

: can inflatable architecture be a facilitator in encouraging interaction between Berlins' wanderers and Berlins' refugees?



IN . FLAT . A . BLB

adj. Designed to be filled with air or gas before use: an inflatable mattress.



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DESIGN ETHOS

The narrative for this project was inspired by our experience on the site, the history of the site, primary users of our proposal; refugees & wanderers and artist study which falls in line with the interdisciplinary approach of the atelier. The vast dissimilarity been inside the building and on the roof inspired us to capture this difference in experience. Artist study on Petillon, Christo and Jean Claude, inspired the idea of creating a soft piece of architecture that juxtaposes the hard structure of the Tempelhof. Their works show how juxtaposing soft material on hard landscapes forces viewers to perceive the landscape or space differently which could be vital to the Temelhof considering its rich history. Research into the history of the site brought us to the Humboldt balloon first voyage and the use of the air field as a stage for flight testing in 1893. This inspired our exploration of flexible inhabitable inflatables. Through experimentation with models, as encouraged by the atelier, we explored three technological approaches; inflatable structural ribs, inflatable skins attached to cross laminated timber structure and kinetic structure inspired by the Hoberman sphere in an attempt to create flexible, temporary dwellings. By designing a masterplan, we were able to propose modular spatial strategies with pneumatic typologies that could be repeated across the site depending on the flux of users.

> Ties used to restrain inflatable skin reflect the flight pattern of air expeditions on tempelhof field.







JUXTAPOSING THE HARD RIGID STRUCURE OF THE TEMPELHOF

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In an attempt to highlight the difference in experience been inside the building and the roof - we wanted an architectural intervention that respected the rich history of the Tempelhof while also transforming it.



OMOT

INMABITABLE INFLATABLE

SITE HISTORY

Tempelhof airfield was used to test some of the world's first aircrafts. The Humboldt balloon was launched on its maiden voyage on March 1, 1893 leading to a series of other expeditions. This inspired our exploration of flexible inhabitable inflatables and creating an architectural intervention that is associated with air .





1893, Tempelhof Airfield

1907, Tempelhof





Reflections from Berlin

The strong and historically serious architecture which defines the Tempelhof airport first struck as we stood before this intimidating building. The extensive tarmak and concrete used in the site required a more lightharted addition. Our aim was to create a soft piece of architecture to juxtapose the hard structure of Tempelhof.







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Christo & Jean-Claude

Christo & Jean Claude's art works bring a new bring a new perspective to familiar landscapes, encouraging a refreshed appreciation and allowing viewers to perceive and understand the locations with a new appreciation of their formal, energetic, and volumetric qualities.







Charles Petillon

Petillon used his balloon invasions as metaphors. Their goal is to change the way in which we see the things we live alongside each day without really noticing them. Their fragile and vibrant appearance was achieved with the use of contrasting materials and opacity which is a method that can be applied to our proposal.









[MIGRANT]

a person who moves from one place to another in order to find work or better living conditions.

[REFUGEE]

A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster

[WANDERER] :

Itinerant people, who wander from place to place with no permanent home

[A S Y L U M S E E K E R]

Someone who leaves their own country, often because of political unrest or war, and who travels to another country hoping that the government will protect them and allow them to live there. Studying fluxuations of the different users of the site. Through defining the terms of persons we were able to understand the needs of the Refugees and Wanderers.



Number of overnight stays and visitors to Berlin from Germany and abroad [1992 - 2013] source Berin-Brandenburg Statistics Office



Guest to Berlin stay on average 2.4 days*

Total of 31.15 million overnight stays in 2017

Continue on journey









MASTER PLANNING &ZONING into districts informed by function, public & private spaces needed by users, potential flux in refugee and wanderers. This led to the proposal of three site types; Welcome centre, multi-functional site and dwellings.











Reciprical Floors 1:100 at AO



Ground Floor 1:100 at AO



Enterance tower plans 1:100 at AO

Back elevation 1:200 A1





1 Reception 2 Cafe 3 WCs 4 Exhibition Space 5 Storage for inflatables and temporary flooring when not in use 6 Plant room 7 Water store

Possible layout for Welcome Site 1:100 at A0 (+ 1700mm from installed decking)





- 1 Hostel rooms (disabled and family accessible) 2 Hostel 3 Dorms 4 WCs 5 Storage 6 Plant room 7 Water store 8 Showars

- 8 Showers 9 Kitchen and lounge area

Possible layout for hostel site 1:100 at AO





- 1 Ticket office 2 Viewing balloon landing zone 3 Waiting room 4 WCs 5 Storage 6 Plant room 7 Water Store 8 Cafe

- 8 Cafe 9 Refugee support groups

Proposed layout for 'visitor site' 1:100 at AO





Front elevation Across all 3 site types 1:200 at A1



Long section through Dorms A1 1:100



1:20 at A0 detail of the meeting of the 15000mm dorm inflatable and connection tube



