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Blurring the line: Durban Mental Health Support and Training Centre

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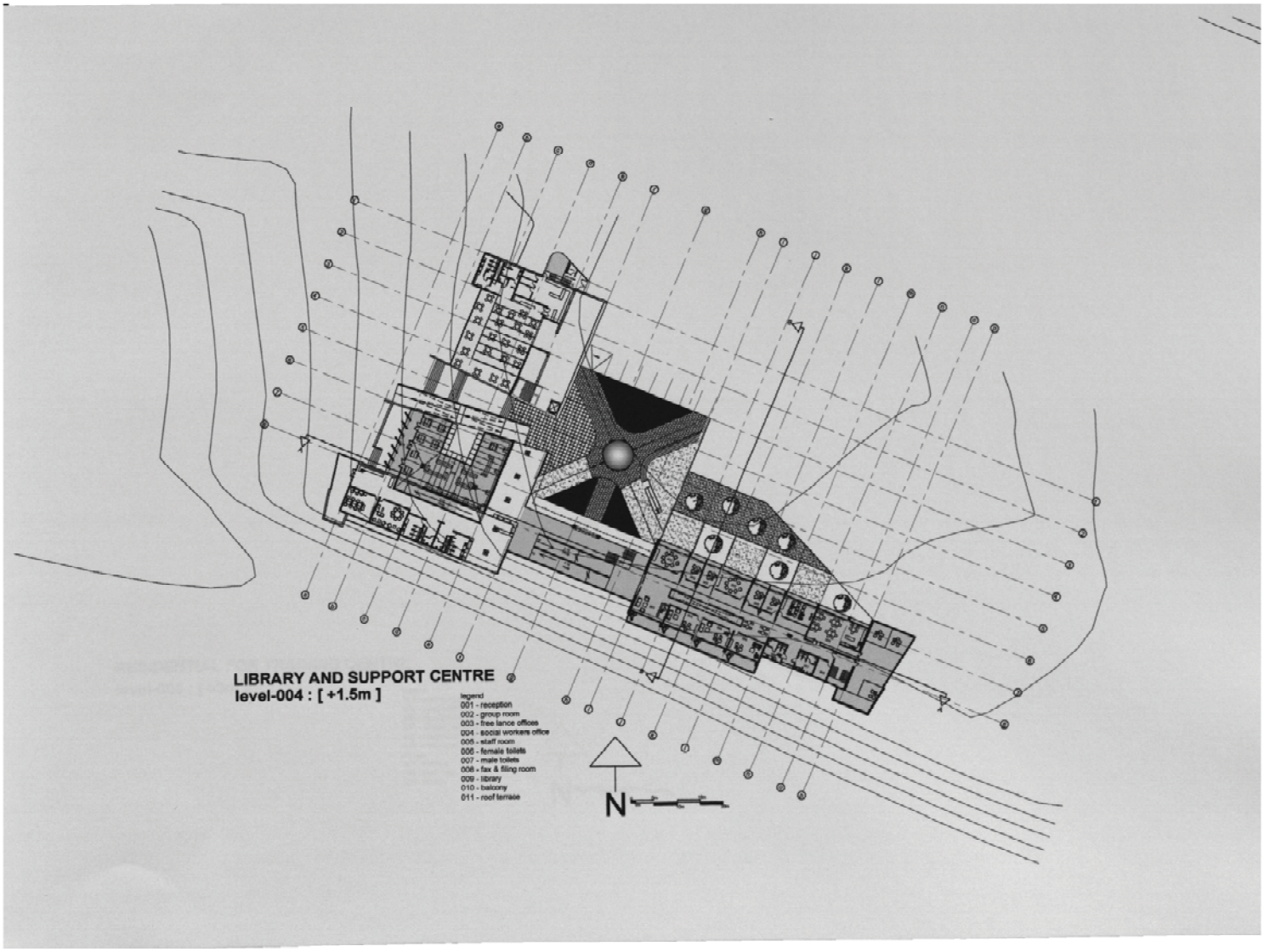
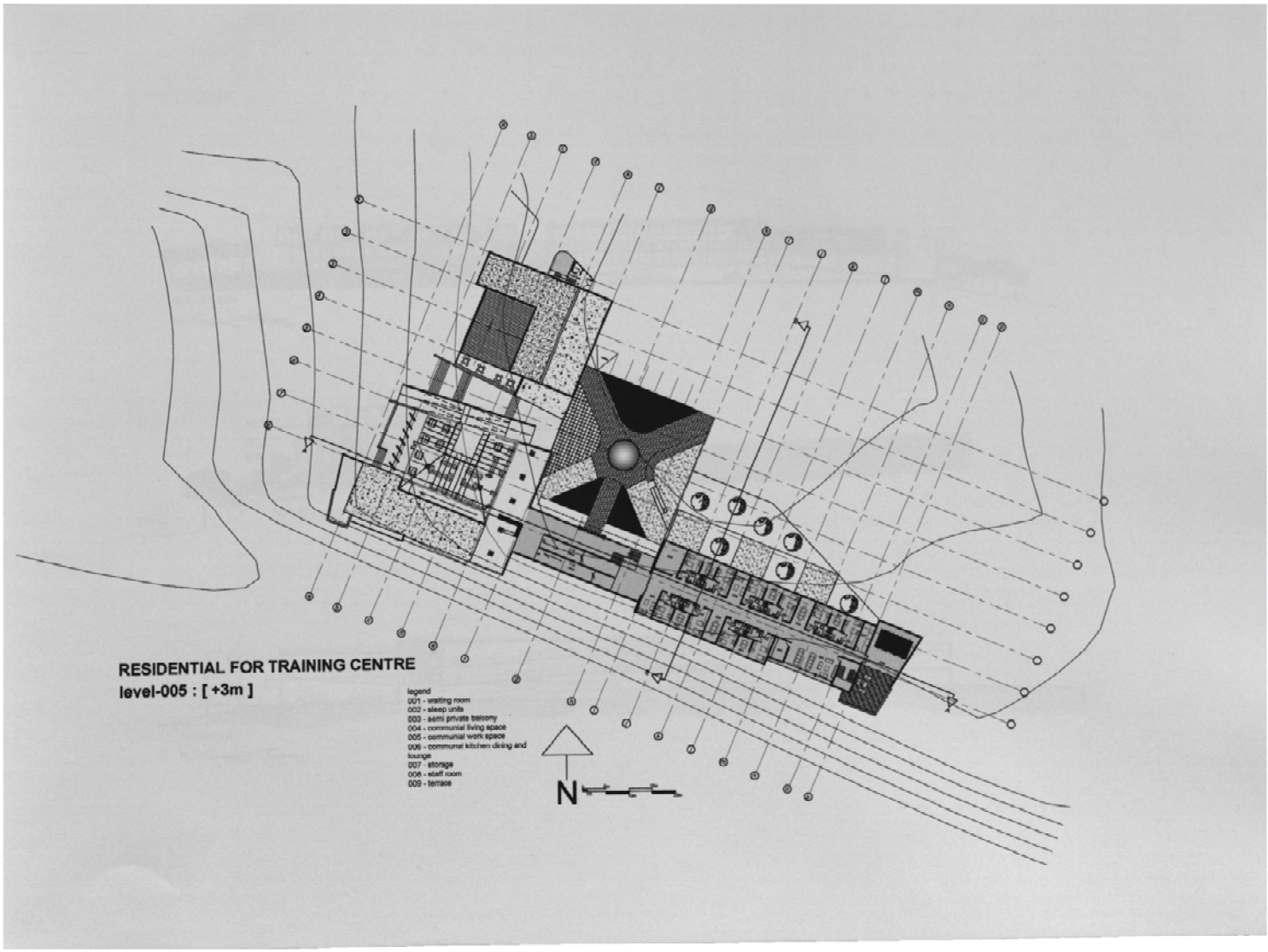

