

## Oskarshamn Baseline review

### The Oskarshamn Harbour 2030?

#### Short English abstract

The harbour area in Oskarshamn has developed over the last one and a half centuries. It has become an area shared between industrial development, shipping activities and recreational purposes. The harbour is of National Interest. It is an important harbour for export of wood and timber from south Sweden and it has one of two existing ferry connections to the island of Gotland.

The Swedish government decided to renew the National Interest status of the harbour. Therefore it was important to decide what municipal and industrial interests had to be defined and secured. This was done during the MATRUSCHKA project as a part of the Baseline Review. The Baseline Review describes:

Current land use, future land use, businesses located to harbour area, infrastructure, housing areas, leisure and recreation areas, planning prerequisites, description of planning objectives, existing plans, national interests, nature and cultural history, environment and risk factors, existing legal documents, time-plan, project organisation, inter municipal interests, brief environmental assessment, environmental objectives, legal prerequisites, etc.

Several meetings were held with each stakeholder group. These are: industry, the Oskarshamn Harbour Company, inhabitants at Lotsgården, the pleasure boat association, inhabitants in the Kolberga area, the allotment association in Humlekärshult, people living along the infrastructure (roads and railway) connecting the Harbour with the rest of the world and the political parties.

The state decided to increase the area that is considered to be of National Interest. This decision affects the municipal planning process and limits the possibilities to make free choices for the municipality.

For instance, the south-eastern part of the harbour, which now is an area for pleasure boats, is marked as an area for future development of the harbour. This affects the possibilities to develop housing areas near this part of the harbour and limits the possibilities to plan for attractive housing areas near the Baltic Sea.

On the other hand, the current ferry terminal area which will be left when a new terminal is constructed further to the east is marked as development area for the municipality.

The infrastructure issues are the most difficult issues to discuss and to find solutions for. Heavy transports are coming in to the harbour through three different streets and on one

railroad track. Both streets and railroad cut off the harbour from the centre of Oskarshamn. All inhabitants feel that this affects the possibilities for developing the town by linking the harbour to the centre. Therefore the infrastructure issues must be studied in a separate investigation before the planning process can be continued. The infrastructure investigation should describe the future needs for the harbour and the industry in the harbour area. It should give guidance to whether the heavy traffic could be canalised to one single rout and weather it is possible to connect the south harbour with the north harbour with a bridge for both road and railway traffic.