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To imagine south Verona

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Verona municipality is about to approve the new city plan: the most significant part regards wide unused areas in the south part of the city. For this a specific Masterplan has been requested to Bruno Gabrielli.

On one side there are the interests of the developers, on the other the capacity to combine these interests with public facilities, green areas... that is urban quality as public value to defend. In the historical Zai (that means agricultural-industrial zone) new functions are increasing (such as offices and commerce) through a not governed process. The aim of this Masterplan is to survey and to guide this process, through a public control of the land use, in order to grant collective utility.

The Zai is now between residential quarters (65.000 inhabitants) that now can be regenerated. It's not just a question to balance differences, but it represents the occasion to create, through qualified east-west connections, a new unique part of the city.

The general lines are:

- south Verona will offer good quality housing that will be connected to the neighborhoods in the east and in the west;
- the public green areas will grant sustainable development and life quality;
- the integration with the old city center will be made through the new functions (offices, financial centers, public institutions), all qualified;
- the road network takes into account of the present and future situation, also with the transport public system on rail between Porta Nuova and the big car park near the motorway door.