

COMPETITION CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, COMPETITION THEMES

A/ CONCEPTUAL PART OF THE COMPETITION – WIDER RELATIONS – total surface area 17,542 m²

Given the position of the original Hostivař cemetery and its proposed extension (a rural site in the original village of Hostivař, bordered on the southern side by the bypass) the conceptual aspect must take account of the area's wider relations. This requirement fully conforms to the requirements laid down by the Prague 15 – Hostivař district, which is using this method to find the optimal functional use of land in its cadastral area. Competitors should express a clear idea of the urban and landscape concept of the related areas, take account of the possibility of further expansion of the cemetery and define the character and potential development of the site in question. It is assumed that the current land use plan, and the limits it lays down for the given area, will be accepted.

- The subject-matter of the conceptual part of the competition is the land further to the south, or south-east (plot nos. 2229/2, 2766/1), which is currently meadow land overgrown with vegetation, or a belt of greenery dividing it from the bypass. It also includes land to the south-east (lot nos. 2237, 2234/2). The area involved also covers the space in front of the old cemetery, or the assumed entrance to the new cemetery (lot no. 2705/3 – K Jezeru street).
- In terms of the wider relations, we should primarily focus on the possibility of the non-violent integration of the new cemetery into the context of its surroundings (also considering the potential of non-traditional methods of burial, or environments closely associated with burial grounds – a memorial wood, a park of silence, etc.; however these recommendations are not a condition of the solution). The possibility of further expansion of the cemetery is closely related to communication links and access to the area, together with pedestrian access at the level of the bypass (the current arrangements do not correspond either to present needs or usage).
- The area in front of the entry to the new part of the cemetery (lot no. 2766/1, or 2705/1) must be addressed in detail in the design part of the competition. A short-term layby with parking spaces is planned for this location, with a direct link to the project plan. We do not expect to allow for a large parking area for cars, there are large parking lots within walking distance.

B/ DESIGN PART OF THE COMPETITION – AREA TO BE PLANNED – total surface area 1,648 m² (including a building to house containers – in progress)

The aim is to expand the capacity of the current cemetery, to address its probable subsequent “spatial reconstruction” (through the possible relocation of urns from their unsuitable positions to new areas, this is not a condition). Last, but not least, dignified memorial sites will be established, using contemporary creative materials in a well-defined arrangement and form. It is only anticipated that cremated human remains will be laid in the new section, the form of this committal is at the discretion of the competitor.

New section – the expansion will take place to the south of the original cemetery on lot no. 2229/5. Given the size of the new section, it is expected that it will connect to the existing cemetery (lot no. 2233). A new service yard has been planned in the north-western corner of the new section (a stand for containers with biological waste). This plan has already been given a building permit and will have to

be incorporated in the competition proposal in the form submitted, and its connection to the road system (service road) confirmed.

Basic themes and assumed principles, recommended for inclusion:

- **Functional links** – the potential for connecting the historic and new sections of the cemetery should be considered, taking into account the different height levels (the original cemetery is located on a prominent elevation) – this connection is not a mandatory requirement; roads should be laid out to allow for the potential further expansion of the cemetery; emphasis on wheelchair access.
- **Separate access** to the new section, its connection to the existing road network, or pavements for pedestrians
- **Parking spaces** (stress-free travel) – setting aside possible places for short-term set down parking, capacity, allocating spaces for disabled visitors.
- **Basic spatial layout** for areas of the cemetery, with recommendations for the relocation of burial items (urns) from the historical part of the cemetery; in the area of the expanded existing cemetery, it is only planned that urns (cremated remains) will be placed in separate tombs or, possibly, in collective facilities (columbarium). Competitors should also consider whether to establish gardens where ashes can be scattered or spread. In today's environment, a spreading meadow is a more progressive solution than a scattering garden – allowing for more precise location of the ashes, and is also more financially advantageous for cemetery operators – the space is rented.
- **Specification of greenery** – plans for vegetation to define the nature and composition of the cemetery, the position of trees and shrubs (possibly outlining the composition of species and seasonal characteristics); the potential of using the existing mature vegetation in the proposed design should also be considered.
- **Infrastructure and structures** – incorporating chemical toilets, the basic layout of positions of benches, vending machines, waste containers, etc.
- **Gravestones and tombs** – a basic view of composition principles (size, shape, character, material) – all in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Public Cemetery Rules. (When carrying out construction or repair work, the operator (builder) is required to comply with conditions laid down by the cemetery administrator, in particular as concerns the size and shape of the structure, its decoration and the type of material used, including compliance with the artistic and architectural appearance of the cemetery, etc.). The form of the gravestones and tombs can set a standard, which will be followed in the future.
- **"Epitaph monument"** – a structure to record the names of those buried, or a sculpture, monument or other individual artistic monument – this may be replaced by a similar solution, at the discretion of the competitor
- **Water feature** (reflecting pool, moving water) – this is not mandatory, its composition and potential should be considered