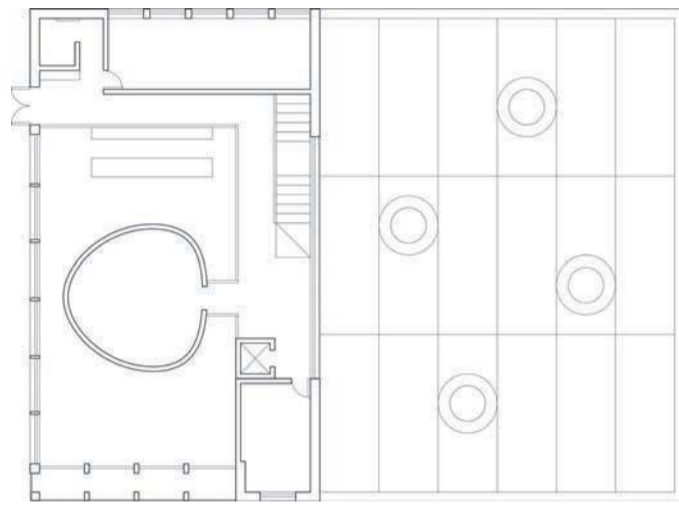
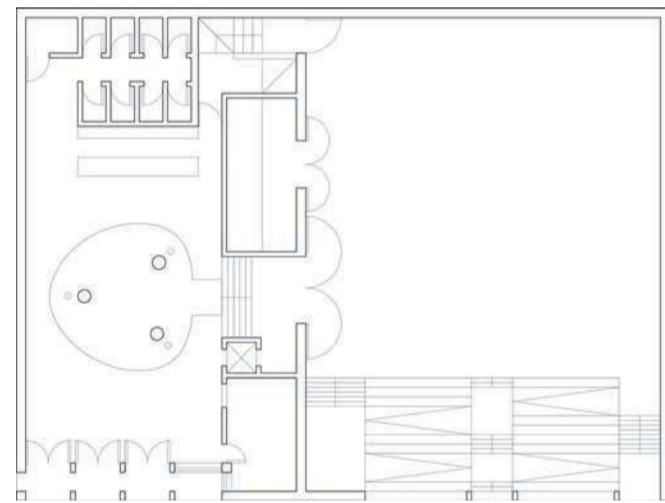