LIBRARY AND SUPPORT CENTRE
level-004 : [+1.5m]
legend
001 - reception
002 - group room
003 - free lance offices
004 - social workers office
005 - staff room
006 - female toilets
007 - male toilets
008 - fax & filing room
009 - library
010 - balcony
011 - roof terrace
N


RESIDENTIAL FOR TRAINING CENTRE
level-005 : [+3m]
legend
001 - waiting room
002 - sleep units
003 - semi private balcony
004 - communial living space
005 - communial work space
006 - communal kitchen dining and lounge
007 - storage
008 - staff room
009 - terrace
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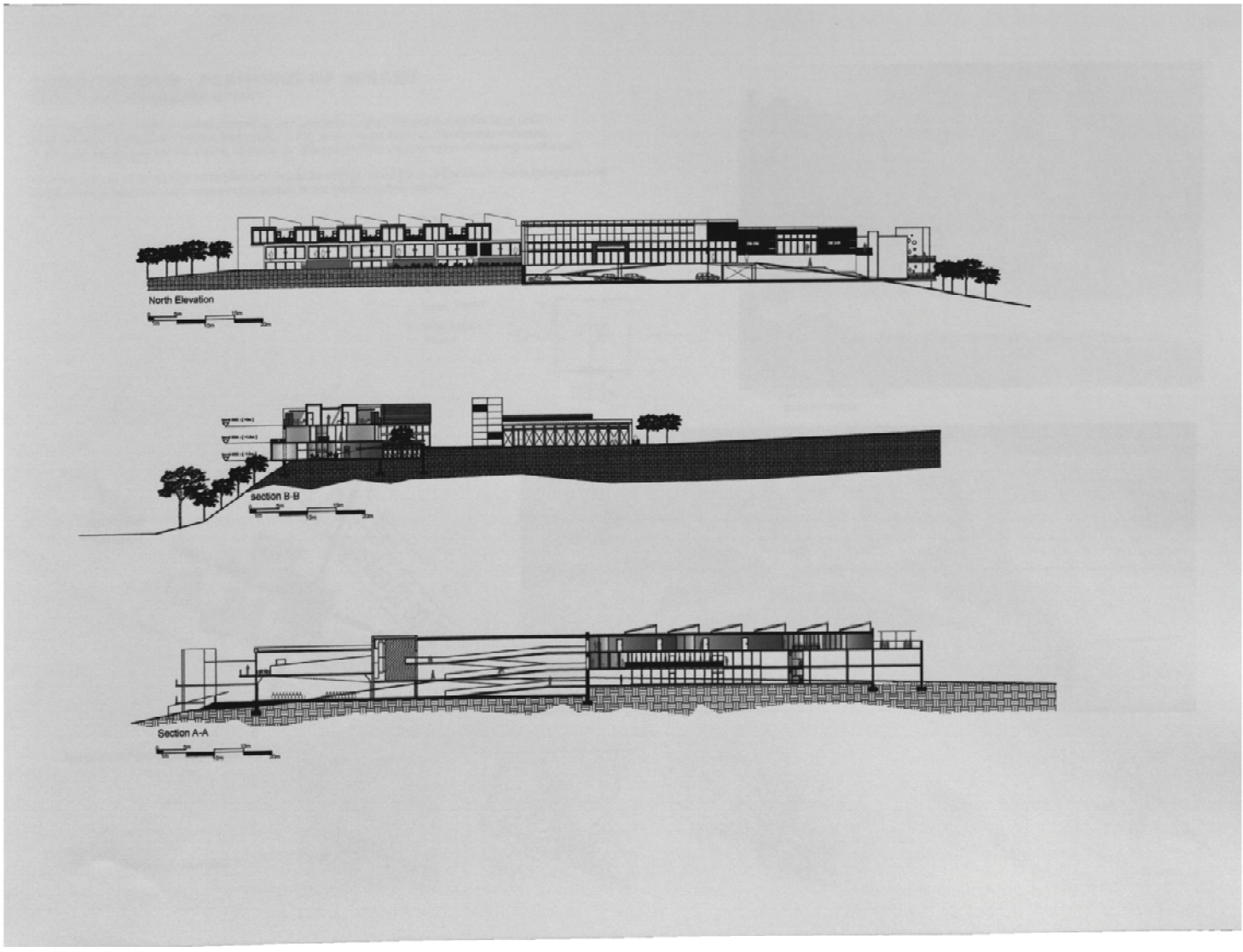
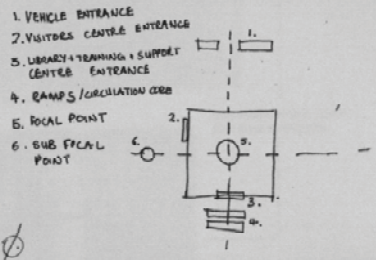

North Elevation
section B-B
Section A-A

ORIENTATIONS : PLANNING OF SPACES

ESTABLISHING A STRONG FOCAL POINT

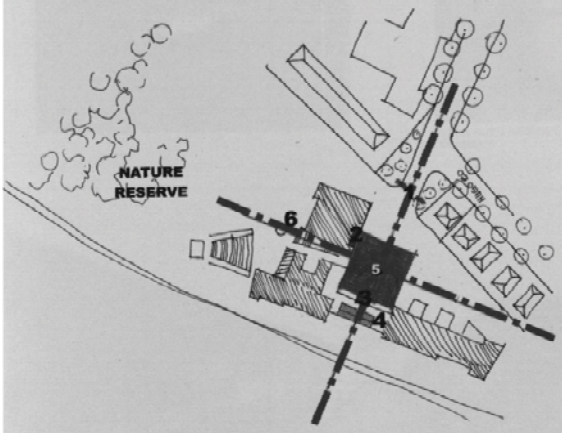
It was important to create a central point of arrival/ gathering space. The position of the focal point must be clear. Lining up the central focal point (in this case a water feature) immediately indicated to the user, as soon as he/she enters, where to go. this results in quick orientation eliminating confusion.

