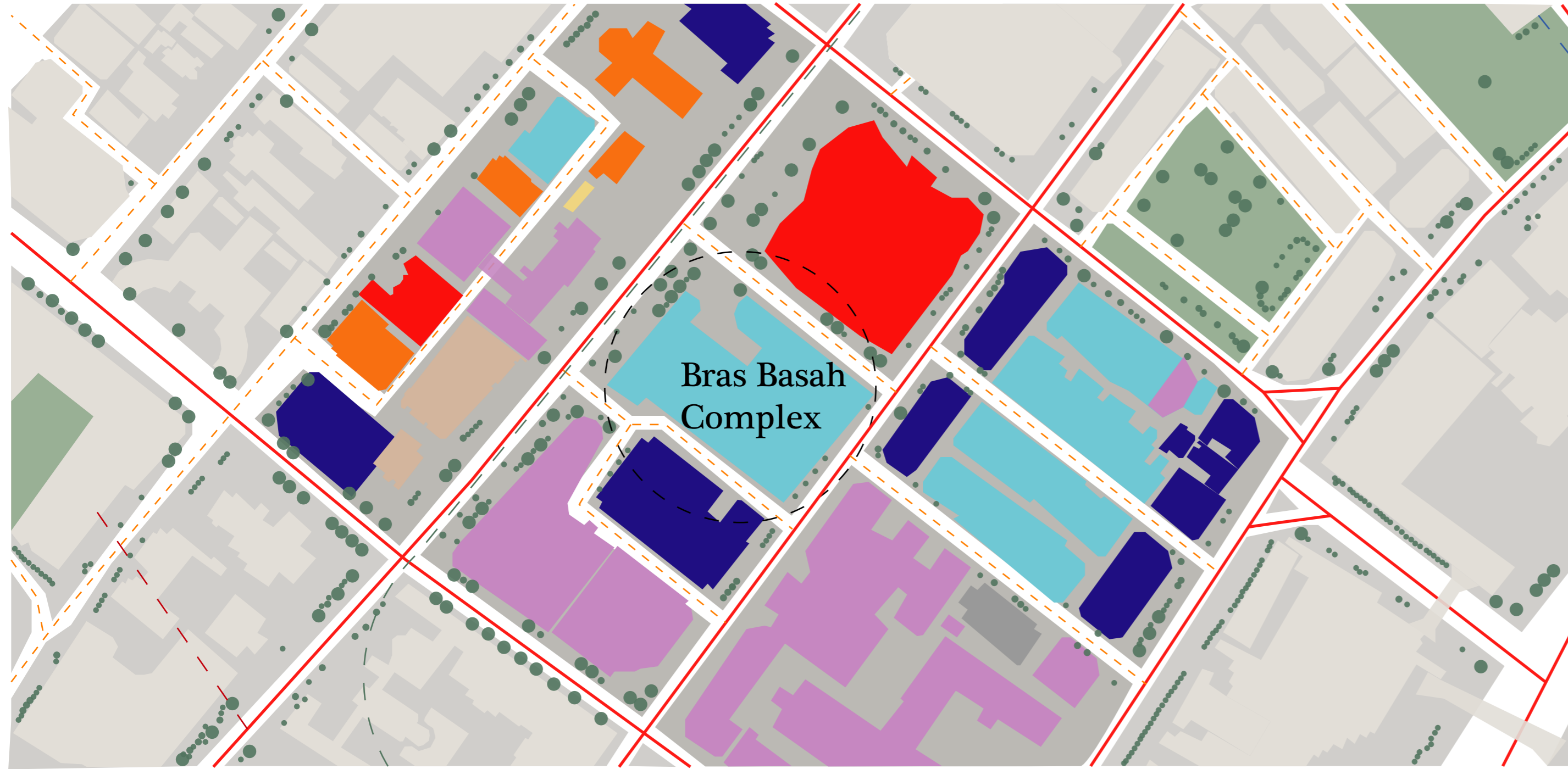


The name Bras Basah was derived from beras basah, which means "wet rice" in Malay. In the early days, boats carrying sacks of rice would unload and dry them along the banks of Sungei Brass Bassa (now Stamford Canal), and the rice would often get wet by the rising tides.

