Diploma review Adam Hlousek

Like Nachod, many towns of a similar size have developed in a disorderly manner in recent decades, with the outskirts in particular showing deficits in the integration of the landscape. The author takes up this current topic and develops an exemplary solution, which focuses on the urban development supplement and an open space planning concept.

The project is based on a very comprehensive analysis of the entire city. This is shown in a large number of plans, although it is not always clear what contribution is being made to solving the task. It would also have been helpful to show the design area in the overview plans.

Like the city as a whole, the selected location is also examined analytically, but also here is some information missed. It would certainly have been interesting to learn a little more about the history of the area and the original urban planning intentions at this point. Except for the photos, little is said about the vegetation, although a number of big trees are structuring the area.

The design concept itself moves on different scales, which the author develops in a comprehensible manner. On the scale of the landscape, the overarching path relationships are rightly addressed, and the theme of the orchards is reinterpreted. The temporary stream is also recognized as having great potential and is being structurally developed. However, this only happens partially, it does not bring any quality to keep a part of the body of water in the standard profile. More work would have been necessary here in order to implement the recognized standards for renaturation of water bodies in all sections.

In terms of urban planning, some additional buildings are classified in the eastern part. This is done appropriately and well placed, the existing development is carefully developed. Proposals are then made in detail for a landscape-architectural improvement of the peripheral zones and the courtyards. These are logical, but not exceptional either. The author's effort to qualify the transition to the landscape with a new public building in the central area is a positive approach, but the specific implementation remains schematic. The visualization with the extensive staircases shown there does not help to convey an atmospheric situation.

Other sketches, on the other hand, show the spatial situations in a very developed way and are suitable for explaining the concept in an understandable way. Also, in other parts of the work the author offers a variety of illustrating graphics that explain the project well. But, although the graphic representation of the site plan is easy to read, it does not set any priorities and essential design elements are not highlighted.

Overall, the work shows good functional approaches for this area and is suitable for providing support in the further urban development and improvement of public spaces. However, the project does not develop the expected clarity and also lacks the necessary depth in some parts.

Recommended mark: C

Questions:

- The design includes reorganization of the parking. Please explain how did you verify the amount of parking spots needed, including the newly designed buildings.
- Please explain what is the concept of the vegetation based on. What species would be suitable?

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