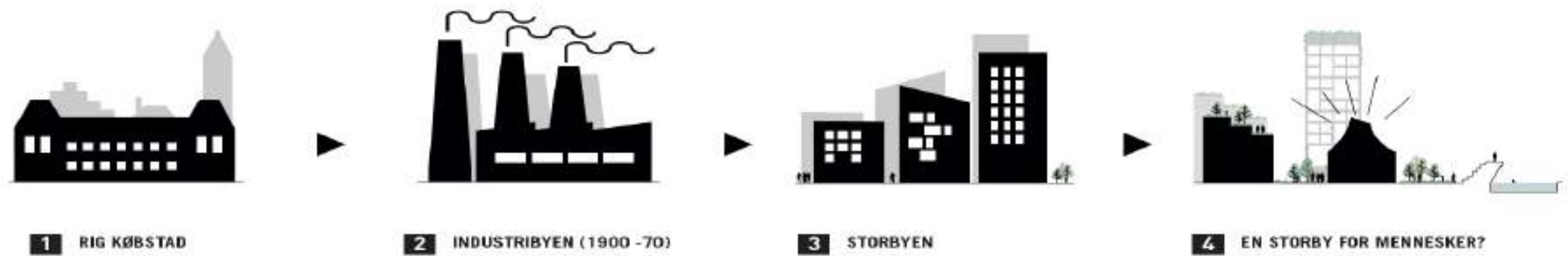


# Urban Development and housing in Aalborg

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# Aalborg – from market city and industrial city into a city for people



1975



2016

# Aalborg – Norddanmarks dynamo

Aalborg is the local metropol i North Denmark

Aalborg is frontrunner in the green transition

Aalborg must be developed in interaction with  
the landscape

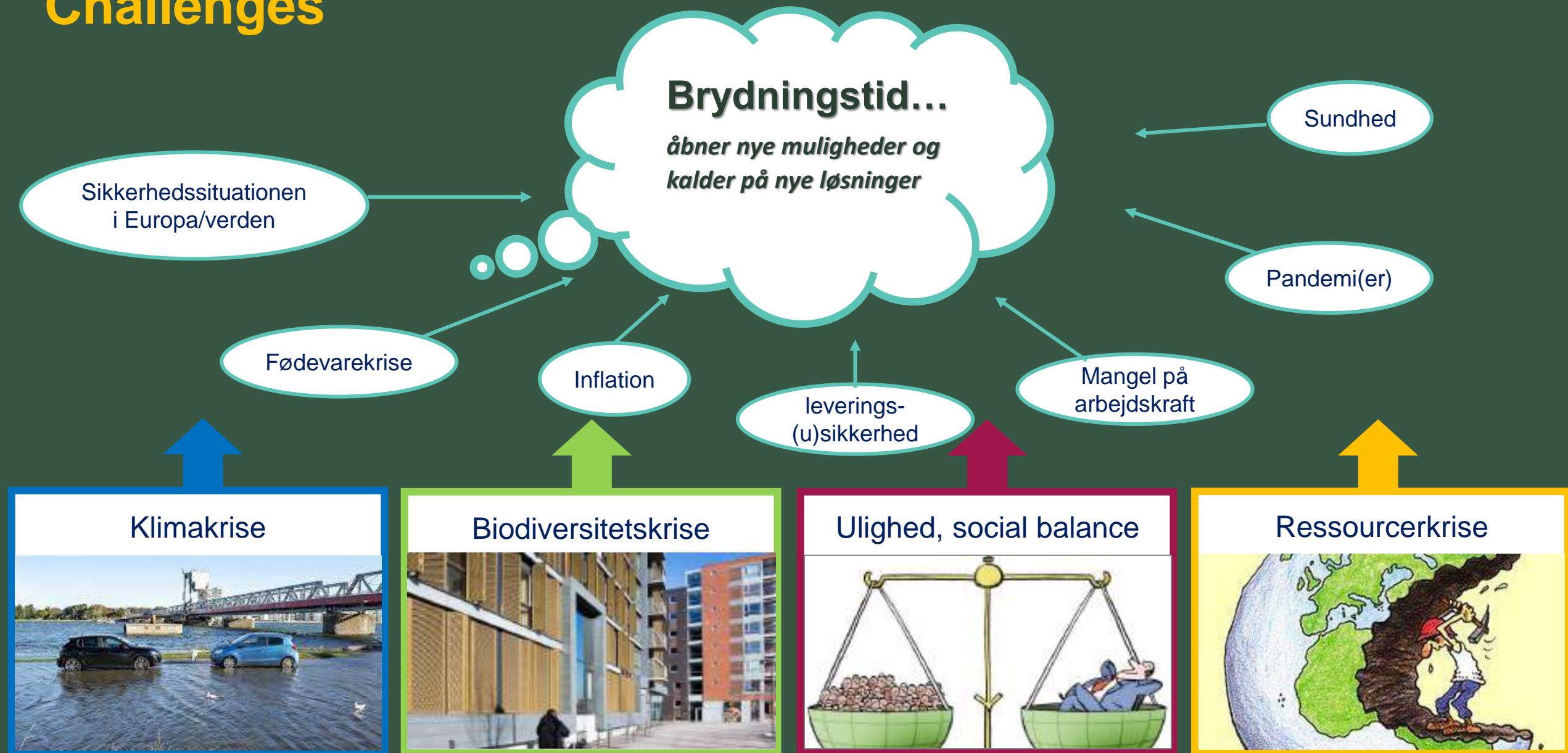


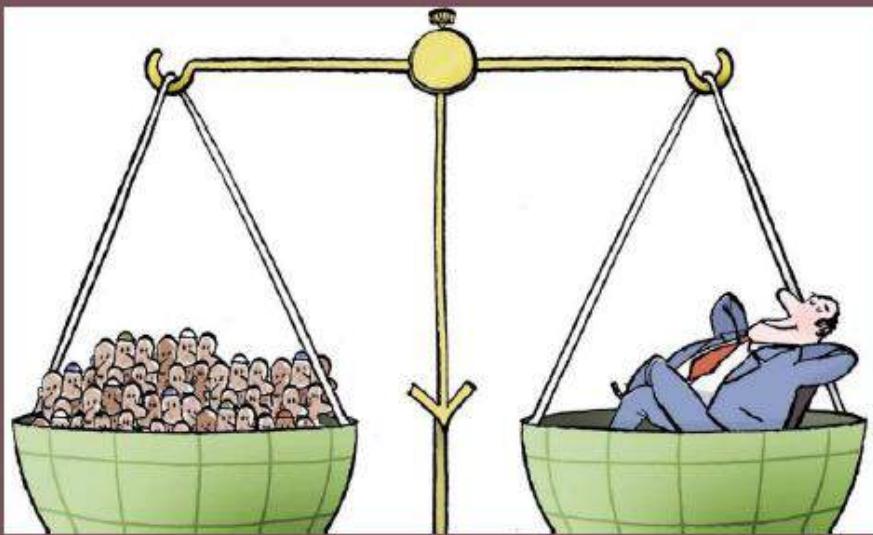
Konzentrated urban development

Sustainable mobility related to urban quality  
and green transition



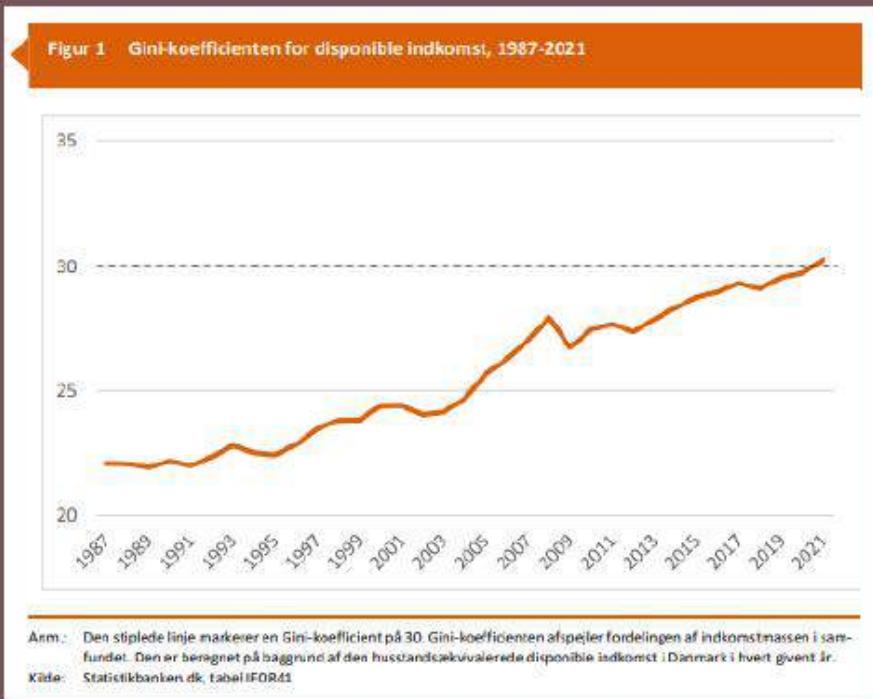
# Challenges





# Social balance

- De 3 rigeste i USA ejer det samme som de fattigste 160 millioner tilsammen
- Uligheden er også steget i Danmark
- Ingen parallel samfund eller udsatte boligområder i Aalborg Kommune men to forebyggelsesområder i Aalborg: Grønlandskvarteret og Løvvangen
- Forskellige livsformer og sammenhængskraft i Aalborg Kommune - på tværs af by og land



