

NUMBER	UTTERANCE	CODE	LINKS
S	1 This is an overview of how we see co-housing	F	
S	2 We see this in different scales	F	1
S	3 For example, when looking down there to that unit	Be	2 1
S	4 they can, for example, live together with a number of people and share kitchen and living room, for example	Be	3 1
S	5 Different units can form a group that shares different things	F	4 2 1
S	6 for example, a leisure room, an ironing room, it can be anything	Be	5 1
S	7 Then these can be combined together into a tower	F	5 2 1
S	8 who share, for example, the entry, mail boxes, and so forth	Be	7 5 2 1
S	9 Then we would combine them in two or three towers	F	7 2 1
S	10 which then would have the parking area in common	Be	9 1
S	11 also a polyvalent space and so	Be	9 1
S	12 which can be reached through connections between the towers	F	11
S	13 and then finally all the towers in the area	F	9 7 2 1
S	14 which then have a collective garden	Be	13 1
B	15 Do you also have different types of towers?	S	13 9 7
S	16 Yes, last week, we had two different types of towers, but not this week	S	15
S	17 but that may still change	S	16
S	18 These briefly summarise the types of last week	D	16 15
S	19 So, we had worked with different units which were combined into a duplex	S	5 18
S	20 and there was a common space for those different units	S	19 6 5
S	21 The problem started when one had to go to that unit,	Bs	20 19
S	22 one always needed to pass through the common spaces as well	Bs	21 20
S	23 therefore, we thought that it might be interesting to provide a private access as well to that space	Be	22 21 20 19
S	24 and, on the other hand, also an entrance to a common area	Be	23 22 21 20
S	25 That was last week, this is then from this week	S	18 16
S	26 We have two areas for circulation	S	26
S	27 and we connect those each time to the different units	S	25 21 5
S	28 so you see that there are two entrances	Bs	27 26 24 23 22 21
S	29 there is an entrance via this circulation area	Bs	28 27 26 23 21
S	30 and on the other side, there is a direct link from this unit to that unit	Bs	28 27 26 24 22 21
S	31 we have made sure that each unit has two orientations	S	28 26 24 23
S	32 also flexibility was considered important	F	
S	33 so we provided different unit types as well	S	32 19 5
S	34 there are studio's, duplex apartments,...	Bs	33 19 5
S	35 but we will show this later on a more detailed scheme	D	34 33
S	36 Also, the common area is two storeys high and contains a void	S	20 19
B	37 it is still the case that a living group forms a kind of duplex	Bs	36 20 19 5
S	38 so, what do you see happening in that blue hatched area?	Bs	37 20 6 5
S	39 It depends a bit on the inhabitants	S	38 6
S	40 in any case, we would always include a terrace	S	39 38 20 6 5
S	41 so that they have an area outside	Bs	40 6
S	42 on the other hand, there can be a leisure room	S	39 38 20 6 5
S	43 with a pool table, fitness machine	Bs	42 6
S	44 or a large table, a kitchenette, laundry room, ... that is not yet fixed	Bs	42 39 38 6
S	45 for now, it is mainly a principle	S	39 38 37 36 20 6 5
B	46 Does it also affect the interior of the house?	Bs	45 39 38
S	47 Yes, actually it does	Be	46
B	48 By taking things out of there, so that the living units can be organised differently?	Bs	47 46 39 38
S	49 Yes, it is true that you could slide open the entire wall	S	48 47 46
S	50 so that you could enlarge your space with the common room	Bs	49 48 36 20 6 5
S	51 resulting in a much greater sense of space	Bs	50 49
S	52 and in a room with no real threshold	Bs	51 50 49
S	53 I know somebody who used to live in a former social housing area at the end of the street	S	
B	54 and he became crazy of having to pass through all those front gardens every time	Bs	53
B	55 and say hi to everyone	Bs	53 54
B	56 That's funny, actually	Be	55 54 53
B	57 and the question could be as follows:	Be	56
B	58 should the common area be an entrance area?	Be	57 56 52 50 46 38 30 24 20 5
S	59 Yes, that is what we try to say	Be	58 57
S	60 it is not the entrance	S	58 52 46 39 38 30 24 20 5
S	61 because we always have an extra entrance directly from the staircase hall	S	29 23
S	62 Yes, those red lines are actually the entrances directly from the circulation area	S	61 29 23
S	63 There is a choice	Bs	61 58 57 31 30 29 28 26 24 23
S	64 we would give the option to those units	Bs	63 31 5
S	65 but it is not necessary	Bs	64
B	66 I find it regrettable that you	Bs	
B	67 as I had remarked also last week	Bs	66
B	68 that it is possible to have a front door and back door like any house on the ground level	Be	67
B	69 but I find it regrettable that they are so close together in this case	Bs	68
B	70 I had hoped that you would have reached something using that duplex principle	Be	69 37 36 31 30 29 24 23 19
B	71 that, when you enter the duplex,	Be	70 63 62 39 37
B	72 you enter a private area	Be	71 70 39
B	73 and when you enter on the ground level	Be	70 58 39
B	74 you enter, for example, a common area	Be	71 70 58 39 38
B	75 I find it a pity that both entrances are right next to each other, in this case	Bs	74 72 69 28
B	76 additionally providing this hall with an extra door to that common area	Bs	75 74 69 68 62 61 28
S	77 Yes	Be	76
B	78 Take the section that you showed before	D	
B	79 It was on that section, right?	D	78
B	80 Normally, with those duplexes, there are stairs and an elevator that stops every three floors	Be	79 78 70 37 22 21 20 19
S	81 So, you should be saying: I have an extra opportunity here	Bs	70
S	82 The problem was, actually, that we did not want to have only duplex apartments	F	74 73 72 71 70 37 34 33 32 20 19
S	83 because this is less accessible for elderly men and others	Be	82 80 70 23 22 21
B	84 That would still be possible, e	Be	83 82
B	85 it can be a reason to use for guiding your design	Be	84 83 82 75 74 73 72 71 70 69 68 67 66
B	86 now you always have the same condition	Bs	31 30 29 28 27 26
B	87 The solution of the connection is so literally now	Bs	86 31 30 29 28 27 26
B	88 it is almost an electrical circuit	Bs	87 86 31 30 29 28 27 26
B	89 You just place an extra disc at the entrance space	S	88 87 86 76 75 69 68 67 66 62 61 60 31 30 29 28 27 26
B	90 and, as a result, I am not in the collective area when I am at my apartment door	Bs	89 86 72 71 62 61 60 31 30 29 28 27 26
B	91 I find it not architectural enough	Be	89 88 87 86
B	92 This is only your solution, your hall with two lines to your apartments	S	89 87 86 62 61 60 59
B	93 and you just draw an extra line that closes it	S	92 89 61 60 59
B	94 and how is this made? Frosted glass?	Be	93 62
B	95 That border between that entrance area and the blue area, it is now marked in black	D	94 93 78
S	96 Yes, that could be	Be	94
B	97 Because it could be a quality if you can get some daylight via that void into something that would otherwise be dark	Be	95 94 36
B	98 I also find the impact of stairs, fire escape route and elevator in the facade too big	Bs	26
B	99 in comparison to that little apartment in the corner	Bs	
S	100 Yes	Be	99 98
B	101 Does that mean that this little apartment in the corner is almost as small	Be	99
B	102 that it almost has to go to the common area?	Be	99 51 50 49 39 38
S	103 No, we also wanted to include studios,	F	102 101 35 34 33 32
S	104 diverse typologies	F	103 34 33 32
S	105 real small ones and real bigger ones	S	104 103 101 34 33 32
S	106 it can still be a duplex apartment	Be	105 104 103 101 33
B	107 Yes but I would exclude it then,	Be	106
B	108 if I had a duplex, I can leave out that entrance space	Be	107 106 92 89 70
B	109 because I already have a private entrance to the duplex above or below	S	74 73 72 71 62 29 28
B	110 If you simply have a party in that blue square	Bs	39 38 37 36
B	111 and you have to drag drink carts via the elevator	Bs	110 80

