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## **Colloquium Schwäbisch Gmünd on June 10, 2021**

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**Colloquium in front of the sports park at the train station  
Start: 16.30 p.m., End: 16:45**

1st Question: Is it possible to build a bridge over the traintracks to connect the area to the other side?

- Answer Mr. Mihm, City of Schwäbisch Gmünd: The separation of the two sides by the railroad tracks presents a challenge. Internal discussions have shown that an additional crossing for pedestrians could be useful. The planning has not been pursued further because the city of Schwäbisch Gmünd cannot spend 3 million euros for the construction of such a bridge. Nevertheless, such planning can be included in your design to make the thought continuation of the site possible.

2nd Question: The river Rems is there possible flooding? And: how wide is the riparian strip?

- Answer Mr. Mihm, City of Schwäbisch Gmünd: There is no danger of flooding on the site. However, the upper edge of the embankment should be accepted as necessary to ensure flood protection. In addition, residential floors should be located above this edge. Concerning the riparian strip: five meters to the top of the embankment must be maintained.

3rd Question: The entrance of the city should reflect the character of the city. How would you describe the character of the city?

- Answer Mr. Mihm, City of Schwäbisch Gmünd: The character is mental. But it is also expressed in shapes, in structural designs, in architecture and urban architecture. In his study, Prof. Florian Nagler solved it in such a way that he looked at how this historic group of towers for Schwäbisch Gmünd, which still exist on the east side of the old town, looks and he analyzed these shells or the relief arch principle with which they work and adapted it to a high-rise slice with a gate structure. There you can read how far it has to do with the history of the city. I think contextualization is very important in such a task.

You see things in Schwäbisch Gmünd that are characteristic. With the former urn factory, the historicist Schollhaus building. We have also tried this at the train station with the administrative buildings, the university building and the service building. That went through an investor filter, so to speak, and this is what's left of it. This urban space could be a model and serves as an orientation.

4th Question: In relation to urban greenery: you see a very diverse greenery in the city and you see that everything needs to be maintained. How does that work?

- Answer Mr. Mihm, City of Schwäbisch Gmünd: All green areas planned in the future will be equipped with automatic irrigation. Among other things, we have received funding of two million euros for this.