CARPENTER'S HAND



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57° 43' 11.09" N, 11° 55' 58.82" E



Wieselgrensplatsen

Wieselgrensplatsen is a lively square at Hisingen, close to the city center of Gothenburg. Except from being an important hub for public transport, sport facilities and the location of the current local hospital, the area also accommodates commercial activities, such as restaurants, a supermarket, and smaller shops.

The characteristics of the area reaches from early century villas and slab block courtyard apartments to bigger scale residential tower blocks and panel houses from the 50s and ongoing. There is also current construction taken place as part of the expansion for the area.

Wieselgrensplatsen is divided by heavy traffic but there are future development plans to make the area less car centered, with better connections for pedestrians and bicycles.

Based on the analysis, we found that new meeting places, comercial areas and potential cultural facilities are needed as well, as the area developes in the future.



SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

The location is in a dense and lively part of the city, informal meeting places are to be found.

Proximity to important commercial and public facilities, public transport and large residential areas.

The site does not currently have any larger important structures, mostly an empty plot to build on.

Weaknesses

On the wrong side of Wieselgrensplatsen in terms of foot traffic, cyclists and neighboring commercial and public facilities.

At an intersection with high car traffic, large crossings for pedestrians.

The plot itself is fairly small, and the neighboring arena limits future possibilities to expand.

Opportunities

Changes to the site could extend the center of Wieselgrensplatsen southwards, more activity and facilities.

Integration with the community and creation of public places and public facilities.

A less car dependent public facility can bring ways to improve connectivity for pedestrian and cyclist traffic in the area.

Threats

The site continues to be less integrated to its surrondings, with lack of activity and reduced safety.

Removing informal meeting places could have a negative effect, especially for teenagers.

With new facilities, the area can get increased car traffic,

resulting in reduced traffic safety and conflict with arena and visitors of Wieselgrensplatsen.

DESIGN STRATEGIES







Greenery

Visual Connections

Heavy & Light Functions



Sun Orientation



Water Management



Public Engagement

CONCEPT DESIGN

We have likened the basic shape of our building to a hand stretching out four fingers. This allows for views and accessibility to the outside. Another important feature is the terraces on each finger, often connected to the departments, These offer views of the city, the southern sun, and green areas.

The entrance with its big atrium is one part of the building that we have emphasized as well. Our aim has been to create a welcoming entrance space with lots of openness, daylight, greenery and visual connections to the outside. Except from the parks in front of the building's southern facade, we also added a green space on top of the bicycle hub, in between the hospital and the mobility hub to the east.

On a more functional level, we have grouped the apartments for easy accessibility and arranged them vertically with the heaviest and most common functions at the first two floors, like for example primary care, operation and endoscopy. Moving up in the building, lighter functions like specialist, BUP and a gym for rehabilitation and habilitation are to be found. One way we have challenged the brief is by adding combined spaces for offices and administration. This, we believe, will add to more efficient floorplans and usage of these spaces.

CHALLENGING THE BRIEF

The Brief Our Proposal **PROGRAM AREA** Old:10808 New: 11957 Primary care 909m2 Region(sample reception) 112m2 Imaging medicine 431m2 Primary care 1421m2 Mobile team (merged with other depar Region(sample reception) 469r Imaging medicine 625m2 Specialist clinics 1371m2 Mobile team 398m2 Dentist 325m2 Specialist clinics 2568m2 Dentist 510m2 Region health 114m2 Region health 272m2 BUP 166m2 BUP 362m2 Habilitation and health 216m2 Habilitation and health 475m2 Surgery clinic 851m2 Surgery clinic 974m2 ■ Region service and others 934m2 ■Region service and others 1278m2 Technical 1800m2 Technical 2270m2 Shared 3474m2 New 441m2 BTA: 18004 BTA: 16777 Mobility hub BTA: 12000 Mobility hub BTA: 9765 Total BTA: 27089 Total BTA: 26542

VOLUMETRIC MASSING

1. Extrusion of the footprint

The buildable area has a triangular shape. By extruding the shape, we get an idea of the total mass capable on the site.

2. Shaping of the building

To create parks and common meeting areas, as well as making sure daylight reaches all departments, we shaped the building like a hand with fingers reaching towards the south.

3. Cutting of courtyard and atrium

In the deepest parts of the building, we created a courtyard and an atrium. This allows daylight even in the center of the structure as well as visual connections through the atrium.

4. Offsetting of terrasses, overhangs and roofs

To make the most use of the building's location to the south, we added terraces on all fingers, accessible for patients and staff. This is part of our health promoting ambition to increase access to sunlight, fresh air and views towards greenery.



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THE ATRIUM





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SITE PLAN

1:1000



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FLOOR 1

972 978 870 870 50



















FLOWS

VERTICAL FLOWS

STAFF FLOWS

THE EXAMINATION ROOMS

Natural daylight has been implemented in all examination rooms as an important health promoting aspect.

VIEW OF INTERIOR CORRIDOR

VIEW OF ENTRANCE SQUARE

THE PARK ABOVE THE BICYCLE HUB

1:200

SECTION A-A

SECTION B-B

SECTION C-C

ELEVATIONS

1:200

NORTH

EAST

FACADE AND DETAIL SECTION 1:50

25 Floor 10 Drainage 50 Concrete 5 Vapor barrier 50 Insulation 50 CLT Floorslab 500 Beam/ 200 +200 Insulation 50 CLT Floorslab 800 Air 25 Under Ceiling 15 Timber 30 Air gap/Studs 5 Wind barrier 200 Timber/Insulation 5 Vapor barrier 12 Timber 120 Bricks 20 Air gap 10 Wind barrier 200 Insulation 5 Vapor barrier 150 Concrete 13 Gypsum

10 Floor 5 Vapor barrier 50 Concrete 50 Insulation 500 Beam/300 Concete 13 Gypsum 1000 Air 25 Under Ceiling

10 Floor 200 Concrete 150 Insulation Aluminium sheet 150 Insulation 150 Macadam Fibre cloth

