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1. ORGANIZING THE COMPETITION

1.1. ORGANIZERS, NATURE, AND PURPOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition was jointly organized by the Tampere University's Architecture Unit, the City of Hämeenlinna, and Urbanizator Oy.

The competition was an open-vision competition for architectural Master's students at Tampere University's Architecture Unit.

General objective for all the competition entries was: high-quality, urban, versatile, new, safe, sustainable, and low-carbon construction that stands out from its environment in a positive way and has a recognizable identity is aimed in connection with the "Carbon-neutral Hämeenlinna" program. The competition area relies on the existing surrounding urban structure, utilizing ready-made public transport connections, municipal technology, and services.

The competition area will have versatile and humane-scale housing of approximately 20,000 – 50,000 m². The maximum height of the buildings is a maximum of 5 floors. Competitors must present in the plan a vision for the location of the grocery store (approximately 2,000 – 3,000 m²), and the store's parking area (approx. 100 – 150 for cars).

The old warehouse building located in the area will be preserved and a new purpose must be assigned to it.

The nature of the competition task was the community and regional planning, housing planning, and public building planning. As a basis for further planning and decision-making in the area the organisers were looking for vision and ideas.

1.2. BACKGROUND OF THE COMPETITION

The area surrounding Poltinaho has developed over time into a diverse urban joint along Turuntie. The area is located near the city center, in the armpit of Myllymäki, the Poltinaho residential area, the school center, and Ahvenistonharju. Hämeenlinna actively strives to promote new types of housing solutions. The functional development of the Poltinaho area supports the goals of sustainable development. The area relies heavily on the existing urban structure, utilising ready-made public transport connections, municipal technical networks, and services.

The competition seeks an interesting vision as a starting point for the planning of the area. The aim was to realise the area as an urban environment that supports the principles of sustainable development.

The main task of the competition was to create the existing environmental factors and interesting location of the Poltinaho area, utilising an urban and versatile urban structure,

the main purpose of the area being housing. The central idea of the competition is to find an identity that is recognisable for the region and suitable for the region.

In addition to housing, at least one plot of land must be allocated to the area for commercial use. There was no need for public service construction in the area. The goal was to develop the Poltinaho area as part of the zone surrounding the city center. The competition area must be formed into a residential environment structured in terms of urban structure and a high standard in terms of the cityscape, which can be made diverse, safe, and humane in terms of population structure and forms of housing management.

The goal is that after the competition, the area will be planned for commercial use. The rest of the area will be rezoned in the next few years when the shelters located at the Ahvenisto school leave the area.

The planning area is the area around the Ahvenisto school bounded by Turuntie, Hattelmalantie, Taimistontie, and Kaurapolu. There is currently an Ahvenisto school in the area, and the need for the buildings is disappearing as we enter the 2030s. Turuntie and Hattelmalantie in the corner are the state-owned Miekkalinna. The protected western depot of the city infrastructure is located on Turuntie. In the southern part of the area, there is also an allotment garden.

The main part of the reserved area is site-zoned as a block area for public buildings (education, administration), part as a narrow park corridor, and the southeast corner as an allotment garden.

According to the general plan, the area is a services and administration area, where no large retail unit may be located. The depot building and Ahvenisto-school are locally valuable buildings. During the preparation of the master plan, the area was studied e.g., as the location of the central hospital. It is necessary to review the general plan based on the changed situation.

The competition area is owned by the city of Hämeenlinna.

The history of the wider area of Poltinaho is related to the development of Hämeenlinna as an administrative and garrison town. Already during Swedish rule in the 18th century, Poltinaho had an open field that the army used for its exercises. A garrison was built on Poltinaho in the 19th century. The oldest building in the planning area is a protected storage building, Kasakkatalli, from the beginning of the 20th century.

The competition area is the mild area of the Ahvenisto ridge and the groundwater formation area. The topsoil of the area is fine sand. The soil is suitable for construction.

Hattelmalantie and Turuntie, which border the competition area, are busy main thoroughfares of the city, which mediate traffic between the western districts and the city center. Public transport and light transport connections are excellent.