B 112 you always have to go through your apartment?  
S 113 No, we have provided direct entrance doors in all cases  
S 114 This is also necessary for fire security reasons  
B 115 38 m<sup>2</sup>  
S 116 Yes, for this studio  
B 117 But you don't have a duplex, do you?  
S 118 No  
S 119 Not this one, but the one in yellow is a duplex  
B 120 38 m<sup>2</sup> is not much é  
B 121 washing cabin, toilet, kitchenette, ...  
S 122 Yes  
B 123 Have you tried to fill this in?  
S 124 Yes, look!  
S 125 O yes, we have also made sure that pipelines and similar elements can always pass through that core shaft...  
B 126 Oh you just sleep in your living room  
S 127 Yes it is like a student room  
B 128 and no outside area, he can not get out?  
S 129 Yes, he can  
B 130 Do you have something like Amelínck terraces that are hung by the apartments?  
S 131 Yes they thought to create contrasts  
S 132 by enlarging the space that lies underneath  
S 133 so that the floor above has a terrace  
S 134 as a result, we are not just building a huge block  
S 135 but the form is 'created', so to speak  
B 136 Have you revised your fire regulations?  
B 137 Because you have to go to your 'escape route via the lift shaft  
S 138 is that okay?  
B 139 Yes  
B 140 I mean, you create a passing area with two doors  
B 141 because, otherwise, that door to the hall is not necessary  
B 142 Normally, a fire door is meant to enclose a fire in the elevator shaft when one is escaping to the stair case hall  
B 143 so I find it strange that one has to go through a passing area  
B 144 I think that one has to be able to enter the staircase hall directly from one's own entrance room  
S 145 Yes we can put a door there  
B 146 No I think that there has to be a door between your passing area and your staircase hall  
B 147 Those elevators, do they have to be spread?  
B 148 I understand that the staircase has to  
B 149 You need two staircases in a high-rise building  
B 150 you have looked for that?  
S 151 Yes, for fire safety reasons  
B 152 Yes, but not your elevators é  
S 153 Yes, but we have done that for the private entrance  
S 154 so you don't have to go through the common area  
B 155 O yes  
B 156 The more reason you have to make entrances on a specific floor  
B 157 but what is interesting, is that it does not matter when simply entering into the common area on the right  
B 158 but you do not enter into the common area left  
B 159 No, I think that this also includes a chance to guide your design  
B 160 Now, the common area is always isolated  
B 161 It seems less disturbing to me when one enters on the top level and goes to his apartment  
B 162 but then, you have to opt for those duplexes.  
S 163 But then, how can those who are living on one floor only be linked to the common area?  
B 164 They can, but they have to go through the void in the duplex  
S 165 Yes, so that not everyone looks directly at them  
B 166 Yes they do, but not on everything  
S 167 Yes, but the one person looks more towards the entrance area and the other...  
B 168 Ah, well, what is an entrance area?  
B 169 When speaking about a locker table or something similar  
B 170 So that it does not have to be a small little hallway  
B 171 What is that, an entrance?  
S 172 Yes, but we precisely did not want that one had to go via that common...  
B 173 Yes, yes, but what does that do for the complete picture?  
B 174 considering that your common area is spread over two building floors  
B 175 It should give the option to create a different atmosphere on the top floor with that void space  
B 176 making it a different kind of community than that large area  
S 177 Yes  
B 178 I now have the impression that you have a lot of infrastructure for little floor area  
S 179 Too much circulation space?  
B 180 Yes  
B 181 The whole package around those elevators  
B 182 you can't help those two staircases, because that is required  
B 183 You can immediately get the chance to develop a new kind of plan on the upper and the lower side  
B 184 So that you don't have a mirrored floor plan and so that you can lose the passing area near the elevator shaft  
B 185 and the elevator itself of course, only the staircase remains  
B 186 because it is a very dominating element at the moment in your facade é  
S 187 Yes, that is true  
B 188 The question rises whether or not you want this, because an elevator in the facade area, that is not so evident  
B 189 is it really a panoramic elevator behind glass?  
B 190 So that you can view the outside when going up or down?  
B 191 because that is the only reason for placing an elevator against the facade é  
S 192 I think that it would be nice if you can look outside when waiting for the elevator  
B 193 Yes yes, but that does not say anything about the elevator shaft é  
S 194 No no, indeed  
B 195 Because, well, in a tower, the facades are supposed to be the most interesting elements  
S 196 is it feasible to stretch the floor plan?  
S 197 We had tried it in the concept of last week  
B 198 instead of including two building floors, as we do now.  
S 199 we use duplex apartments and we include four building floors  
S 200 but it gave to many problems  
S 201 for instance, on the level where there is no common area  
S 202 it would result in a problematic dark space for one of the units in the middle  
B 203 No, with stretching I mean:  
B 204 Can the floor plan be widened or lengthened?  
B 205 Or do you have very high measurements already?  
S 206 For example, those 116 m?  
S 207 How deep is that? 9 meters?  
B 208 And the outside measure of your tower?  
S 209 Nearly 20 by 20 m  
B 210 That is probably quite slender  
S 211 Yes, but last week we had superslender towers  
S 212 And when we saw it now, we found the towers to be quite big masses already  
S 213 I think that this is caused by our comparison to the design of last week, which was a lot too slender  
B 214 I also regret that this collective outdoor space can not be two storeys high  
B 215 Take the section that you showed before again  
B 216 You only have some spaciality in that void space é  
S 217 Yes  
B 218 And there are outside areas connected,  
B 219 also for a deepened light entrance in the direction of that void space  
B 220 Yes but maybe they should not always be on the same side  
B 221 you can make variations  
S 222 Yes, for now, this is the concept  
S 223 but it is not our aim to copy them right on top of each other

