# Architecture as heritage, conservation and history

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### **Background – Starting point**

The cultural heritage is a collective utility for citizens and of public interest in the building code. The focus is on detailed plan and how compensation is expressed when building take place in areas of **national important** due to its cultural values and architectural qualities. Approved changes can be regulated in detailed plans as conditions for the use of sites and guidelines for designing new buildings.

#### **Methods**

- Case studies: A selection of detailed plans in Gothenburg are investigated as case studies.
- Literature studies and concept analysis: A
  investigation based on a review of how
  (cultural) heritage are understood as part of
  ecosystem services.
- European Symposium: ten international researchers will be invited to a symposium for paper presentation followed by proceeding.

### **Selection principles**

From 39 detailed plans (DP) to 8 cases of exploitation in areas of national important for their valuable heritage

- 1. DP should reflect current planning practice
- 2. DP should include significant impact on the cultural values in areas of national important
- 3. DP should concern new buildings and additions in both the city centre and outer areas
- 4. DP should include exploitation in different types of heritage of national important

#### **Case studien**

- 1: Housing and spaces for business at Styrsö
- 2: Student housing in Guldheden
- 3: Housing and expansion of University
- 4: Student housing in Lindholmen
- 5: Housing in Majorna
- 6: Housing and spaces for business in city centre
- 7: Expansion of City library
- F 8: Demolition or conservation in Skeppsbron
- The eight detailed plans include five different types of area of national important in Gothenburg

### **Compansation – policy in Gotbenburg**

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### What is compensation?

In the literature compensation in planning processes may be:

- 1. A tool; The Environmental Code provide rules the make it possible to claim compensation for intervention in valuable environments, nature and heritages. Regulation of land use by law (national level)
- 2. Method: a planning method (balancing principle) in municipalities to replace lost values connected to exploation (local level)
- 3. Measures: concrete actions in planning process aimed at reconstruct of values and qualities (project level)

### **Cultural compensation**

- Definition of heritage compensation in DP:
- There must be a
  - (a) plan assignment that,
  - (b) include an exploitation, which
  - (c) has or can have a negative impact on the cultural values in the area according to key actors, which
  - (d) leads to the revision of detailed plan proposals or changes of rules for the land use and building design on the site

When a,b,c d is met then we have compensation as cultural masseurs in the planning and designing process for DP

### **Compensation in detailed plans:**

- problem solving, method, measures, tool
- Compensation as problem solving is about eliminating obstacles from key actors to proposed plan. (project level)
- Compensation as method makes the land (site) available for building by balancing interests. (project level – local level)
- Compensation as measures can be reconstruction of damage values or/and administrative changes in detailed plans and their descriptions. (project level)
- Compensation as tool is expressed in terms of detailed regulation of architecture and aesthetic guidelines steering new building design. (project level-local level)

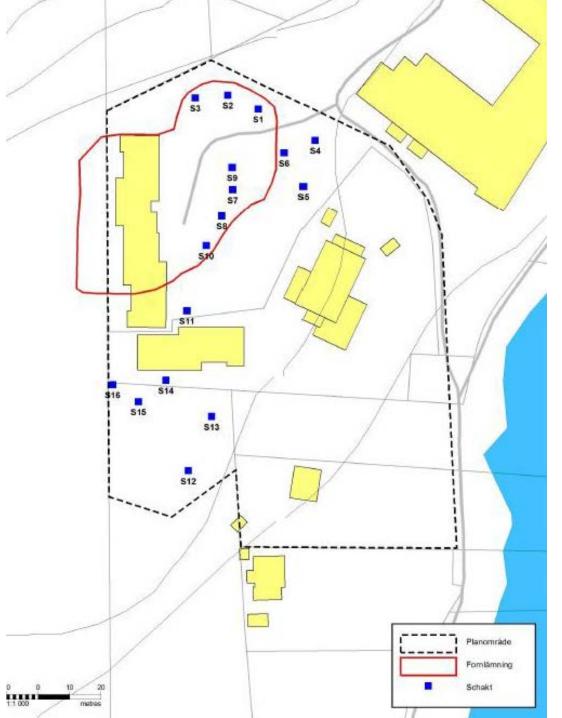
### Case 1 - Styrsö

## Construction of new building and demolition of buildings in Styrsö.

- New housing (50 homes)
  - single family house
  - multi-family house
- Rebuilding of existing house for old people
- Space for Exhibition
- Demolition of two buildings of the site