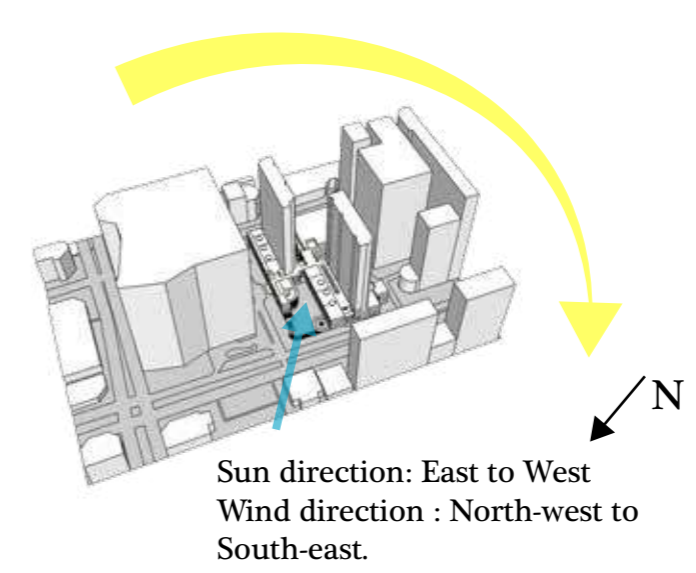
North Bridge Road, Victoria Street and Bras Basah Road had been traditional venues for book stores, second-hand bookshops and stationery shops. **July 1982.** The last of the many book shops at Bras Basah Road has to shut down, new Bras Basah Complex or other available space at North Bridge Road. **Known as city of books: Built in 1980** go-to place for textbooks, educational resources and art materials. Five-storey atrium serving commercial purposes and two 25-storey blocks of residential flats. **During the 80's & 90's,** numerous exhibitions, art gallery and cultural performances were held at the atrium.

Inside Bras Basah Complex: The increase of art colleges like Lasalle college of the arts, Nanyang Academy of fine arts and Raffles Design Institute. Which attracted more arts and craft shops into Bras Basah Complex.

