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Climate Change, Cultural Heritage & Energy Efficient Monuments

Heritage Preservation Plans, Hamburg, Germany

On the legal basis of §10 Hamburg Heritage Protection Law the Heritage Department is allowed to order a Heritage Preservation Plan, when it is necessary for the long-term preservation of a monument. The Heritage Preservation Plan therefore regulates the objectives and requirements of the heritage preservation issues and facilitates the adjustment and approval processes in the building permission procedure.

This approach contains advantages for all participating parties especially in the case of ensembles or quarters under heritage protection - owners, architects, heritage and urban planning administrations:

- The whole quarter is to be considered as one entity, which is often one of the main heritage values.
- All the different aspects, which touch the owners and the public, can be regulated in an adjusted process. That includes e.g. the question of energy efficiency measures.
- After the development work, all participants have less effort: The owners can work within the regulations of the Heritage Preservation Plan on their own; they don't have to ask for permission in the case of single building measures.

Currently the Hamburg Department for Heritage Preservation is working on the development of first pilot projects. Therefor a tender is running to find an architect to develop a Heritage Preservation Plan for a quarter from the 1950ies. Even there are no results available until now, the service description gives a first impression about the content of a Heritage Preservation Plan:

- Historical Documentation of the quarter
- Baseline Study
 - Buildings from the outside
 - Buildings from the inside
 - Open space
 - Detailed conservational research about the original colours, constructions, etc.
- Development of measures
 - \circ Guideline
 - Development of measures for a long-term recovery of the original appearance of the quarter.
 - Development of design requirements and binding patterns, e.g.
 - Design drawings of windows or winter gardens.
 - Design requirements and drawings for energy efficiency measures.
 - Design requirements for antennas, post boxes, ...

All this has to be discussed with the stakeholders and approved by the Department for Heritage Preservation. Additionally a handbook for the owners with all relevant information has to be compiled.