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Commissioned by the municipality of Zutphen HOSPER designed a plan for the IJssel quay, the Groenmarkt square and the Marspoortstraat in which the spatial perception of the river and quay is improved. Existing and new qualities are connected with each other and with the city.

After extensive refurbishment, the historical axis Marspoortstraat - Groenmarkt, has been opened this spring (2016). The axis connects the inner city of Zutphen with the IJssel quay. The redeveloped public space now has more residential quality and fewer parking spaces. The historic “flowing” lines of granite cobblestones returned, as well as the different stone pavements in front of the private houses. The Marspoortstraat is paved in brick, in line with its nineteenth-century surroundings.

The starting point for the design was to emphasize the historical characteristics of the two different districts and to create more space for terraces, but not at the expense of a rigorous reduction of the parking function. The Wijnhuistoren (tower) has again been made the highlight of the Groenmarkt and forms the link with the car-free recreational area of the Houtmarkt. Dark basalt curbstones and “flowing” strips of various types of granite (part historical and reused) bind together the leisure and parking function. In addition, by making a difference in paving material, the private sidewalks along the Groenmarkt have returned in the streets.



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