



City	Ottignies
Location	Ottignies train station
Population	29, 521
Study site	15 ha
Site of project	6 ha

TOPIC

Multimodality

The station is enclosed and has to become a modal junction for working people. It is important to open this dead end location and create connections with the other transportation means.

Spatial management of cars

With the building of the metropolitan and regional rail system, it is planned to create car parks. It can be modified according to a better project within the scope of European 9.

Sustainability

It is important to promote the public transport use with good fittings. The environment and the future have to be taken into account. The river is protected.

Functional mix

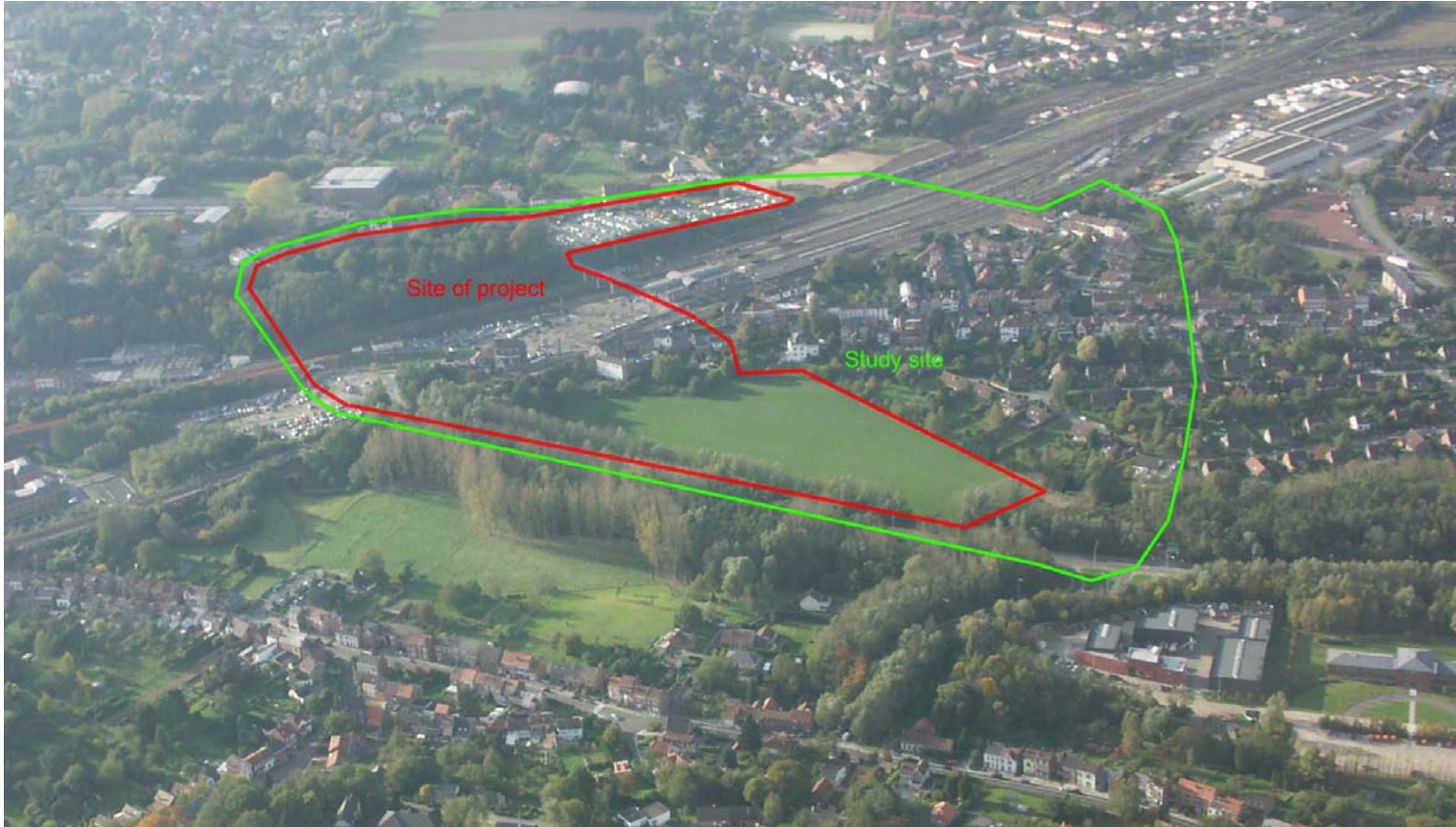
The city authorities want to raise the accommodation supply. However, to create a real urban quarter, it is important to develop others functions (offices, shops) and to vary the type of buildings.

Novelty on public spaces

The station quarter has to be more welcoming (for passengers, pedestrians, cycles, cars) and attractive. There is also a real fitting necessity about accessibility and multimodality.

TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Situated in the " Walloon Brabant province ", Ottignies is located along the Dyle river. The development of the city in the 19th century is due to presence of an important rail junction. The Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve commune is part of the "greater Brussels" (3 million people) that is concerned by mobility problems and by the RER (rail system) project. On the left river bank plate, it is a residency function. On the right, there is a new city focussed around the university.



URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

The study area is located around the station. It is concerned by many changes. The RER project should start up in 2012. More than a rail lanes widening, it is planned to build big car parks, one viaduct, one footbridge to the platforms with shops, and to pull down the level crossing. Current fittings will be inappropriate in the future. The station quarter has to be transformed to a real urban quarter. The authorities want also to increase the residential attraction of the city centre.

