Villeurbanne, France

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Population 128 000

Nom du lieu

Terrain des Soeurs

Surface de la zone d'étude 23 ha

Surface du site 3,8 ha

Theme

On a large piece of land that has been released by a religious community, the challenge is to invent a residential block with a landscaped grid, on the scale of this neighbourhood to the north of the town, that will incorporate convivial public spaces and typological innovations. The new block, as an "articulation" between the social housing areas of the Buers to the east and that of the individual houses to the west, and the major amenities close by, must become a new architectural and urban reference for Villeurbanne.





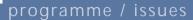




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Conurbation

The commune of Villeurbanne's urbanisation is the result of pressure from the industrial development and housing needs of Greater Lyon. Villeurbanne's identity is founded on the town centre with the "sky-scraper district", a modern urban and architectural heritage from the 1930s, as well as its neighbourhood hubs whose morphologies vary widely. Today, the municipality seeks a better link between neighbourhoods, the Doua university district to the north, and the town centre to the south.

Site

The Terrain des Sœurs which is to the north-east of the town, and close to the suburbs of Lyon, belonged previously to a religious community which had an important social role for the immigrants that populated this neighbourhood in its beginnings. The site is at the junction of two areas that contrast as much in terms of their morphologies as in terms of their social occupations. The fabric is mainly private housing and small businesses to the west (La Sainte Famille) and small blocks of flats to the east (Les Buers).





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Programme

On the land that is now available, a housing block is to be created which contains a maximum of 300 homes (for rent and for first time buyers), as well as for craft industries, and small businesses. An urban grid of convivial public spaces for the residents of the whole neighbourhood and a link between the different sectors is to be created. Finally, the neighbourhood is to be incorporated into the green zone which links it to the north, to the Feyssine park and the Doua campus, as well as, to the east, the Jonage canal.

Issues

functional : A solution must be found to link the area containing blocks of social housing with that containing individual houses, while preserving the residential intimacy which is so appreciated by the latter's inhabitants.

SOCIAL: Social mix is to be encouraged by expanding the variety of homes available to cover students, the elderly who wish to stay in the area, the residents of the neighbouring social housing district, and a whole new population wishing to acquire quality housing.

perceptual: The proposal must suggest urban, architectural and landscape instruments that will limit noise pollution from the ring road. It must also improve the urban and landscape elements of the interchange between the ring road and the Charles de Gaulle junction.