## STRUCTURAL CONCEPT



First Floor Plan



Ground Floor Plan

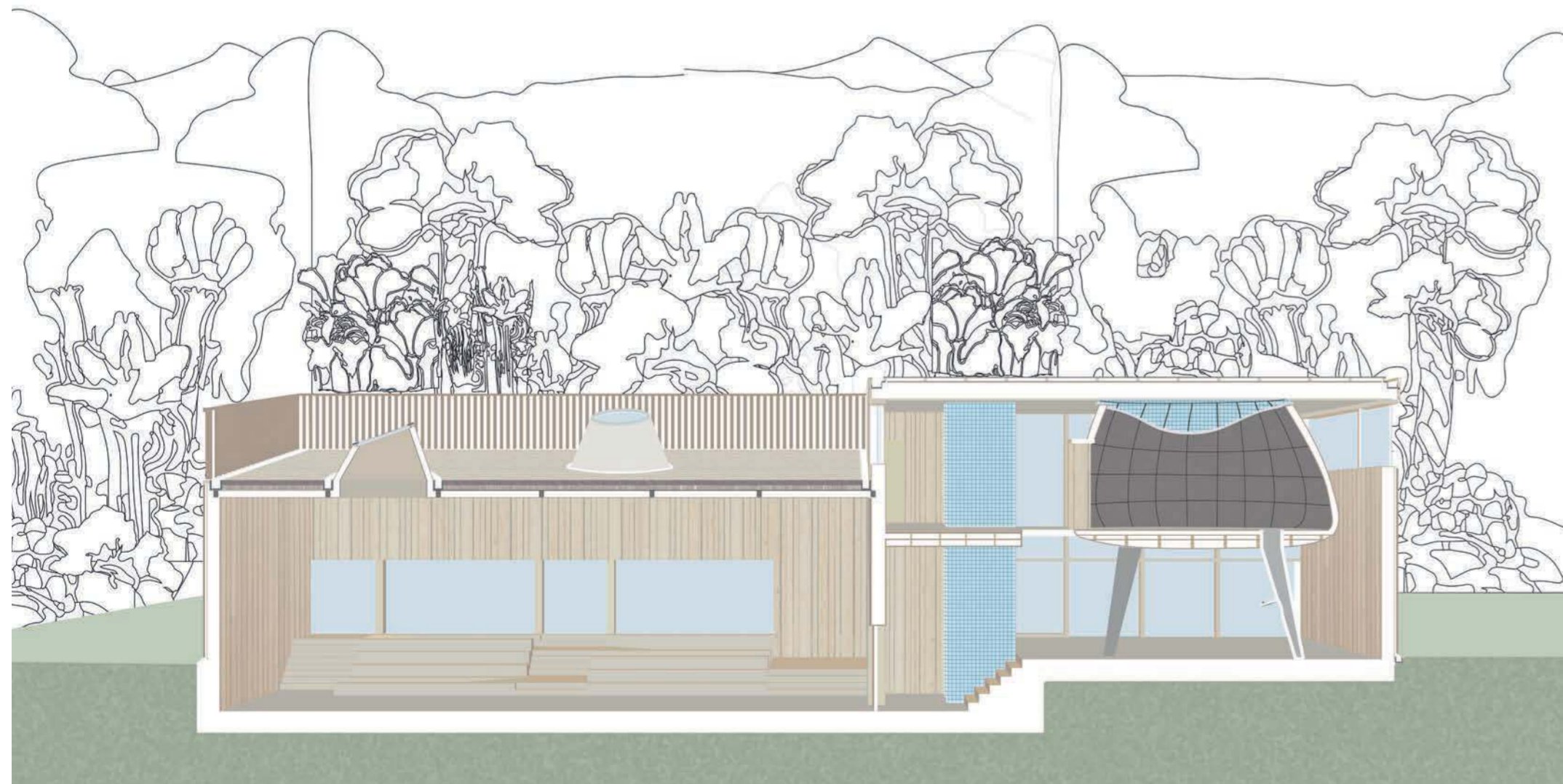
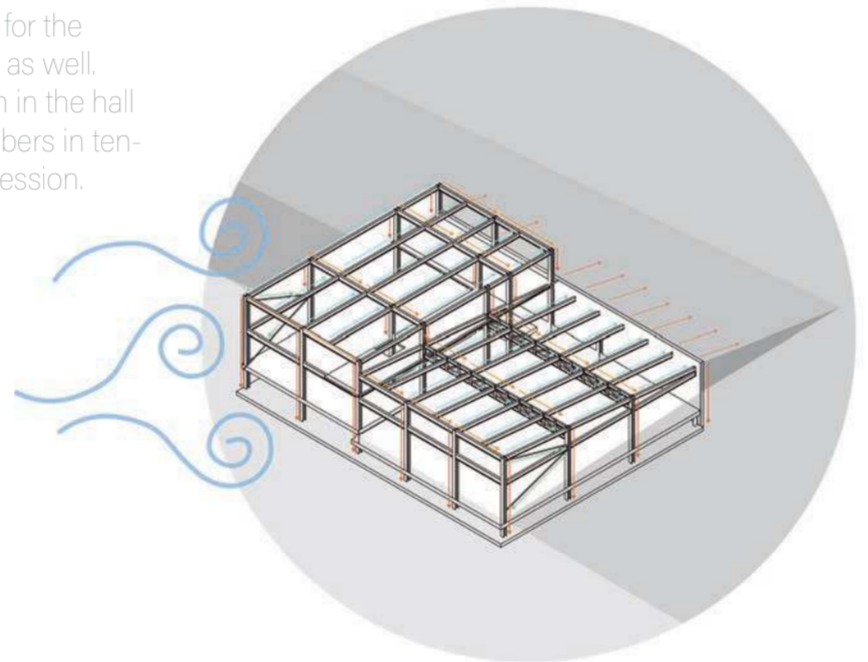
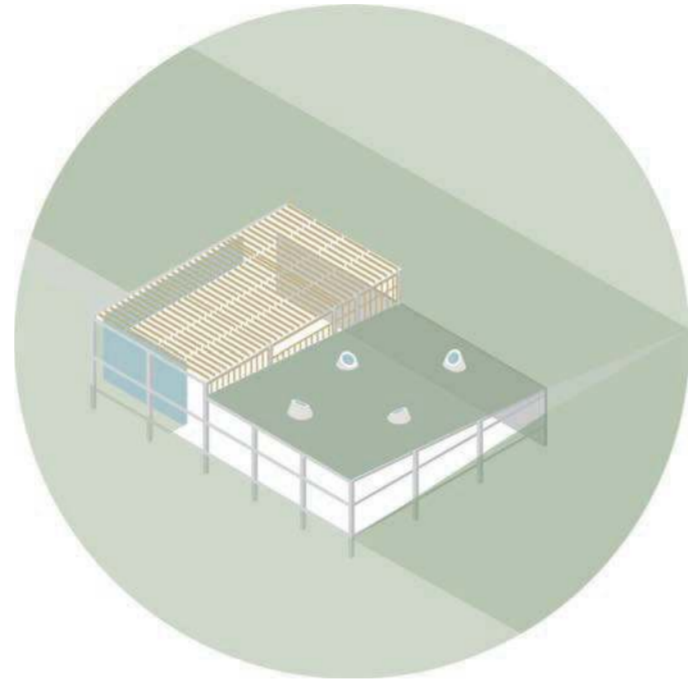
Perspective Section

