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CATEGORY urban/architectural

LOCATION Wittstock / Dosse

POPULATION 15,400

STRATEGIC SITE Old Town 26 ha

SITE OF PROJECT Station area (4.3 ha), Kyritzer Straße (1 ha), empty building lots Werderstraße (0,7 ha)

SITE PROPOSED BY Wittstock Town Council

OWNER(S) OF THE SITE Wittstock Town Council, private owners

TYPE OF ORDER AFTER COMPETITION

Urban masterplan, implementation of individual construction projects if applicable

TRANSFORMATION OF SITE

The essential planning goal is to revitalise the Old town and its surrounding areas in order to strengthen the innercity's function of „anchor in a rural zone“ by offering a variety of social and cultural uses. The strategy implies a functional consolidation and valorization of the town centre by offering innovative residential buildings on innercity wasteland as well as improved links between the historic centre and the edges of town in terms of space and design and a distinct accentuation of the town entrances. The future design of the railway station and surrounding area as an entrée to the town is particularly important in the process.

CITY STRATEGY

Wittstock Town Council regards the shrinking process and associated changes as an opportunity for regeneration. It aims to reinforce the functions of the town centre, accentuate the town entrances, establish high-quality urban ensembles, identify creative niches and find new, supplementary sources of income. A further goal is the redevelopment of open spaces and pedestrian paths and linking to the landscaped areas along the Rivers Dosse and Glinze, in order to enhance the quality of living and tourist appeal of the town centre. The nature-orientated transformation of the riverzones is supposed to add to the improvement of the urban ecology.



project sites railway station / town entry Kyritzer Straße



project site empty building lot Werderstraße

SITE DEFINITION

The strategic site comprises of the entire city centre. „Fresh ideas“ and precise conceptual approaches are sought in order to upgrade the urban space. The station precinct with the two empty station buildings and repair workshop at the western entrance to the town and the town entrance Kyritzer Straße are proposed for a deepening analysis. Besides architectural design proposals related to a redevelopment and an upgrading, programmatic ideas should also be formulated. The municipal housing association intends to construct innovative building types with new housing forms on a derelict site in the town centre.

NEW MOBILITY

The main task will be to redesign the open spaces and footpaths around the Old Town and link them to the surrounding residential and riverside landscaped areas. The Friedrich-Ebert-Park and open space accompanying the wall provide the town with high quality open spaces. Making footpaths and bicycle paths more appealing and enhancing the connectivity of the different modes of transportation in the station precinct is supposed to add to the reduction of individual traffic.

NEW WAYS OF LIFE

At the housing construction level alternatives are to be provided to the single family dwelling and new residential types promoted.

Greater diversity must be introduced in order to rejuvenate the public sphere, with attractive amenities and meeting points for all town dwellers.

NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The aspect of sustainability is one of the focal points of the task. Model approaches for ecological residential construction, integrated into the municipal energy concept, are called for in the Old Town.

The Rivers Dosse and Glinze flow around three sides of the Old Town and offer an attractive riverscape which is to be linked to the urban open spaces and thus contribute to an improvement in the urban climate.



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