

E15 JURY STATEMENT

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Local commission: The urban area is divided into smaller industrial zones by three green public spaces. The newly created business areas are intended for various programming; an energy hub, a food hub and a recycling hub. Different recycling processes provide the district with a strong identity.

The project consistently follows its urban strategy. In a similar treatment to the urban area the new building appears as new growth in the present area. Greenhouses and the facade enhance the image of the location. The aim is to achieve as much as possible using simple methods. On the whole the project is very appealing.

The layouts are simple and supplement well, they allow for temporary flexibility. The ground floor offers a chance to open up a new logistical axis in the present structure. More planning for integrating parking spaces is necessary as parking is only organised into one place for the urban area, but vehicles must be able to be driven as far as the hall.

On the upper floors the project suggests small, independent units. These units are connected by courtyards, atriums and terraces. Exchange and synergies are promoted by this design. With the modular system the project has potential for further uses and development. A development not limited by time and for a variety of inhabitants is possible. The production of foodstuffs is considered important.

International jury: The jury acknowledges the idea to take up the formal language of the neighbourhood and thereby possibly create an identity of space. However, the method of addition is not convincing, in particular for productive spaces flexibility doesn't mean custom-made volumes. Also, the existing building is not improved sufficiently, leading to a stratified ensemble with a seemingly lively area on the roof of the old section. The possibility of the ground floor is not fully exploited and therefore the jury is highly critical about the value this proposal adds to the surrounding neighbourhood.

On a strategic level it remains unclear why the three topics - energy, recycling & food - distributed across the entire area, are suggested to be accumulated in one plot again. It is questioned if this wide span of functions fosters a strategy of synergies, especially with the proposed method of added volumes.