Due to the high loads imposed by the roof, a steel system had to be used. For cost effectiveness and speed of the build, the whole frame is homogeneous. This building technique also allows for a more sympathetic approach to the site in terms of public access due to the speed and reduced heavy plant required.

In line with the environmental goals, timber is used predominantly throughout the building to reduce the amount of steel required. Cross bracing for the building is located on the corners this is because the retaining back wall prevents torsion in the frame thus reducing the need for bracing.

Slab foundation was chosen so that the toe of the retaining wall could be built into. A strip foundation could have been an option as well, but it seemed easier to just keep it simple and do a raft for the whole floor, its quicker to pour in one go as well. The Pratt Truss chosen for the large span in the hall because it has the longer diagonal members in tension which is better for steel than compression.

When the structure experiences wind loads and other lateral forces, cross bracing, rigid (moment) connections and the retaining wall resist deformation and transfer the loads into the ground as shown. The prevailing wind comes from the South West direction and so the building is strategically positioned against the rear earth berm.



## CONCEPT EVOLUTION

This project aimed to combine music experience with playground design which was explored and finalised through engineered details. The main concept is the approach of encouraging exploration and play that leads to new experiences of the music within the building.

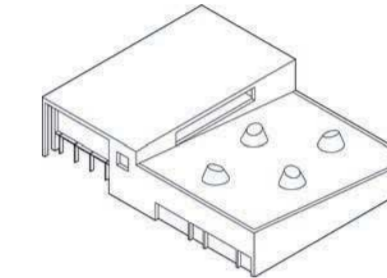
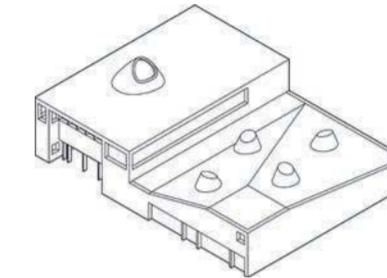
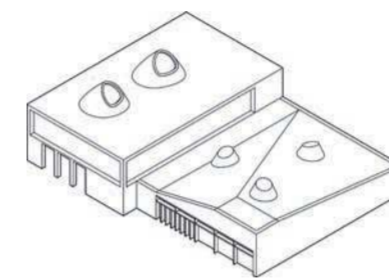
Reclaiming a carpark as public space the build attempts to tackle to different atmospheres of public space within a public park and tourist centre. This led to the design of a walkable grass roof with integrated skylights that dictated the structural system of the building.

