

## **First version of Andrejsala detailed plan draws prevailing favourable public response**

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Nineteen written opinions from interested parties were received during the public discussion of the 1st version of the Andrejsala detailed master plan that lasted four weeks from the 5th of June to the 2nd of July 2007.

From the results of the public discussion about the 1st version of the Andrejsala detailed plan that were aggregated by SIA "Grupa 93" it can be inferred that most participants favoured the general idea of transforming Andrejsala into an integral and multifunctional part of Rīga.

The response forms showed that the planned new construction, its character and the principles for developing the public space were met with positive approval. The respondents also welcomed the arrangements for preserving the historic buildings and industrial legacy as well as the concept for limiting the traffic of private vehicles while encouraging walking and using bicycles. Several responses emphasised the need to eliminate the rail cargo lines from the territory, which would reduce the negative impact on the quality of life of the local people.

Support was also voiced for another proposal that is intrinsic to the detailed plan, namely, to promote the usage of harbours for serving passenger ships and cruise ships as well as to systematise the use and availability of the shoreline. A few respondents were sceptical concerning the character of the planned construction and its height and proposed to preserve the alternative nature of the area. At the same time, the construction of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Andrejsala was supported. One response objected to any new overpass or underpass (bridge or tunnel) crossing the Daugava that would require construction in Ķīpsala. However, this objection disregards the stipulations of the Rīga master plan that do include building a Hanza passage. One letter expressed disappointment with the planned removal of the railway.

The materials pertaining to the detailed plan of Andrejsala had been made available at the office of SIA "Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums" (Andrejostas ielā 6, Rīga), at the Customer service centre of the City Development Department of the Rīga Municipality (Amatu ielā 4), at the Executive Board of the Ziemeļu District of Rīga (Rūpniecības ielā 21) as well as online at [www.andrejsala.lv](http://www.andrejsala.lv) (section in Latvian, titled "Attīstība / Detālpārplānojums").