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New, green meeting places in Botkyrka and Malmö

With the support of the Swedish innovation agency Vinnova, the Municipality of Botkyrka, together with the social housing corporations in Botkyrka and Malmö, are investing in sustainable under-cover cultivation and are creating two new meeting places, one in Alby, Botkyrka, and the other in Holma, Malmö.

Vinnova has granted eight million SEK to both greenhouse projects, which are being implemented in parallel in Alby, Botkyrka and in the residential area of Holma in Malmö. Both projects will develop under-cover urban cultivation and will contribute to both green and social growth.

In Botkyrka the upper level of the old multi-storey car park in Alby, which is owned by Botkyrkabyggen AB, will be converted to provide opportunities for cultivation indoors. In Malmö a new greenhouse will be erected on the newly built Holma Square in the centre of the Holma residential area.

- We're looking forward to bringing the greenhouse concept in Alby to fruition, says Dan Gahnström (MP), President of the Technical Agency of the Municipality of Botkyrka. Urban cultivation contributes to community, participation, security and a new way of thinking, and it is in keeping with our investment in a sustainable Botkyrka.

In Botkyrka, Botkyrkabyggen has started to look into how the other two empty storeys of the car park can best be put to use. The alterations to the multi-storey car park are part of Botkyrkabyggen's plan for the imminent renovation of the entire centre of Alby.

- It's not entirely clear how the space is to be used, but the target group is in the first instance the people living in the area, says Johanna Axelson, Project Leader at Botkyrkabyggen.

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The project started in May 2015 and the greenhouse in Malmö will be inaugurated during the coming year. According to the plans, the project in Alby will be finalised in 2017. The Municipality of Botkyrka is coordinating the project in collaboration with Botkyrkabyggen AB, Boodla AB, the Municipality of Malmö, MKB Fastighets AB, Hemmaodlat, Södertörns fjärrvärme AB and KTH.

- Right now we're working on the planning of the appearance and utilisation of the two greenhouses, says Project Leader Samy Said with the Environment Unit of the Municipality of Botkyrka. We want to cooperate with the residents of Botkyrka and Holma and create the greenhouses together with them.

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