

EUROPAN 12 1st Accompanied Site Visit
PORTUGAL, Vila Viçosa.

Meeting point: City Hall's building, located at Praça da República, in Vila Viçosa.

Attended: 7 people participated in this visit.

On April 17 2013, at 10.30 a.m., the first visit to the competition site took place, with the Mayor and Manuel Lapão, architect and town representative.

The limits of both project and strategic areas were explained, namely those that meet the EN245, the old railway station and railway infrastructures, the "Marbrito" industrial unit, the industrial area and the working class neighbourhood.

Site restraining factors (architectonic, landscaping, historic) were pointed out, as presented in the competition files. Neither new information nor new documents were released.

The following questions were clarified:

1. Who are the owners of the land in the project area? Does the Municipality own any part of the lands in this area?

A: All the land in the project area is property of private owners; hence the Municipality doesn't own any land in the referred area.

2. What kind of participation/involvement do the land owners have in the competition, namely in the jury?

A: The owners are aware of the scope and procedures of the European competition and do not participate in the jury. The jury is chosen and published in the competition website.

3. Which of the buildings and/or structures should be kept?

A: In general, and as stated in the competition documents, all buildings and/or structures may be demolished except Biquinha Aqueduct. However, as a matter of common sense and economic value, maintaining the only newly built pavilion of the "Marbrito" industrial unit, in the project area, should be considered.

4. What is the relationship of this competition with the Strategic Plan for Urban Regeneration of Vila Viçosa "reViVe"?

A: In the context of the "reViVe" Plan, this area which is now object of the competition had already been identified as an operative unit of planning and management (UOPG). The strategic goals for its development and its relationship with other areas being studied in the Plan were also set. The competition came to corroborate these assumptions and to follow them up.

5. It was requested information (namely design and/or site plan/survey) of the garden that is in construction phase in Largo Gago Coutinho and of some industrial buildings that comprise the project area. This information will be available on the competition website as soon as possible.

A second visit is scheduled for May 15th 2013, at 3.00 p.m.; same meeting point.

Observations:

Those at the visit were informed that any requests for information should be made through the competition website ("questions on sites"), before May 31st 2013, and any attempt made directly to the Municipality will not be attended.

EUROPAN 12 2nd Accompanied Site Visit
PORTUGAL, Vila Viçosa.

Meeting point: City Hall's building, located at Praça da República, in Vila Viçosa.

Attended: 3 people participated in this visit.

On May 15 2013, at 3:00 p.m., the second visit to the competition site took place, with Manuel Lapão, architect and town representative.

The limits of both project and strategic areas were explained.

Site restraining factors (architectonic, landscaping, historic) were pointed out, as presented in the competition files. Neither new information nor new documents were released.

The following questions were explained:

6. Which are the pre-existing constructions to maintain and demolish in the project area?

A: In general, and as is stated in the competition documents, all buildings and/or structures may be demolished except for Biquinha Aqueduct. However, as a matter of common sense and economic value, maintaining the only newly built pavilion of the "Marbrito" industrial unit, in the project area, should be considered.

7. May the proposals to be presented by the competitors include changes in the current design of the roundabout and nearby surroundings?

A: Yes.

