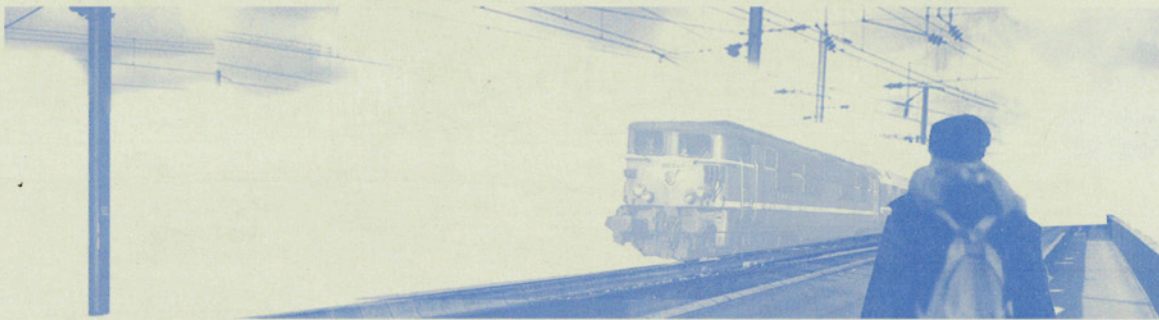


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Aarau

population 16 000
conurbation 74 000

Scheibenschachen

3 hectares



Between the major towns of Zurich and Basle, Aarau has developed autonomously.

The competition site was used as a shooting range until 1994. It is part of a development zone which extends into the neighbouring commune. A hydroelectric station on the site generates noise problems. However, at 50 to 100 m from the station, the noise level drops enough to make the land ideal for residential use.

The brief calls for a housing zone of between 150 and 200 dwellings which will be situated in the centre of a town with excellent transport links with the major Swiss centres.

The landscape must be given consideration as an integral part of the overall scheme.

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Fields Described as “the meaning and the letter: like a rhythm pacing out time”, the concept allows creation of urban housing through the principle of the rotating, two-field system. Here, this is formed by the superpositioning of constructed and green fields; confirmed by the “Transfield Mobility Axis”, which connects the city with the neighbourhood. Constructed fields represent the town qualities: squares, streets, proximity, and human contact. Green fields confirm the landscape qualities, connecting the neighbourhood with the landscape. The “Transfield Mobility Axis” expresses a new

and different kind of mobility: the public space of individual mobility.

Between green and constructed fields, every dwelling generates a private relationship with town and landscape as well as a private identity. So, each one takes part in the site's scenic and public qualities by means of a double-height “landscape-room” open to the exterior, thus making the surrounding environment part of everyday life.

