

Former entrances to La Villette's slaughterhouses. *paris 19*

232 Avenue Jean-Jaurès

This vast underground space is located across from the Cité de la Musique and Les Halles de la Villette and near the Parc de la Villette in the 19th arrondissement.

Currently accessible via sidewalk hatches, this space was previously used to provide access to the La Villette slaughterhouses via a section of railway. It is located under the public roadways and has a usable surface area of approximately 800 sqm, a floor-to-ceiling beam height of 3.5 meters, and is completely covered in concrete in good condition without any obstructions.

Depending on the proposed uses, this unusual site near the Paris ring road will require several accessibility adjustments. It offers interesting opportunities for innovative and imaginative project leaders.



Programming/possible future uses: possible refurbishment as an urban logistics space or a site for nightlife, subject to upgrading to public building standards.

Type of property transfer proposed: long-term lease.

Owner: City of Paris.

Cadastral reference: N/A.

Surface area of the easement in question: approximately 800 sqm.

Surface area of the overall floor space: approximately 1,000 sqm.

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Existing structure(s)

The space offers a usable surface area of approximately 800 sqm, with a floor-to-ceiling beam height of approximately 3.5 meters (4.5 meters to the ceiling), and is completely covered in concrete in good condition without any obstructions. The wall, located at the back of the space (see photo) demarcates another space used for underground utilities (mainly the CPCU [heating]).

To enable access to this vast space, two entryways must be created: one from the sidewalk with an elevator near the current location of the hatches, the other on the traffic meridian with a freight elevator for deliveries and evacuation.

The site preparation renovations for the interior space will include waterproofing, separating the space from the neighboring utility tunnels, hooking it up to the various public utilities and installing all necessary protection systems for the determined use of the space.

Current occupation

The space is vacant.

Urban context

The site is located at one of Paris's city gates near the Paris ring road and significant car and pedestrian traffic. It also marks the entrance to the vast Parc de la Villette and the many cultural and recreational activities available there.

Access (all options)

Metro – Porte de Pantin (line 5) station; bus lines 75 and 151 (Porte de Pantin stop); tram T3b Porte de Pantin/Parc de la Villette. Street access: Porte de Pantin.

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Regulatory ordinances

- Local City Plan (PLU)
- General urban zone, roadways

Protective/public easements

- Incentive for mixed used development
- Historical Monument protection perimeter

Type of underground area

- Pre-Lutetian gypsum zone

Flood Risk Prevention Plan (PPRI)

- None.

