1. SUMMARY

This diploma work is draft level resolved complex of buildings, which consists of multifunctional residential housing for different generations, art studios and summer house.

Project is located in Karlova district of Tartu, in front of the Karlova manor house which is the historic centre of Karlova. Manor house is taken into account in the design of the building. Currently there is no way to clearly see the manor cause it is hidden behind the trees and on the other side there is a hideous lawn, project site, which does not provide either cosy public space or a hint that there could be a mansion located. The building is planned in such way that it offers a viw to the manor. Since Karlova district does not have a place to hold variety of open-air events it also creates area in southern part of the site, that can be publically used. In addition, it offsets to give space to manor. In the northwest side of the main building there is a semi-private garden where residents can grow vegetables and fruits and enjoy the evening sunlight. However, there is also a public access to give area usage at different times. There are also separate buildings with rentable art studios and a summer house. Ground floor of Art studios building is a small gallery to organize exhibitions or workshops. Summer house is to offer residents a pleasant place where to spend time on a daily basis, or to organize variety of events. However, it can be rented out aswell. Design principle of the residential part of the main building is that shared areas and rooms follow the apartments, as if living in the private house. In addition, it offers direct internal connections between the cafe, ceramics studio, wood workshop and childcare.

The project’s overall aim is to encourage interactions between different generations as well as the interactions between wider community and to give possibility to act together through the architectural solution.