# AARHUS CENTRAL

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## WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN DEVELOPING

## AN ATTRACTIVE CITY DISTRICT

## AND A CENTRAL MOBILITY HUB IN

## A MIDDLE SIZED NORTH EUROPEAN CITY

AARHUS DEVELOPS A NEW KIND OF CENTRALITY IN NETWORKED MILLION-CITY. AS SECOND TIER CITY. AS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE, TOURIST HUB, GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE HUB OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, CULTURAL HUB FOR ATTRACTIVE URBAN LIVING ETC



#### LOW-DENSE, NORTHERN EUROPEAN CITY WITH CLEAR HISTORICAL LAYERS

#### SITUATED WHERE THE RIVER MEETS THE BAY AND TUCKED BETWEEN THE FORESTS

## BUILDING AND CHANGING THIS CITY CENTRE NEEDS VERY GOOD ARGUMENTS NOT TO FOLLOW THIS LEAD

WE NEED TO ADD TO IT, BUT WE NEED TO CONSIDER IN WHICH SCALE AND SPEED WE DO IT

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IN THIS URBANIZED TERRITORY THE AARHUS CENTRAL AREA PLAYS A KEY ROLE

IT'S THE PLACE OF MOST INTENSE MODAL OVERLAPS

IT'S THE PLACE WITH THE HIGHEST FLOW OF PEDESTRIANS

SURPRISINGLY ALSO ONE OF THE SPACES IN THE TERRITORY WITH MOST STAYING ACTIVITIES



## ITS ALSO (ONE OF) THE INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS TO THE REGION

THIS SPECIAL ROLE SHOULD BE REFLECTED

RETURNING FROM KZ CAMP 1945, AARHUS BILLEDER



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#### THE CLOSEST AARHUS AND THE REGION GETS TO A PLACE THAT NEVER SLEEPS

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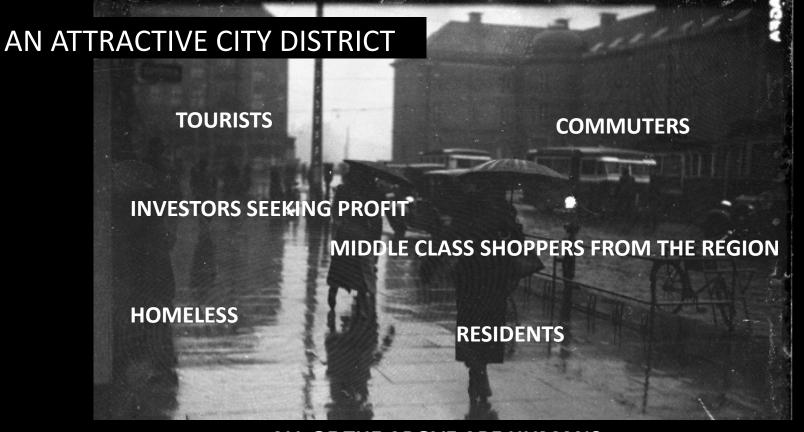
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# AN ATTRACTIVE CITY DISTRICT FOR WHOM? TOURISTS **COMMUTERS INVESTORS SEEKING PROFIT** MIDDLE CLASS SHOPPERS FROM THE REGION HOMELESS RESIDENTS

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ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE HUMANS A WAY TO START DEVELOPING THE AREA WOULD BE TO BASIC PRIORITISE THE HUMAN BODY AND ITS SENSES

### ALL USERS ARE HUMAN... THEY ALL SHARE ALMOST THE SAME KIND OF BODIES, THE SAME KIND OF SENSES AND THE SAME KIND OF BASIC PSYCHOLOGY

THEY ARE WALKING ANIMALS. THEY LIKE SUNNY SPACES, PROTECTON FROM WIND AND RAIN.

THEY LIKE TO FEEL THE RIGHT TO SPACE, TO INHABIT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THEY ALSO LIKE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH OTHER HUMANS



#### **1. PEDESTRIANS**



### 2. BICYCLISTS 1. PEDESTRIANS



MASS TRANSIT
 BICYCLISTS
 PEDESTRIANS



4. CARS (MOVING) 3. MASS TRANSIT 2. BICYCLISTS 1. PEDESTRIANS



(5. CARS (PARKED))
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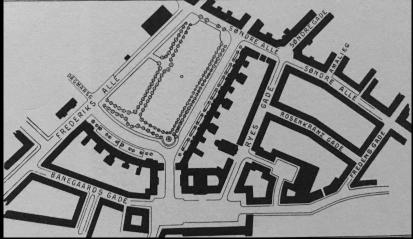
WHICH EXISTING PROJECTS, INSPIRATIONS AND REFERENCES ARE RELEVANT FOR US TO KNOW ABOUT?

