



SQUARE WITH KULTURINSEL AND INNOVATION CENTER

NEW PERSPECTIVES is the central theme of this design. Thus, new perspectives are not only created ON the Kurviertel through viewpoints at the edges of the quarter, but also FOR the Kurviertel. In countering the main problems of an unbalanced attendance of people on the island throughout the year, limited future perspectives and ageing of the population as well as issues like an insufficient adaption to the consequences of climate change and malfunctioning connection between Kurviertel and city center as well as inside the quarter itself, we see the key to a livable, vibrant Kurviertel. Redensification through adding more storeys and closing gaps between buildings, new uses such as a weekly market and a sports center, as well as housing distributed throughout the quarter, revitalize the quarter and increase its attractiveness not only for tourists, but also for new islanders. Year-round tourism is supported by a broader range of offerings that, while continuing to focus on spa-compatible uses in the Kurviertel, also provide opportunities for sports-, wellness-, and professionally focused tourism in addition to health tourism. Spreading the number of tourists over the whole year helps to decrease the high vacancy of holiday flats during off-season and enables a conversion of some of the unused flats to apartments for Islanders. Borkum's problem of great dependence from the mainland will be countered with an autarkic energy and partly independent food supply. Solar, wind, biomass and geothermal energy will be used to generate electricity, while vertical farming and aquaponics will be used for food production. The plan is to integrate this production into the Kurviertel as well as to use the rural areas of the island for this purpose.