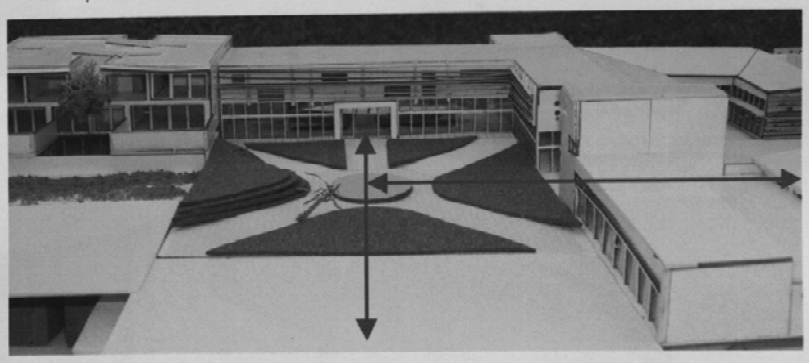
once one arrives at the central focal point one would be able to identify both entrances to the buildings, aswell as the route to the public park space at the bottom of the site(the nature reserve



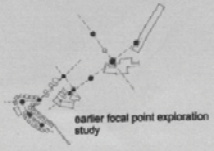


Perspective of focal point from a vehicle





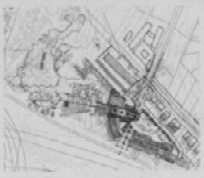
FOCAL POINT EXPLORATION SKETCHES

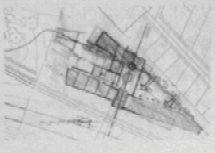


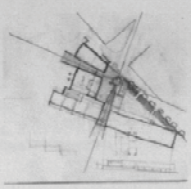
earlier focal point exploration study











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INTERNAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS - MOVING AWAY FROM INSTITUTIONAL INTERNAL ARRANGEMENT OF SPACES





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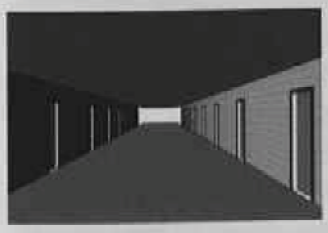
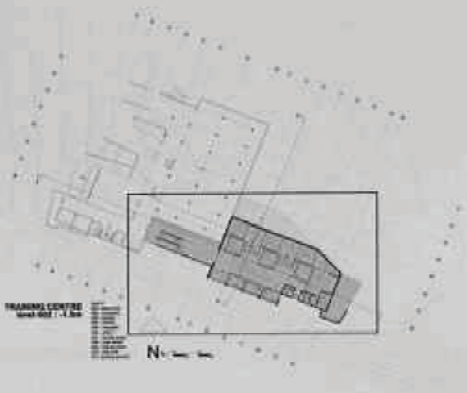
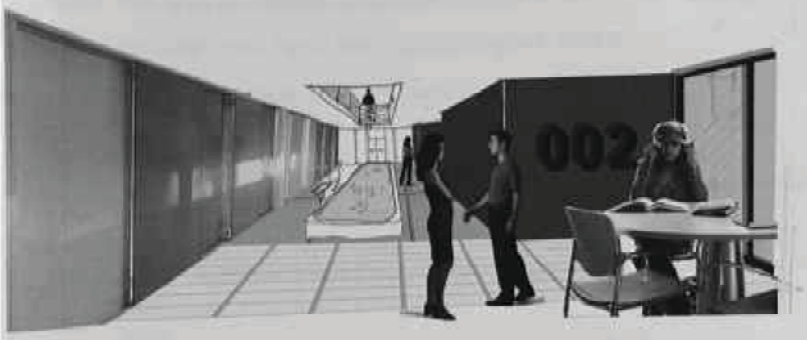
UNSTIMULATING LONG NARROW PASSAGES

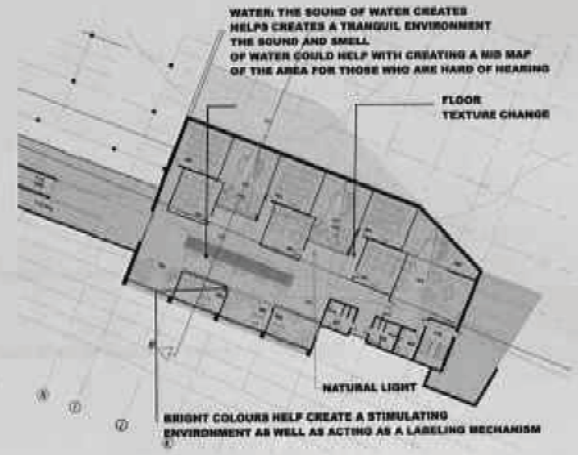




NATAL BLIND INSTITUTE CORRIDOR







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