



Project location

Site is on the shore of the Stadsgraven, close to nature, as well as on the verge of the Oldtown, Christiania, Amager and København S. Site characteristics - mixture of the nature and urban life.

Site choice was informed by three main criteria:  
central location, building size and proximity to the nature.

**Criteria Number 1:**  
**Central location**

High rent costs restricts the living options within the centre of Copenhagen. The city is becoming unaffordable: according to Eurostat, average rent or mortgage is not supposed to surpass 40% percent of disposable income, which becomes an unrealistic goal for students with around 5030dkk<sup>1</sup> SU income as well as retired Young-olds with basic state's pension of 6327dkk<sup>2</sup>. Based on economical reasons, these groups are forced to look for alternative living options.

**Criteria Number 2:**  
**Building size**

Balancing between the dwellings and common areas, amenities, service areas, as well as commercial rent requires a building that could house these functions.

**Criteria Number 3:**  
**Proximity to nature**

Access to nature plays an important role to people's psyche<sup>3</sup> and is one of the corner stones of the "healing architecture" principles. Moreover, Ved Stadsgraven shore is an exercise area and meeting place for locals<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.su.dk/nyheder/nyhedsarkiv-2018/satser-for-2019/>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aeldresagen.dk/viden-og-raadgivning/vaerd-at-vide/fl-folkepension-og-foertidspension/folkepension/folkepensionens-stoerrelse>  
<sup>3</sup> [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-1-4615-0995-0\\_4](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-1-4615-0995-0_4)  
<sup>4</sup> Five participant observations between 02-02-2019 and 05-05-2019