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## KJØPMANNSGATA, TRONDHEIM NEW LIFE TO WHARF BUILDINGS FROM THE 1700S

**Sector:** Energy efficiency

**Timeframe:** 2014 – 2016

**Location:** Trondheim City centre, Norway

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Kjøpmannsgata 11 is one of many empty storage buildings from the 1700s along the Nidelva River. The building is not listed, but like the other wharf buildings, it has great cultural and historical value. This is a typical building type for the nation's coastal towns. Preservation through reuse is a relevant topic. In Trondheim alone 20.000 sq. m. of waterfront storage buildings are empty and many are dilapidated.

Trondheim's citizens have a strong relationship to the old wharves. These historical buildings are an important part of the cityscape. The wharves have been there for more than 200 years and should be there for another 200. New functions should both preserve the historical qualities and meet the needs of the future.

There is an ongoing public discussion concerning what kind of uses should be allowed. Establishment of dwellings in combination with business on the ground floor are among the options discussed. However, not everyone wants to establish dwellings in the wharf buildings, partly because it could lead to significant changes to the building fabric.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project explores different alternatives for the use of the wharf buildings in Trondheim.

In addition to examining how well suited Kjøpmannsgata 11 is for mixed uses, the project will investigate how a modern construction can interact with the existing building fabric in a respectful and architecturally interesting way. The result will satisfy today's standards for environment design, accessibility for all, and fire safety.

Studies will generate new understanding and knowledge about which of the wharves are empty. Trondheim Municipality has, together with the Business Association in Trondheim, begun a vitalisation project for the Kjøpmannsgata wharves.

### PROJECT RESULTS

The wharf buildings have a unique location in the heart of Trondheim, and reuse could enrich the urban environment in the city centre. The urban environment, tourism and climate adaptation will all benefit from finding new uses for existing buildings and revitalising the area.

With "everything" within walking distance, more use of these buildings could lead to less car traffic and related reductions in carbon emissions. Energy solutions will contribute with additional environmental achievements.



Environmental benefits:

- Low energy class 1
- Preservation through rehabilitation
- Prefabricated timber
- No parking spaces
- Public area and enriching of the urban environment

**MORE INFORMATION**

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