

My House

Overall strategy

01. Add space for extraordinary functions to increase entrepreneurship and foster social interaction. These semi-public spaces tie together the neighborhood and increase the interaction with the rest of the city.

02. Support future increase in density, by adding high quality spaces for shared, semi-private functions. These semi-private functions support daily life, and effectively expands the traditional apt. by an extra 200 m2.

03. Increase density by occupying and reorganizing unused / underused space within existing blocks, without reducing the quality of existing outdoor space, and using the minimal amount of resources.

My house - My network

In 2050 a home in Geyisried rivals the most mundane and attractive houses in the city of Biel/Bienne. The resident's perception of a classical home has changed. Their home extends beyond the walls of a typical apartment, and contains an abundance of high-quality spaces and functions, previously unheard of in cooperative housing.

When you live in an apartment in Geyisried, you basically live in a mansion. A typical apartment is more than 250m2 in size, and contains multiple dining rooms, kitchens, living rooms, workshop/hobby spaces, home office, guest quarters and even extraordinary functions such as fitness rooms and spas. However, the rent is steady, and rather declining than rising. All this is possible because the residents have agreed to share certain well-defined functions with their neighbors.

As an added benefit of interacting through sharing, the social life in the neighborhood is thriving, and the strong community contributes to the areas attractiveness and foster a strong social mobility.

Space for interaction and creativity within the private and semi-private sphere of your home, and the possibility to found and expand a business within attractive semi-public spaces supports growing entrepreneurship and contributes to an ever-extending network, reaching beyond the borders of Geyisried.

An attractive neighborhood

Geyisried 2050 is a persistently attractive neighborhood. By implementing tried and true elements of city-planning, the security and useability of the area is consistently supported.

By refurbishing/transforming the existing blocks with high quality materials, that patinate well and require a minimal amount of maintenance, we ensure an aesthetically robust milieu. In this way, the resources of the housing corporations, and the residents, can be ideally spend on further improving the physical and social atmosphere of the neighborhood.

The traffical patterns of the neighborhood is transformed to better fit future needs and wants. The area will seem lively, without compromising the useability and safety of the residents, and slow traffic is consistently favoured.

By crafting well defined and manageable outdoor spaces, and supporting more ownership with left-over space, the residents will take natural part in maintaining and improving the areas between the buildings.

Introducing more mixed-use, will ensure that the neighborhood is lively all through the day, and the positive surveillance of the users, will induce a heightened sense of security moving around the neighborhood.

Density and sustainability

Geyisried is densified and transformed with a minimal amount of economy, natural resources and outdoor spaces spend. This is to ensure that the quality of existing flats and quality of life of existing residents is heightened rather than compromised.

By carefully analysing the existing blocks, and the outdated/monotone apartment types, a high quantity of unused or underused space is identified.

The roof floor is often unused or used for functions that are easily relocated (i.e., depots etc.), and the monotone apartment types are often too large for the residents, resulting in unused rooms, and disproportioned renting costs. By including the unused space, and remodelling the underused space, the full potential of the existing blocks is unleashed, and the desired increase in residents is easily reached.

The roof floor is transformed to desired apartment types, and many blocks are remodelled to offer more adequate apartment types, at a desired rent. The often technically smaller apartments (1/2 rooms) will effectively be larger than ever before though, by adding semi-private common houses, with high quality shared space for everyday functions.

By sharing spaces/functions that would sit idle in a large apartment most of the time, the residents are not only saving rent, but passively saving a large-scale waste of natural resources and economy.