The competition area has direct connections to excellent sports and recreation places in the surrounding area. In the west, the competition area is limited to the versatile wooden house area and the more versatile Ahvenisto recreation area and sports park. To the east of the competition, the area is the old working-class district of Myllymäki with its wooden houses and small apartment buildings. A secondary education center is located on the south side of the area.

The goal of the competition was to create a distinctive urban housing area in the Poltinaho area that is compact in terms of construction. The urban plan needed take into account the connection of the area to the diverse urban structure. Myllymäki, the area of small houses built in the Poltinaho garrison area and Ahvenistonharju was to be included as part of the attractive identity of the area.

The old historic stable and the main part of the agricultural plots should be preserved as part of the urban structure. The agricultural plot area is developed as part of the whole. The car market should also be planned for the area.

1.3. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

The main objective of the competition was to find versatile ideas for additional construction in the Poltinaho area. The goal was to create the imaginative and innovative visual material that can be used as a basis for further planning and decision-making in the area. If successful, with the help of the competition, the city can start building the idea and concept of a renewing Poltinaho's identity in the long term.

The most essential thing in the competition proposals was to express the diversity of the developing Poltinaho area of the city of Hämeenlinna in fascinating and memorable way. It was set as a clear goals that the winning solution blends in a natural and indistinguishable way into Poltinaho's urban structure.

1.4. COMPETITION EVALUATION CRITERIA

When evaluating the proposals, the competition jury paid particular attention to the following factors:

- 1) Strong idea(s) for finding the soul of the Poltinaho area.
- 2) The visionariness, innovativeness and memorableness of the solution.
- 3) The architectural quality of the solution, the building's connection, and adaptation to its surroundings.
- 4) Functionality of the solution.
- 5) The inherent material properties of the building materials used and requirements for the long-term durability of the buildings.

In its evaluation, the competition jury paid more attention to the ideas and architectural and functional merits of the proposals, than to the flawlessness of the details. Proposal-specific evaluations were prepared for all of the proposals.

1.5. COMPETITION JURY

Members of the Award Committee (11 people) included:

Niklas Lähteenmäki, Director of land use planning, city of Hämeenlinna

Jari Mettälä, Planning manager, city of Hämeenlinna, chairman of the award committee

Tarja Majuri, Director of urban construction, city of Hämeenlinna

Mikko Kaartinen, Urbanizator Oy

Ilmari Lahdelma, Professor of Building Design, Tampere University

Fernando Nieto, Professor of Building Design, Tampere University

Sofie Pelsmakers, Professor of Sustainable Housing Design, Tampere University

Juho Rajaniemi, Professor of Urban Planning, Tampere University

The secretary of the award committee is a university teacher and architect **Henri Käpynen** from the architecture unit of Tampere University.

The award committee was also entitled to consult experts from outside the competition as it deems necessary. These do not participate in deciding the competition.

Experts in this competition:

Jenni Sabel, Infrastructure planning manager, city of Hämeenlinna

Elina Kasteenpohja, Surveyor, city of Hämeenlinna

2. COMPETITION EVALUATION

2.1 GENERAL EVALUATION

Hämeenlinna's Poltinaho vision competition for architecture students was a high-level, but also challenging event. The proposals of the competition, which proved to be fairly laborious, give a versatile and diverse development possibilities of the area. As is typical for a student competition, the making of proposals was guided. The 13 submitted proposals each give interesting ideas for developing the Poltinaho area in their own way. In the best proposals, a visionary plans with details was professionally presented.

The competition area is in the middle of the existing city structure. In terms of cityscape, it turned out to be important that the personal overall solution stands out from its surroundings in terms of scale and appearance. In the best proposals, the original concepts and atmospheres were created providing a good, safe living environment. The best ideas of the competition were precisely in the solutions where the streets passing through the area have found their natural place and the residential yards have their own safe and pleasant appearance. Placing a grocery store along Turuntie together with the existing Kasakkatalli building has proven to be a natural solution. However, functional concentration of commercial services and hobby activities can be developed on the site.

In the competition proposals, a wide range of different housing solutions are presented, from townhouses to large unified residential apartment complexes. In the most successful proposals, a different basic solution has been found in each of them, which creates a suitably dense, scaled and divided living environment, where the public areas and courtyards are at the same time separated from each other and naturally connected. The actual housing solutions have been presented in different ways in the competition, but in the best proposals the apartment solution offers a versatile coverage of different apartment sizes.