8. What is the current use of the buildings located north of the EN245 comprising the project area?

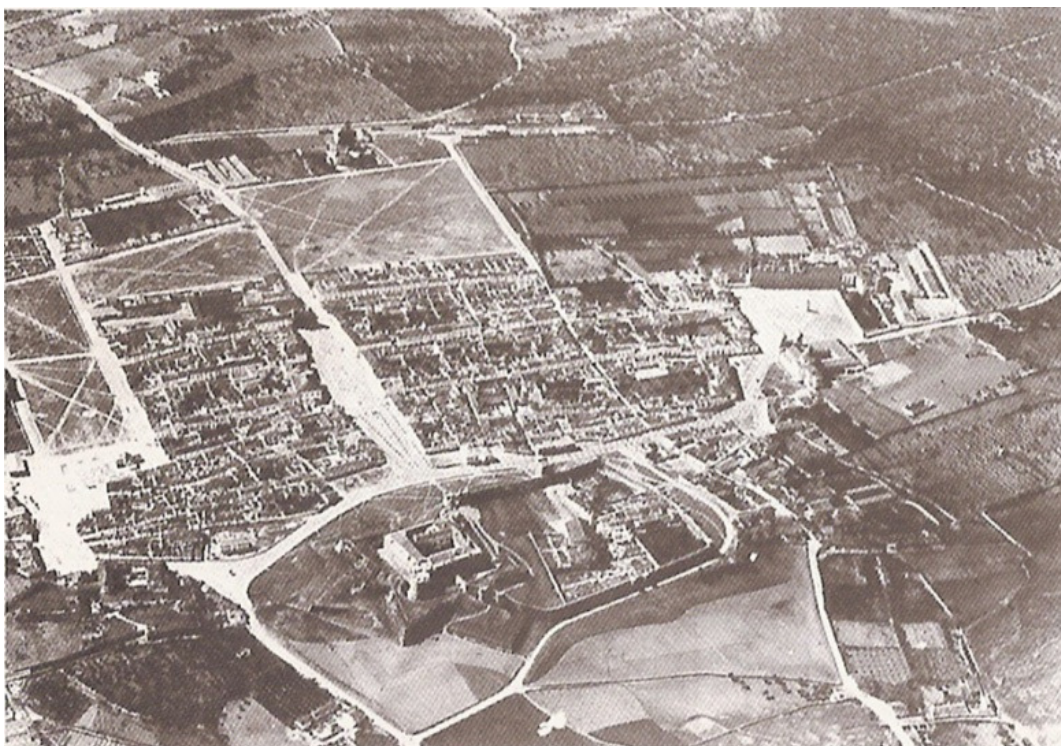
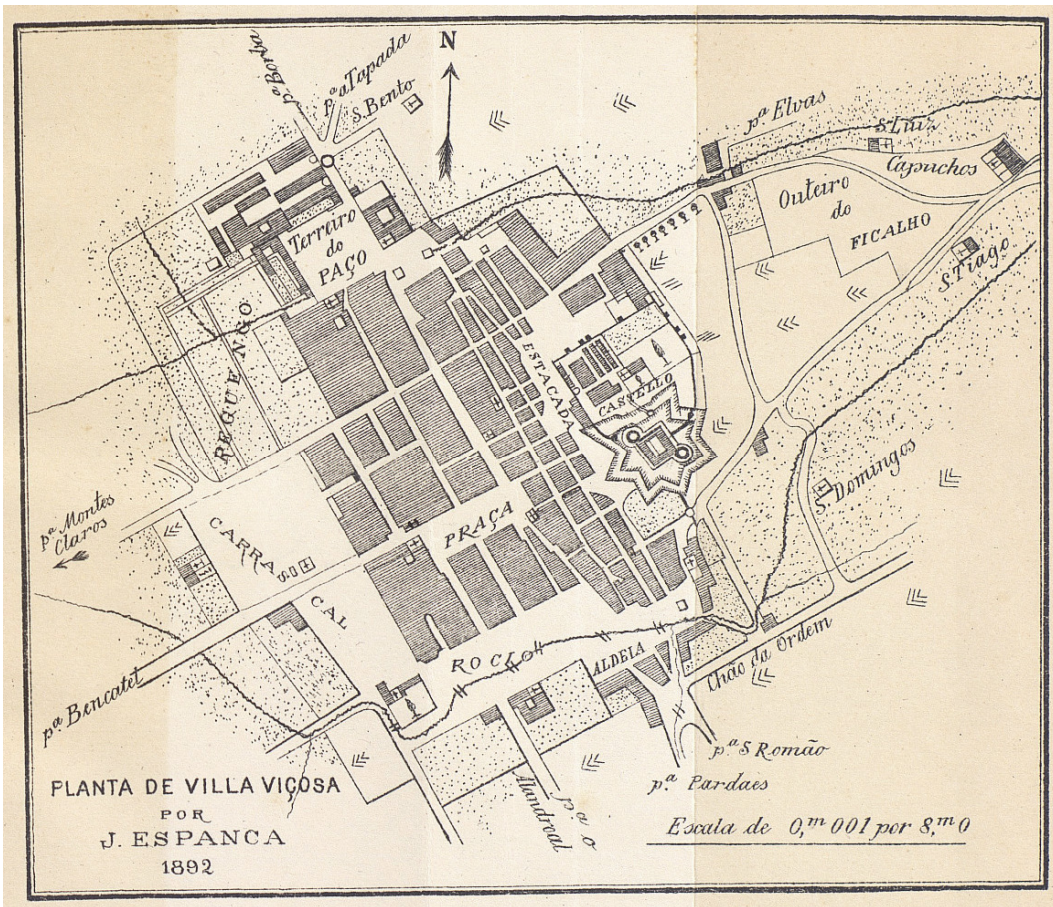
A: The pavilion next to the old railway line is a gym and the other building is an auto repair shop.