Overskudsmad fra Lidl hjælper trængte familier i Aalborg i julen

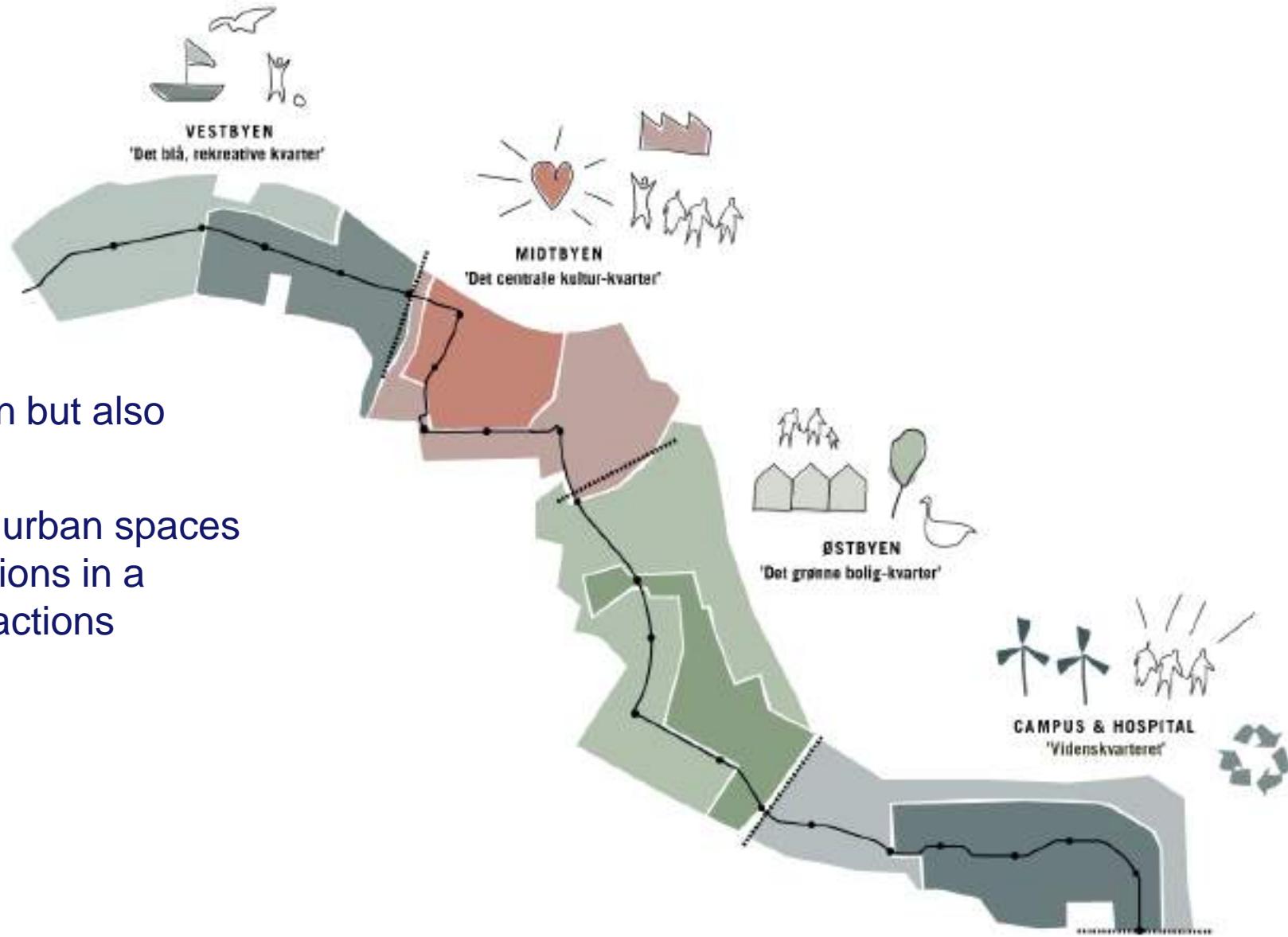
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Behovet for julehjælp er rekordhøjt i år. Derfor uddeler to familienetværk i Aalborg overskudsmad fra en række lokale Lidl-butikker til trængte familier og enlige i byen, der har svært ved at få økonomi og julestemning til at gå hånd i hånd.



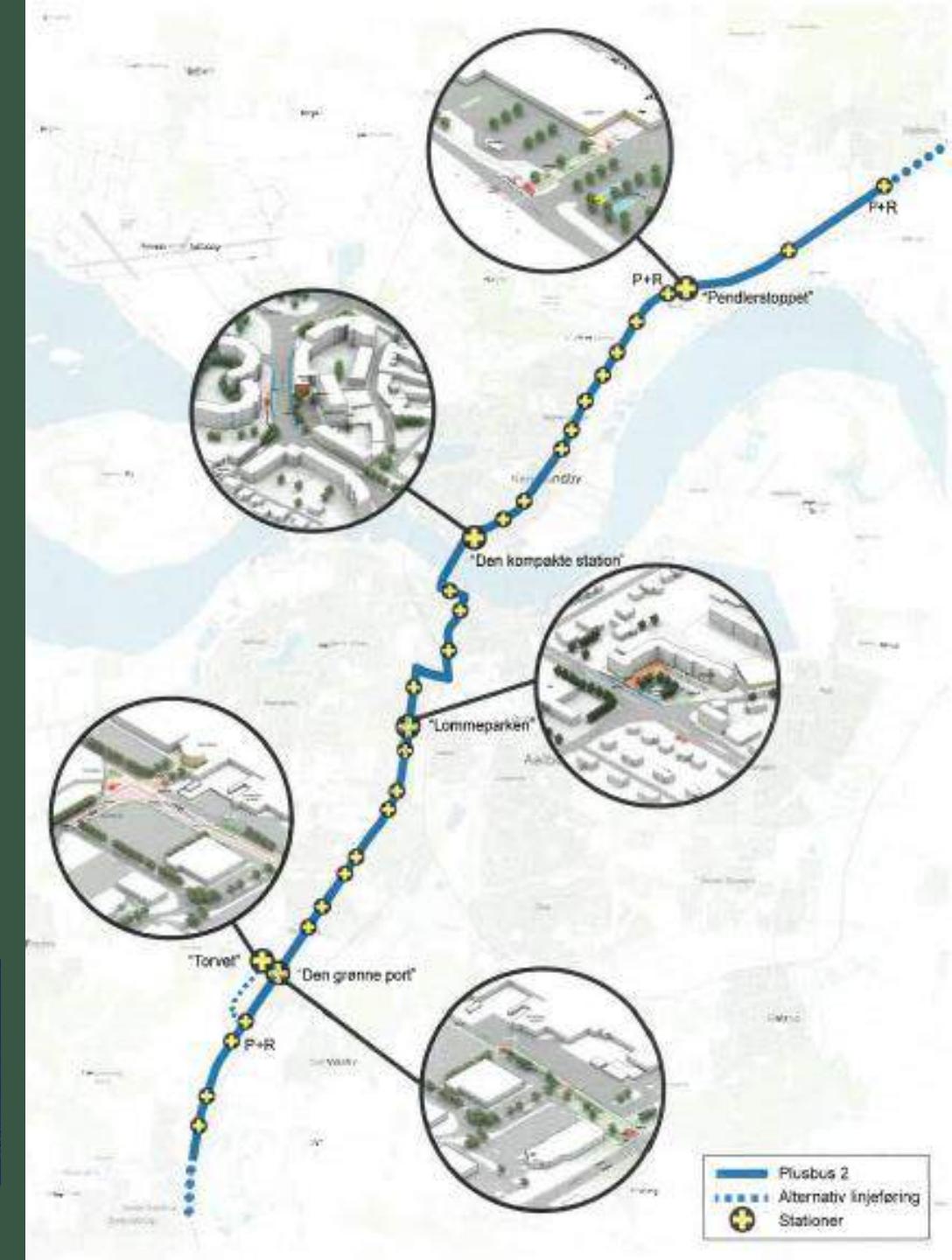
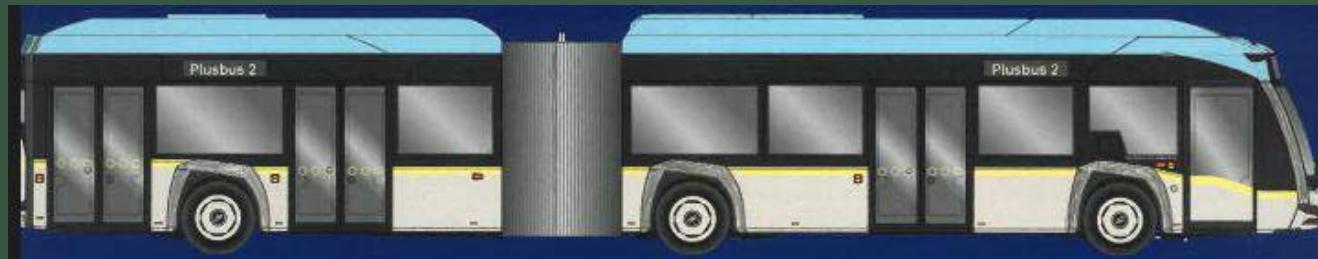
# +BUS – urban connection through different neighbourhoods in Aalborg



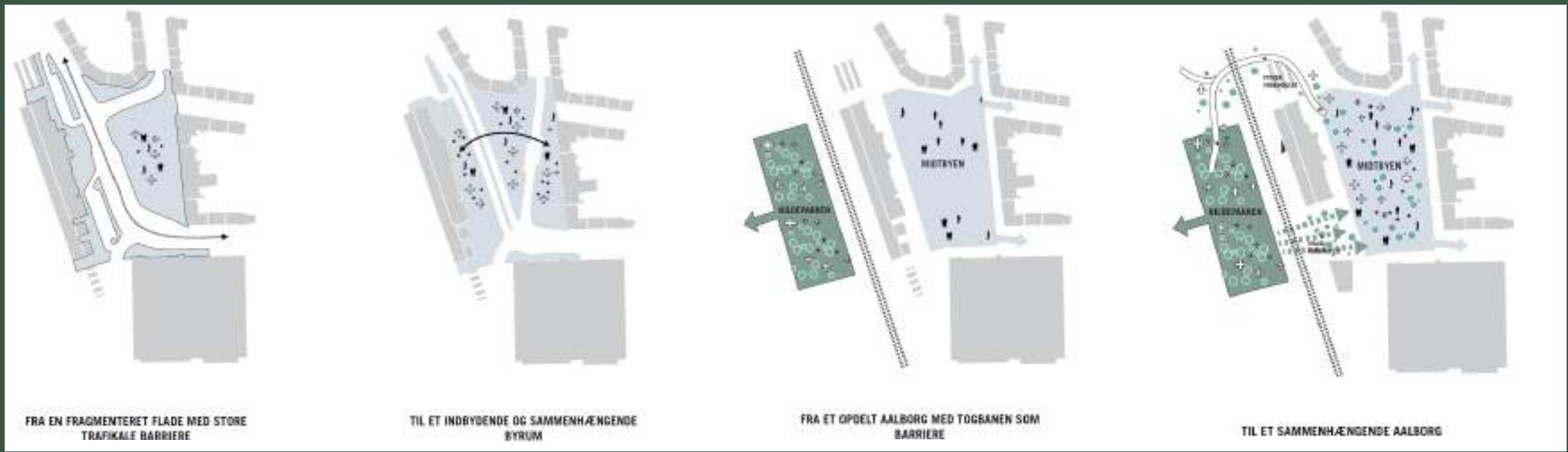
- Not only transportation but also urban development
- Connection of central urban spaces and recreational functions in a string of pearls of attractions

# Plusbus2

- Support urban development corridor north-south
- Preliminary study
- A state pool must be applied for BRT
- Different than plusbus1: less capacity but more congestion



