



Zais Acht

Sustainable transformation of a hermitage farm

Historical structural change in agriculture has led to the demise of farms in many parts of Germany – the abandoned three-sided farmstead ‘Zais 8’ in Upper Bavaria is being given a new lease of life through a sustainable, multi-generational concept. The project is firmly committed to the local circular economy: clay from the farm’s own soil and wood from its mixed forest are being transformed into seven residential units using clay brick and rammed earth construction methods. The reactivation of historical cycles of agriculture, living and working is creating a holistic vision that offers answers to current challenges such as demographic change, resource scarcity and the climate crisis.

- 1: Modelimage, Scale 1:50, Entrance area between the existing stable building and the newly constructed residential building with a view of the new rammed earth residential tower
- 2: Modelimage, Scale 1:200, Massing Model, Urban Planning Settlement with Landscape Situation
- 3: Modelimage, Scale 1:500, Parcel of land belonging to the farmstead, Environmental Landscape Model

