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construction of a new city center hall, Wandre, Liège

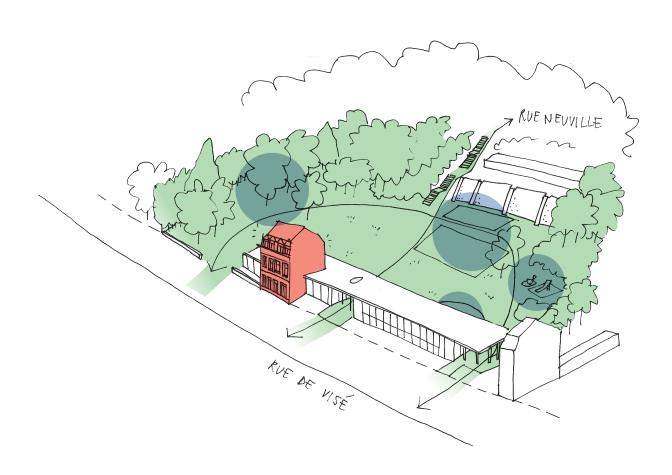|	
Client	*City of Liège*
Budget	*1.776.446.00 euros HTVA*
Year	*2016*
Team	*AM AgwA (architecture, landscape) & S2JD (architecture)*
	Delta GC (structure)
	A+ concept (technics)
Surface	*new building +/- 740m2*
	renovation +/- 800m²
	surounding +/- 10.000m²
Status	*draft in progress*

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The city of Liège wishes a new center in its suburb of Wandre. An existing, architecturally valuable mansion is empty; Besides, we find a recently renovated concrete structure from the 70's where a library, police station, child & family office (ONE) and a neighborhood room are housed. The building is desolate on site, there is no real connection with the environment.
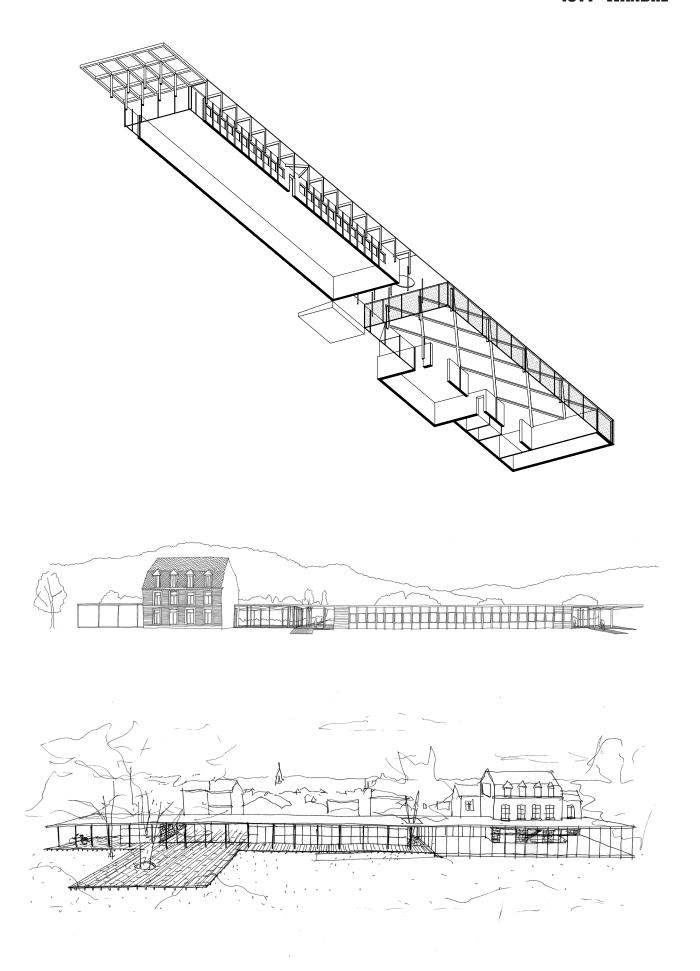
We choose to partly share the project in the mansion, as well as to safeguard the park as much as possible. It's a house like many in the street, but bigger, more sophisticated. A new perimeter encloses the existing building and the mansion; alternately filled with canopies and new spaces. A polyvalent hall forms the closing piece, with a view of the new park. We work on both the image of the whole from the park and from the street.

The linear structure gives the idea of a whole, the new center with the range of functions gets a clear face. At the same time it makes a boundary between the street, the program and the park. A passage in the center ensures the necessary permeability. The simple intervention gives the project a clear reception function: clear access to and from the functions creates a pleasant place to relax.

The new building consists of a pallet of different white-painted steel structures. It ensures readability of the unit and at the same time gives a subtle expression per function (bicycle storage, terrace, passage, hall, ...).