



## EUROPAN 10 SITE VISIT REPORT: KØBENHAVN MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>

A group of 8 people from both Denmark and abroad met in front of the 2 silos at the project site for the European 10 site of Copenhagen. To present the site was Rita Justesen, Chief Planner from By & Havn/Copenhagen City and Port Authority. Rita Justesen started out by explaining the aims of making a European competition in addition to the newly settled architectural competition for a larger area of Nordhavnen.

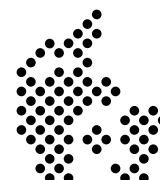
Nordhavnen will over the next 50 years develop into an integrated urban area, creating space for 40.000 new inhabitants and the same amount of workplaces. In order to manage this development, it is crucial to have a structural plan for the whole of Nordhavnen from which the development can be orchestrated, just as it is important to have lasting strategies for the development in relation to shifting external conditions - politically, societal and economically. The aim of organizing the Nordhavn competition was therefore to determine those overall parameters as well as getting a tangible building plan for the expansion of the Inner Nordhavnen with up to 900.000 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings.

A building plan of this size will, however, become quite principle. In the winning project "Nordholmene Urban Delta" by Cobe, Sleth and Rambøll, which will form the basis of the development, it is suggested that especially the stretches of quay facing south will be given a very urban character concerning the inner part and more of a landscape character the further one moves towards north.

The citizens of Copenhagen love life by the water and one of the visions for the new city quarter in Nordhavnen is that the citizens and users from all of Copenhagen get the maximum enjoyment out of the possibilities of the water and use it on a daily basis as a common public place for gathering.

The winning proposal has collages illustrating how active and attractive the quay areas (edges) can become, but without this being thoroughly worked through. Before the Municipality of Copenhagen can work out a local plan for the first stage of the development of Nordhavnen a further qualification and clarification of the Cobe project is necessary. This process takes place concurrent with the European competition period and there is therefore a possibility that the winning result of the European competition can supplement the final building plan for Nordhavnen.

The European competition is primarily a design project, where in the small scale the CC&PA ask for concrete proposals as how to design the quay/edge between land and water. We ask for both a strategy for the conversion of the stretches of quay turning these into interesting and eventful urban spaces and specifying the strategy in a concrete design for a stretch of promenade with outward oriented activities making on land/water in correlation to the characteristic existing buildings.



The development of Nordhavnen is of such proportions that over time many different advisors will be engaged in developing and designing parts of the new city quarter. It's this process that the European competition sets in motion.

It's therefore allowed for to challenge Cobes winning project "Nordholmene" and come up with completely different ideas of how to design and "furnish" the stretches of quay in Nordhavnen.

Some of the participants were interested in knowing more about the use of the Nordbassin and what can be built on the water. To this Rita Justesen explained that the water in Nordhavnen harbour is of bathing water quality. One exception is the filled up area in the innermost part of Nordbassinet, which is filled up with contaminated dredging materials from other harbour areas. In order to create the best possible conditions for a recreational environment in and around the basin, it has been considered to clean the whole of the basin.

That does, however, not change the fact that Nordbassinet at all times must be kept free from objects in the water that would take away the direct view and access to the sea, but participants can suggest modifying of edges and quays as well as water activities in continuation of the harbour edge.

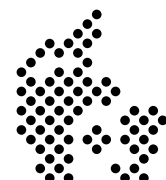
Rita Justesen also told that the two warehouses (with the green ports) most probably will be torn down in a couple of years, participants can suggest temporary activities for these buildings, but the major concern of the competition program is to design the edge.

Some participants also asked whether they should consider today's restrictions on the free harbour, but as Rita Justesen explained the free harbour will become smaller concurrently with the development of Nordhavnen and participants can therefore ignore these restrictions.

After the introduction of the site we all went to the top of the 2 silos with splendid views over the harbour of Copenhagen. While up there Rita Justesen told that it is the intention to renovate the silo and put more outward conditions into it like for example a restaurant at the top.

After the visit to the top of the silos, there were more individual discussions/questions. The answers to these questions can be found in the question/answer document which will be published at the European website by May 15<sup>th</sup> by the latest.

Since the area is closed for access in the evening, the CC&PA have taken a number of night pictures which have been uploaded to the European website.



Since a great number of the registered participants are from outside of Denmark. We list here below a number of links relating to maritime activity, history and architecture in Copenhagen, just to give you an impression of how life is lived by the water. We hope you'll find them useful.

The website for CC&PA

<http://www.nordhavnen.dk/nh2-english.htm>

Copenhagen X which communicates and discusses the development of Copenhagen

<http://www.cphx.dk/?language=uk#/34282/>

Municipality of Copenhagen

<http://kk.dk/english.aspx>

Some pictures of Copenhagen with water activities

<http://traveladventures.org/continents/europe/copenhagenwaterfront.shtml>

About the maritime history of Copenhagen

<http://copenhagenet.dk/CPH-History.htm>

A bar by the water, but the website is only in Danish

<http://www.halvandet.dk/>

Reference pictures from Copenhagen (text in Danish only)

<http://christianshavnet.dk/ChristianshavnLokalt/Kanalen.html>

Islands Brygge and the harbour bath

<http://www.cphx.dk/index.php?language=uk#/39263/>

<http://www.islands-brygge.com/>

The new city beach Amager Strandpark

<http://www.amager-strand.dk/ServiceMenu/English>

Another harbour bath called Copencabana by the shopping centre Fisketorvet

<http://www.aok.dk/byen-rundt/copencabana-havnebadet-ved-fisketorvet>