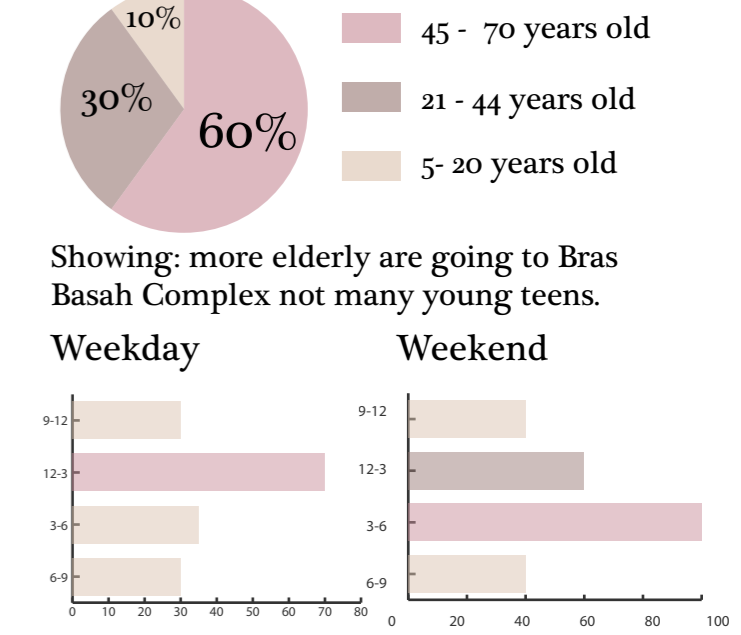
History of Bras Basah Complex



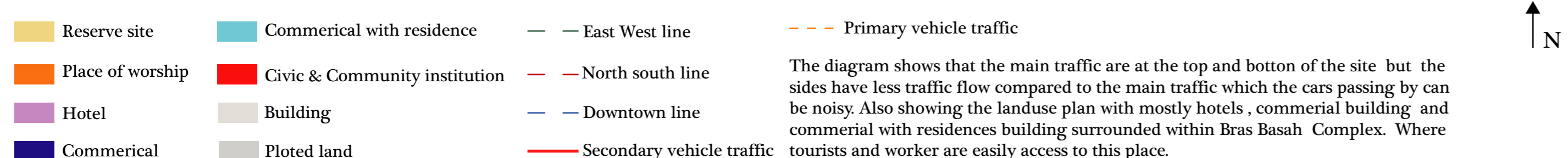