The existing buildings in the competition area, with the exception of the historic Kasakkatalli, have mostly been demolished. The competition has shown that preserving buildings is challenging, but preserving parts of individual buildings could bring more character and sense of place to the area. The competition organiser did not require existing buildings to be saved.

The competition area is largely based on existing built environment, and the starting point for further development of the area is thus sustainable. With a moderate scale and urban-like dense construction, as well as saving the existing green environment, the competitors have aimed for sustainable development and low carbon. Many proposals have presented interesting design and also concrete technical ideas for creating an environment in accordance with the goals of sustainable development.

In terms of traffic, the competition task was clear. The area had to plan a functional light traffic bus system with common areas and a parking solution that would naturally serve the residents. In the best proposals, the light traffic routes smoothly connected the functions of the area and with its surroundings. Arranging the location subtly at ground level in the living environment is always a challenging task. Many different location solutions were

presented for parking, but only a few proposals managed to combine the requirements of the existing cityscape and functionality with a good living environment.

This architecture student competition offered plenty of high-quality visions and ideas as a basis for further planning and decision-making for the Poltinaho area.

2.2 YLEISARVOSTELU

Hämeenlinnan Poltinahon visiokilpailu arkkitehtiopiskelijoille oli korkeatasoinen, mutta myös haastava kokonaisuus. Kohtuullisen työlääksi osoittautuneen kilpailun ehdotukset antavat monipuolisen ja monimuotoisen kuvan alueen kehitysmahdollisuuksista. Opiskelijakilpailulle tyypillisesti ehdotuksien tekemistä ohjattiin, palautetut 13 ehdotusta antavat kukin omalla tavallaan mielenkiintoisia ideoita kehittää aluetta. Parhaissa ehdotuksissa on esitetty ammattitaitoisesti visionäärinen, persoonallinen yleissuunnitelma yksityiskohtineen.

Kilpailualue on keskellä valmiiksi rakennettua Poltinahoa. Kaupunkikuvallisesti keskeiseksi osoittautui persoonallisen kokonaisratkaisun erottautuminen sopivasti ympäristöstään mittakaavaltaan ja ilmeeltään. Parhaissa ehdotuksissa omintakeinen konsepti luo paikalle oman tunnelman ja hyvää, turvallista asuinympäristöä. Kilpailun parasta antia ovat nimenomaan ratkaisut, jossa alueen läpi kulkevat väylästöt ovat löytäneet luontevat paikkansa ja asuinpihat oman turvallisen ja miellyttävän ilmeensä. Luontevaksi ratkaisuksi on osoittautunut päivittäistavarakaupan sijoittaminen Turuntien varteen yhdessä Kasakkatallien kanssa. Paikalle on kehitettävissä toimiva kaupallisten palveluiden ja harrastustoiminnan keskittymä.

Kilpailuehdotuksissa on esitetty laaja skaala erilaisia asumisen ratkaisuja rivitaloista laajoihin yhtenäisiin asuinkerrostalokokonaisuuksiin. Parhaissa ehdotuksissa on löydetty kussakin erilainen perusratkaisu, jossa muodostuu sopivan tiivistä, mittakaavallisesti luontevaa ja jaoteltua asuinympäristöä, jossa yleiset alueet ja pihat samalla erottuvat toisistaan ja ovat luontevasti yhteydessä. Varsinaisia asuntosuunnitelmia on kilpailussa esitetty vaihtelevasti, mutta parhaissa töissä asuntoratkaisu tarjoaa monipuolisen kattauksen erikokoisia asuntoja.

Kilpailualueen olemassa olevat rakennukset Kasakkatallia lukuun ottamatta on pääosassa ehdotuksia purettu. Kilpailu on osaltaan osoittanut, että rakennusten säilyttäminen on haastavaa, mutta yksittäisten rakennusten osien säilyttäminen voisi tuoda lisää omaa ilmettä alueelle. Kilpailun järjestäjä ei edellyttänyt olemassa olevia rakennuksia säästettäväksi.

