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ABOUT THE CONTEST'S PLOT

Q: What kind of documents are available for students to download?

A: The documents available for students are the ones on the Edition 2023 page on the ASC website such as:

- Contest Task videos
- ASC 2023 Lisbon - Contest Task
- Project Information_ EDP building
- ASC 2023_Detail Plan_Boavista Landfill
- ASC 2023_Existing buildings plans
- Rules & Organization Guide PDF

Q: Is there a digital map of the plot?

A: Yes, we have made a 360° video of the Contest Plot called [Architecture Student Contest - Contest Task Site 2023 - Lisbon](#) which is available on our [YouTube channel](#). This immersive experience will allow you to better analyze the Contest Task.

Q: In the task there is a rule "80% of the floor's useful area will be dedicated for private apartments, 60% one bedroom and 40% two bedrooms". One-bedroom means – 1 bedroom + kitchen and living room? Two-bedroom means – 2 bedrooms + kitchen and living room?

A: The basic layout of apartments in Portugal is: 1 or 2 bedroom + living room + kitchen (or kitchenette) + bathroom.

Q: How many users for building B.? = How many parking slots?

A: Not mentioned in the context task on purpose: you can use standard average ratios and be creative.

Q: Is the vehicular ramp mentioned on site two way? (in CAD plan the width of that ramp is given as 5.5m)?

A: My understanding is that it is the only ramp existing, so two ways.

Q: Can you provide minimum area for 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom apartments to be considered

A: Not mentioned in the context task on purpose: you can be creative within task framework

Q: Can the cantilever (Balconies) go beyond the building B site plot?

A: Not mentioned in the context task on purpose: you can be creative within task framework

Q: What is the area requirement for commercial spaces?

A: The designed area is maximum

Q: How many people should be accommodated in Co-living space?

A: Not mentioned in the context task on purpose: you can be creative within task framework.

Q: Is excavation on the landscape area allowed (ex. Sunken Garden)? Is there a limitation?

A: Yes

Q: Can we have skybridge/s in the site (skybridge connecting building A and B, skybridge in external area C)?

A: Not mentioned in the context task on purpose: you can be creative within task framework (especially Building B renovation requirements)

Q: How significant changes can be made to the mass, facade and external appearance of building A (Audiovisual library)? Is it possible, for example, to add a glazed skylight to the building?

A: We refer to contest task: „The renovation works should be compatible with the original architectural and building characteristics, keeping and recovering specific elements considered important to characterize the built set. The exterior envelope of the building should be free of dissonant elements, such as equipment, cables and ducts. The existing roof design and shape should be respected and maintained.”

Q: How strictly is it necessary to respect the floor plan limits in the underground (building B)? For efficient use of the underground for parking, it would be advisable to increase the width of the space by approx. 1 meter.

A: In principle, the Plan's rules should be respected.

Q: Is entry to the underground garages only possible at this particular designated location?

A: In principle, the Plan's rules should be respected.

Q: What minimum commercial area must be used in the proposal? This parameter is not specified in the contest task. Is it possible not to use any of this commercial area?

A: There is an obligation to use the commercial areas on the ground floor. The idea is to make these spaces to animate the circulation of people in the external areas of the plot.

Q: What are the minimum requirements for the number of parking slots under building B? Is there a requirement for the number of parking slots per 1 apartment? Is it possible to treat the location as car-free and not propose any underground parking in the project?

A: I refer to contest task: „Underground parking is planned under the building, allowing two parking levels.” No indication of number of slots, and a parking is planned anyway by the city hall.

Q: The sum of the required areas of the rooms in building A is greater than the floor area of both floors of the building. In addition, communication spaces (corridors, stairs, elevators) are not included in the sum. What are the possibilities of using the attic of the building? Is it possible to create an underground floor under a historic building that would contain, for example, storages and an archive?

A: There is no constraint indication on attic or underground in the task, so they can be used

Q: Are there available more detailed plans for the competition area that include i.e. utilities, underground technical infrastructure?

A: No, all what is needed is on ASC website (task description, DWG, 360 video...)

Q: Is it possible to use roofs above ground floor construction areas as i.e. terraces?

A: Yes

Q: Should the upper floor implantation limit be understood as the maximum extent of all construction or can such element as balconies extend beyond that limit.

A: The implantation limit represents the real limit for vertical alignment of the construction.

Q: Are balconies and terraces to be calculated as part of min. gross construction area? Are only areas surrounded by walls to be calculated in?

A: Gross construction area means area with walls, meaning internal area.

Q: Can required 80% be considered as volume not area?

A: This is floor useful area

Q: What does max. height of the façade (26,20 m) refers to? Does it include chimneys and similar elements or just the main façade of the building?

A: Main façade of the building

Q: Prepared plans show several entrances to the building (at the ground level). Should all of them be included or any number of entrances is acceptable? Do they have to be designed exactly at the shown areas?

A: The final number and precise location should depend on the building design and its needs.

Q: Should common areas be only included in co-living areas? Can they be also designed as a part of 80% of floor's useful area dedicated for private apartments?

A: We can leave it to the creativity of the proposals...

Q: Can common areas, such as bike rooms or chilling and enjoyment areas, be designed also for private areas? Or for all users of the building?

A: We can leave it to the creativity of the proposals...

Q: Can other groups of users be included in co-living areas or just artists and investigators?

A: Yes, population related to the Library and connected services usage

Q: Can exterior area be covered by temporary structures?

A: Yes, as long as it is in line with p.16 requirements from the task description

Q: At the ground floor a private area with public use is defined. How can the rest of the ground floor area be used? Is the rest of the ground floor only for inhabitants of the building B and because of that public access to it should be restricted? How are areas defined in the drawing below to be understood regarding accessibility and usage?

A: Ground external floor (External Area C) is intended to be used as public urban space, in the frame that is described in the Contest Task.

Q: Is the external area C on the left and on the right of the Building B or just on the left?

A: Left and right

Q: Can building A and B be connected by a structure or should they be disassociated?

A: I refer to the task "The renovation works should be compatible with the original architectural and building characteristics, keeping and recovering specific elements considered important to characterize the built set. The exterior envelope of the building should be free of dissonant elements, such as equipment, cables and ducts. The existing roof design and shape should be respected and maintained" The introduction of external connections between the buildings should be admissible.

Q: Can we include another social group (apart from artists and researchers) in our target group of residents?

A: It depends on the justification presented in the proposal.

Q: It says in orange that the area has to be covered but it's public. That means the circulation of the housing building (stairs and elevators) can't go in that area? Can we distribute the first floor however we want as long as we respect the proportion of those areas and keep the connection between buildings or do we have to respect that orange and green area as only public?

A: Access to the floors (stairs, elevators) should not be placed in "ground floor private areas with public use".

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