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Regarding gasholder in Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Mr. Martin, in your mail march 11 2014 to Mayor Sten Nordin, you express your concern about one of the gasholders in Stockholm, gasklocka 4, and for the gaswork as a whole.

The development administration of the city of Stockholm is responsible for the planning and implementation of the city development project Stockholm Royal Seaport, in which the gaswork is situated.

The plan for the residential house replacing the gasholder, was approved by the City Council in the beginning of April 2014. The implementation decision for the city's part of the project is also made by the development board, as well as approval for the agreement between the city and the developer- Oscar Properties.

The plan was exhibited for consultation 2 november to 7 december 2010, and had it's final exhibition 2 september to 30 september 2013.

The investigations we have made for this project are vast. It includes evaluation about the skyline, effects on national interest such as the harbour or on the nature- and culture values in the historical landscape of the National City park, etc. We have worked close together with the City Museum of Stockholm to consider the industrial and historical values of the site. The values of the gaswork as one unit is high on a regional level, and the historical cycles are of more value than for a certain period. However, the City and the planning unit of the County administrative board concludes that the overall value of the gaswork does not decrease if gasklocka 4 is replaced.

The type of gasholder, gasklocka 4 is not by any means unique. Between 1915 and 1932 more than 250 gasholders of this type were installed in the world. They can be seen in cities like Gothenburg, Vienna, London and Oberhausen. Some of them are now rebuilt or given new content.

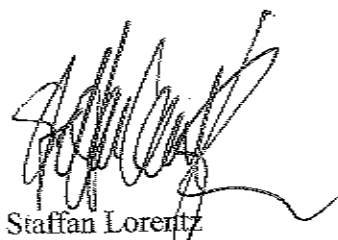
The relative weak construction of the gasholder in combination with the contamination situation has made it not financially feasible to preserve it with new content.

The developer will replace the highest gasholder with a residential house consisting of approx 320 units with a height of 140 m. The lower gasklocka 3 will be preserved and used for a sculpture park etc. The project is drawn by Swiss architects Herzog et de Meuron, and the City of Stockholm is welcoming it's implementation.

The city considers that a new building that reflects and has similarities with the gasholder will have great effect and serve as a replaced landmark and offer new high values to the city.

We thank you for your concern but we will go forward with the plans for gasklocka 4. We welcome your invite to a dialogue as we in the ongoing planning process for the remaining parts of the gaswork have preservation and reuse high on the agenda. The gaswork with it's high values and unique character will function well as a local center for new business and inhabitants in Stockholm Royal Seaport.

Best regards



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Head of development Stockholm Royal Seaport"