Kilpailualue tukeutuu pitkälti valmiiseen ympäristöön ja alueen rakentamisen lähtökohta on näin kestävä. Maltillisella mittakaavalla ja kaupunkimaisen tiheällä rakentamisella sekä olemassa olevan viherympäristön säästämällä kilpailijat ovat tavoitelleet kestävää kehitystä ja vähähiilisyyttä. Monissa ehdotuksissa on esitetty mielenkiintoisia suunnittelullisia ja teknisiä ajatuksia kestävä kehityksen tavoitteiden mukaisen ympäristön syntymiselle.

Liikenteellisesti kilpailutehtävä oli selkeä. Alueelle tuli suunnitella toimiva kevyenliikenteen väylästä yhteisalueineen ja asukkaita luontevasti palveleva paikoitusratkaisu. Parhaissa ehdotuksissa kevyenliikenteen väylät yhdistivät alueen toiminnot samalla sujuvasti keskenään ja ympäristöönsä. Paikoituksen järjestäminen hienovaraisesti maantasoisena asuin ympäristöön on aina haasteellinen tehtävä. Poltinahon kilpailussakin esitettiin hyvin erilaisia paikoitusratkaisuja, vain harvoissa töissä oli kuitenkin onnistuttu yhdistämään kaupunkikuvan ja toimivuuden vaatimukset hyvään asuin ympäristöön.

Arkkitehtiopiskelijakilpailu tarjoaa runsaasti laadukkaita visioita ja ideoita jatkosuunnittelun ja päätöksenteon pohjaksi Poltinahon alueelle.

2.3 Awarded category

Apilat

Carefully planned proposal in terms of urban approach and quality of architecture. The different variations of the same building type have been skillfully implemented. The shape of the buildings contributes to the emergence of interesting views. The side of Turuntie has been solved in an interesting way. The proposal presents some very strong visuals that



really clearly show a sense of place. Internal space also seems bright and light. It is appreciated that a diversity of people are shown.

The chosen architecture do not form an urban space in a traditional sense, but free-standing masses in the park is a classic modern urban planning theme which is well argued. From the urban design perspective, the proposal is based on the expansion of the existing green areas in continuation to the north and east sides. Certain control of composition is lacking and is practically based on duplicating one block of flats, which is why the approach to urban planning lacks direction. On the other hand, if the area turns out to be as green as in the proposed, it can be considered a success. Rather convincingly in the renderings they do start to create nice places between buildings. The location of the store and the relationship with the historic stable is good and interesting idea. Lots of greenery and high quality living, with green roofs and roof terraces is central to the plan.

The blocks are higher in the perimeter to the streets and lower their height towards the central park. The blocks by the central pedestrian path could have been more sensitive to it. The public buildings are placed to the North with good direct access from the main traffic road. The housing block solution forms a system that can be combined with small variations. The housing design is very skillful and meritorious. The three-wing solution for the blocks allows variations in housing types. The variations are reflected in the vibrant facades. All an all Apilat is a rather wonderful proposal and of high quality.

Nurkkis

A determined plan that creates an distinct identity for the new area as part of the whole. The proposals merits are its bold approach, the right scale and pleasant architecture. Housing are is human scale and consideration of shallow massing is obvious. The visuals and diagrams are credible in terms of urban quality and variation, which is intelligently based on the roof solutions and material changes.



Areas of high value have been detected and are retained and extended to become part of the project, also by reusing part of the old school building for community purposes. Clever use of hybrid construction and material reuse strategy and use of recycled materials can be detected. The architecture with the repetitive pitched roofs and brick looks a bit dull in the wider master plan, but works well in the ground level. Car-free environment and moving cars totally to the edge where there are already roads is a solution. The plan could have had more shared car schemes for more convincing visions for the future. The hybrid of the car market and housing has potential. The square in the middle of the area is quite open and lacks proportion in relation to the overall plan. The block in the south side with Police station building seems a bit detached from the plan.

Also a nice contextual and conceptual starting point of Sibelius and children's game, linking to child safe and all age safe environments and the play of the blocks. The composition of buildings does create a bit tight courtyards. Much attention given to the units themselves and 'open building' principle that is well thought through and offers high quality living spaces. The plan is visionary, but it can be said that more attention was given to micro scale than macro scale - and the latter has suffered from fully achieving its intended vision. Complete proposal with good thinking and overall development.

