



#### CATEGORIE

urbain/architectural

**LOCATION** Liège Guillemins district

**POPULATION** 195.000 inhabitants (municipality)  
550.000 inhabitants (agglomeration)

**STUDY SITE** 2.5 hectares **SITE PROJECT** 0,6 hectares

**SITE PROPOSED BY** the city of Liège

#### OWNERS OF THE SITE

The city of Liège and private individuals

#### ORDER AFTER COMPETITION

Urban and/or architectural onsite study assignment

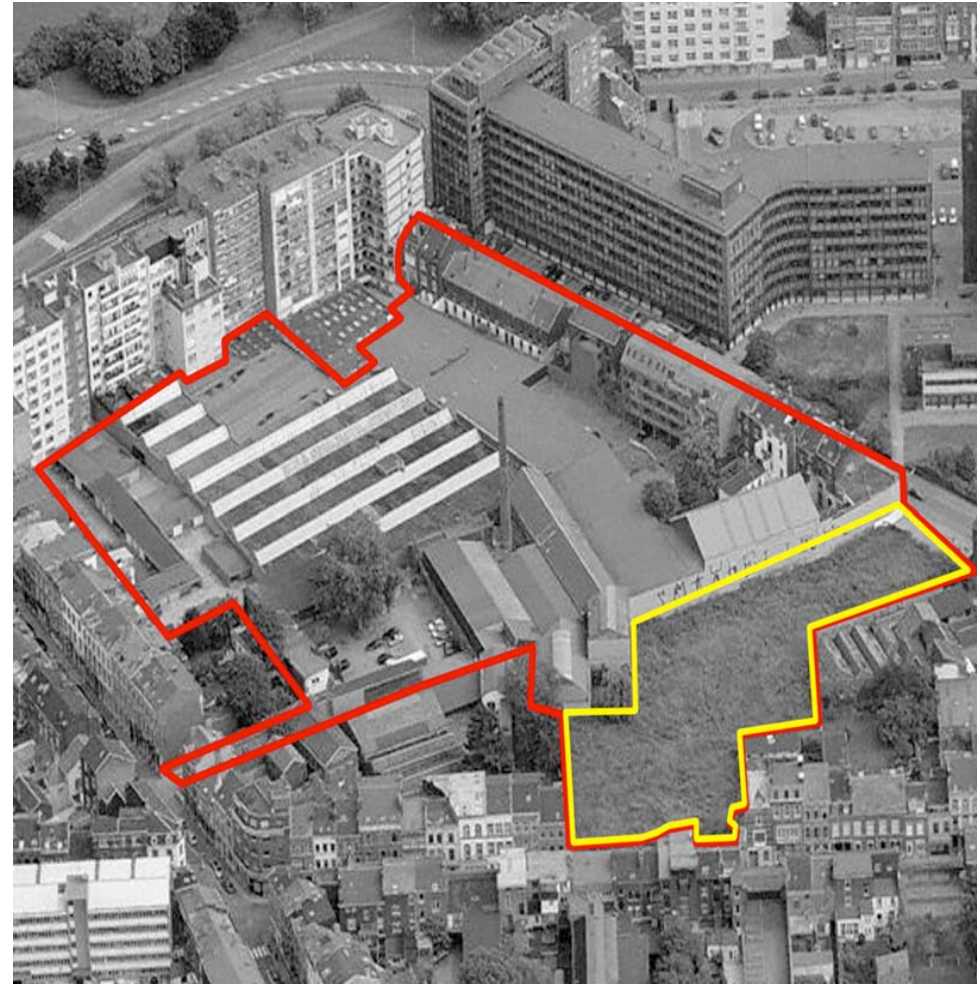
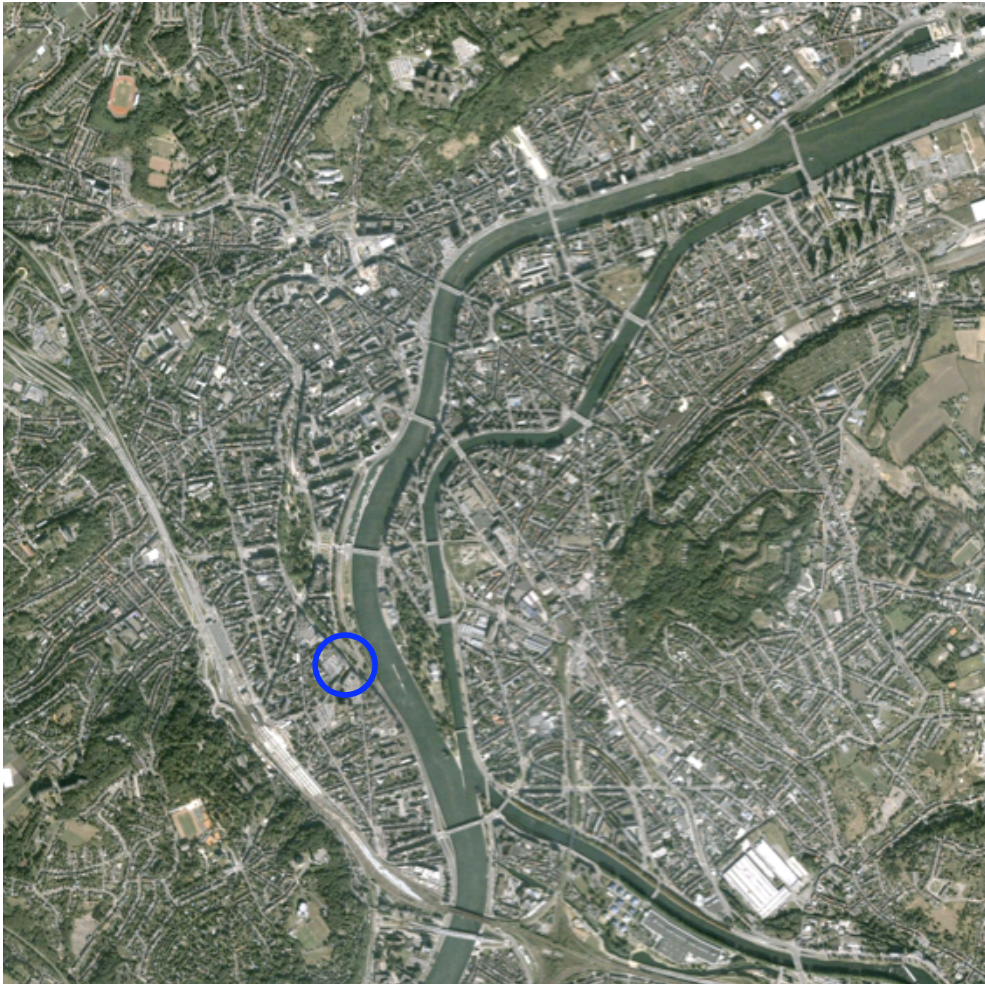
#### TRANSFORMATION OF SITE

