

police assembly site drachten



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location

noorderend 1 en 4,
kelvinlaan 2 en 4

client

police

user

police unit north netherlands

design

cepezed,
cepezedinterieur,
boschslabbers landscape
architects

project type

company & office
mobility & infrastructure
renovation & transformation
city planning & master
planning

themes

nature inclusive
costefficient

The existing police location on the A7-Noord industrial estate in Drachten is being expanded. The characteristics of the existing buildings, including a 112 emergency room, have been incorporated into the new architecture. The new building differs in size and shape, but with its closed, horizontally articulated, dark plinth and vertically articulated structure of glass and silver-coloured steel, it clearly belongs to the same architectural family. The functions below generally have a high resistance rating. The more open volume above houses, among other things, offices and laboratories.

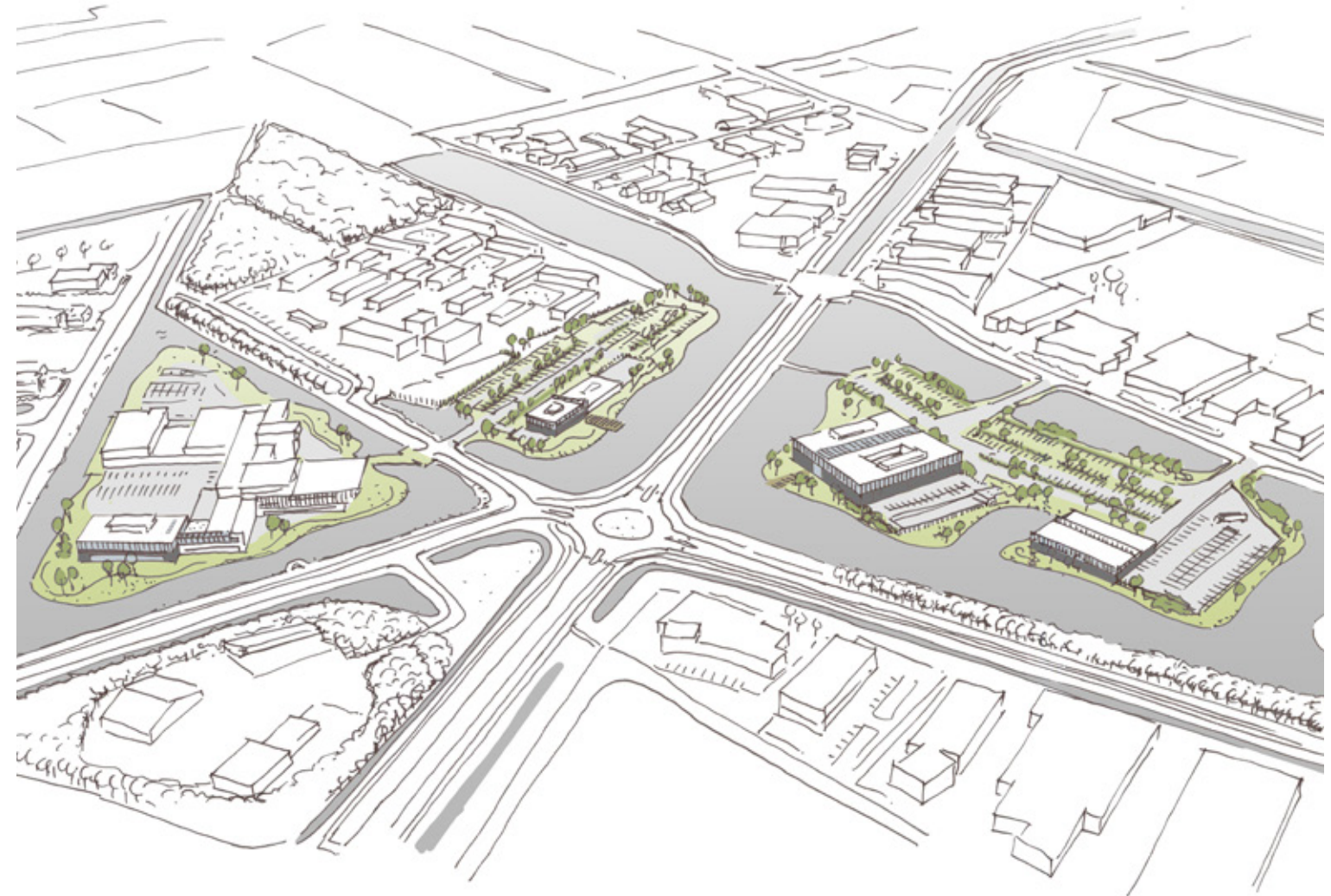
By assuming an efficient building package, it is possible to keep the architecture uniform and accommodate for all special functions cost-efficiently. However, each building does have a special area, such as a patio, or a pleasant connecting zone with skylights and wooden roof beams. In order not to let the functional and purposeful character prevail in other areas, the designs have been detailed with great attention. Individual elements on the façade have been 'tidied up' behind uniform edges as much as possible.

Due to its special location on three islands, cepezed and BoschSlabbers Landscape Architects worked closely together on the design. Buildings, parking spaces and bridges are embedded in greenery and long sightlines over the water are cherished. Exterior doors are situated so that there is a reason to sit by the water, where there will be decking and seating elements. The banks will have natural reed vegetation and wadi-like slopes, enriching the ecology. The efficient incorporation of traffic movements, such as routes for all kinds of police equipment and for civilians, was a complex puzzle. We managed to put it in place without sacrificing landscape quality.

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