THE ENTRANCE NODE

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This can be defined as the first economic node reached when moving along Galeshewe activity corridor from the city center towards the circle. It is therefore called the Entrance Node. With the other streets that are to be developed in the not too distant future, it will become one of the developed meeting places of which Galeshewe is in need.

Node area today

Overall structure

The node area is situated on the cultural heritage Greater No2. Although not located in the Galeshewe Activity Corridor, it is connected to the Economic Nodes by a road. The Galeshewe Stadium and Sohele Street with its shops are the most important features in close proximity to the node area. There is no road leading directly from the stadium to the node area, but it can be reached by a road that connects the two. Mapunya Street is the street that serves as a connection between these two areas.

The node area, which is about 200 metres by 350 metres, can be divided roughly into three parts. The northern part includes a Community Hall, a public swimming pool and a park; the southern part includes a swimming pool and a park; and the middle part includes a park and a swimming pool. The node area, which is about 200 metres by 350 metres, can be reached by a road that connects the two areas.

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Mapunya Street ends in an open field. Sohele Street has shops along one side. The map of the existing building pattern shows that many of the public buildings are fenced in and also indicates where entrances in fences and buildings are situated. It can be noted that there are few openings in surrounding fences. Opportunities to move between the south and the north part of the node area are limited.

Businesses

1. Funeral parlour
2. Coffin store
3. General dealer or closed
4. Small food store
5. Dry cleaner
6. Liquor store
7. Club
8. Butchery
9. Telephone container

Informal trading

Interests in developing a petrol station

Building entrance

Opening in fence

Map 4:3. Building pattern

Map 4:4. Informal and formal businesses and interests.
From Township to Townscape

The entrance node

Shops facing housing. The telephone container.

There is a cluster of businesses in the south part of the node area. Between the two rows of business buildings is an alley, which is paved and is used by the owners of the businesses as a loading area. Some of the businesses have entrances facing a residential area, and are not visible from either Hulana or Motopo Street. Between the two rows of business buildings is an alley, which is intended to serve as a place to load supplies. However, some of it are used as a public toilet, but it is well-lit by a high mast light. A telephone container is placed in the alley, and parts of it are used as a parking lot. The condition of the shop fronts varies, and some are almost abandoned. The club, which is situated on the corner of the two rows of business buildings, is in a relatively good condition. The club, which is situated on the corner of the two rows of business buildings, is in a relatively good condition. A telephone container is placed in Greater No2.
Informal trading near the post office. Fruit and vegetables are sold here and car-related services are offered. When the pensions are paid, once a month, informal traders place their blankets on the ground along Hulana Street.

A developer is interested in establishing a petrol station in this area. An application has been submitted for a plot in the middle area and the municipality is considering the application, which is likely to be granted. The plot is in direct contact with Greater No2 and a petrol station represents a totally new activity for this area.

Informal trading opposite the Community Hall.

Informal trading near the post office.

Social amenities

The swimming pool, which is the only public one in Galeshewe, is open during the summer months and is quite popular. It is approximately 150 cm deep and is situated in a small area surrounded by a fence made of cement and corrugated iron. The fence is about 60 meters long and is a dominant object of the streetscape.

Meetings and courses are held and pensions are paid at the Community Hall. It was built in the 1960s and has a large hall with a stage and several smaller rooms. The building is well maintained and is an important meeting place for the community.

The swimming pool fence along Hulana Street.

A lush verdure at the Community Hall.

The post office is a popular meeting place where people relax. People often gather here to chat and catch up on local news.

Informal trading near the post office.
The park has large trees, grass, and some playing equipment. The vegetation decreases towards the surrounding streets which marks in a diffuse boundary to the park. It is surrounded by housing and a church. One tree has been planted along both sides of Hulama Street and trees grow at residential plots and fenced-in public areas.

The park has diffuse edges.
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Street, asphalt
Street, sand
Bicycle lane
Pedestrian path
Street light

Housing
Relatively small, single-family houses are the dominant type of housing in the node area. The plots in Greater No2 are green with houses. The row of semi-detached houses situated opposite the swimming pool at Hulana Street is housing for elderly people. The bicycle lane is similar in shape to a sidewalk and ends abruptly. Cyclists use the street instead.

The map shows that the main streets are covered with asphalt, while the remainder are made of sand. The bicycle lane system is somewhat fragmented, mostly due to shortcomings at the intersections, and it does not continue along Morgan Street. A pedestrian path between the park and the Community Hall is blocked by a fence.

Applying the guiding principles

Better balance between different modes of transport

The entrance node is located in the central area of the city and is thus important for the connection and accessibility to the surrounding areas. The node is characterized by a mix of residential, commercial, and transport functions, which result in a high level of traffic and noise. To improve the situation, the node area is divided into four parts: residential, commercial, transport, and community. The proposals for these parts are as follows:

- **Residential area**: The proposal for the residential area focuses on the improvement of the living conditions for the residents. The proposals include the creation of a new public square and the improvement of the existing public spaces. The proposals also aim to improve the accessibility of the area for pedestrians and cyclists.

- **Commercial area**: The proposal for the commercial area focuses on the promotion of small businesses and the creation of a new business district. The proposals include the creation of a new public square and the improvement of the existing public spaces. The proposals also aim to improve the accessibility of the area for pedestrians and cyclists.

