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MAKERS' MAZE

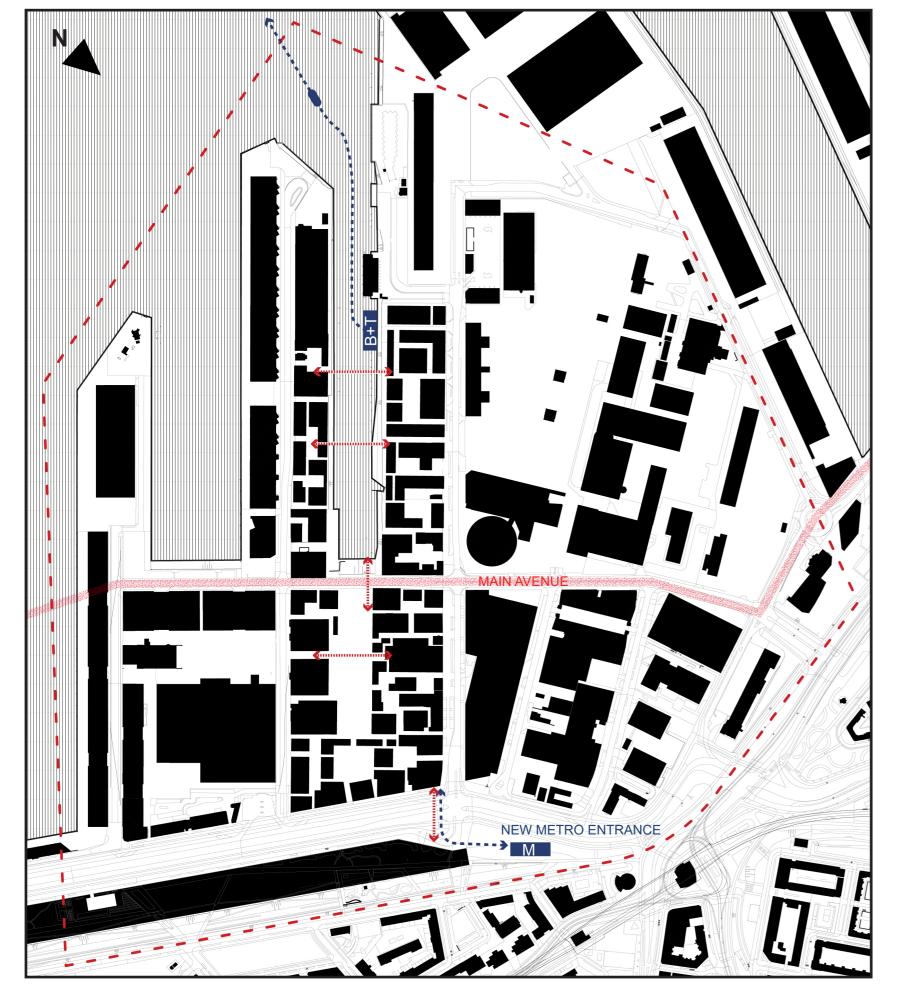
Markets' Maze, bird view

In Makers' Maze architecture is reconnected with the economic, social and political realities of the contemporary city by offering a flexible method rather than a rigid design. The goal is to create new conditions for creativity, circularity, interaction, sharing and freedom while preserving the existing. The charm of the Vierhavensblok is its informal character where one finds the unexpected around each corner and where chance encounters breed new collaborations. Inspired by these qualities we propose a series of interlocking building clusters organized around a network of passages, streets and squares, creating a unified, resilient, and intriguing urban scheme. We hope to build on the present sense of community and self-initiative by leaving enough room for organic growth and adaptation.



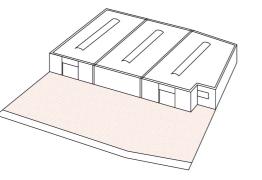
Strategy diagram 1:5000

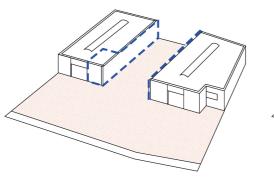
The strip of Makers's Maze extends further towards RDM campus. Water buses and taxis provide direct connection between these districts, allowing closer collaboration and exchange.

