



E17 JURY STATEMENT

RUNNER UP

INTO THE WILDERNESS

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1st stage assessment - local commission: This project shows an interesting approach with the ambition to balance green space and built space. A fine-grained development pattern seems appropriate, which could easily be mistaken for a single-family sprawl, but has a much larger grain.

The central park is described as an 'inner lung', but the project actually means that everything is green. The entire open and green space is connected by a meandering network of paths in the form of a shared space. Essential questions such as accessibility for emergency vehicles, the fire brigade, refuse collection and delivery traffic, etc., the required path widths and radii, and the interaction with the three mobility hubs remain largely unanswered for the jury. The attempt to dissolve the definition of road and street and to think of it differently is seen as very positive.

The project proposes a completely new identity for the area. The S-XL scale buildings are spread across the area and the mix of uses is equally dispersed. Iconic anchor buildings as focal points are important for the internal identification of the different neighbourhoods within the whole site. The jury understands the buildings shown as pictorial placeholders for concrete projects. Small scale can be seen here as a generator of feasibility.

The approach pursues an idyll that becomes reality. Provided that the open questions, especially those concerning mobility and density, can be resolved, a high level of residential and living satisfaction is conceivable with this system, which will also be accepted by the population. The locations of schools are not ideal.

Final assessment - international jury: The project takes an innovative approach to the relationship between greenery and built volumes. It is seen as an optimistic approach to a new vision for a city. The jury appreciates the proposal of a new "typology of greenery", where greenery and built space is immersed - all in one. Into the Wilderness proposes a hybrid landscape of a new kind - allowing for other usages and a new understanding.

Nature acts as a central structure, and the concept of a green lung that branches throughout the neighborhoods, gradually evolving into varying degrees of wilderness, is particularly noteworthy. The diverse scales of the buildings structure the neighborhood and also influence the adjacent public spaces through their



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ground floor functions. An organic form is applied to all the streets, lanes, and pathways of the site, chosen to facilitate the transition of mobility. The jury finds this to be an interesting and radical statement for renewal, while also recognizing concerns about access for emergency services, public transport, and similar considerations. There is an acknowledgment that once cars are allowed to pass through the site, it will undermine the initial concept.

The emphasis on landscape as a central structure remains a prominent feature. The layout of the main roads around the area is seen as a challenge and is difficult to see in the plans, yet the concept conveys a more progressive vision that some jury members felt could make for an exciting pioneering city. Whilst some agreed with the vision of merging nature and urbanity in such a way, others expressed doubts about the sustainability of the many surfaces. There was intense discussion about the feasibility, particularly with regard to marketing these concepts.

Although the jury recognises unresolved issues and has differing opinions on the feasibility and urban design concept, it is unanimous that the project is particularly innovative and visionary.