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**CATEGORY** urban/architectural

**LOCATION** Metropolitan Region Nürnberg/Tiefes Feld

**POPULATION** 500,000

**STUDY SITE** 67 ha

**SITE OF PROJECT** approx. 3 ha, close to the U-Bahn (underground-station)

**SITE PROPOSED BY** City of Nürnberg

**OWNERS OF THE SITE** Various, City of Nürnberg (30 %)

**COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION**

Urban master plan

## TRANSFORMATION OF THE SITE

Nürnberg is one of Germany's major cities with a population exceeding 500,000. In view of the economic-political objectives it can be assumed that the urban agglomeration Nürnberg will continue to grow in future.

The development in Tiefes Feld was triggered by the planning of the U-Bahn (underground) line and re-alignment of the Rothenburger Straße. The U-Bahn extension in the south-west will at the same time be the motor of urban development and more closely integrate the existing neighbourhoods into the city as a whole.

The city is pursuing a sustainable urban development policy with high quality structural consolidation, ensuring good provision of the neighbourhoods with public open space and shopping facilities.

## CITY STRATEGY

Due to its efficient infrastructure, economic power, cultural facilities and central economic-geographical location with a gateway function for central and eastern Europe, Nürnberg has achieved classification as a European metropolitan region. Nürnberg aims to retain and expand its role as a social, economic and cultural centre. The major medium-term challenges are the guarantee of a good social climate, a creative approach to technological change, sustainable and resource-saving development and securing a stable financial budget.



## SITE DEFINITION

Motor for the urban development of the 67 ha competition area, located on the west side of the city is the planned U-Bahn extension, to be brought on line in 2018. The zoning plan for this area proposes 14 ha for residential, 16 ha for mixed uses and 37 ha for open space. The goal is the creation of a new urban neighbourhood with a high density and functional mix. Urban structures with an urban quality of life are to be developed with an innovative, future-proof typology. A link is to be created to the adjacent Kleinreuth local centre to the north. The landscaped area bordering the Rhine-Main-Danube-Canal is to become an integral part of the new neighbourhood.

## NEW URBAN MOBILITY

The objective is to create a new neighbourhood which encourages movement on

foot or by bicycle. The U-Bahn-Station in connection with a dense and well-conceived pedestrian and cycle network enjoys a high priority for a city of short distances. The question, where the station is located and how to connect the station with the existing and the new quarter is of major importance. The network should be attractive and enable the urban spaces to be experienced. The feeling of public safety is critical for the identification and integration of its residents, and the design of public spaces makes a significant contribution to this.

## NEW SOCIAL LIFE

To acquire new user groups, urban living is to be made more attractive for more people (families, single parents, people with an immigration background, senior citizens, disabled persons, households with limited economic power). The question of distance and proximity and the resulting density has to be tackled. At the same

time there is to be a mixture of living and working. A high quality working environment is important to win over companies for this location. The new district should also assume central functions for the old city centre.

## NEW SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable criteria have to be considered on the level of architecture and urban design. The open space in the south acquires a special role in compensating for the desired high building density in the northern part of the competition site. The objective is to give the area within the city a special character with the focal uses leisure/relaxation, agriculture and reserves for flora and fauna. Great importance is attached to the integration of landscaped spaces, footpaths and cycle paths into the hierarchy of open spaces. A further link is to be provided via pedestrian and cycling bridges to the west and east.

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view to the competition site with the planning of the U-Bahn (underground) line and re-alignment of the Rothenburger Straße. (photo: Hajo Dietz)

