

# Prostitution on the street in Zurich

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# Prostituierte vergewaltigt: Drei Jugendliche und ein Erwachsener verhaftet

Als Polizist ausgegeben

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## Topmanager nötigt Sihlquai-Prostituierte

Zürcher Sihlquai

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## Prostituierte von Freier vergewaltigt und bestohlen

# Ausbeutung, Gewalt und Sadismus

Anklageschriften gegen Zuhälter aus Ungarn zeigen, wie brutal sie am Zürcher Sihlquai mit Dirnen umgehen

«Die Prostituierte hat ihren Freier mitten  
auf dem Spielplatz befriedigt»

«Am Sihlquai sind die miesesten Freier  
unterwegs»

Die Situation beim Zürcher Strassenstrich ist unerträglich

# Goals

- To protect sex workers from violence and exploitation
- To protect the population from the negative effects of prostitution
- to ensure public safety and order, safe and clean neighbourhoods
- To ensure safety, social and medical support for sex workers

# «Flora Dora» Social Services: goals and services

## Services and counselling based on four pillars:

- contact center on the site providing counselling and harm reduction services
- mobile outreach work
- support and triage services to special institutions
- Information and counselling in connection with the procedure of permit

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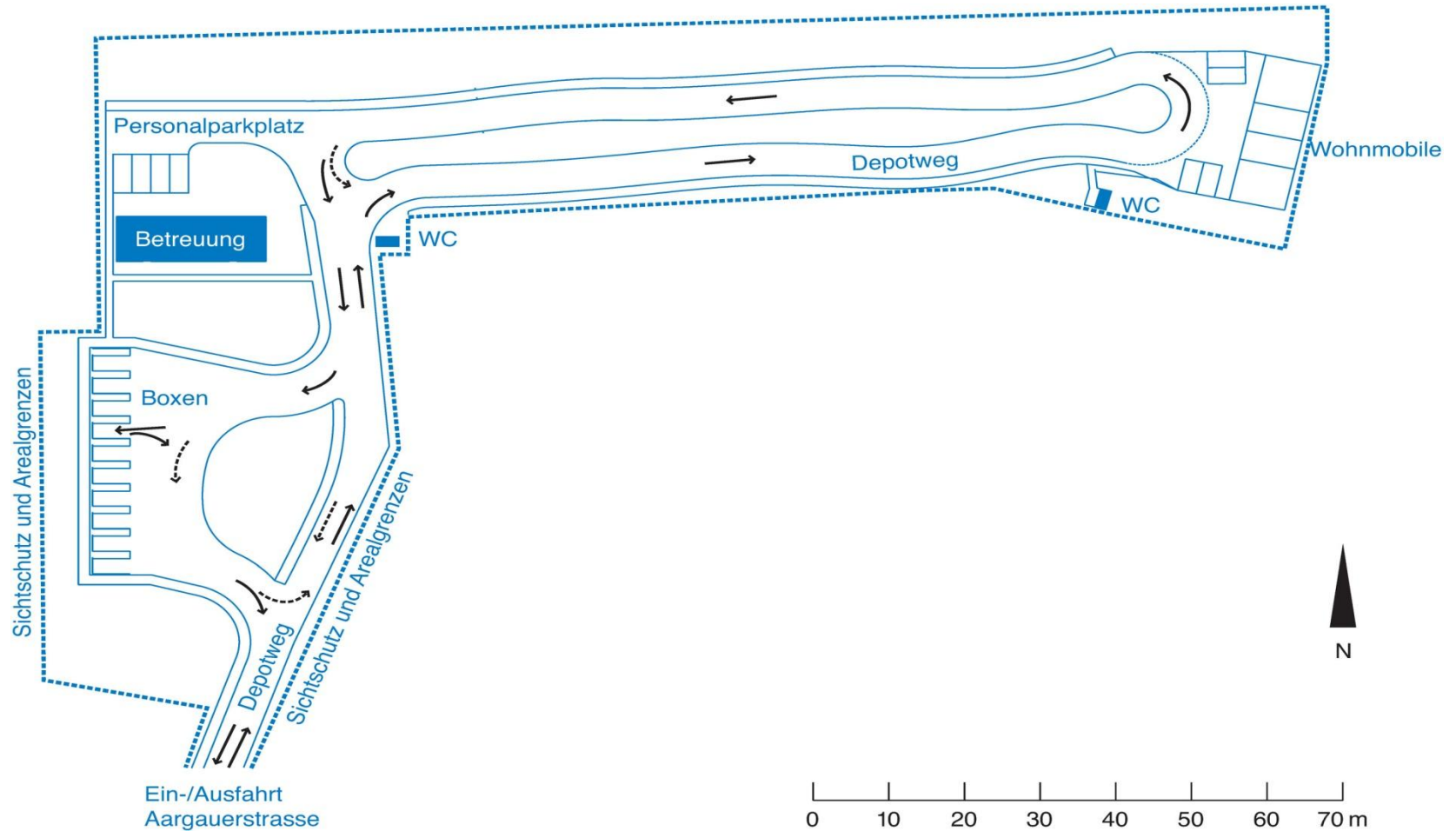
- to support the self esteem of sex workers
- to improve the social and health situation of sex workers
- to prevent violence

# Procedure of permit for sex workers

## Topics of Counselling:

- Professional discretion creates confidence
- Explain the general framework and inform about health care
- Discussing the issue of human trafficking and violence
- Systematic triage to special institutions if indicated
- Support in case the permit has been denied

# Site map of the «Strichplatz» to the drive in boxes



# Contact center on site





# Driveway on site





# Drive in boxes





# The Strategy of the City works

- Less public nuisance due to the closing of the former street prostitution zone «Sihlquai»
- No signs for relocation of prostitution to other legal or illegal zones in the City
- the situation of sex workers who work on the street has improved due to systematic counselling and triage to health centers and other special services

Questions ?