# J. F. Kennedy Square

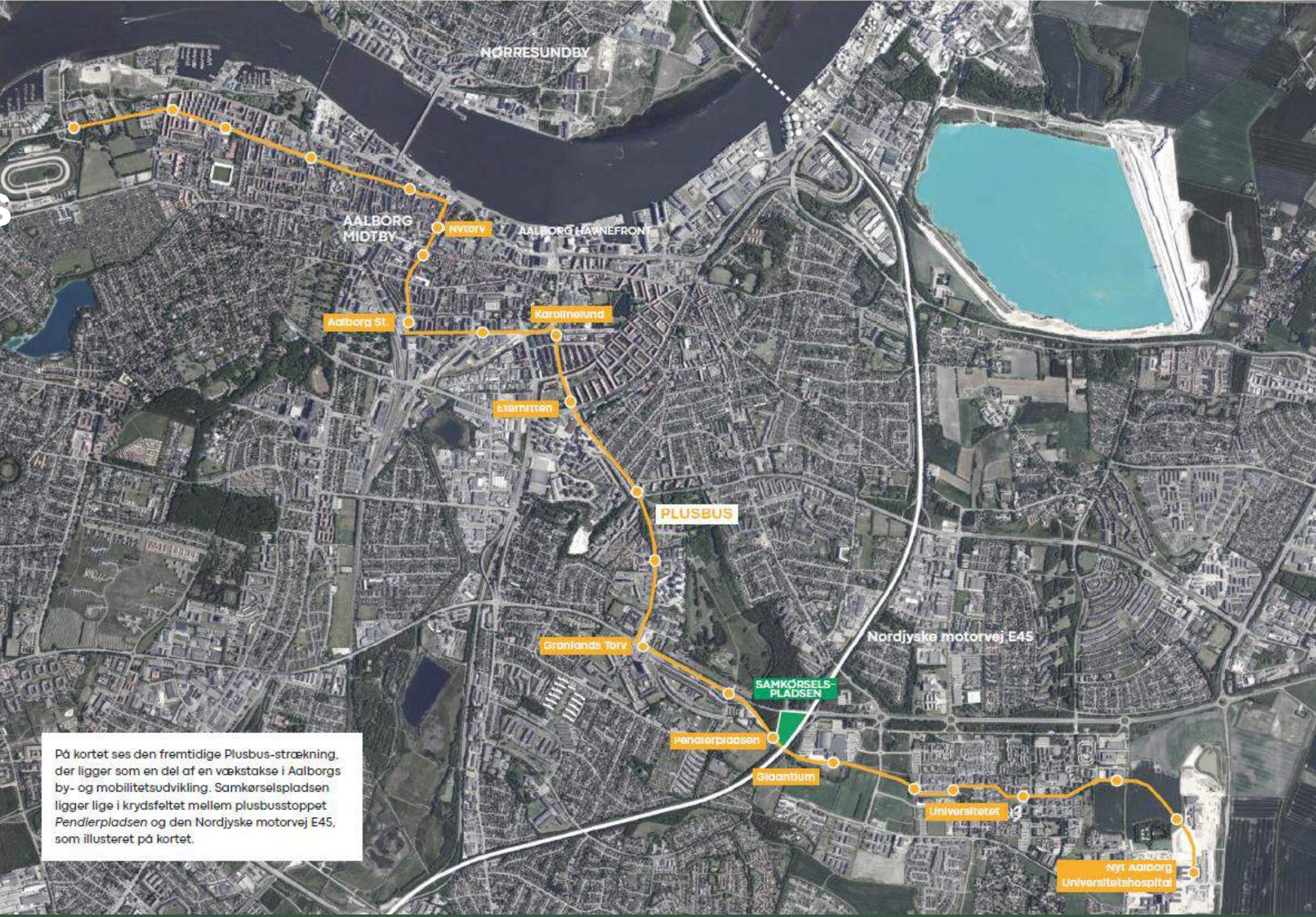




August 2022

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# Plusbus



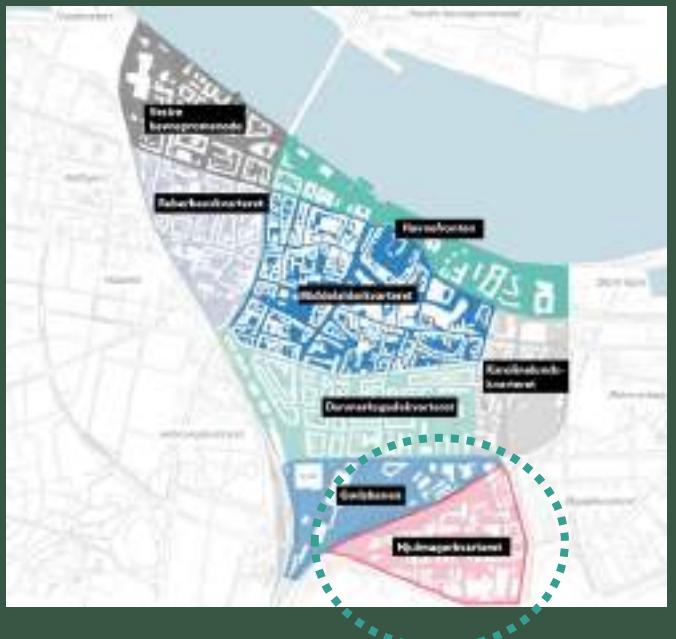
# Godsbane neighbourhood 2010



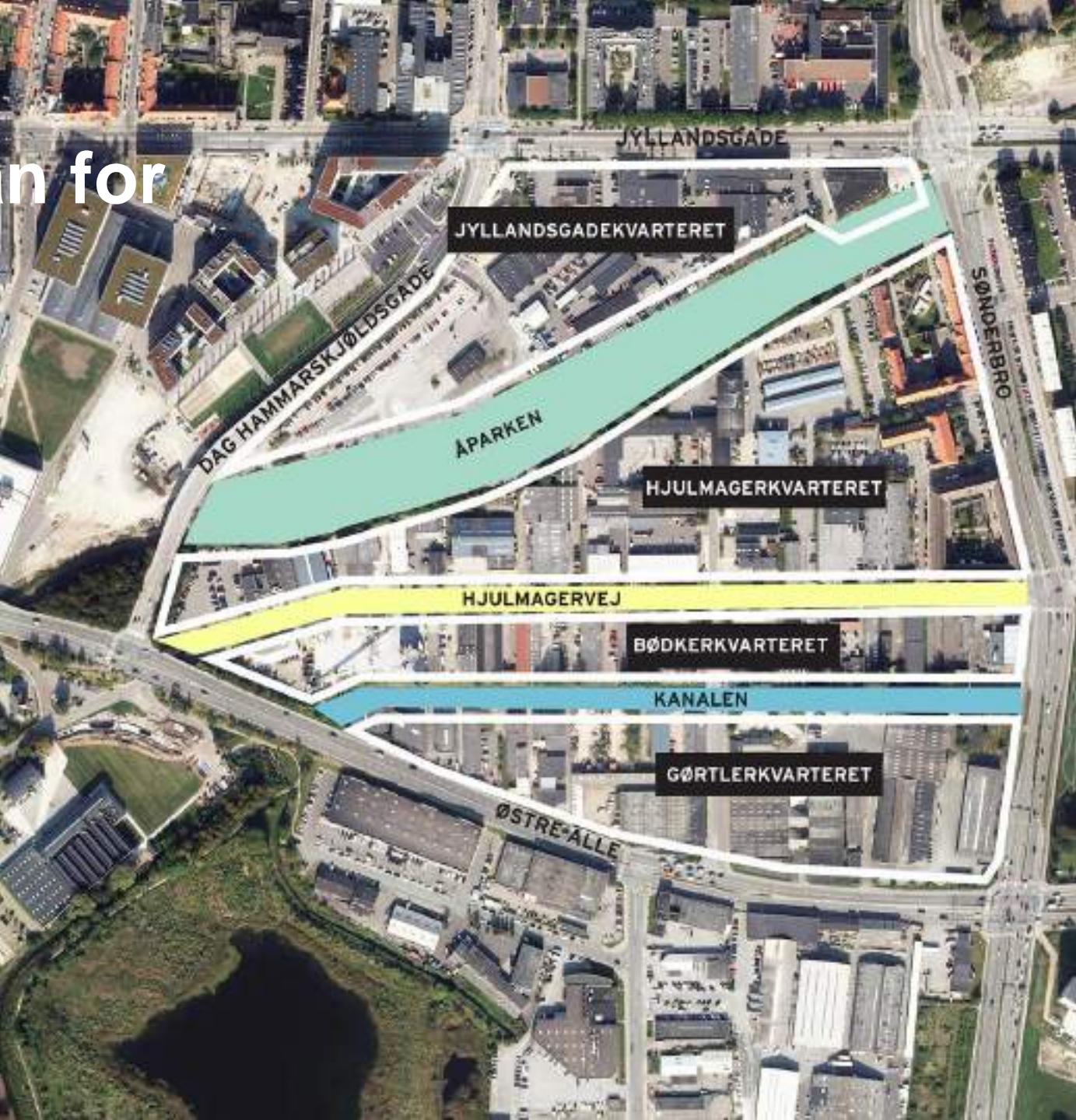
# Godsbanearealet



# Urban development plan for Hjulmagerkvarteret

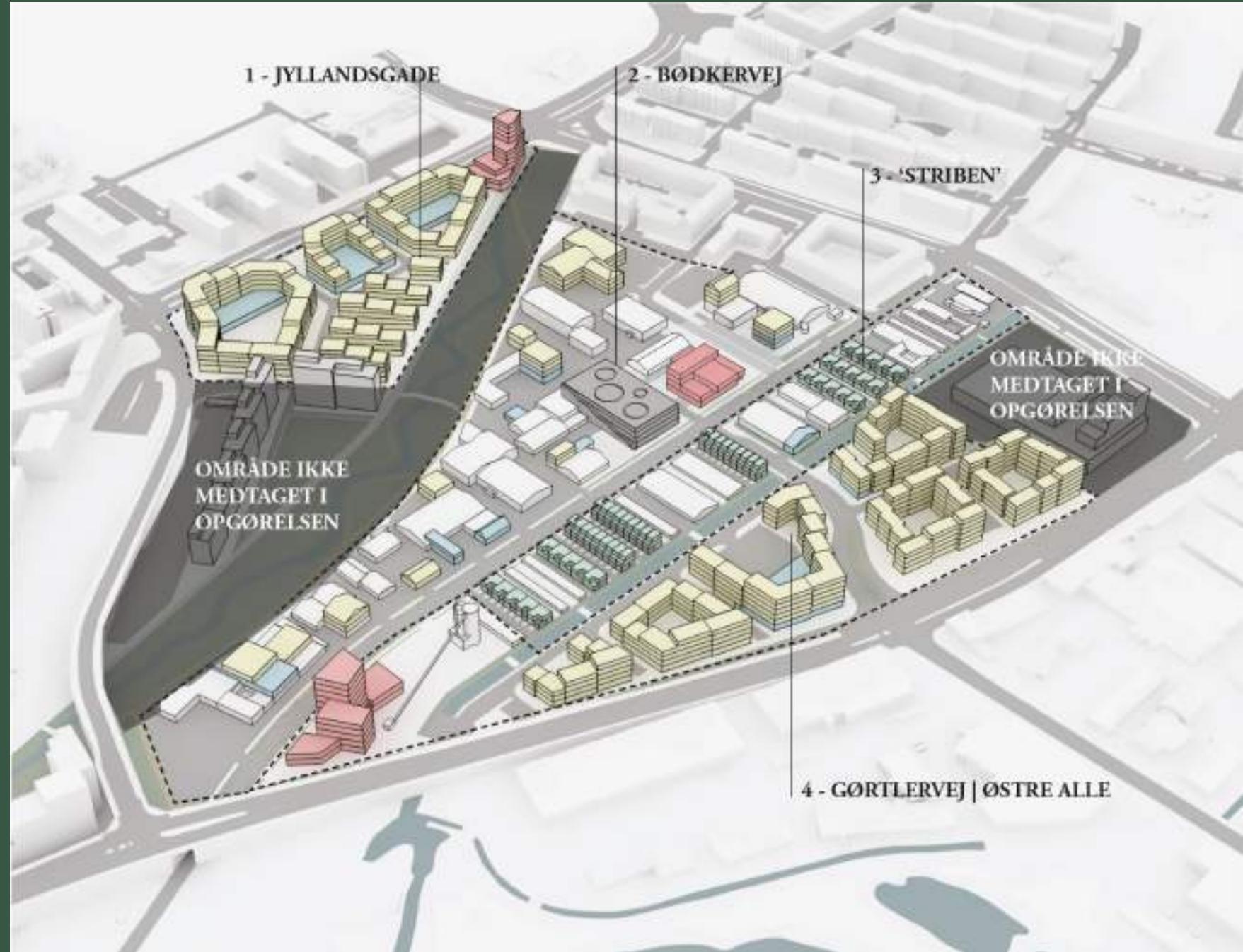


- Del af midtbystrategien 'Liv i Centrum'
- 4 delområder opdelt af 3 blå-grønne landskabsrum – Åparken, Hjulmagervej og Kanalen



# Overall plan

- 2018-2020