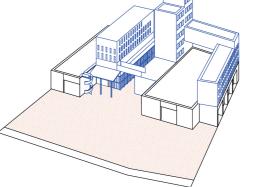


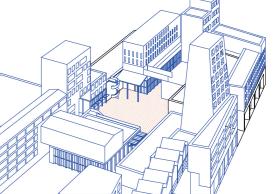
Method

Existing buildings together with their outdoor spaces become an integral part of the cluster system. Cutting through and adding to are the two main operations used in the proposal. New alleys and passages cut through the existing warehouses, providing new connections and breaking the big scale of the buildings. New volumes are added providing better definition of the squares and desired mix of programs.









1. existing building

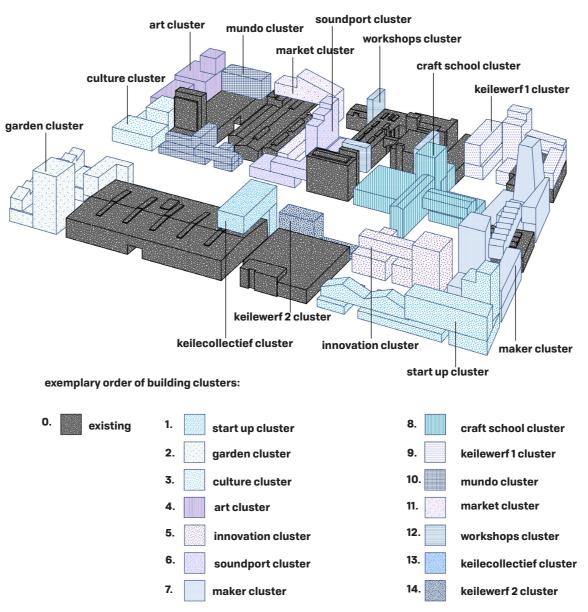
2. new connection (cut through)

3. new volumes (mix of program) 4. new v

4. new volumes (definition of the square)

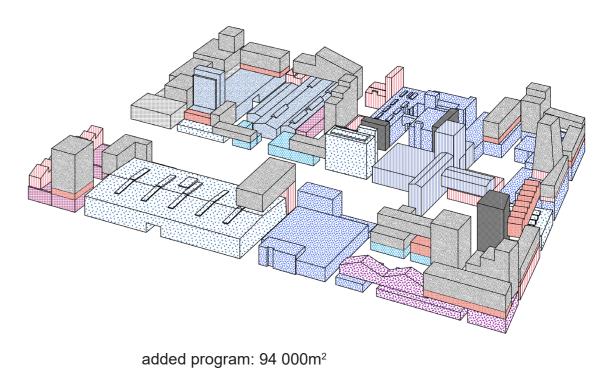
Phasing

The design allows new buildings to be added slowly over time, with clusters developed not in tandem, but one by one, taking into account changes in the market. New clusters are developed first, giving financial possibility to gradually develop existing buildings into cluster.



Program

Each cluster has its own name and identity, however it is also a mix of program: short- and long-stay living towers, shared community floors, offices, commercial spaces, workshops, etc. With the development of each cluster, precise function distribution can be decided according to market needs.

