

New challenges for old neighbourhoods

Single-family houses in an ageing society

Results of the interdisciplinary research project *Home and Identity in Ageing Neighbourhoods with Single-family Houses*, part of the *Strategic Initiative Ageing* of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland

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Single-Family Homes under Pressure?



Ageing in Place

"to remain in one's own home or community in spite of potential changes in health and functioning in later life"

Stanford Center on Longevity, 2013



Fig. Oliver Lang 2001 Wie wir Wohnen Sonderheft „Das Magazin“

Approach

Do the spatial configuration and parameters of neighbourhoods with single-family houses still match with the needs of elderly single- or two-person households?

Analysis of possible parameters on the basis of a cross-evaluation of strategies, practical examples and research studies

Do the findings match to the general parameters of the Swiss settlement type 'neighbourhood with single-family houses'?

Analyse of two contrasting case examples regarding:

- urban and architectural structures
- perspectives of the older inhabitants and local experts

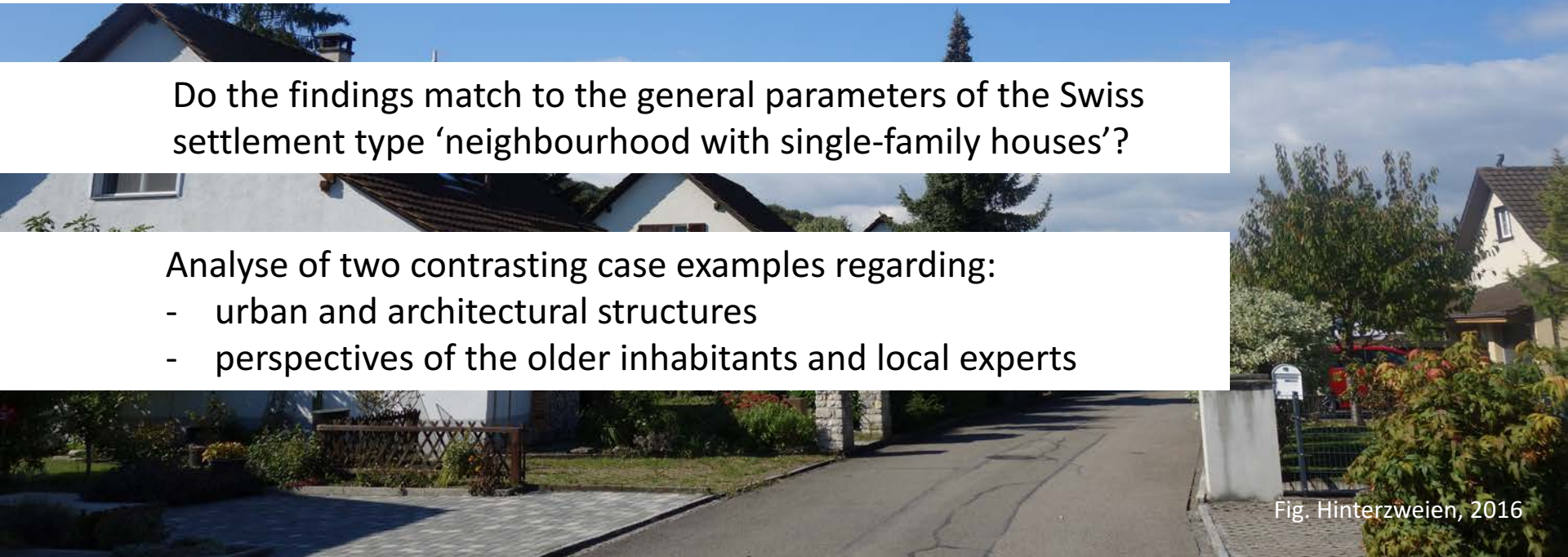


Fig. Hinterzweien, 2016

Parameters



living space

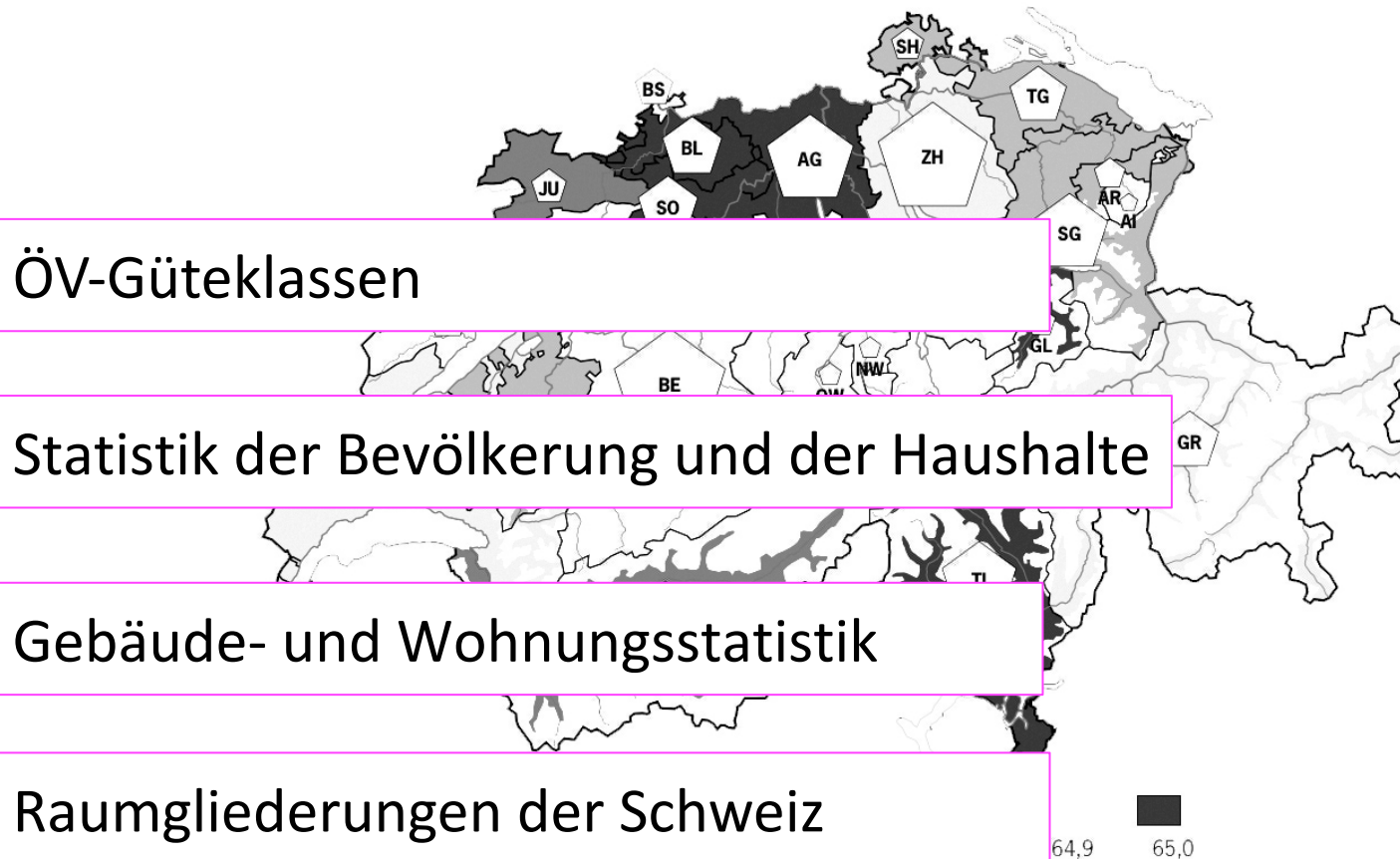
mobility

local supply

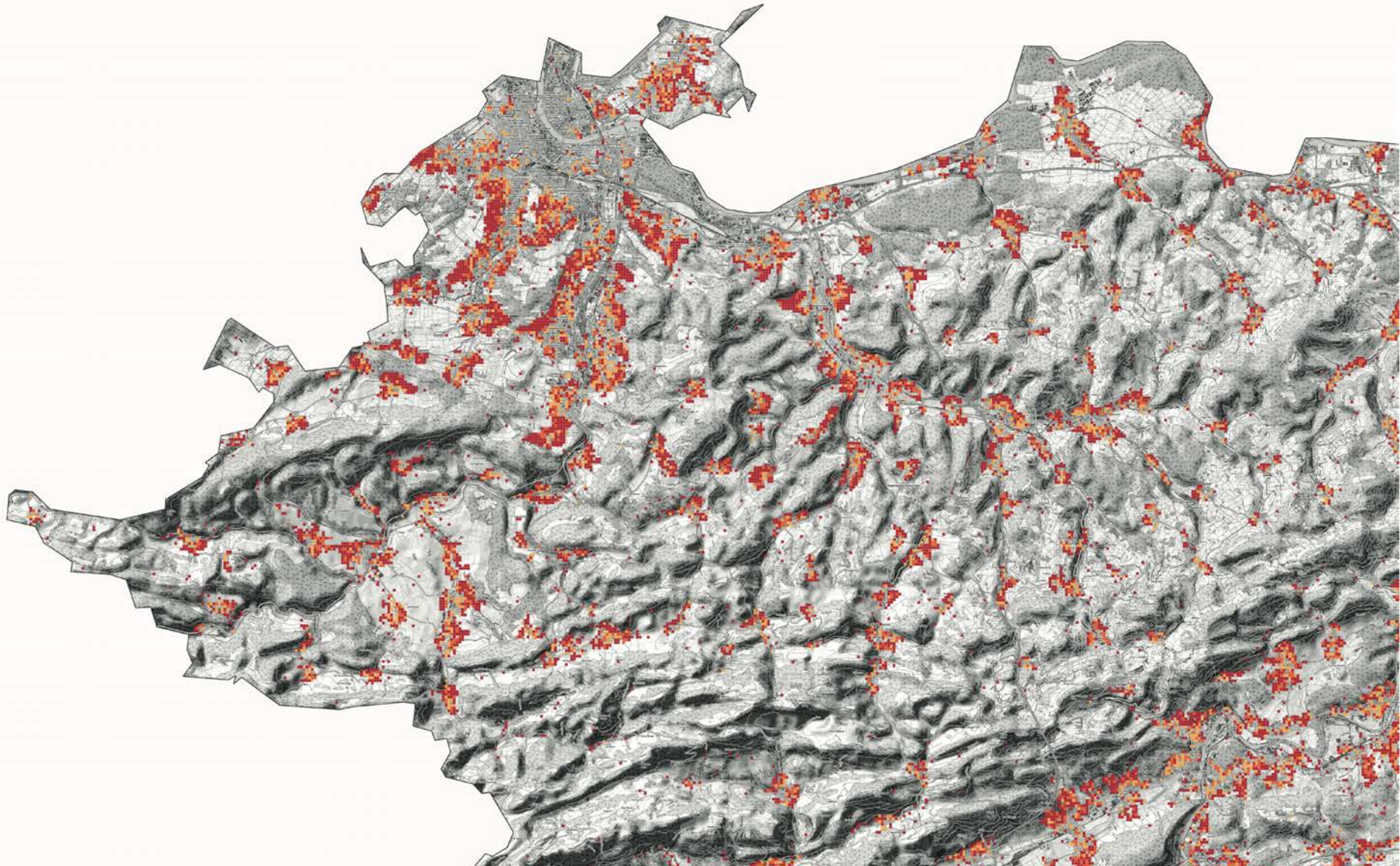
assistance and care

leisure time and (social) activities

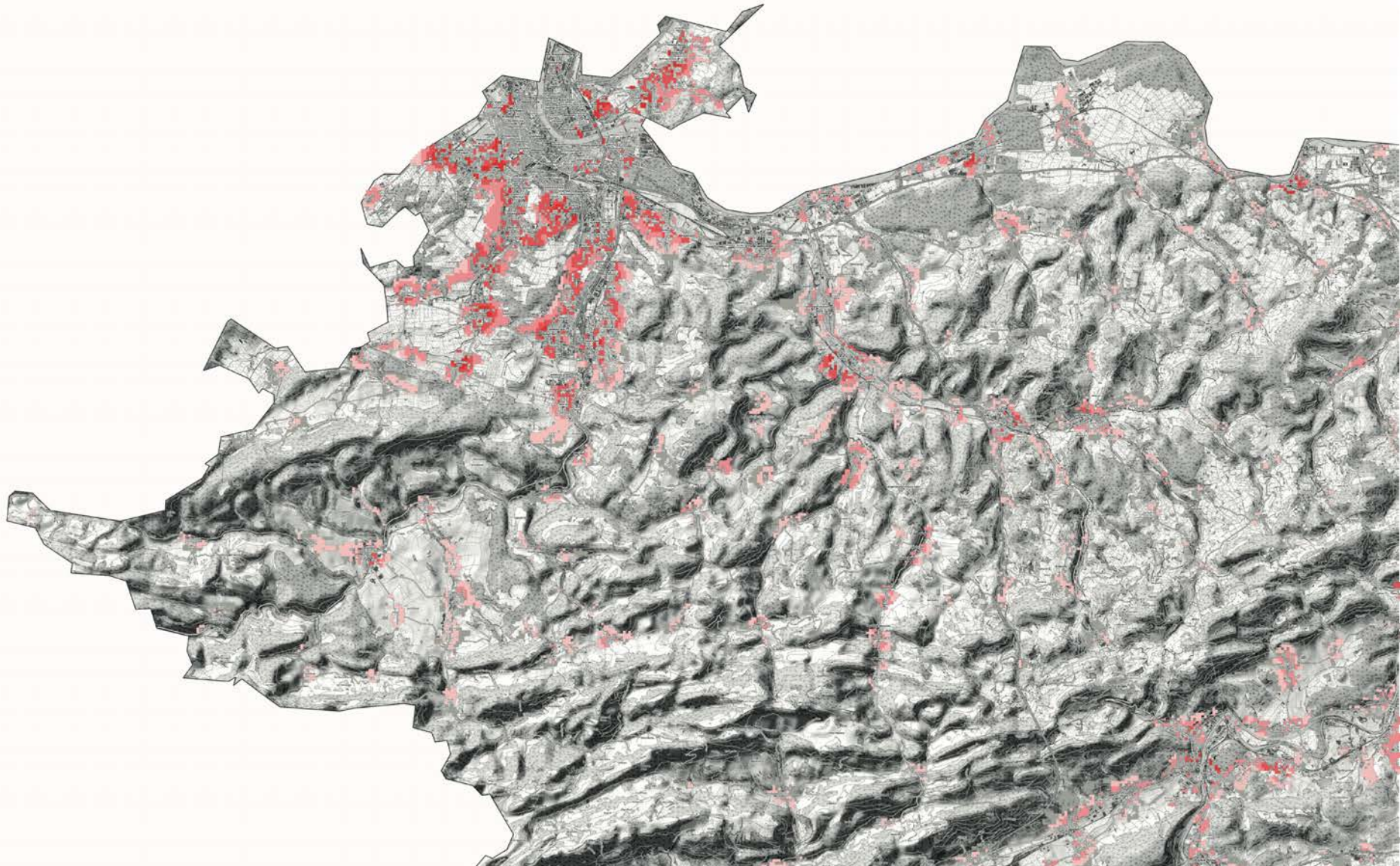
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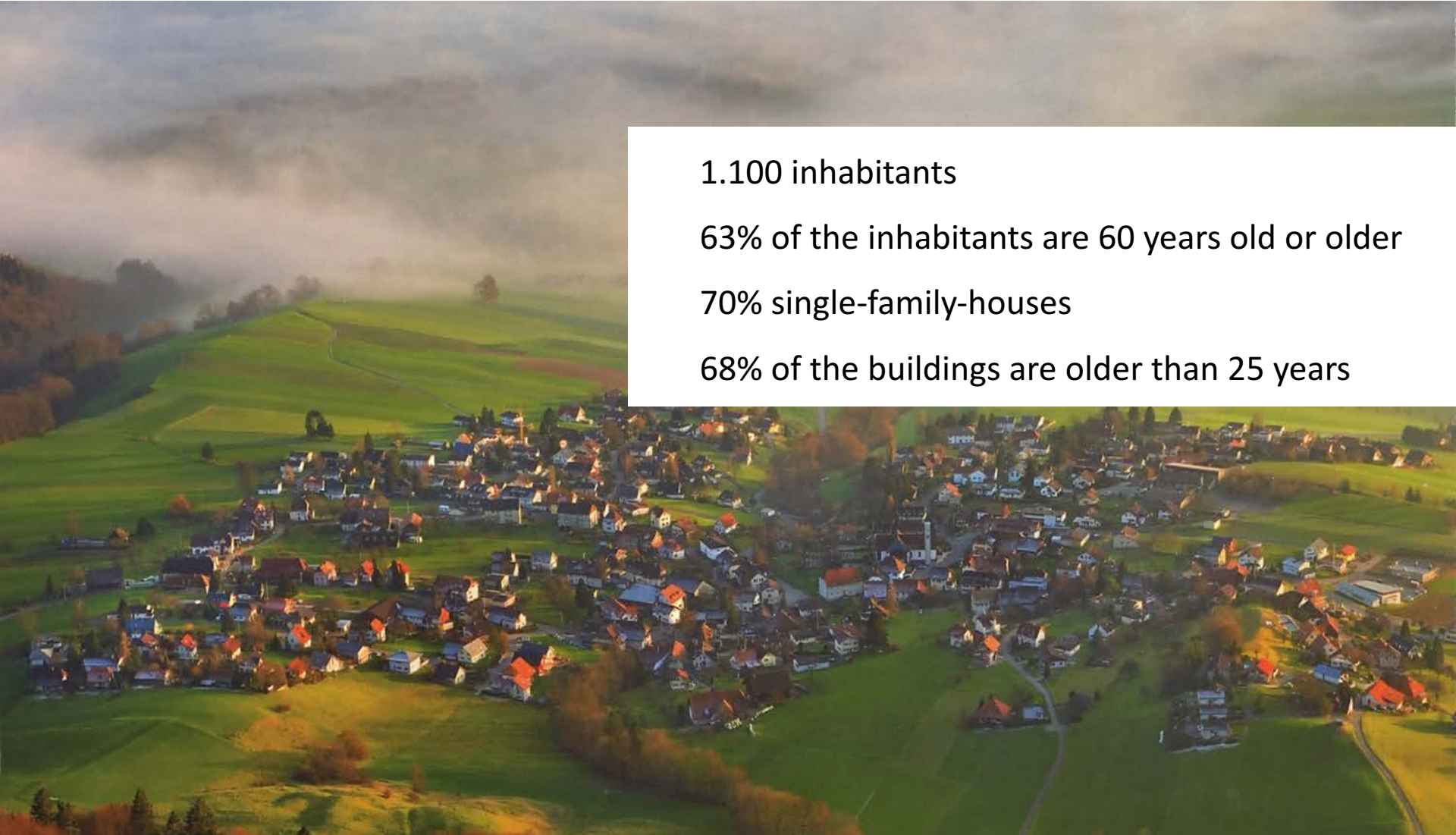
Case example 1 Günsberg

