

E16 LIVING CITIES

Schwäbisch Gmünd Germany

SCALE:

L + XL urban and architectural

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE:

urbanist, landscape architect & architect

LOCATION: City of Schwäbisch Gmünd, Baden Württemberg, Germany

POPULATION: 61.000 inhabitants

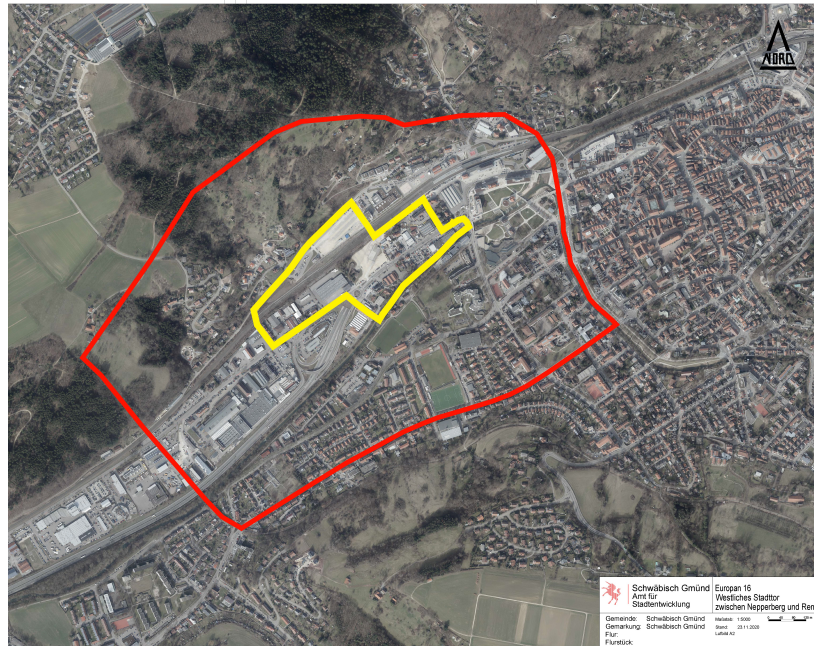
REFLECTION SITE: 138 ha

PROJECT SITE: 27 ha

SITE PROPOSED BY: City of Schwäbisch Gmünd

ACTORS INVOLVED: City of Schwäbisch Gmünd

OWNER(S) OF THE SITE: City of Schwäbisch Gmünd, private investors, companies and owners



A new mixed use quarter as the western city gate - An urban granulation offering social and programmatic granulation



Location

Area west of the main station

How is the site connected to dynamics of the circular economy and dynamics of integration?

The area west of the main station is very well connected and already changing; it is directly linked to the sites of the national horticultural show 2014 and the urban development «UNBREAK MY HARDT», a E13 project which becomes part of the IBA 2027 StadtRegion Stuttgart. With its immediate proximity to periphery and centre, protected nature areas and massive infrastructures it holds the potential to become a pilot project site for a strategic development integrating various uses and users. The area should develop over time in accordance to the climate analysis carried out for the entire city area with recommendations for potential development areas for climate adaptation. Diverse existing buildings and infrastructures, as well as the nearby housing areas need to be taken into consideration. The site should offer building plots for diverse actors offering social and programmatic granulation. The project should start a process for people with ideas, a dialogue for diversity and an urban structural concept that integrates all. In the future it will serve as the western entrance to the city.



What is the city's strategy for transformation?

The site needs a long-term urban development scenario, which can be implemented step by step. The goal is to develop a mixed quarter where «Baugruppen», housing cooperatives, small services and new production facilities find a place. An urbanistic vision and a structural basis, offering a mix of plot sizes, should provide the framework for individual building blocks.