

# Eijckpunt

Design Study on Redevelopment of Weena 455

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# Current Crisises in the Build Environment

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#### Government of the Netherlands DutchNews 19 JUNE 2024 Nitrogen crisis threatens Dutch environment—and Energy crisis: Who has the priciest electricity and gas in Europe? Home > Topics > Energy crisis News Life in the Netherlands Jobs Podcast About us Ecological damage from manure fumes triggers calls for drastic change to livestock industry ome Election 2023 EU election Economy Art and culture Sport Europe How do I apply for the energy allowance > How can I get the one-off energy 20222 allowance in 2023? ERIK STOKSTAD Authors Info & Affiliations Price cap for gas, electricity and district Document What's all the fuss about nitrogen in the SCIENCE · 6 Dec 2019 · Vol 366, Issue 6470 · pp. 1180-1181 · <u>DOI: 10.1126/iscience.366.6470.118</u> heating Netherlands? June 5 2022 'How will I buy?': housing crisis grips Due to the war in Ukraine, energy prices in the Netherlands have risen Last we the Netherlands as Dutch go to polls sharply. To partly compensate for the higher energy bills of households and businesses, the Government of the Netherlands is taking several measures. For instance, low-income households can get an extra one-off energy allowance of about €1 300, and residents can receive help and to The Housing is key in this week's provincial elections after years advice on how to save energ of soaring prices and government neglect Our writers' pest moments Servet Yanatma of Tokyo 2020 31/10/2023 - 6:15 GMT+1 + Updated 13:46 Share this article O Commer The pre-tax prices of electricity and natural gas soared after Russia's fullscale invasion of Ukraine, but they're now on the decline. Although slightly higher than the second half of 2022, the final prices for customers, including axes, reached their peak in the first half of 2023. Electricity and gas costs, which experienced a sharp increase after the Russian invasion Nitrogen-based pollution is behind delays to the building of new homes and roads, has of Ukraine, are now steadying in Europe, after peaking in the first half of 2023 led to plans to reduce the number of cows and pigs in the Netherlands and is causing damage to rare habitats. Here's what you need to know. The Asylum Crisis in Europe: Designed Dysfunction Migrant crisis: Couple forced t separate as Germany tighten By Elizabeth Collett Border Security Border Enforcement Smuggling & Trafficking Illegal Immigration & Interior Enforcement deportation rules Much of the chaos and distress being seen in Southeast Europe, as Greece, Hungary, and other countries on the Protesters taking part in the 'March Against Vacancy' protest in Amsterdam Western Balkans route are grappling with massive inflows of asylum seekers is caused by confusion about who exactly is in need of protection, who should be responsible for protection, and a lack of on-the-ground capacity to Photograph: Hollandse Hoogte/Rex/Shutterstock Hama - not his real name - tells Sky News he was deported from G respond. The problem is conceptual, political, and practical, and the European Union's legislative proposalsincluding President Juncker's newly unveiled plan to distribute 160,000 refugees throughout the 28 Member States Iraq at the end of April. He is now indefinitely separated from his w Iranian and was given asylum. umbrella next to a circus tent, in bitter winds and d

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key topic in Dutch regional elections this week.

This challenge is, in essence, a product of a deep mismatch between the human imperatives impelling so many to undertake often dangerous journeys and an interlocking set of EU systems and policies unequal to this extraordinary

phenomenon, in no small part because each Member State has its own self-interests, capacities, and political

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### Current Crisises in the Build Environment Housing Crisis & Urbanisation

### **Housing Crisis**

Leads to Increasing housing prices and Shortage of housing units

### **Rapid Urbanization**

Leading to explosion in size of Urban Population Without corresponding increase housing supply

### Sustainable Urban Development

Compact City Concept: Efficient land use, reducing urban sprawl.

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### Current Crisises in the Build Environment Climate and Materialisation

### **Climate Crisis**

Paris Proof Agreement & European Green Deal Climate neutral 2050

### Traditional (High-Rise) Building materials

Concrete and steel Concrete industry accounts for 8% global CO2 While Undeniable Structural Qualities still unsustainable

Photo Credit: Reuters

Solution: Urban Densification & Sustainable Construction Practices





Addressing the housing shortages while mitigating environmental impact.

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### Current Crisises in the Build Environment Structure as the most impactful Layer for Sustainability

### Approximate Material ratio of a Buildings Structure

Structure =  $\sim$ 75% (in contrast; Skin =  $\sim$ 10%)

Therefore, the structure is the layer with the most potential to reduce a buildings carbon footprint.

(Robert Winkel, partner architect at Mei Architects)



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### Current Crisises in the Build Environment Solution: Timber-Based High-Rise Construction

### **Timber Construction Advantages**

- Already very effective in reducing CO2 emissions in low and midrise construction.
- Potential to store CO2 for over 200 years, reducing carbon footprint.

### **Industry Shift**

- Switching from reliance on unsustainable materials.



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# Research

## Current State of High-rise Construction

### Minimal Amount of Timber High-Rise Buildings

Vast majority of contemporary high-rise construction still relies on traditional materials, concrete and steel.

