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FLORENC 21

INTERNATIONAL URBAN
DESIGN COMPETITION
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

**PART A. ASSESSMENT OF THE
CURRENT STATE OF THE AREA**

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

Public involvement in the preparation and process of the competition

Local residents, business owners, people working in the area and others frequenting the place have their own unique experience with Florence and its surroundings. They are aware of the values and problems of the place, which may be perceived differently by each demographic group.

The public can influence the results of the competition in two phases. In spring 2021, **people's perception of the values and problems** of today's Florence were collected and passed on to the competition participants as a material for their proposals.

In autumn, **public consultation of competition proposals** will take place before the final meeting of the competition jury. Comments on the proposals will be summarized in a report provided to the competition jury as one of the bases for proposals evaluating and for the selection of the competition winner.

In addition to direct public involvement, a so-called consultation group was created, to which members of the working and steering group for the preparation of the competition, mostly representatives of local governments at the level of the capital city of Prague and city districts, nominated representatives of the civil society, cultural and educational institutions or experts interested in Prague's development. The members of the consultation group consulted the draft of this publication and also commented on the Competition Brief. The report from this consultation is available on the competition website.

Evaluation of the current state of the area

In the period between 21st April and 5th May, information and public opinion about the current condition of the Florenc site was collected. The public had the opportunity to share their understanding of the values and problems using an online questionnaire. In total, 331 problems and 190 values concerning the Florenc site were identified. Ty jsou v plném znění prezentovány na následujících stranách.

An information container was placed in Florenc from 21 to 30 April. It provided the opportunity for the public to share personal feelings and impressions from the current Florenc and share the perceived values or problems of the area on the board, similarly as in the online questionnaire.

Summary of the evaluation of the current state of the area

The **main problems** of the Florenc site include poor pedestrian passability and low quality of public spaces, particularly near the North-South Arterial Road and the Florenc metro entrance hall. This causes discomfort for people who pass through this area. The main reasons are poor pedestrian connections and groups of socially disadvantaged persons who gather especially around the Florenc metro station. People do not feel safe and comfortable around the metro and the arterial road. Another negative aspect is the absence or low quality of green spaces and poor cycling infrastructure in the area. The railway brownfield between Masaryk Railway Station and Florenc Bus Terminal is considered a barren area that creates a great barrier in the area. The bus terminal itself and the adjacent parking area are perceived as a major intervention in the city centre. The greatest problem identified in the area is the North-South Arterial Road and the excessive traffic, noise and dust, and use of the areas under the road.

The **public especially appreciate** the cultural and historical values of the site. This includes the presence of historical buildings in the area such as the City of Prague Museum, Karlín Barracks or the repaired Negrelli Viaduct. This is associated with the cultural and social background. People appreciate the contemporary use of the Barracks, Manifesto in Na Florenci Street, Barák (cultural and social space), Atlas Cinema and Karlín Port 186 00. Despite the low quality of greenery, the presence of small parks is appreciated. Another urban value is the cycle route along the Vltava River and the park next to Štvanice Island. The public also appreciate the newly emerging pedestrian crossings and minor adjustments to the public spaces that facilitate the movement of pedestrians in the area. Another valuable aspect is the proximity of the city centre and easy transport accessibility of the area.

Suggestions collected in the information container are of a similar nature as those in the online questionnaire. Residents quite often mentioned primarily social problems in the area, poor accessibility for pedestrians, the presence of the arterial road and the associated traffic in the area or the absence of greenery and good quality public spaces. On the other hand, the easy transport accessibility of the area is positively appreciated as well as the important public transport hub, the proximity of the city centre and historical buildings in the area, such as the City of Prague Museum or Desfours palace.



- competition zone
- interactive zone
- indicative zone
- indicative subzone
- value
- problem



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Figure 1 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire, source: ONplan, 2021

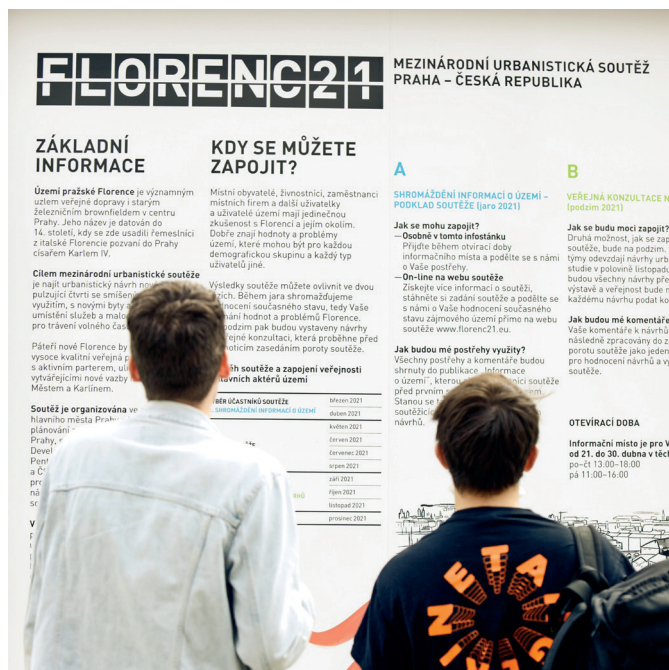


Figure 2-5 Public involvement in the Florenc competition in the information stand, source: Libor Fojtík, 2021

HODNOTY

Co jsou podle Vás hodnoty místa?
Co je třeba uchovat a dále rozvinout?

2. Budova Tuzeta hl. m. Prahy

DOPRAVNÍ DOSTUPNOST DO CELÉ EVROPY

DOPRAVNÍ UZEL MHD

ZELEŇ

BLÍZKO DO CENTRA

CYKLISTIKA, CYKLOGARÁŽ

VÝSTUP METRA POD BUDOVOU

DESFOURSKÝ PALÁČ - MOŽNOST VLASTNICTVÍ MUŽEA HMP

METRO D NA JIH

VÁŽÍM SI VAŠI PRÁCE

PROBLÉMY

Co jsou podle Vás problémy Florence?
Co by se zde mělo zlepšit?

④ - chybí hodiny a baro metr,
když tam dojde být

1. HLUK Z MAGISTRÁL - protihlukové stěny

PĚŠÍ PRŮCHODNOST SKRZ UZEMÍ

3. PROSTOR POD MAGISTRÁLOU

⇒ nedostatek zeleně, autobusová nádraží (obchody, restaurace)

⇒ chybí bezpečnostní výstup z metra, autobusová nádraží

⇒ BEZDOMOVCI V OKOLÍ ÚAN, NÁROKOVÁNÍ (V PŮSOBNOSTI)

⇒ ZNEČIŠŤENÉ OVZDUŠÍ, ZÁPACH, BEZDOMOVCI, TĚTÁCI, SOCIÁLNĚ SLABŠÍ

⇒ NEPŘÍJEMNÁ/NEPŘEHLEDNÁ/NEBEZPEČNÁ SITUACE PRO PĚŠÍ

CYKLISTIKA + POCHOVNÍČI - NEBEZPEČNÉ JEDNO CHODNÍČÍ

KRMENÍ HOLUBŮ - STÁNKAŘI HAZÍ ZBYTKY

PROSTOR POD MAGISTRÁLOU - PŘED A ZA MC'DONALDS

MALO KVALITNÍ ZELENĚ + LAVICEK PARK NA TĚJNOVĚ - BEZDOMOVCI

PŘEDPROSTOR METRA FLORENC

SOCIÁLNĚ SLABŠÍ ODPADKY, ŠPÁVA

VELKÉ ODPADKOVÉ KOŠE NEMO HODNĚ MENŠÍ
VÍCE ZELEŇ, NE ČERČÍ, TO NICH ZY NEPŘEHLEDNÝ
A ČERČÍ S METRA A TRAN. ODPOVĚDÍ PŘE NEPŘEHLEDNÝ
PODVOZKOVÝ, TĚTÁK, KAM KOTÁ

NAD STANICÍ METRA ZASTAVĚT TROLIKU!

KAPSAŘI, PRODEJ DROG

ÚAN JE ŠPATNĚ ZNAČENÝ - CIZINCI BLODÍ

ÚAN NEMUSÍ BÝT V CENTRU PRAHY

Je třeba zvážit potřeby škol, školky a další vybavenosti

Figure 6 Values and problems in the Florenc area collected during the public involvement in the information stand, source: ONplan, 2021

