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police real estate

2nd Volume of SBT book series



new organisation: larger teams in fewer places



Witte de Withstraat 25





Design

Why?





TODAY: Green suburban sprawl

Densification: nationally, globally



TOMORROW: Hyperdense cities and nature



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TOMORROW: Hyperdense cities and nature



ROTTERDAM !

Rotterdam: the testing ground





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What is in need to test right now?



Centre of Rotterdam extending to the sky







Challenge: vacant buildings

portrait of the building The austere/disengaged corner building at WdW Task: revealing its cultural carrying capacity* & contribute to densification challenges



*direction to ideal approach, but depends on realistic & achievable)



heritage component

How can the **building at Witte de Withstraat 25** contribute to the **future** challenges of the city centre of Rotterdam (in the context of **densification**)?

Research question



different problems than now









Activating the "glass box"









Densification in the central Rotterdam thinking about the future: Mind map



URBAN BLOCK

GREEN	ACCOMMODATED	RESILIENT	ECO
local plants, shrubs and grass wherever possible cools the surroundings and improves air quality, creating green parks, public spaces for the city centre. Greenery is home for birds and insects, and will result in better drainage, storage, and filtration of water. Feeding large numbers of people with the least amount of energy will be ensured by the urban farms.	Living together - co-living will help to integrate different social groups to live in cohe- sive society benefitting each other. This way lonely living people would take less livable space in the city, so more people will get central location. A reduction in parking and more space for cyclists and pedestrians ensure a more liveable and climate-proof city centre.	New structures must be either long-lasting and flexible, or they can be assembled and dismantled - temporary.Long-term structures have to be able to adapt to changing social and natural conditions. Short-term structures will be used for people affected by the natural disasters, refugees, migrants from unlivable areas.Incusive city - value all people, their needs and contributions equally.	The city Regard individ urban the k Luxury the b New wa tions w Alterna
SCENARIOS:	GREEN + MOST ACCOMMODATED	GREEN + MOST RESILIENT	MOST

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ty will be a productive one. rding the food cultivation, dual production as well as agriculture farms will be key elements in the city.

y real estate will conquer best locations in the city center.

vays of financing construcwill lead to various urban initiatives.

ative reality will be part of the real environment.

GREEN +

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE

Densification in the central Rotterdam Future scenario 1: GREEN + MOST ACCOMMODATED



Densification in the central Rotterdam Future scenario 2: GREEN + MOST ECONOMICALLY VIABLE







Densification in the central Rotterdam Future scenarios: outcome directions

Urban block:



Urban farm, urban gardens > producing food locally for the urban block/ horeca street



Green/ public roofs where possible > meeting places for the community > nature inclusivity

More space for people rather than cars



- > less noise
- > accessible by foot, bike, efficient public transport



The WdW25 building:



Extension

- > good location for a tower in the urban block
- > adaptable structure for various future uses



Public plinth on both streets

- > re-connecting with lively Witte de With
- > contributing to the activation of Hartmansstraat



Back of the building > access for service, staff, more private area

Densification in the central Rotterdam Future scenarios: outcome directions

WdW25 in the city







Witte de Withstraat

Cultural route

(Museum park - Maritime museum)



Horeca cluster building



Active/ inviting plinth

Witte de Withstraat

Horeca - Hotel/Restaurant/Café



Hartmansstraat towards the future

inhabitants in Rotterdam Centrum district: 2013 y: 30 494 2021 y: 36 600 20% increase in the last decade low-rise -> high-rise since the 80s

existing routing in the city centre



Towards the future

Towards the future Centre of Rotterdam extending to the south

prospective routing in the city centre



existing routing in the city centre



prospective routing in the city centre





Intense WestBlaak street to become the longest city centre park in the NL

> Blok Schilderstraat transforming the neighbourhood



Centre of Rotterdam extending to the south

existing routing in the city centre



prospective routing in the city centre



Centre of Rotterdam extending to the south





Starting points: urban scale

2 identities merging

Tower set-back from the street keeping the lowest Rotterdam's urban layer

existing building



Values What are the **cultural values?**

Heritage aspects:

It is not listed as a monument

It was not about longevity

authenticity idea, not materials

important elements to use in the re-design: - facade grid - corner entrance
Physical conditions of the WdW25:

- typical floor height (1st-4th floors, floor to floor) 3,5 m
- higher ground floor (floor to floor)- 3,675 m
- basement height (floor to GF floor) 2,975 m



Physical Values

Physical conditions of the WdW25:

- the load-bearing column stucture allows open plan flexibility



Physical Values

Physical Values

Physical conditions of the WdW25:





Design

now







1993-2022 Police office

1979-1992

Newspaper office 'Het Vrije Volk'





(1972)

architect Kees Elffers built in 1959 Newspaper office 'De Rotterdammer', 'Trouw'

Changing owners + program over time







Testing the limits of flexibility:

How can the building be more adaptable for the different future uses?



Design question

adaptability plan for the building



Open Building idea





Reusing / improving what is there

Design for disassembly: Open Building idea



Testing the limits of flexibility -> Program

- -> Storey height & Installations
- -> Floor
- -> Facade



Program

Was WdW25 "active" before?









1979 – Renovation for new owner newspaper "Het Vrije Volk"





1993 – Renovation for the Police 2005 – Refurbishment for the Police



Activating the "glass box"



1. Activating by public plinth Re-connecting with the street life



- 2. Activating by food production
 - urban farm catering for the Horeca sector



3. Activating by accommodating Co-living

Jan Gehl - The Human Scale

"First life, then spaces, then buildings - the other way around never works."





Witte de Withstraat street: car-free

- make the facade more open and approachable
- place the **public function**





View from the Witte de Withstraat







View from the Hartmansstaat



Ground Floor

Lecture rooms for

Plinth in plans



Restaurant

1st floor

Restoring the original entrance lobby plans_old & new



Ground Floor

1st floor



Entrance space_Restaurant

new voids in restaurant space plans_old & new



Ground Floor

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1st floor



1st floor_Restaurant

Sustainable Developments Goals & Values

1.	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	space for additional greenery quiet spaces in a busy city space for children to play sports
2.	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	reducing energy consumption (by using existing buildings & insulating them) rooftop space for generating renewable energy in the city energy saving by water collection (drainage of rainwater for irrigation, reusing as 'grey' w
3.	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	full and productive employment in urban farm and public functions at the plinth
4.	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	space for social community functions making neighbourhood more inclusive by adding a new type of program, provided education , more inclusive living program better quality public space
5.	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	urban farming and allotment gardens shortening food supply chains, healthier fresh food densification by means of sustainable construction methods (e.g. long lasting, circular construction, use of sustainable materials)
6.	13 CLIMATE ACTION	adaptation to climate climate mitigation making building stock more sustainable
7.	15 LIFE ON LAND	more space for greenery place for animals such as birds and insects increasing biodiversity 17 goals: https://www.undp

environmental value social value

environmental value aesthetic value economic value

economic value

social value environmental value cultural value aesthetic value

environmental / health value

environmental value

environmental value

lp.org/sustainable-development-goals

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more inclusive neighbourhood

job opportunities

more accomodation

social mobility

helpful & not lonely society

sociocultural impact



2. Activating by food production urban indoor farm for Horeca sector



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job oportunity

3. Activating by accommodating





Communal kitchen/ indoor gardening space







Roof terrace



Green outdoor space is a must while densifying the city centre



private balconies



roof terrace on the 5th floor



roof terrace on the 13th floor



Housing Corporation manages the building



Architecture program in section

Roof terrace with rentable bar for celebrations

Leisure time/ work spaces, installation rooms

Restaurant, Cooking school lecture rooms

Bike parking, laundary, installation rooms

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Flexibility -> Program





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Indoor farm



the limit: the building cannot host special equipment-intensive functions as laboratory, hospital, industrial production, big scale cultural... allowance for change: it can host functions like residential, office, education, horeca, small production, small scale cultural, farming...