Tatami mats inside the dorm rooms sitting on





Short Section A-A Hostel Dorm Inflatable 1:100 at A1



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1. Determin Site, delivery of decking components



5. Lay waterproof membrane sheeting.Install first layer of plywood over marked out area



10. Attach anchorage points at 1500mm on diameter of plywood and with correspondence to dome rib straps.

11. Position 12 fans at correct distances





6. Place timber joists in line with plywood. Lay insulation and piping for underfloor heating system



12. Turn fans on and watch inflate



14. Position skirting externally and zip waterproof membrane to internal zip.



7. Install top layer of Plywood flooring

8. Arrival of inflatable!



4. Mark out diameter for circle inflatable position



9. Unpack and roll out etfe inflatable

13. Put up internal metal ribs for fire protection, attaching to metal plate at ground





1:100 model of hostel dorm site



FTRF

B1 Appendix E Designed to accommodate more than 10 individuals, and as such cannot be classified as a dwelling house .

B1. Section 3 3.2 Escape Route Design (Fig 1) With a maximum of 30 occupants, inhabiting the large inflatable with bedrooms, having two exits allowed inlftable type to acheieve a travel distance of less that 18m.

3.9 Alternative Escape Routes Inflatables with more than one exit are placed at more that 45 degrees angle from the farthest point.

3.10 Inner Rooms

When the extra small inflatable is attached to another inflatable: an inner room (connected inflatable) and access room (big iflatable) is created. Travel distances don't exceed limits.the inner room is entered directly off the access room and the occupant capacity of the inner room does not exceed 60.

B1.Section 4 Design for vertical escape (Fig 2) Existing fire protected cores will be used to get to the fire assembly point outside the Tempelhof airport. The staircase satisfies the regulation for vertical escape.

TRAVEL DISTANCE FOR EACH INFLATABLE SIZE Fig 1



< 9m Travel Distance



< 18m Travel Distance



< 9 m Travel Distance



< 18m Travel Distance



giving people enough time to escape.

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PERSONAL SAFETY

K, Protection from falling Stairs - Riser & Going, Landing & Handrails (Fig)

The stairs and ramps on the site will be used on a day to day basis, considered as a general access stairs. They meet the regulations for riser and going. Max Riser: 170mm Max Going: 400 Max risers before landing: 12

Ramps in the core for easy access and the entrance of each inflatable to make up for the height difference created by the deck and insulated floors. (Fig)

Handrails are designed in line with Part K (Fig)

M Access

1.10 Communal lifts and stairs In accordance with part M regulations, the lift for the viewing platform has a landing of 1500 x 1500 and a clear opening width of 800mm.

01 - Unauthorised Access

To control unauthorised access, only the staircase tower for the welcome center will be used as a main entrance. The other staircase towers will be used only by inhabitants of the site.

BUILDING SERVICES

Fig 2

Insulated casings run under the deck with pipes and cables from the plant room to supply toilets and kitchens with water and electricity.



External Staircase and Ramps as deck steps down to a lower level.



Fig 1

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

Fig 1

Inflatables designed with tranluscent and transparent sides informed by the potential use of each inflatable, the need for privacy in some of the inflatables, solar gains and natural light.

The choice of ETFE as the material has its environmental advantages. Transportation is much easier as it can be rolled & takes up less space The cleaning and maintenance of ETFE is also minimal.

Fig 2

U value of trapped air; and 3 layers of ETFE; combined with the white reflective properties control internal temperature during winter and summer.

Fig 3

U-VALUE

Inflatables and internal spaces can be slightly rotated to harness natural heat and lightsdepending on their position on the site.



3 layers of ETFE = 1.96W/m2K 600mm of trapped air = 6.8W/m2K Fig 2





Fig 1



Fig 3

Fig 4 & 5

Patterns on transparent parts of the inflatables known as 'fritting' allows the inflatable to harness winter solar gains and summer shading. Top of the north section of inflatable will be transparent to to get natural light without the sun glare.

Fig 6

Ventilation will be achieved with windows on the large inflatable and a vent at the top of each inflatable.

Fig 7

Underground heating to warm up internal spaces during winter.

Fig 8

Electricity will be provided both by harnessing the sites wind power with windmills in the airfield and connecting to the existing grid of the Tempelhof Airport.





Fig 7

	Transparent	Translusent	Print (fritted)	d) White	
	50% Northern segments	50% Southern segment	Top 30% (intensity decreases down dome)		
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n)	90.5	91.7	63.2	40.5	
1	83.5	88.2	58.2	1.0	
(m)	91.9	90.4	63.7	50.1	



North facing

Ultra Viole (300-380) Sun Light





Fig 6

Annual Energy Use



Sefaira was the used to produce the following diagrams for running costs, energy usage and CO2 for one large 15 meter inflatable dome.

One should however look at theses figures with caution due to a very simple nature of the model used to produce them. The program provides only limited ways to label the elements of the model and due to the inflatable properties of the proposed scheme there was no acurrate to represent these materials,

In addition the model required to have at least one roof to begin analysis, the domes outer skin falls more in the catagory of 'fixed Window'.