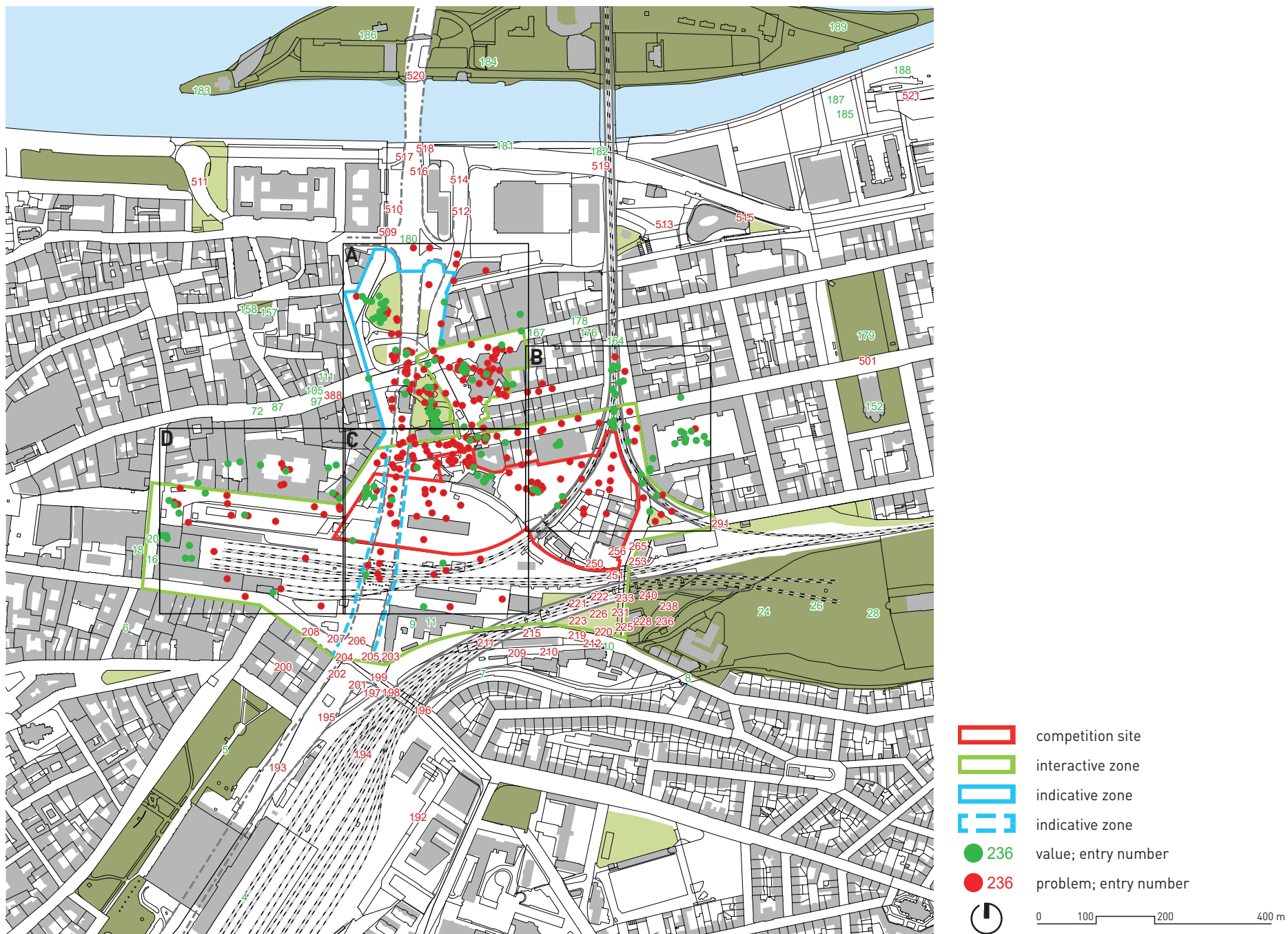


Figure 7 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire including detailed sections, source: ONplan, 2021

13.2 THE FLORENC AREA

VALUES

1 Čelakovského sady Park The potential of the park needs to be strengthened and the air in the worst climatic zone in Prague around Florenc must be improved by connecting it with the adjacent parks. See the maps of air quality, nitrogen oxides and dust particles.

2 Panoramic views A beautiful view of Prague.

33 Riegrový sady Park The potential of the park needs to be strengthened and the air in the worst climatic zone in Prague around Florenc must be improved by connecting it with the adjacent parks. See the maps of air quality, nitrogen oxides and dust particles.

44 Main Railway Station The railway gateway to Prague with connections to the airport, buses, trams and the metro, central transport hub.

55 Vrchlického sady Park The potential of the park needs to be strengthened and the air in the worst climatic zone in Prague around Florenc must be improved by connecting it with the adjacent parks. See maps of air quality and nitrogen oxides and dust particles.

6 Railway station I like to travel by train.

7 Cycle route A beautiful and useful cycle route from the Main Railway Station to Žižkov.

88 Beautiful bridge A technical monument that serves pedestrians and cyclists.

99 Beautiful building The station building is a cultural house, regarding the locality it's an ideal place for night-time cultural programmes.

10 Žižkov Highline A great place, it just needs a little clean-up.

11 Historical building One of the last industrial buildings in the city centre should be preserved.

16 Cosy street A nice place between the houses and the front facade of the station.

18 Railway Station I like to travel by train.

24 Vítkov Park The potential of the park needs to be strengthened and the air in the worst climatic zone in Prague around Florenc must be improved by connecting it with the adjacent parks. See maps of air quality and nitrogen oxides and dust particles.

26 Relax / viewing point A beautiful place for both locals and visitors, without crowds of tourists, sport, relax, rest.

28 Vítkov A view of Prague.

72 Na Poříčí Street A nice business boulevard with a tramline and zajímavou interesting diverse architecture from the 19th century on.

87 Na Poříčí Street I have liked this street since childhood, it is a lively place full of practical shops and restaurants. The street certainly deserves revitalization, perhaps it will happen soon!

97 U Labutě A busy but nice place, many opportunities to get a baguette or other food, safe pavements, people. A lot of vans park on the pavement, however.

105 Shops/services A variety of services.

111 Bílá labuť Department Store A beautiful building, will be even more beautiful after reconstruction.

152 Church This is the dominant feature of Karlín. It would be nice to connect it with the park opposite and create an open area for people.

157 Beautiful St. Peter's Gothic Church Creates an aura of calm around the busy part of the New Town.

158 Park by the church

164 Repaired viaduct This should benefit the broader environment.

167 Sokolovská Street – city street Today, Sokolovská Street is a nice city boulevard with a tramline – its pleasant character is supported by the historical buildings which are more or less of the same height and the same distance from the road; there are also a lot of small business, cafes etc.

176 Beginning of Křižíkova Street Lively shops.

178 Services/shops/restaurants There is a variety of services.

179 Nice park I like to visit this place at any time.

180 Bridge underpass and legal graffiti wall

181 Cycle route along the Vltava river A safe connection for pedestrians and cyclists between the city centre and the adjacent city districts.

182 Cycle route An arterial route for an alternative mode of transport.

183 Power station A viewing point and a beautiful spot at the tip of the island, unfortunately not very accessible.

184 Super skateboard park A place for teenagers to let off steam.

185 Cycle route I use it to cycle to work.

186 Štvanice Island – a beautiful cultural and relaxing area The 19th century building beautifully complements the parks, the Fuchs

functionalist building has the potential to be the dominant feature. There is a tram stop on the island, which is great.

187 Park An oasis of nature in the centre, finally an undeveloped green waterfront!

188 Karlín Port 186 00

189 Štvanice East A beautiful recreation place for a picnic, we are looking forward to the HolKa footbridge!

190 Ferry across the river Shortens your journey, takes bicycles as well.

PROBLEMS

191 Railway yard Barrier,

192 Inaccessible zone Barrier, heat and dust.

193 Inaccessible for pedestrians The multi-lane motorway is like a scar on the body of the city – anyone who arrives by train and leaves the railway station bumps into streams of cars without any pedestrian crossing. The railway station should be part of the surrounding area, not cut off like this and split into two parts.

194 Railway yard Barrier.

195 Arterial road A place of cadgers, the whole arterial road :) Those underpasses should be improved somehow... The way to Žižkov is complicated.

196 Poor movement for cyclists between the cycle route and Seifertova Street There is no entrance for cyclists to Seifertova Street. This is why they cycle on the pavement all the way down to U Bulhara crossroads.

197 Dangerous place Cars often ignore the traffic lights, it is the second traffic lights on the crossroads and cars go over the pedestrian crossing even when it's red.

198 No pedestrian crossings

199 Trams at the crossroads should go underground This might be outside the Florenc site but would it be possible to move the tramlines underground? In that case they wouldn't go uphill (from the main station) but instead would go underneath the crossroads. Under the railway bridge they would still be underground and then they would gradually reach road level and would come out at W. Churchill Square....

200 Unsightly block of houses It is an historical area but not very attractive. A park would be useful in the developed centre.

201 Cars in all directions Pedestrians must be very cautious on all pedestrian crossings with traffic lights. Through the concrete jungle of motorway pillars, everybody tries to escape this area but it's not always possible in all directions.

202 Unpleasant area The exhaust fumes from the elevated arterial road and the long series of pedestrian crossings are a great health risk, especially in winter, as we breathe in exhaust fumes. Moreover, the place is very unsightly and confusing.

203 No pedestrian crossing The pavement on the right hand side of Husitská Street towards U Bulhara Street ends at the crossroads and cannot be exited safely. Those people who are unfamiliar are trapped. I've seen many people crossing the street dangerously.

204 U Bulhara crossroads No comment.

205 No pedestrian crossing

206 No pavement in Hybernská Street – Florenc Why aren't there pavements and cycle routes along the North-South Arterial Road?

207 Crossroads A dreadful place, inaccessible for pedestrians, it is impossible to reach Žižkov or Florenc, stuffed with cars, a narrow pavement.

208 Unpleasant area only suitable for cars You wouldn't walk there and it's too dangerous to cycle. It's all asphalt and concrete. If only there were a line of trees along the station...

209 Poor footpath and lighting

210 Underdevelopment There is a clear absence of better pedestrian connection.

211 Deadend A sort of dead area really. If the railway leading to Masaryk Station was bridged, with at least a footpath and cycling route...

212 Low quality stairs

215 Connections Absolutely unacceptable pedestrian zone between Žižkov and U Bulhara Street.

219 Empty space Unused and neglected grassy area where homeless people gather. The area is completely unused.

220 Barren area Why is there nothing here? A barren place in the centre. There could be some community facilities or a park.

221 Dog walking park? I know that homeless people sleep under that bridge but if they weren't there the place would be unused. It's lockable already so why not build a fence around it and turn it into a place/park for walking dogs? Dog walkers not only from Žižkov would appreciate that.

222 Empty spot with a view of the elevated railway It looks like there is something missing in this place. It would be nice, as is the case in other countries. If the railway was hidden behind a building it would block the view of the ugly white tube. It would also make a natural street corner. Ideally a university hall of residence. The area underneath the railway could be used as a sports ground. On the other side there could be another hall of residence.

223 Unused potential of the area under the railway There could be a park.

225 Pedestrian crossing The pedestrian crossing is very strange. Drivers rev up their cars like crazy... I was overlooked several times. It's dark under the bridge and suddenly "Oh, a pedestrian!"

226 Dead areas around the New connection Unattractive places inaccessible for residents that are occupied by homeless people.

