



## Lübeck, Germany

A Public Realm Strategy:  
Reconfiguring a UNESCO  
World Heritage Site



If all future community planning events in Lübeck are as creative and competent, I do not fear about Lübeck's future!



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Lübeck is an historic north German city. The old quarter is an island enclosed by the Trave River and Elbe-Lubeck Canal. It has a medieval town plan and is identified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The centre suffered damage during World War II, which resulted in a lack of spatial coherence and poor quality public realm.

In response to demand for high-quality public spaces that would respect the historic infrastructure, the city authority sought sensitive proposals for public realm improvements and an extension to the pedestrian zone.

#### Project Delivery

- The first community planning process undertaken in the Schleswig-Holstein region of Germany.
- A neutral platform for dialogue that stimulated over 400 local people to contribute to public realm and vehicular circulation solutions.
- A brief that secured full public support.
- Creation of a set of criteria to evaluate seven key public spaces.
- Consensus on public space character guidelines for their redesign.
- Strategies for design of landscaping and lighting to emphasise differences between historic and modern buildings
- A Community Planning Report that formed an integral component of the brief for an international competition to redesign the public realm.

#### Client

City of Lübeck