1.100 inhabitants

63% of the inhabitants are 60 years old or older

70% single-family-houses

68% of the buildings are older than 25 years



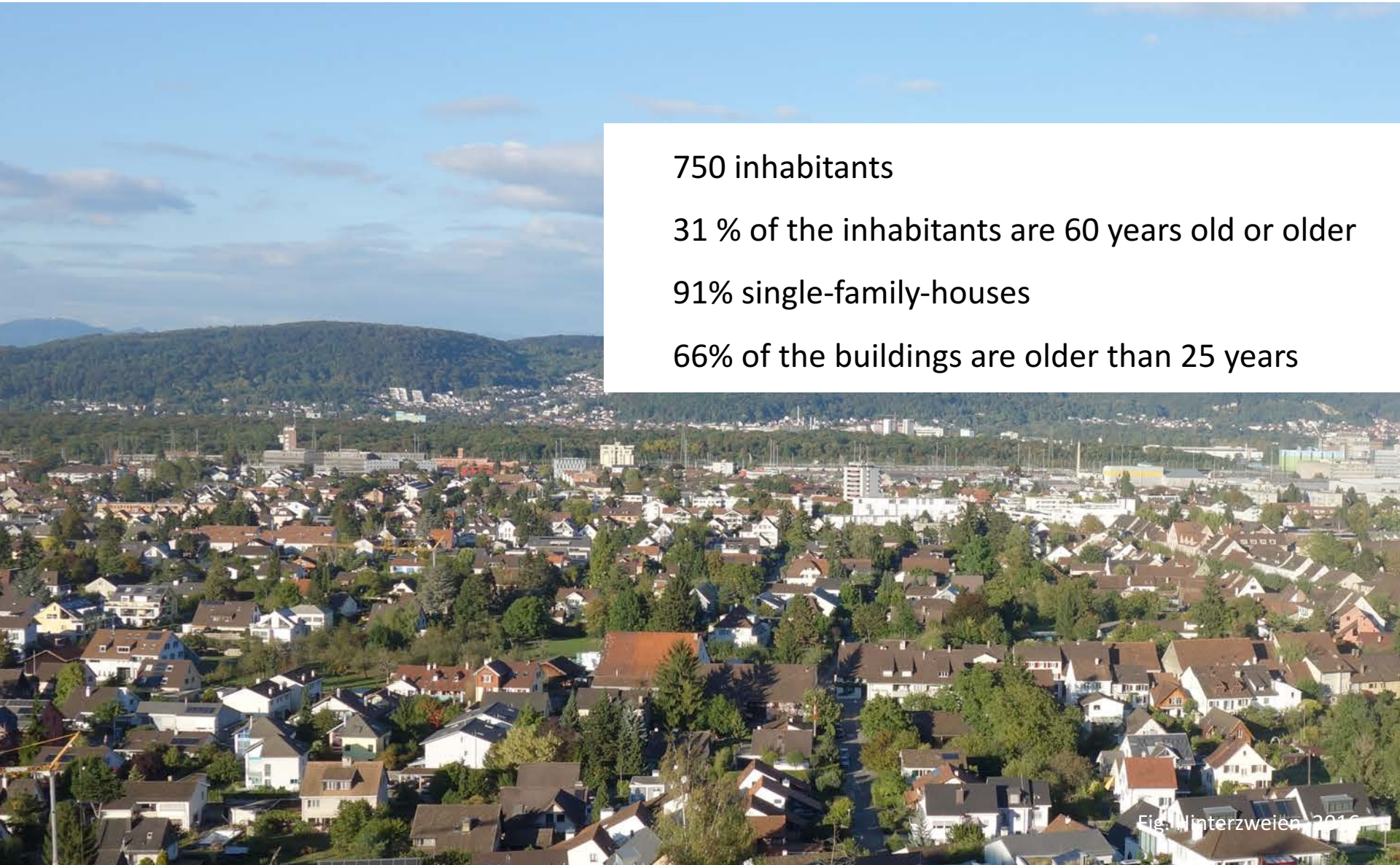
Case example 2 Hinterzweien

750 inhabitants

31 % of the inhabitants are 60 years old or older