S 224 there are more possibilities of linking units together  
S 225 So that it is not always the same view in the building facade  
B 226 in the staircase now showing outside the building as a separate volume?  
S 227 No, because that staircase tower was a bit too present in our living tower  
S 228 Also concerning view, it limited the view  
S 229 Yes, for example, in that left example, it really is a minor point for those apartments that look straight towards the staircase tower  
S 230 and on the right, it is not really a problem  
S 231 because it is connected right next to it  
S 232 but then there is more likely a problem of circulation  
S 233 because one is creating narrow and long hallways  
S 234 while we thought that it was more compact now  
B 235 You find it interesting that it is a composed tower  
B 236 that you can create that slenderness more easily  
B 237 but indeed, it's not a must  
B 238 For example, the double entrance to that blue area, that is not possible any more in that case  
B 239 or you have to create a trunklike connection with your staircase and elevator tower  
B 240 if you want to access that lower blue area on two floors  
B 241 so, it means that you have to include more of those hallways  
S 242 Yes  
B 243 Yes, that is your escape route  
B 244 but maybe it does not have to be so big  
B 245 Yes, that was my problem last week  
B 246 that it is a seriously sized building  
B 247 additionally, you had those two staircases, so...  
B 248 Yes but indeed via those escape stairs,  
B 249 I don't know, do they have to be inside?  
B 250 I think that it can now be used more in that section with those duplexes  
B 251 so, if you want to go down from one of the apartments or something  
B 252 it becomes a circulation stair and not only an escape stair  
B 253 Take your floor plan again  
B 254 No, but I am more concerned about the visualisation of the facade  
B 255 an elevator in the facade, does that make sense?  
S 256 No  
B 257 And do you see a movement coming in your floor plan  
B 258 the moment when you put it in 3D?  
B 259 You showed something earlier  
B 260 So you begin to move things over here, right?  
S 261 Yes  
B 262 So I ask myself the question: what does this movement mean?  
S 263 Of those terraces that we create on?  
B 264 No here  
B 265 They are not terraces é,  
B 266 they are volumes é  
B 267 If this is just a room,  
B 268 what does that mean?  
S 269 The reason is actually that we want the unit on top to have an outside area  
S 270 and it can be interesting to enlarge the room  
B 271 So, how will you steer this?  
B 272 Is it done randomly?  
S 273 so we just look at the location where this units wants a terrace  
S 274 and where can the floor underneath be changed so that it gives a terrace  
S 275 And so we have started to...  
B 276 Do you find it necessary to crumble the image of that tower?  
S 277 We liked it because it became more dynamic  
S 278 and so they are not such flat...  
S 279 like the towers of Amelincx  
B 280 Yes, it is the same with an indentation  
B 281 The way in which your common terrace dents in,  
B 282 it is not hanging there either é  
B 283 Then you could have the same treatment for the rest of your exterior spaces  
B 284 it is not like they will have a better seat é,  
B 285 in terms of shelter  
B 286 No but I like that kind of treatment  
B 287 but I wonder, can't you do it a bit more explicit?  
B 288 So that the floor plan determines the form and the look of that tower  
B 289 In that case it would be literally "try to get past the elevator shaft" é  
B 290 I can see a rational reason in that  
B 291 but there, in that little corner...  
B 292 Yes, one such room  
B 293 That would then define the expression of the tower  
B 294 and that would then be someone's bedroom  
B 295 You know what is standing in Antwerp's right,  
B 296 the Sheraton towers by Juke Derover  
B 297 You might also want to take a look at Surge & Bates  
B 298 the fact that a few twists happen in a rather rational floor plan  
B 299 thereby generating more specific spaces in that building  
B 300 But I am mainly interested in what this results for the image of your tower  
B 301 Maybe that is still an extruded volume  
B 302 but then you start to play out floor plan and esthetics of a tower against each other  
B 303 I think that that would be an interesting way of designing  
B 304 more than start from the concept "we will generate here a strange form and then try to draw out a floor plan inside"  
B 305 no we start now from the floor plan  
B 306 But also, when on the lower floor plan  
B 307 now you're literally facing blind walls at that void area  
B 308 if only you would have a terrace there in your apartment  
B 309 then that terrace would also provide daylight to that collective area  
B 310 I don't think that it is defensible to provide an outside area in the form of little terraces  
B 311 where you will put your garbage can because it would otherwise smell too much in the kitchen  
B 312 They are a kind of rest spaces  
B 313 The other extreme example is the proposal by Le Corbusier for the apartment buildings  
B 314 They are L-shaped apartments  
B 315 which are situated around a terrace  
B 316 So the size of the module is 6 by 6  
B 317 making an L-shape 12 by 12  
B 318 In between is an armch-like terrace, measuring 6 by 6  
B 319 So, I think that you have a problem here with the dimensions of that tower  
B 320 if you will make the outside area larger  
B 321 if a little terrace is hung there like a book shelf  
B 322 if you want to incorporate that as a quality  
B 323 then you will have to do something with the surface of that tower  
B 324 I would try it é  
B 325 in that right drawing below in the middle  
B 326 I would try to make an outside area there  
S 327 There on the right of that void space, you mean?  
B 328 I would try it, whether it can be a terrace  
B 329 and you probably don't want walls, but windows to your terrace  
B 330 so that your terrace can provide daylight to that space  
B 331 and so that you can close it during the winter time, resulting in a kind of greenery  
B 332 because, otherwise, it would only be usable a limited number of times, here in Belgium  
B 333 It is simply unusable  
B 334 unless when there is no wind and the sun is setting, or in similar circumstances  
B 335 And I also have problems with your duplex concept

