

2020_217_MBIRE_DESIGN INTENT

THE INTENT OF THIS INTERVENTION IS TO IDENTIFY MATERIALS, PLANNING AND SPATIAL CONDITIONS THAT PROVIDE ROBUST HOUSING THAT FACILITATES INDEPENDENT AND ISOLATED CIRCULATION, INTERCHANGEABLE PROGRAMMES WITHIN LIVING SPACES, RESILIENCE TO FAILED OR SUSPENDED GOODS EXCHANGE SYSTEMS(DUE TO LOCKDOWN), ENGAGES REGIONAL ECONOMIES, REFLECTS THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND CREATES AN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT FOR COMBATING OR RESISTING THE SYMPTOMATIC EFFECTS OF COVID-19 OR ANY OTHER CORONA VIRUS'. THE PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THIS SCHEME WAS TO NEGOTIATE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES USING MULTIPLE ENTRANCES TO LIVING/PUBLIC SPACES. THIS ALLOWS A VISUAL INTERACTION BETWEEN OCCUPANTS WHILE USING GLAZING THRESHOLDS TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS IN THE CASE THAT ONE MEMBER IS **SELF ISOLATING**.

ALTHOUGH THIS INTERVENTION WAS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A YOUNG FAMILY OF THREE WITH TWO PROFESSIONALLY EMPLOYED PARENTS AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILD - ALL INTENDING TO WORK FROM HOME - OR HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, THE SCHEME CAN BE EASILY ADAPTABLE TO FIT NEW TOPOGRAPHIC OR OCCUPANT CONDITIONS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED IN DEVELOPING DESIGNATED AND ALTERNATIVE WORKSTATIONS TO BRING VARIETY TO THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE OCCUPANTS. A NEIGHBOURLY COURTYARD INTERACTION WAS INCLUDED TO PROMOTE COMMUNAL FAMILIARITY AND RELIEVE ISOLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS. MATERIALS USED ARE INTENDED TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTITIES AND BRING UPSKILLING TO LOCAL CONTRACTORS. THE FORM IS FOCUSED ON BRINGING NATURAL LIGHT AND VENTILATION THROUGHOUT ALL LIVING SPACES AS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE AGAINST **CORONAVIRUS'**.

ZIMBABWE WHEN TRANSLATED MEANS HOUSE OF STONE, VERNACULAR PRACTICE OF BUILDING WITH EARTH CREATES A REGIONALLY UNIQUE AESTHETIC AS LOCALLY AVAILABLE SOIL CONDITIONS VARY. DECOLONIAL APPROACHES TO CONSTRUCTION REESTABLISH AFRICAN IDENTITY AND DECREASE DEPENDENCE ON EXPLOITATIVE FACETS OF GLOBALISATION.