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Closed contest for an urban development plan for 300 homes at the IJsselmeer. The plan was selected because it optimally integrated living and landscape. The plan creates a relief-rich area in the flat landscape of the IJsselmeer polders, which are far below the Amsterdam Ordnance Datum (NAP); differences in height like in a dune landscape and lower areas with reed.

The emphasis on scenic elements creates very different living situations: living at the dyke means living up high in an open landscape with a view of the IJsselmeer. Living in a reed landscape is synonymous with living in direct contact with water. Living in a dune landscape means living high up 'on a dune' or low down in a 'dune valley'. The details show the parcellation of the landside of the dyke (the 'dune area') as a loose structure. A more rigid structure was chosen for the dyke and reed areas.

Giving each living situation a different type of home creates a very individual living environment. Three quarters of the plan area are shaped by the landscape of the collective outdoor space. The area also has higher, relief-rich areas and lower, more marshy areas. The higher landside areas will be laid out with higher growing plants and trees. Towards the dune valleys, the plants will be lower and have more of a shrub-like character.