- **Transport area**: The proposal for the transport area focuses on the improvement of the transport infrastructure. The proposals include the creation of a new public square and the improvement of the existing public spaces. The proposals also aim to improve the accessibility of the area for pedestrians and cyclists.

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In addition to the proposals for the different parts, the proposal also includes a business strategy for the node area. The business strategy is focused on the promotion of small businesses and the creation of a new business district. The proposals include the creation of a new public square and the improvement of the existing public spaces. The proposals also aim to improve the accessibility of the area for pedestrians and cyclists.

Land use and transport system

The flexible house that is both a home and a business.

Business strategy

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The most important change in the street pattern is the change of Hulana Street, but a new street leading to Galeshewe stadium is also built. By moving Hulana Street the opportunities for pedestrians between Motopo Street and the park are improved. The map shows the completion of the bicycle lanes.

Many of the measures taken in the proposal promote and improve accessibility for pedestrians. By moving Hulana Street, the area becomes more accessible for pedestrians. The park and the Community Hall become accessible for pedestrians. The street where cars consider pedestrians is opened through the business cluster in order to improve connections between the surrounding streets.

To improve connections between the surrounding streets, the proposed new street is connected to the central area.

Hulana and Motopo Street: The location of the model shows the existing of both pedestrian and bicycle routes. The future, the proposed new street is connected to the central area and the existing network of connection is expanded. The new street is opened through the business cluster and the community hall.

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The map also shows the completion of the bicycle lanes. Safe and convenient parking for bicycles should be provided at places that can be expected to serve as endpoints, as well as being placed at spots visible from busy streets and places.
Map 4.9 Proposal map of the Entrance Node. Scale 1:1000.
From Township to Townscape

Square area

Map 4:10. Proposal map, the square area marked.

The museum is placed along the north side of the square and easily accessible for customers at the petrol station, public toilets and slot telephone which are situated in the open space. The petrol station will provide access to the supermarket centre. From this point, the height of the museum, as well as its facade, is emphasized through the entrance to the ground floor. The museum can be accessed from the entrance area on the ground floor and led to make a model of the floor of the ground to the museum.

Axonometric projection scale 1:500
The petrol station is placed at an attractive corner and can be viewed when entering the node area from the south via Morgan Street. This makes the design of the station important. My proposal includes: the petrol station building can be used for a fast food restaurant and have entrances both to the square and the parking area.

The museum was mentioned in the business strategy as a potential part of the tourism sector and therefore as an economic contribution, but it can also play an important role for the identity of Galeshewe. The museum should focus on the history of Galeshewe and its role in the settlement. This project also includes the possibility to use the upper part of the building for storage or as lecture rooms, while the part facing the pedestrian street can contain shops.

A building providing premises usable for businesses acts as a boundary along the west side of the square. It has a pergola roof for shade and shelter. This is the proposed location for home-based businesses.

The northwest corner of the square is suitable for a business building of two floors with an entrance facing the square. This is a good location for a company in need of large facilities at a visible site.

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Examples of other possible activities situated here are a pub, an Internet café, an ice cream bar and/or a laundromat.

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A building providing premises usable for business is situated along Hulana Street. Residents have the opportunity to use one part of the shop for business purposes, either for themselves or to let to someone else. Short-term parking is possible along Hulana Street to support these businesses.

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The entrance to the Community Hall is altered in order to provide a large entrance hall that gives room for exhibitions or other activities. The proposed area provides a significant increase in space for the hall, allowing for more activities and events. The small space created in front of the Community Hall should be provided with trees that form a roof with seating beneath, together with a pedestrian street leading to the square. This function as a transition space between the street and the open square, while also providing a pleasant space for residents to gather. The proposed new space in front of the Community Hall is marked on the map.
The park should be developed for the use of all ages. It is proposed that it will be furnished with barbecue places, picnic tables, and playgrounds for younger, as well as older, children. Play areas are needed to make the park a safe and pleasant place. The existing swimming pool is separately located to make it possible for the pool to be enjoyed by a large group of people without disturbing the park. For the same reason, the swimming pool is separated from the park to provide a place for people to enjoy the pool. The proposed upgrade of Hulana Street in front of the swimming pool includes the addition of a new, full-size swimming pool. Here the new swimming pool is located to make it possible to
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Existing business area. Map 4:13. Proposal map, existing business area marked. The location of existing shops along Motopo Street will be improved when all the traffic passing through the corridor is reduced with a garden. Parallel perspective of proposed development in existing business area.
The shops that are proposed to be turned into housing have to be altered in order to provide convenient homes. What is currently a lane is closed off and turned into private gardens. A small public space that is created between the buildings new building next door to the post office is suitable for the creation of this node. The post office remains in this node, The proposed change of business to housing.

Existing shops facing residential area.

Proposed space in front of the post office.

Proposed change of business to housing.
From Township to Townscape

Proposed map of the west area.

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A park that serves elderly people in nearby housing is proposed at Hulana Street opposite the swimming pool. This might also be added in order to meet the needs of children's homework.

It is proposed that a children's home be situated in the part of the building at the end of Hulana Street. The children's home can also be placed close to the swimming pool. A park and an assembly hall are proposed, and an in-ground pool.

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