Programmatic intentions :

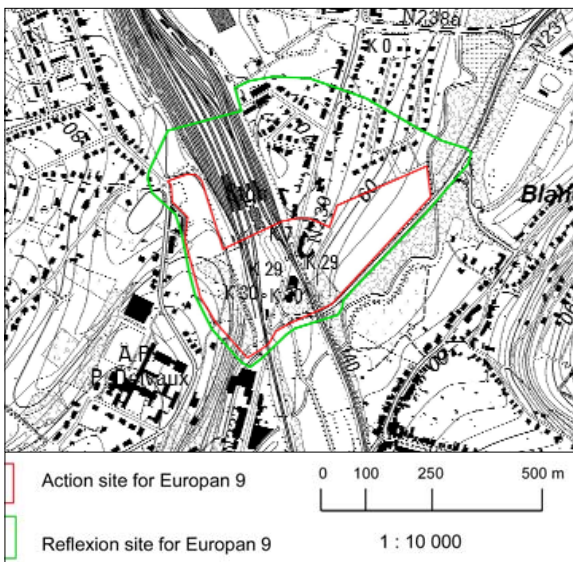
The number of passengers and inhabitants will raise and induce the building of new offices and services. It is important to create a centrality space near the station, with new mobility conceptions.

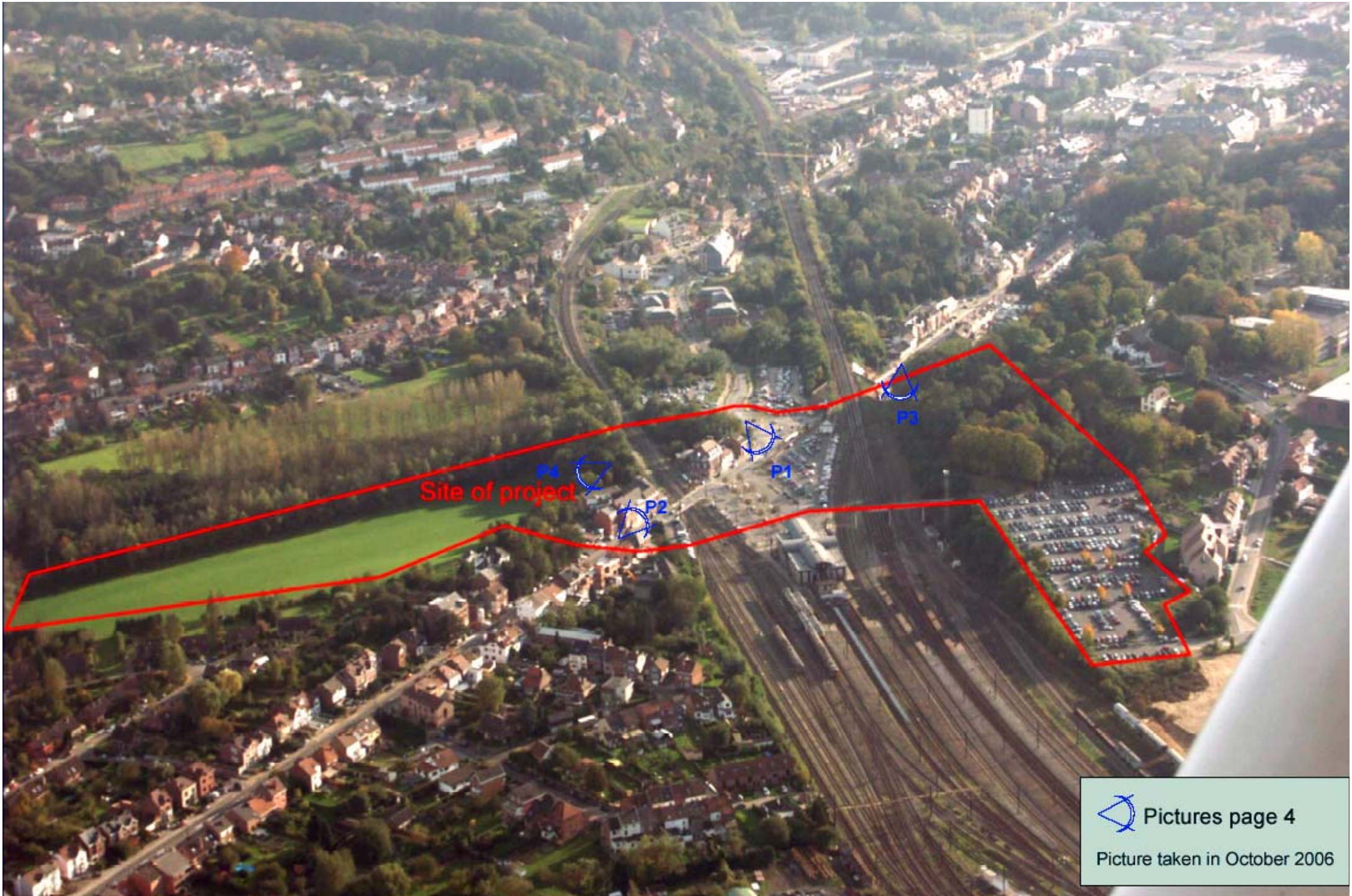
PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT


The action site is located near the station. The passengers welcoming esplanade (with the bus station), just in front of the station, has to be adapted and enhanced. The current park along the rail lanes should be transformed into an "urban park" (buildings combining with a "green" character). With European 9, the city authorities would like to have a strategic plan for the development around the station, to create adapted connections with it surroundings.

Programmatic intentions :

The "urban park" needs different types of accommodations, surrounded by offices buildings (against noise). Intermodality can be improved (station, pedestrians, bicycles, busses, cars).





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Picture taken in October 2006



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