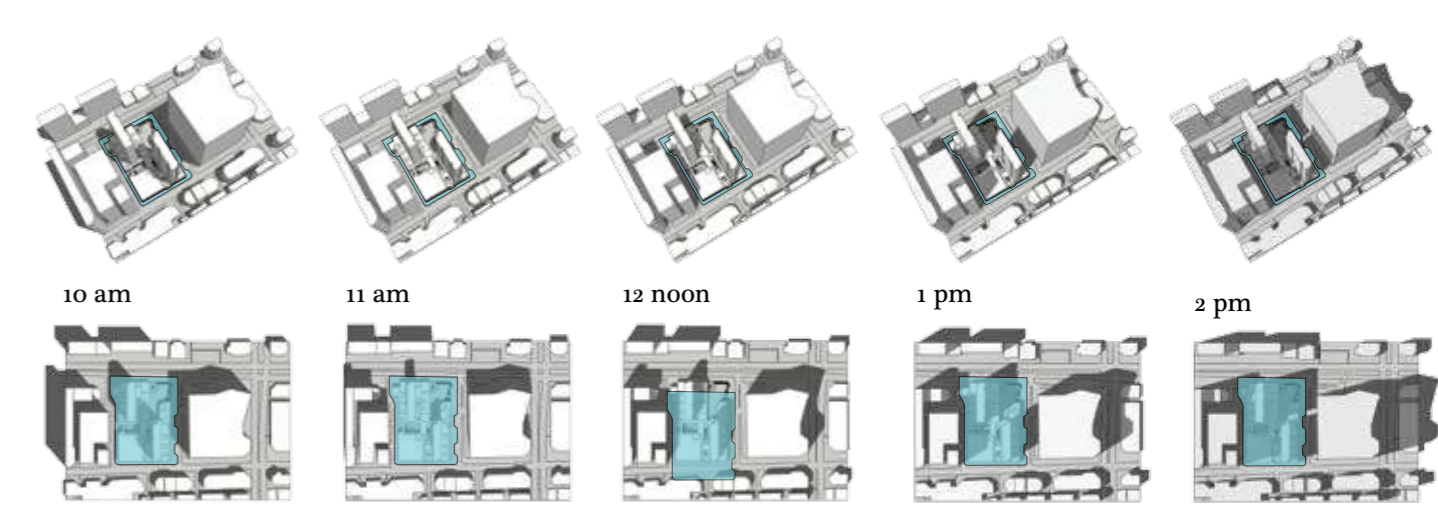
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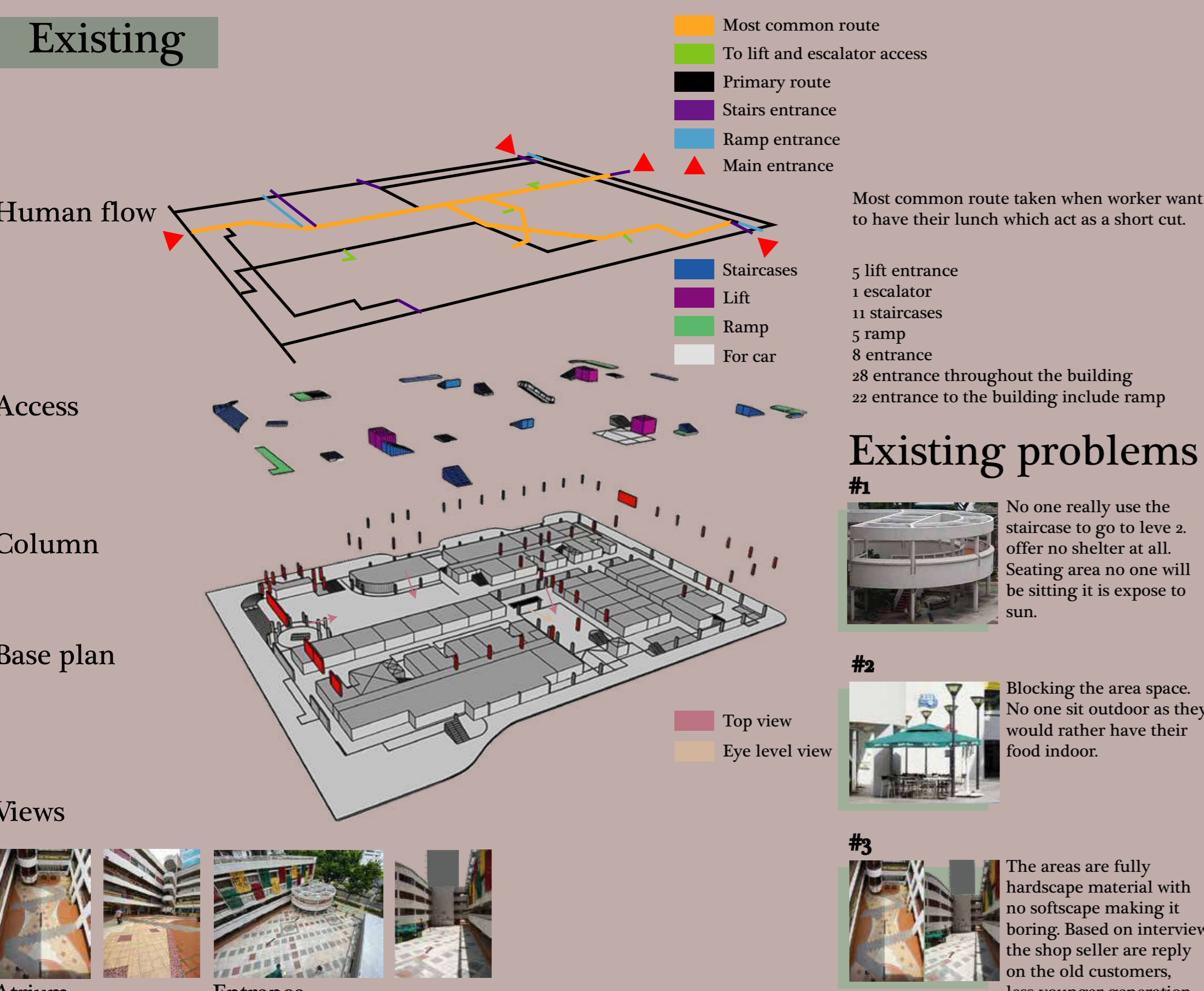


