PENEDÈS SQUARE’S URBAN DESIGN

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AERIAL VIEW

LOCATION IN CERDANYOLA DEL VALLÈS
1:50.000

PREVIOUS STATE

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