



UNION OF THE BALTIC CITIES

Commission on Urban Planning

Invites you to the next seminar

Sustainable urban growth – from within

9th - 12th September 2009 in Linköping, Sweden

The UBC Commission on Urban Planning and the City of Linköping warmly invite you to attend the Commission's next seminar and annual meeting in Linköping on 9th-12th September 2009.

The theme for the seminar is “*Sustainable urban growth – from within*”, a highly topical subject which is of great importance to all urban planners everywhere. It involves both social, economic and environmental aspects. The seminar's theme will be reflected in the lectures and in the workshops.

The seminar will be held at the hotel Radisson Blu, which is situated on the square right in the city centre of Linköping. This is also where we recommend you to stay – we have booked rooms at a discounted price. The programme for the seminar includes a guided walk through the historic city centre. We will also be taking a trip to our twin city, Norrköping, to see the very special “industrial landscape” - also known as Sweden's Manchester.

We have invited several interesting lecturers to the seminar who are experts in the field of sustainable development. One of the lectures will be on the new eco-friendly development district in Stockholm – Hammarby Sjöstad, which has been given considerable international attention. Other lecturers who have been invited to the seminar will talk about sustainable green cities and on sustainable transport systems.

Linköping planners will describe work aimed at making the city more compact and densely built, and how new development areas are planned so as to get optimal effect from rapid and frequent public transport routes, and how cycling is promoted in these areas. Some of the seminar's participants will have the opportunity to make short presentations on interesting projects from their home cities in the field of sustainable urban planning.

Both workshops focus on how Linköping can become a more densely built city in a way which is sustainable and which does not encroach on the city's charm. One of the workshops deals with how to link up the present city centre on the west side of the river Stångån with a new area for city centre extension on the east side of the river. The other workshop poses the question of how to physically connect the University to a housing district which is isolated from the University and from the rest of the city.

A registration form is enclosed. We wish to receive your registration by 24th August. Please note that you must book the hotel room by the latest 10th August in order to get a discount.

We really look forward to seeing you in Linköping!

Sirpa Kallio

Chairperson of the UBC
Commission on Urban Planning

Lars Hågbrandt

Head of environmental and urban planning department
City of Linköping



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Preliminary program
Seminar in Linköping
9th-12th September 2009

Theme "Sustainable urban growth - from within"

*Seminar and accomodation: hotel Radisson Blu,
Stora torget, Linköping*

Workshops on the theme "Sustainable urban growth - from within"

1. *City centre development and a new railway station.* How can the new development area east of the river Stångån, which includes a new railway station, be linked to the present day city centre?
2. *An "isolated" housing area and a University campus on the outskirts of the city.* How can the housing area Ryd be a better integrated part of the city and be linked to the University? How can the housing area Ryd be joined to the University campus? How can the campus and Ryd be developed so that they can be more integrated parts of the city?

Preliminary program

Wednesday 9th September

19.00 Informal "get-together" buffé at hotel Radisson Blu

Thursday 10th September

8.30 **Registration**

9.00 Welcome speeches by Lars Hågbrandt, head of environmental and urban planning department, and Muharrem Demirok, head councillor responsible for planning.
Mrs Sirpa Kallio, Chairperson of the Commission on Urban Planning

9.15-9.45 Lecture
General information about planning in Linköping, structure plan for the twin cities Linköping and Norrköping,
Karin Elfström, head of department for structure planning

9.45-10.15 **Coffee break**

10.15- 11.15 Lecture
Sustainable cities require sustainable transport systems,
Christer Ljungberg, Trivector Consultants

11.15-12.00 Introduction to the theme " Sustainable urban growth – from within"

12.00-13.00 **Lunch**

13.00-14.00 Guided tour of the city, starting at the city square (Stora torget)
Gunnar Elfström, City historian and expert on Linköping

14-16 Coach to see workshop sites
Afternoon coffee will be served somewhere along the route.

16-18 Workshops

18-19.30 Free time

19.30 **Reception and dinner** at Munkkällaren, hosted by the City of Linköping.
The mayoress Ann-Chatrine Hjerdt welcomes everybody to the City hall.