#### **Compensation actions:**

- Detailed rules for appropriate designing for additional building and rebuilding
- 2. Revision of detailed plan added with cultural values on the site









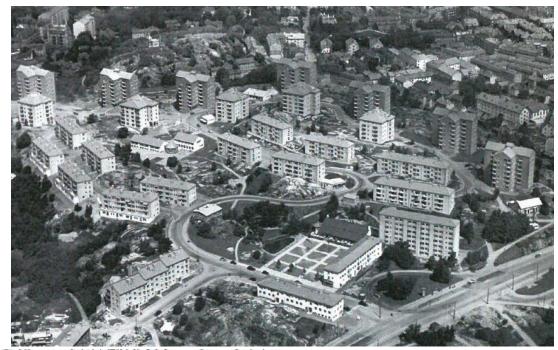


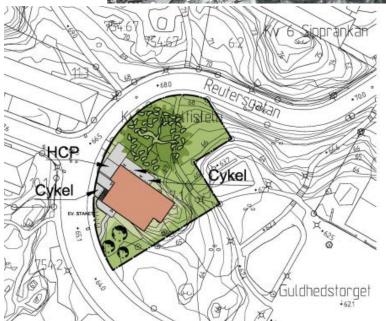
#### Case 2 - Norra Guldheden

- New housing for students (50-55 apartments, 7 floor)
- Location in the park
- Demolition of existing building on the site

#### **Compensations actions**

- Revision of the detailed plan with cultural values and architectural qualities
- 2. Design requirements for architectural design
- 3. Reduction of building volume (40 apartments, 6 floor)
- 4. Replanting of oaks and renovation of park bench
- 5. Antiquarian control in the construction phase













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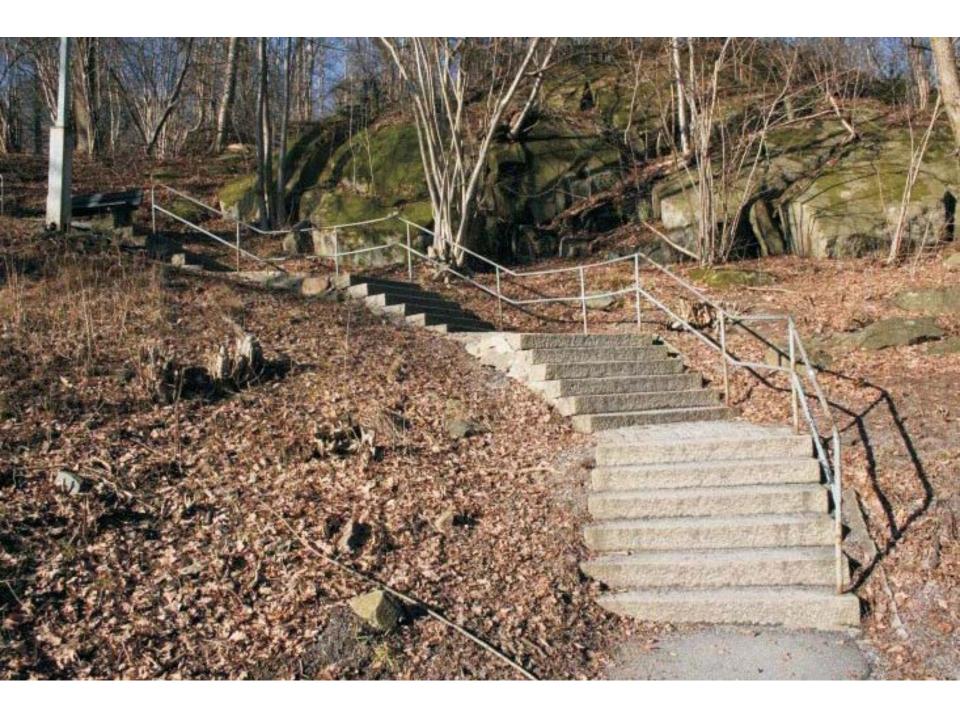
### Case 3 – Housing

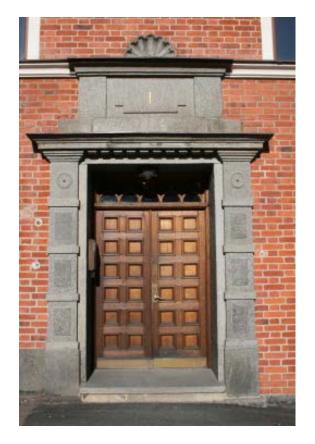
- New Housing at the Carlanders site (115 apartments).
- Exploitation of green area

