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DO YOU SEE THE POTENTIAL OF THE SUBURB?

Photo: The main square in Islev - the meetingpoint for the local residents

KATEGORI Urban/territoriel

LOCATION Islev, Rødovre, Denmark
POPULATION 36,000 (Municipality of Rødovre) / 5,500 (Islev District)
STUDY SITE 191 ha
PROJECT SITE 17 ha
SITE PROPOSED BY Municipality of Rødovre
OWNER(S) OF THE SITE Municipality of Rødovre and other owners

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION
Depending on the competition entries received, the Municipality of Rødovre intends to offer the winners the chance to further develop the proposed urban concept or to design sub-elements.

Do you see the potential of the suburb?
Islev flourished thanks to the dream of the good life outside the crowded city.
Some 50 years have passed since then, and as society has changed, new agendas are taking over. You will help us breathe new life into Islev – by making clear which dreams can still be achieved, which need to be updated to life in the future, and which new dreams can be added.
The main challenge of the brief is to realise the suburb's potential in the centre of Islev, where everyday life takes place and unpretentiousness is the premise.

The municipality's vision
The expected circle railway around Copenhagen will breathe new life into the suburbs, and from this perspective the municipality's ambition is to renew Islev's identity in order to reinforce its attractiveness for current and future residents.

Islev is situated in the northern part of Rødovre on the edge of the centre of Greater Copenhagen between the metropolis' crowded, vibrant urban life and the openness and birdsong of the less populated areas of the city. Islev is currently a suburban district characterised by very distinct areas of houses with gardens, allotments and commercial buildings. Major roads pass and intersect the district. The central part of Islev is home to important local functions but does not currently have any strength or drawing power with which to create structure and attraction.

The municipality's vision for the project site is to become the natural heart of Islev with a strong local profile that provides the entire district with a functional, identity-boosting lift. Islev must be strengthened as a local community with a rich everyday life where people live close to all the basic amenities of daily life as well as cultural and leisure facilities.

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The project site is currently a complex spatial area which is situated alongside and on both sides of central roads in Islev.
The existing functions are as follows:
(a) intersected by motorway; housing and small businesses
(b) shops and housing
(c) school, sports facilities, swimming pool
(d) retirement/care homes and businesses
(e) former governmental institution
in addition to the regional traffic route, Slotsherrensvej, and the local distributor road, Islevbrovej.

What are the key challenges of the brief?
The project site is centrally located in Islev. At the moment it is a complex area with different functions but lacks any clear hierarchy, cohesion or contrast.
In order to improve all of Islev's existing urban structure, development needs to be kick-started in the project site and the urban environment's functions, form and individuality need to be defined and developed.
The municipality would like:
– strong, original proposals for the development of the suburban environment in Islev;
– proposals for how the project site can be put in a strategic context, focusing on links to and from the area, including the connection to the expected light rail;
– proposals for how an identity-creating character can be added to and cultivated in the project site, as well as proposals for functions/activities, including sustainable improvement of the retail presence;
– the idea and concept of the project to be set out using selected relief models for the project site and at a minimum with proposals for the project site's new focal point(s);
– proposals for a logical sequence of events for the implementation of the project and a clear strategy for kick-starting the process.

New mobility in the suburb
New mobility in Islev should help to bring people through the area in the right way. It is vital to ensure access, safe accessibility for all, and guiding lines and attraction points which can improve the links must be created.
The expected light rail around Copenhagen will run close to Islev, and it is key to define the role that a new, efficient public transport route can play in the project site.

Meeting places and new urban life in the suburb
New meeting places and activities must be created in Islev.
Interesting functions in addition to reassuring and inclusive frameworks for everyday life must in future attract people, both residents and non-residents alike.

Sustainability of the suburb
Social sustainability is an important resource in Rødovre. There must be proximity and accessibility to service functions and urban spaces. The urban environment must encourage a sustainable lifestyle and be attractive in a way, so that both residents and non-residents actually want to use it.