Friday 11th September

- 8.15-8.45** Lecture
Local development framework (structure plan) for the city of Linköping, with sustainability at the forefront,
Jonathan Turner, city planner
- 8.45-9.05** Lecture
Djurgården – a planned new sustainable urban district in Linköping,
Michael Porath, city planner
- 9.05-9.45** Presentations of examples from other countries. See “Useful information”
- 9.45-10.15** **Coffee break**
- 10.15-11.00** Lecture
Hammarby Sjöstad, Malin Olsson, City of Stockholm,
- 11.00 -11.45** Lecture
The compact city is both dense and green,
Alexander Stähle, Royal Institute of Technology
- 12.00-13.00** **Lunch**
- 13.00-16.00** Workshops
Coffee will be available
- 16.00** Coach to Norrköping.
Guided tour on foot of the industrial landscape, Sweden’s Manchester.
- 19.00** **Dinner in Norrköping**

Saturday 12th September

- 8.30-10.00** Workshops – final touches to the workshop proposals
- 10.00-10.15** **Coffee break**
- 10.15-11.30** Workshop presentations. Discussions and questions.
- 11.30-12.00** Short presentation about next seminar and closing words.
- 12.00** **Lunch**

WORKSHOPS

The city council's ambition is that the Linköping of the future will have a denser and more compact urban structure compared with that of today. This ambition is linked to goals for improvements in public transport systems and services, for better integration into society of people with different backgrounds, and for a safer city for the citizens. Both the workshops deal with how Linköping can be built more densely and compact in a sustainable and attractive way.



Workshop 1: The city centre extends over the river

Background

A new high speed railway line is being planned between Stockholm and Gothenburg, the so called Götalandsbanan. The planning perspective for this project is the year 2020.

Linköping will become an important communications centre and there are great expectations that the high speed railway will spark off extensive city and regional development. A new railway station, which will be an important centre for regional and local travel, is planned on the eastern side of the river Stångån. This is a new locality and means a big change in the city with regards to the city centres localization in relation to the site of the railway station. The present railway station can be used for new purposes. A new city development area is planned in the vicinity of and surrounding the new railway station, an area which will be characterized by dense city-centre building with a mixture of dwellings, offices, shops, restaurants etc. The river, which today is a poorly utilized feature in the city, can be developed and become a great attraction in the future Linköping.

The city's ambition is that the present day railway station will be used for different cultural activities, and will be included in a planned cultural and sports orientated zone in the city. The zone will stretch from the area which includes the existing library, conference centre, museum, and theatre, and be extended to include the present day railway station, together with a new city park, the ice-hockey and entertainments building Cloetta Center, and a new football stadium east of the river.

The task

How can the area of the cultural and sports orientated zone west of the river, which includes the park in front of the present railway station (Järnvägsparken), the street opposite the railway station (Järnvägsavenyn), and the present railway station building, be linked to the area of the zone on the eastern side of the river which includes the new city park, Cloetta

Center, and the new development area surrounding the new railway station? And how can the riverside environment be developed?

Workshop 2: The University and Ryd

Background

The University of Linköping has about 26 000 students and three campuses. The biggest campus lies on the outskirts of the city, about 3 kilometers from the city centre. North of this campus lies the housing area Ryd, which was built at the end of the 1960's. This area has about 8 000 inhabitants, a shopping centre and schools. The dwellings comprise of about 400 detached, semi-detached and terraced houses, and about 3 700 flats, which are flats both for students and for other people. There are many students, immigrants and low-income families living in Ryd.

The campus area and Ryd are separated by a busy main road, non-utilized green areas, petrol stations, hamburger restaurants etc. Ryd is isolated from the rest of the city by roads and also by an extensive wooded recreational area called Rydskogen.

The task

How can the housing area Ryd be joined to the University campus? How can the campus and Ryd be developed so that they can be more integrated parts of the city?