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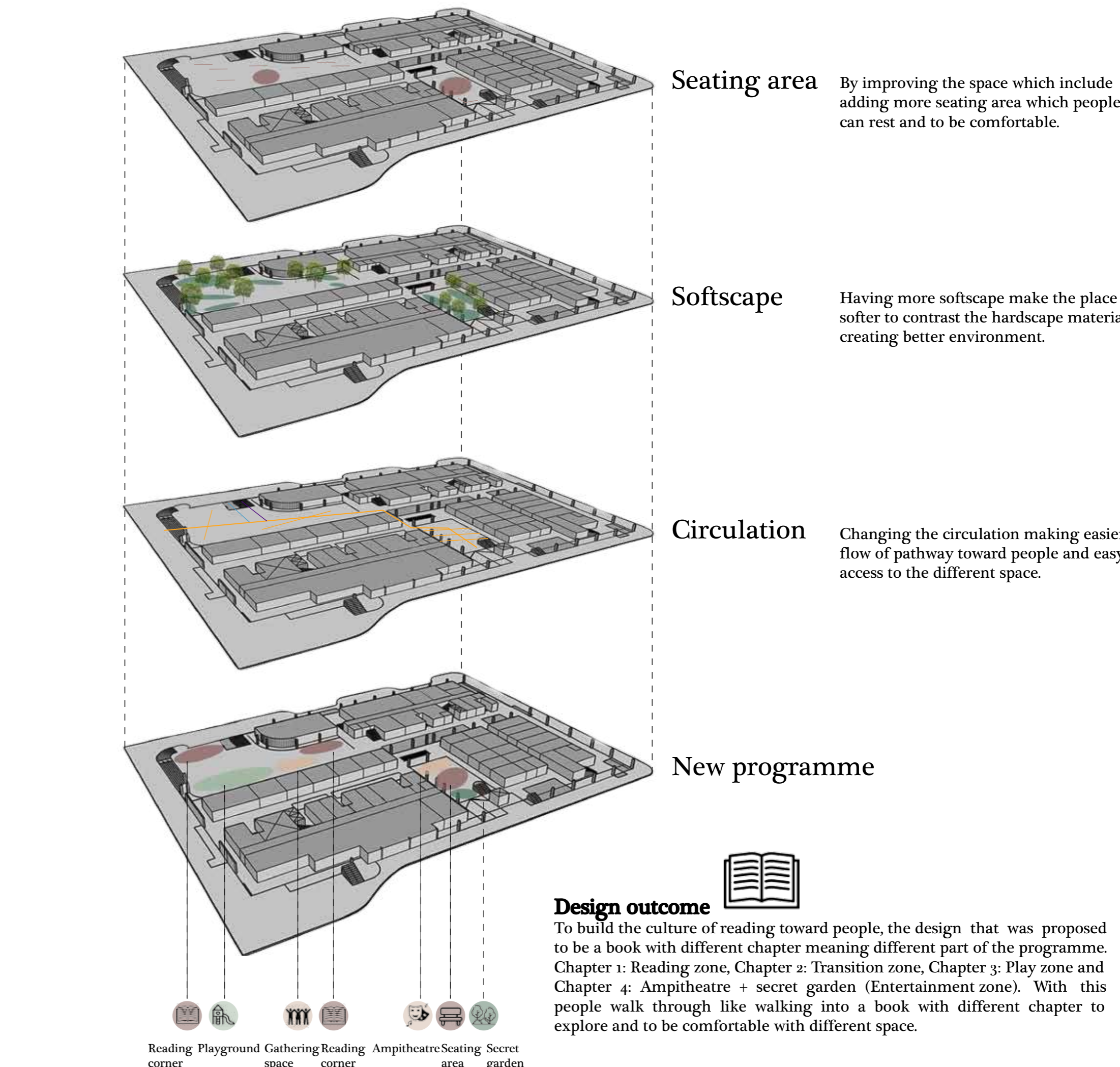


