

Report from site visit in Stavanger

The site visit in Stavanger was held April 22nd, 2015

The visiting teams were given an introduction to the region by Christine Haver, head of the regional planning office. Stein Racin Grødem, managing director of Forus Næringspark, shared information on the area of Forus. Marit Sletteberg Storli introduced the ongoing work with the common municipal plan and Ingrid Lerang Fossåskaret, from the city planning office in Stavanger talked about the perspective of Stavanger. Fieke Verschueren, project manager of Europan in the municipality of Stavanger, gave a short introduction to the Europan project site and task at hand.

The participants was given a guided electric bike tour of the conurban context, study area and project site by representatives from the municipality and Stein Racin Grødem.

Images from the site visit will be made available online with the following labels:

Project site: STAVANGER-NO-PS-P37 – P46

During the event, the following topics came up:

The Stavanger region has a high degree of labour immigration. Has there been made any studies on why people move to and stay in the region? What local qualities, except work, do they appreciate?

There has been some, but little communication between the local administrations and the immigrants that come to the region due to work. It is important, however, for the municipalities to find out how they can make the labour immigrants stay despite potential changes in the labour marked.

Housing

The housing market has flattened due to the drop in the oil prices, leading to some more vacant housing. On a general level, most inhabitants in the region own their home. Some companies offer housing for their employees. There are no exact numbers on the housing situation of the labour immigrants in the region.

Ownership:

Stavanger municipality owns the project site. The plots within the study area are owned partly by private investors and partly by Forus Næringspark. The private investors are waiting for the results of the ongoing work with the common municipal plan.

Parking:

Today, the offices in Forus can have 3.5 parking lots per 100m² office space. However, this will change into 1.2 parking lots per 100m² office space in the future. These numbers are specific for the area of Forus. The three municipalities, Stavanger, Sola and Sandnes, are working on a plan that will regulate the parking areas in Forus in the future.

The new public transport axis:

The local administration is currently working on plans for the bus lanes. The transport axis will have two lanes for busses, one for each direction. There will be no other traffic than busses along the new axis. Pedestrian and bicycles will also go along the axis. The design and width of the transport axis is not defined. The bridge over E39 is a part of this new transport axis. The section of the transport axis that turns north from the site called "Origo" will partly allow for car traffic, meaning only cars going to the specific properties along the axis.

Energy consumption:

The total energy consumption of the main building was 1217708 kWh in 2014 (499873 kWh from electric power and 717835 kWh from district heating).

The total energy consumption of the renovation building was 206155 kWh in 2014 (180977 kWh from electric power and 25178 kWh from district heating).