EcoLinna

The chosen block structure works fairly well and the proposal is conceptually clear. The rendered images are showing a wonderful space and place to live however.

From the urban perspective, it is based on the creation of small communities through courtyard blocks. The strict squareness in geometry is a matter of preference, but seems like a little out of place decision. Multiple interesting views have been created on different scales. Contextual and environmental diagrams make the plan more clear and are worth mentioning. Great idea of dotting commercial functions on the site like accessible corner shops and to create a mixed use 15 min city concept seems like a fresh idea. The keeping of allotments and further greening on land and roofs is a good concept. The green corridor idea overall seems to fit the site. Harsh and controlled site plan with some tight courtyards of what seem quite deep and large blocks might be worth studying further.

Two parking buildings along Turuntie seem like an optimal solution, although not the most cost efficient. The clever positioning of car parking helps with traffic noise, but long facades are quite harsh in relation to their environment. But, this move also ensures that carpark buildings can be turned into other functions in the future by using same as residential floor height, this thinking can be considered sustainable for the future Poltinaho.

The diagrammatic plans of the apartments seem to suggest unsustainable double loaded corridors in many cases. This causes creating many small units, which is not a socially sustainable solution. This also causes the deep plans, which are quite problematic in terms of quality of living. A good proposal although remains partly unfinished.



The Loop

Interesting solution based on a few kind of 'superblocks' that remind somehow the ideals of the second modern movement after the 1950s, with minimum footprint of architecture to maximise the greenery. The square in the middle is a natural move and forms a surprisingly pleasant urban place. Although the plan has large groups of buildings, it seems appropriate for the scale of the area.

To develop nice courtyards and squares can be considered a good goal. There are some aspects of the proposal that are quite schematic, which causes the thought of incompleteness. The proposal is very good and considerate, but perhaps the looping and connecting is taken too literal. The overall execution is very nice resulting a stylistically neat proposal.

A sensitive project with slim 'bars' as blocks incorporated in the existing landscape as intended, which plays with the idea of 'closeness to nature'. The proposal is very good and



considerate; perhaps the looping and connecting is taken too literal. From a social perspective 'dotting' around of corner shops encourages accidental meetings and ensure services are easy to reach. Nice concept of central communal dining area in each unit.

Convincing simple renderings with different scales of blocks and human scale. The housing types proposed are somehow innovative although with small mistakes. The loops as the form chosen embrace greenery which gives a real sense of place. The strategy undertaken has the highest chance of protecting existing green areas due to the close connection to residents and it being so integrated in the project. END

Tilkkutäkki

A simple and controlled plan with correct scale. The new plan is a good counterbalance to the existing police station. The idea of "soft and hard edges" work fairly well. Typological complexity is working very well and is worth mentioning. The car market solution is very good. The housing design seems mostly functional, although the frame depth of the houses is perhaps too big. The existing trees have been saved and the architecture seems to fall as background to the nature, which is a fresh take on the role of the architecture in general.

Blocks could have been more diverse in scale and in units. The plan concentrates the housing to the south in connection with the existing greenery and urban farms. However, the connection with the public buildings is solved through parking places, which is not the most ideal solution. The blocks seem too deep, compromising daylight in units where no side windows are available. Car parking areas are visually impactful, though it is mentioned that these can be replace with greenery as need for cars reduces over time. The amount of parking is surprisingly big, but is hidden very well into the overall plan.



Mention of stormwater and permeable paving and reuse of existing buildings; good height of 3.2 meters to allow for future adaptability.

The project is presented very well and based on contextual analysis. Overall, the proposal is well structured, restrained and thought out. The visuals and documentation are on a professional level. Renderings show lush green areas and wild gardens which gives a sense of urban living in nature.

Hämeen Muuri

The urban plan looks very suburban and conventional but then some of the other material shows a convincing village feel and human scale. To have two story 'houses', even on top of one another feels like a good solution. Townhouse building type is suitable for the scale of the area, but the proposal is maybe too much relying on single-family housing, therefore a city model based on sprawl and very car-dependant. Driving all the way through to the courtyards is jeopardising quality of living, safety and enjoyment of any open spaces.