Useful information

About Sweden

Sweden is a country in Scandinavia having borders with Norway and Finland. The population of Sweden is about 9 million. Sweden is a member of the European Union, so no visas are required for visitors from other EU countries. The currency is Swedish kronor. The official language is Swedish, but most people in Sweden speak English well.

The seminar city Linköping

The municipality of Linköping has 142 000 inhabitants and is thereby Sweden's 5th biggest municipality after Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö and Uppsala. About 100 000 live in the city of Linköping.

The city has one of Sweden's best universities, is well-known for its shopping, and has a diversified trade and industrial structure dominated by high technological companies. The biggest company is SAAB which manufactures military planes and components for civil aircraft. The cathedral dominates the skyline and provides the city with a very special silhouette.

Linköping 5-4-3-2-1

5 Linköping is Sweden's fifth biggest municipality

The population of the municipality has increased so that it is now the fifth biggest in Sweden.

4 Fourth urban conglomeration

The neighbouring twin cities Linköping and Norrköping form together the fourth biggest urban conglomeration in Sweden. The population is 420 000, which includes 26 000 students who study at campuses situated in both cities.

3 The third biggest open air museum

The open air museum Gamla Linköping (Old Linköping) is the third biggest in Sweden, the biggest being Skansen in Stockholm. Gamla Linköping has yearly about 480 000 visitors.

2 The second biggest technology park

Mjärdevi Science Park, which is situated next to the University, comprises of 230 different companies with a total of about 5 000 employees.

1 Sweden's biggest aviation city

Linköping has two airports, one for civil and military aviation and one for only military aviation. Linköping's history as an aviation city dates back about 80 years.

Accommodation and seminar location

Both the seminar and accommodation is at the Radisson Blu Hotel, situated right in the city centre. Close to shops and the pulsating city life.

We have negotiated discounted room prices. Everybody must make their own hotel booking and pay for the room.

880 Skr (about 100 EUR) for a single room Wednesday-Thursday

600 Skr (about 70 EUR) for a single room Friday-Saturday

1080 Skr (about 120 EUR) for a double room Wednesday-Thursday

800 Skr (about 90 EUR) for a double room Friday-Saturday

These prices are applicable until 10th August.

When booking please quote the code LIN090909

The telephone number for the hotel is +46 13 129 630

Hotel fax number: +46 13 133 769

Hotel e-mail: reservation.linkoping@radissonblu.com

Hotel website: www.radissonblu.com

Transportation

You can travel to Linköping by train and by air. There are three airports close to Linköping.

Flights direct to Linköping

There are direct flights from Copenhagen and Riga to Linköping with

KLM http://www.klm.com/travel/se_en/index_default.html and

Air Baltic <http://www.airbaltic.com/public/index.html>.

Linköping City Airport <http://linkopingcityairport.se/>

Linköping City Airport is located close to the city, just some minutes away from the city centre by taxi.

Flights to Norrköping, about 50 km from Linköping

Situated about 50 km northeast of Linköping. You can fly with Cimber Sterling, SAS and Waltair.

<http://www.cimber.com/>

<http://www.sas.se/>

<http://www.waltair.se/sve/index.asp?mainID=50>

Flights to Nyköping, about 100 km northeast of Linköping

Stockholm Skavsta Airport is just 100 km northeast of Linköping. You can fly with Ryan Air and Wizzair.

<http://www.skavsta.se/se/>

<http://www.ryanair.com/site/SE/>

<http://wizzair.com/>

From Stockholm Skavsta you can take the express airport bus to Linköping, which is about a one and half hour trip.

<http://www.flygbussarna.se/>

Train to Linköping

Main line trains from Stockholm or Malmö.

www.sj.se

Weather and wear

Swedish autumn weather is usually sunny and warm, but it can sometimes be a bit chilly. Bring comfortable shoes as we will be doing some walking. Check the weather easily at

<http://www.yr.no/>

Short presentations on Friday

On Friday there will be time for some short presentations about urban planning in other cities. If you are interested in doing a 10 minutes presentation please send a short description about the project to Sirpa@kallio@hel.fi

The steering group will select suitable projects to be presented.