

## Health: The Design, Planning and Politics of How and Where We Live

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FROM AREA-BASED PRACTISE TO A NEW HOUSING TYPE FOR IMPROVING SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, COPENHAGEN EXAMPLE

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Majority of studies include area based implementations in affordable housing areas to tackle with the effects of socio-economic problems of low income people. There are a few studies evaluate the results of area-based projects considering health, which aim to be used for policy recommendations. This study analyses one of the result of a public-private initiative area based project for the development of a new type of affordable housing, and impacted changes in policies and city plans. Five years after the public-private project ends, a new type of affordable housing, which is referred to "billige boliger" in Danish has been added to city planning strategies in 2013 by Copenhagen municipality. The selected case is from Scandinavia, which is one of the social democratic welfare regime based countries have various area based social investment projects and policy implementations to tackle with socio-economic problems for

several years. In addition, this study analyses recent arrangements in welfare policy that uses social investment approach linked to housing and health in Copenhagen. This paper consists of a literature review and discourse analysis of "billige boliger" in municipal plans and policies as well as use interviews with municipality, non-profit housing association and key actors. The outcome of this paper are lessons learned from the welfare policies of one of the Scandinavian countries related to unemployment and health.

Key words: Affordable housing production, billige boliger, social investment policies, social democratic welfare regime, Copenhagen.