228 No convenient connection to Vítkov Full of barriers, city blocks,...

231 Pedestrian with cars Uncomfortable passageway from Žižkov to Vítkov, potentially usable area under the viaduct.

233 Uncomfortable place for crossing in a vehicle Homeless people's tents under the higher railway bridge, an underpass under the lower railway bridge. Everything is extremely uncomfortable and sharply contrasts with the fact that we are in the broader centre of Prague, which is otherwise a beautiful place.

236 Residual area Undeveloped area, extremely unfriendly for pedestrians.

238 Spot This whole spot doesn't make sense to me... There should be a more attractive passageway to Vítkov. This is sort of semi-fenced, unfenced.

240 Barren area under the viaduct and near the viaduct A large dusty area where nothing grows and nothing happens. I don't understand why this is in the city centre. And it's dusty.

250 Filling station Inappropriate location of the filling station at the entrance to the premises.

251 The street is paved and cycling is very dangerous There are a lot of places around Florenc uncomfortable for pedestrians or cyclists. Fast and noisy traffic, bad surfaces.

253 Dangerous cycle route from Žižkov

256 No bus stop This is a sort of "nowhere" ... The free area is nice but the bus stops are far away... and the "back entrance" to the bus station is unofficial...

265 Cyclists and pedestrians sidelined There is no place for more pedestrians, it is difficult to cross the road between Pernerova and Husitská Streets.

291 Access from Vítkov to Florenc for pedestrians and cyclists Railings, barriers, uncomfortable pedestrian crossings.

388 Narrow traffic island towards the centre An extremely narrow traffic island. During rush hour people fall off and stand on the opposite pavement because the island is too small. There are too many cars for this type of area near the city centre.

501 Fence and road separating the park and the church with a smaller park Here the street should be closed to cars and the park should be unbroken and connected with the church. Cars can pass through Pernerova or Sokolovská Streets.

509 Inconvenient underpass

510 No cycling connection There is no cycling connection between the centre of Prague or the Masaryk Railway Station in this direction.

511 Barrier This is an uncomfortable place which is difficult to pass through.

512 Yuck In all aspects this is a repulsive place, ugly architecture that clashes with the surrounding Karlín architecture, noisy, dangerous, incomprehensible, aggressive.

513 Yuck An ugly and uncomfortable place.

514 No pedestrian crossing The Allianz building is on an island. A regular pedestrian crossing should be built over Křižíkova Street.

515 Yuck Ugly and unfriendly architecture of the monofunctional monoblocks.

516 No pedestrian crossing over the arterial road Pedestrians can't get over the motorway, the city is severed by the scar that is the arterial road.

517 No pedestrian crossing

518 Stairs From the cycle route along the river the bridge is provided with a ramp only on one side. There are stairs from the other side without a regular ramp.

519 No pedestrian crossing It is impossible to reach the Vltava River using Prvního pluku Street, which would otherwise be a natural place for walks, recreation, etc.

520 Inaccessible Štvanice Island The Štvanice Island has great recreational potential but is poorly accessible due to a lack of footbridges.

521 Cycle route is mixed The cycle route is full of pedestrians (logically). It should be much wider and separated.

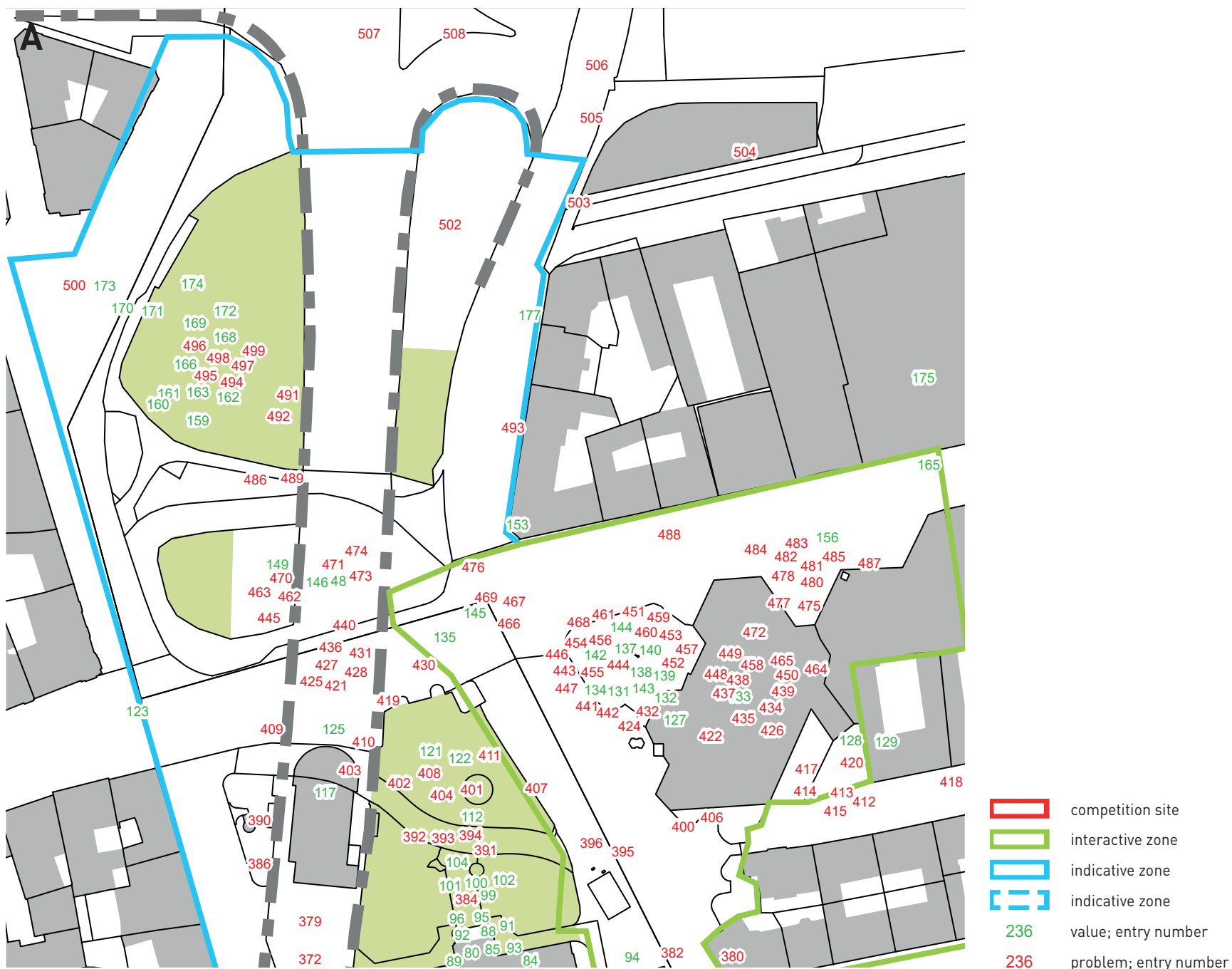


Figure 8 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire – detail of the Florenc metro station and Těšnov, source: ONplan, 2021

13.3 FLORENC METRO STATION AND TĚŠNOV

VALUES

80 The City of Prague Museum

84 Historical station building (sic!) I like this building.

85 The City of Prague Museum A beautiful historical building.

88 The Museum

89 The City of Prague Museum The museum has been nicely reconstructed and presents beautiful exhibitions. Tourists also like the museum.

91 The City of Prague Museum Museum A beautiful building and cultural institution. The greenery in front of the building revives the surroundings although it needs to be revived itself.

92 The Museum The generous front facade and its front area.

93 The City of Prague Museum Now looks like an orphan, a lonely 19th century outpost in an uneven battle with the concrete motorway of the North-South Arterial Road.

94 Transport node A transport node combining various directions and distances.

95 The City of Prague Museum The architecture of the building.

96 Entrance to the Museum I like the modifications and the use of the entrance to the Museum. There are exhibitions and the greenery is taken care of.

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100 The City of Prague Museum and the front area Cultural institution with nice exhibitions in a terrible space. Terrible pedestrian access, the small park is unused and unfriendly.

101 Park

102 The City of Prague Museum The Museum is the gem of this area. Although I grew up in Prague, unfortunately we never went for a walk in this area. The surroundings need revitalizing but this is a challenge for architects. No one will explore the spaces underneath the arterial road.

104 The City of Prague Museum Public building with a front area One of the few public buildings in the area with a nice but small green space in the front. This should be enlarged.

112 Park, Museum, benches Unfortunately, this place is occupied by homeless people and junkies – smell of excrement, dirt.

117 McDonald's I don't go to McDonald's but I like the location under the bridge. Other places under road bridges are used as car parks or have untended greenery and garbage (there are a lot of places like this in Florenc), this place is lively.

121 Park

122 Greenery Keep as much greenery as possible, ideally plant more fully-grown trees. The surroundings of the arterial road need them badly.

123 Na Poříčí Street That's where the historical centre of the city starts. There are many traditional restaurants that keep the genius loci of old Prague alive. Unfortunately, it is severed by the arterial road. The surroundings under the Prague arterial road should be revived.

125 Arterial road The arterial road should certainly remain elevated, decreasing it to the level of the street would create a traffic hell, perhaps the road should be shielded by a smart structural design preserving the street area under the arterial road.

127 Strategic place A strategic place for an important town building, for example, the City of Prague Authority.

128 Quiet place at the exit from the metro station With the chairs and tables it is a nice place, it just requires minor adjustments.

129 Cultural and community centre Florenc Home to a broad spectrum of organizations: Re-use centre (old furniture), LIVELihood (cooperative shop), Café (Bar/ak), craft workshop, theatre. A lively inner courtyard for the public.

131 Clock An orientation point, suitable for meetings, historical and artistic value.

132 Remnants of the valuable metro architecture The place deserves the cultivated character it had at the time of construction.

133 Metro entrance hall Unique architecture linked to the remaining metro stations in Prague.

134 Clock An interesting location in terms of architecture and sculpture, needs better maintenance.

135 New pedestrian crossing It was a good idea to add it here.

137 Clock It's great, if the place is developed the clock should be moved to a new location.

138 Clock and free area Although the location is not entirely attractive, after some modifications to increase passability I would like the place to be preserved... All the surrounding streets are very constricted... It would be nice if the "retro" clock returned.