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Photo: Motorway 3 runs through Islev (photo is taken just north of the study area).



Photo: Islevbrovej seen from Islev Square.



Photo: The projectarea seen from west towards east with the center of Copenahgen in the background.

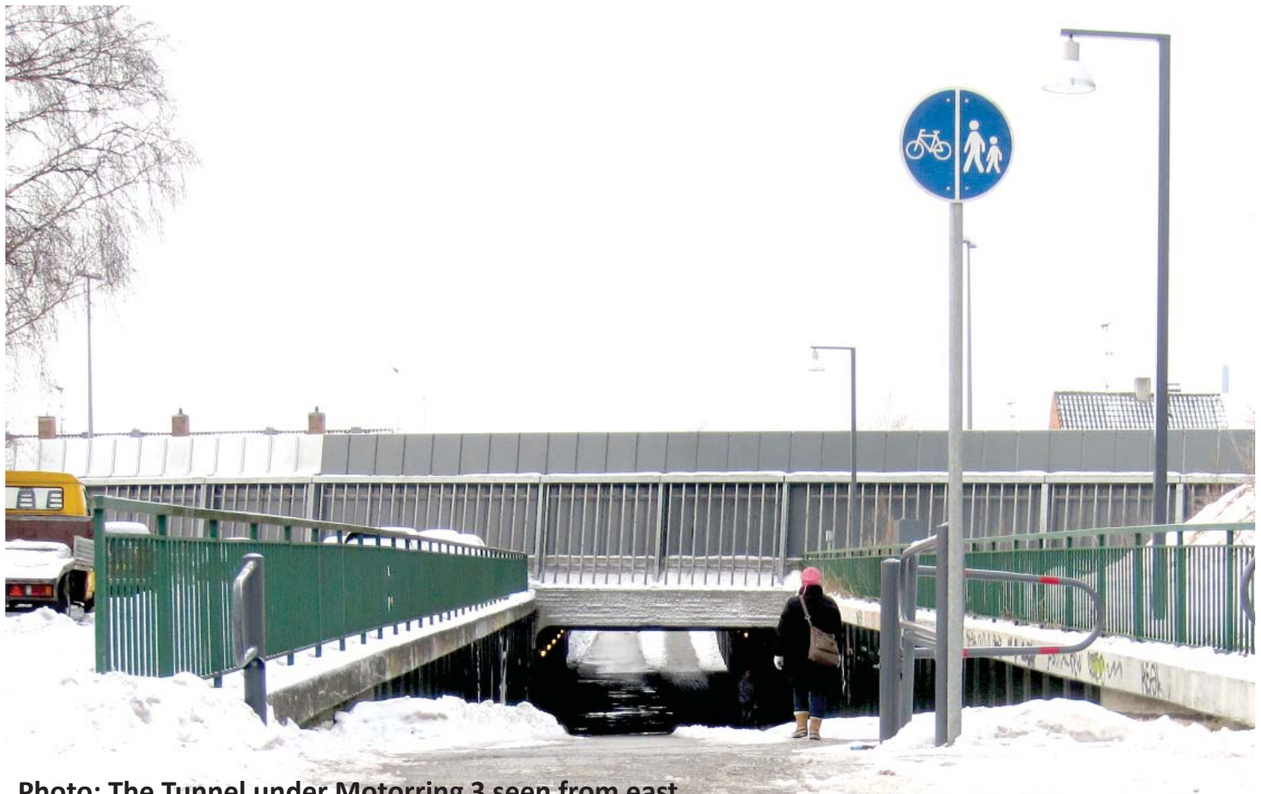


Photo: The Tunnel under Motorring 3 seen from east.



Photo: A part of Islev school.



Photo: Roundabout on Islevbrovej. The school of Islevs areas on the left.



Photo: Slotsherrensvej (approx. 20 000 cars/day). Far left Islevbrovej.