Due to cost reduction and ensured structural viability, the structural ambition of the project had to be simplified. This led to the condensing of the the key concepts. Cladding provides privacy and intrigue to the private practice room of the first floor and the single fall of the roof provides a surprise for the user once they reach the park. The roof acts as a new public square, reinvigorating the original space through a spectator spot for the activities in the park.

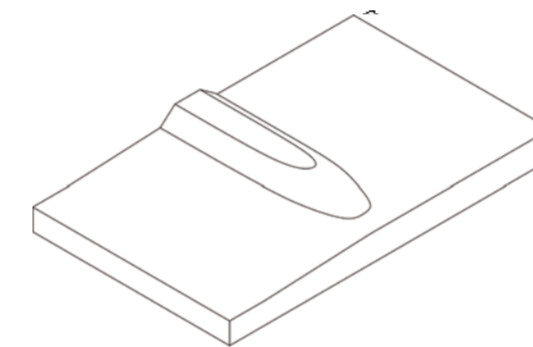
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2. Mecanoo Delft Library



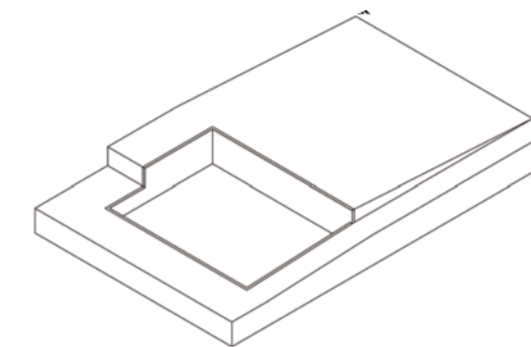
3. Extension of the Maritime Museum on Texel
4. Supermarket in Liège



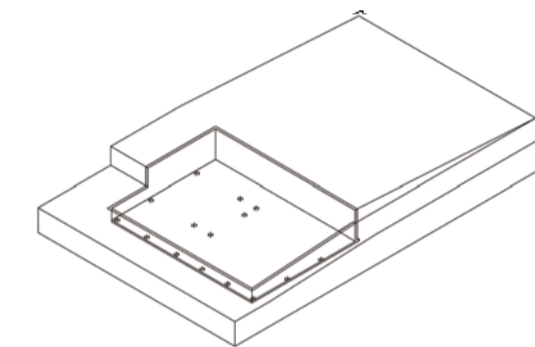
## CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE



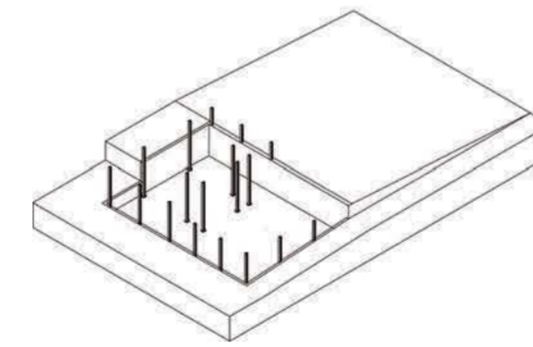
1. Site is excavated using diggers with some soil removed to be placed on north side for roofs approach.



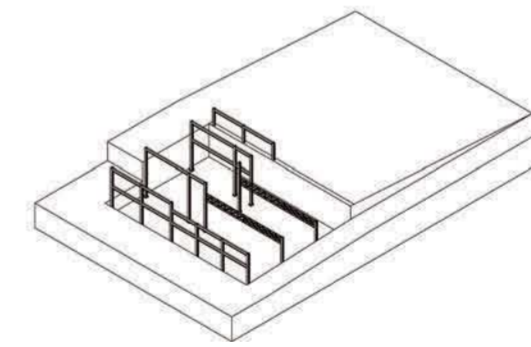
2. Retaining wall constructed and earth sloped landscaped.