#### **Compensation actions**

- Revision of detailed plan with cultural values and architectural qualities in the area.
- 2. Limitation of area for new building in the park
- 3. Aesthetic guidelines for new housing
- 4. Protection of natural and cultural values through planning regulations (foundation for the Gothenburg exhibition of 1923, protection of bird biotopes)
- 5. Compensation masseurs at site (clearing at viewpoints, benches / lighting / trash bin, reuse of natural stone, new staircase, removed trees must be saved to the benefit of birds in the area

















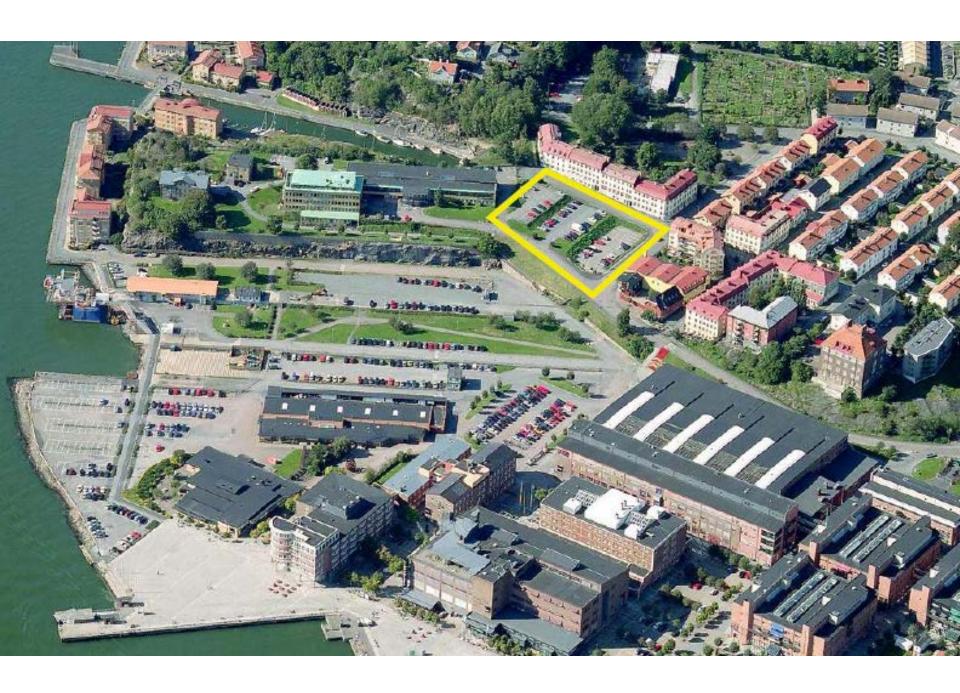


### Case 4 – Student housing at Lindholmen

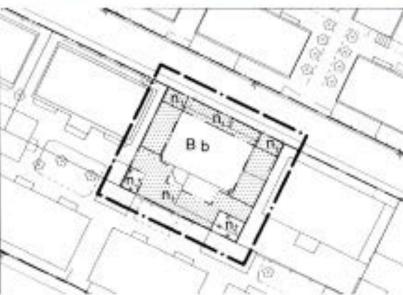
- Design developer competition (175 apartments, 4-5 floor)
- Implementation of winning design in the detailed plan

#### **Compensation actions**

- Revision of the detailed plan with cultural values and architectural qualities
- 2. Aesthetic guidelines to the developer (recommendation)
- 3. Detailed demands in the detailed plan for steering the new architectural design (facade roof window entrance)
- 4. Terrace of the roof because dark yard and apartments
- 5. New staircase to object from former shipbuilding in order to keep in touch with a part of heritage of national important

















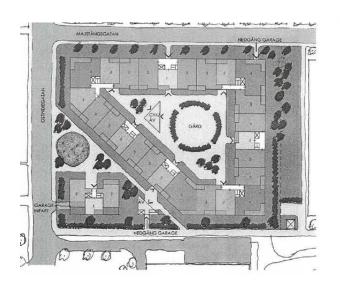
### **Case 5 - Housing i Majorna**

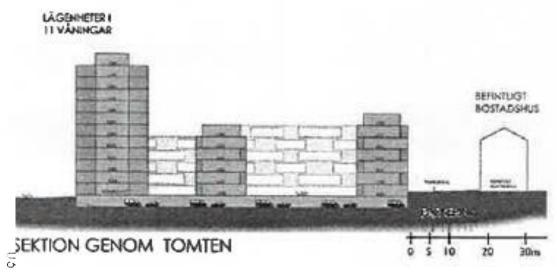
- New multi-family housing in Majorna (140 apartments, 4-5 floor)
- Location: Close to tram station/work place

