

ACTIVATING THE RIFT

Today there is a rift in the north east of Malmö, dividing the city from the old, town-like area Kirseberg. The rift is not at all empty, it consist of a lot of varying structures like large scale businesses, allotments and an informal park, a large old train workshop and well grown trees. Many of these holds great qualities of becoming important generators, when connecting both sides of the rift and therefore activating the area.

The rift itself is also divided by a five meter elevated train track that only gives room for one connection between the two areas meeting within this site.

The development in the east part of Malmö has had low priority in the city over the years and most new investments has taken place in the old harbour and along the waterfront.

Yet now there are plans for a re-opening of an old train station located in the north east parts, within the site. The station is one of many that will be part of a circle train line connecting different parts of the city. Today the train line is only used for transporting goods.

The municipality has made a detailed comprehensive plan for the area, with conceptual plans showing different type of density in the build structures. The plans shows an example of a small green network lacking larger parks.

The comprehensive plan highlights the need of further developing ideas on how to activate all the old industrial buildings within the area. It also mentions that the shortage of kindergarten in Malmö makes it necessary for many new facilities within the site, though not as one story high, remote buildings but more integrated within the city structure.

A green network, reuse of industrial buildings and integrated kindergartens is three subjects that have played the main roll when working with activating the rift.