

E¹⁸ Koppelbrug, Amersfoort (NL) Scale L/S

Reintegrate the Old

Rethink Koppelbrug as a mix-use building complex combining indoor/outdoor sports, housing, and parking so it becomes a landmark for health, community well-being, and inclusive urban living along the River Eem.

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| Location: | Koppelbrug, Amersfoort | Follow-up Process |
| Population: | 160,000 / 285,000 Metro | The Municipality of Amersfoort is committed to realizing the Koppelbrug multi-complex as a strategic asset integral to the success of the broader development. Currently, the existing building on-site is marked for demolition. The Municipality is keen to collaborate with developers and advance the innovative concepts generated through this competition, aiming for implementation. Additionally, the Municipality is open to commissioning further feasibility studies to explore opportunities for a thoughtful and integral development. |
| Reflection site: | 3.80 hectares | |
| Project site: | 0.44 hectares | |
| Proposed by: | Municipality Amersfoort | |
| Actors involved: | Municipality Amersfoort | |
| Team composition: | Architect non mandatory | |



The Koppelbrug is a cornerstone in the ambitious urban transformation of Kop van Issett. The site offers a unique opportunity to rethink Koppelbrug as a multi-functional urban hub, skillfully blending indoor and outdoor sports facilities, residential spaces, and parking. Situated along the scenic river Eem, the area aspires to become a landmark destination for health, recreation, and community well-being.

The new proposal has the potential to create a vibrant community that promotes both active lifestyles and inclusive living by integrating 3000-3500m² of sports facilities with 8000m² housing program. The proposed parking hub, accommodating at least 300 cars, is designed to minimize car dependency while supporting urban logistics and enhancing the district's appeal as a healthy and walkable urban environment.

Multi-functional urban hub

The Koppelbrug area is a site of significant urban and historical relevance, located near the Eem River. This location is pivotal in connecting various urban districts, serving as a transition point between residential, industrial and ecological zones.

The Koppelcomplex and its surroundings will serve as a focal point for the area, combining state-of-the-art sports facilities, diverse residential spaces, and a thoughtfully integrated parking hub. Height variations may range from 5 to 12 stories. Volumes should be carefully designed to address level differences between the bridge, river, and site, maximizing inside/outside relations and stunning views. Propose architectural solutions that blend noise-reduction strategies with aesthetically integrated parking hub avoiding imposing wall-like structures.

Landmark destination for health and recreation

The Eem River, flowing alongside the Koppelbrug site, is integral to defining its character and purpose, serving as both a vital ecological corridor and a cherished recreational asset for the community. Making Grebbelinie historical structure visible is an opportunity.

Koppelbrug seeks to establish a vibrant urban space where health and recreational activities seamlessly connect indoor facilities with surrounding green areas and the river-front. Enhance access to water and green spaces by creating stronger connections to the Koppelbrug and its surrounding areas.



This location is pivotal, serving as a dynamic transition point between residential, industrial, and ecological zones. Envision the Koppelcomplex as a thriving urban hub that integrates modern sports facilities, housing with diverse typologies, and a neighbourhood parking. Focus on balanced building volumes between 5-12 stories emphasizing captivating views and fluid indoor-outdoor connectivity.



Propose an ambitious and innovative design for waterfront activities, such as boating, kayaking, fishing, and riverside leisure pursuits, seamlessly complementing the indoor sports facilities within the building. The aim is to establish this location as a premier summertime destination, fostering health, wellness, and community engagement.

Building complex

Create an iconic building that showcasing innovation, sustainability, and establishing a landmark that embodies the aspirations of the Koppelbrug area.

Design a multi-functional sports complex of 3000-3500m² featuring a column-free sport hall (48m x 28m x 9m) capable of hosting events, public activities, and recreational programs. Include outdoor exercise spaces and public green areas equipped with exercise installations to encourage active lifestyles and foster community engagement. Approximately 8,000 m² of housing with diverse typologies to create an inclusive community fostering social interaction and enhanced liveability. Integrate a parking facility which accommodate 300 cars (approximately 9,000m GFA) think of additional functions such as a parcel service and repair shop to maximize utility and convenience.



Design a sensitive public space where health and recreation integrate indoor facilities with the surrounding environment. Create opportunities for swimming, boating, and riverside leisure, blending cutting-edge indoor sports with thoughtfully designed outdoor activities to foster community wellness and enhance the area's role as both an ecological corridor and a recreational haven.