



CATEGORY urban / architectural
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE architect

LOCATION Kortepohja, Jyväskylä
POPULATION 135 000 inhabitants
STRATEGIC SITE 37 ha **PROJECT SITE** 3,7 ha
SITE PROPOSED BY City of Jyväskylä, The Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä JYY, NCC Rakennus Oy Jyväskylä
OWNER OF THE SITE City of Jyväskylä, The Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä JYY, NCC Rakennus Oy Jyväskylä

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION
Commission at the level of urban planning and / or architectural design.

HOW THE SITE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADAPTABLE CITY

The northern part of Kortepohja has been listed by DOCOMOMO as one of the nationally significant modern architectural environments in Finland. The city plan from 1966 was designed by Bengt Lundsten based on a competition winning entry and the area has maintained its original characters until today. The project area to the south is not as coherent as the north, though it follows the same principles: white geometric buildings, large courtyards and green areas between the buildings, car free connections and long internal axis. The objective of the competition is to study how to densify the southern part of Kortepohja by reducing the over sized parking areas without losing the original characteristics and values of the area. And how to develop Kortepohja to be a vital city district with a more diverse mix of uses.

CITY STRATEGY

The city of Jyväskylä is located in the lake district of Central Finland. Jyväskylä's population growth rate is one of the highest in Finland. With the population of 135 000, Jyväskylä is the seventh largest city in Finland. Jyväskylä is a school and university city with 47 000 students during the academic year, providing a diversity of educational offerings for people of all ages. The multidisciplinary University of Jyväskylä and the JAMK University of Applied Sciences are among Finland's leading research and educational institutions with an increasing number of international students. The strategy of Jyväskylä is to be a versatile and livable city with a wide array of housing types and strong neighbourhood centers. Jyväskylä wants to emphasise rich and lively city life.



DENSIFYING 1960's HOUSING AREA

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Kortepohja church and NMOP building



Parking in front of the old shopping center



Long vista along Emännäntie pedestrian path, L building on the right, MNOP behind it



Docomomo listed area