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B 336 with the fact that it would not realise a turn  
B 337 so that I would have more complex views  
B 338 So that I am not always living in an apartment that is oriented south-west or south-east  
B 339 but that I could make, by turning those duplexes underneath each other,  
B 340 the lower floor of the duplex a different kind of apartment than the upper floor  
B 341 For example, if that 120m<sup>2</sup>, the blue one.  
B 342 If they were oriented differently on top of each other  
B 343 Or if I could get in that corner...  
B 344 But no, your circulation  
B 345 or perhaps you should also opt to put that circulation outside  
B 346 That's where you need to balance your options,  
B 347 do I want a closed tower with no vertical trunk hanging next to it?  
B 348 Or does that interfere with the wish to have apartments which have multiple views via a duplex  
B 349 In that case, I would try to interiorise the second escape stairs  
B 350 That is, if it is possible,  
B 351 if you say that we can supprimate that elevator here via this duplex using another solution  
B 352 then I would check whether the staircase can't be interiorised  
B 353 so that you either get exterior space, or a connection between two appartments  
B 354 Also, you will not use those elevators and staircases on a daily basis  
B 355 Now they have an equal value in the floor plan  
B 356 whereas, in reality, you can treat the second one more negatively  
B 357 because it is only a staircase for escaping  
B 358 Can you show the section that you showed before again?  
B 359 I have some issues with that strange beam  
B 360 That is not living on 'ground level'?  
S 361 No  
B 362 Then it seems to be a bad choice  
B 363 or is it meant to have some collective function?  
B 364 because then you would expect that there is some kind of transition,  
B 365 from supra- to semi-collective  
B 366 so that you have transition between the blue, the co-housing, and the appartments  
B 367 So you also expect that there can be a transition in a certain location  
B 368 between the more collective part of the whole tower and ...  
B 369 And then I also wonder whether that should be ground level  
B 370 Why don't you have this variation  
B 371 that it is sometimes in the middle or sometimes on top ...  
S 372 Well, the thing with those polyvalent spaces was,  
S 373 that we parked at the bottom at ground level, and that the entrance to the building  
S 374 but last time, the entrance to the building was on our deck  
S 375 but then there was too much wind  
S 376 and now, we again wanted it ...  
B 377 But you could also have both?  
B 378 Come on, it's always "either this, either that"  
B 379 As I said before with that duplex  
B 380 you have the possibility to enter on two levels  
B 381 you could have it like that well é  
B 382 you can go directly from your car to your ground level shaft,  
B 383 but you can also go in another way from that ground level via that collective space,  
S 384 Yes, well, at the level of this deck, we actually saw a polyvalent space,  
S 385 a day care unit or something else  
S 386 which then has a relation with that deck  
S 387 Also, this deck is a lot less artificial than it was last week,  
S 388 but we see it more like something green  
B 389 and we also thought to let those polyvalent spaces return at the top of the tower  
S 390 and like that, a connection can be made between the towers  
S 391 so that these spaces can be used by the different towers  
S 392 and that will be visible later on in the 3D perspective  
B 393 I think that you should look closely to your national regulations  
B 394 escaping in a normal fashion through your parking area, that is not easy é  
B 395 most often, those parking spaces are in a basement floor  
B 396 and in principle, the staircase cannot go entirely to the basement floor  
B 397 so a staircase needs to stop on the ground level,  
B 398 a doorway to the basement stairs  
B 399 so the question is, how will the fire fighters interpret this here with that elevated ground level?  
B 400 That's a term that is literally given: what is your evacuation level?  
B 401 Is your evacuation level then in that green area?  
B 402 Or is it below in that black area?  
B 403 So you see that escape routes are in-between parkings  
B 404 I think that that is a problem  
S 405 Yes, we will look that up  
S 406 We have also considered how we could conceive the building structure  
S 407 a concrete skeleton structure  
S 408 with the circulation shafts serving as braces for the wind forces  
B 409 And that's it, we are all ready, we can go home  
B 410 Come on, you are thinking so much about those duplexes and so forth  
B 411 don't you expect a similar concept in this skeleton?  
B 412 This is a bottle rack  
B 413 and with some effort you can force a duplex precisely in there  
B 414 isn't this more like a skeleton that is most often used for appartments or studio's split per floor level?  
B 415 You would expect that there would be a relation between those things  
B 416 between your systemic solution for the construction and your aim in three-dimensionally shaping appartments  
B 417 You can already see it in the floor plan  
B 418 That elevator shaft precisely fits into your structure  
B 419 perhaps it should be there in a more accidental fashion  
B 420 so that your floor plan has some more freedom  
S 421 We have also used different placements for those elevator shafts  
S 422 but eventually...  
B 423 No, this is more about the sizes of things  
B 424 Can't you imagine something with a grid that spans two floor levels  
B 425 and in which you can realise the duplex using wooden fill-in walls?  
B 426 How is it literally a bottle rack  
B 427 Yes, what kind of freedom can be generated by simply filling something level by level?  
B 428 And do you need columns in the facades?  
B 429 For instance, those columns at the corners  
B 430 Won't they disturb me when I want a panoramic view?  
B 431 That is a touch with a finger, throwing them away,  
B 432 but what impact does it have on those beams?  
B 433 And at that moment, how dominant will those beams become in the facade?  
B 434 Your typology might correspond to the structure  
B 435 and that might then also say something about the facade  
B 436 it becomes interesting if you can relate all three of them to each other  
B 437 Yes, you have extremes  
B 438 If you say, I don't want columns there in the corner  
B 439 Then there could be a pendant  
B 440 and instead of using the foundations for support  
B 441 it hangs from an enormous beam at the roof  
B 442 that could be one possible typological solution  
B 443 The other would be to include Vierendeel-jorders  
B 444 so that you have different bearing systems for each floor level,  
B 445 The MAS provides an extreme example of this concept  
B 446 or the medium-rise buildings in Hoogstraten,  
B 447 where you clearly get floor levels that are completely glazed

