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p>Population

p>30.000 (town) / 70.000 (conurbation)

p>Location

p>Viaduktområdet

p>Study area

p>6 ha

p>Site area

p>3 ha

Theme

The intervention is to be conceived as a redefinition of the city limits, consolidating and extending the town to the north, involving a will to increase the urban intensity of the area. The new housing is to complement the present composition of dwellings in the area and to supply the existing neighbourhood with new types of apartments for partly new categories of tenants. The question of environmental sustainability will also have a high priority in the planning process.



Conurbation

Kristianstad was established in 1614 as a fortified town, the first in the nordic countries based on a renaissance plan, including an orthogonal grid and bastions. In the mid-1800s, the defensive ramparts were pulled down and the lake to the east of the fort was drained in order to create growth areas for the town. Kristianstad has since expanded like a concentric ripple out of the small historic town centre.

The municipality is an old trading town, housing many small companies.

Site

North of the 19th century town, a new residential and business area was built along the railway during the 20th century. Here, on the edge of town, the site is located. It's within walking distance from the centre and the accessibility to commercial and public services is very good. The south-western part of the site comprises today municipal workshops and storage, while the northern and eastern parts contain residential housing, mainly with middle sized apartments, to a large extent occupied by elderly people.



Programme

The aim of the competition is to develop housing buildings with small, attractive, practical and accessible apartments, primarily targeted at young and old people, and with reasonably priced rents. The new buildings can be situated on the site for municipal works, but can also be integrated within the existing housing area, which is mainly owned by the municipality housing company. A total of about 150 new rental apartments are planned for the site with block heights from four to eight storeys; mainly two and three-room dwellings. The expansion of the area should be able to be undertaken in stages.

Issues

functional: Innovative solutions adapted to the needs of young and old people will be highly rated. The apartments should provide a good interface with the external environment. Special attention should be given to noise protection from the roads and from the railway, also providing for quiet outdoor space.

social: In order to bolster the social life of the area, the dwellings should be planned in natural neighbourhood groups featuring proximity, ease of surveyance and no disturbance from the surrounding road links. It is of large importance that the needs of the elderly is considered also in the outdoor planning.

perceptual: Natural and environmentally friendly materials should be used. The apartments should have a healthy interior climate, be energy-efficient and durable, so economic running costs can be achieved over the long term.



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