Resulting in that only a small percentage of modern high-rise projects are constructed with timber.





Consequently, many architects are unfamiliar with designing timber-based high-rises.



# Developing a parametric design tool to make it easier for architects to design timber-based high-rises.

### Products: Research, Design and Parametric Design Tool





**RQ:** "How can a parametric design tool be developed in order to aid architects in the design of sustainable and innovative timber high-rise buildings, guided by fundamental structural principles and performance criteria?"



Literature Study



Case Study Analysis



Interviews with Industry Experts



Data Analysis



**Tool Development** 



Tool Evaluation & Optimalisation



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#### Structural Engineering Company: Pieters Bouwtechniek



 Interviewee information:

 Company
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 Date
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 Location
 - (Online Microsoft-Teurus Meeting)





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 Date
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 Interviewee
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Paul Stavert Powerhouse Company

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During Design Phase

### Essential Aspects researched for developing the Parametric Design Tool



**Key challenges** in adopting timber as the main construction material for high-rise buildings



Ways for effectively **reducing the carbon footprint** of timber based high-rise structures.



**Key parameters** needed for developing the parametric design tool for Tall Timber buildings



Methods are currently in use in the latest Tall Timber developments



How Timber-based High-rise structures could be an **economically viable alternative** to conventional high-rise construction materials?



Key rules of thumb needed for developing the parametric design tool

# The Parametric Design Tool

**Parametric design** is an approach to design that uses algorithmic thinking to define relationships between design elements. By adjusting parameters, architects and designers can quickly generate and explore multiple design variations. Enabeling rapid iteration and optimization of designs.

### Applications:

- Architectural forms
- Structural optimization
- Environmental performance analysis





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Helps to get an overview of the **Key Parameters** for designing Timberbased High-rise Buildings, including:

### 1. Core Planning

Central Core (1), Atrium Core (2), External Core (3), and Peripheral Core (4).

### 2. Building Form

Prismatic forms (1), Setback forms (2), Tapered forms (3), Twisted forms (4), Leaning/ Tilted forms (5), and Free forms (6).

### 3. Floor-to-Floor Height

Minimum clearance height of 2.6 meters, additional space in office-buildings ranging 0.5 to 1 meter.

### 4. Structural System

Mass Timber Framing Systems, Shear walled systems.

### 5. Grid size

Planning-grids for offices and Structural-grids.



Helps to get an indication of the buildings Carbon Emissions and Building Costs:

1. Carbon Emission Calculation for all the structural elements in the building

### 2. Calculation of building costs

external plugin, to get an estimated indication of potential costs of the project \*

\* Courtesy of Elephant Architecture Studio: BEETLEBOT, Parametric Cost Calculation Script

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Gives an indication of the **dimensioning of the Timber Structure**:

- 1. Rules of Thumb for Element Dimensions and Spans
- 2. Total Load & Column Size Calculation
- 3. Rules of Thumb for Fire Safety



To illustrate a possible outcome, you can see what a structure of a design looks like:



and Peripheral Core (4).

- Floor-to-Floor Height 3.6 meter (and 6m plinth)
- Structural System Column & Twoway Paneldeck

Structural-grids 7,2 x 4.6 meter

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### Design Studies as Research Tools for Tool Development

**Development of an extensive Design Tool requires multiple test cases** to explore and develop various building forms, construction systems, techniques, etc., within a script.

Therefore I conducted a design study aimed at creating a design for a plot located in a designated high-rise area.

Viewed as an **opportunity to address the the housing crisis**, and other **project related goals**, which i will mention in a bit.

Project Location and Context

# Rotterdam Central District

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# Rotterdam Central District

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Weena, Stationsplein and Hofplein are the green outdoor spaces that serve as the backbone fo the RCD.

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#### Context ... towards RCD-XL

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# Vision

#### Designstudy Goals



#### **Urban Densification**

- Adding dwellings by the means of high-rise construction.

- Efficient use of availible building space



#### Addressing the climate crisis

- Addressing the climate crisis through materialization of the buildings structure (which accounts approximately for 75% of the buildings material)



#### **Enhance Vibrancy**

- Active building block for round-the-clock activity: work, recreation, and socializing.

- Linking the lively city between new developments of the area.
- Stimulating interaction between the various building programs



#### **Enhance Livability**

- Addressing the livability in the city by focusing on Building Climate, Greenery and Biodiversity.



#### Mobility and Accessibility

- Discouraging car use, encouraging cycling and public transport. (Compact City Concept)

## Target Group

### The redevelopment should attract a diverse target audience; including: **Residents**, **Workers** and **Visitors** to the City.

For the dwellings, the goal is to include a wide range of people, **all who have the desire to live in high-rise in this part of the city**.

