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PROPOSAL: THE GASWORKS AREA

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

After more than 100 years of industrial activity, the Gasworks area in Stockholm closed in 2011. The area is 15000 sqm and has a building collection of some 30 different production units, the most notable ones being the two cylindrical gas-holders; 50 m high and with a diameter of 30 m. It is an architectural heritage area of high significance. Ferdinand Boberg (1860—1946) has been the architect for the most notable buildings. The gas production in the area once represented cutting edge technology, supplying stockholmers with heating and light, and the area was architecturally designed to manifest and celebrate this great achievement. The jewels of the architecture were the two gas-holders that were surrounded by a formal park with trees, lawns and trimmed hedges. This was the only location in the area where vegetation was present.

Postcard from early 18th century with the Gasworks area in the background



View of the future Boberg Square before the refurbishment.



View of Boberg Square with the carpet of clay pavers in force. Generous furniture allows for larger groups to sit. A shallow pond reflects the foreground.

