

De Meelfabriek - Renovated Factory Masterplan

Located in the center of Leiden in the Netherlands, De Meelfabriek is a major redevelopment project (55,000 sqm) of a former industrial flour mill complex composed of ten historically listed buildings, and 4 new buildings.

Studio Akkerhuis was hired in 2015-2016 to develop the masterplan. The masterplan takes the formally imposing monolith and opens up the ground plane. Through proposed public, cultural, and commercial programming a more porous and transparent ground floor allows visitors to inhabit a variety of interior and exterior spaces. Key circulation and visual axes are drawn across the site, these connect the city to the canal and the adjacent Singelpark green spaces across the site. They are formed by the creation of porous channels through the historic buildings, and the decluttering of non protected structures onsite.

The Meelfabriek complex is made up of buildings with diverse architectural features, materials and details that reflect their industrial past. The refurbishment of these buildings focuses on those emblematic features creating a new neighborhood with a startling diversity of urban and architectural spaces



Pre Intervention - Corentin Haubrage



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