139 Radioclock sculpture I like the artwork including its location, by cutting off the corner and creating a green spot you have an open view of Sokolovská Street; I would keep the same location and restore the radioclock sculpture.

140 Clock I very much like the clock in this spot.

142 The clock and the spot should be preserved, although some modifications are needed The spot around the clock as a potential meeting place, aesthetic and historical value of the clock - a clear dominant feature of the crossroads.

143 Clock and the small park around This minipark with the clock is – or rather could be – so nice. It's the centre of the area. People like to meet here and sit around. A quiet place in the middle of bustle.

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145 Pedestrian crossings The recently added pedestrian crossings allow people to get over the crossroads naturally and in the shortest possible way.

146 Bicycle depot

148 McDonal's Good use of otherwise unusable places under the arterial road. But poorly cleaned.

149 Parking area

153 Cinema Of cultural or even cultural-historical value

156 Fast and comfortable transfer between tram and metro

159 Greenery There is a desperate lack of greenery in Florenc and although this small park is only a sad reminder of a needlessly demolished railway station, it at least performs this function.

160 Trees in the small park These trees in the minipark are beautiful. Although the place is a mess, the park is neglected and it is a place where homeless people gather, the four trees are a gem, especially now in spring when they are in blossom.

161 Free area I appreciate that there is some undeveloped area.

162 Revival It would be great to revive it here... It's a quiet place but you don't really want to stay there... Perhaps a food truck/stand serving food and coffee? :-)

163 A nice park I like to walk here

165 Albert, a modern space A nice passage accessible from the street, easy access to Karlín.

166 Park Grassy area.

168 Těšnov Park The potential of the park needs to be strengthened and the air in the worst climatic zone in Prague around Florenc must be improved by connecting it with the adjacent parks. See the maps of air quality, nitrogen oxides and dust particles.

169 Těšnov Park A piece of greenery in this corner of the city, deserves cultivation and addition of appropriate elements.

170 Tram stop This is a city element. It is a nice place.

171 Small Park Another quiet place to escape from the hustle and bustle, continue on foot through the side streets.

172 Park

173 Tram stop – much needed This is where the confusing area dominated by concrete infrastructure of an oversized arterial road ends, and you can either wait for the tram to Holešovice there, or head to the pleasant streets of the Petrská district of New Town.

174 Park An interesting park – maintenance.

175 Public shopping mall The place in the direction from Sokolovská to the Hilton Hotel becomes pleasantly passable.

177 Atlas cinema A pearl in the lost space.

PROBLEMS

372 Arterial road (motorway on pylons) A crazy monster that gets in my way in the historic city centre.

379 Arterial road

380 Wet passage A quite repulsive place when passing from Florenc to Křižíkova.

382 Missing crossing

384 Homeless people, drug addicts The passage is sometimes scary, the place smells strongly of urine and faeces, it is dirty.

386 The area around MacDonald's I feel scared there. It stinks there; it is a strange hidden place.

390 The surroundings of the metro entrance, and especially the incredibly disgusting lift Below the arterial road, it is generally an incredibly neglected area that could be used in a good way.

391 Unused park The park is close to the arterial road and is not used as much as it could be. It could be nice there, especially with the Museum of the Capital City of Prague being there.

392 Concrete barriers A small park that does not encourage you to stop.

393 Unfriendly public spaces and waiting for the bus In general, this is an issue for the whole of Florenc, but the composition of the local population occupying perhaps the war-torn public spaces around the station certainly does not evoke a connected feeling, and certainly not a sense of security at all. Around this bench in a marked place, from the metro exit to McDonald's, sometimes I am afraid to cross this place in daylight, let alone at night. The smell of fast food is very quickly overpowered by the odour from this bench. Maybe, the intention for the sake of a healthier lifestyle, sometimes I lose my appetite... :)

394 Unusable dirty small park There is no reason to stay in this place at all.

395 The missing crossing It is not possible to cross with a pram, there is only an underpass.

396 The bus stop Public transport departs from several stops that are significantly far apart from each other.

400 Dirty public space

401 Dangerous place An ugly smelly small park full of strange types. I do not feel safe there.

402 The motorway crosses the park The park below the concrete pillars is not a park.

403 Arterial road, in the surrounding area, there is dirt below it, the smell of the homeless people, drug addicts, a dangerous place I feel scared there, a very ugly place that I try to avoid.

404 Strange park This park somehow needs to be made nicer.

406 Suspicious seated individuals, dirt I am scared there.

407 Bus stops There is small space in the bus stop area.

408 Better park layout The park is tempting to bring the homeless people together.

409 Pavements below the arterial road The pavements below the main road are quite awful and it is a dark place.

410 Walking below the arterial road An unpleasant, confusing place.

411 Poorly organized greenery I would welcome urban regeneration of the greenery both at MCD and on the Těšnov side.

412 Dangerous place Feeling of fear/danger. It stinks of urine.

413 Meaningless end of Za Poříčskou bránou Street, a dark corner The corner through which Za Poříčskou bránou Street ends is meaningless – the street could normally be extended to Ke Štvanici

Street and the block could be normally ended; the issue of a dark, unpleasant corner would disappear.

414 Dirty public space

415 Dangerous place It is almost scary to walk this way after dark due to the various types that hang out there, this applies to the whole of Za Poříčskou bránou Street.

417 Stinky corner in Florenc Homeless people go to the toilet there and it is the most disgusting place in the area.

418 Unmaintained, dirty stinking street This street is dark and disgusting. There are syringes lying on the ground. It stinks all down the street because homeless people and drug addicts urinate and defecate there, some of them are also aggressive. Someone defecated on my car a few times, so I do not park there anymore.

419 Repulsive underpass below the arterial road Unfriendly place, aesthetically repulsive.

420 Dangerous smelly place, stupidly placed containers for sorted waste, no trees, drug dealers I feel scared there, a betting establishment around which strange types gather.

421 Arterial road Noisy and dirty.

422 Florenc metro station Unmaintained, especially the public space and artistic elements suffer in it, poor passability.

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425 The motorway runs through the city The traffic artery, which should have been designed in a different way and the (non) area below it would not have been created.

426 Unmaintained, dirty entrance hall full of junkies and homeless people The entrance hall has looked just as bad since the 1980s. Homeless people or drug addicts urinate, defecate and sleep next to the entrance hall. Therefore, it stinks in the metro and around it. It resembles Národní třída before Quadrio, so a Quadrio would be good there, otherwise, it will still be disgusting. I have repeatedly seen human shit in the entrance hall.

427 Dark passage below the arterial road The arterial road divides the area and creates a strange space for “no one” below it and in the immediate vicinity.

428 Elevated motorway The elevated motorway simply does not belong there.

430 Missing crossing A missing crossing over Na Poříčí Street and long time intervals where the crossing is located.

431 Suspended arterial road Although it is probably not on the agenda, the ideal solution would be to bring the motorway from the bridge to the ground in time and leave it as an urban avenue (such as Sokolovská today).

432 Unkempt place The place deserves reclamation. Dirt and strong odour of faeces. Strange types sitting on the wall.

434 Missing building It would be great to construct a building above the local metro station, which would create a kind of gateway to Karlín.

435 Metro – a dilapidated building A feeling of danger, chaotic and clogged by years of ignorance of the public space.

436 The arterial road crossing the city Although the street is busy, the arterial road looks more like a motorway, changing the look of the arterial road to a regular street, why have motorway barriers, missing greenery, pavements, a bleak place below the bridge.

437 Concrete jungle The metro station complex and pre-station area lack architectural aesthetics.

438 Disgusting metro building An incredibly dilapidated metro building where homeless people, junkies and gamblers gather at the betting establishment. An unpleasant area around the entire metro, which needs a radical change. It would be best to construct a building similar to the one on Národní třída with an entrance to the metro inside.

439 Monstrosity Such a huge building and yet so empty and unused, surroundings full of junkies, hidden and anonymous corners - ideal to completely demolish and be inspired at the metro stations in Národní třída, Anděl, Flóra, etc., the entrance to the metro should be the centre of civic amenities, not a place for begging street “artists” and drug addicts.

440 Underpass below the arterial road Uninviting environment.

441 Concrete surface Strange as a square, but it serves nothing for people. There should be trees and grass to provide shade and moisture. Now there is asphalt and concrete and strange walls.

442 Unfulfilled potential of the place The low-rise metro building does not fulfil the potential there. I look forward to the change, see Národní třída. I prefer the pit with retail stores and preservation of the use in the adjacent building of the Prague City Council in Za Poříčskou bránou Street.

443 Aesthetically unsightly place with great potential This area, which I usually try to avoid, has the potential to be a pleasant and representative square/place in this busy area.

444 Unmaintained greenery The unmaintained greenery, in which the homeless people or drug addicts just defecate. There are syringes and human shit on the ground.

445 Unpleasant space

446 WC I suppose no one uses the WC, it stands in the way and is therefore just another stand for advertisements.

447 Strange feeling

448 Drugs, strange people They are always there, nobody cares.

449 Current appearance of the entrance to the metro – potential In the current entrance to the metro Florenc I see unused potential – the place could be used for high-quality new buildings completing the block – but only on condition that they observe the street line of Sokolovská and Za Poříčskou bránou streets, as well as the height level of neighbouring older buildings; I would not like to see another unsuccessful monster like Florentinum in this area; an architectural competition should be announced for the buildings; they should have a good pit and plenty of indoor public spaces (not just shops), which are otherwise missing in Florenc.

450 Neglected interior of Florenc station

451 Neglected public space The place is quite unfriendly.

452 Dirty public space A smelly public space full of strange types.

453 Strange fountain An unpleasant space that needs complete urban regeneration.

454 An unpleasant and sleazy place without shade It is just ugly there, although it could be a great place to sit down.

455 Ugly place Homeless people, stinking wet place which you have to go to only because the metro station is there.

456 Repulsive environment Really uncomfortable, it motivates you to leave the area as soon as possible.

457 Insufficient maintenance The station building and its surroundings are poorly maintained and uncomfortable to move around in.

