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SEINÄJOKI

Site visit March 27th 2015
13:00 - 15:00

Present

Martti Norja, City of Seinäjoki
Tero Tuomisto, VR Group
Timo Huutoniemi, Itella Real Estate
Simo Ojaluoma, Coor Service Management

We gathered in the lobby of Seinäjoki railway station. Two people came to the site visit.

We walked first along Ruukintie street to Kalevankatu street and took a look at the old locomotive stables between the train tracks. The old water tower is under renovation at the moment being converted into hotel rooms.

We noticed that the bus station south of the train station was underutilized. City planner Martti Norja explained that the parking area next to the station, therefore, is too small and there should be approximately 1000 parking places in the area to serve the stations.

Next we visited the station building itself. The commercial spaces on the ground floor (or first floor as we call it in Finland) were all occupied but the office spaces on second and third floors were partly vacant. The post office will remain in the building, but the mail sorting center will be relocated.



We continued to the north. The facilities on the west side of the tracks (car wash, service station, storage and a kiosk) will be relocated in the future. According to Martti Norja, approximately 500 parking places could be located to the north side of the station in addition to other construction.

We crossed the tracks to the customs and cargo area. Most activities in this area have already moved somewhere else and the area is obsolete. Vegetation has taken over the tracks. We continued on the eastern side of the tracks towards Kalevankatu street. We saw the Pajuluoma creek that runs along and under the tracks and then returned back to Ruukintie street.

The strategic site on the city center side is developing. Building heights and allowances will increase in the future, approximately to triple compared to today's situation. City of Seinäjoki's web site has information about current development plans in Seinäjoki.

Seinäjoki city center:

http://www.seinajoki.fi/material/attachments/seinajokifi/asuminenjaymparisto/kaavointus/asemakaavat/01keskusta/6J3mV5yWL/Ydinkeskustan_rakennemalliraportti_2010.pdf

City center, blocks 21, 23, 24 and 25:

<http://www.seinajoki.fi/asuminenjaymparisto/kaupunkisuunnittelujakaavoitus/voimassaolevatasemakaavat/01keskusta/01098keskustorinymparisto.html>

City center, block 34:

<http://www.seinajoki.fi/asuminenjaymparisto/kaupunkisuunnittelujakaavoitus/vireillaolevatasemakaavat/01099kortteli34osakauppakaturuukintietorikatukoulukatu.html>