- Tool for dialogue with partners



## Vision

### North of Hjulmagervej

- Lively neighbourhood
- Combination of new and old buildings to give identity
- Perpendicular structure

### Hjulmager neighbourhood



### South of Hjulmagervej

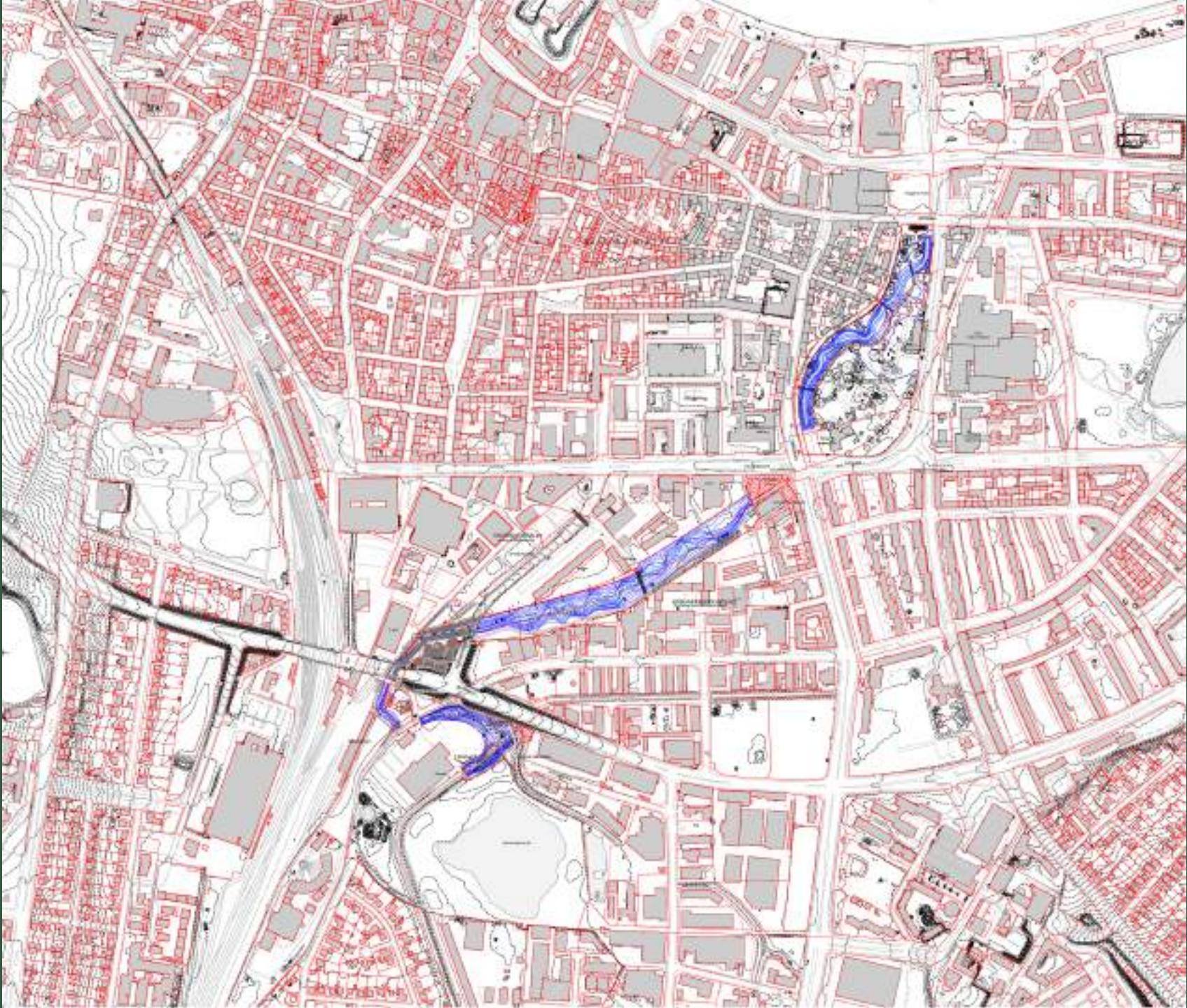
- New townhouses
- 3-4 etager

# Østerå project

Climate adaptation

Better environment – water  
and green recreation

Urban Development – driver  
for Østre Havn,  
Jyllandsgadekvarteret,  
Hjulmagerkvarteret samt  
grøn/blå rute gennem  
Aalborg



