

EUROPAN 13 Accompanied Site Visit

PORTUGAL, Barreiro.

Meeting point: Corner of Avenida Batalhão de Sapadores de Caminho de Ferro with Rua Miguel Pais.

Attended: 7 people participated in this visit.

On May 14 2015, at 3.00 p.m. the visit to the competition site took place, with town representatives Luis Araújo, Helder Simões and Isabel Araújo.

Those present at the visit took a walk through the competition site; both strategic and project sites' limits were identified, namely those adjacent to the new Barreiro's car-train-boat interface and the railway line Barreiro-Seixal, no longer in use.

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/explained:

Will the light rail track actually be implemented?

The necessary conditions should be considered in the territory, to assure the feasibility of its implementation; however, at this point it is not possible to set a specific time limit for it.

Why is the new car-train-boat interface intended to be relocated elsewhere?

This relocation, if implemented, results on planning and land issues which are object of ongoing studies by the city of Barreiro.

Does Barreiro welcome tourists and visitors from Lisbon?

Not really. The daily traffic it's mostly about commuting between Barreiro and Lisbon, with the largest flows in the morning towards Lisbon and at the end of the day returning to Barreiro. This is one of the features that could potentially be explored in the competitors' proposals, creating a new centrality.

Where does the Municipality stand, regarding the demolition of low-quality constructions and existing housing in the area of the old railway track Barreiro-Seixal?

Competitors may propose the demolition of existing buildings in the referred area.

The buildings in question are intended for recreational activities or people's livelihood?

The existent activities in this area are predominantly of recreational character.

Observations:

Those at the visit were informed that any requests for information should be made through the competition website ("questions on sites"), before May 15th 2015, and any attempt made directly to the Municipality would not be answered.