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Adaptability for different functions

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Flexibility -> Storey height & Installations

Storey height & installations



Co-living apartments



the limit : the open plan is achieved by sacrificing the 52 cm height that is taken up by the glulam beams the limit : Installations in the floor are less adaptable than those on the ceiling

Flexibility -> Floor

Open Building principles: raised floor for installations



the limit : access floor has poor impact sound insulation, difficult with floor heating, expensive allowance for change: access floor is introduced only in the corridor

Flexibility -> Facade


Facade methaphor / concept









view from the Hartmansstraat











the limit : when raising the floor, the height of the floor decreases, stairs and doors need to be adjusted accordingly

inside



new outdoor space



indoor space



the limit : replacing the whole facade module - was decided that the user will not change the "support" allowance for change: cladding can be replaced









"rock" facade







Fragment "extrovert" facade





"extrovert" facade fragment 1

the limit : inside wall position is dependent on the facade modules



"extrovert" facade fragment 2

the limit : balcony niche position is dependent on the facade modules Flexibility -> How to change the function?

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Changing the function of a storey residential to office







Changing the function of a storey Co-living apartments



Step 1: removing the STUFF layer



Step by step disassembly Co-living apartments



Step 2: removing the SERVICES layer



the limit : the installations in the raised floor are difficult to dismantle, for drastic change of function can require partial re-flooring allowance for change: the floor under the top layer is made for dry disassembly, ceiling installation are quite easily dismantled **90** | 107

Step by step disassembly Co-living apartments



Step 3: removing the SPACE PLAN layer



Step by step disassembly



Step 4: adding the SPACE PLAN layer



Step by step assembly Office



Step 5: adding the SERVICE layer



Step by step assembly Office

SERVICE layer

Co-living apartments

Office space



Ventilation





Plumbing ducts



Step 6: adding the STUFF layer



the limit : electric heater might be needed in the former balcony place to avoid condensation on the windows allowance for change: the floor can be re-done in that area to implement the floor heating

Step by step disassembly Office

Technical scale



existing building

new cores introduced inside the existing ones

the limit : the new cores cannot exceed the existing cores' boundaries as they carry the loads new post & beam structure

the limit : the new structure and facade modules has to follow the rules of the existing foundation

Interventions

floor slabs



the limit : thick CLT collumns would take up too much plan area



Building technology



Materials Designing with material recovery



demountable prefab concrete elements for cores



demountable prefab CLT elements



adaptable and reusible partitioning systems



Recycled plastic boards can be recycled again



raised floor for dry disassembly of installations



modular facade elements (as it was in the existing building)



Climate design winter situation

+60°C water from the electrical boiler

water is extra heated in electrical boiler

+40°C water from the heat pump

100 | 107 *connected to shared large-scale open system (hot & cold storage located off-site)



Climate design summer situation

Air Handling Unit for **indoor farm**

Air Handling Unit for **restaurant, cooking school, bike parking, laundry**

*connected to shared large-scale open system (hot & cold storage located off-site)



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Flexibility

Limits | facade, floors, modules, higher expenses

Possibilites | adaptability to different functions over time, easy change of the layout

Is building for flexibility an answer to densification?