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448 and then there are also levels that are clearly closed

449 Maybe I don't mind this column in the corner if those are rooms

450 but maybe I find this column in the corner disturbing

451 If there is an exterior space, or a living room with a panoramic view

452 And I just don't find this interesting for the option 'construction'

453 The only thing you have to do here, is to make a load reduction calculation, and there we are, we are ready

454 So there is not even a glimpse here of a collaboration between architecture and construction

455 We are sure about this, this is certainly possible

456 Even in terms of all those disks

457 indeed, they have to be fire-resistant and they have to provide lateral stability

458 but then I would at least consider what I need at minimum for that lateral stability?

459 Have you tried before to get those orthogonal directions out of your floor plan?

460 No

461 Well, it is just a first kind of logic, but it is necessary?

462 No, but it is the most obvious thing to do for starting

463 Yes, but I would try it at least, maybe it leads to...

464 Won't it be difficult to find requirements for validating such a concept?

465 The advantage is that you already have a number of statements, so that you can check it against those

466 Also, it is not clear to me

467 whether or not this is about optimisation towards the used amount of concrete

468 or whether those beams have to be in two directions

469 Or whether you can't say "I have a portico structure"

470 in which my floors are the pullers in between my porticos

471 I mean, I say this because it is square at the moment,

472 they look like plates that bear in 4 directions on 4 ring beams,

473 Maybe that is not necessary either

474 Maybe you can find more reasons in that direction for the orientation of staircases in your duplex apartments

475 I would start with the option: remove all columns in all corners

476 How should I then optimise so that the cantilevers do not become huge?

477 Where should I place my columns then?

478 And maybe, that will start to interfere with the fact that your columns are now simply placed around your functions

479 Also, I think that, in terms of presentation, you better choose

480 to present it more as an investigation than as a choice

481 This works in a negative fashion, I don't know if you realise it

482 This seems to hang loose, anyone can draw this, apart from the design that you make

483 This has a name: 'ymbiose' or 'synergy'

484 I have already referred to that last week:

485 from the moment when you start to freely pile up a number of those modules and types

486 you have to start thinking about shafts

487 Supply, discharge

488 Yes, we did that, we would place them all around those two shafts

489 and that is possible, we have tested it

490 And do you need fake ceilings or computer floors to get there?

491 I hope that you will not mention that it can all be placed in the cement screed?

492 Discharge of toilets of 90cm diameter in the cement screed

493 You can't make a statement like that in the fourth grade

494 It is possible that that beam system interferes as well é,

495 so that you have to go through one of the beams

496 For the environment:

497 Last week, we had two decks which covered the parking area

498 but that resulted in two separate islands and that was not precisely what we wanted

499 We prefer that those decks flow over into the environment,

500 that it results more into a continuous landscape instead of two islands at our ground level

501 Therefore, we thought about lowering those parking levels a bit

502 Last week, the entrance of the apartments was situated at the deck level

503 and now, we want to protect it more against the wind

504 and make it a bit more protected

505 Yes, but if the weather is fine, I will come via the deck é

506 I think that you need to have both options

507 And that there is a good connection with your parking area,

508 so that you can directly go from the parking area to the entrance

509 Do you consider it so interesting, walking there at ground level

510 with that view on those cars?

511 Yes, we thought to put a screen there

512 Not with a wall or something similar, but with something that has a certain transparency

513 yes, but instead of going to a fabric store and choose a particular kind of transparent fabric,

514 shouldn't you pick something out of the functional closet to place at that location

515 I don't know whether you are offering exterior or interior space there

516 but do something else than looking for a camouflage net that protects the cars

517 Good examples exist, like the Lever House by SOM,

518 how they treat the ground floor

519 But is this something that should disappear, this socket at the base?

520 Does it have to be 'morphed' so that it flows over into the surroundings?

521 Or is it on the contrary a deck that forms a clear and explicit figure

522 We found that, because it looked like an island,

523 it became a bit less accessible

524 but maybe it should not be as such everywhere

525 Yes, for example, the bottom side of that deck has a meaning as well é

526 What are those tapered spaces?

527 In your section, this is where the parking space drops into the ground, or what?

528 As a result, you would have all kinds of ramps inside your parking?

529 It won't be easy to draw that parking area

530 But otherwise, we do not have a large enough area for the required parking space, so...

531 Yes, but what I like, is that the towers form a collective inner area,

532 It seems to group itself in specific groups,

533 but then, everything is linked together again

534 is that necessary?

535 It does not have to be like that, but I think that this is precisely the interesting element

536 so that you don't have the feeling: ah, those three towers belong together, and those two

537 but that they all together seem to share the space in between

538 Yes, but does it have to be all the same, like a park,

539 or should it have more differences?

