

Programme

Wohn- und Gewerbeüberbauung mit breitem Nutzungsmix: neue Wohnformen wie Hallenwohnen und Grosshaushalte, Theater, Café, Kindergarten etc.

Concept

The Kalkbreite cooperative's second housing project as be built on the Zollstrasse West site in Zurich's Kreis 5. The idea behind the Zollhaus was that it should be a residential and commercial building with a broad mix of uses that is committed to sustainability in all dimensions. In a participatory process, the future users established the guiding principle, that "a city is only a city if there is room for everyone in it" and wrote a brief based on this.

Our scheme proposes the new Zollhaus, divided into three structures that rest on a continuous ground floor that can be used by the public. The three building parts span a large open space towards the railway track field – the "Gleisterrasse". The highest point is the head building facing Langstrasse.

The ground floor is intended to provide generous space for shops. Further service, office and commercial areas are located in the head building and are visually connected via skylights. The residential uses extend over all parts of the building. The central building comprises the "molecular" apartments, while the small apartment cluster is located in the north-eastern volume. The open spaces for "hall living" are located in the head building.

The "Rue Interieure" of the Zollhaus leads from the entrance area through the entire building. Past the central washing rooms, it provides access to all the stair cores of the building. Skylights supply the space with daylight and make it an important play space and meeting place in the everyday life of the Zollhaus.

