

Population
118.000

Location
Ringstorp

Study area
5.4 ha

Site area
1.5 + 3 ha

Theme

Ringstorpsvägen displays a very varied building morphology, typical of a dispersed inner suburban settlement, giving excellent opportunities for new housing environments. Although a lot of people move through the area, there is however a lack of urban intensity and a need for an upgrading of the public spaces and the commercial activities. The existing park is an important resource in the area and its relation to the new dwellings is a crucial issue.



Conurbation

Helsingborg has its roots in the end of the 11th century when the town is mentioned in contemporary sources for the first time. The town can offer very attractive living environments, a fine location for businesses and good access to the rest of the Öresund region. The harbour is Sweden's second largest and the shipping traffic over the straight to Denmark is a visible feature of town life.

Site

The study area includes two separate sites. The northern site is the area around Ringstorp-platsen, a roundabout bordering a small centre containing commercial and public services in rather dilapidated conditions. The southern site stretches along the eastern side of the road from a school/daycare-centre with derelict sporting-grounds.

The site area is bordered by the Ringstörpsvägen road and the existing settlements to the west and north, a mix of after-war tenement buildings, row-houses and detached private homes. To the east of the road is today untended grounds and an allotment area for private agriculture and leisure-time, surrounding a fortress-like water reservoir from the turn of the century. To the south is a business area.



Programme

Planning for the Ringstorp area should be in line with the overall strategic plan for the development of Helsingborg, aiming at a multinuclear urban structure with people at its core. All development areas are to be characterised by an urban spirit in which all aspects of life, housing, work, leisure and movement contribute to the whole.

The objective for the northern site is to upgrade the area into an attractive and fully functioning local commercial centre, also containing some additions of new housing.

On the southern site there is to be built housing in the park along the street, relating to the present greenery as a structuring element.

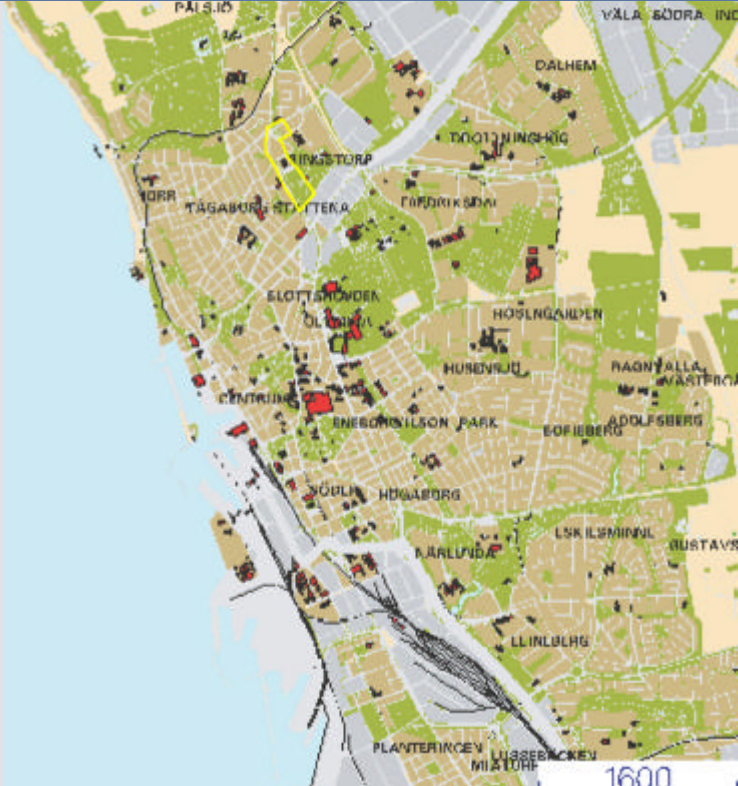
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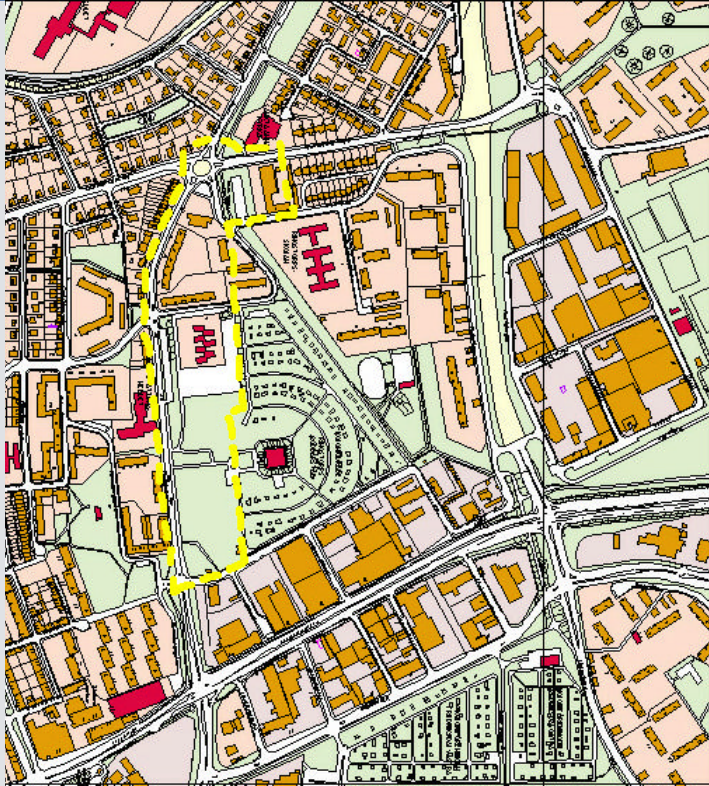
functional: The traffic should be surveyed and co-ordinated, making circulation around the area more efficient. The aim is to reduce the total traffic density in the area and to improve street architecture.

social: The aim of the programme is the will to densify an area situated very centrally in the town, to supplement the neighborhood with new housing and supplying people with a pleasant living environment. The sites should at least contain 150-200 new dwellings.

perceptual: The area offers access to good link roads, services and green areas. In the centre there is the old water tower, and a memorial of the battle of Helsingborg in 1710, which add an exciting historic aspect to the area.









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