458 Underpass between bus station and metro B Mostly an unpleasant experience surrounded by unpleasant groups of inhabitants.

459 Unused potential of the green area The greenery gives a deterrent impression rather than as a place to stay.

460 Problematic public space with lots of undesirable effects A place similarly horrible as the space around Billa. Fast food stalls spoil the “square” as well as the broken pavements, the absence of greenery and the dubious types.

461 Unpleasant environment I never want to linger there much. It seems dirty to me there.

462 Unsightly parking lot

463 Parking lot instead of the park extension

464 Exits from the metro The exit from the metro seems very confusing to me and overall this place does not have a very positive effect on me.

465 Metro The entrances to the metro could be part of a larger building, such as a department store or office building.

466 The imaginary gateway to Karlín is today an aesthetically unsightly, dangerous and confusing crossroads + surroundings This crossroads and its immediate surroundings should be safer and more passable for pedestrians than it is now. I imagine a better, more unified and smoother connection between Sokolovská Street and Na Poříčí Street, both from an aesthetic and practical point of view.

467 Crossroads A confusing crossroads that is difficult to access by cyclists and pedestrians.

468 Missing greenery It would be appropriate to add a few trees in the form of a short tree line (e.g. 4 mature trees), which would improve the microclimate and provide shade, in summer there is nowhere to escape from the sun.

469 Crossroads with long waiting and an unpleasant crossing Too big a crossroads for the city centre. There are too many lanes for cars. Add bike lanes, remove traffic lights and return the place to pedestrians.

470 Parking lot This parking lot should definitely not stand there. We are in the city centre and I would rather be able to imagine a space for young people, a sports ground, a skate park. Or Těšnov park could continue there.

471 Motorway overhead Ugly and desolate spaces below and around the motorway.

472 Maze of confusing routes to the metro

473 Uninviting greenery Today, the greenery around the arterial road is basically unusable for leisure time. It is dirty, unmaintained and looks dangerous. It would be nice to either regenerate the parks or build polyfunctional buildings on them – for both private and public purposes.

474 Dirt and darkness

475 This metro station has never been renovated since the floods of 2002 Overall, a dirty station despite the fact that it is almost in the city centre.

476 Poor pedestrian crossing passability

477 Exits from the metro/underpass below the crossroads In the direction from the metro, it is sometimes difficult to guess the correct exit.

478 “Square” at the metro Probably the worst place in Florenc – the public space is in a terrible state, as if one had gone back 30 years in time, it is an unpleasant, dirty place from which I want to get away as quickly as possible.

480 Asphalt, advertising, full rubbish bins An important traffic junction with poor public space. There is a gaming establishment; recently the stalls in front of the metro disappeared, which is a positive thing.

481 Visual quality and temperature control It is hot there in summer. Low visual quality. Greenery is missing. Unrepresentative space.

482 Refreshment stall It blocks the pedestrian area, there is a mess around.

483 Dirty public space

484 Aesthetically unsightly area around the tram stops and in front of the entrance/exit to the entrance hall

485 Unfriendly metro space A strange stall, red and white railings, crowds of homeless people, aesthetically horrific, yet it is an important metro-tram change.

486 Park? Strange space without purpose, it is not for relaxation, just to go through, you can definitely find a better purpose for this.

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488 The very busy street Sokolovská Street is extremely unpleasant in this part – it is busy, run-down, it is missing trees there.

489 Passage under the bridge at the arterial road Dark place, often with dangerous-looking people.

491 Mega luminous billboard As if there was not enough noise and stench, there is also light pollution and a senseless, disgusting mega luminous billboard that stretches over the precious greenery and is also too high.

492 Disgusting billboard The illuminated billboard creates visual smog and shines into windows at night - and it cannot be switched off...

493 Easy foot and bike access to the Hilton and Vltava river is missing Motorways and cars have priority.

494 An empty kind of park, a strange dead place

495 Unsightly small park It deserves more mature trees, which are so much needed around the arterial road.

496 Unused potential of the greenery The greenery gives a deterrent impression rather than as a place to stay.

497 Unused park due to the nearby arterial road In my life, I have probably never seen anyone there who would use the area as a park. The issue is again the motorway.

498 Unused area This place does not make sense in the city centre at all, I understand the proximity of the arterial road, but it could definitely be used better than as a “small park”.

499 Homeless people, mess Nobody cares.

500 Poor passability from Těšnov to the waterfront

502 Residual space. Does it have development potential?

503 Wall separating the road and the pavement The road and the pavement should be at the same level. It would be appropriate to reduce the number of lanes on the road to 1 + 1 and make normal pavements along it like in the city.

504 Deviation from the block structure of the city, an unpleasant place The whole block north of Pobřežní Street towards the river violates the block structure of older buildings and creates an inhospitable ghetto, to which it is practically impossible to get on foot or have a walk there.

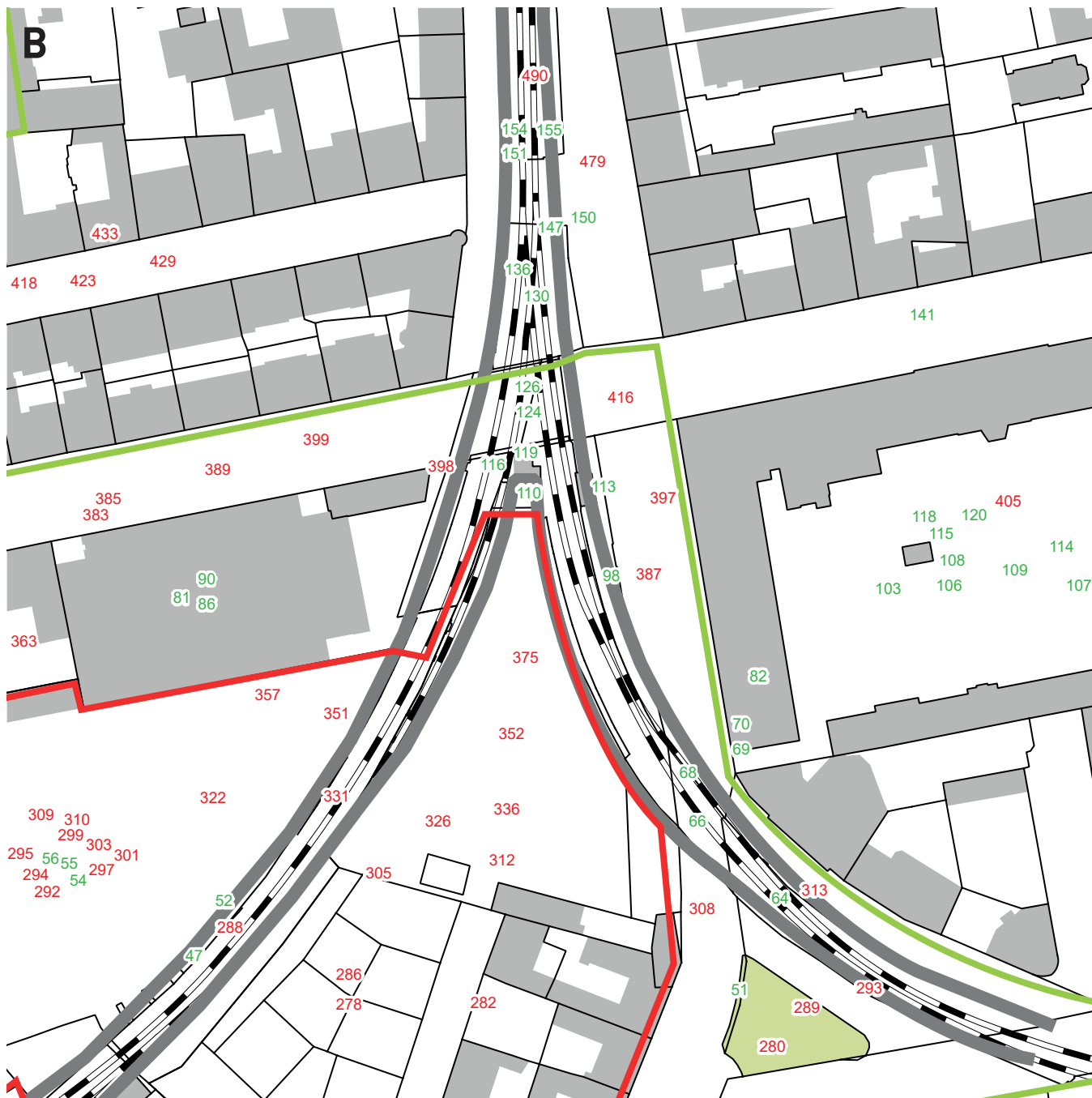
505 Absence of any crossings

506 Catastrophic traffic situation You have to wait almost five minutes at the crossing.

507 Lack of pedestrian infrastructure – crossings Pedestrians have no way to cross the motorway from east to west.

508 Motorway junction does not belong in the city Instead of these

motorway entrances, a normal city junction should be set up on the arterial road.



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Figure 9 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire – detail in the surroundings of Negrelli Viaduct, source: ONplan, 2021

13.4 THE SURROUNDINGS OF NEGRELLI VIADUCT

VALUES

47 Viaduct as a visual dominant feature of the station

51 A place between Karlín, Vítkov and the Florenc bus station It is the last pleasant place in the direction from Karlín, then you get to the impassable bus station. I would appreciate of a second entrance to the Florenc bus station from this side.

52 Reconstruction of platforms below the viaduct I appreciate the minimalist reconstruction of the platforms below the viaduct.

54 The platform in Florenc Is clear, relatively easily accessible and clean

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56 Nicely renovated bus station

64 Negrelli Viaduct

66 Viaduct I am delighted by the preservation and the current state of the viaduct. I really hope that it will last long in such great condition but I am a little worried, too. When the first graffiti began to appear on it before it was finished, it was a really sad sight.

