Stage 5: Thesis Study Site Three
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Harmonie Site

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Gardens to the northern corner will maximise light during the day. Large elevation so some sort of public frontage should be emphasised.