The proposal lacking the feeling of community created apart from in the perimeter blocks. Clever use of using a block to project against traffic nose is a good idea, but appears as quite oppressive in its environment. Thus, quite a large 'wall' could have need to attempted to be broken down in massing. The sense of plan could have been stronger, why it is special to live here is not clear. Hämeenlinna-like scale in the middle of the area was seen as good.

Architecture in terms of plan solutions for housing types and building facades does not excel. The images are suggestive, although there is no leading idea in the site planning in terms of a clear urban structure. A clear basic solution that would have been worth developing further.



(Sub)urban diversity

The plan has an urban feel, which can be considered a success, but the 'diversity part' seems a bit missing. Especially the buildings along Turuntie are creating a new kind of urban setting for Poltinaho. For example, the townhouses on top of the car market create an interesting hybrid, but the maintenance and traffic of the car market is difficult to solve. The roof garden on the supermarket is a great idea.

The traffic planning is clear and easy to understand, but the parking solution seems too concentrated. The police station becomes a natural part of the design, which is a good outcome. The old historical staple has been extended with two new masses, which sets the proposal apart from others. Despite its urban feel, the proposal is quite conventional planning and there's not enough sense of space or place. There's some diversity in housing, but very limited in overall plans and dimensions. Many housing units are dual aspect and across the plan, with central stair cases, which is quite good housing design solution. However, there are some missed opportunities with some deep plan spaces, and few windows.

The courtyard and open spaces are ill defined, and it seems no private outdoor space is provided, which is not generally considered high quality housing. The 'village' idea is not exploited fully, architecturally or spatially, which is a pity. Despite its large scale, the proposal fits in the Poltinaho area fairly well and, as it were, brings the area closer to the center.



Urban grove

From the point of view of urban planning, the proposal was of the highest quality. Proposal based on clear separation of public facilities to the north and housing to the south. "Three villages" is a fun idea and the proposal fits its diverse environment. Although the historic stable building is a bit lonely in the proposal. Car market could be closer to the Turuntie road, which creates noticeable problems with parking due to the shop's central location.



The yard street idea needs to be developed further. It's very hard to imagine cars parked in the courtyards as proposed, even though the future conversion to outdoor spaces had been considered. All and all the parking of the building clusters could be more centralised. The passage from the area in the direction of Ahvenisto has been successfully resolved. The plan requires an investment in park areas in future Poltinaho, which can be considered valuable for the whole community.

The housing units form a series of spatial qualities which can be considered meritorious, although lack of urban space can be considered a point of improvement. The composition works of buildings works quite well, although the solution for the tilted housing blocks could be more flexible. The buildings are a bit too close to each other in some places, but the change in the direction of the buildings gives the plan its character. Problems of excessive shadowing in the spaces between blocks might emerge. The housing design is reasonably successful, even though there are apartments that only open in one direction. The conventional architecture and scale is human-scale fit to area.

Urban Grove is clear proposal with a lot of potential. The proposal is nicely presented, commendable for retaining and enhancing green, it also reclaims brick from a to be demolished building. Nice urban atmosphere with clear ideas guiding the design.

2.3 Middle category

Colony

Along Turuntie, a clear urban facade is formed together with the police station building and the the old historic stable building. The wall-like solution enables a sheltered yard environment.

The proposal uses linked and repeated housing blocks as a basic solution. This protects the area from noise from the main road, but then its causes more pollution and noise by actively bringing in cars into the side on the south side. On top of this, the building blocks are quite deep plan, and thus housing units that are too deep plan. This causes compromises in the quality of living. Although, the common space or ovulation linked with bridges could be interesting, as are the stepped back upper floors, but does not remediate the other bad considerations made. Also, the architectural expression seems a bit outdated.

Overall, the proposal lacks the feel of final execution and proper way of documentation mentioned in the competition brief.

Garrison garden

The plan proposed is conceptually determined. The plan feels rather urban, but this is not a bad thing. Long block is interesting, but there are for example also far too tight



courtyards, which causes issues in terms quality of living. So, the building complex does not work in all its aspects and its scale is too large for the area.

