



City	Ørestad / Copenhagen
Location	Ørestad South
Population	Expected 10,000 residents and 20,000 employees
Study site	50 ha
Site of project	0.96 ha

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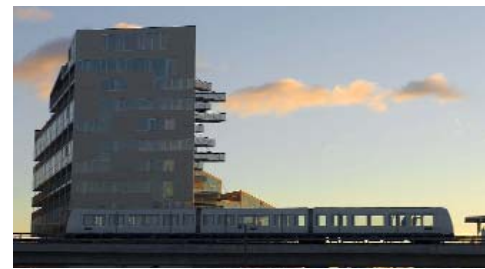
Ørestad South is the newest and most ambitious town development area in Copenhagen and the competition site is one of the most interesting building sites in the area. The competition site will be developed from an architectural approach focusing on mixed-use facilities: interplay between functions, transitions to surrounding urban spaces and the design of inner courtyards. The surrounding urban space should be included as a generator for a well functioning urban life and the building should relate to the surroundings. The City of Copenhagen and Ørestad Development Corporation focus on accessibility and sustainability. Entrants are therefore requested to consider how city spaces and courtyards can be made accessible to everyone without detracting from urbanity, architecture and design. Moreover schemes should describe how the building corresponds with the general vision of Ørestad South and how new types of outside spaces can be integrated.

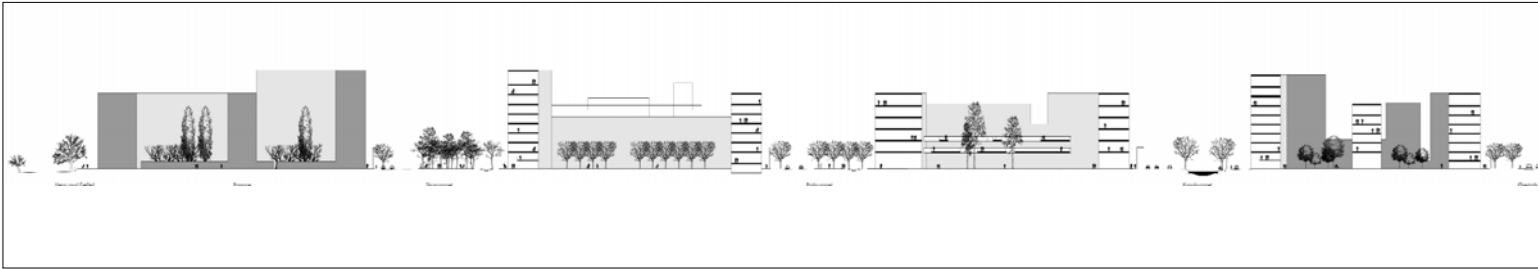
TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Ørestad measures 5 km x 600 m and is located adjacent to a protected common and close to main traffic facilities.

