

Report from site visit in Alta / E14

The site visit in Alta was held April 06th, 2017.

The 6 visiting participants were introduced to Alta, Bossekop and Skiferkaia by head of the municipal planning office, Hallgeir Strifeldt. Marianne Nielsen-Gschib, CEO of Alta Skifer, shared information on the area of Skiferkaia. Participants and representatives from the municipality was given a guided tour at Skiferkaia, in the buildings and at the remaining part of the project site.

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During the event the following topics came up:

Transformation:

Proposals for a mixed-use area at Skiferkaia should, when it comes to commercial programs, be aware of how production in Alta stands out in its larger context. Alta has several medium enterprises, which has more influence on a local economy than for instance the aquaculture further out in the Alta Fjord and the oil and gas industry in Hammerfest, these are more attached to global economics.

It is up to the participants to suggest a strategy of transforming Skiferkaia with its production facilities. The municipality emphasizes that Skiferkaia today is associated with slate industry and its history in Alta, and that it would be interesting to get different ideas on how this can be preserved.

The shipping port: currently there are no plans of transforming the area, it will continue to function as a shipping port. The site owners and the municipality are aware of the potential issues with noise and dust connected to shipping in the future development of Skiferkaia, but changing the shipping port will only be possible in years to come. It has not been decided what will happen to the small office building in this area.

Strandveien 40: Felleskjøpet is open for ideas on changing the building that today functions as a workshop and storage space for big vehicles and products.

The slate industry:

The slate quarries are situated approximately 20 km from Skiferkaia. Today the slate from the quarries is being processed at Skiferkaia, these operations will be moved to facilities inland. Slate that is being exported to the global market is being shipped off from Skiferkaia, slate that is being transported to other places in Norway is shipped from main harbor in Alta, Alta Havn.

Student housing:

The student organization at UIT is interested to get ideas on how the area with between Bossekop center and Skiferkaia can be developed with a maximum utilization of the plot programmed for student housing, apartments for sale and rent. Today there is about twelve families living in the student housing, the condition of the housing units is poor and considered to be demolished.

Technical specification on the harbor area:

The quay is constructed of slate fillings. The water depth around the quay is about 15 meter. The underwater ground mainly consists of sand, with exception of two areas that consists of clay. The weather conditions at Skiferkaia, and in Alta in general, provides guidelines in suggesting new functions at Skiferkaia. Alta has four months without snow.