



**Previous state**  
 The former building of the Zonnehuis Care Home was a mono-functional care home, outdated from the 70s. The area was recognizable as a socially isolated 'elderly island' within a larger system of infrastructure and water. Functions were divided and there was almost no interaction possible with society.



**Aim of the intervention**  
 The aim was to create an integrated design for an urban environment which stimulates interaction between different groups of people. The demolition of the old care home created space for a mixed use development in a vibrant, urban and green environment. Particularly special is that, with the exception of the dementia friendly gardens, the whole area is free of fences and is publicly accessible for residents of the surrounding neighbourhood.



green-rich plaza's



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a greenhouse for activities with care-residents



a canopy as a 'floating leaf' connecting two buildings of the care home