

THE FUTURE SÖDERTÄLJE

- proposal for a new general plan for 2012 with prospects towards 2030



Work is now going on at the municipal planning office on a new general plan for Södertälje. A general plan is a strategic governing document that shows how the municipality intends to utilise land and water in the future. It gives guidance for decisions about how buildings shall be developed and conserved. Although the plan is general, it affects where and how we build and this in turn is of significance for the economic, ecological and social development of the municipality.

When adopted, therefore, this plan shall demonstrate what fundamental assessments and principles will guide our community's building and land use in the future. We know what the Södertälje of today looks like and the question is how we want our urban and rural areas to look in the future.

Brief summary of the contents of the plan

The plan is based on four overall strategies. The first is about working on shaping the physical environment so that it promotes social coherence. A mixed and accessible environment makes it easier for people to meet and to get to different places. The emphasis here is on linking together the parts of our community that are currently physically segregated and separate, to ensure that everyone has access to public transport and to design public spaces and thoroughfares that are interesting and safe.

The second strategy is about how we shall develop and reinforce the town of Södertälje. We shall concentrate the town, mixing residential and commercial premises together. Because it is

in the more concentrated, built up areas where people both live and work that the basis exists for service, shopping, restaurants, cafés and good public transport etc. We shall also work at connecting together the various areas of the town better, so that it is easier and more attractive to move around the town.

The third strategy entails developing the population centres in the countryside. This means Järna, Hölö, Mölnbo and Ekeby-Tuna-Sandviken. Concentrating new building in or near these centres will strengthen their capability of contributing to the sustainable development of the municipality. If we live more collectively around the existing built up areas, we will find opportunities to improve public transport and provide a better range of services and shopping. This also means that we →



shall be able to preserve the beautiful nature and cultural landscape of the countryside.

The fourth strategy is that sustainability must always be the starting point when we build up and develop land areas in the municipality. We must be able to cater for the demands on land for more homes and workplaces, without jeopardising our natural and cultural values. That is why we propose to increasingly urbanise our existing population centres rather than opening up new areas of land outside the town and the existing centres in the hinterland. This also means that we shall always take the total picture into consideration. Even though a small building development need not necessarily be particularly significant on its own, all the small changes together would have an enormous effect on the whole. It is important that all physical change taken together aims to achieve sustainable development.

How do we go about producing a new general plan?

The process of producing a new general plan consists of three stages:

Consultation – Display - Adoption

We are now in the first stage of the process, the consultation phase. The proposals that we are putting forward now are thus our first proposals. After consultation, this proposal will be further developed on the basis of the viewpoints we receive from the general public, the authorities and other affected parties. We will then present our new proposal. In this stage of the process, the plan is put on display and provides a further opportunity to obtain points of view. After the display stage, final changes are made to the proposed general plan. The proposed general plan is then adopted. This means that the proposal is approved by the council.

Make a note of these dates in your diary and come and meet us!

Wednesdays in September and October from 14.00 to 19.00. You will find us where the plan is on display in the town hall, Campusgatan 26, to answer your questions and listen to your views.

23 September. Södertälje – Willy:s, Wedavägen 2C, 13.00 to 16.00

24 September. Södertälje – pedestrianised area, 10.00 to 13.00.

Help us to make the general plan even better

What do you think is important for Södertälje? Do you agree with our strategies or have we missed the point? We would like to know what you think. All opinions are welcome. The consultation process will be going on throughout September and October, which means that the last day for making your views known will be 31 October 2011.

What you can do:

- *E-mail us at:*
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- *Send a letter to:*
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Samhällsbyggnadskontoret – Plan
151 89 Södertälje
- *Visit our website:*
www.sodertalje.se/oversiktsplan
and fill in a form.
- Are you a member of an association or organisation that is interested in finding out more about the proposed general plan and discussing it with us? Get in touch to arrange a meeting!
- Visit our display in the town hall.