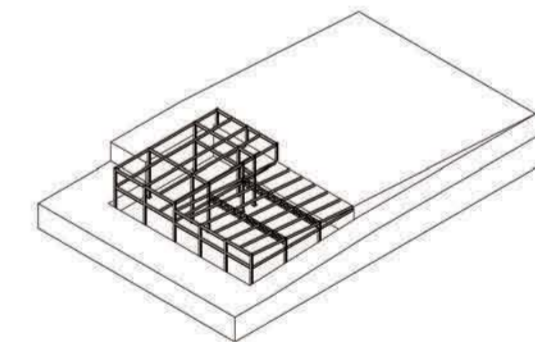
3. Slab foundations poured, anchor bolts but in place for steel columns.



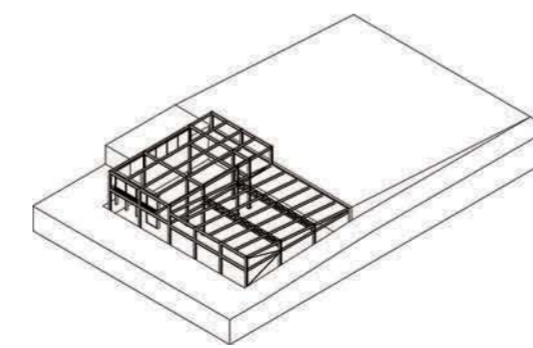
4. Steel columns erected using a small crane, support scaffolding maybe used in case of strong winds.



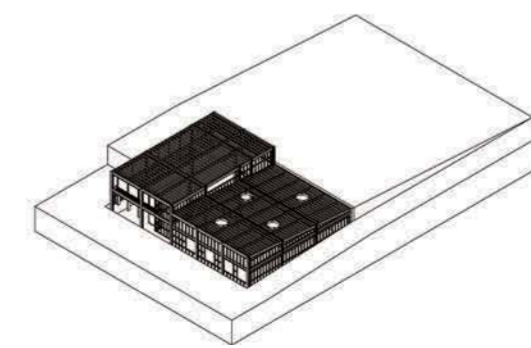
5. Primary beams and truss lifted into place and bolted together using rigid connections



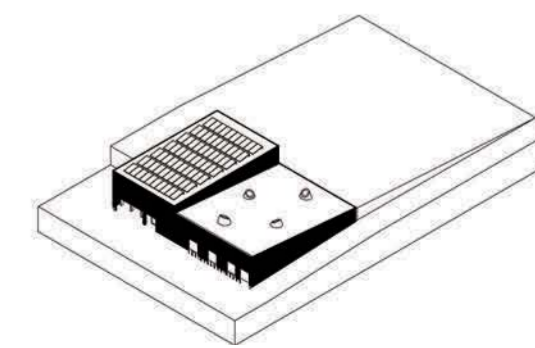
6. Secondary beams lifted in place and bolted together.



