URBAN PLANNING IN COPENHAGEN – Towards a Sustainable Future

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OUTLINE

- The Danish planning system
- Copenhagen, growth and strategy
- City challenges and developments
- Sustainability issues
THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING PROCES
- from strategy to municipal plan

2007
- Strategy
- Public hearing and debate

2008 – 2009
- Main structure
- Guidelines
- Framework for local planning
- Public hearing and debate
THE ØRESUND REGION
2.4 million inhabitants

COPENHAGEN
Greater Copenhagen region: 1.8 million inhabitants
City of Copenhagen: 510,000 inhabitants

MALMØ
Greater Malmø region: 600,000 inhab.
City of Malmø: 250,000 inhab.

Øresund Bridge
CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS
MORE COPENHAGENERS
EXPECTED 50.000 NEW INHABITANTS IN 2020
DEVELOPMENT IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG AND ELDERLY PEOPLE 1980 - 2024

NUMBER OF PEOPLE

20-29 Years

65 years +

+30%

-50%
COENHAGEN - THE THINKING CITY

Copenhagen Development Strategy 2007
Municipal Plan 2009

1. A city for everyone
2. A green capital
3. A dynamic city
4. A blue Copenhagen
Growth Management

- A total of 45,000 new apartments the next 25 years
- Phase plan
- High quality
- Low energy standards for all buildings in new urban districts
MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

INNER NORTH HARBOUR
3,700 DWELLINGS

CARLSBERG
2,500 DWELLINGS

VALBY
2,800 DWELLINGS

SOUTH HARBOUR
9,000 DWELLINGS

EASTERN AMAGER
7,400 DWELLINGS

ØRESTAD
10,000 DWELLINGS
REGIONAL LOCATION GUIDELINES

National Spatial Planning Act:
The Finger Plan (2007)
- Strong focus on traffic and environment
- Location of large office buildings, cultural buildings etc. max. 600 m from stations
NEW METRO
EXAMPLE: Ørestad City development

70% of employees at the Ferring Company use public transport
Traffic in the City of Copenhagen

1/3 commute by public transport

1/3 commute by car

1/3 commute by bicycle
NEW FACILITIES FOR RECREATION

The harbour bath 2004

Amager Beach Park 2005

New bicycle and pedestrian bridge 2006
Parking rules

2289 ton CO2 per year

= ca. 1% reduction of the total emissions in Copenhagen
Principle of proximity to stations:
2527 ton CO2 pr. år
= appr. 1% reduction of the total emissions in Copenhagen
EXAMPLE: Growth Management

- A total of 45,000 new apartments the next 25 years
- Phase plan
- High quality
- Diversity in inhabitants and ownerships

Legend:
- 1. del af planperioden (2009 - 2014)
- 2. del af planperioden (2015 - 2020)
- Perspektivområder (2021 -)
- Arealer i landzone
Thank you for your attention!