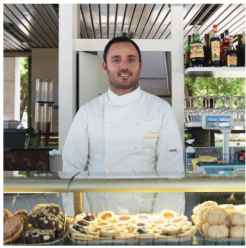


2. A extension to the city centre



"I was looking for a place where I to spend little money to open my activity. If I had chosen Mestre's city centre they would have asked me two, three hundred thousand Euros... and this was an area where nobody wanted to live. Now the bakery has become a kind of meeting space for the whole district. [...] Not long ago this area was avoided by everyone but now people are happy. [...] And we're the only bakery of the city to be located in a park and I mean... I consider myself to be very lucky because this is stupendous stuff... I've a gorgeous view in the park and when it's crowded..."

Salvatore, bakery owner



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3. A place of social cohesion

"At the park there's a mutual respect between ethnic groups. I am deeply fascinated by that... because here in different times of the day, the colors of people and kids change... Italians, Indians, Bangladeshis, various populations... They all respect each other..."

Sonia, shop owner



4. A traffic free, safe space



"I believe it to be positive change, because our children really enjoy these spaces. There is a church here and on Sundays all children come to the park to play. And it works better without cars; not having them around give's us a great feeling of safety. If cars were admitted where kids play, it could be dangerous"

Francesca, mother of two, interviewed at the park



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Andrea Costa street before renovation

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