

HANNAH-ARENDT-PARK VIENNA

A NEW PARK FOR THE SEESTADT ASPERN DISTRICT

PREVIOUS STATE

In the north-eastern part of Vienna lie the remains of the Airfield Aspern, being desolate since the introduction of the new Vienna International Airport. Built in 1912 it previously functioned as one of Europe’s largest airports. Since the demise of the airfield in 1977, the area lacked a meaningful purpose. It lay untouched in the midst of suburban housing and industrial structures, as well as agricultural fields. This created the ground for the City of Vienna to undertake its biggest expansion project in

AIM OF INTERVENTION

Within the realization of the new city district Seestadt Aspern, a two-phase competition to develop a 14.750m2 urban park for existing and future residents was held. It should be named “Hannah-Arendt-Park” after the theorist and publicist Hannah Arendt. The park was to be built in the first phase of the expansion project, functioning as the new center of the neighbouring residential area. It would also be an entrance to the new educational campus including a kindergarden and schools. The north-

2005. The former airfield should develop into an independent and modern district - the Seestadt Aspern. The new location of 240 hectares should offer a diverse mix of community, business and research providing a self-functioning environment within the next 20 years. The development will be home for 20.000 people, with cultural and recreational opportunities as well as an independent urban infrastructure and workplaces. The first

eastern side would still be under construction once the park is finished and will house even more apartments. The “Hannah-Arendt-Park” was to be designed as an urban park for recreational use. It should refer to the characteristic of the new city district which is mainly characterized through the strong functional relations between the surrounding structures. The adjoining traffic-calmed streets were to be incorporated and

phase of the project is presently under construction, with buildings and residential areas providing a base to the project gradually replacing the remaining concrete landing strips and overgrown weeds.

considered functionally as well as design wise. As part of the competition while assuring the satisfaction of the existing residents, a survey of requirements should be held by the participants. Sponsored by the European Union to support the Viennese city expansion a financial goal of maximum 85 Euro/m2 was set.



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Remains of the former Airfield Aspern



Construction of Seestadt Aspern Phase 1



Masterplan of the new city expansion



View over the former airfield

Type
Park and Recreation
Area
14.750 m2
Completion
2012-2015
Award
Competition 1. Place
Phases of Planning
LP 1 - LP 7
Cooperation
METTLER
Landschaftsarchitektur
Cient
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