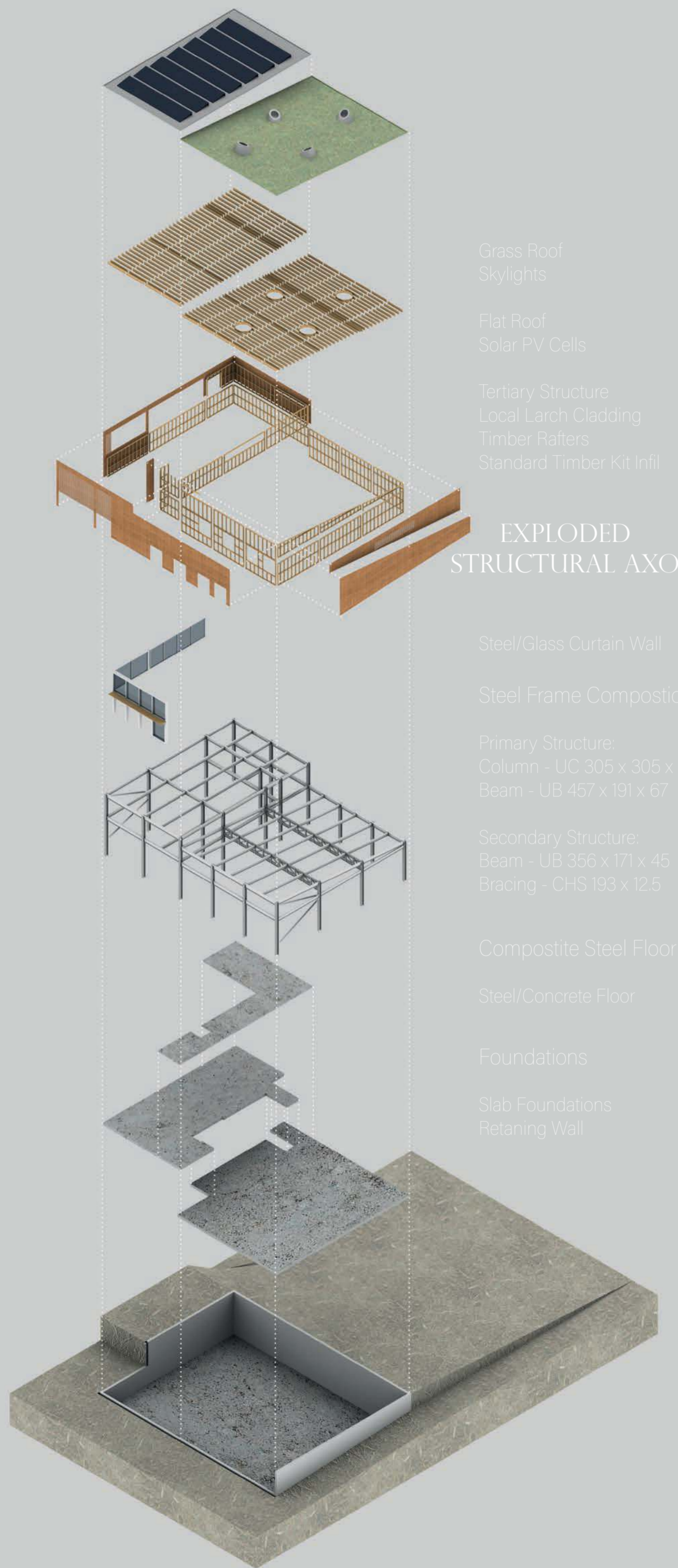
7. Steel curtain wall system installed and cross bracing applied to weak corners. Composite floor slabs constructed.



8. Timber infill constructed on each floor, progressing up through the building.



9. Roof, cladding and finishes applied. Grass roof infilled with beneficial location specific plant. Solar panels installed.



**EXPLODED STRUCTURAL AXO**

Grass Roof  
Skylights

Flat Roof  
Solar PV Cells

Tertiary Structure  
Local Larch Cladding  
Timber Rafters  
Standard Timber Kit Infil