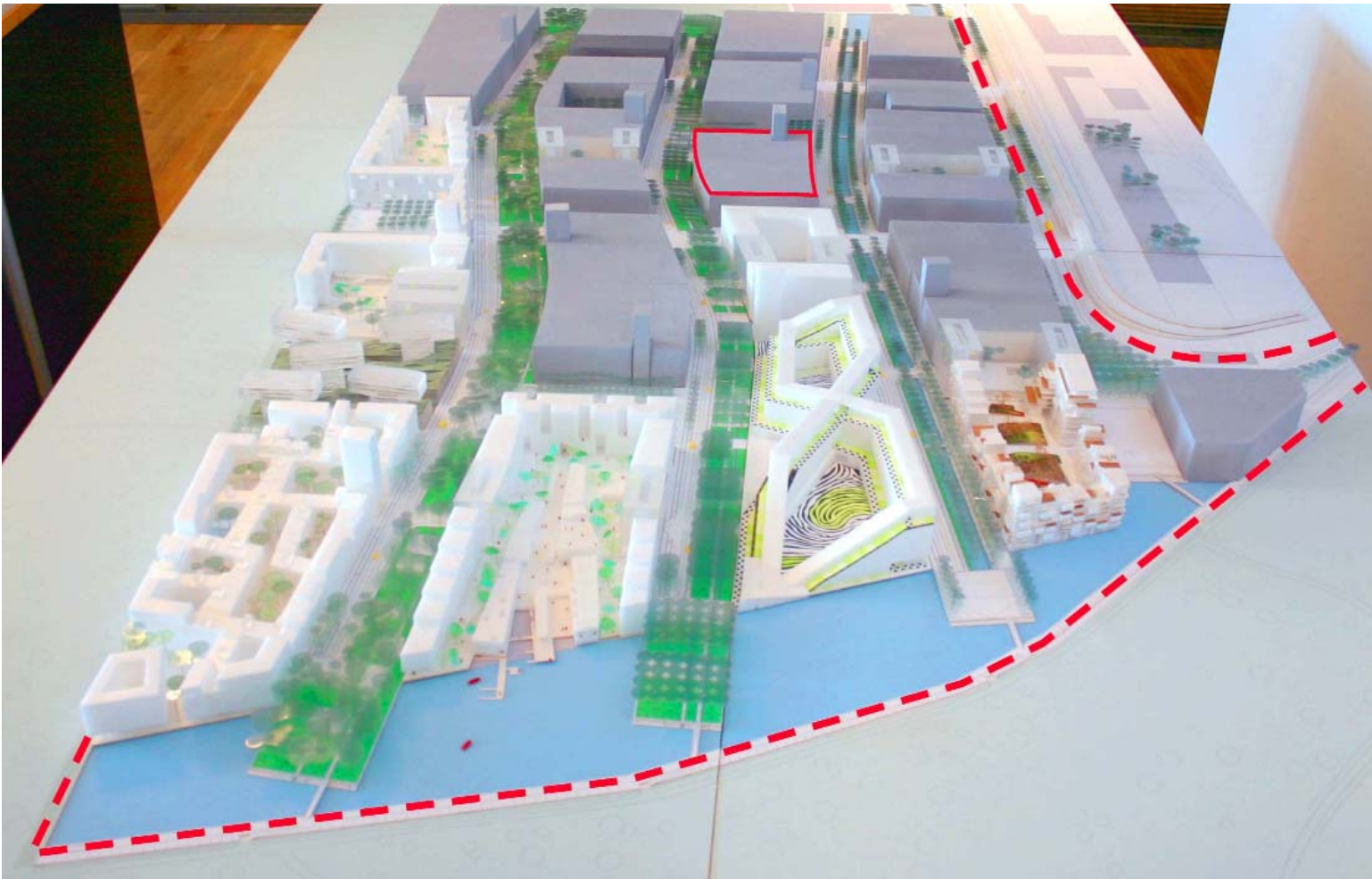
The four districts of Ørestad are divided by green areas and connected by lakes, canals, water basins, Ørestad Boulevard and Copenhagen Metro.

Copenhagen aims for developing an international city and Ørestad plays a crucial role. Copenhagen is a 'young' city, with enthusiasm for the spectacular and individual housing in Ørestad. Ørestad is in a process of development and attracts new housing and commercial buildings due to its accessibility and establishment of creative businesses.





Section west/east of possible design of buildings in Ørestad South. The housing should be designed individually with much variation and with intimate courtyards in contrast to the public urban spaces.



Model of the buildings to be commenced in 2007 illustrating variation possibilities in the buildings: One building is designed rigidly towards the square, one is designed as five dancing 't's, one is inspired from the dense medieval town, one has stairs to the lake with terraced housing in the inner courtyard, one is shaped as a bow comprising different types of functions, and one has varying building heights and different balcony designs.

URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

Ørestad South is projected for 1,2 mill. m2 floor area, equally distributed between housing and workplaces/services. The construction is scheduled to commence early 2007. The development of the city district will focus on shared urban facilities in public urban spaces and will be structured as a hierarchy of urban spaces. The form of the built-up area should contribute to the disintegration of scale in large building structures and make the buildings interesting to frequent, look at and work in.

Buildings, outdoor areas and landscapes must enter into an inspiring interplay with emphasis on urban transitions: relationship between the indoors and the outdoors of housing units, between ground floor areas and courtyards, and between urban spaces and adjacent landscapes.

Programmatic intentions:

Ørestad South must be characterised by a 'human scale', functional and architectural diversity, traffic structures catering for the needs of vulnerable road-users and plenty of outdoor activities and facilities.

PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

The site must be built with a floor area of 31,700 m2: 12,700 m2 housing and 19,000 m2 commercial facilities. Buildings must relate to the main street to the south and the district square to the north, along which ground floors must be used as shops or other open functions. Along the main street, housing should be integrated from the second floor and upwards. To the west is the Park Section with rigid tree patterns and activity fields. To the east is the Canal Section, which is similar to the canal areas, already established in the other Ørestad districts.

Programmatic intentions:

Entrants should submit specific proposals while arguing for who and what the building is aimed for: what kind of lifestyles and what types of businesses.



Possible design of buildings in Ørestad South illustrating the difference between the northern area containing large strokes and the southern area with diverse public urban spaces and intimate courtyards.



Protected Common



City life, Ørestad North



Courtyard and housing for students



Housing in Ørestad



Student housing in Ørestad



Open air cinema in urban park



Park Section to the west



Visualisation of lake area towards south



Visualisation of imagined housing



City life along the Ørestad Canal



Main Street to the south



City District to the north