



Panoramic view

CATEGORY :

Urban / Architectural

LOCATION : Elda

Site name : Tafalera/ Numencia

POPULATION : 59 850 inhabitants

STUDY SITE : 18,54 Ha

PROJECT AREA : 12,49 Ha

SITE PROPOSED BY : Generalitat Valenciana, Conselleria de Medio Ambiente, Agua, Urbanismo y Vivienda – Elda City Council

LANDOWNERSHIP : Primarily public owned

TYPE OF POST-COMPETITION COMMISSION :

Commission to modify urban plan and derivations

TRANSFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE SITE

This site has great urban potential due to, on the one hand, its privileged location with respect to the municipality, which configures this area as an urban frontage for visitors entering from the north, and on the other hand, its hilly contours -Altos de Tafalera and Altos de San Miguel, the relations with the adjacent suburbs and the traffic flow that will be generated between them, which do not exist at present due to the large number of shanty dwellings, illegal buildings and lack of planning. This town planning competition is expected to enhance the value of the obvious qualities of this setting, which is currently heavily degraded, and whose improvement will involve its recovery and revitalization.

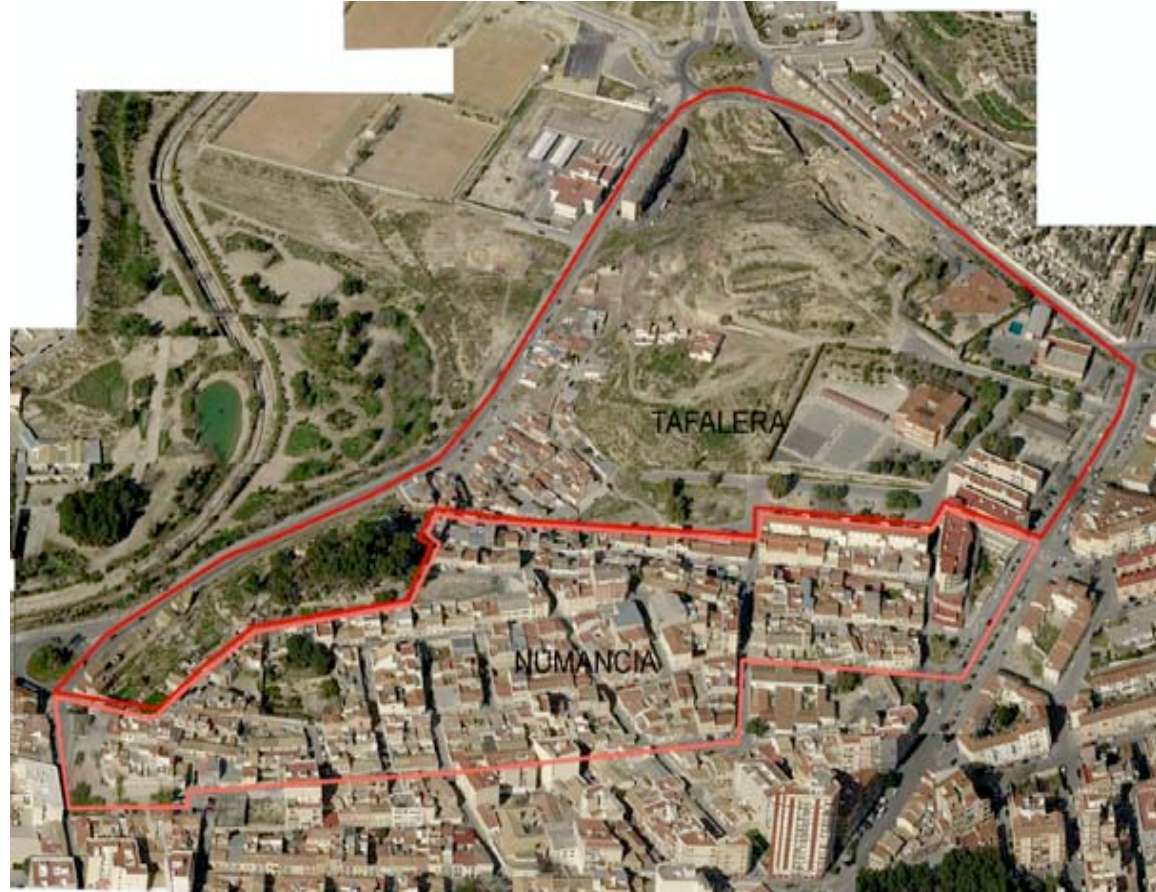
URBAN STRATEGY

A twofold scale of analysis is expected to be tackled in the proposed area: The proposal of new guidelines to restructure and zone this territory. Its urban planning will be linked to the landscape and the environment, responding to sustainable development criteria and resolving the circulation connections and flows between the suburbs.

The study should propose solutions which, moving beyond their purely architectural interest, resolve the current social problem of marginalisation, exclusion and at-risk groups of citizens, dynamizing the district's life and economic activity while at the same time fostering and rejuvenating its population.



Aerial photo of the site in its territorial context



Aerial photo with limit of the site of reflexion and the site of project

SITE DEFINITION

The study area consists of two areas, the neighbourhood of Numancia and the neighbourhood of Tafalera, both with an urban situation and social well-differentiated. Numancia is characterized as a neighbourhood identity, highly consolidated who lives with his back to the neighbourhood of Tafalera, with people originally from working class. Urban living houses of 2 and 3 heights of quality medium-low, on parcels originating, and buildings blocks of 3 floors with low trading and industrial, mainly footwear. It retains the original urban fabric, with large earrings, and deficient planning as partial lack of lighting, paving and sidewalks, urban furniture and lack of green areas. The neighbourhood of Tafalera originated in the 60s, not as orderly settlement of the building in the vicinity of the Paseo de Mora.

The area is very damaged, with large number of plots and sub, occupied mostly by groups of risk and vulnerability, with a significant presence of Gypsy. The proposed project will assume the existence of the urban equipment located in the eastern area of the district, as well as management and propose solutions to the connections of the same in their various demarcations.

NEW URBAN MOBILITY

The social and urban deterioration underway in Tafalera has spread to adjacent districts, giving rise to their abandonment and decay. The urban planning project should enable the current social problems to be tackled, recover the traffic and communication flows with the adjacent districts, and thus give this suburb more permeability.

NEW SOCIAL LIFE

New sustainable inhabitation models must be developed. They must be intimately linked to the environs and facilitate the recovery of the suburb's social, residential and economic life.

NEW SUSTAINABILITY

Planning must be linked to the landscape, the environment and the surroundings, permitting the recovery of green zones. The topographic features and the visual fields must become regarded as valuable assets.

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Aerial photo perspective



High place of San Miguel, antique water tank.



Tafalara's neighbourhood, project area.



Tafalara's view from the high place of San Miguel