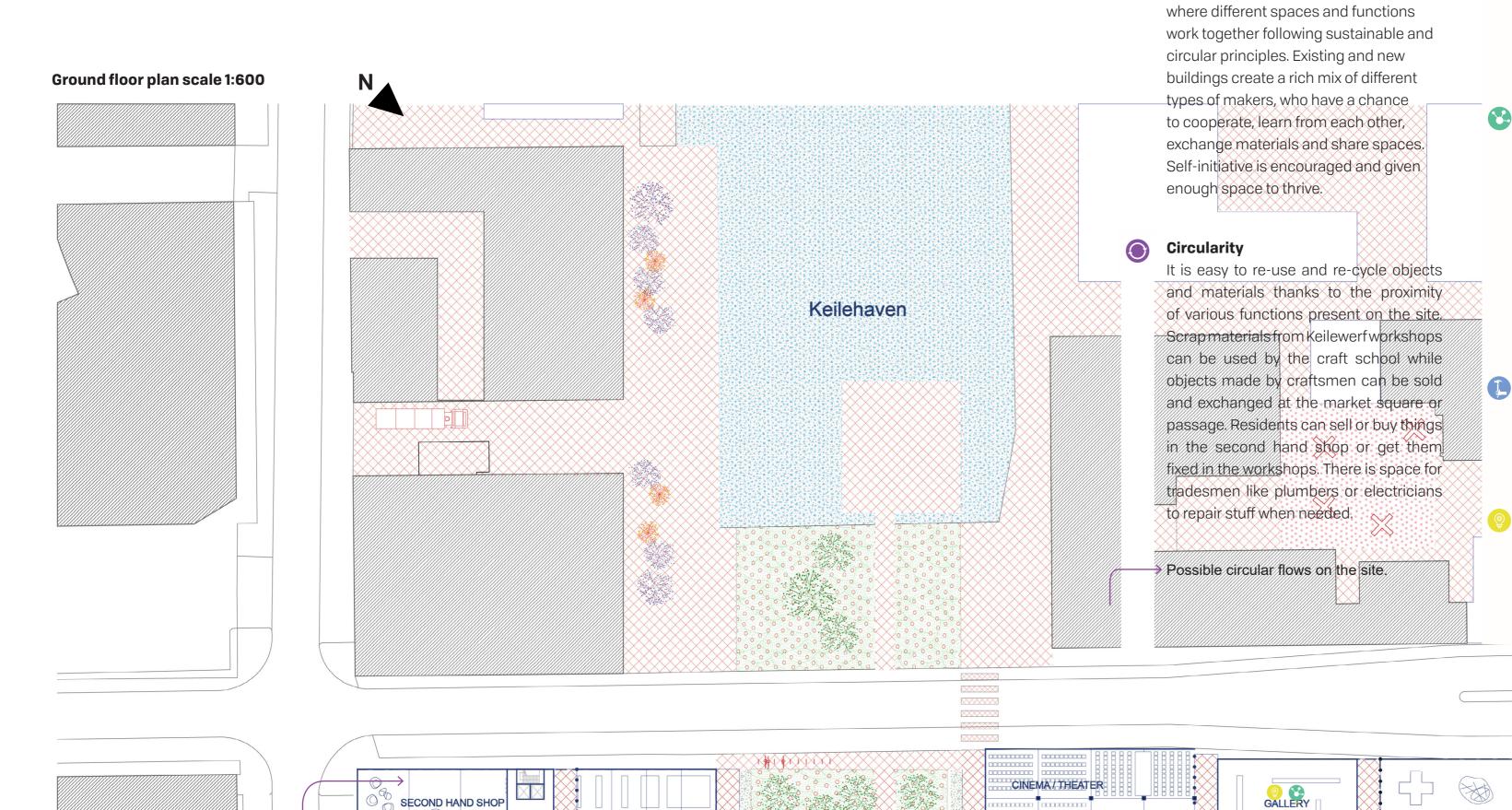




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Sustainable mobility Ţ

Makers' Maze works as integral system,

Residents and visitors are given a chance to opt for shared electric cars, trucks and scooters. Charging stations can be found at the surrounding streets of the site.

Shared spaces and facilities

In Makers' Maze sharing is a method of maximizing the use of spaces and facilities. All outside space creates an interconnected network of streets and squares (playground, cafe square, art square, etc.) for shared use of the residents and guests. Local artists and makers can exhibit in gallery space while shared working spaces, tools and meeting rooms can also be found on the site.

Space for Makers

Makers have their workshops new and existing), outdoor spaces, necessary facilities and a creative, inspiring environment.

