



CATEGORY urban-architectural
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE Architect/Urban Planner/Landscaper

LOCATION Donauwörth – Alfred Delp Barracks

POPULATION approx. 18,300

STRATEGIC SITE approx. 245 ha

PROJECT SITE ca. 30 ha

SITE PROPOSED BY Donauwörth Town Council

OWNER(S) OF THE SITE Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben (Institute for Federal Real Estate: BImA) on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany, Donauwörth Town Council is checking to acquire the site

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION Urban master plan

HOW THE SITE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADAPTABLE CITY?

In the course of the upcoming Bundeswehr reform, in October 2011 Donauwörth Town Council was informed that the local military base was to be closed down. The site of the former Alfred Delp Barracks in the Parkstadt district was no longer needed for army purposes and the last soldiers were scheduled to be withdrawn from the site by the end of 2013. Donauwörth Town Council is thus faced with the task of finding a new use for the barracks site. To what extent can existing buildings put to new uses? What new structures can be developed if existing buildings have to be demolished?

CITY STRATEGY

The main urban planning task is to interlink the vacated military site with the adjoining Parkstadt and the residential area on Schellenberg. Furthermore, the links between the site and the Old Town are to be improved. A vibrant living and working neighbourhood is to be developed that takes into account energy-saving and ecological requirements whilst accommodating cross-generational, recreation and leisure needs. For this purpose ideas and concepts are to be found within the framework of the European 12 competition. A robust overall concept is called for that enables phased development.



Military site, to the fore residential area Schellenberg, in the background Parkstadt

SITE DEFINITION

The Alfred Delp Barracks occupy a total area of approx. 30 ha on the Schellenberg, a foothills of the Jura and are situated approx. 100 metres above the centre of Donauwörth. The competition site for the previous European 9 Competition lies about one kilometre to the north-west of the barracks. The army site is bordered on the south side by a residential area on the Schellenberg and on the north-west by the Parkstadt residential district, designed on the drawing board between the 1950s and 70s. To the west of the barracks, opposite the main gate, is the public open air swimming pool. Agricultural land adjoins the site on the north and east sides.

ADAPTABILITY: MAIN ELEMENTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

The competition area is to be redeveloped as an urban living and working neighbourhood. Additional opportunities for sport, leisure and recreation are offered by the proximity to the open-air swimming pool and location of the site between the single-family housing area on Schellenberg and the Parkstadt residential area. Existing structures can also be given a new lease on life. A special emphasis must be placed on the links between the neighbourhood and the historic Old Town. The topographical situation and dividing effect of the main road must be taken into account. Phased redevelopment will be required in view of the size of the site, and to

ensure that the demand for accommodation on the Donauwörth housing market is satisfied. This calls for a solid urban planning concept that is capable of being flexibly adapted to changing conditions. Urban planning, economic, traffic, landscape planning, demographic, social and cultural analyses of the site are available. These may be used as a basis for the development of alternative uses for different, even temporary scenarios. How can the redeveloped site – with the integration of the existing buildings and an effective link to Donauwörth's Old Town – attract new residents as a lively neighbourhood with appealing accommodation and future-oriented building typologies?



View from east across the military site