In a district which is being completely transformed, along the walkway which will be laid between the HST station of Guillemins (architect: S.Calatrava) and the river, proposal to design and construct a multifunctional unit for the 21st century: living and working in town, near a major multimodal centre, in a green and pleasant environment based on the principles of sustainable development. The task is to create living conditions in the city of the future by linking it to the existing environment of the district of the past.

#### CITY STRATEGY

After a period of serious urban decline from the 1970s to the 1990s, the city began completely transforming its historical centre. It would now like to extend this dynamic approach to areas near the perimeter. The construction of an HST station with exceptional architecture in the Guillemins district has boosted the desire to create a part of the city that would be future-oriented. The walkway would link this monumental station to the River Meuse which in turn would enhance contiguous areas. The new district would enhance the unique location along the edge of this walkway in the immediate vicinity of the station.





## DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

Linked to the historical centre (approx. 3 km) by wide avenues built in the 19th century, the Guillemins district represents the other extremity of the "Central Business District" of the city of Liège.

The Paradis / Blonden / Serbie / XXII perimeter will be surrounded on four sides by buildings (from R+2 to R+9) as living, commercial and service units. This large island which has an under-utilised inner area whose surfaces could be built more densely to house living quarters and various urban facilities. The challenge is to create a unit essentially devoted to housing and to complementary activities which would create a new district encouraging easier types of movement and integration of green sites into constructed areas. Available surface area: municipal plots: 0.6 hectares (Balteau site), private plots: 1.9 hectares

## NEW TYPE OF MOBILITY

Situated along a road network (rue Paradis), the walkway linking the station to the river will be reserved for slow users. It will also be the site of the future tram line which is being examined in the north/south axis within the Liège conglomeration. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic would benefit with private vehicles parked underground.

## NEW LIFESTYLES

The multifunctional use of unconstructed space will enhance walking and greeting (public space), meeting and relaxation (collective spaces) and family and personal life (private spaces) - specific proposals with regard to various proposals for these sites will be presented.