#### **Compensation actions:**

- 1. Revision of detailed plan with cultural values and quality in architecture and urban design
- 2. Aesthetic guidelines for architectural control of the new housing
- Detailed design demands in the detailed plan (facade, color, roof, window, balcony + "silence side"
- 4. Barriers close of the housing to minimize noise from trams
- New space for parking when the land is being used for construction







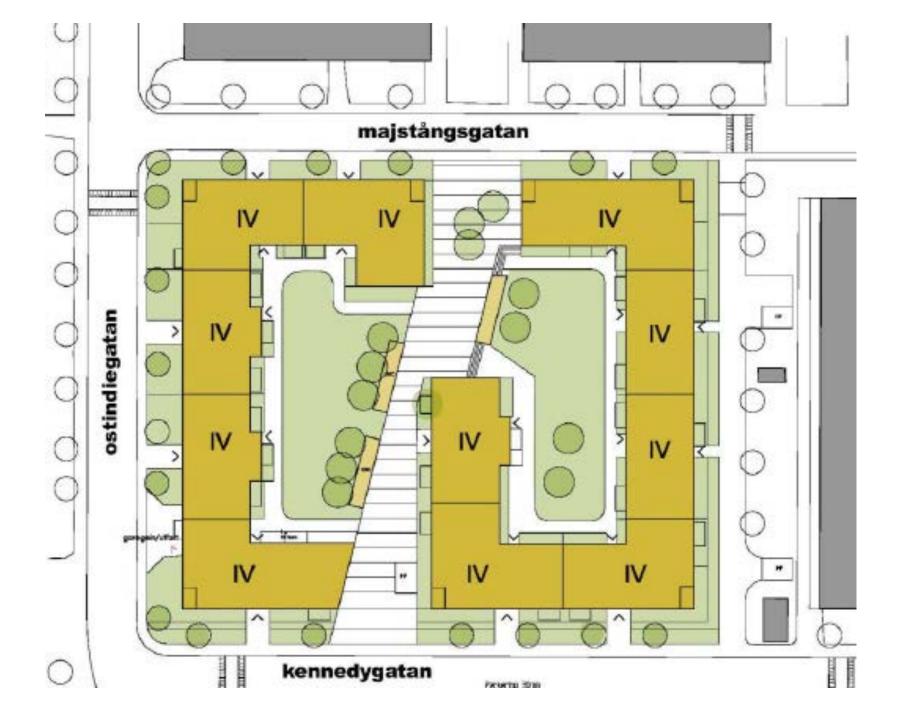














### **Case 6 - Housing and space business**

- Housing (9 apartments) and space for business
- Location: Close to an old part of Gothenburg at Kronhuset

#### **Compensation actions:**

- Revision of detailed plan with cultural values and architectural qualities
- Architecture demands in the detailed plan (facades, color, appropriate design)
- Protection of of the street/public space through demands in the detail plan
- Changes of house design in order to get new sight lines towards defense wall behind the site















## **Case 7 - Extension of library**

- New space for the library
- Implementation of winning projects in parallel assignments
- Overlook protection

