After the Department of Education and Sports decided to close the Pestalozzi School in 2005, the City of Hamburg announced an urban design competition in 2007 to re-develop the then vacant area, which our office won.

The City of Hamburg was aiming for a sensible proposal to densify the building ensemble by adding small scale structures. We re-designed the old school grounds as an area with a family-oriented living environment in combination with residents-friendly commercial use that is acoustically protected by the AIDA Entertainment building to its south. In addition, the preservation of the historic school building had to be taken into account. With all these considerations the Pestalozzi-Quarter was created.