Which means:



residents of all **ages:** 

from young, to middle-aged, to elderly



residents of all income levels

from low-income, to middle-income, to high-income, to wealthy



residents of all familysizes

from singles, to couples, to families with children

## Building Program

The existing program will be retained, and new diverse program will be added:

Residences (Weena Center)		min. 15.000m2	Staying (5.300 m2)	
Offices (Unilever)		min. 22.000m2	Hotel Daycare	(4.800 m2) (500 m2)
Education (TIO)		min. 2.500m2	Sports (670 m2)	
			Yoga	(170 rm2)
Staying	(5.300 m2)		(High-end) Gym	(500 m2)
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spons	(670 m2)		Viewing Platform	(280 m2)
Leisure	(3.370 m2)		Restaurant	(460 m2)
			Coffee Bar	(150 m2)
Working/Studying	(400 m2)		Grandcafe:	(160 m2)
Other	(5.400 m2)		Art Gallery:	(170 m2)
	(0.400 m2)		Roof garden:	(1.800 m2)
			(Comedy) Club	(350 m2)
			Working/Studying (400 m2)	
			Library and Co-working Spaces	(400 m2)
			Other (5.400 m2)	
			Car-sharing Station	(400 m2)
			(Bicycle) Parking garage	(5.000 m2)

# Site Analysis





If we zoom in a bit we can see that the Project Location holds 3 Buildings

#### Site Analysis Project Location



Plot 1: Hosts the **Weena Center Tower** with a square in front that prohibits construction.

#### Site Analysis Project Location



Plot 2: Currently hosts the **Unilever Building** and **TIO University of Applied Sciences** and is determined suitable for highrise construction up to 150m.

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Site Analysis



Closed plinths that do not contribute to interaction between the interior and exterior of the building



**Closed-off facades** at the ends of the office wings facing the street



**Recessed facades** leave significant potential space for urban densification unused.



Dark, unpleasant arcades that do not contribute to interaction between the interior and exterior





## Site Analysis Analysis Existing Buildings





#### Site Analysis Rotterdamse Laag

#### Rotterdam Highrise Vision

- Base (Rotterdamse laag) + Tower
- Visual and Functional Continuity
- Towers are placed on a base

Rotterdamse laag

Base

Tower

# Overall Design

Building Volume, Organisation, Adaptiveness & Structural Design

### Overall Design Current Situation



To summarize, I intend to do this design study for the following reasons:

- To experiment and develop the design tool
- Solve the housing criss & improve the current situation Ruben Pot | 5443571

### Valuable Existing structures to Preserve



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## New Building volume





Due to its alignment with the **urban rhythm**, the presence of the **metro tunnel**, and the designation of high-rise construction **exclusively on the Unilever plot**, there is one logical location for the tower.

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Maximizing officespaces on the Unilever-plot by extruding the volume it up to the 'Hiltonhoogte', similar to the adjacent building-volume of 'Delftse Poort',



At the North-side the building gradually cascades down to relate to the buildings of the **'Delftsche Blok'** building ensemble



A passageway between the building volumes leading to the opposite side of the plot serves as a **shortcut** between Central Station and Hofplein / Lijnbaan

### Overall Design Organisation



**Central Station** 

To **intensify vibrancy** throughout the building, a green comunal space runs along the facade through the building. Which is accentuated with the setback of the facade.

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### Overall Design Organisation



For further development of the design, we zoom in on the **right building volume**, as it features the new wooden tower central to my research and design tool application.

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#### Overall Design Open Building Concept: Flexibility



The building is placed over the existing **Metrotube**, using the existing **overpass construction** to do so.



The entire lower story of the **parking garage**, and largest part of the upperstory will be preserved.

The large cylindrical core will be preserved aswell, which includes **elevators**, **shafts** and **toilets** for the offices.



The building's cores are **stragetically placed** in the building volume.

Adopting the **centercore** principle for the tower and the necessary **overpass construction** for the most northern core.



On top of the building's plinth, one large **rigid floorplane** is formed by utilizing Hybrid CLT-Concrete floorslabs.

Transfering latheral forces from the facade to the cores in the bottom-part of the building.









The Hybrid CLT-Concrete floorslabs. are also placed in the tower forming the necessary **rigid floorplanes** 



# Structural Design





#### Overall Design Facade Design



# Design

### Floorplans, Fragments & Sections



# Organisation | Ground Floor (Plinth)









# Organisation | Ground Floor (Plinth)



# Organisation | Ground Floor (Plinth)



# Program | Ground Floor (Plinth)







# Program | Ground Floor (Plinth)





Plinth



# Fragment | Ground Floor (Plinth)





# Organisation | 5th Floor (Base)

























# Fragment | 3th & 4th Floor (Base)



# Fragment | 5th, 6th and 7th Floor (Base)









Tower


















Strategically positioned smaller shafts for the dedicated dwellings can be connected underneith the floors to the main shafts.







Additionally the utility cupboards are also uniformly positioned on the same position on every floor







## Organisation | Apartment typologies

#### Appartementen van alle Categrorien:

Studio 1 Bedroom Appartement 2 Bedroom Appartement 3 Bedroom Appartement Penthouse











Studio (45 - 50m²)

1 Bedroom Apartment (50 - 60m<sup>2</sup>) 2 Bedroom Apartment (60 - 75m<sup>2</sup>) 3 Bedroom Apartment (75 - 90m<sup>2</sup>)

Luxurous Appartment (>90m²)













# Fragment | 22th & 23th floor (Tower)









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#### Thank you!



















