91% single-family-houses

66% of the buildings are older than 25 years



Mobility Hinterzweien



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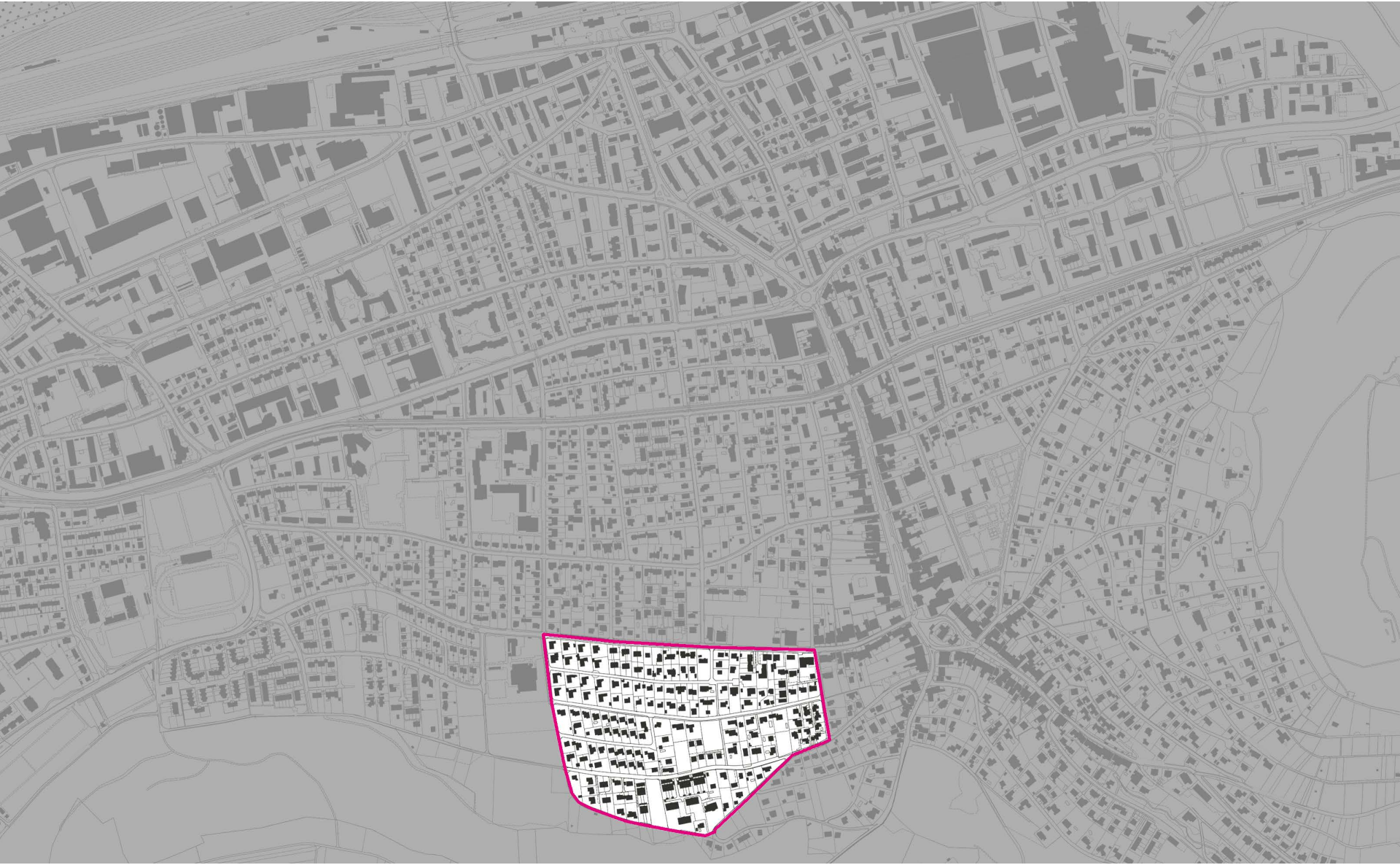
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Mobility Hinterzweien

