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View from Uudenmaankatu street towards the station.



#### Public spaces and nature in the city

Human encounters are crucial in any city. When people come together they exchange ideas and culture flourishes. It is precisely the human encounter that makes people choose to live in a city. The cities that can offer a vibrant cultural program are often successful. Therefore Hyvinkää needs more public spaces where the inhabitants of the city can effortlessly meet each other.

"Come together" offers this by making Hyvinkää greener and compacter for its inhabitants. The new "green corridor" starting from the Asemauisto park (with the new addition of exercise, playground and stage facilities) will open a pathway through the new housing area to the northern part of the town. The "forest park" between the housing area is partly untouched forest. In the middle, the cafe in the old farm buildings will give a nice lay-by when coming up from the downtown.

New squares and individualized pocket gardens with variable activities offer opportunities for unplanned meetings and rendezvous. Independently of the inhabitants' social status or background, open spaces are accessible to everyone. New green parks and squares are Hyvinkää's identity as an inclusive city.

#### Economic development

To ensure economic development, Hyvinkää needs attractive business premises designed for various purposes. They are well located close to the station. The same idea of inclusivity will be applied when planning these spaces for services. It is likewise important that the distance between inhabitants' working places and home is not too long. Short distances make the city more efficient. New dense Hyvinkää city center has this advantage. A tomorrow's entrepreneur might live in Hyvinkää Uudenmaankatu street and rent a co-working space in the station tower office from where she/he can travel to Helsinki or to the airport easily.

The new transportation hub to link the two city sides of Hyvinkää is a big investment but needed to prove enough efficient and accessible city center. Covering the railroad is also a long-term investment that gives the city a coherent and special image.

#### Building program

Interactions between different groups of people give color and uniqueness to the city's different districts and enrich the local culture. These encounters can be fruitful and productive for the inhabitants. For example, a young student can earn an extra income by assisting a senior neighbor in his daily errands.

Socially mixed housing areas enable social progress. The new housing area gives an equal and secured chance for everyone to live and grow.

The new housing area will host a mix of different groups of people. Common facilities, such as an electric car to be shared between neighbors, promote human connections and an ecological way of living.

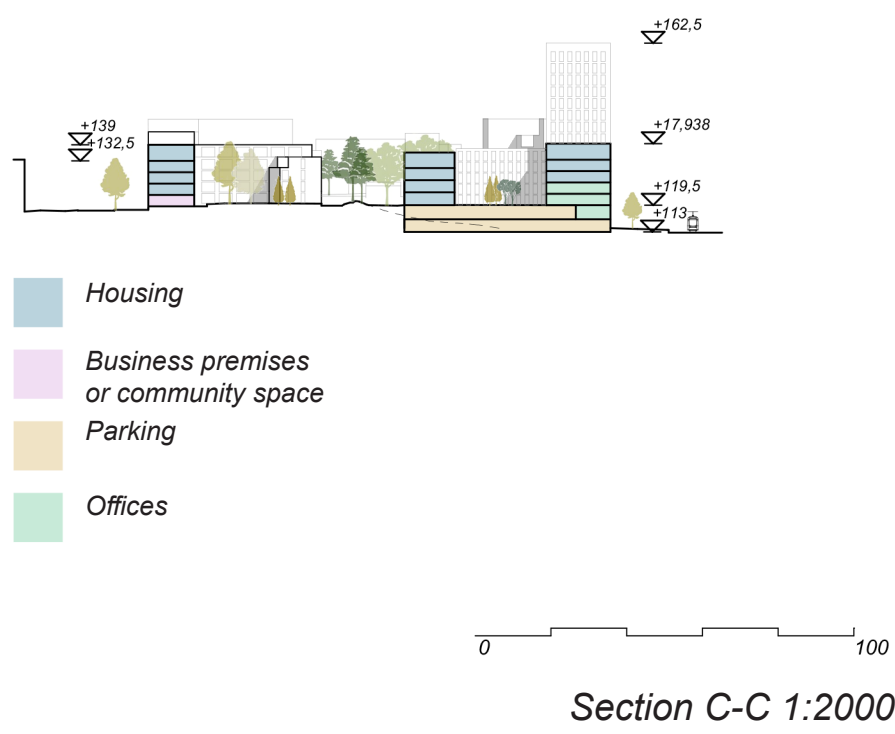
The higher buildings by the northeast railroad side work as an acoustic barrier. Lower levels above the parking are mainly for offices and higher floors for housing.

Wood will be the most used building and facade material. The heart of the area is the old idyllic farm, built out of wood.

Rento industrial site will be turned into a housing area with co-working and event spaces in the factory building.

The "silta" building will be integrated to a low wooden building housing block.

The new buildings in Uudenmaankatu street serve mostly housing with shops on the ground floor. In order to reshape the city, more families need to be located to the downtown. Hence, there is a need for bigger apartments for families.



Typical housing block in the new housing area 1:500



View from the typical housing block towards the north.