540 Yes, at the moment, we have not really designed the exterior space yet

541 Yes, well, it is just as important as your apartments é

542 Now it is easy, for the residual area we know something and they are grass strips

543 Well, somewhat like it is at the moment in the situation Amelieckx

544 Or is it really a bike trail or something?

545 or a 10-g-meter as it was used by the scouts years ago?

546 Is it something or is it just a pointless lawn to look at

547 You should look at the Schwarzpark,

548 the relation of those buildings with the surroundings is very well done

549 Good approach of that park

550 and how that volume stands in the park

551 I think that it works also the other way around:

552 your parking area is now pitch-black

553 We want to make holes in that again, as we did last week

554 Yes, but instead of daylight,

555 shouldn't you attach entrance points to circulation and program?

556 is it only that?

557 Because otherwise, they are domes é

558 as they are placed on top of libraries

559 At the sides, for example, it is also all open,

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S 560 here, it does not flow into the environment  
B 561 Yes, but should it then...  
B 562 It might, for example, be a tent  
B 563 I don't understand why that deck precisely follows those borders  
B 564 It is also related to construction  
B 565 where are your columns  
B 566 what are your column spans?  
B 567 Or has that been calculated?  
B 568 Do you really need that area  
B 569 and is it completely filled with cars?  
S 570 Yes, we have adapted the size of that deck to the size that we needed for all cars,  
S 571 but when we took the complete required area, the deck became oversized  
S 572 so that is why we decided to let it further tilt it downwards  
B 573 I can never reach the deck by car?  
B 574 I don't know, fire fighters with fire trucks, shouldn't they be able to enter that deck?  
S 575 Oh yes, I think so  
B 576 Okay we have a problem  
B 577 In social housing neighborhoods, this sometimes results in a little basketball field in the courtyard  
B 578 In better residential areas, it results in trees  
B 579 that pit that you have over there, this patio,  
B 580 that is, I don't know what, sitting on a bench under a tree or something?  
B 581 Or is that an activity?  
B 582 Is there a volleyball or basketball field?  
S 583 Yes, it was mainly meant for drawing light into our parking area  
B 584 Yes, so that is not possible, having a basketball field on the car level?  
B 585 It is a basketball cage  
B 586 because one should not fall into the pit from above  
S 587 Yes, there are two sides to the idea  
S 588 On the one hand, we want to catch lights for those cars  
S 589 and on the other hand, it would be interesting if something happens on the ground floor  
S 590 On the other hand, you don't want to continuously look at cars surrounding you  
B 591 I don't know if that is a problem if you are playing basketball or something similar  
S 592 Yes indeed  
B 593 And should there not be thought about the air conditioning of the parking  
B 594 At the moment, the wind just blows right through  
B 595 but from the moment that you close it off  
B 596 you get smoke and heat extraction systems  
B 597 but with your patios  
B 598 it would be bad if you simply make a glass wall for the same kind of border  
B 599 you might very well connect everything to the idea that your ground level is continuous  
B 600 but this as a place is a kind of balcony with a continuous balustrade  
B 601 This is not a continuous trajectory either  
B 602 but it still becomes the upper side of a parking area  
B 603 Also the other way around, what can you do underneath there?  
B 604 Can there even be cars parked?  
B 605 On that first rectangle  
B 606 Can we still park on a roadway next to those trees?  
B 607 I had expected that one would be walking there for a tram or something similar  
B 608 instead of parking between tree and tram,  
B 609 this could be waiting  
B 610 sheltered from the wind and dry out of the rain  
B 611 and right next to it, close to those columns on the corner  
B 612 that that would contain specific functions  
B 613 yes we wanted to have that waiting area there,  
S 614 but because the doors of those trams close only on one side, this area should actually be on the other side  
B 615 Yes but maybe the deck should continue there over the tram  
B 616 Come on, that exists, don't you think, that you exit the tram and that you have to cross the tram rails  
B 617 I don't think that's a reason, because that is true for the entire tram trajectory  
B 618 For the entire trajectory, the doors are on the outside  
B 619 So that would mean that you cannot make any connection between your ground level base directly to that tram  
B 620 besides, that tram is coming out of a turn  
B 621 I suppose that it will not be at its top speed  
B 622 I find your umbilical cords quite literally pulled by the hair  
B 623 Those connections between those towers  
B 624 is nothing else possible there?  
B 625 Is that necessary?  
S 626 We found it interesting to have a polyvalent space at a certain height  
S 627 so that other towers could use those very easily  
S 628 without having to go first to another tower  
B 629 But is it that what this is about?  
B 630 It is presented here as something that was quickly added in the end  
S 631 No, hadn't we indicated this already in the beginning as well, when explaining the co-housing concept in different scales?  
B 632 Yes, but I find it strange when you say: I want a connection between those co-housing areas  
B 633 and on the spot where you want such a connection,  
B 634 that the co-housing area does not have to be at the corner  
B 635 Now, it is like this, my co-housing areas are central  
B 636 and I can never move them  
B 637 they always have to be in that center  
B 638 and, as a result, an umbilical cord arises  
B 639 If there are co-housing areas or polyvalent spaces on the corners of those two towers  
B 640 then you can connect them in a way that is different from an umbilical cord  
S 641 Yes, well, it was now designed as such because the circulation shaft is in the middle of the facade  
B 642 Yes, that is why they become umbilical cords  
B 643 If you don't have the freedom to say: "on the corners where we think that such a connection is feasible, we will replace the apartment by some collective area"  
B 644 That collective area is something different than the kind of common area that is provided among the duplex apartments  
B 645 it works on a larger scale for the entire tower, right  
B 646 So, why is that common area not spread over the entire floor level?  
B 647 If it is for the complete tower,  
B 648 perhaps, it should not be contained by the building envelope any more  
B 649 and so, you can get a different kind of connection between the collective areas in those two towers than the kind of connection that you are currently drawing  
B 650 But those common areas that are connected, they span the entire floor level  
B 651 In that case, I would take a look at whether or not you need a different type of connection as a passage  
S 652 More likely a wider space?  
B 653 Yes, I would by that, I don't know, but I would look inside a 3D environment at what your options are  
S 654 Also, a certain distance needs to be present between the towers  
S 655 so I am afraid that it will all become a bit too large  
B 656 But we will look at it  
B 657 And it is so repetitive as well  
B 658 Yes, in my opinion, you either connect them  
B 659 or you start to intensively design the way in which those facades look at each other  
B 660 How those common areas are positioned in relation to each other  
B 661 how an apartment makes a view to the tower next to it  
B 662 It's because it is not designed,  
B 663 It's a concept that is just given here  
B 664 Tell me, on the ground level, between those cars, there is no 'living area'  
S 665 No  
B 666 On the deck itself, there is no living area either?  
S 667 No  
B 668 So what is there?  
B 669 Now it looks all the same, because of the grey  
B 670 Is there something transparent as well?  
S 671 A polyvalent area, a daycare unit or something else