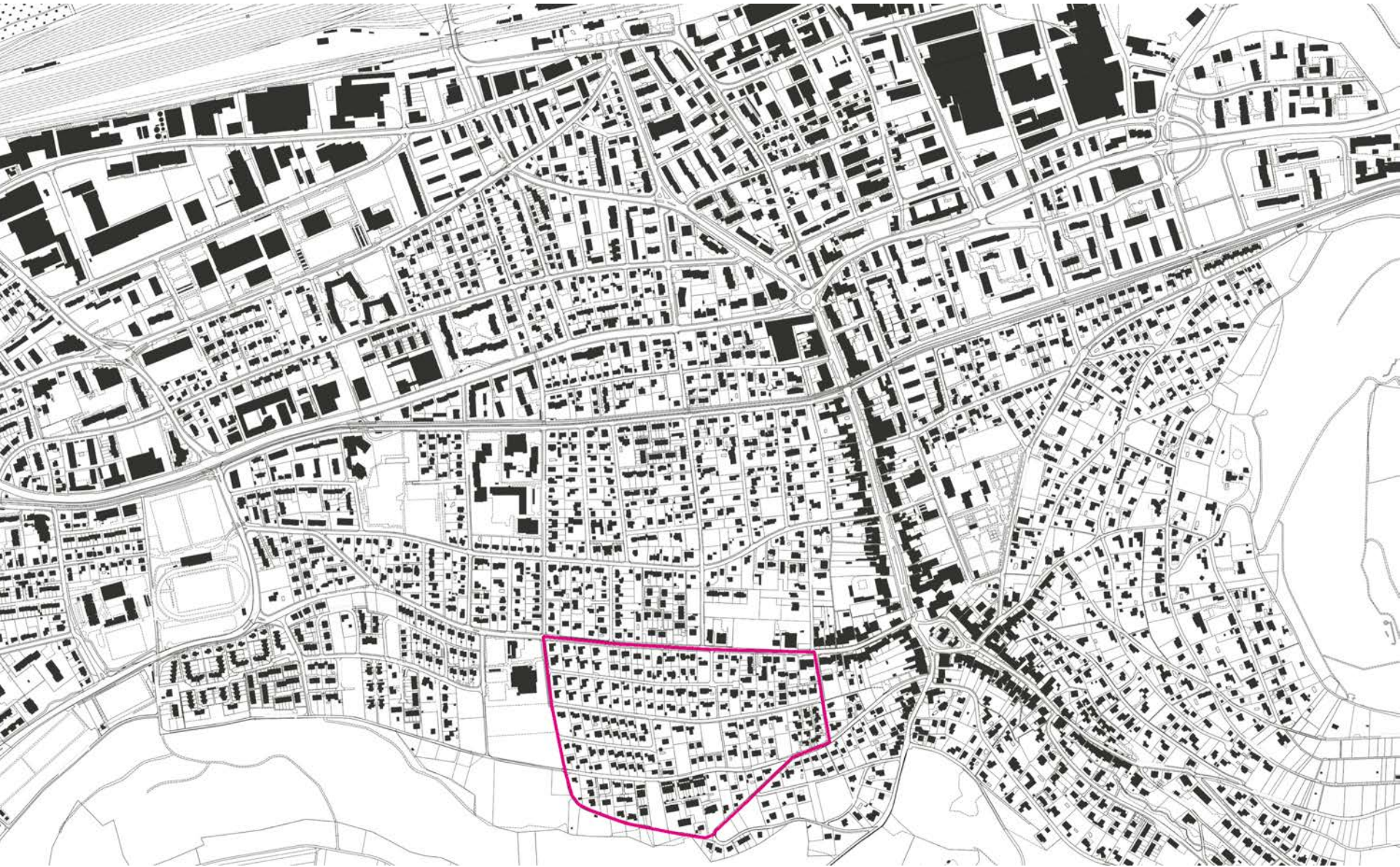


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Local supply Hinterzweien



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Local supply / Mobility Hinterzweien



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Living space Hinterzweien



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Fig. Hinterzweien, 2016

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Local supply / Mobility Günsberg



Fig. Walter Imber, 2007

Conclusion

Hinterzweien seems to match the demands of an ageing society.

