

# Report from site visit in Raufoss/Vestre Toten Municipality

The site visit in Raufoss/Vestre Toten Municipality was held May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The 6 visiting participants were introduced to Raufoss by the Mayor Leif Waarum, Anne Merethe Andresen, Ole Tveiten, Eirik Røstadsand and Kjersti Flatråker from the municipal planning office, and Øivind Hansebråten from Raufoss Industrial Park. They shared information on Raufoss, the area of the project site, Brubakken – the old primary school for the employees in the industrial park, and information about Raufoss Industrial Park, which is closed behind a security fence. They now want to open some of the oldest buildings within the industrial park to the public. Improved connections within the project site play a central role in the competition. Brubakken can be part of a new productive geography. Participants were taken on a guided tour, with representatives from the municipality and the industrial park, through the centre of Raufoss, the Industry Park and the project site.

Images from the site visit will be made available online with the following labels, in the 'New Docs after Launch'-folder:

Photos: NO-Raufoss-PS-P67 (etc.)

Maps: NO-Raufoss-PS-M8 (etc.)

During the event the following topics came up:

## **Transformation of Brubakken**

The landowner of Brubakken intends to improve the site. He wanted to propose a proposition ahead of European but has now decided to await the results of the competition.

## **The potential of the river**

All central areas of the city and the Industry Park are facing the back to Hunnselva. They are not fully using the potential of the river for urban development and recreation.

## **Public Space**

Raufoss has many free parking spaces, but lacks a public space, where the citizens can gather on special events.

## **Visiting/student housing**

Raufoss lacks accommodation for short-term visitors in the Industry Park and there is a wish to build housing for students at NTNU at Gjøvik which is only ten minutes away.

Furthermore, this is connected to what Raufoss can offer as potential gains. Raufoss could and should be an interesting place beyond inhabiting and living. The opportunities and amenities available for visitors and part-time commuters are somewhat meagre today, and the potential is not being fully used. There is also a great lack of urbanity.

## **Raufoss Industry Park**

Building no. 5 in the Industry Park host the Manufacturing Technology Norwegian Catapult Centre (MTNC). The MTNC is a so-called catapult or test centre where businesses can test new technologies and solutions. The centre is operated by SINTEF Manufacturing on behalf of NCE Raufoss. MTNC is a world-class technology Centre that wants to develop more mini factories, with Industry 4.0 standard, to develop and test new production technologies and new ways of working. MTNC was opened by the Minister of Industry in 2017.

Raufoss Industry Park is a leading and particularly interesting base for know-how improvement of international importance. The future of technology is being developed here. They are, among others, engaged in generating a European lunar missile.

**Technical specification on the site:**

Storgata is a county road and not within the municipality's responsibility. Thus, Storgata is not within the project site.

**Possible Connectors**

The Municipality is interested in ideas on outdoor urban spaces, new accessibility, entrances and bridges. These can perhaps be seen as connectors between the areas. Storgata and its importance was mentioned during the site visit. The Municipality does, however, not wish for a final solution for the county road. This means that the street in itself does not need to be included, but the project should show how the interventions connect to Storgata.

The Municipality want Raufoss to become an even more multifunctional city with good connections, both as a passage for pedestrians and cyclists, but also visually. The axis from Storgata along Amfi and the parking garage is, i.e, important as a visual sightline towards building no. 5. Both the visual and the physical connections are important.

**Building no. 313 and Building no. 4**

It was asked if one had to come up with a suggestion regarding a new program in building no. 313 and building no. 4. This is not a requirement, but the Municipality welcomes all suggestions on these buildings. The Municipality presuppose that the ground level is not to be privatized.