

Parkplein aan de Eem



Parkplein Eempark reimagines the city square as a lived-in, green landscape—an “inhabited square” shaped by soil, trees, and shared rituals, not consumption. The project refuses to build on top of the three monuments and reactivates them instead, keeping them functional as they are, as the heart of the plan. New buildings are low-rise and not underground, based on a strict 4-meter grid that aims to facilitate biobased construction. The result is a flexible, multifunctional public realm that acts as an extension of the home—where people can cook, play, co-work, or do nothing at all. The Parkplein wants to be the living room of Kop van Isselt, extending Amersfoort’s city centre with a new, proud piece of its industrial history.

The main public space is activated throughout the day as it is shared by offices, housing entrances, cafés and workspaces.



The Van der Meiden fabriek is transformed to offer covered public space, encouraging lively usage even when the days aren’t so nice. The landscaping continues under it, highlighting its role as public space.

Amersfoort - Kop van Isselt (NL)



A square designed for inhabitation first



The natural swimming pool is connected to the Eem through a vegetative filtering buffer, keeping it in slight movement and always clean.



The design adopts low-rise, biobased construction using timber and compressed earth blocks, optimized through a 4-metre structural grid for modularity and cost-efficiency.

Left
Roof terrace is accessible for both incubator users and inhabitants alike.

Right
Typical apartment with no hierarchy in room sizes.

