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project

Landscape Plan Zonnestraal

location

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year of design

1994 - 2006 + 2009 - 2011



scales

Country Estate Zonnestraal 'white ship on the heathland'

In 1929, right at the transition from heath land to woodland, the architect Duiker built sanatorium Zonnestraal; the woods serve as a support in the back, the heath land as a view to a better future. Due to this location in the landscape on the intersection of sand and peat moor, of high and low, of dry and wet, we are also dealing with a valuable ecological transition. This has helped Zonnestraal to become an official natural monument, next to its status as a cultural-historical monument.

A vision for to the future

The landscape plan aims for a central theme, based on the concepts of rest, slowing-down, and well-being. Those concepts are still closely related to the triad of light, air, and space from the time of Duiker. They also concern the question: Where am I?'. Where do I feel at ease and in which environment? This touches upon the aspect of the readability of the landscape.



lane



outline concept

The three levels

On three levels - environment, country estate, and core - this vision has been expanded upon. The Duiker-ensemble remains the 'pièce de résistance' of the country estate, the other buildings are secondary. The Duiker ensemble will be repositioned spatially in relation to its environment. The view of the heath land will be restored. In order to balance the spatial composition an area of Scots fur and oak will be added to the core of the country estate. This area will cover the back of the main building and also serves as a binding element for the remaining buildings and the parking area. The access lane will have a smaller profile and a layer of pea shingle, once again providing a sense of allure and slowness that fits in with the new meaning of Zonnestraal.



open space is central



new mainentrance



end of main drive



view from the heath

