

Themes that help to shape a diverse district

The public spaces found in Slakthusområdet, Stockholm's meatpacking district, are marked by certain dominant common themes reflecting the ideas behind the design of the area. A coherence in terms of paved surfacing and flooring, green areas and the prioritisation of pedestrians and cyclists are among these themes.



A public space characterised by a coherent ground surface

Today the area is characterised by a uniform flat surface running between the buildings, which is like a unifying expanse of industrial flooring. The idea of having a common unifying surface underfoot is being refined in this future city district. The surface will give the meatpacking district an identity of its own, and create a cared-for feeling in the public spaces there including the streets, parks and town squares.

Pocket parks – small green spaces full of character

The larger green spaces are complemented by mini or pocket parks: public places that are integrated into the structure of this district as quality small spaces that are full of character. Around 15-20 pocket parks will effectively strengthen the network of green areas here, and serve to increase the overall area covered by parkland. Each measuring at least 300-400 square metres, the pocket parks will be filled with trees and greenery.



A place for pedestrians and cyclists

The ground surface will be designed in a way that clearly indicates that pedestrians determine the flow of traffic. There will be separate cycle lanes along the main roads, connected to the city's existing bike paths. Pedestrians and cyclists will be prioritised instead of drivers.

A variety of city spaces

The meatpacking district has a whole range of features and streets that vary in terms of their purpose and character. New public areas are being created to allow the district to evolve from an industrial to a multi-functional zone where there is space for restaurants with outdoor seating, markets and casual trading.

The streets as public spaces

The public space will be conducive to hanging out, holding meetings as well as play, learning and physical activity for all ages. The coherent surface underfoot is significant in contributing to the overall character of the meatpacking district. The space along the streets will be shared by different operations, businesses and types of traffic, all of which will help to create an urban area characterised by variety and diversity.