

EUROPAN 6 – INGOLSTADT – DEUTSCHLAND

Location: Ingolstadt, Piusviertel

Population: 115,000 inhab.

Study area: 4 ha || **Site area:** 0.6 ha



CONURBATION

Ingolstadt is a modern, business town in the geographic centre of the Land of Bavaria. A wide range of study and training institutions is located there, along with refining and motor-manufacturing plants, and many small and medium-sized businesses. All of this has made Ingolstadt one of Germany's most important economic growth regions. Situated on the river Danube, the town is a traffic junction that serves an economic area with a population of over 400 000. The Munich-Nuremberg-Berlin and Frankfurt am Main, rail and motorway routes also provide excellent mobility beyond the region. Ingolstadt's historical centre dates back to the 13th century.

SITE

The Piusviertel site is to the north west of the historical centre, and divided by a main road, the Richard-Wagner-Strasse, into a northern and a southern sector. That to the north of the road comprises a housing estate built in the 1970s; that to the south, a new, experimental housing development dating from the 1990s. The northern sector of the study area comprises five high-rise blocks, a garage, with, on its eastern edge a plot used as a car park. The southern sector includes the undeveloped site crossed by a footpath.

FUNCTIONAL ISSUES

The aim is to complete the newly developed district on the south side of the road with innovative housing, while creating a comprehensive system of liaisons with the 1970s housing estate on the north side of the road. The estate itself is to be upgraded by improving its structure.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

The overall quality of life offered by the area is to be raised by means of attractive landscaping, protection from traffic noise, and a further densification through the later addition of new urban functions.

PERCEPTUAL ISSUES

The present road system is to be improved, as must the network of footpaths by creating crossing points over the Richard-Wagner-Strasse. Semi-public green spaces must be upgraded.

PROGRAMME

On the site, in the southern sector, a four-storey housing block, with a minimum of 40 dwellings is to be constructed as part of a publicly financed housing scheme. Proposals for the northern area must be aimed at upgrading



the whole residential environment and improving the overall spatial structure, by means, for example, of the demolition of the garage and provision for a future concentration of small business units.

THEME

A currently heterogeneous area, forming a transition between two housing developments built at different epochs and separated by a main road, is to be regenerated, provided with a system of pedestrian liaisons, and designed for future development.