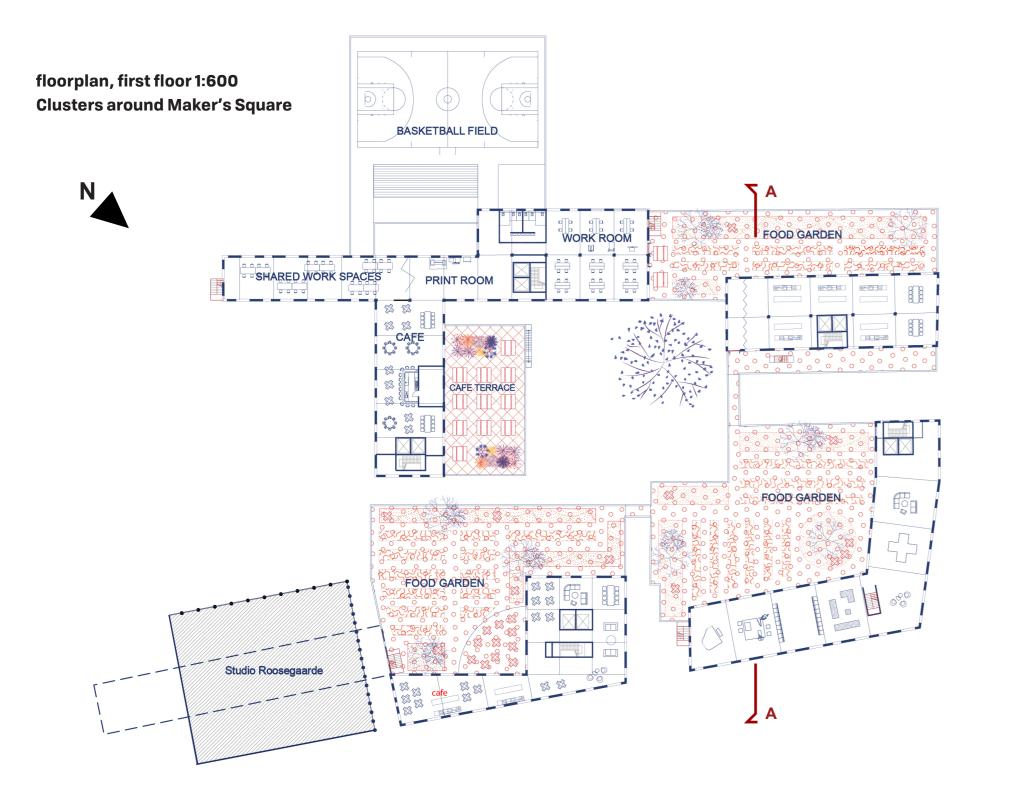
Space for learning and experiment

Outdoor network of spaces make it easy to meet, exchange and interact Makers' Maze invites everyone to learn and discover by themselves. Accessible fab labs and a craft school accelerate these processes, providing space and knowledge for all generations.

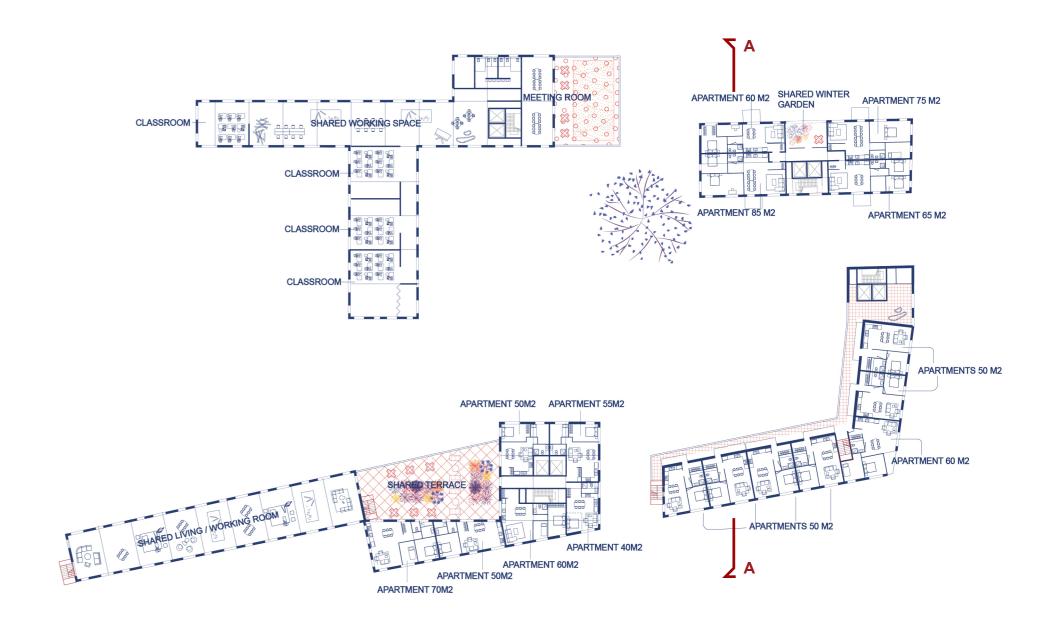


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floorplan, second floor 1:600 Clusters around Maker's Square



Section A-A, scale 1:200

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