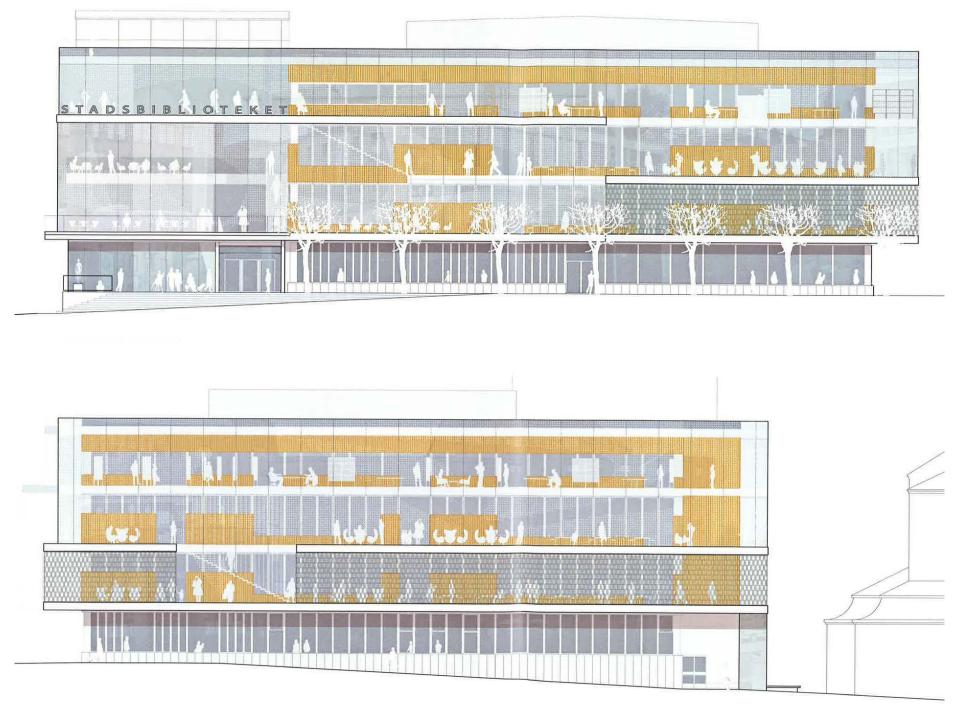
#### Compensation actions:

- 1. Revision of the detailed plan with cultural values and architecture qualities + appendix describing values and qualities
- 2. Aesthetic guidelines linked to the detailed plan by rules
- 3. Two statues are moved into new location due to the expansion
- 4. Detailed demand for the design in the detailed plan including protection of new facades
- 5. New protection of interior design and floor layout







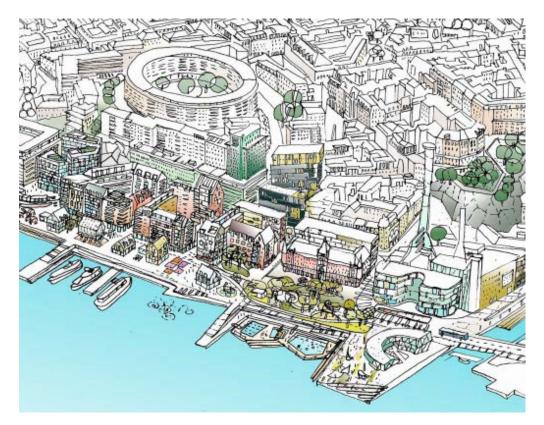


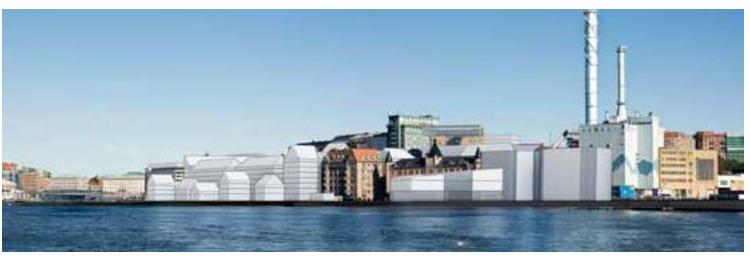
### Case 8 – Demolition vs conservation

- Urban design project close the river (former harbor)
- Planning for the demolition and/or conservation of the two historically important buildings in the area

#### **Compensation actions:**

- Revision of the detailed plan with cultural values and architectural qualities
- 2. Prohibition of demolition in the detailed plan (both buildings)
- 3. New rules for conservation and careful maintenance of the building in the detailed plan (both buildings)
- 4. Combine change of roof with prohibition of demolition (one building)
- 5. Showroom in building as a replacement for demolition of a minor part of the defense wall (protected object)































## **Findings**

- 1. Investigations of the cultural values in the area (identify values and qualities)
- 2. Revision of the detailed plan with values and qualities (improve dp as document for decision)
- 3. Compensation measures when nature is damaged (applying local guideline)
- 3. General demand new buildings have to fit on the site (building design should reflect values and qualities)
- 4. Specific design architectural demands for new construction and protection of cultural values in detailed plans (quality control by law)
- 5. Aesthetic guidelines for steering additional housing (Demands on architects and developers)
- **6. Antiquarian control during construction** (quality control by agreement

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