Steel/Glass Curtain Wall

Steel Frame Composition

Primary Structure:  
Column - UC 305 x 305 x 118  
Beam - UB 457 x 191 x 67

Secondary Structure:  
Beam - UB 356 x 171 x 45  
Bracing - CHS 193 x 125

Compostite Steel Floor

Steel/Concrete Floor

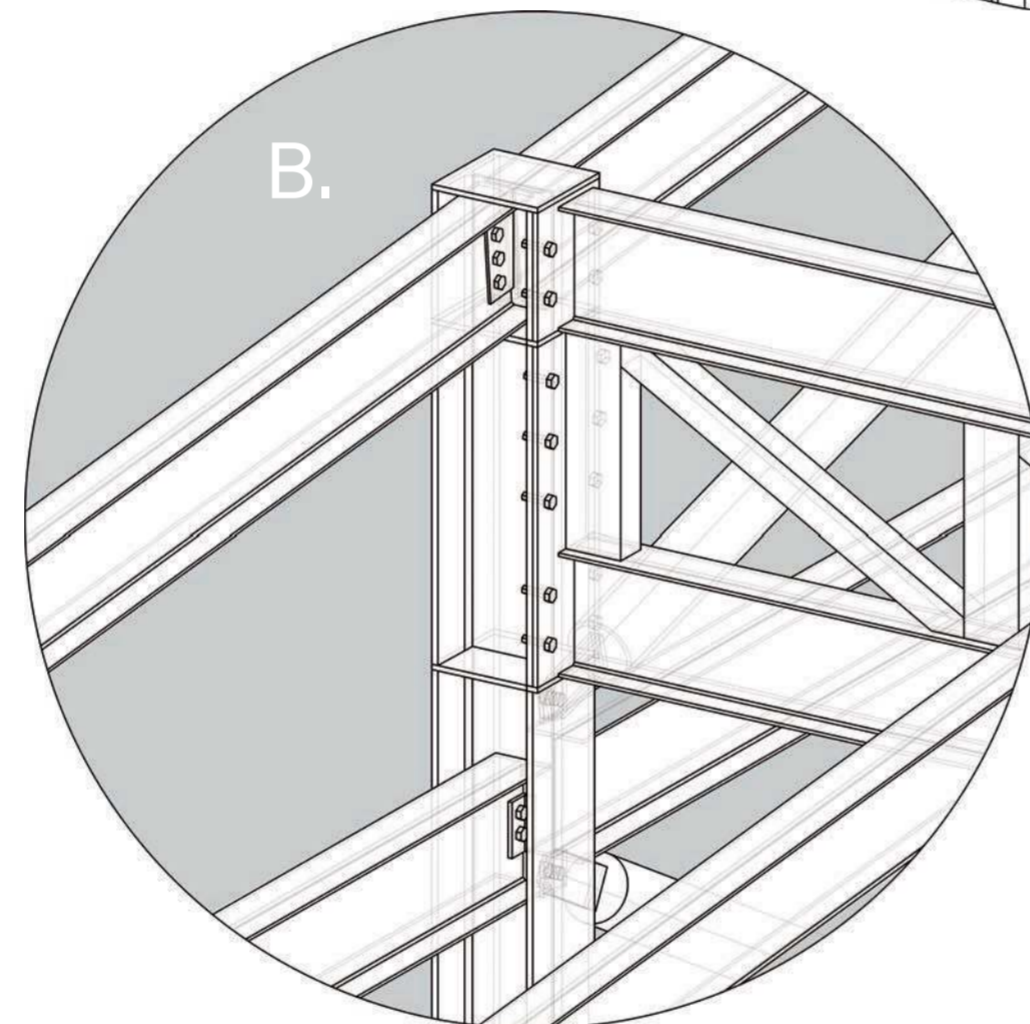
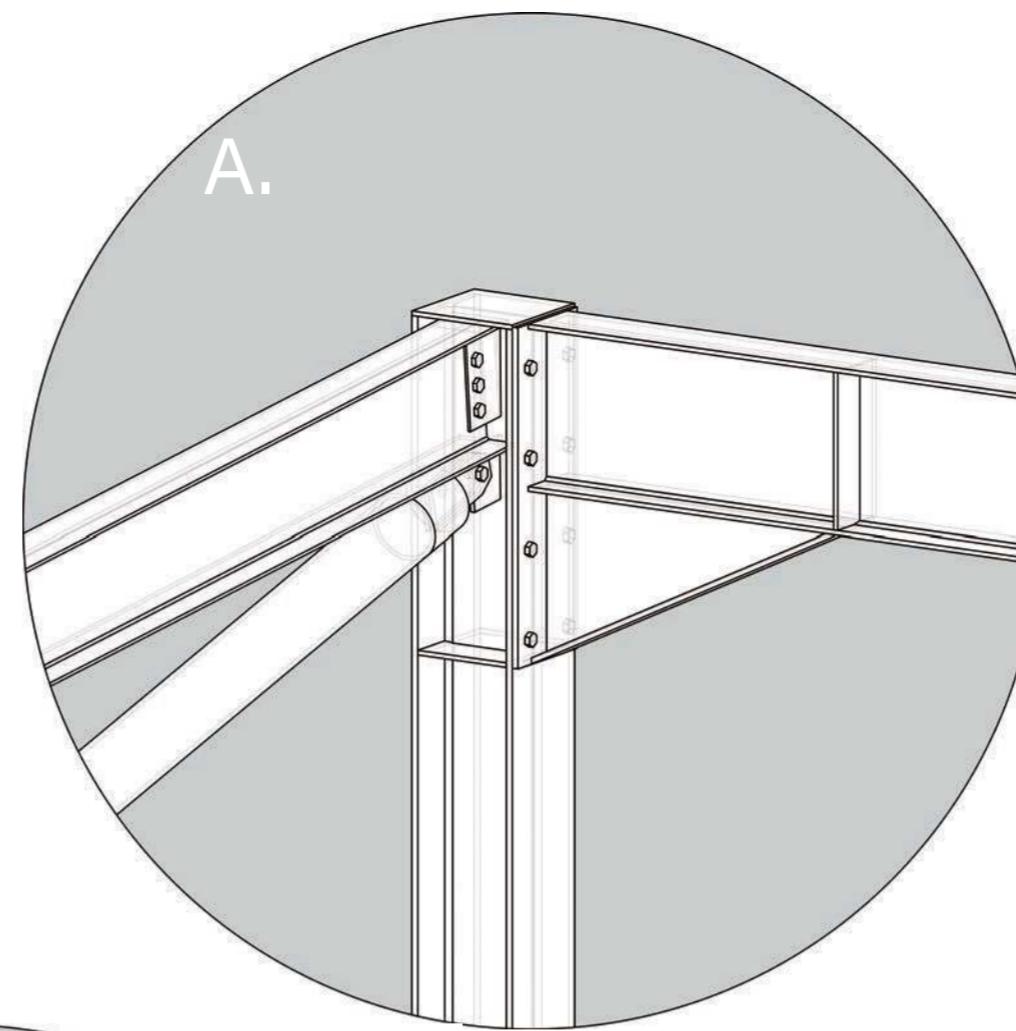
Foundations

