

**TOPIC**

Grounds of the City Public Transport Authority Garages, surrounded by block development of rental apartment houses from the 20th century, contains the transforming ambitions for the residential group of the family housing with a sport and culture base. The centre solution is the question of utilization of the current garage hall for the buses, with the court of 67,8 x 67,4 meters free of inner pillars, roofed over with three lattice trusses. Transformation of this hall has put this assignment into the theme work group "reconstruction and utilization of the current development".

CONURBATION

A locality called Podbaba forms the area close to the northern spiral of the block city structure of 19th and 20th century, surrounding the historical core of medieval Prague. Surrounded by the slopes of the residential districts and the direct connection to Vltava embankment, this area represents a sought-after place for living or business locations. One of the assets is also the straight connection to both the international Ruzyně airport and city center with Prague Castle. Penetrating of the concentrated city central parts outwards forced the industrial areas, located formerly at the outskirts of the city, to the progressive transformation towards housing including the city facilities corresponding with the current place location and its importance in the city structure. Adjacent grounds of former malt houses is being reconstructed into the housing development (600 apartments) by the Italian company ICKM, the grounds of the City Public Transport Authority Garages is the solution object of this assignment.

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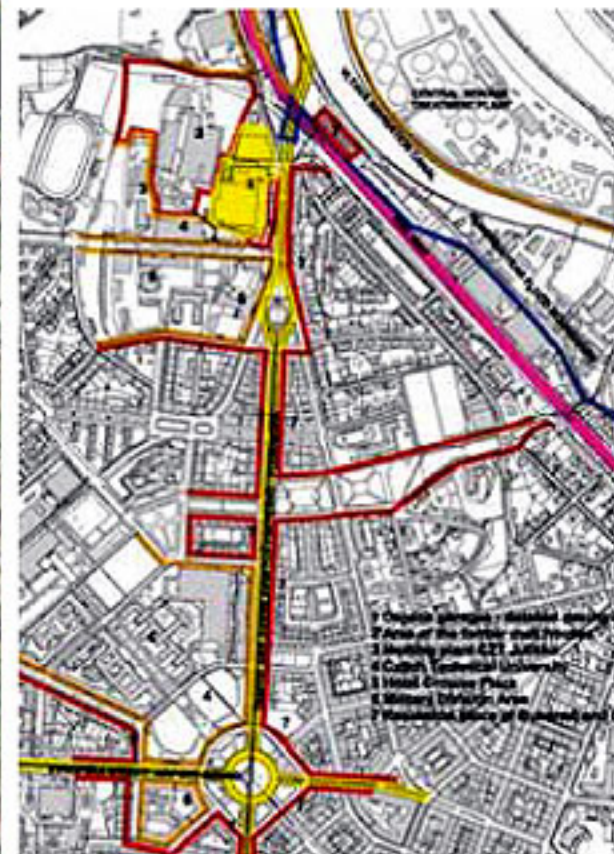
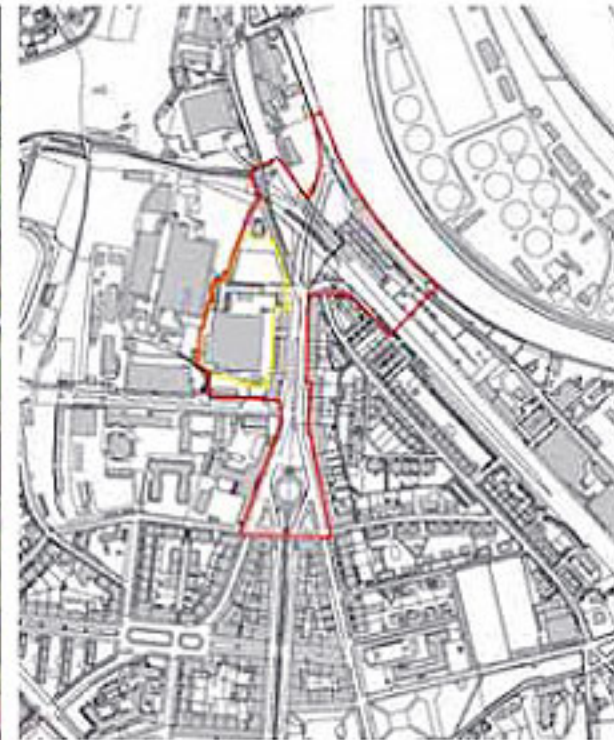
The Garages area is situated by the main city avenue, coming out from the central square of the southwestern part of the city (Vitezne square). The area further up north is restricted by the terrain configuration and built-up residential districts. The area transformation originates in the assumption of preservation the main garage structure of the bus parking, e.g. the garage hall, and its transformation for the needs of the culture and sport area facilities. Remaining buildings are available for demolitions, with the possibility of replacing them with new ones, including former administrative building next to the main avenue. The main access road runs across the grounds towards the malt house area.

Population: 40 000 inhabitants

Location: Prague 6 - Dejvice - Podbaba

Study area: 9.6 ha

Project area: 2.2 ha

**PROGRAMME**

The Garages area will be transformed into the residential unit created by the new buildings of quality family housing relevant to the layout and place importance. The housing will also use the possibilities of the city equipment in the garage hall, namely from the culture and leisure sport area. Within the scope of the strategic territory solution, there is a possibility to connect the area to pedestrian pathways and bicycle routes in the riverfront belt of the river Vltava. Regarding the accessibility, it is necessary to rely on the tram extension and the relocation of the railway station into the pre-space of the solved territory.

ISSUES

- The connecting block structure of the existing city completely lacks the culture and leisure sport activities offer. Within the scope of the project, there is necessary to concentrate on fine activities used by the families and smaller groups. Suggested family housing should complement the spectrum of the existing apartments in the territory and to use the new connections in the area.
- The solution should be kept close altitudinal-wise towards the surrounding development (ca 5 floors). Development suggestion will react to the increasing transport strain of the main city avenue and to the character and conditions of the existing development.
- The solution assumes the definite transformation of the Garages transport grounds and together with the malt house reconstruction will change this locality into the residential one.



