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**Colloquium in front of the train station Ettlingen West
Start: 16.30 p.m., End: 17:00**

Question 1: Does the „Eilgüterhalle“ have to be preserved?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): According to the State Monuments Office, the hall must be preserved. However, the current location is no longer possible in the future because of the track. However, the hall can be moved as a whole. This would have to be done by the AVG. The function inside the hall does not have to be preserved. A change of use is therefore possible.

Question 2: What has to be considered for the underpass or the overpass of the tracks?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): In the case of the underpass, only the height of 2.50m has to be observed; in the case of an overpass, a height of 6m would have to be observed because of the overhead lines. The construction of the underpass is more costly during construction, but easier and better for use afterwards.

Question 3: Are there already considerations for the area opposite?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): The use of this area has not yet been determined. Since commercial space is in high demand in Ettlingen, it may well be that more commercial space will be built there at some point.

Question 4: What about the surrounding factory buildings in this context?

- Answer: As a city, one has no influence on the surrounding areas, unless they are owned by the city. One could try to relocate appropriate businesses, but this is rather difficult. However, a change in the surrounding area often has an influence on the existing businesses. When they notice that the surrounding area is becoming more attractive, changes often occur there as well.

Question 5: How did 200 residential units and 2000 jobs come about?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): The figures result from a determination of the framework plan. For AVG, the relocation of the depot must be economically viable. The relocation cannot be financed from the development of the current site alone. Therefore, a certain number of residential units must be created on the new site.

Question 6: What about schools? Is there a need? Or is there a need for university buildings?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): We have the Pestalozzi School and the Schiller School. And the Pestalozzi School is also in the catchment area. A university is rather unlikely in Ettlingen and focuses on Karlsruhe.

Question 7: How is the area behind the depot accessible?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): The extension of the Bahnhofsstraße is planned. It is not the optimal solution when the depot is structured but in any case feasible. The two parts do not have to hang together so that the road can go through it.

Question 8: Is the Bahnhofsstraße in the south a dead end or also open?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): We have it in mind to provide for the connection of Bahnhofsstraße to Goethestraße. Dieselstraße then meets it in a t-shape, creating a distribution.

Question 9: How high is the new depot hall?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): You can take 5-6 meters in any case. That is two stories.

Question 10: Could the hall be put down?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): This is difficult because of the railroad tracks. So you can have only very slight inclinations.

Question 11: Are there certain requirements for the light?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): No. This is not necessary.

Question 12: Is it also possible to plan a road north of the depot in east west connection?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): One could think of a thoroughfare along the park. Parallel to the development. But one can also use the cross connections. No road can lead through the railroad depot. Theoretically, a connection between bus and streetcar would be conceivable.

Question 13: Does the city already know which trades will eventually locate in the new area?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): We have the goal, for instance, of attracting industries from the IT sector that benefit from the proximity to Karlsruhe and the university there. That would fit very well into the environment.

Question 14: Are there cooperatives or similar institutions that support and co-finance the project?

- Answer Mr. Meyer-Buck (City of Ettlingen): Yes there is the AVG. The company itself is thinking about offering company apartments in order to be attractive as an employer. In addition, regional housing cooperatives can become partners. They have already shown interest. That is very good.