Measures to Change the Swedish Planning and Building Legislation and its Application

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Overall objective of the work:

- Strengthening of the Planning and Building Act
- Development of the Act to correspond to the latest changes in society and to create a good environment, etc.
- To develop the Act so that it better meets the need for efficient planning and building
Background
A Parliamentary Committee submitted its final report late 2005.
• The directive was extensive
• The committee had a difficult task
• There is a great support for the basic principles
• The proposals involve no basic changes
• Many problems arise from failure to apply
• Few problems are caused by the legislation

The Process that precedes a new Act
1. The Government appoints a committee/commission of inquiry
2. The Government circulates the report for comment
3. The committee presents its proposals in a report
4. The Government drafts a proposal for change – a Government bill
5. The Government bill is submitted to the Riksdag (Swedish parliament) for consideration
6. After the parliamentary committees have discussed the matter, a vote is taken in the Riksdag
7. The Government promulgates a law, which is then published in the Swedish Code of Statutes (SFS)
There are some unsolved questions e.g.

- Improvement in competence
- Real change requires further stronger measures
- Application of the law
- A coordination is missing between the Planning and Building Law and the Environmental Code

Method applied

- The Swedish Government has announced that they are planning to make the changes in steps
Measures taken

• Introduction of several bills making changes
• More committees
• Commissions to Governmental bodies
• Improving the application of the legislation

Conclusions

• An array of different measures is needed
• Parallel measures increases the speed of change