Not because of its infrastructure but because of its connection to surrounding infrastructures.

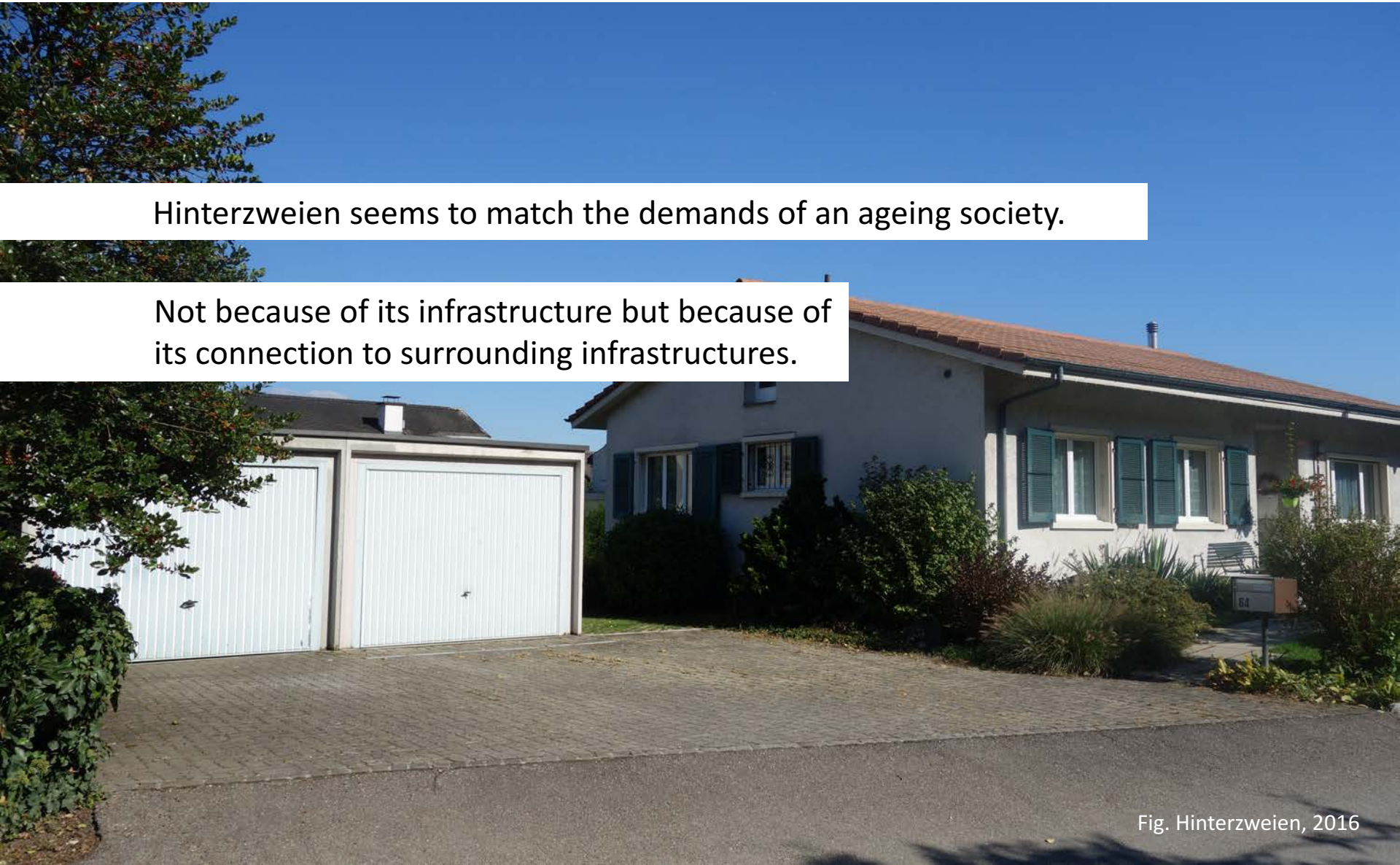


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