



Aerial view with the strategic site

CATEGORY urban/architectural

LOCATION Kvarteret Lasarettet, Simrishamn
POPULATION city 6 500, municipality 19 400
STRATEGIC SITE 7 ha
PROJECT SITE 2,5 ha
SITE PROPOSED BY the municipality of Simrishamn
OWNER OF THE SITE the municipality of Simrishamn

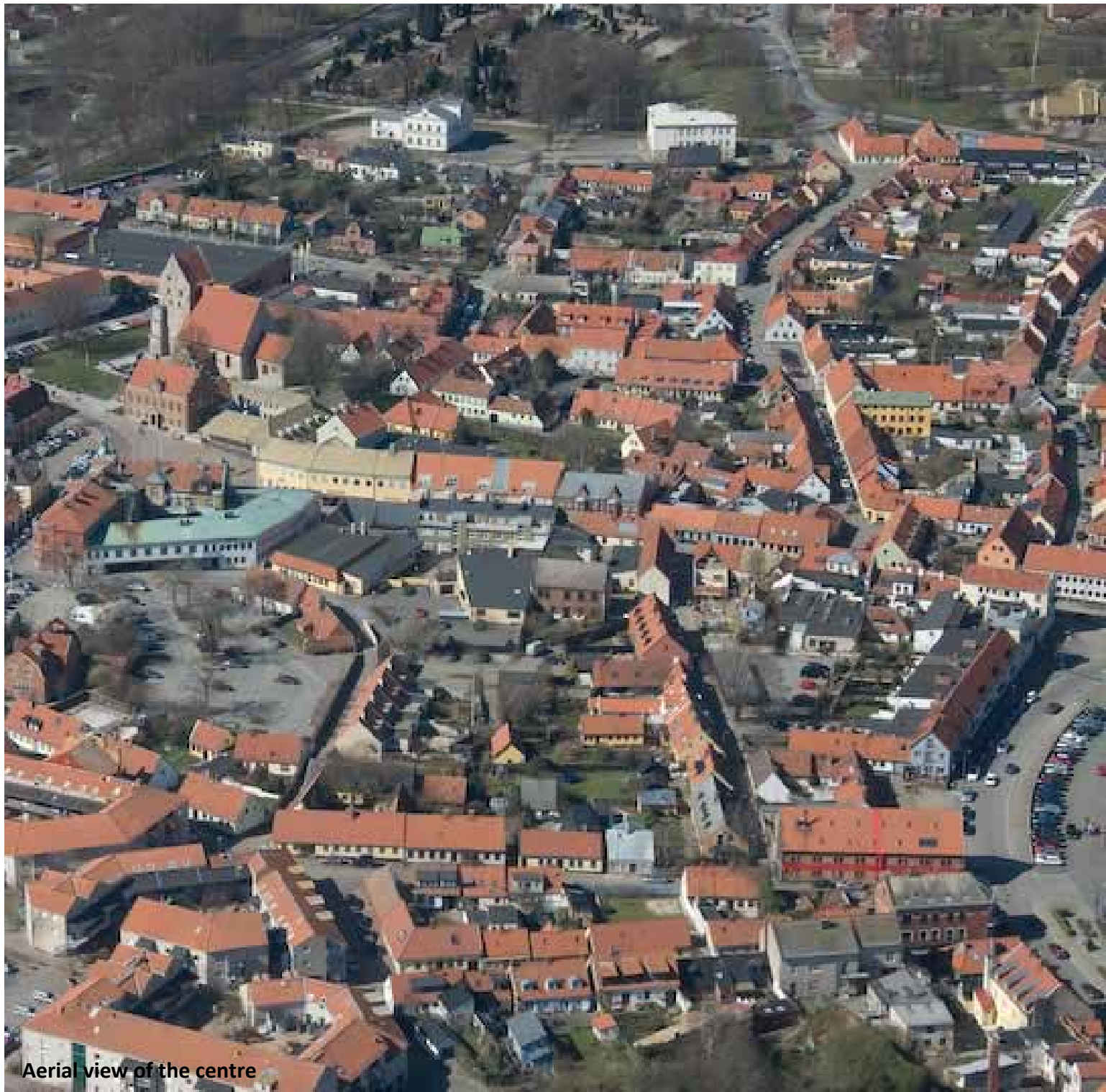
COMMISSION AFTER THE COMPETITION
Detail planning commission. Design development commission.

TRANSFORMATION OF SITE

Simrishamn is a coastal town with a small, compact and picturesque structure. The town centre surrounds the main square, where many of the municipal facilities are located. The site is presently a park and located directly northwest of the town centre. The main goal of the competition is to develop a comparatively dense housing scheme with demarcated green qualities and sea contact that uses the existing characteristics of the town. Besides a residential buildings and green spaces, it should provide good public spaces and be well integrated in the local communication network in terms of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic.

CITY STRATEGY

Simrishamn is the principal town in the region of Österlen, with a very strong historical and cultural presence. It is one of the most attractive regions for tourism in Sweden, which is a vital part of the local economy. Thus the city must be an attractive place both for permanent residents as well as for a larger number of summer visitors. A development of the competition site must extend and reflect the character of the town centre, as well as providing contemporary architecture and a standard of living of high quality.



Aerial view of the centre



Aerial photo with the project site

SITE DEFINITION

The site has clearly defined borders. The Baltic Sea to the east is the starting point of the settlement and provides the town with a small-scale harbour. By the shoreline is a continuous recreational zone. The south-eastern part of the site is bordering the old town structure. The areas west and north of the site consist mostly of single-family houses and allotment gardens. There are two larger public buildings within the strategic site, just south of the main project area, that needs to be preserved. All buildings within the project site may be demolished with the exception of the beach pavilion in the south east part of the project site.

NEW MOBILITY

The municipality has a clear ambition to densify the city in order to avoid sprawl and to create a structure that promotes pedestrian and bicycle transportation to best utilize of the possibilities of a small town. One of the main roads to the town centre crosses the competition site, and its structure and exact location must be studied carefully.

NEW WAYS OF LIFE

The project site offers an attractive setting that must be seen in conjunction with the adjacent town centre. One of the main competition tasks is to utilize qualities in the existing town centre, let them spread into the new development, combining these with all the possibilities a contemporary urban structure may offer.

NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The proposals must meet both requirements of an ecologically sound development as well as of economically sustainable investments. The new development must carry its own costs balancing project costs with revenue from the property. The ground is presently at a low level, and must probably be raised in order to avoid flooding. The main project area is currently a park, and together with the eminent and vital recreational coast strip that is also part of the site, this should make a good foundation for letting green and coast near qualities permeate the project site.



The edge of the site towards Tommarpsån



The church and townscape



The project site



The public promenade



The main road passing through the site