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Population
15.000

Location
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Study area
10 ha

Site area
3 ha

Theme

Reflection upon a peripheral area which is currently disconnected from the existing city, with a strategic position with regard to the latter, which gives it great potential for urban development in accordance with the models which favour the intensification of its social life, offering a typological variety which allows for the integration of the different human groups, through strategies which respect and value the identity of the area with regard to the uniqueness of its climate, landscape and culture.



Conurbation

La Unión is located to the North of a mountain range which, parallel to the coast, connects Cartagena with Cabo de Palos. Its origin and nature is linked to the mining industry, with vestiges of mining from the bronze and iron ages. Its development has run parallel to the splendour and decadence of this activity. It has a unique landscape and remains of industrial archaeology resulting from the mining activity in the mountains throughout history.

Site

The site proposed is separated from the city center by the narrow-gauge railway line, which has led to its isolation from the city activity. It has a particularly flat topography, with some disused warehouses at its eastern end, which could hold future public facilities. The other limits of the site coincide with the elevation of the land towards the mountain and the most important access to the city.



Programme

There is a need to define the urban area at the southern limit of the city, resolving the connections with the rest of the city, paying especial attention to the railway line referred to, which, on passing through the site, can be considered as a tramline. The Eastern end of the site can hold public facilities while the residential typologies can be established in an extremely flexible way.

Issues

functional : What is basically considered here is the attainment of a coherent and well-resolved urban structure which places particular emphasis on the public space, promoting spaces of relationship, pedestrian walkways and the use of alternative non-contaminating transport (bicycle.....).

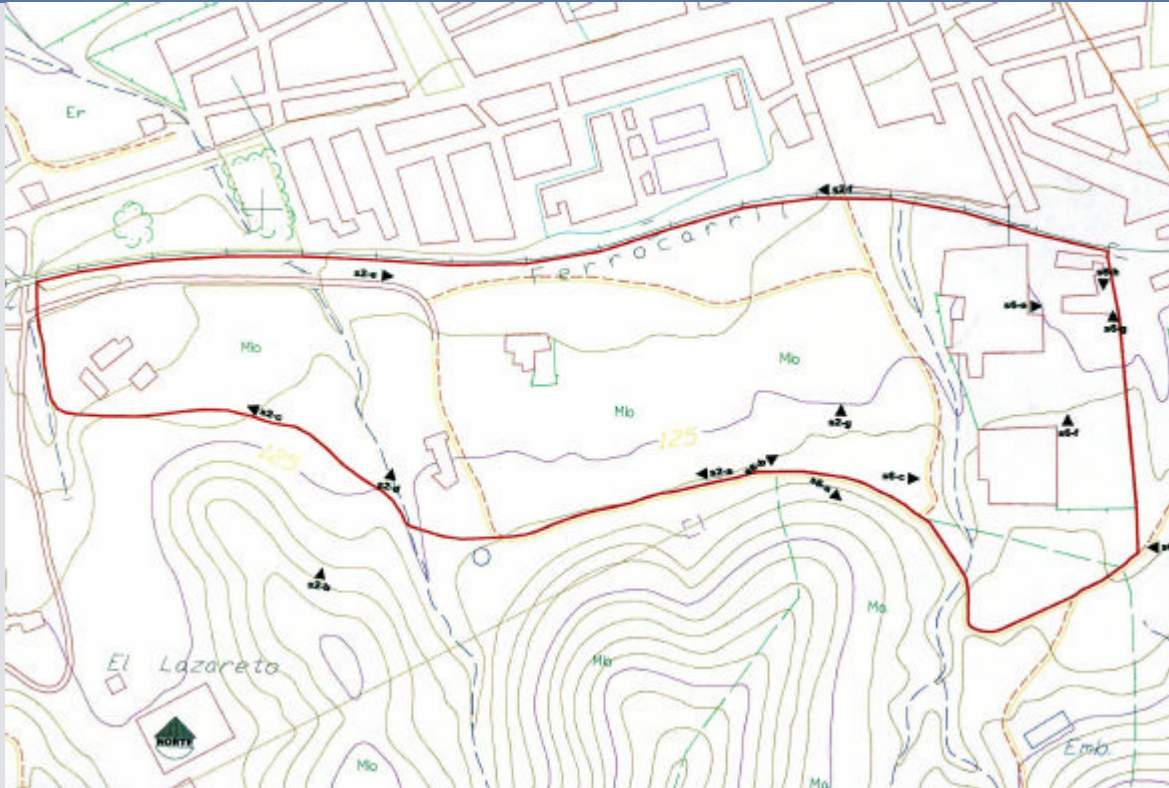
social : The intervention should complete the city, structuring an area in which a real urban community activity can be developed. To this end, it is necessary to install a new urban tissue capable of housing different typologies, in order to favour the integration of the different social sectors.

perceptual : Development of the concept of eco-city, by means of solutions which pay particular attention to the climate and the location, energy-saving and healthy building, in order for urban development to allow for the construction of buildings conceived with designs based on bioclimatic concepts.









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