SEX

Hello Kassel
You have a lovely and super interesting place up there in Wolfsanger / Hasenhecke. With you we would like to develop this inhabited milieu and particularly 3 important aspects:

Social aspects
We find an interesting mixture of urban typologies that manifest human lifeforms. There are single family houses with a garden, modernist housing blocks from the 60s and 70s, farms and allotment gardens as well as social institutions, that often focus on families. To enhance these qualities and to diversify the offer according to the wide range of contemporary lifestyles we want to develop this neighbourhood as a gender inclusive area in line with the ideals of Sex in the city. By the way, this hasn't much to do with the TV show ;)

Nature and Urbanity
Also, Wolfsanger / Hasenhecke is currently a frontier between a clearly urban and natural and particularly agricultural realm, each with huge qualities. With the need of housing development, we don't want to move the urban frontier and claim space from the natural realm. Instead, we want to hybridize the existing urban structure as well as new development as a *post binary nature culture urbanism* - following the ideals of Sex in the bushes.

Anthropocene
Then there is the importance of our responsibility in the Anthropocene. Amid climate change we have to adapt to an altering surrounding and rethink our building practices more rapidly to reduce our ecological impact. Let's talk about a few aspects we want to pursue in Wolfsanger / Hasenhecke in the chapter 'Sex in the future'.

SEX in the city
how feminism improves our all-urban life

We don't want to talk about sex but about gender.
European cities are a historical palimpsest of centuries, therefore a manifestation of a patriarchal society. The achievements of the female and minority empowerment will guide us to smart design principles and an urbanity better suited for the marginalized majority and other identities and lifestyle in this highly pluralistic society.

What is a feminist city?
A feminist city prioritizes equality, inclusivity, safety and well-being for all residents with a particular focus on addressing the unique challenges faced by women and marginalized gender groups.
[the * makes gender diversity visible beyond a binary gender model]

gender-equitable mobility
Since men and women* have different mobility patterns and diverse needs, a well-connected, safe and accessible public transportation system reduces the gendered burden of transportation responsibilities for some individuals.

safe public spaces
Proper lighting, visible ways and community engagement by architectural setups that forge social control reduce gender-based violence and harassment in public spaces.
The urban perception of women is very different to men. Planning accordingly will allow everyone to move freely and participate in city life without fear.

rewiring female* space (re-)production + Privacy
Care work and reproduction work mostly done by women were typically located in secluded, simple architectural containers.
We want to make this part of work visible by placing it at the representative focal points of social life. Thus, care workers can socialize, get a word in the public say and the threshold for everyone to join care work is minimized.

Extended families + common good
What is a family? - The classical model of the nuclear family (father, mother, child) exists just like many other lifestyles such as patch work situations and single parents, to name a few.
A compact city with spaces for the Nucleus will also enrich the extended family.
Therefor ever-changing lifestyles and family relationships can be buffered with a wider social network:
The extended families will help individual and societal resilience and improve family life.

Enhancing the inhabited milieu
Wolfsanger / Hasenhecke has a complex history, social, urban and ecological structure.
Based on the workshops process as proposed in the timeline, common development goals can be formulated to guide the programming of the new sexy neighbourhood.
New functions and feministic ideas will enrich the inhabited milieus' urban network and develop new forms of symbiosis.

Dwelling Mix
Women* are not necessarily "fulfilled" living with a man and starting a family. Women live in very different social setups during their life. Same with all other Genders.
A wide mix of different dwelling types in direct proximity can adapt to changing lifestyle without forcing people to leave their neighbourhood, peers, social habitat.

Independency
Economic emancipation, through homeownership or housing cooperatives, fosters women's financial independence, autonomy, and empowerment, challenging traditional gender roles. It provides stability and a platform for active participation, advancing feminist goals of gender equality and empowerment in society.

City of happy men* and women*
I know guys, you are afraid of TERFs (Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminism). No worries, the feministic city doesn't hurt.
It's good for us all.
"The feministic city is an ongoing experiment, of how we can live together in a better and more just urban world. […] in this city, the full extent of what women have to offer the world can be realized. " [Leslie Kern]

What a wonderful prospect for Wolfsanger / Hasenhecke!

SEX in the bushes
how to become a reproductive ecosystem

Sex is life! It's part of reproduction for many living beings including us humans.
A reproductive ecosystem is essential for our last existence.
As we understand the impact of our doing on planet earth in the realm of the Anthropocene, we have to create a sex friendly world in a post binary understanding of nature and culture:
We are nature and we have to reproduce.

A post binary nature culture urbanism
In a post-binary nature culture urbanism, city and nature blend harmoniously. Urban ecosystems are vital in the Anthropocene, mitigating climate change and preserving biodiversity. Green spaces, parks and water bodies provide crucial ecological services, fostering biodiversity and habitat connectivity amid urbanization. Protecting urban ecosystems is essential for sustainable and resilient cities coexisting within and as part of nature.

Reproductive Productive ecosystems
Sustainable small-scale agriculture, or reproductive agricultural production, enhances soil fertility, biodiversity, and ecosystem health. Through local crops, organic methods, and responsible water use, it minimizes ecological impact, empowering communities and promoting food sovereignty. This approach fosters resilience against climate change, ensuring food security and safeguarding natural resources for the future.

the value of nature
In the Anthropocene, urban ecosystems play a crucial role in enhancing human well-being. Green spaces promote physical and mental health, while fostering a sense of community and connecting people with nature and each other. Emphasizing and preserving urban ecosystems is essential for promoting green and ecologic urbanism, ensuring cities are sustainable and improve the overall quality of life for their inhabitants.

City nature as a resort of eco-diversity
Biodiversity-focused architecture is crucial for sustainable communities. Green roofs, vertical gardens, and habitats within urban structures enrich local ecosystems. Native vegetation supports pollinators and ecological processes, fostering a strong human-nature connection. This approach creates harmonious urban environments where people and wildlife thrive together.

SEX in the future
how to live and to live on in the time of the Anthropocene

To live on and to live on well, future urban developments have to:
1. Reduce our environmental impact and therefore slow down and ideally stop climate change.
2. Face climate change and address accordingly: with a climate adapted urbanism.

Re- … existing buildings
To develop Wolfsanger/ Hasenhecke's local identity and amid climate change, utilizing existing city buildings is crucial. Retrofitting reduces emissions and preserves cultural heritage, fostering community identity. Prioritizing existing structures curbs urban sprawl, promoting sustainable development, and minimizing environmental impact.

Wind + micro climate
The building structure will enhance urban and natural axles that are essential as wind corridors that bring fresh air into the city.
Furthermore, the green axles regulate the micro climate, help water management, reduce urban heat islands.

circular spaces: Hardware + Software
Following the ideas of a constructive and urban Cradle2Cradle, a robust structural grid will allow future adaptation and easy social reorganisation. A neutral structural hardware will allow the installation of various urban activities by the means of constructive software (Ausbau).

Rows can do it all
The row houses with a depth of 12-18 meter can do it all.
Pilarstructure or Schottenbauweise are easy long lasting and flexible structures that can house any urban activity including various housing types, offices, retails, productions, social institutions, …

Density!
When we build, we need it:
_To reduce the ecologic impact of every individual
_To improve efficiency and therefore allow special urban treats: common facilities, community spaces, hobby rooms, …

CO2
Wood, clay, straw
are CO^2 saving, locally sourced materials that will create a healthy living environment and local expertise and involvement. Shading, ventilation, water-absorbing buildings, good thermal performance and efficient technical infrastructure will reduce the impact during usage.