

# Land Readjustment – why doesn't it work (in Sweden)

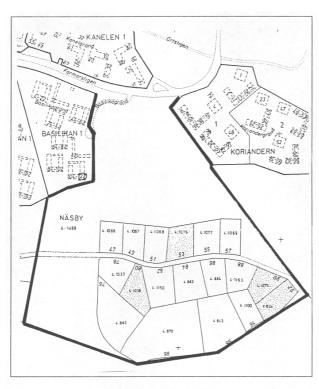
Net Planning Gains and Transactions Costs

- compared to the second best Alternative

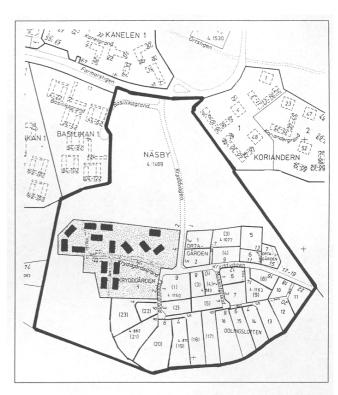
Thomas Kalbro



#### The conventional solution in Sweden



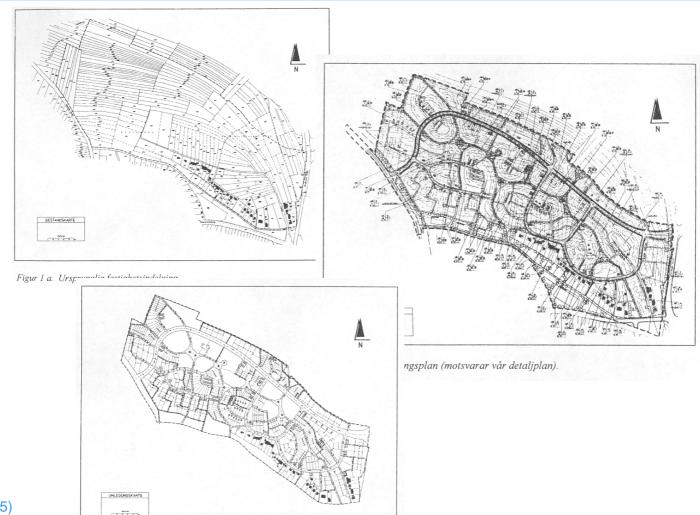
Figur 6 a. Ursprunglig fastighetsindelning.



Figur 6 b. Illustrationsplan.



## Umlegung, Germany



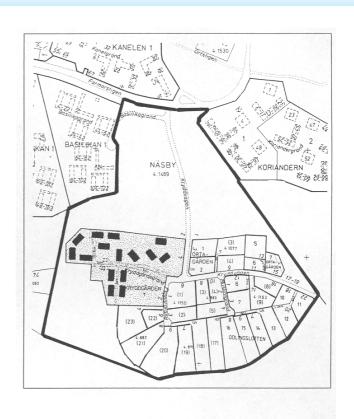
Thomas Kalbro (2005) Fastighetsvetenskap

Figur 1 c. Fastighetsindelning i enlighet med planen.



## Plan design if existing property structure is disregarded





Probably not like this!

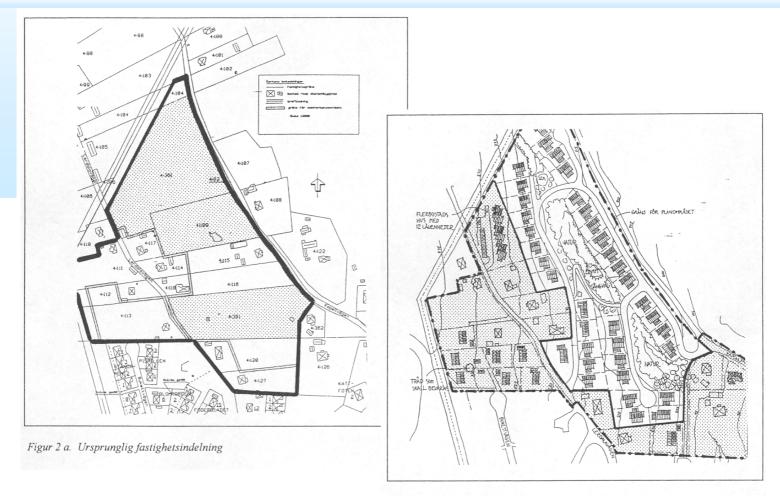


## The Joint Land Development Act (1987)

- A Joint Land Development Association (the property owners)
- Development profit-sharing according to property area
- The association responsible for provision and finance of local roads, water and sewage etc.
- Planning through the municipality
- Land readjustment/reallotment/profit-sharing through the Cadastral Authority



#### One example, where the Act was applied



Thomas Kalbro (2005) Fastighetsvetenskap

Figur 2 b. Illustrationsplan.



#### Evaluation of the Act 1994

# "The system and the process is too complicated"

Why do experiences of Land Readjustment differs between different countries?

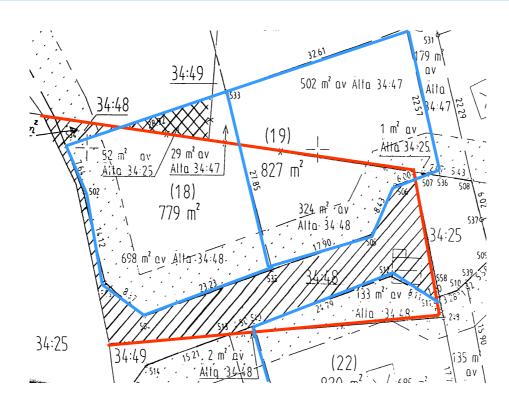


# Land Readjustment Proposals for evaluation criteria

- What is the alternative to Land Readjustment?
  - regular procedures for the planning process, provision/ operation/finance of infrastructure, adjustment of property boundaries etc
- What are the differences between Land Readjustment and the "alternative"?
  - net planning gains
  - transaction costs



# One alternative in Sweden Reallotment – building plot formation

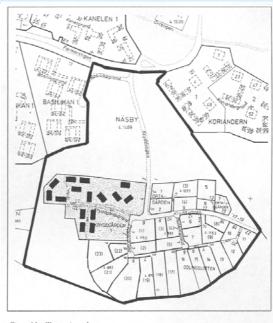


Combined with statutory rules for the provision of infrastructure.



## Net planning gains?





igur 6 a. Ursprunglig fastighetsindelning

Figur 6 b. Illustrationsplan

Can we achieve higher net planning gains – i.e. better plans and land use - with Land Readjustment?



# Transaction Costs - for a "running" system

## "System" costs

planning, valuation, estimation of costs – "distribution" of value and costs, cadastral procedures etc

#### "Information" costs

Property owners (and others) must be informed about procedures, consequences of planning and plan implementation

#### "Distrust" costs

Property owners know what they have – or can get with the "alternative". But what will be the outcome with Land Readjustment?

Net planning gains of each Land Readjustment project must exceed these costs!

Thomas Kalbro (2005) Fastighetsvetenskap



## Transaction Costs - when a new system is introduced

## "Organizational" costs

Land Readjustment requires new organizational procedures

## "Learning" costs

Planners, surveyors, consultants etc. must upgrade their professional skills

Long-term net planning gains of the Land Readjustment system must exceed these costs!



## Incentives? How are gains and costs distributed?

The Swedish example – under the assumption that net planning gains exceeds the transaction costs

Property Municiowners pality

Planning
Gains
Higher
Transaction
Costs
Profit Loss