

Connecting Commons -

Urban Production in lively neighbourhoods along green-blue connections

Relation to European Theme

In one sector, the area in Borås already covers the theme „Productive City“ very well, namely in the area of production. On the other hand, it is lacking in the other sectors, especially housing. In order to turn Borås into a Productive City and to implement the theme in its entirety, the project unites production, residential and urban life and brings them into harmony.

Vision

The future Borås offers residential space, jobs and open space for everyone. The residential space is mainly located near the water and the green space. The area offers enough jobs for the residents, as well as leisure activities for everyone. The cars can be parked in one of the two collective garages and the well-developed footpaths, cycle paths and buses make it easy to get throughout the area. The school is easy to reach and is immediately connected to an

adventure park for both young and old. The open space on the banks of the river offers space for all kinds of activities and relaxation. Whether you want to go canoeing, skateboarding, cycling, tennis or just sit by the water and relax, you will find something for everyone.

Open space

The area includes a large public space in front of the textile factory as well as two smaller public spaces a little further south, next to the green space on the banks of the river.

The main square is multifunctional and offers space for markets, festivities or the like while also being a place where all the inhabitants can interact. The most significant services as well as trade and industry are arranged on the site, and the textile factory creates a recognizable value with its saw-toothed ceilings for the square, which thus defines the centre of the area. The square extends to the west up to the

riverbank where comfortable steps invite you to relax and enjoy while listening to the sounds of the water or while observing the canoers.

The open space on the riverbank offers relaxation and activity for young and old, enabling a good exchange between generations. The landscape is complemented by cycle paths on both sides of the river, which provide a peaceful atmosphere for cyclists and lead them directly to the city centre of Borås.

The forest area in the south of the site also offers activities for young and old with an adventure park and even for animals and the nearby animal hospital.

Structures

The structures of the quality elements of industrial architecture, such as the cement factory, the shoe factory, the textile factory and the newly built pumping station, will of course be preserved and are intended to represent the area as a landmark. The remaining structures will be replaced by new ones that will fit into the area and adapt to the green space and the water.

Programme

Part of the existing usage of the buildings will be preserved and relocated if necessary. The textile factory will be continued and supplemented with sales rooms. In addition, a Greenhouse will be placed on the roof of the factory, but the exis-

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ting structure of the roof will be retained. The cement factory will be converted into a climbing hall and the concrete silos will be converted into climbing towers. The shoe factory provides office space for start-ups in the future.

The green space by the water offers space for outdoor sporting activities such as cycling, skateboarding, strolling, and the water itself offers the possibility of canoeing.

The forest next to the school is complemented by an adventure park with a deep rope garden, a barefoot path and a playground, and also offers an area for the animals of the animal hospital which can be visited by the residents.

Mobility

The main focus here is on the cycle paths and pedestrian paths, as well as on public transport. All of these aspects will be significantly expanded so that residents are no longer dependent on their cars. The aim is to connect the area with the city centre and promote everyday exercise and a healthy living environment.

In order to achieve this goal, two main pedestrian and cycle paths along the river will be developed, as well as cycle and pedestrian paths throughout the area. There are two collective garages in the area where the residents can leave their cars.

Bus transport is plans to expand and offer more stops in the area, as well as more frequent trips.

In order to better connect the project site to the city, cycle paths and footpaths along the water lead directly to the city centre. There will also be an additional road next to the

school connecting the area with the remaining parts of Göta.

Sustainability

There are already some sustainable aspects in the area, such as the second-hand shops in the northern part of the area. In order to further expand sustainability, the waste disposal plant will be converted into a recycling plant and repair cafés will be integrated. E-bike sharing promotes non-motorised traffic. In addition, green roofs are included to improve air quality and make the buildings more sustainable.

Process and Phasing

The first phase will be to reactivate the area with creative festivals to attract people and bring the area a little closer to them. The building structures worthy of preservation will be kept and recycled. The next step is the decontamination of the soil. Furthermore, the preserved buildings should be upgraded or modified. The textile factory will be supplemented by a sales area and a green





therefore be characterised by inclusion and participation. The main square, as well as the green house and the green space along the river offer enough opportunities to meet and interact with other people, as well as for further activities.

house, the shoe factory will be converted into offices and the cement factory will be turned into a climbing hall. Thus the important points of attention in the area are created. In this step the school can already be completed.

Further development will take place in several steps. First the part north of the river will be developed and thereafter the area south of the river.

Resources

A central element hereby is the river Viskan and its surrounding nature, which provide resources for ecosystem service, energy production and stormwater management, as well as being a central element for production.

The productive usage of the textile factory will be maintained and expanded by the green house, whose harvests can be further processed just underneath in the factory.

Mobility

Boras has a privileged location in Sweden and a good connection to the surrounding large

cities, which are especially relevant for industry.

The project area is close to the city centre and the extended cycle paths and pedestrian paths significantly increase accessibility.

Equity

A productive city aims to promote creativity and must