It can be! | WdW25 proves it - flexible building - easy to reuse

part of a bigger change



start for the change in the neighbourhood



wider scope in the context of densification

Guidelines: extension on top of other building

Use from this project:

New structure (timber structure on the steel&concrete tube colums)



Adaptability over time (access floors, regular facade system, material recovery)



Climate design (water collection, energy generation, sharing)



Green outdoor spaces (roof terraces, balconies)

Take care of:



Analysis (site, history of the building, future plans)



Existing load bearing structure (possible or not to hold an extension)



Contextual facade cladding (reflect / contrast the surroundings)



Thank You For Your Attention!

extra
green outdoor roof terrace



Starting points: architectural scale







Existing building plans_old & new < 43 m² apartments - no car parking







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Existing building plans_old & new

was: 3357 m²

restaurant
indoor farming
residential
circulation
food store

470m² 1930m² 1740m² 880m² 110m²

reuse: approx. 5500 m²







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New tower plans









New tower plans



relation between spaces regularity

existing



Starting points: technical scale









Building technology slabs & span directions in plans



"rock" facade detail 1

- 10 mm linoleum flooring from recycled waste materials - 50 mm rigid wood fibre impact sound insulation - 280 mm cross-laminated timber floor (spaning 7,4 m



"rock" facade detail 2

- 30x30 vertical timber batten facade cladding

- 30x30 horizontal timber batten facade cladding

- 150x60 mm timber batten facade structure filled with 150mm soft wood fibre thermal insulation



"rock" facade detail 3

in the ends fixed through the aluminum framing



"extrovert" facade detail 1

- < 60 mm air cavity for better PV panel performance - Horizontal aluminium rainscreen cladding fixing

- 30x30 mm vertical timber batten framework

- 150 mm rigid wood fiber thermal insulation - 150x60 mm timber batten facade structure filled with 150 mm soft wood fibre thermal insulation



- 150 mm rigid wood fiber thermal insulation - 150x60 mm timber batten facade structure filled with 150 mm soft wood fibre thermal insulation

- < 60 mm air cavity for better PV panel performance - Horizontal aluminium rainscreen cladding fixing system, screwed to vertical timber battens

"extrovert" facade detail 2



"extrovert" facade detail 3

- 20 mm Recycled plastic board cladding - 30x30 mm Vertical timber batten facade cladding

- 80 mm rigid wood fiber thermal insulation - 200x60 timber batten facade structure filled with 200 mm soft wood fibre thermal insulation



Old & New connection fragment 1

Double HR++ glass windows Glulam diagonal beam

Recycled plastic railing cap

Glulam diagonal beam Glass railing Recycled plastic terrace boards

Damp proof/ vapour membrane Breather membrane

solid steel framework railing with recycled plastic cladding existing cast-in-place concrete

80mm rigid wood fiber insulation 150mm soft wood fiber insulation







Building technology Heating system

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Building technology Heating system

(hot & cold storage k



Building technology Ventilation strategy Iongitudinal section

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Building technology Ventilation strategy 2 plans



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Building technology Ventilation strategy plans

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Climate design

The former Police station building now reaches 20,7m height (or 23,7m including the installation room on top of the 5th floor) and to reach 50m (the second level in the city centre) 7 additional floors could be added.



High-rise buildings are considered to be higher than 70 metres. In this high-rise vision, a maximum height of approximately 250 meters is set for the city center along the city axis. For the other areas where highrise buildings are made possible, the maximum height is 150 meters.

The plinth must be transparent and vertically articulated and have multiple spaces (with doors) to do justice to the city at eye level. In addition, the height of the substructure depends on the so-called Rotterdam layer. This Rotterdam layer can differ per area and is the average building height in an area, usually between 15 and 25 metres.

CHAPTER 1: CITY IN TRANSITION CHAPTER 3: STREET Densification of the city Ground scraper • 5 perspectives for Rotterdam Rotterdam layer Cultural history Architecture Appearance Program and plinth Wind Sun **CHAPTER 2: CITY CHAPTER 4: BUILDING** High-rise zone Meeting Expansion high-rise zone Flexibility Height Waste Substrate

Safety

250 meters

 Energy and climate Green

 Multifunctional roof landscape Parking

HOOGBOUWVISIE <u>2019.</u>



HIGH BUILD VISION 2019.