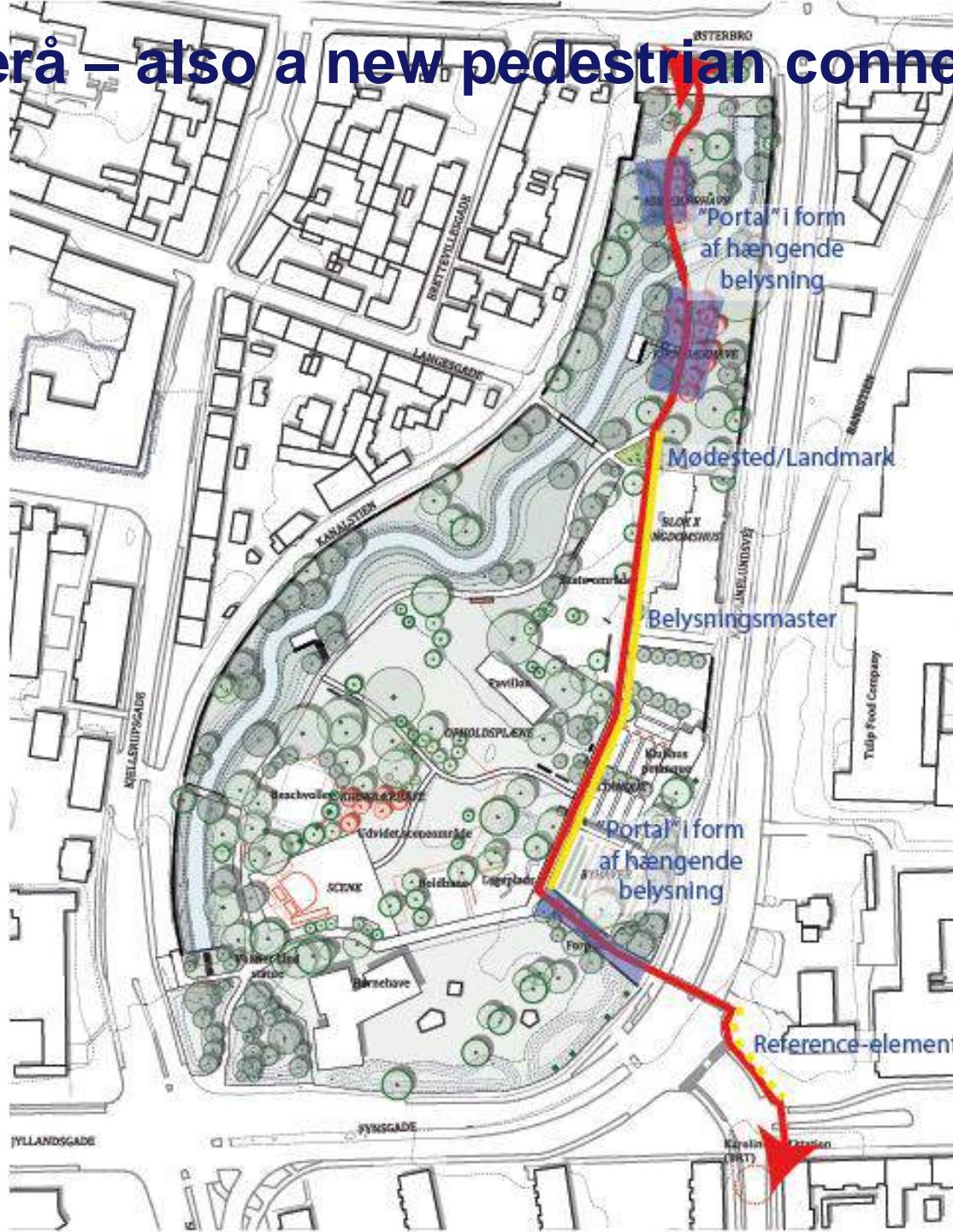
# Østerå stream park will open in 2026



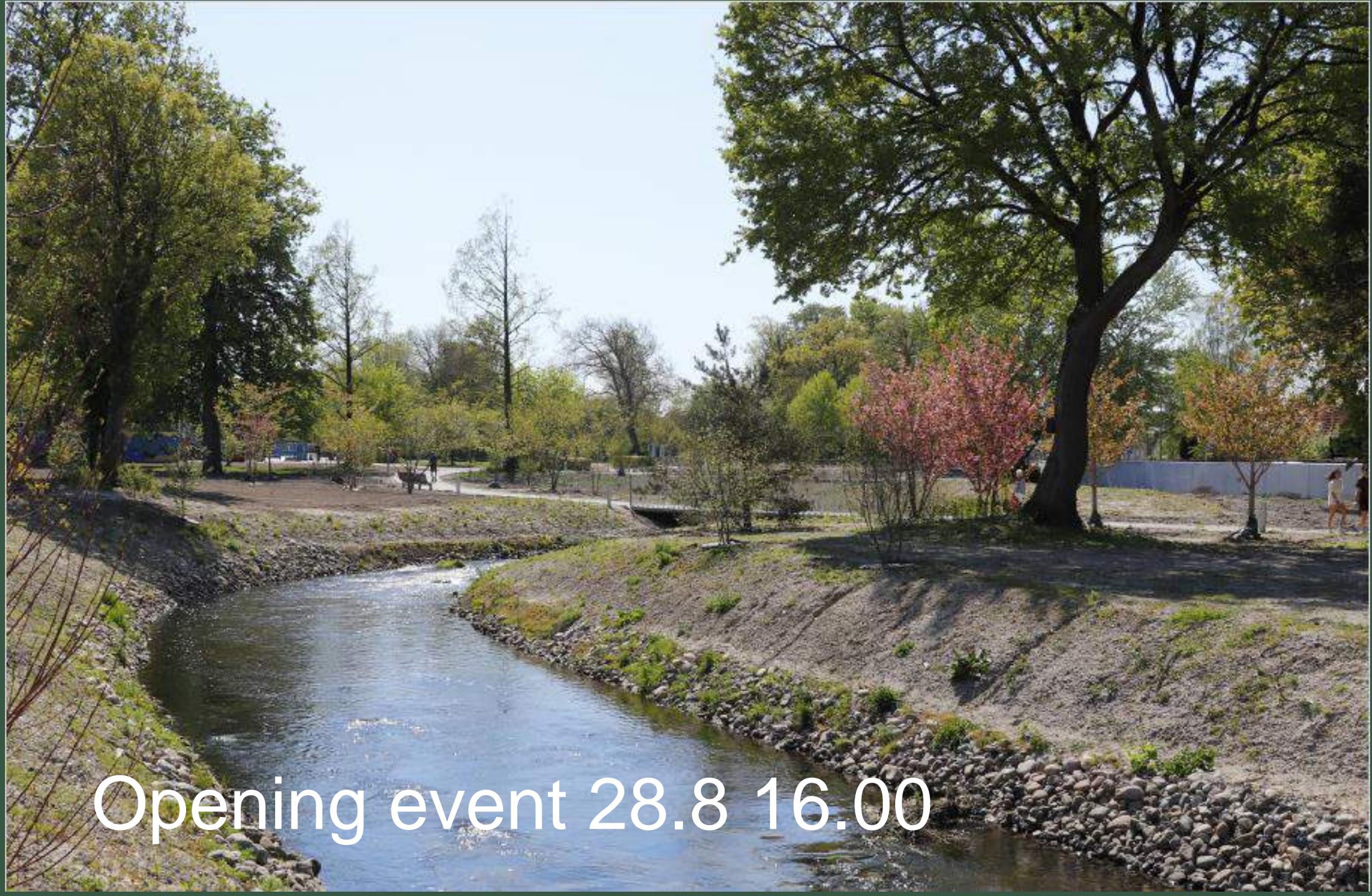
# 1. etape was opened in 2018



## Karolinelund and opening of Østerå – also a new pedestrian connection







Opening event 28.8 16.00

# Eternitten – roof tile factory

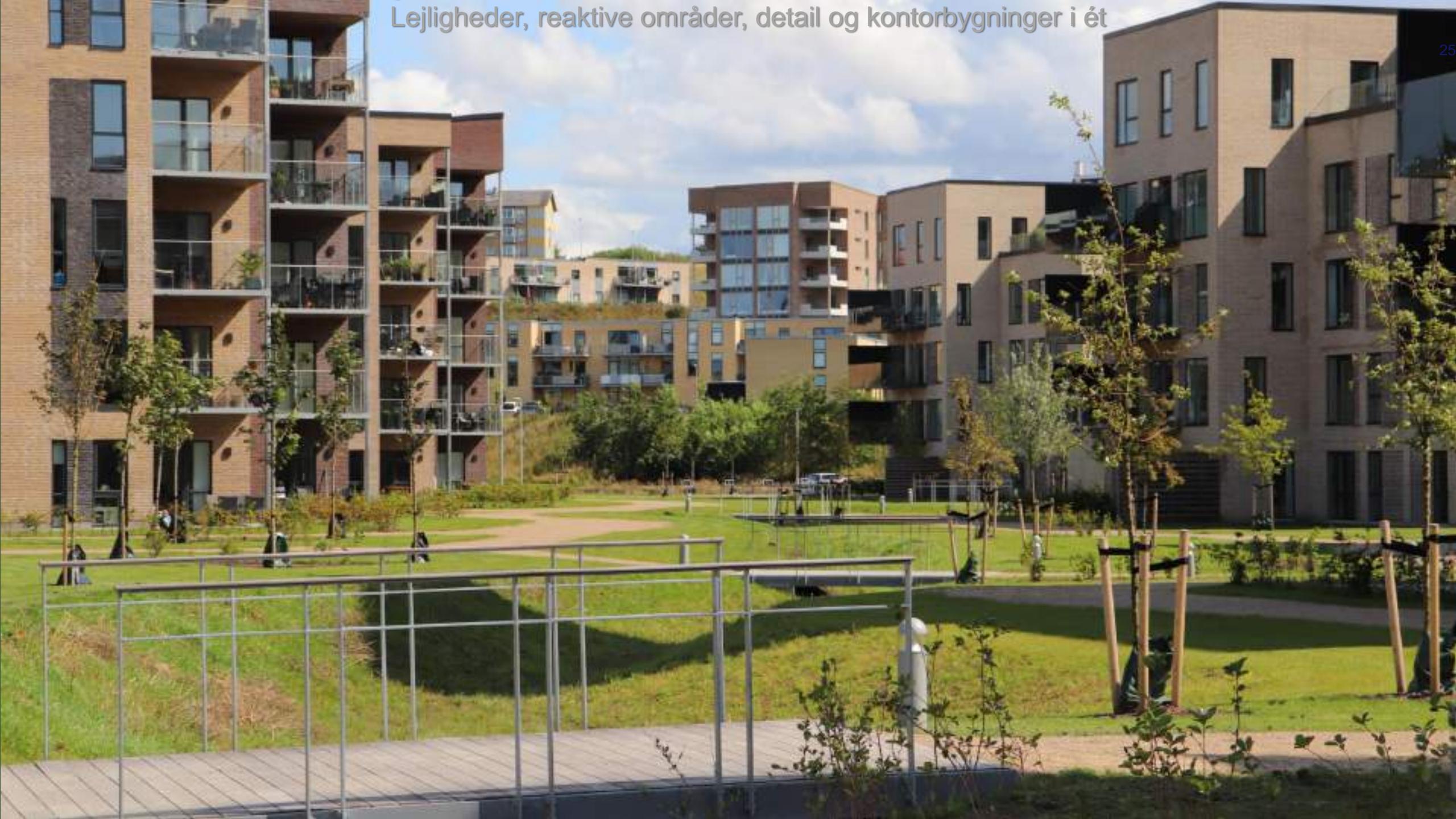


# Eternitten – cleaned area





## Lejligheder, reaktive områder, detail og kontorbygninger i ét



# Stigsborg



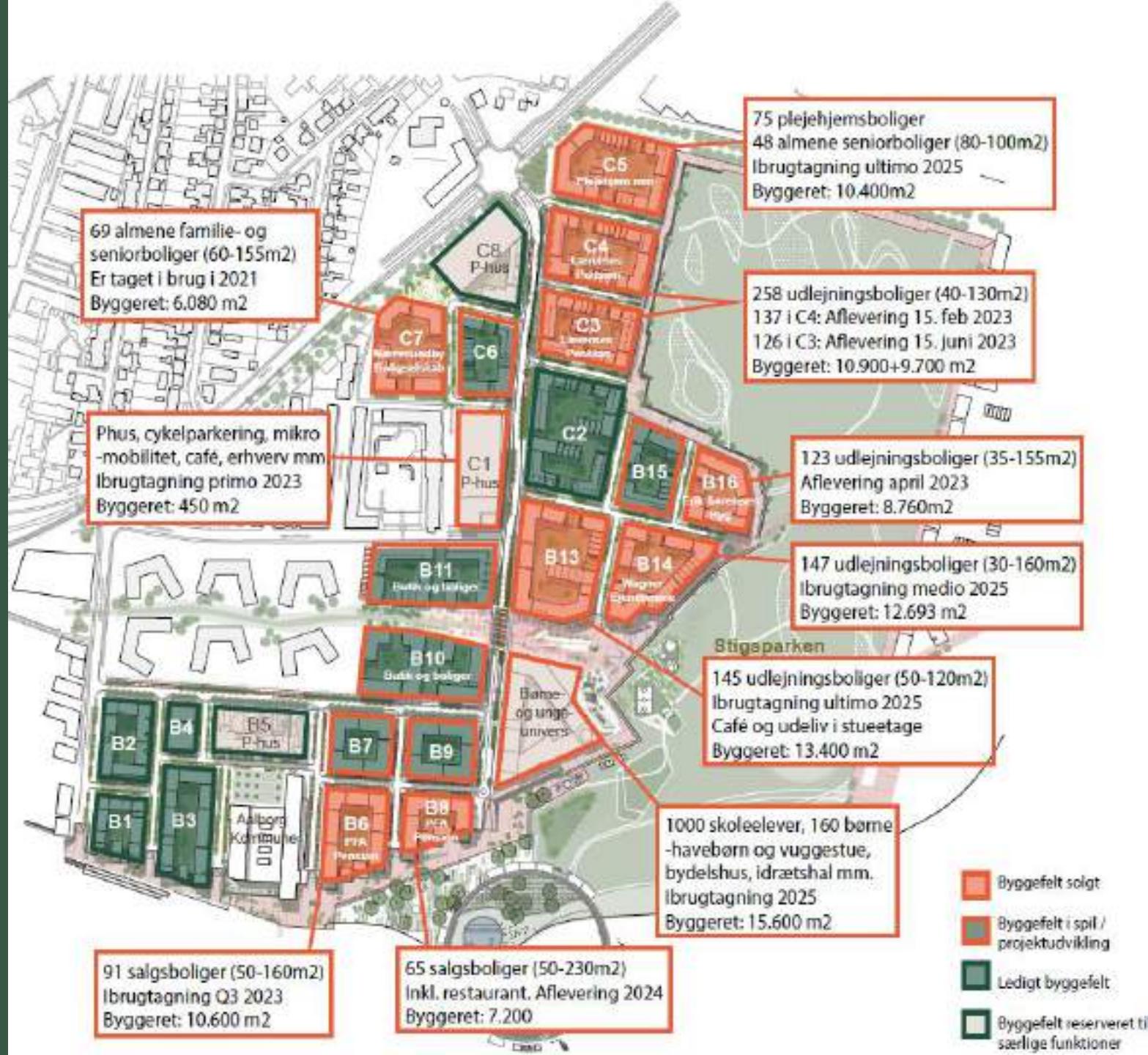
# Stigsborg

- Etape 1 – i alt
  - Ca. 2000 boliger i alt (3-4.000 beboere)
  - 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> kontor, butik, service og lignende
  - Skole, idrætshal og institutioner
  - ‘En hel bydel’
  - Forventes fuld realiseret 2030
- Hele Stigsborg
  - 20-25 år
  - Ca. 4.000 boliger (7-8.000 beboere)
  - 400.000 etagemeter



