Development of the "Ai Gianni" Area, Larnaca

Description:

The Redevelopment Project for the Agios Ioannis Parish concerns the improvement and reconstruction of the existing road network, the widening of pavements, the upgrading of the stormwater drainage system, the upgrading of public utility infrastructure and networks, the undergrounding of utility services, the installation of urban street furniture, the upgrading of street lighting, road signage, as well as the reorganisation of traffic circulation, the pedestrianisation of the Agios Ioannis–Mitropolis/Tekke axis, and the integration of public squares and open spaces.

The project also includes the organisation of parking facilities and the redesign of the bus route. The project area lies within the administrative boundaries of the Municipality of Larnaca and includes important landmarks and points of interest, such as the Church of Agios Ioannis, the bathhouse and the fountain located in the square near the mosque, as well as the Touzla Mosque.

The overall design transforms the parish from an area primarily oriented towards motorised traffic into an urban environment that promotes sustainable and alternative modes of mobility, including walking, cycling and mobility for persons with disabilities (PwDs), making the area fully accessible to all.

The reconstruction, improvement and upgrading of the roads and the wider area will contribute to its aesthetic and functional enhancement and will establish it as a landmark within the city, while simultaneously improving road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities. In addition, the Project aims to increase green infrastructure, enhance the quality of the public realm and the wider area, and highlight and promote the architectural, urban, historical, social and environmental value of the neighbourhood.

In parallel with the reconstruction of the roads, public utility services will be placed underground, appropriate LED street lighting will be installed, and suitable road signage will be provided.

Essentially, the Project aims to create the conditions for sustainable mobility, improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, enhance green infrastructure and positively influence the local microclimate through planting, while also highlighting and preserving the traditional character of the area.

Finally, through the regeneration and completion of the Project, the Municipality aims to create a distinctive focal point within the parish, the area constitutes an important religious tourism destination in Larnaca.

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