



OBERBILLWERDER - Hamburg's 105th district

Total area: 118 ha

Housing units: 6.000 - 7.000

Leafy and open space: approx. 28 ha

Jobs: up to 5.000

At around 118 hectares, Oberbillwerder is not just Hamburg's second-largest urban development project, it will also become the Hanseatic city's 105th district. North of the suburban railway station Allermöhe (map), in the Bergedorf borough district, up to 7,000 housing units of varying typologies and up to 5,000 jobs will be created from the mid-2020s. Here, a lively district will develop, realising innovative mobility concepts and modern, energy-efficient modes of life and work. The master plan for Oberbillwerder follows the fundamental concept of a district integrated in its surroundings, with lively neighbourhoods and diverse offers of education, culture, leisure, sport and recreation.

The basic urban structure is derived from the local cultivated landscape. The open space with the Grüne Loop (Green Loop) will become the core element linking five different quarters. These each present their own character and are organised around several small-scale squares. In this way, compact local neighbourhoods will arise. Hamburg's 105th district will also be developed as an "Active City" model district, with a focus on sport, health and activity.

Oberbillwerder is in the borough district of Bergedorf, a quarter of an hour by suburban railway from central Hamburg and only two suburban railway stations from the centre of Bergedorf. Developed from the location, the master plan is based on the principle of a district integrated in its environment. It creates various connections with neighbouring districts and at the same time keeps a respectful distance from the village of Billwerder. In the concept of the "Connected City", open space is the linking element. At its core is the Grüne Loop (Green Loop), which sets the basic structure of Oberbillwerder and at the same time becomes its trademark.

In Oberbillwerder, open space is the linking element – with the Grüne Loop (Green Loop) forming the heart of the new district. Here, synergies will arise from multiple uses, helping to keep space usage minimal: in the Grüne Loop, there are public open spaces for relaxation, sport and play, as well as pedestrian and cycle paths. The Grüne Loop is also an important element for rain retention in the district.

Oberbillwerder will be a model district for the Active City. Sport and activity are understood as an integral component of daily life. Various widely accessible offerings for all sections of the population will support an active and communal way of life in the new district. These include not only the large new activity park but also the fact that daily routes can easily be traversed on foot or by bicycle.

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"The DNA of the IBA is characterised by a holistic understanding of neighbourhood development – in this context, sport and movement are to become an integrated part of an active and communal everyday life respectively sustainable lifestyle in Oberbillwerder."

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