# Stigsborg, Etape 1

- Status marts 2023
  - Byggemodning i fuld gang
- Boliger
  - Opførte: 160
  - Under opførelse: ≈ 450
  - “På tegnebrættet”: ≈ 340
- Øvrige funktioner:
  - Første p-hus (mobilitetshus)  
Opført og taget i brug
  - Plejehjem  
På vej i udbud



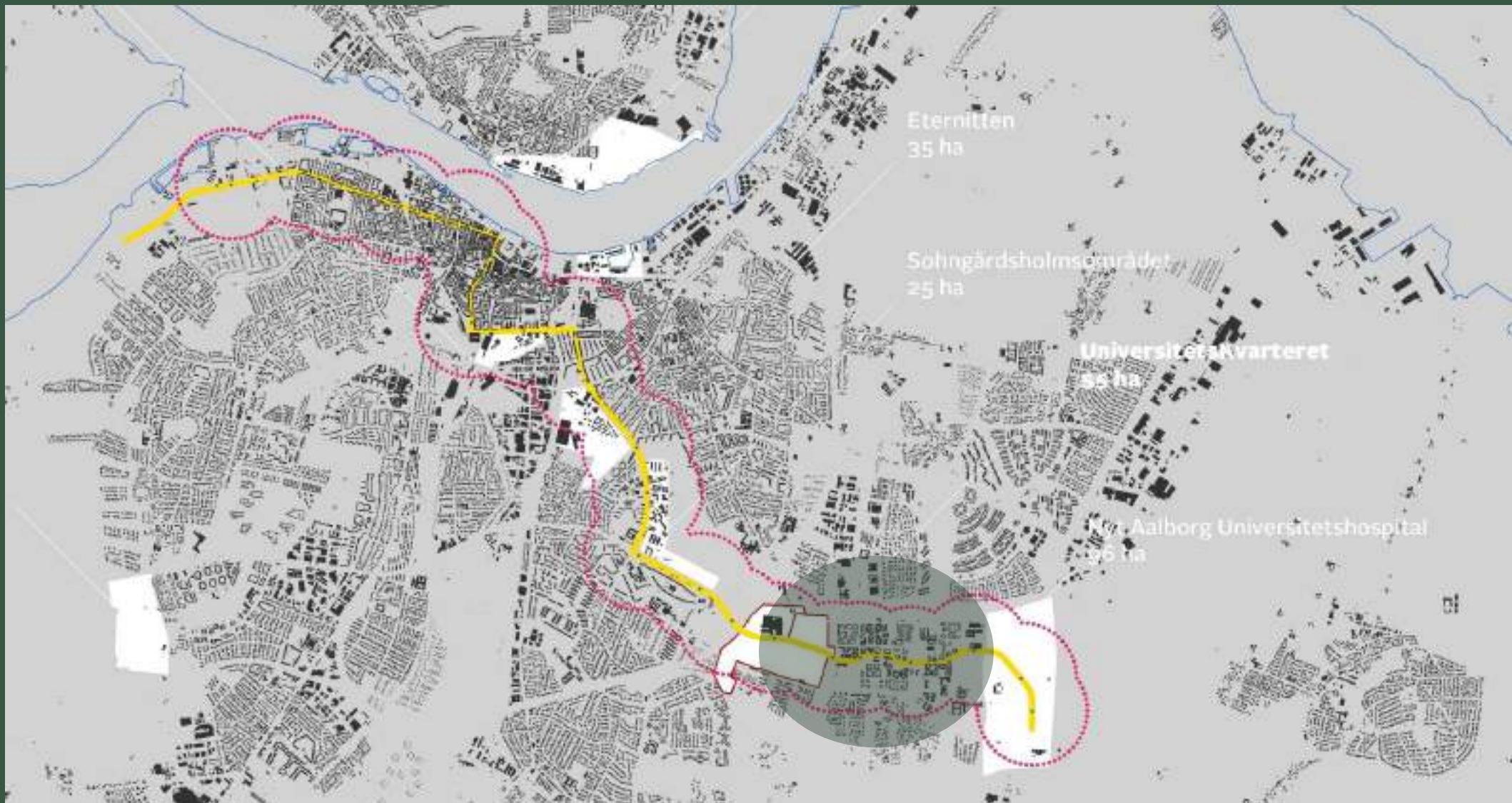
# Børne- og Ungeunivers

- Skole: 1000 elever
- Børnehave: 100 børn
- Vuggestue: 60 børn
- Bydelshus – ‘forsamlingshuset’
  