68 New viaduct It is pleasantly set in the city, meaningful railway connection.

69 Karlín Barracks An open place full of activities and meeting opportunities, furthermore accessible.

70 Karlín Barracks – a great resting and cultural place It lacks access from the bus station and in the direction from Vítkov, there is also very unfriendly access for pedestrians and cyclists.

81 Karlín Music Theatre A great place and cultural area, but the foyer of the theatre could be more representative, as well as access to it from the metro.

82 Karlín Barracks A pleasant place to stay.

86 Theatre The right place for the theatre, unfortunately, one has to sigh over their program, but it is difficult to talk them out of the declining musical entertainment.

90 Karlín Theatre After reconstruction a pleasant place, good acoustics, pleasant background and cloakrooms (significant improvement compared to the state before reconstruction).

98 Surroundings of the viaduct The viaduct is a unique building and I really liked its use a few years ago: <https://viaduktkreativni.cz/projekt/>. I hope that the surroundings become more civilised and will serve people in the same way in the future.

103 Public enterprises in Karlín Barracks Today, Karlín Barracks serve the public well not only as a café, but also as a certain community centre; it would be nice if this continued and there were more such places.

106 Karlín Barracks Access to unused area, oasis, culture, community, meetings.

107 Barracks An airy courtyard ideal for cultural events.

108 Karlín Barracks is a great non-commercial place in the centre of Prague

109 Karlín Barracks Great place for social events, life.

110 Railway building It would be great if it had some use.

113 Life I am looking forward to businesses starting to open there. The operation of the Barracks is also great...

114 An oasis in the centre of Prague A place where you can spend time safely. One can let children go there and not worry that a car will run them over...

115 Karlín Barracks An amazing area with many activities for children and adults. Definitely preserve and expand.

116 Historic signal box The renovated historic signal box is a nice landmark and a reference to the former industrial focus of the area. It would be great to make it accessible and meaningfully use it in agreement with the Railway Management (café, gallery).

118 Karlín Barracks Area for all generations.

119 Repaired block post A beautiful piece of minor architecture. It deserves a use that would make it accessible to the public...

120 Karlín Barracks A beautiful complex temporarily used for culture, which is awaiting definitive use, with great potential.

124 Negrelli Viaduct A beautifully repaired technical monument and at the same time an important traffic artery for trains – unfortunately, too slow for getting to Václav Havel Airport.

126 Viaduct and spaces below it Unique areas, potential for development

130 Repaired viaduct Nicely repaired viaduct. Just to complete the vision with cafés and shops below the viaduct... Hopefully, we will live to see it someday.

136 Reconstructed Negrelli Viaduct and streets along it After reconstruction the Negrelli Viaduct offers the possibility of public use of the created spaces; the spaces have greatly improved visually, too.

141 Nice street with trees Trees could be planted on the other side of the street, too.

147 Negrelli Viaduct A monument to the beginnings of the railway, part of the genius loci of Karlín.

150 Repaired viaduct Successful reconstruction of the viaduct. The public space around it has benefited from it a lot.

151 Negrelli Viaduct Nicely renovated and clean, with potential for trade and culture.

154 Negrelli Viaduct It is a beautiful bridge and at the same time a resting place.

155 Viaduct A nice repaired corner, quiet place, trees

PROBLEMS

295 Unsuitable bus station design The central station certainly belongs there, but it is advisable to think about the design of the area – to roof the platforms and place the civic amenities above them (park, cultural centre, etc.).

326 Reception The presence of the reception discourages pedestrians and cyclists from entering.

418 Unmaintained, dirty and stinking street This street is dark and disgusting. There are syringes lying on the ground. It stinks all down the street because homeless people and drug addicts urinate and defecate there, some of them are also aggressive. Someone defecated on my car there a few times, so I do not park there anymore.

278 Free space in the centre intended only for buses As with the bus station, it would be great to construct a building above the local bus parking lot and thus use the basically unused land for the public. It is better for companies to build in the centre instead of on the outskirts of Prague.

280 Crossroads A neglected area by the viaduct which could be valuable, a view of Vítkov, today there is a disgusting crossroads.

282 Bus parking lot in the centre Such places belong on the periphery, bus logistics can certainly be handled in a different way, or at least in symbiosis with other uses (sports hall / concert hall above the parking lot, etc.).

286 Unsightly place Ineffective for citizens and users of the public space. Unnecessarily large areas for parking buses and cars, try to hide these places underground or elsewhere and open the space between the Negrelli Viaduct to the public.

288 I do not understand why the bus station is not on the roof above the main station

289 Confusing area Pavements are missing in some parts, confusing for pedestrians and cars. Bicycle lanes are missing.

292 Bus station Connection to the train station + area is designed badly.

293 A pavement is missing There is only a parking lot.

294 Heat island Hot and unbreathable.

297 Bus terminal From an early age, I took the bus from Florenc to Jablonec nad Nisou. The older I got, the more I wondered why it was necessary for the noisy stinking buses to go to the centre. I was delighted when the Jablonec bus moved to Černý Most. But what is the point of the other buses? They block traffic in the centre, stink and make noise. I would scrap the whole terminal.

299 Large empty area in the centre intended only for buses Free area intended only for buses through which it is not possible to walk properly today, it is a pity. It would be ideal to build polyfunctional buildings above the bus station, or to roof the bus station and build a park on it.

301 Impassable area An impermeable area unless I take the bus, I do not go there.

303 Bus station in the centre I do not see much reason why buses should go all the way to the centre. Would it not be better if they ended somewhere at train/metro terminals, from which rail transport would take passengers to the centre?

305 Passability from Karlín to Florenc through the bus station Again – the viaduct, the arches, it must be completely permeable, both for pedestrians and cyclists.

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309 Bus station The place should be used in a better way than as a bus station and bus parking lot.

310 Bus station in the city centre It is a huge mistake that all buses go to the historic centre. The main goal should therefore be to limit operation in Florenc in the long run and move traffic from there to the periphery, which is connected to the metro – Smíchov, Roztyly, etc.

312 City centre without life The area behind the gate, inaccessible, lifeless.

313 Too narrow an alley for cars to go along with pedestrian movement It does not make sense for cars to go there when they can

easily go around. There is too narrow a pavement in some places for pedestrians.

322 Improperly located bus station

331 Underpass The only passage for pedestrians and cyclists and still temporarily designed through the bus station complex.

336 Huge dirty parking area

351 Poor pedestrian connection between Karlín and the station The station is more or less impassable on one side.

352 Parking area An unsightly asphalt parking area.

357 A neglected square The area is unmaintained and unused due to heavy traffic, the space is difficult to access by pedestrian crossings.

363 Interiors The bus area itself is improving, but the interiors still seem scary to me... I might even be afraid of going there. It is so confusing, infested with everything.

375 An empty place with development potential Build a polyfunctional building between the tracks. Ideally with a brick façade to link it to the local viaduct. Create an underground parking lot from the current parking lot.

383 Too many lanes for cars This street should have one lane for cars in each direction, a bike lane, trees.

385 Křižíkova Street overloaded with cars

387 Too many lanes There are too many lanes, even though it is not so crowded with cars. It is difficult to cross there and the surface is not very good for cycling. Again, one lane in each direction, add adequate cycle lanes, plant trees and widen the pavements.

389 Unpleasantly busy street Oversized at the expense of public transport buses – again because of the arterial road.

397 Annoying A place crowded with cars.

398 The impassable area around Karlín Theatre This must change! I do not understand how it is possible that this de facto public area is claimed by the theatre and used as a parking lot. The arches under the viaduct should be opened and the whole area should be permeable.

399 Missing pedestrian crossing There is no pedestrian crossing in front of Karlín Theatre. It would suffice to narrow the street to a 1 + 1 lane and make a crossing. Anyway, the cars park there in two rows...

405 A dead place A huge piece of city that is unused.

416 Poor passability from Křižíkova Street for cyclists It is necessary to get off your bike.

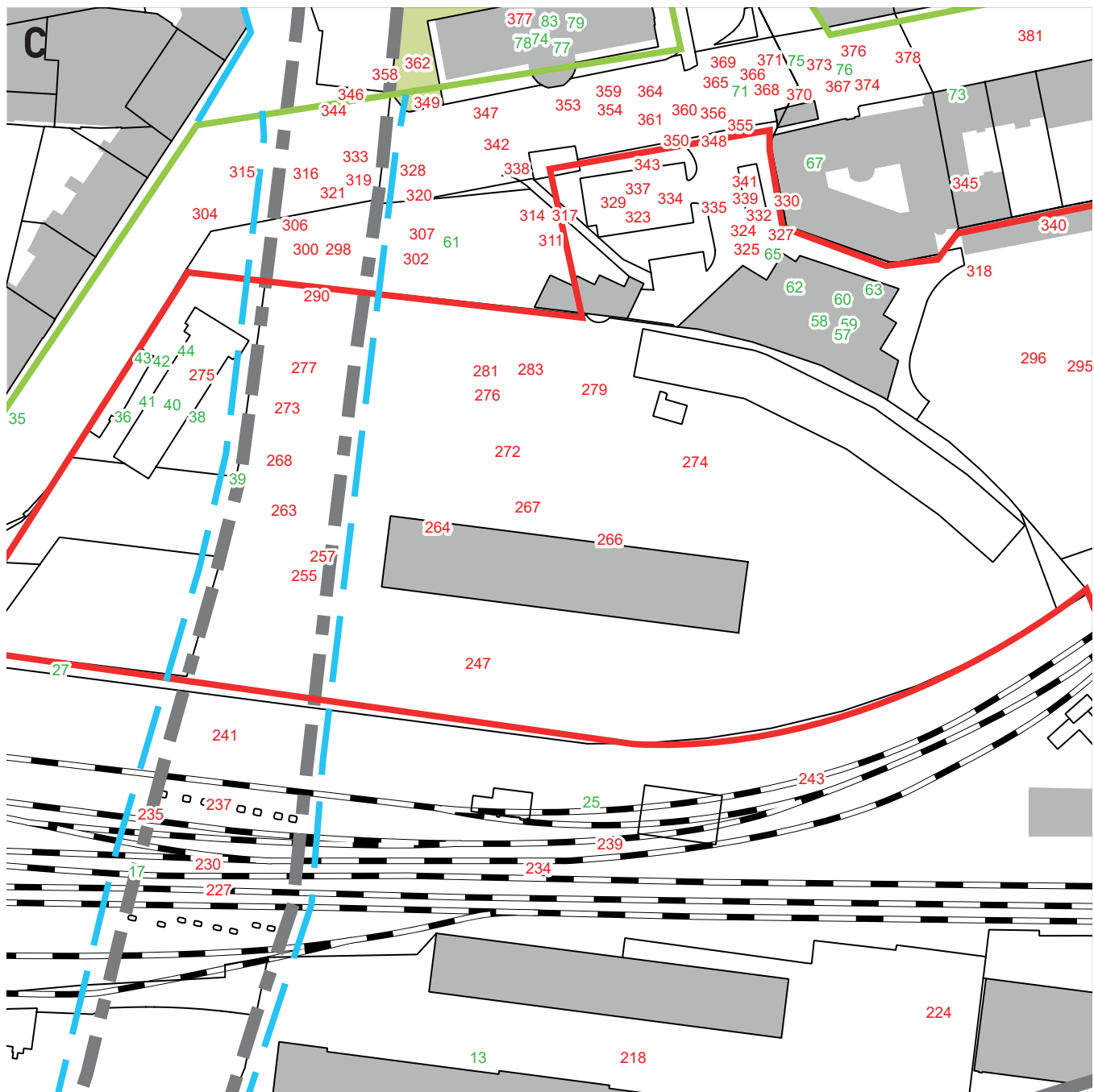
423 A street full of cars, narrow pavements, dirt and a lousy roadway This street needs a lot of help. The problem is cars parking on both sides. It is not possible to ride there by bike. Cars often park on the pavement. There are faeces and dirt on the pavement.