9. What is the current state of the marbles' industry?

A: It shows some signs of decline and it's far from the periods of great development; one should, however, consider that the shutdown of units is punctual. Overall this extraction and processing of marble activity still has an important role on the economy of Vila Viçosa municipality and on this region.

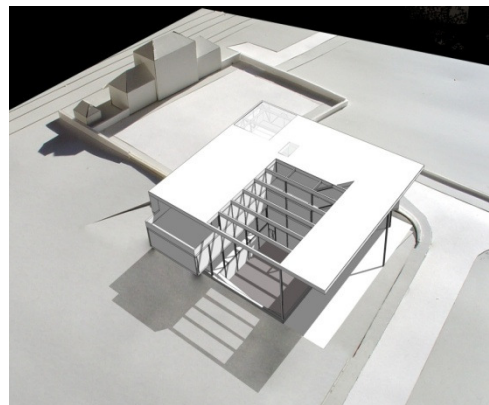
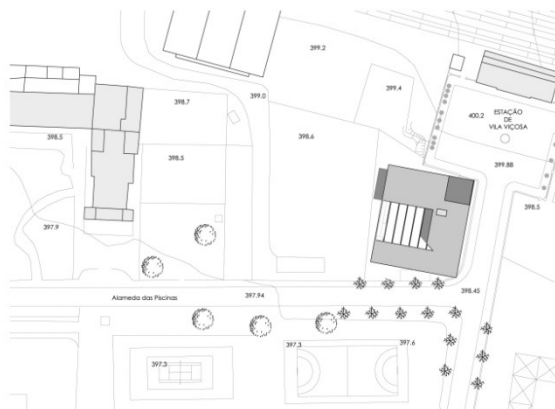
10. Is it possible to have further information about old “carrascais” spaces?

A: The garden’s project for one of these areas is available for download – se new file VILAVICOSA-PT-SS-M3.pdf. Some old documents and photos are joint and show some of those places in past times.

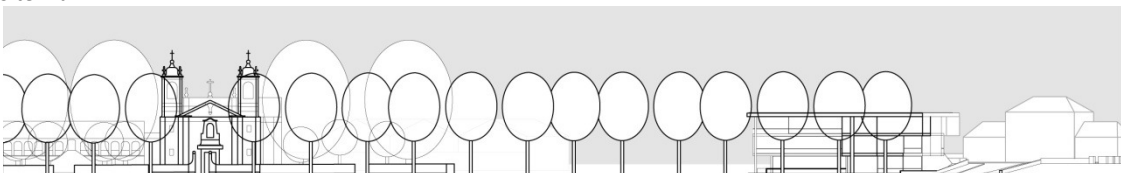


11. Could you provide any images or further information about the archive and library project?

A:



Site Plan



Elevation

12. The new Marbrito pavilion, mentioned in the 1st site visit report, is the building on the back of the shedroof unit shown in P3 photo?

A: Yes, it's the block on the back.



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