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B 672 It this not just the same as stating that by providing a double ground level S 671 525 509 508 507 506 505 497 400 399 380 374 373

B 673 twice as much functions are required? Bs 672 671 525 509 508 507 506 505 497 400 399 380 374 373

B 674 so it might be interesting to make this public Bs 673 672 664

S 675 Public for anyone who lives in that apartment? Be 674

B 676 Lifting the public area S 675 674 673 672

B 677 I don't see any added value in there Bs 676 509

B 678 I want to enter that building 4 Be 677 676 508 505 502 383 382 374 373

B 679 Will you simply add a little doorway in the middle of that facade on the ground level to enter the building? S 678 677 383 369 368 366 364

B 680 And even if you say daycare unit F 671 385

B 681 the whole story returns about the sheltering, sun blinds, spacers, ... R 680

B 682 to protect the children in there R 681 680 385

B 683 So, again, you have a problematic situation that you do not simply solve in the margins of the tower design Be 681 668

B 684 Yes, you have to test it then 4 Be 683 681 680 679 671 385 384

B 685 because it looks like a living area the way in which it is currently designed Bs 684 664 361 360

B 686 I am curious though to the way in which those different constellations give form to that park Bs 550 549 548 547 546 545 544 543 542 541 540 539 538 537 533 532 531 14 13

B 687 the combination of that green with a parking around an inner area S 686 555 550 549 548 547 546 545 544 543 542 541 540 539 538 537 533 532 531

B 688 is that really an inner area S 687 537 531

B 689 or is it a U-shape that is open? S 688 687

B 690 I think that it looks monumental now Bs 686

B 691 Turn it around to the Krushofstraat D 690 686

S 692 We saw it more like a small square Be 690 686

B 693 Yes, but what can happen there? Bs 692 555 545 544

B 694 Okay this is one that faces towards the street, S 691 690

B 695 but what are the others, for example? Bs 694 693 692 691 532

B 696 is it something that turns itself a lot more towards the park, for example S 695 694 686 522

B 697 I would try to search for differences in this aspect S 696 695 694 686 593 532

B 698 otherwise, it makes so little sense to consider them as two clusters Bs 697 693 686 532 9

B 699 Perhaps, it makes a lot more sense to make a generic park S 698 686 538 537

B 700 with towers in between which show themselves differently as a group, take a different position S 699 698 686 539 536 535 532

B 701 More than yet another base socket to combine with the others S 700 699 533 524 522 521 520 519 500 499 498

B 702 That brings not many solutions at the moment Bs 701 537 534 533 520 519 500 499

B 703 Can you turn to the left and then? D 691

B 704 Is there a parking area in one of those interesting corners? S 611 606 605 604

B 705 Come on, what a pity Bs 704

B 706 What an urban view: S 705 704

B 707 get away from the sidewalk level, from the ground surface S 676 502 497

B 708 I introduce a new ground level S 676 502 497

B 709 and the side walk becomes parking area S 708 707 706 704 606 604 510 509

B 710 It is almost just as bad as having a street full of cars parked next to the side walk, only does it happen in the building in this case Bs 709 708 707 706 705 704 608 606 604 510 509

B 711 But this is mainly the entrance here, so... S 698 507 502

B 712 Don't you have anything else to do at the ground level of a tower besides placing pilots between which cars are driving? Be 710 709 708 706 704 679 678 673 672 664 516 515 514 510 509 363 362 361 360

S 713 We have put the driveway entrance there, so that we could combine all circulation and make sure that this is bundled together F 712 711

S 714 We have put our driveway entrances to the sides, also here and also next to the Boomsteentweg S 713 712 711

S 715 so that all this here is traffic-free Bs 714

B 716 isn't that odd, that you do not try to locate those cars right in that park Be 715 714 713

B 717 or the other way around Be 716

B 718 instead of the elevated ground level Bs 717 716 708 707 676

B 719 which means that the elevated ground level is at the same height as the top of those garden walls 4 Bs 718

B 720 It serves to look into those gardens Bs 719 718 708 707 676

B 721 It is obvious that a discourse is emerging about the ground level that is not yet fully designed Bs 720 719 718 717 716

B 722 If you could extend that ground level, as it is not very heavy, over your park&ride area S 719 718 708 707 615

B 723 because extending that elevated ground level over those tunnels that are located there underground S 722 718 708 707

B 724 without facing the challenge of towers that are located on top of a park&ride area S 723 722

B 725 I think that there is a possibility here to say: I am not staying within my boundaries here, Be 724 723 722

B 726 I will make a kind of green installation with my elevated ground level F 725 722 710 709 708 707 388 387

B 727 but, in that case, you expect something in terms of functionality Be 726 725 724 723 722 721 712 709 704 685 684 683 681 680 678 671 669 668 666 664 612 611 516 515 514 510 509 388 387 386 385 384 383 362 361 360

B 728 otherwise it would be again like choosing a camouflage net and pull it over that park&ride area Bs 727 722 670 516 513 512 511