429 A very neglected street Asphalt pavements, old pavement on the road, daily mess.

433 Za Poříčskou bránou Street – cars parked on the pavement The part of the pavement designated for pedestrians is too narrow, sometimes it is difficult to avoid each other, for example, when meeting a pram. Furthermore, the part where cars are parked is never cleaned – even when cleaning the streets, because drivers remove their cars in such a way that they park on the pavement. The pavement is for walking. Cars should be parked exclusively on the roadway.

479 Non-unified surfaces If the viaduct is to be used, it is necessary to unify the surfaces and remove parking spaces in this street. Add trees there and turn it into a promenade.

490 It is not possible to walk under the viaduct Why is there a railing?



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Figure 10 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire – detail of the tracks of Masaryk Railway Station, source: ONplan, 2021

13.5 TRACKS OF MASARYK RAILWAY STATION

VALUES

13 Museum? I hope that there will be a museum... I just hope that the existing buildings will be used to the fullest... the once designed horrible thing with the wheel is really useless... and disgusting.

17 A pedestrian bridge over the arterial road It is such an absurd thing that I adore it in a way.

25 Museum of the Capital City of Prague I like the architecture of the building.

27 Free plot A free plot – possibility to watch trains.

35 Beautiful but neglected Desfour Palace Beautiful interiors from the 19th century.

36 Manifest The Manifest is a super project, an outdoor public space, not many such spaces in Prague. I really like the Merkado concept.

38 Manifesto

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40 Manifesto An original place offering fast food.

41 Manifesto A cultivated outdoor snack bar belongs to the city centre.

42 Manifesto Nice place, although quite expensive for ordinary people, but it is still better than dirt, mess and wild parking lots.

43 Manifesto It has livened it up there!

44 Manifesto I know it is a temporary place, but I like meeting people there because it has a good atmosphere, is accessible and is relatively quiet, even though it is located below the arterial road. The biggest advantage is that it is outside (Kas has a competitor).

57 Florenc Central Bus Station The Central Bus Station has undergone a significant transformation for the better, and strange people no longer accumulate there as before. It is good that there is a security guard to drive them out.

58 A new hall A representative space that should be better integrated into the surroundings.

59 Florenc bus terminal building The new terminal building is pleasant and adequate for the place and use, it is not oversized; at the same time, it is also advantageous to have the bus station so close to the centre, in a place where it does not interfere in any way with communications or visually, and vice versa.

60 The new bus hall I like it! It is probably a strong word, but unlike

most other places in Florenc, it does not repel me and I feel quite good in it. Sometimes, however, it is quite cramped and it can be difficult to find a place to sit there in bad weather.

61 Parking lot I very much appreciate it as one of the few options for parking in the centre next to intercity bus transport and public transport.

62 Florenc Bus Station It is pleasant to get on an international bus in the city centre – but I would be happy if there were electric buses.

63 New bus station hall A significant improvement for those waiting for a connection. Only the capacity of the waiting room and benches could be larger and the snack bar should be moved away, it is also full there.

65 Piazzetta in front of the station hall Much better condition than before reconstruction of the station.

67 Theatre

71 New crossings Finally, new crossings and pedestrians do not have to run to the underpass to escape from cars. I would like to see such an approach everywhere in Prague, pedestrians are a priority.

73 Bar A pleasant bar with genius loci.

74 The City of Prague Museum A great building, which is unfortunately caught between stations, bridges and an ugly small park. This is exactly the place that must be changed so that the museum has dignified surroundings.

75 Cycle lanes In the direction from Karlín, cycle lanes were added, so for the way directly to Masaryk Railway Station a safe space is created for cyclists while waiting at the crossroads.

76 A new pedestrian crossing I am very happy that it is finally possible to cross the street legally at ground level, too.

77 I like this building

78 The City of Prague Museum Nice, but very very poorly accessible.

79 The City of Prague Museum A beautiful historical building

83 Museum Cultural and historical value

PROBLEMS

218 An unmaintained part of Prague I feel sad every time I have to go through this part. I hope that the environment around the bridge from the tunnel to the Central Station will soon turn into joy. This is certainly not the case now.

224 Without use This place looks nice from the street with great potential to become a local park / recreation area, but it lacks closer involvement in its surroundings.

227 Arterial road Noise, stink, dust, the source of cars in the centre, it blocks the area for a system of orchards and parks that used to be there.

230 Masaryk Railway Station cannot be crossed safely on bike There is no pavement or cycle path.

234 See „Deadend“

235 A pedestrian bridge over the arterial road It is such an absurd thing that I adore it in a way.

237 There is no possibility of crossing the railway

239 Railway yard Lack of shade, dust, heat island.

241 Arterial road and exit from the arterial road Noise, dirt, stink.

243 An obstacle The massive railyard is a huge impermeable space.

247 Railway yard A parking area for wagons in the city centre – why? It can certainly be replaced by something more meaningful?

255 Arterial road It has nothing to do there and the project preserves it.

257 Missing convenient pedestrian connection between Bulhar and Florenc

263 Missing pedestrian connection There is no pedestrian connection by the shortest possible way from Florenc metro station towards the Main Railway Station, but I understand that this will be greatly improved by the planned roofing of the platforms at Masaryk Railway Station.

264 Poor passability of the area

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267 Connection of Florenc – Masaryk Railway Station – Main Railway Station These three important transport centres are very close to each other, but they are not reachable on foot or by bike at all, the only connection is metro C between Florenc and the Main Railway Station. It is better to connect them so that it is possible to change quickly and efficiently.

268 Arterial road A barrier in the area, noise.

272 The need for a change e.g. underground parking building if possible

273 Elevated arterial road As part of the urban regeneration, it would

be great to shorten the bridge as much as possible and turn the trunk road into a city avenue. If it is built up in its current state, it will be preserved and the opportunity will be wasted.

274 Unpassable area This area is completely impermeable and unused, but I guess that will change with the new concept for Florenc.

275 Manifesto Social washing of private development. For me, the Manifesto project is a typical example of the negative effects of gentrification – an overpriced place for the rich, by which Penta cleanses its dirty name from many cases. Penta is clearing its name **dishonored from many cases**

276 Unused areas

277 Arterial road Urbanism error It is ridiculous to bring more cars to the centre of Prague via this motorway. Since it is already there, it would be good to build a pavement for pedestrians and a cycle lane on the arterial road, so that it can work as a regular city bridge.

279 No-man's land I do not know what is there in fact, but why is nothing there actually? I am sure dozens of civic or commercial amenities could be offered near the central transport hub which will not be disturbed by the noise from the adjacent roads.

281 Brownfield The whole site beneath the arterial road is neglected. It could be used for markets, or the gastro stand project might continue here. The site should be revived and improved by bringing people in here.

283 Neglected area I do not like it, it is not a public space.

290 Chaos Chaotic parking beneath the arterial road probably could be better utilised/organised – multi-storey car park?

296 Emissions Buses stand here almost half an hour with their engines running.

298 Arterial road! Do something about it finally, it is awful!!

300 A dead dry area beneath the bridge, pigeon droppings A filthy, ugly, uncultivated environment (use for parking).

302 Parking area for ice resurfacers

304 Cycle infrastructure Cycle infrastructure is missing in the whole competition site, it would be best to separate it from car traffic.

306 Beneath the arterial road A useless area, no passage to anywhere, an anonymous place.

307 Parking area An unsightly parking lot.

311 Bus and tram stops, parking... I really dislike the parking lot, the bus stop is a long way off...

314 It does not match the architecture Poor design

315 Difficult to cross A large crossroads with a poor view, with no dividing islands

316 Pedestrians/bicycles Poor/safe access for pedestrians and bicycles

317 Missing pedestrian connection to Na Florenci Street People walking to the city centre cannot possibly walk there and must pass through the parking lot.

318 Florenc Bus Station Only Ukrainians, only Russian inscriptions, it is best to leave the stands and site as quickly as possible.