- 1. spadestik: 11.11.2022
- Åbner: 2025





# University neighborhood



# Gigantium neiboorhood – Urban spaces and landscape



# University neighborhood

- visualisation of a project east of Gigantium



*Illustration: Kjær & Richter*

# Sygehus Nord og Gåsepigen



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Helhedsplan

# Sygehus Nord





*Reberbansgade*  
III.: SLA Architects

*View fra højhuset mod  
Folkeparken og Katedralen*

III.: SLA Architects



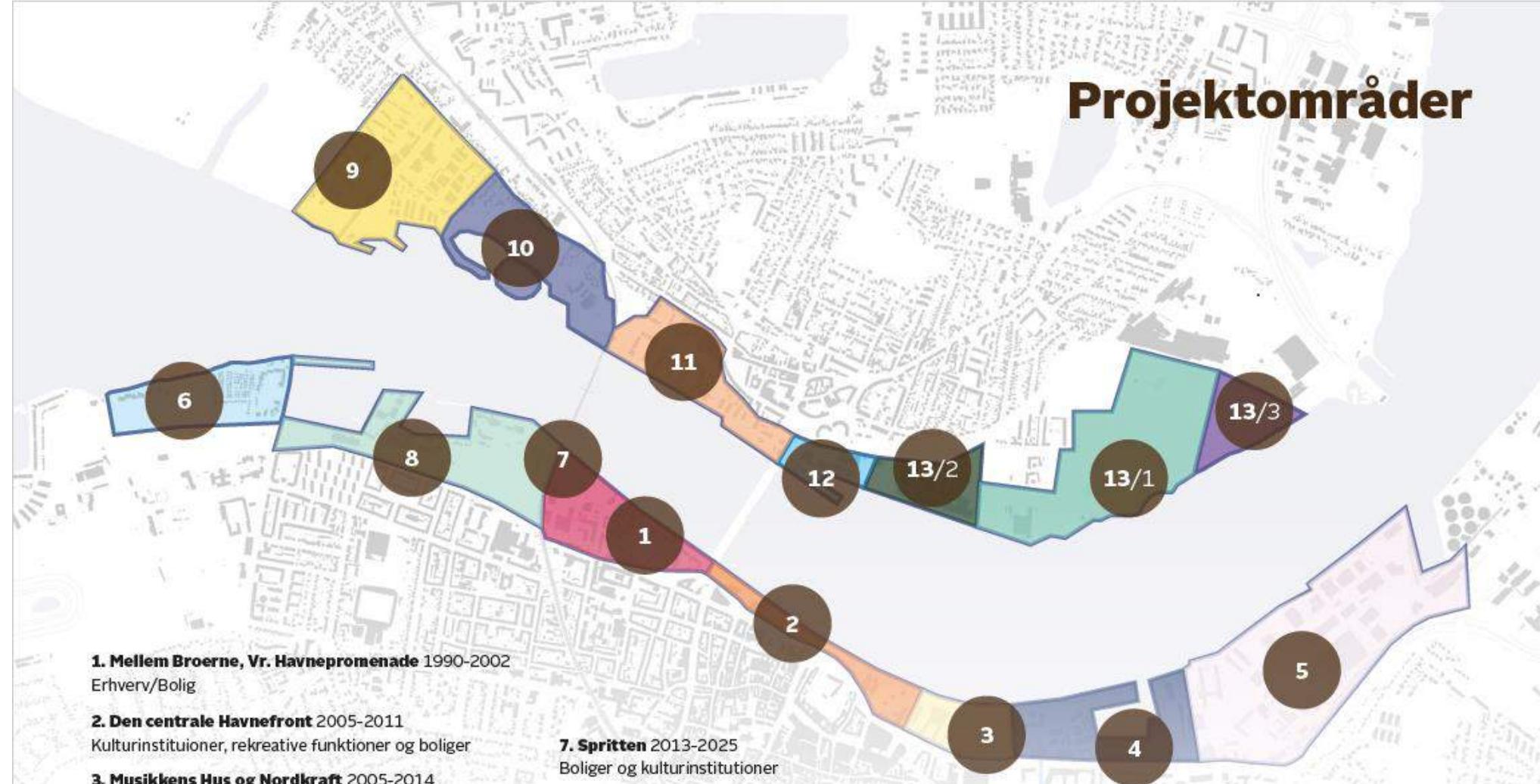
# Fjorden og byen

Omdannelsen af  
Aalborgs havnefronter



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# Projektområder



**1. Mellem Broerne, Vr. Havnepromenade** 1990-2002  
Erhverv/Bolig

**2. Den centrale Havnefront** 2005-2011  
Kulturinstitutioner, rekreative funktioner og boliger

**3. Musikkens Hus og Nordkraft** 2005-2014  
Kulturinstitutioner, universitet og ungdomsboliger

**4. Østre Havn** 2007-2022  
Boliger, kontorer, dagligvarer, restauranter, butikker og rekreative funktioner

**5. Det gamle værftsareal** 2000-  
Kontorer, boliger og industri

**6. Vestre Fjordpark** 2012-2017  
Rekreative funktioner

**7. Spritten** 2013-2025  
Boliger og kulturinstitutioner

**8. Vestbyens grønne og blå områder** 2018-2025  
Boliger og erhverv

**9. DAC** 2000-2016  
Boliger, erhverv og rekreative funktioner

**10. Lindholm Strandpark** 1988-1990  
Rekreative funktioner

**11. Slagterigrunden** 2006-2014  
Boliger, institution og dagligvarer

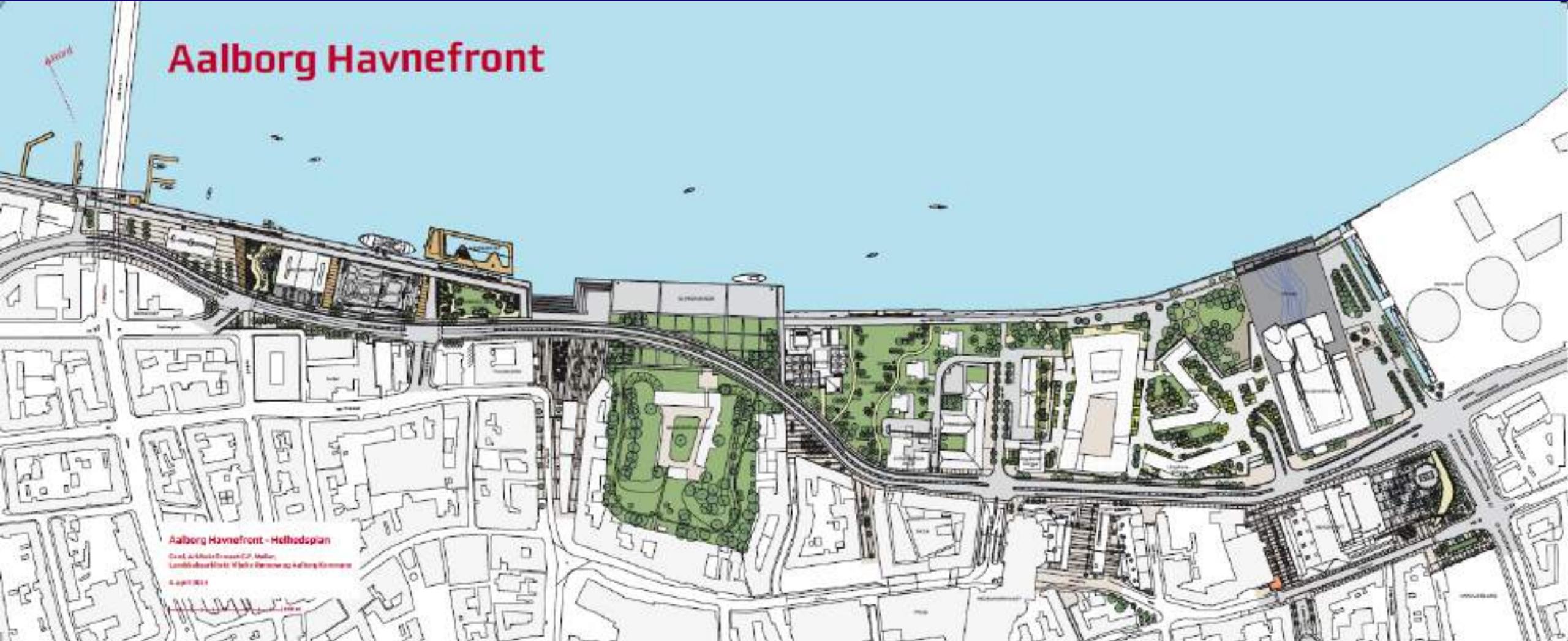
**12. Nordhavn** 2012-2021  
Ungdoms- og familieboliger samt dagligvarer

**13. Stigsborg Etape 1-3** 2015-2040  
Etape 1 - Boliger, institutioner, rekreative funktioner  
Etape 2 - Boliger og erhverv  
Etape 3 - Boliger m.m.



- Regeneration of the central harbourfront
- Investments
- Architecture and quality
- Urban spaces connected to inner city
- Liveability – urban living
- New narrative about culture and recreation
- New identity to the city

# Aalborg Havnefront



Aalborg Havnefront - Hovedplan  
Genn. arkitekterne Brøndum & Møller  
Landsbygdeværket, 10. juli 2014, Aalborg Kommune  
8. august 2014



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# The Waterfront in Aalborg

Urban spaces with identity facilitating diversity and social integration



# Kraftværk eller makværk?

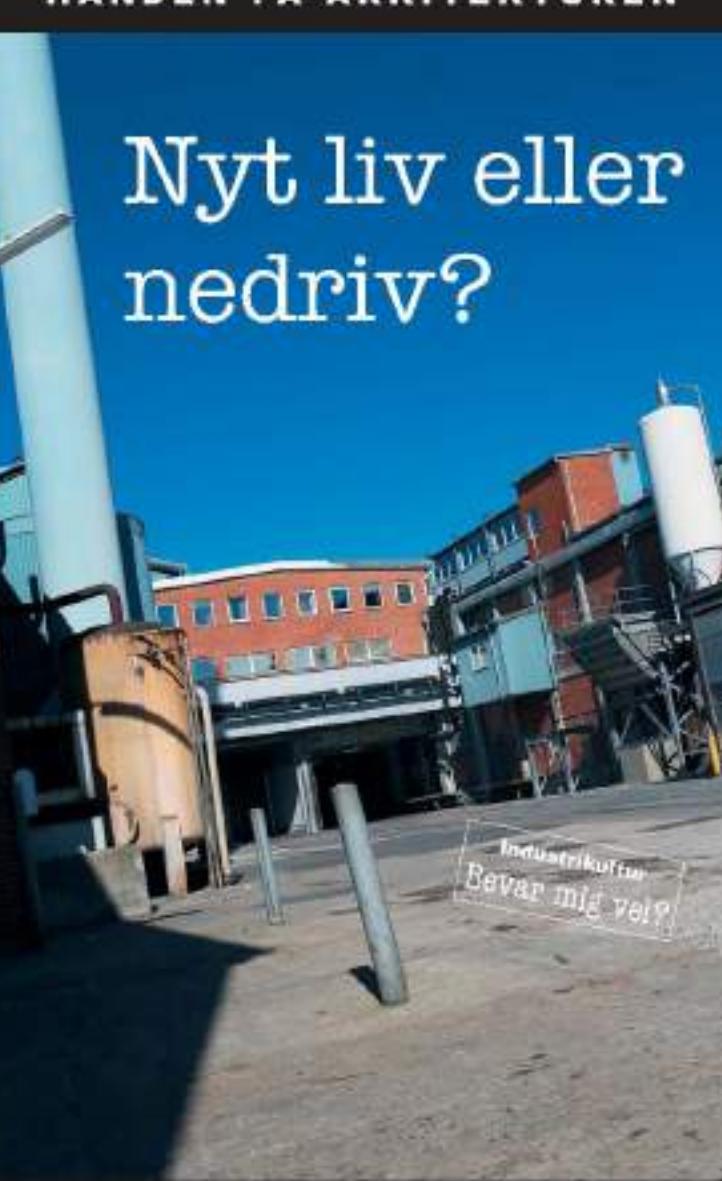


Hva' skal der ske med industriens historiske bygninger?

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# Nyt liv eller nedriv?

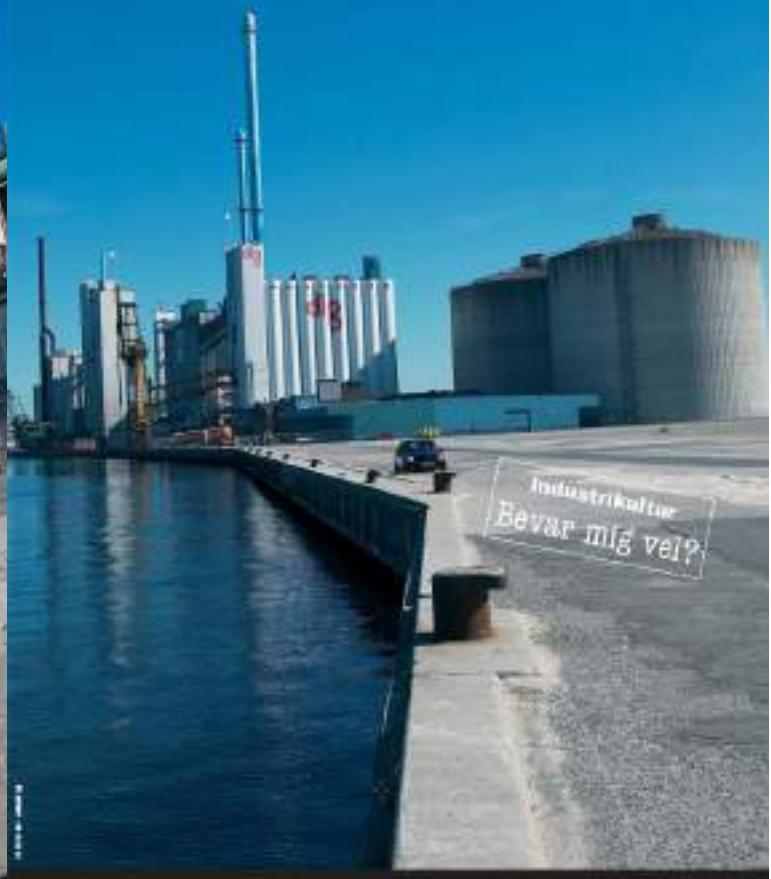


Skal slagteriet have nyt liv?

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# Whiskybælte eller industrihistorie?



Skal Aalborg have nyt look?

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# Aalborg - The Tough Little Big City

- Transformation of Aalborg from heavy industrial city into a knowledge-based city
- The most succesfull example is the waterfront area.
- Today we have multiple and mixed areas where the most expensive appartments are neighbours to inexpensive appartments for students.
- The vision is a liveable and vibrant city



City of  
Aalborg



**'The Art of City Building': To understand the totality and act in chaos**  
**Politics and planning is urban leadership.... to be conducted in interaction with political leadership and citizens in a democratic proces – co-creation**





# Housing Strategy work in progress

Aalborg 2023



1. Data-based, dynamic and web-accessible
2. Visions and clear political goals
3. Actions and tests



# Strategic housing development

*Prognosis for population: there will be a need for 10.000 homes in 12 years!?*

## Political challenges and dilemmas:

- Aalborg vs. hinterland towns ‘with growth potential’
- Densification along high-class public transportation - Plusbus
- Urban densification vs. Urban sprawl
- Sequence planning?



