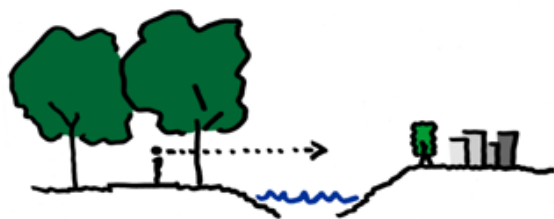


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Oevers E is the last green enclave in a fully industrialised zone along the Meppelerdiep canal. Meppel Municipal Council asked Must to draw up a plan for an extension to the existing cemetery in combination with a small live/work trading estate. In the long term, this location will form the link between the planned new housing estate to the north and the historic town centre of Meppel.

<b>Location</b>	Meppel
<b>Commissioner</b>	Municipality Meppel
<b>Team</b>	Must
<b>Size</b>	13 hectare work/live, 2 hectare burial ground
<b>Year of design</b>	2001-2002
<b>Year of construction</b>	2004-2006
<b>Product</b>	Urban design

The urban design is a unique combination of uses brought together to form a natural whole. The essence of the plan lies in mixing uses and sharing systems. We consciously exploited the confrontation between various uses normally kept separate: housing, employment, transport, recreation, burial and remembrance have been brought as close to each other as possible to create a new urban area with a varied and attractive character.

## See also

## PRODUCTS

Publication  
Urban design

## DICTIONARY

Meeting places  
Stratification  
Urbanity

## LOCATIONS

Meppel  
North of the Netherlands

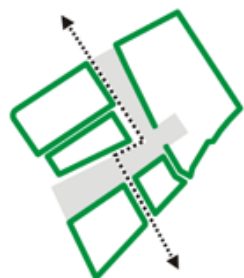


The water system is the buffer between the new graveyards and the trading estate and the water features mark the entrance to the trading estate. The required difference in ground level between the graves and the rest of the area was used to create attractive landforms.

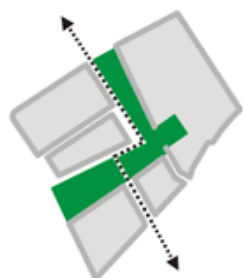
The new access for business traffic offered an opportunity to make a new entrance to the cemetery with easy access from the town.

The new funeral parlour will be the focal point of the plan area. It marks the new entrance to the cemetery and serves as a landmark for the whole area.

The green character of the area will be strengthened by extending the tree planting structure in the cemetery. The rows of trees also regulate the zoning and access to plots. The avenue planting restricts car access to the residential side of the live/work plots. The business sides of the plots face the treeless service roads, which are wide enough for heavy vehicles.



green rooms



burial mount



functional mix

The main structure of the plan area delivers a sustainable framework to be developed over the next few years. Openly dropping the conventional separation of urban land uses creates space for attractive and characteristic living environments. The new landscape structure is a strong driver for future development and the fine mix of living and working guarantees an attractive connecting route between Meppel town centre and the planned housing area to the north.

The plan is a renewed attempt to bring the social significance of death and the ceremonial value of burial back into the daily environment. In the same way that the churchyard used to lie in the centre of the village, and served as the community's collective memory, we hope that this plan can forge new links between death and everyday life.