The proposal is clearly based on careful analyses and lots of reflective thinking. The plan is to reduce parking by focusing on alternative transit modes, which show sustainably considered urban planning and vision. The old historic stable with its additional buildings forms a distinctively separate entity from the rest of the plan. But, the fairly large pool on the roof feels a bit gimmicky and high maintenance. This solution also needs a heavy structural design and of limited use most of the year apart from for sauna users - is it really necessary in Finland? In general, there are many aspects where the careful analyses does not fully deliver.



There is a feel of sense of place in the visualisations, but they also reveal some dark overhangs and covered spaces. In general, more variety for adaptability would have been good in the housing units. It can be determined that the block is ultimately too large for its context, but there are also nice usable and cultivatable roofs. In many aspects the proposal is full of potential, but lacks some rounds of iteration.

2.4 Basic category

Tone poem

The proposal seems unstructured and missing a human touch. The main boulevard in the middle lacks explanation and feels a little too over powering. The site plan is conventional and divided by more roads, which is such a missed opportunity. The historic stable building has been completely left out of the overall composition.



The proposal seems in many respects very hard to read. Many solutions seem detached and seem to follow traffic planning decisions. Thus, the role of the traffic has perhaps been emphasized a little too much. Architecture and urban planning are secondary issues, it feels like. Many solutions asked in the competition brief are missing. It is hard to get a sense of place and the qualities of living aimed for. The housing units are mostly dual aspect, but still rather deep plan solutions in several instances. Many stair cores however make up for the otherwise quite poor quality housing design.

It must be stated that, varying building heights enable an interesting cityscape. This idea should be iterated further.

Poltinax

The idea of one type of building is interesting experiment, but lacks in execution. There are some problems with scaling - the proportions of the plans seem off and not that finished.

The school building has been left as it is, but no new use has been assigned to it - sustainable solution lacks the vision. Overall, it is difficult to find very many good solutions in the plan: The parking lots dominate the plan, the goals indicated in the competition program have not been followed and the proposal doesn't seem that controlled.



Unusual and experimental shapes apartment blocks create privacy issues as well as shading and many other problems. The amount of car parking on the site is problematic and will create low quality spaces. Vegetation solutions and trees seem to be quite far away from the buildings and are presented in a quite obscure way.

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A bold 'tabula rasa' proposal, that doesn't seem to live up to its promise in many respects. In its own way, a very cool experiment, but done in the completely wrong place and possible even wrong time, considering the environmental problems we have today. The building looks like very out of place and not Poltinaho at all.

In general, this proposal is out of scale and inappropriate for the context. The form has dominated the design process and the chosen strategy missed to deliver. Clear justification and contextual responses are needed - even with mega-structures. They also need to be situated the right way in relation to the context. The block is simply too large and with too deep plans for the apartments.

The vision or justification is also entirely absent from the material submitted. To create and to maintain this kind of building needs very strong arguments. Putting some trees and green roof on top seems like green washing and doesn't make up for the energy needed to built this megastructure. The solution should have been reduced down in size, and iteratively developed.



3. COMPETITION RESULTS

RESULTS, COMPETITION DECIDED 19.1.2023

1. Prize, 3000 €

Title: *Urban grove*

Authors:

Samu Rantanen

Elissa Helminen

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2. Prize, 2000 € Title: *Apilat*

Authors:

Elisa Enlund

Emmi Villberg

3. Prize, 1000 €

Title: *Nurkkis*

Authors:

Sara Annala

Purchase, 500 € Title: *Ecolinna*

Authors:

Ezgi Samanci

Elena Sitrakova

Sila Kartal

Purchase, 500 € Title: *Tilkkutäkki*

Authors:

Jani Jukonen

Purchase, 500 € Title: *The Loop*

Authors: Kacper Borek

Honorable Mention

Title: *(Sub)Urban Diversity*

Authors:

Jonah Stougard

Honorable Mention Title: *Hämeen Muuri*

Authors:

Arto Vehviläinen

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SIGNATURES IN THE EVALUTION REPORT

The competition jury has approved the evaluation report by signing it digitally.