# LEARN FROM AARHUS... HISTORY (ALSO RECENT) IS A RICH SOURCE:

LEARN FROM: PARK ALLÉ/BANEGÅRDSPLADSEN AXEL HØEG-HANSEN 1919-



LEVEL OF AMBITION QUALITY OF THE BUILT FOCUS ON URBAN SPACE, NOT ON THE INDIVIDUAL BUILDING



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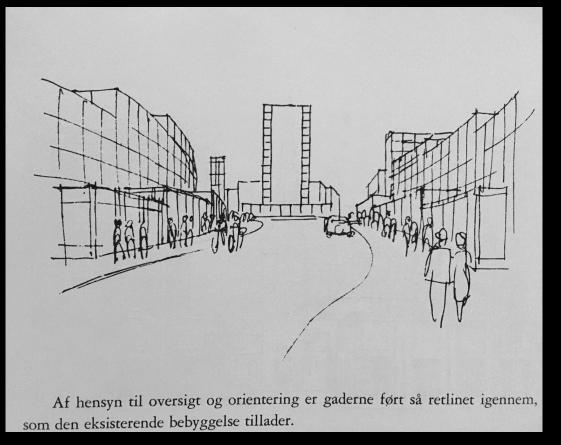
## FROM LILLE TORV TOWARDS THE NORTH, THE TERRAIN IS ALMOST FLAT AND THE EXISTING BUILDINGS VERY SAD AND UNREMARKABLE. **EXACTLY BECAUSE THE BUILDINGS ARE OF LOW VALUE, THERE ARE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES - EVEN THIS CLOSE TO** THE CITY CENTRE - TO MAKE THE NEW STEEET VAST AND IMPRESSIVE, AND AT THE SAME TIME INCREASE THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AREA ENORMOUSLY



Den nordlige del

Fra Lille torv mod nord er terrænet næsten vandret og bebyggelsen meget trist og for størstedelen uanselig. Netop fordi bebyggelsen mest er af ringe værdi, er der sjældent gode muligheder — oven i købet så nær bymidten for at gøre den nye gade stor og anselig samtidig med, at hele områdets værdi vil stige overordentligt.

Efter et svagt knæk til at formidle overgangen anlægges gaden i ret linie fra partiet ved Lille torv til Nørreport med eventuel fortsættelse videre til LEARN FROM: NY HOVEDGADE FREDERIKSGADEKOMMISIONEN 1953-



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LEVEL OF AMBITION... BEWARE OF SCALE

URBAN DEVELOPMENT ALWAYS ADDS TO THE EXISTING THIS CAN BE DONE BETTER OR WORSE



## **EVERY FRONTSIDE HAS A BACKSIDE**

## THE LARGER THE FRONTSIDE THE LARGER THE BACKSIDE



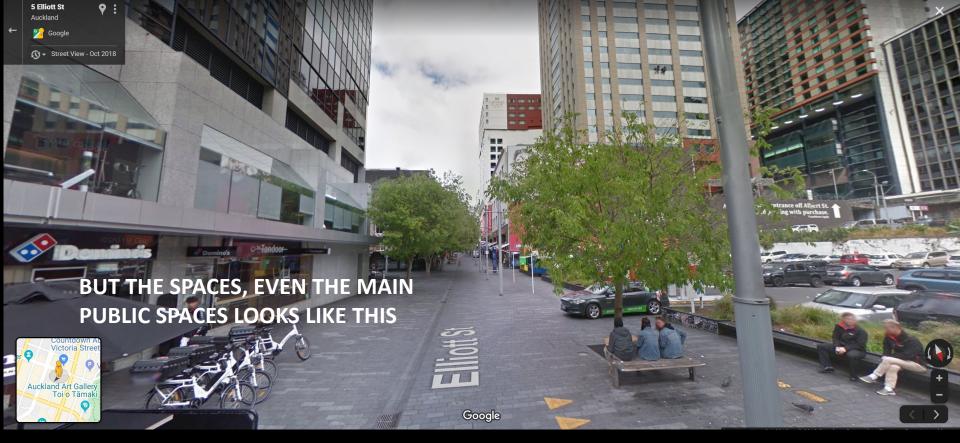
NYROPSGADE, KØBENHAVN

TODAY ITS NOT THE PROMISE OF A SUPER EFFICIENT MODERN TRAFFIC AND DISTRIBUTION MACHINE THAT IS THE IDEAL. RATHER THE AMBITIONS OF THE CITY TO GROW BIG, LIVELY AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE

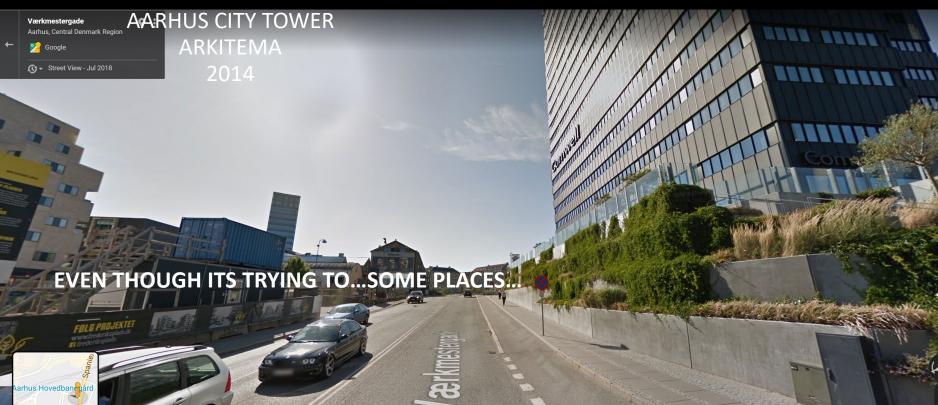
AUCKLAND COULD BE ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES. LOOKS GOOD FROM THE DISTANCE...



AUCKLAND



#### LEARN FROM:



Google

#### 3 towers

18-19 floors Building footprint: 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> 5% ground floor 5% top floor/"penthouse" 22% walk-up height Street edge: 240 m

#### Slab blocks

14 floors Building footprint: 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> 7% ground floor 7% penthouse 29% walk-up height Street edge: 360 m



FROM 'SOFT CITY', DAVID SIM, 2019

Larger courtyard 6-7 floors Building footprint: 3,600 m<sup>2</sup> 16% ground floor 16% top floor/"penthouse" 67% walk-up height Street edge: 400 m Smaller courtyards 4 floors Building footprint: 5,600 m<sup>2</sup> 25% ground floor 25% top floor/"penthouse" 100% walk-up height Street edge: 720 m

#### ...DENSITY CAN BE ACHIEVED IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS



28. Indre by. Udnyttelsesgraden er ikke høj, men bebyggelsen er tæt og planløs. LEARN FROM:



MAKE GREAT MICROCLIMATE A TOP PRIORITY

ALLOW THE SUN THE ENTER BUT NOT THE WIND (= GENERALLY AVOID TALL BUILDINGS)



LEARN FROM: AARHUS CENTRAL PARK CITY OIF AARHUS, ARKITEMA, KRISTINE JENSENS TEGNESTUE, SCHØNHERR AND OTHERS

#### **DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC SPACE**

FOR EVERYBODY

## THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURAL PROCESSES AND OPEN UNBUILT SPACE IN THE CITY





LEARN FROM:

#### EXPERIMENTS AT BANEGÅRDSPLADSEN CITY OF AARHUS AND SCHØNHERR 2014

### THE URBAN FLOOR AS SOMETHING IMPORTANT IN ITSELF

TO CREATE COHERENCE AND FOCUS





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#### **EXPERIMENTS AT BANEGÅRDSPLADSEN** CITY OF AARHUS AND SCHØNHERR 2014

## (RE)MAKE A GREAT BANEGÅRDSPLADS AS A WELCOMING GATEWAY TO THE CITY



#### LEARN FROM: BANEGRAVEN/RINGGADEBROEN

KEEP AND IMPROVE CONNECTION (VISUAL AND PHYSICAL) TO LANDSCAPE



#### AARHUS H

## MOST IMPORTANTLY WE SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHAT KIND(S) OF URBAN DISTRICT(S), ATMOSPHERES AND STREET LIFE

WE WANT?







#### TO BUILD WHAT IS *DESIREABLE* AS A CITY AND NOT WHATS *POSSIBLE* FROM AN ECONOMIC CALCULATION