B 729 I think that your entrance is not well located Bs 714 713 711

B 730 Right on the spot where that tram is turning S 729 620

B 731 You say that you will bundle all circulation traffic Be 713

B 732 isn't it think that this is exactly something that is not possible and that it gives problems Bs 731

B 733 Isn't there something logical about driving into the building at the spot where your ground level is now going to level 0 S 729

S 734 Where? Bs 733 729

B 735 There in the middle of the Krushofstraat S 734 733 691

B 736 And does that have to be one end, Be 732 731 729 713

B 737 should it not be more decentralised? Be 736 732 731 713

B 738 I can imagine that you might be able to enter when you are driving along the Boomsteentweg A12 Be 737 736 714

S 739 Yes, that was what we meant to do, actually F 738 714

B 740 Should it be conceived as one colossal parking area? S 699 590 569 568

B 741 And I am asking also for another kind of functionality underneath that deck F 740 727 712 704 683 603 589 581 525 516 515 514 373

B 742 something more than only parking space F 741 712 590 589

B 743 Also, it is clear that you have designed looking from this perspective Bs 735

B 744 Because, can you turn it 180 degrees D 743 691

S 745 We wanted to make those squares face more towards the street, for accessibility reasons and so on F 743 694 692

B 746 This is like the floating carpet Bs 741 710 709 708 707 706 705 704 510 509 497

B 747 and underneath it, you see all cars Bs 746 742 741 712 710 709 590 569 510 497

B 748 The other option is to go to level 0 S 747 746

B 749 so that you don't see those cars standing there Bs 748 747 712 710 590 510

S 750 Underneath the ground surface? S 749 748 747

B 751 None, so that they are underneath this deck S 750 749 748

B 752 but so that the deck has an altitude for parking in the inner area S 751

B 753 but not at the sides S 752 749 748 710 559

B 754 Isn't it well look at the other thing, Be 753 752 751 748

B 755 whether or not you could suggest that it goes further Be 728 727 726 725 724 722 615

B 756 but the investment to do something and cover that park&ride area with such a deck R 755 754 724

B 757 that investment is only possible if there is a meaning attached Be 756 728 727 726

B 758 Not enough though has gone to the provided functions, I think Bs 757 741 712 695 693 684 668 666 664 603 589 555 514

B 759 The way in which you are handling the living units, S 305 303 290 289 288 287 286 222 220 135 131 74 73 72 71 70 47 46 45 34 33 32 8 7 6 5 4

B 760 that is looking for variation Be 759 758 225 224 222 221 131 105 104 103 48 34 33 32

B 761 so that you don't have the same floor level over and over again Be 277 224 223 222

B 762 I think that this should happen also with the complete deck Bs 761 760 759 757 746 741 728 727 721 684 683 677 525 506 500 497 384 374

B 763 And more thought has to go to your facade Be 435 433 302 301 300 255 254 225 195 188 186 135 131 98

B 764 you can almost see from the exterior: ah there is a module with three bedrooms, for example Bs 763 293

B 765 And often have the impression that it is the other way around Bs 764 761 760 759

B 766 there is little logic, so, well, we will just place Bs 765 761 760 759 304 272 271 262

S 767 Yes, we were really looking for something to change that tower in something less flat F 766 765 763 762 760 304 278 277 225 135 134 131

B 768 and then we thought, yes, it is interesting to do something with that facade F 767 766 765 764 763 278 277 135 134

B 769 You did not want to build the same types over and over again F 761 760 759 757 224 223 222 221 106 105 104 103 34 33 32

B 770 so you wanted a mix of senior flats and smaller studios, I understand that F 769 299 106 105 104 103 83 82 34 33

B 771 But really starting explicitly from the statement: it needs to look random Be 766 765 760 304 272 271 262

B 772 They are building that in Milan at the moment, aren't they? Bs 771 766 760 304

B 773 a tower with all kinds of trees and plants on all floor levels R 778

B 774 I find it regrettable that you don't add that nuance Be 771 761 760 759 758

B 775 the transparency of those common areas S 774

B 776 that I can't see them within that tower Bs 775 774 764

B 777 That would be a much more interesting theme to work with F 774 436 435 434 305 303 302 301 300 299 298 290 289 288

B 778 Also because there is a terrace there, S 776 775 328 308 282 280 219 214 40

B 779 and I would also check that double storey... S 219 216 214

B 780 Actually, what is that volume there that sits on top? S 780

S 781 Yes, we thought to add perhaps some kind of roof terrace to the roof top S 780

S 782 So that the circulation just goes right to the top Bs 781 780

B 783 Ow, but your facade, is that something that is crumbling? S 276

B 784 Doesn't it need a kind of definition?  
 B 785 Can a pointed roof be added? I would not recommend it, but  
 B 786 Normally, there is a kind of winged roof on top in the fifties and sixties  
 B 787 On the highest floor is a laundry bar  
 B 788 so now you can choose  
 B 789 am I on the ground surface with this kind of activities  
 B 790 or is it on the roof top, with that panoramic view  
 B 791 Or is that a pergola structure, or...  
 B 792 There are a lot of themes  
 B 793 and they determine the look of that thing so much  
 B 794 Johnson, look at how he finishes the roof top  
 B 795 in an apartment building like this, there always are cabinets in the basement as well  
 B 796 for storage  
 B 797 You could put a cellular complex with storage space like that on the roof top  
 B 798 I know a loft project where everyone can go up  
 B 799 and has some kind of garden or dressing unit, a private little solar terrace  
 B 800 That is the extreme, individual  
 B 801 That is an existing storage place without terraces  
 B 802 and instead of giving all those lofts a terrace  
 B 803 it all happens on the roof top  
 B 804 As a result, it also looks like a bunch of allotment gardens  
 B 805 everyone is there sitting behind their fences with their little cottages  
 B 806 where you can also put your fridge and so forth  
 B 807 so that is my question: is it individually parcelled up there?  
 S 808 We meant it to be collective  
 B 809 But you know in the history of architecture:  
 B 810 the high-rise building in Evere and all similar buildings in the thirties  
 B 811 it usually became a laundry area, and it just did not work

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