The diagram shows that the main traffic are at the top and bottom of the site but the sides have less traffic flow compared to the main traffic which the cars passing by can be noisy. Also showing the landuse plan with mostly hotels, commercial building and commercial with residences building surrounded within Bras Basah Complex. Where tourists and worker are easily access to this place.

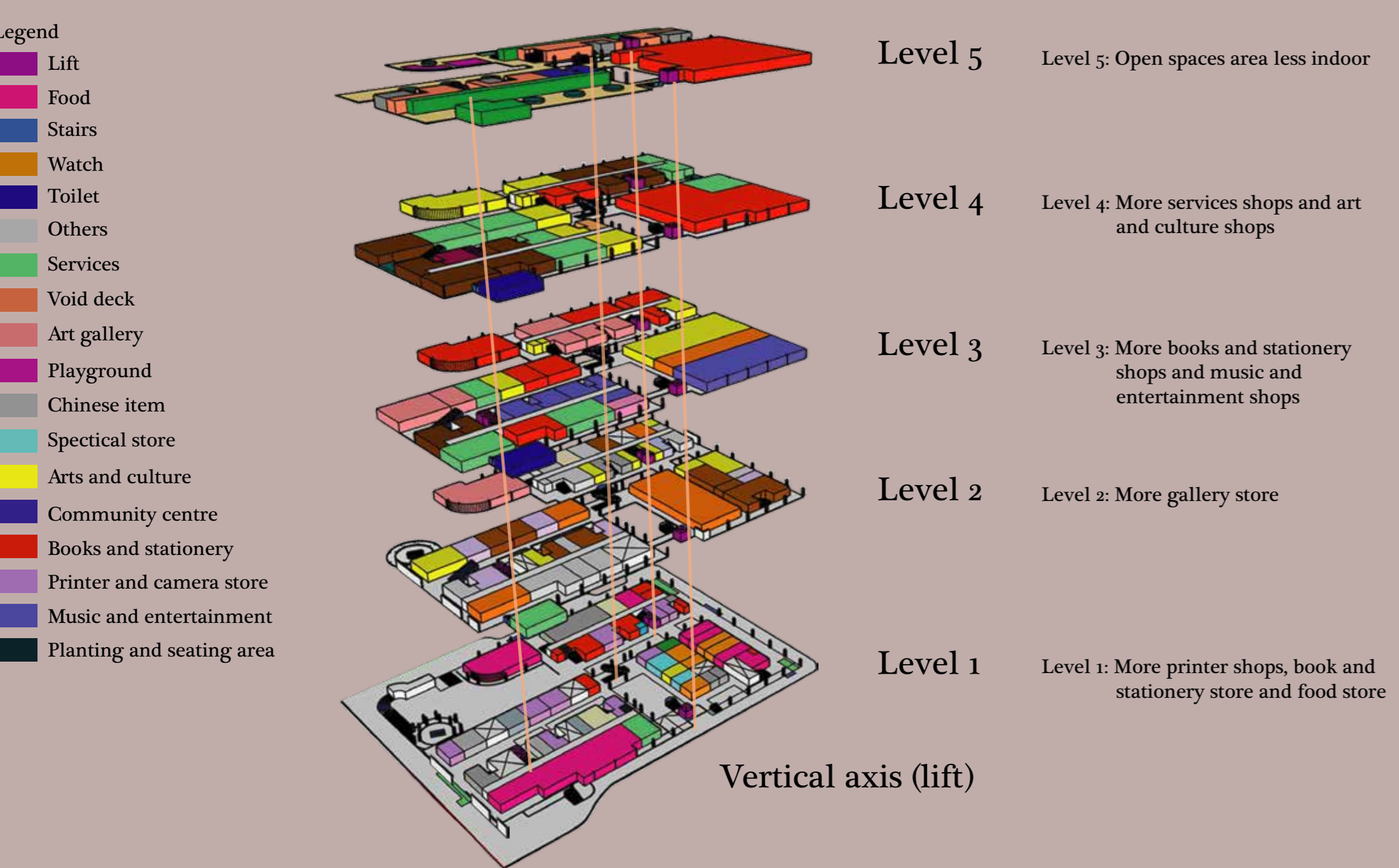
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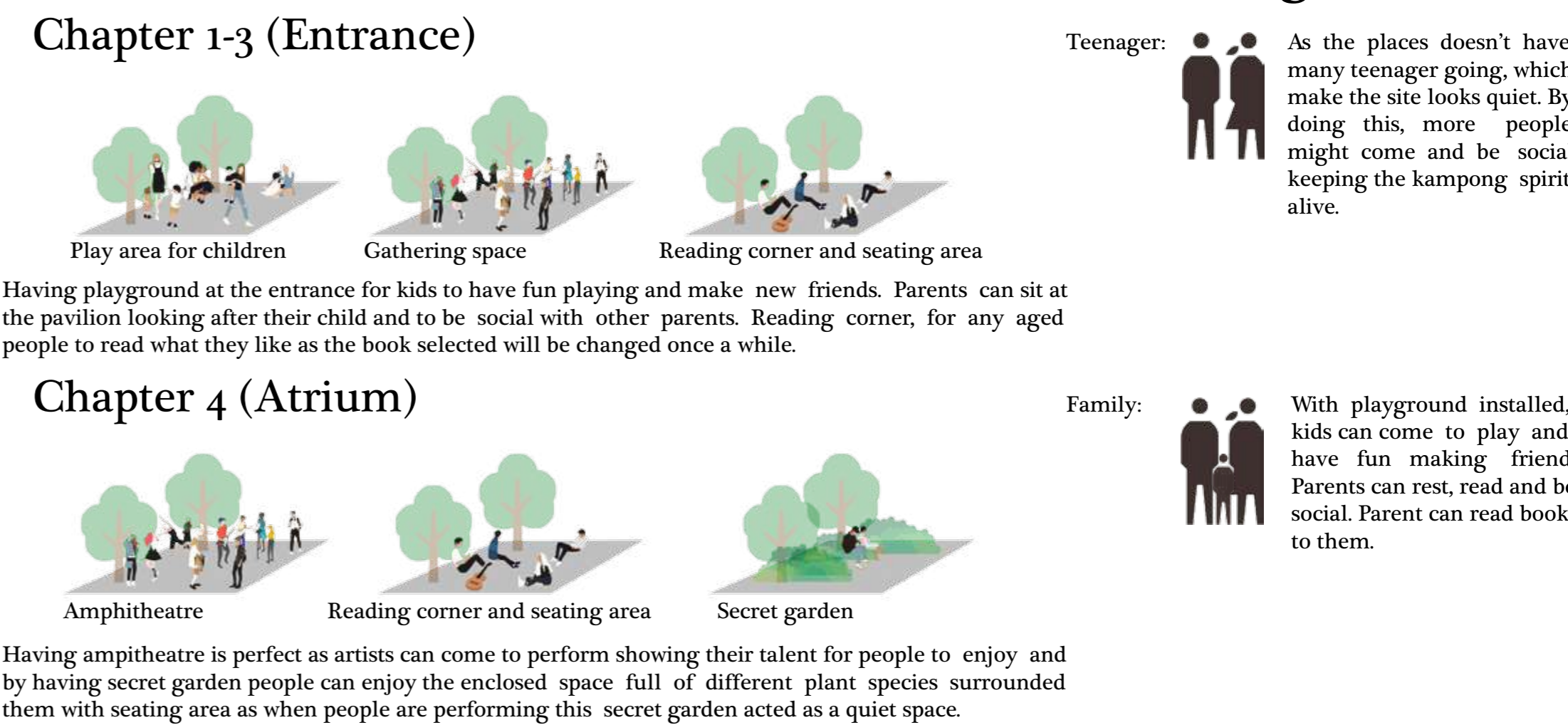
New proposed



Programming



Design strategy



“YOUR CHAPTER”

“Your Chapter” is inspired by the recognised name of the Bras Basah Complex as the ‘City of books’.

Hoping to revive the culture of books at Bras Basah the design promotes the ‘Culture of Reading’, having “chapters” to represent the different zones. Additionally, “Your Chapter” is a translation of what reading feels like as it offers numerous scenes and spaces that can create different experiences. Just like a book.



SECTION A-A'



SECTION B-B'