Slab Foundations  
Retaining Wall

**Bracing**  
Pinned Tubular connections:  
Fin plates are welded to the bracing member and columns. These are bolted together on site.  
As loading is purely axial only single bolt connections are used with the bolt located in the center line of the tube.

**Single Plate**  
Angled connections:  
Plate is welded to secondary section (beam). Angle welded to primary section  
Single shear plate welded to secondary beam and bolted to primary member.  
This is a shear and tension connection due to the incline of the beam to the column.

**Foundations**  
Construction:  
A layer of grout is placed between the base plate and its support for the purpose of leveling.  
Anchor bolts provide stability for the column during erection or to prevent uplift.



**BUILDING FABRIC**

**Grass roof construction**  
40mm sedum grass layer  
120mm Topsoil/turf  
Filter fabric  
150mm lightweight drainage aggregate  
Waterproof membrane  
19mm Protection board  
Steel frame beams (tbc)  
150mm timber frame with inserted insulation (150mm sheep's wool)  
50/150 timber frame battens with inserted insulation (50mm sheep's wool)  
Vapour barrier  
19mm 3 layer fir laminated boarding

**Composite Floor Construction**  
80mm Poured polished concrete  
Steel Reinforcement  
Steel corugated deck  
Steel beams  
Crawl space  
Slab foundation

**Solid Wall Construction**  
50mm larch cladding  
25/50mm timber battens  
25mm ventilated cavity  
Breather membrane  
19mm OSB boarding  
Steel columns  
Steel beams  
150mm timber frame  
150mm sheep's wool inserted insulation  
50/150 timber frame battens  
50mm sheep's wool inserted insulation  
Vapour barrier  
19mm 3 layer fir laminated boarding

**Curtain wall construction (not shown)**  
50mm larch cladding (50mm spacing between strips)  
25/50mm timber bearers  
180mm steel I columns  
maintenance walkway: 40 mm grating wood and steel frame curtain-wall facade with double glazing

**STEEL FRAME CONNECTIONS**

**Primary Connections**

**Rigid connections:**  
These connections are designed to resist both moment and shear forces. The connection is applied between the primary beams/truss and columns.  
This is because the building has to resist the effect of lateral loads such as wind and the large loads imposed by the walkable green roof.

**Beam to Beam**

**Fin plate connections:**  
Here the beam is connected on an angled slope where a notch is cut into the top for the connection between the fin plate and the beam.

