

Implementation of the planning forecast's ten strategic priority areas in town and settlements

QASIGIANGUIT

Business development

In Qasigianguit, more than anything, business development is about fish production and tourism. To enhance the tourism potential (anything from cruise guests to local tourists), the town and a number of areas with tourist potential should be given a make-over. The old industrial area can be used to improve fishermen's opportunities with the establishment of, e.g., a boat workshop and a boat port, and subareas can open up for softer/cleaner businesses centrally located in town, also in connection with any offshore activity.

Education

Qasigianguit has established itself as a strong educational town for young people, and the existing institutions are to have sufficient space for their activities, both inside and outside. At the same time, new educational institutions are to be ensured the possibility of establishing themselves in the town. Empty housings may be used for this purpose.

Settlement and great housing

Although there is no shortage of homes in the town, ongoing maintenance of the many public homes is vital, as is ensuring housing for youth, students and senior citizens. The townscape of Qasigianguit with its numerous prefabricated houses and open spaces should be maintained. However, there is also to be room for new types of buildings to revive the town.

Culture and identity

The physical settings for the cultural life are to be ensured, and in Qasigianguit, the musical scene plays a particularly big role. This can be supported through facilitating the establishment of rehearsal rooms and a music school located centrally near the town's other functions. Also, areas may be integrated into new functions: For instance, the old fishing quay can be used for cultural purposes in cooperation with the museum, or houses can be used for other purposes, without changing the town's appearance.

Child-care and educational institutions should draw on the town's cultural energy, e.g. work with the museum to create a living culture. Opportunities for leisure activities like dog sledging and skiing should also be improved. The open areas should be designed to reinforcement these opportunities.

Safety and the good life

Wishes for the good life are many-faceted. Association activities are to be further strengthened in order to create more opportunities for the individual citizen. This requires adequate physical settings, e.g. by

improving the existing opportunities. At the same time, the open spaces and green areas of Qasigiannuit could be used more effectively and thus offer better opportunities of socialising.

Health and prevention

The existing initiatives supporting a healthy way of living and the active use of the recreational areas can be supported by good physical facilities. The citizens' wishes for more playgrounds and for relocating the soccer field to the northern part of the town will create a better framework for the activities of the children and young people. The town also has a sports centre and a community centre that could be given more prominent positions in the urban landscape.

Infrastructure and utilities

The development of Qasigiannuit is dependent on better utilities and better infrastructure to connect the town with the rest of Disko Bay. In particular, the possibility of establishing a road connection to Ilimanaq should be investigated, as should boat traffic. East of the town, an area has been zoned for an airport. The final location and layout as well as road connection are to be clarified in details in further studies. Furthermore, the cemetery can be extended at its current location.

The efficient technical supply plants are to be supported by up-to-date waste management, and work must be put into establishing an area for shipping of waste. Sewering the entire town is to be coordinated with the development of all-year water service, asphaltting etc., while discharges into the inner port are to be avoided to ensure a better urban environment.

Climate, environment and nature

Plans for renewable energy in the form of a hydro plant have long been discussed and examined in Qasigiannuit due to the favourable opportunities. Therefore, it is important to pursue the plans for a hydro plant, to earmark the necessary areas for this purpose, and to incorporate possible business activities, in order to ensure a continued sustainable development. The warm climate and the nature around the town hold immense potential for industry, tourism and relaxation alike. This may manifest itself in new agricultural opportunities (e.g., at Kangersuneq), hiking trails and tourist huts or by turning the area into the holiday destination for the region. At the same time, nature and the cultural historical findings, e.g. by Qeqertasussuk and Akulliit, are to be protected.

Cultural heritage and preservation

While the cultural heritage plays a large and active role in Qasigiannuit, it can still be further strengthened through cultural activities and establishing playgrounds based on traditional games. The "Project Living Dwelling" constitutes a good example of the use and protection of nature, while at the same time passing on cultural heritage. Visible cultural heritage creates a better basis for understanding one's own identity.

IT, democracy and dialogue

The town plan and its objectives are to become an important tool in ensuring proper management of the town and in ensuring a focused prioritising of efforts and facilities. For this to happen, information about the town plan has to reach the citizens and the citizens' wishes have to reach the politicians. The schools may play an active role in the development of (local) democracy.