

Texel Spa Resort >>>



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project
vision for special development

location
Texel

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client
Texel Spa Resort

size
17.2 ha

year of design
2011

illustrations
Mulderblauw Architecten BV
(Spa Complex impression)

Texel Spa Resort has asked HOSPER to formulate a vision for the sustainable spatial development of a site on Pelikaanweg in the village of De Koog on the island of Texel. The plot, with an area of about 17 hectares, is situated in a zone where a great deal of residential recreational facilities are concentrated. It is currently wooded and used for the production of timber, but its position in the landscape gives it the potential for development into an attractive recreation site.



location



concentration area for large recreational complexes



Texel landscapes - reference images

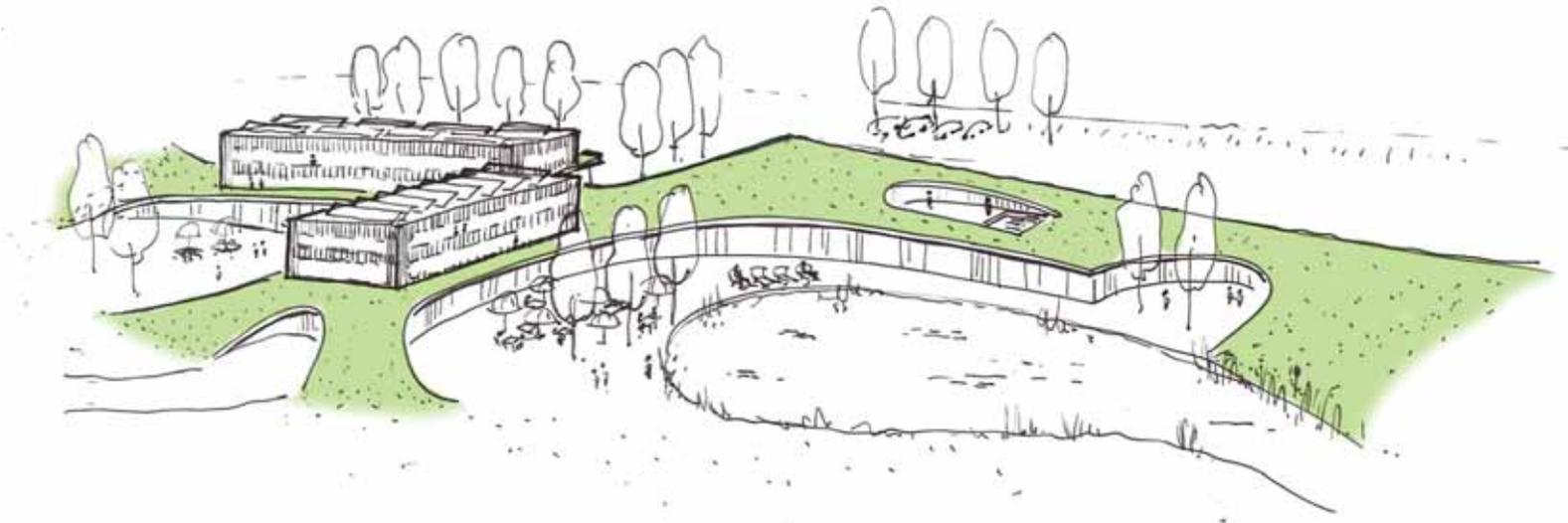
A landscape will be created at the transition between the woodland and the polder in which woodland, grassland and water alternate - much as in the surrounding landscape. The point of departure is gradual transformation of the landscape, starting from the existing situation and the existing features, to yield thicker ground cover at points where the trees are already well established and a more open section where the soil lends itself to grassland and wadis.

The spa complex, consisting of a five-star hotel, a 'cosmedical' centre and small-scale spa facilities, forms the heart of the design. The development plan also includes ninety lodges designed to provide accommodation in the landscape. The lodges will be situated in the wood, on the edge of the wood or round a courtyard in the open fields. The links with the landscape are intensified by the absence of fencing, hedges or the like separating the lodges from their surroundings. Sustainability is a guiding principle for the development as a whole. This is implemented for example by the use of 'green roofs' (roofs planted with a dense layer of vegetation).

One of the objectives of the vision is to persuade people who live on Texel and local politicians of the high quality of the proposal and of the added value of the development for the island as a whole. The principal's idea of holding two evening sessions at which the vision would be presented to local politicians, the public and the press has been warmly welcomed.



presentation evening press and residents



impression spacomplex

