

## **The GASA property in Denmark becomes a new city district**

*New and diverse housing close to Odense city center, the sports park and two light rails will frame the new district – “Gartnerbyen” (The Grower City) on the familiar GASA property in Bolbro. GASA GROUP wants a new location, and it leaves room for a significant urban development of this area.*

There will still be flowers on the GASA property in Bolbro, but in the future they will not be shipped all over the world, but instead create life and air in a complete new district called “Gartnerbyen” with housing targeted at young people, families and seniors.

Different types of buildings, a shopping square, green areas and paths to the city center take over the busy commercial area of today, when H. Skjøde Knudsen A / S embarks on the project of more than 140,000 square meters.

- This is fantastic news for Odense and everyone involved. It is a significant area which is well placed due to the many facilities which Bolbro and the city center offers. We will get a really attractive residential area, and we have succeed in this due to a close cooperation between the business environment and the City of Odense. I look forward to discussing plans and possibilities on the coming committee meeting, says Jane Jegind (from the liberal party), The Department of Culture, Sport and Urban development.

Of course there is also joy and expectation at H. Skjøde Knudsen A / S and CEO Allan Nielsen believes that the area can develop into a big win for the development of the city.

When we had sold the last building areas in the district “Odense Offentlige Slagtehus”, we looked towards the railway and saw possibilities to continue the city's development over the rails and on the GASA area where time and development of housing has surrounded this huge business location. We have had a constructive dialogue with GASA GROUP and the City of Odense and it has resulted in an agreement on the acquisition of the property, says Allan Nielsen from H. Skjøde Knudsen A / S.

The Vice Chairman of Urban and Cultural Affairs Peter Rahbæk Juel (from the Social Democratic Party) welcomes the new district with room for everyone.

- The new district “Gartnerbyen” will not only connect Bolbro and Vesterbro together. It will also connect generations, because there will be homes for young people, families with children and seniors. Furthermore, it will also be a district with mixed housing types - both private and public. There will be room for all incomes of all ages. I am pleased.

### **Better conditions for GASA**

The long GASA history in Bolbro ends with this new district, but the company is not leaving Odense. At the moment the City of Odense and the company are working closely together to find a suitable new property for GASA GROUP.

- From GASA's side, we are happy to hand over our property for a further development of Odense's urban area and at the same time we are moving a significant heavier traffic away from Bolbro, says CEO Niels Søren Rasmussen from the DLG-owned company GASA GROUP and continues:

- We appreciate the good dialogue with the City of Odense regarding our future location. Commercially it makes good sense and it also ensures a more efficient logistics and distribution.

If the project gets the political support, it is realistic that the work with "Gartnerbyen" can start by the end of 2018. It is expected that the new district will be completed in 2025 or 2026.

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