



REVISION LAND USE PLAN Ny-Ålesund

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1 Background

Kings Bay AS is landowner of the Kongsfjord Property 38/1 and the instance responsible for land use plan Ny-Ålesund. The current land use plan was adopted in 2009. Kings Bay is working on drafting an updated land use plan for Ny-Ålesund in accordance with a planning programme established on 21 October 2021.

The purpose for circulating the land use plan is to prepare an appropriate and updated legal management tool for development, use and protection of areas and buildings in the Ny-Ålesund planning area in accordance with updated framework conditions and overarching guidelines. The time horizon for the plan is 10 years.

Activities in the settlements and planning areas must occur within an environmentally appropriate framework. Land use plans are to be prepared based on the overarching goals for the Svalbard policy and in accordance with local requirements for making the best possible arrangements for research activity and community life in Ny-Ålesund.

2 Status

Planning and assessment work according to the planning program has been carried out and an updated area plan has taken shape. Parts of the assessment work are still under production (ref. pkt 3 next page).

During the spring there has been several meetings and site inspections with the Governor of Svalbard in addition to professionals on various topics.

A memorandum dated 09.03.22 presenting a proposal for areas and supplementary provisions for the research purposes in the land use plan was presented and discussed in the 56th meeting in Ny-Ålesund Science Managers Committee (NySMAC) in March -22.

Following input from NySMAC, the proposal of 09.03.21 was adjusted and is now implemented in the area plan. New areas for research activity are now being studied with respect to consequences for the natural environment, cultural monument/archaeology and the community. Supplementary provisions are being drafted on size and execution which will provide predictability and efficient case proceedings for notifications and/or permit applications for measures under Section 58 of the Svalbard Environmental Protection Act.



Research purposes in land use plan Ny-Ålesund 2022-2032

3 Further progress

The following reports/assessment work are in progress and will determine when the area plan is submitted for consultation:

- Biodiversity - environmental effects, by Norwegian Polar Institute
- Cultural monuments and archaeology, by the Governor of Svalbard
- Tank facilities – danger zone, by Kings Bay AS

The expected time for public inspection of the area plan is September- October -22. This is provided that all reports and assessment work are available.