



Semi aerial photo of the strategic site and project site

CATEGORY Urban/architectural level

LOCATION Sankt Kjelds Plads and radial streets, Copenhagen/Østerbro

POPULATION Approx. 530,000

STUDY SITE Approx. 100 ha **SITE OF PROJECT** Approx. 0.5/8 ha

SITE PROPOSED BY City of Copenhagen

OWNER(S) OF THE SITE City of Copenhagen and private landowners

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION

Depending on the competition entries received, the City of Copenhagen intends to offer the winner of the competition the chance to act as a consultant in the development of Sankt Kjelds Plads and possibly to develop sub-projects in urban space landscaping. The municipality does not own the bordering plots but the winning

proposal could form the basis for the further development of the master plan for building development around the square.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE SITE

The project site is in the northern part of the City of Copenhagen, in an area called Sankt Kjelds Kvarter, which is being renewed over the course of the next five years. The investment in the site should support the efforts to create better housing and urban spaces and thus more growth and a higher quality of life in Copenhagen.

There is special focus on making it easier and more enjoyable to walk or cycle within the district and on creating better links between Sankt Kjelds Plads and the two S-train stations and two future Metro stations which the project site falls between.

CITY STRATEGY

Copenhagen has experienced positive growth in the past decade aided by, amongst other things, a rising population. In the past 100 years, Copenhagen has gone from being an industrial city to a knowledge city, and both the number of jobs and the number of enterprises in the city have grown.

Green growth and quality of life are the overall goals for Copenhagen. Growth and employment are prerequisites for the financing of our welfare state. And good quality of life is also a crucial competition factor in the global battle to attract businesses and create growth. The renewal of the district known as Sankt Kjelds Kvarter will support the efforts to create more growth and a higher quality of life for the residents of Copenhagen, as well as making it more attractive for investors to put their money into safeguarding future homes and jobs in the district.



SITE DEFINITION

Sankt Kjelds Plads and the four radial streets leading from the square form the district's natural centre and create the special street structure of the district. Along the radial streets which intersect the traditional grid network are a number of triangular-shaped "feature" squares and urban spaces both large and small that possess great potential to create cohesive, identity-creating urban space landscaping which can attract both local residents and people who take the short-cut through the district to the public transport system.

The district is mainly made up of genuine, classicist residential blocks with excellent closed courtyard facilities. In addition there are blocks comprising several small industrial buildings that look like they are unfinished and need renovation. One example of this is the block immediately north of Sankt Kjelds Plads where the buildings are several different heights and colours as well as being made of different materials.

The programme must provide a proposal for a general urban space strategy as well as a proposal to develop the border of Sankt Kjelds Plads with buildings that encompasses a proposal for the layout and transformation of the buildings around the square. Finally, it must be possible to define the square as the clear physical heart of the district embodying its identity.

NEW URBAN MOBILITY

The City of Copenhagen aims to be CO2 neutral by 2025 and as a result is focusing on environmentally friendly methods of transport in the form of public transport and soft road users. The project site is situated between two S-train-stations – Svanemøllen and Ryparken – and two future Metro stations – Vibenshus Rundel and Poul Henningsens Plads. Copenhagen has a clear goal of being the best city for cyclists in the world and of making walking more attractive. To assist with this goal, access and accessibility must be improved locally in the area for soft road users.



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Legend

- Project site circle
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- Street course

NEW SOCIAL LIFE

Sankt Kjelds Kvarter is a complex district inhabited by people with different lifestyles. There are areas with a high concentration of university-educated people with influential jobs and there are also areas which are among the poorest in Copenhagen and suffer from high unemployment and social problems. The fact the district is so mixed means that a holistic, local approach needs to be taken in respect of everyday life and movement in the urban spaces.

NEW SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

As part of its environmental work, the City of Copenhagen wants to promote the local diversion of rainwater as this will help to minimise the flooding problem. This could, for example, take shape in visible water systems such as overfall basins in the form of dams, water raceways and waterholes, and in permeable surfaces generally that may help to provide an area with a special identity or quality.

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