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Annual CO_{2e} (Exc. Renewables)



Annual Energy Cost (Exc. Renewables)



Berlin - Baseline Concept, Produced by Farug Agberemi from Manchester School of Architecture, 13 Dec 2018 (2) 2012:39

kWh per year	% of total use
36,039	72 %
15	0%
36,024	72 %
0	0%
3,264	7%
120	0%
169	0%
2,975	6 %
3,042	6%
489	18
2,553	5 %
5,955	12 %
3,970	8 %
1,985	4 %
1,906	4%

kgCO _{2e} / yr	% of total use
7,784	46 %
3	0%
7,781	46 %
0	0%
2,077	12 %
77	0%
108	1%
1,892	11 %
1,935	12 %
311	2%
1,624	10 %
3,787	23 %
2,525	15 %
1,262	8 %
1,212	7%

€ per year	% of total use
€2,919	38 %
€	0%
€2,918	38 %
€0	0%
€1,113	14 %
€41	1%
€58	1%
€1,014	13 %
€1,038	13 %
€167	2%
€871	11 %
€2,031	26 %
€1,354	17 %
€677	9%
€650	8%

	RIBA 🖗	The Plan of Work Organises the The RIBA Plan of Work 2013 sh	e progress of designing , constructing ould be used solely as guidance for th	, maintaining and operating building ne preparation of detailed professiona	projects into a number of key work st I services contracts and building cont	tages The content of stages may vary o racts.
Plan of Work 2013		1	2	3	4	5
	Strategic Definition	Preparation and Brief	Concept Design	Developed Design	Technical Design	Construction
Tasks ▼ Core Objectives	Identify client's Business Case and Strategic Brief and other core project requirements	Develop Project Objectives including Quality Objectives Project Outcomes Systainability Aspirations Project Budget , other parameters or constraints and develop Initial Project Brief Undertake Feasibility Studies and review of Site Information	Prepare Concept Design including outline proposals for structural design, building services systems, outline specifications and preliminary Cost Information along with relevant Project Strategies in accordance with Design Programme . Agree alterations to brief and issue Final Project Brief	Prepare Developed Design including coordinated and updated proposals for structural design, building services systems, outline specifications, Cost Information and Project Strategies in accordance with Design Programme	Prepare Technical Design in accordance with Design Responsibility Matrix and Project Strategles to include all architectural, structural and building services information, specialist subcontractor design and specifications, in accordance with Design Programme	Offsite manufacturing and onsite Construction in accordance with Construction Programme and resolution of Design Queries from site as they arise.
Procurement "Variable task bər	Initial considerations for assembling the project team.	Prepare Project Roles Table and Contractual Tree and continue assembling the project team.	The procurement strategy does not fundamentally alter the progression of the design or the level of detail prepared at a given stage. However, Administration of Building Contract , including regular step in relation to the chosen procurement route. Information Exchanges will vary depending on the selected procurement route and Building Contract . A bespoke RIBA Plan of Work 2013 will set out the specific tendering and procurement activities that will occur at each stage in relation to the chosen procurement route. Administration of Building Contract , including regular site inspections and review of progress.			
Programme *Variable task bar	Establish Project Programme	Review Project Programme	Review Project Programme stages overlapping or being undertaken concurrently. A bespoke RIBA Plan of Work 2013 will clarify the stage overlaps. The Project Programme will set out the specific stage dates and detailed programme durations.			
(Town) Planning "Variable task bar	Pre-application discussions.	Pre-application discussions.	Planning applications are typically made using the Stage 3 output. A bespoke RIBA Plan of Work 2013 will identify when the planning>			
Key	Establish the project team and assess core programme requirements. Identify a business strategy through discussions with the client.	Review site information, assessing key parameters and constraints. Undertake feasibility studies and develop initial project brief. Continue to assemble project team.	Preparation of concept design in conjunction with relevant structural design and building services outline proposals. Agree and issue Final Project Brief.	Coordinated developed design including updated structural and building services proposals. Provision of cost information and project strategies.	Preparation of technical design package providing detailed construction information. To include all architectural, structual and services information alongside subcontractor specifications.	Realisation of building construction on site including off-site manufacturing and on-site construction in accordance with the agreed construction programme.
UK Government Information Exchanges	Not required.	Required.	Required.	Required	Not required.	Not required.
PROGRAMME DURATION	1 Week Site visit and workshop in Berlin	2 Weeks	2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks Pneumatic inflatble types.	2-3 Weeks	1 Week Nature of scheme only requires a short time to construct deck and inflate dwellings.

y or overlap to suit specific project requirements.

	6 Handover and Close Out	7 In Use
	Handover of building and conclusion of Building Contract	Undertake In Use services in accordance with Schedule of Services
	Conclude administration of Building Contract	
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e	Conclusion of the building contract and handover of the building to the client.	Review of project performance including post-occupancy evaluation.
	Required.	As required.
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