*"Oplandsbyerne med særlige byvækst-potentialer har en særlig mulighed for at supplere med nogle bobilbud, som ikke findes i Aalborg"*

*"Koncentreret udvikling skaber sammenhængskraft og merværdi"*

*"Bæredygtig mobilitet er rygrad i Aalborgs udvikling"*



*"Fortætning, hvor det giver mening, er strategisk værktøj for at opnå bæredygtige løsninger og kritisk masse i forhold til byfunktioner og kollektiv trafik"*

*26,3% of alle housing i the municipality are social housing*

*We are 221.107 citizens in Aalborg Municipality*

1,82 persons/home is average for Aalborg Municipality. In 2011 the number was 1,95

*Citizens above 18 years:  
60,5% live as couples and  
39,5% as singles*

**There are 121.501 homes  
in Aalborg Municipality**

The most common  
building type in the  
municipality is  
apartment buildings

*in 2022 have been built  
254 detached houses,  
205 dense homes and  
668 apartments*

Detached houses in  
Aalborg Municipality  
are 151 m<sup>2</sup> (average)



## Some tendencies in housing development in Aalborg:

- Strong population growth is decreasing
- Urbanisation is continuing - apartments vs. detached houses
- Growing interest in finding new ways of living
- We want mixed urban areas



## About the population:

- Population above 80 years will grow with 60%
- More and more singles – new neighbourhood needs
- Growing interest in finding new ways of living
- Families with children seek small towns

A scenic view of a residential area. In the foreground, there's a street with several cars parked on the right side. The middle ground shows a row of houses with red roofs, some with solar panels. A large, green, hilly area covered in trees and bushes occupies the background. A tall, thin water tower stands on the right side of the hill.

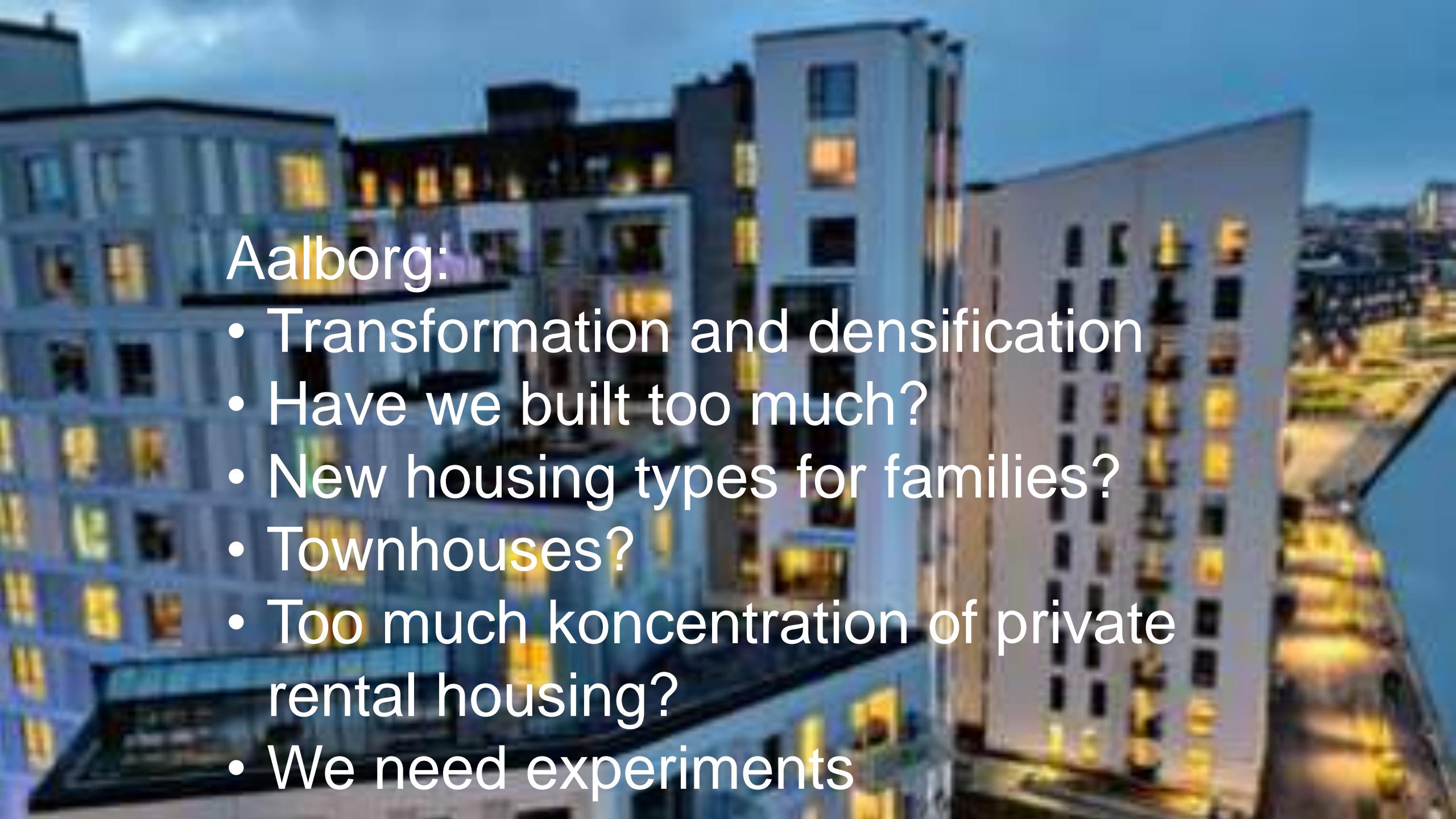
## Strategic vision:

- Diversity in housing types
- Balance between supply and demand
- mixed urban areas with social sustainability ('housing first')
- Sustainability (energy, materials/CO2, land use)

A photograph of a row of traditional European-style houses with red brick facades and red-tiled roofs. Some houses have dormer windows. In the foreground, several cars are parked along the street. The sky is clear and blue.

Target groups

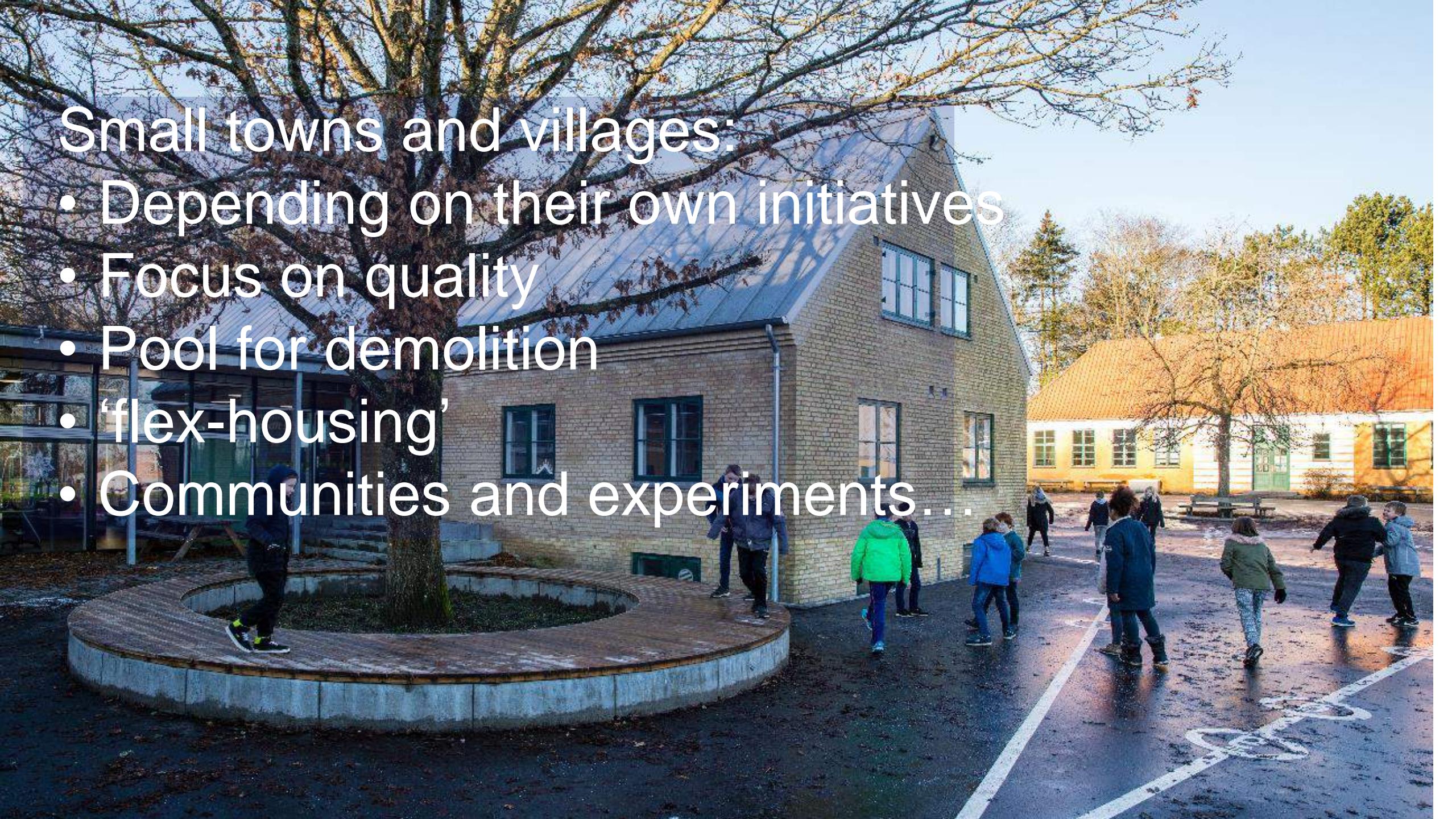
- 80+
- Seniors 60-70
- Families
- Singles



## Aalborg:

- Transformation and densification
- Have we built too much?
- New housing types for families?
- Townhouses?
- Too much koncentration of private rental housing?
- We need experiments

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- ## Hinterland towns:
- Transition and densification
  - New detached houses
  - Facilities for elderly are crucial
  - Housing for singles



## Small towns and villages:

- Depending on their own initiatives
- Focus on quality
- Pool for demolition
- ‘flex-housing’
- Communities and experiments...



## Actions and experiments

- Money from DK2020 – reduction of CO2 and create more social sustainability
- 3 'wicked' housing problems – (Housing Laboratory):
  - A need for more *diversity in housing types* to meet different kinds of housing needs – from different families and contexts
  - A need to *take care of our resources* and to build and live in more sustainable ways: fewer m<sup>2</sup>, more sharing, reuse etc.
  - A need for our housing to *support cohesion* – avoid 'parallel societies' and loneliness, highlight neighbourliness and common areas

-> Analysis of *housing preferences 2023* – potential group homes (about 50% are more or less interested)

-> Identify Aalborg *eksperiments\**, ownerships and housing types: what, where, how...???

-> Support *development of relevant new housing types* in speciel case-areas?

-> Support *sustainable housing* – for example in the housing sector

\*we have special curiosity for:

- Cooperative building and housing – fx learning from Tübingen
- Circular housing and construction
- Tiny houses – on/off grid
- Houseboats





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