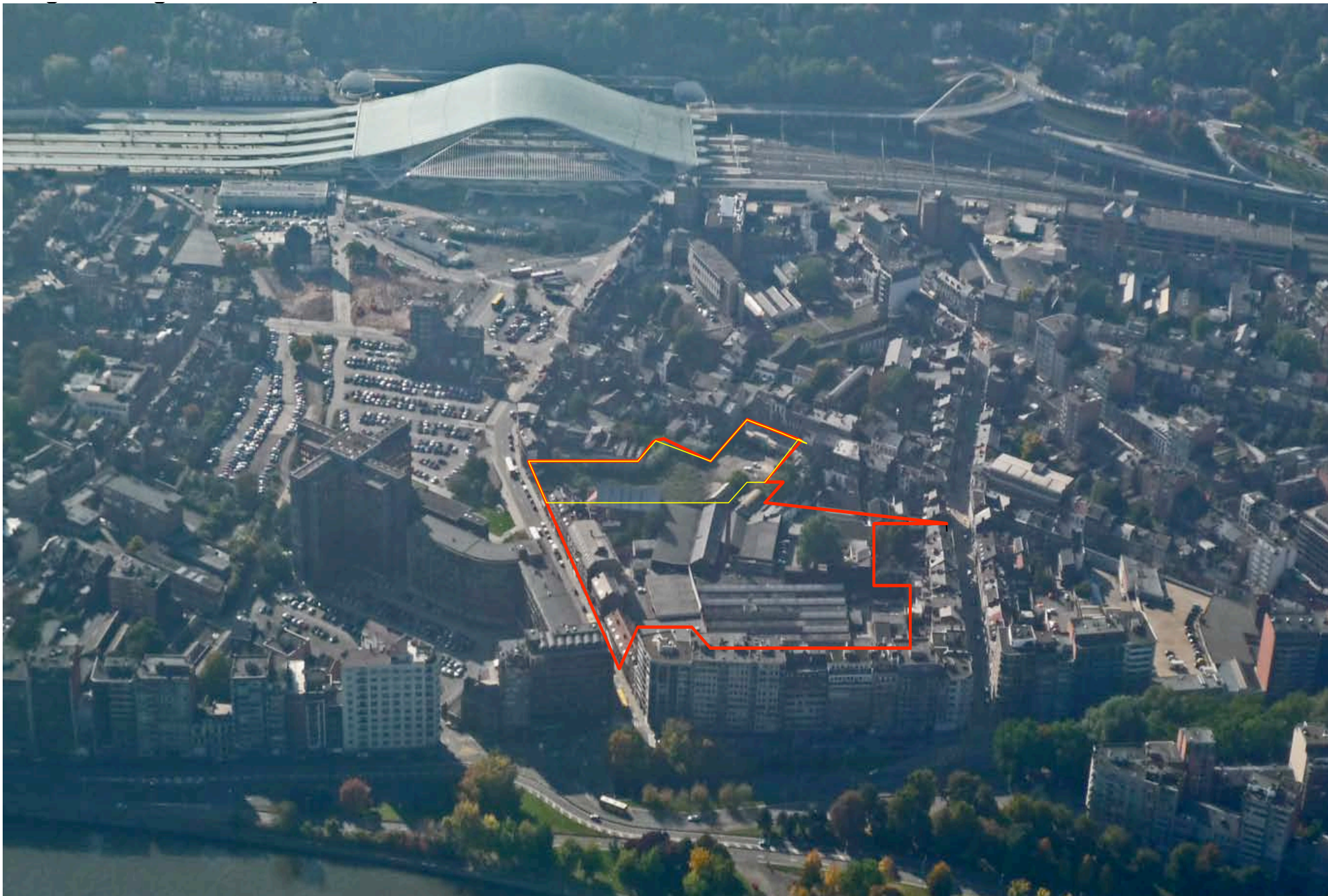
Furthermore, housing will in particular be aimed at households with children (gardens, playgrounds, etc.) and older people who would like to move back into the city.

## NEW SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

The aim of the U.R.E. (rational use of energy) plan is to achieve the lowest level of energy consumption. Based on the principle of sustainable development, economising on water consumption, waste management, the presence of common areas (e.g. for storage of bicycles) should also be taken into consideration. Completion of this project is planned in two or three separate stages taking account of the splitting up of land and buildings and the possible integration of existing sports facilities.



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Rue Paradis



Interior view



Roofs



"Espace Balteau"