319 Visually unpleasant area I feel scared here in the evening.

320 Dirty public space

321 Dark passage A dark passage again, unfriendly for pedestrians.

323 An unsightly area outside the station Why is there not a park instead of the parking lot?

324 Groups of foreign workers make a mess

325 Area A very small area outside the bus station.

326 Gatehouse The gatehouse discourages pedestrians as well as cyclists from entering.

327 Perhaps the worst possible first acquaintance with Prague People arriving in Prague by bus at the adjacent station, which has recently been significantly improved and features a newly built hall, encounter a really „cold shower“ in this area outside the entrance to the underpass and the metro. Hundreds of cigarette butts, disgusting smell, individuals who seem to reside close to the local dustbin. And what is more, no escalators. People with heavy luggage must walk through this place very slowly. I think it is perhaps the group of individuals staying in this area and the style of their „residing“ which offer the worst welcome for new passengers.

328 A dirty underpass The elevated motorway created an area where cars are parked and some people urinate.

329 A parking lot which does not belong in the city centre An area which does not contribute to the life of people, just a place where waste and litter piles up: parked cars, dust, fencing...

330 Dirty public space

332 Exit from the metro underpass up the stairs A very unpleasant experience for passengers - to pull their luggage to the top or down the stairs.

333 Arterial road It would be ideal to put the arterial road underground.

334 Parking area

335 Concrete jungle What I miss in this place is the city for the 21st century. No trees. A neglected place, concrete.

337 An unfriendly area A very unfriendly area for pedestrians, there is no direct sidewalk along the motorway, you must bypass the parking lot, again, pedestrians are not the priority.

338 No pavement to the bus station

339 Metro exits A confusing place, I always get lost, can't find the right metro exit.

340 Strange ugly structures The whole original terminal is strange and there are many strange extensions.

341 No escalator There is no escalator at the metro exit to the Florenc bus station, it is difficult for many passengers to climb the stairs with their suitcases.

342 Bus 135 start (unless its bus stop is shifted again as far as the theatre) Dirt, mess, dust, unpleasant area

343 Poor passage through the area

344 Arterial road The place does not look like a city centre. Far from it. The motorway is noisy, stinky and dusty, its concrete mass is overwhelming, you would not like to go there.

345 Unsuitable station building Poorly accessible, unconnected with dubious shops

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347 Parking buses The place is used as a turntable. You could perhaps manage if the buses with engines idling did not produce such a smell. Except that they do not attract people to pass through or spend any time there.

348 A place inaccessible for pedestrians It is legally impossible to walk across the bypass towards the parking lot. Running down to the underpass and running up, particularly taking into account frequent removals of bus stops due to the ongoing construction work, often means that you miss your bus.

349 Dirt and smell On my way from the bus stop to work, I need to walk beneath the arterial road and it really looks bad there. There is also a mysterious fenced area, I'd rather keep quiet about the purpose of the fencing as public toilets.

350 Poor passage through the street Generally, the Florenc area offers poor and unfriendly passage for pedestrians.

353 Missing space around the resurfaces City of Prague Museum. This beautiful building is a poor thing. There should be a space around the building. The arterial road should be removed on the one hand, and it would be appropriate to scrap part of Křížkova Street (between Na Florenci and Ke Štvanici streets) on the other hand, and change it into a park also behind the museum building.

354 Missing pedestrian crossing It is impossible to walk with a pram here

355 No

356 Missing cycle lane

358 It stinks like public toilets here

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360 No pedestrian crossing

361 Missing pedestrian crossings You can get across the crossroads only using the underpasses. I think pedestrian crossings would not slow down the traffic but increase the comfort.

362 Concrete suspended motorway close to the historical Prague City museum. It is simply ugly, and the area beneath the motorway is used as a dirty parking lot or for temporary stores.

364 Missing pedestrian crossing

365 Dangerous and confusing crossroads This crossroads should be slowed down as much as possible. It is safer for pedestrians who want to get from the tram stop to the bus terminal to use the metro lobby, which should not be the case.

366 Missing pedestrian crossing or escalators to the underground To provide a faster and more pleasant transfer to the bus stop, a pedestrian crossing would be better instead of climbing the endless stairs with luggage. If I have to go by underground, escalators are grossly lacking here.

367 Location of bus stops Complicated location of bus stops, the bus stops from which different lines leave are not close to each other.

368 Crossroads outside Florenc Very poor passage across the road for pedestrians and cyclists, the traffic is too heavy

369 Missing pedestrian crossings, railing along pavements People are forced to walk down the underpasses, although there is a road on the surface, e.g. towards the bus station.

370 Missing pedestrian crossings The only passage through this place is the unsightly underpass.

371 Uncomfortable for pedestrians Crossing the street seems too complicated to me. An underpass would be possible, but I would prefer walking reasonably and safely on ground level.

373 Missing pedestrian crossings A metro underpass is a complicated solution. I would like to cross the street safely when I rush from Sokolovská Street to the bus station, for example.

374 Missing pedestrian crossing

376 Missing pedestrian crossing No passage with a pram.

377 Neglected area around the City of Prague Museum The area is very poorly maintained, the neglected greenery spoils the otherwise nicely repaired museum building.

378 Road with no speed limit It is too wide, no speed limits, many cars just rush along the road without showing consideration for the surrounding life. It is a kind of a racing track corridor, very unfriendly.

381 Parking towards the centre in two rows blinkers on Unnecessary, too much space for cars apparently not needed for driving. Add cycle lanes, trees, parking bays, extend pavements (primarily outside the theatre), remove the white-red fencing and smarten up this area.



Figure 11 Values and problems in the area collected via an online questionnaire – detail near Masaryk Railway Station, source: ONplan, 2021

13.6 THE SURROUNDINGS OF MASARYK RAILWAY STATION

VALUES

12 Post office A well accessible, barrier-free post office.

14 Masaryk Railway Station A beautiful 19th century railway station, connections to tram lines and the metro as well.

15 Masaryk Railway Station I and my children come to watch trains. I might have spent about 50 hours there to satisfy my son's wishes. We would stand there watching trains, even one hour in one day. There were always more pairs like us around.

19 Historical railway station A sight dating back to the beginnings of railway transport, ideal for a railway museum.

21 Railway station A cultural and historical transport value.

22 Railway station There used to be the Flip espresso bar, replaced by the disgusting Costa Coffee and similar chains today producing interchangeable, slimy silvery atmosphere.

23 Historical Masaryk Railway Station Architectural value.

29 Area outside Masaryk Railway Station The railway station is friendly for those passing from the south to the north as well as from the west to the south-east, nearly at one level, without big obstacles for pedestrians. Transfer from tram to the metro and train.

30 See the next item with the vista of Vítkov

31 Open vista of the Vítkov Memorial An urban value, a rare view in the low-lying historical centre of Prague. The vista of Vítkov is unique, it is worth keeping it. It also allows the morning sun to light up the dark and cold streets.

32 A nice blank area

33 The vista of Vítkov from Na Florenci Street

34 EMA espresso bar Coffee!

37 Desfours palace

45 Yard I like this site and I always like to visit Dhaba.

46 Florentinum Quite a good compromise between the interests of developers and people.

48 Florentinum arcade Excellent passageway from Na Florenci Street to Na Poříčí Street.

49 Archa Theatre arcade An excellent passageway between Na Florenci – Na Poříčí Streets

50 A quiet place

53 The Desfours Garden A nice semi-public area, shielded from the street hustle and bustle

PROBLEMS

213 No trees, cars given priority

214 Post office There are such neglected facilities here... It is a marginal street, but it does not have to be dirty and ugly... It would suffice to unify everything in one line and then caring for it would be easier.

216 Passageway from the 1st platform across the rails, through a dump and the parking area Next to it, there is a beautiful gate, but locked by Česká pošta (Czech Mail).

217 Interior of Masaryk Railway Station Although it is like super theatrical scenery for the play „Owners“, it needs prioritising...

229 Railway station Poor access from the northern and southern side

232 Pasageway between Na Florenci and Opletalova Streets Very poor...

242 Dirty Polluted

244 Penta ... the same problem An oversized project generating profits for a couple of individuals.

245 A project harmful for the area is under construction here I am afraid the construction project by the Penta company in this place will substantially worsen the local conditions and the heat island. It is probably being built upon an illegal zoning decision (see the ombudsman's statement and the issued dilatory effect of the administrative action of the Municipal Court)

246 A structure under construction next to Masaryk Railway Station I wish there was a park, clean and clear, to offer a pleasant urban space in the historical centre to those getting off the train instead of the colossus which offers nothing to arrivals (tourist or resident).

248 Parking lot, metro entrances It is ugly, unfriendly, dirty.

249 Park/parking lot I know there are plans to improve the place, so I am just writing that it would be nice to have some greenery there, mainly trees, but the greenery and benches should not limit passability, as it appears from some published designs... And it could be a place to stay, some local businesses around might operate outdoor seating, or a business (a café) might be opened as part of this space.

252 Zaha Hadid? Poor office architecture.

254 Poor passageway of the area The places are quite close as the crow flies, but rather distant when it comes to the visual appearance and time.

258 Missing greenery

259 Homeless people The place is polluted.

260 Missing cycle lanes and trees in Na Florenci Street

261 Cycle lanes I miss a space for alternative modes of transport.

262 Missing good-quality sidewalks and cycle route/cycle lane

269 An empty building Such a pity that the Desfours palace is still empty and not used!! I do not understand it, it would be great to return the place back to life.

270 Florentinum – non-innovative boring architecture, although purpose-built If nothing else, it is partly accessible. This is an unused opportunity once the ugly building built in the 1980's has been demolished.

271 Bloated development, contemporary architecture of poor quality I find the Florentinum Centre an example of poor contemporary architecture – an ugly RP building was replaced by practically the same or similar building, perhaps even a larger one when it comes to the mass – it is „pompous“, oversized (too high and wide), the segmentation or the facade surfaces do not match the surrounding context, no ground floor created in general... it is a pity to use a land plot so close to the city centre to build the wrong type of building.

284 Florentinum A nasty megalomaniac building spoiling the scale of the Prague centre and inducing traffic load.

285 A private property People are restricted in moving and staying in the atrium. It is a public space, semi-public... in private hands? Even so, a security worker cannot annoy people there.

287 Penta ... where to start