Ida Bjallerbæk Pedersen Back to the village - perspectives for the future

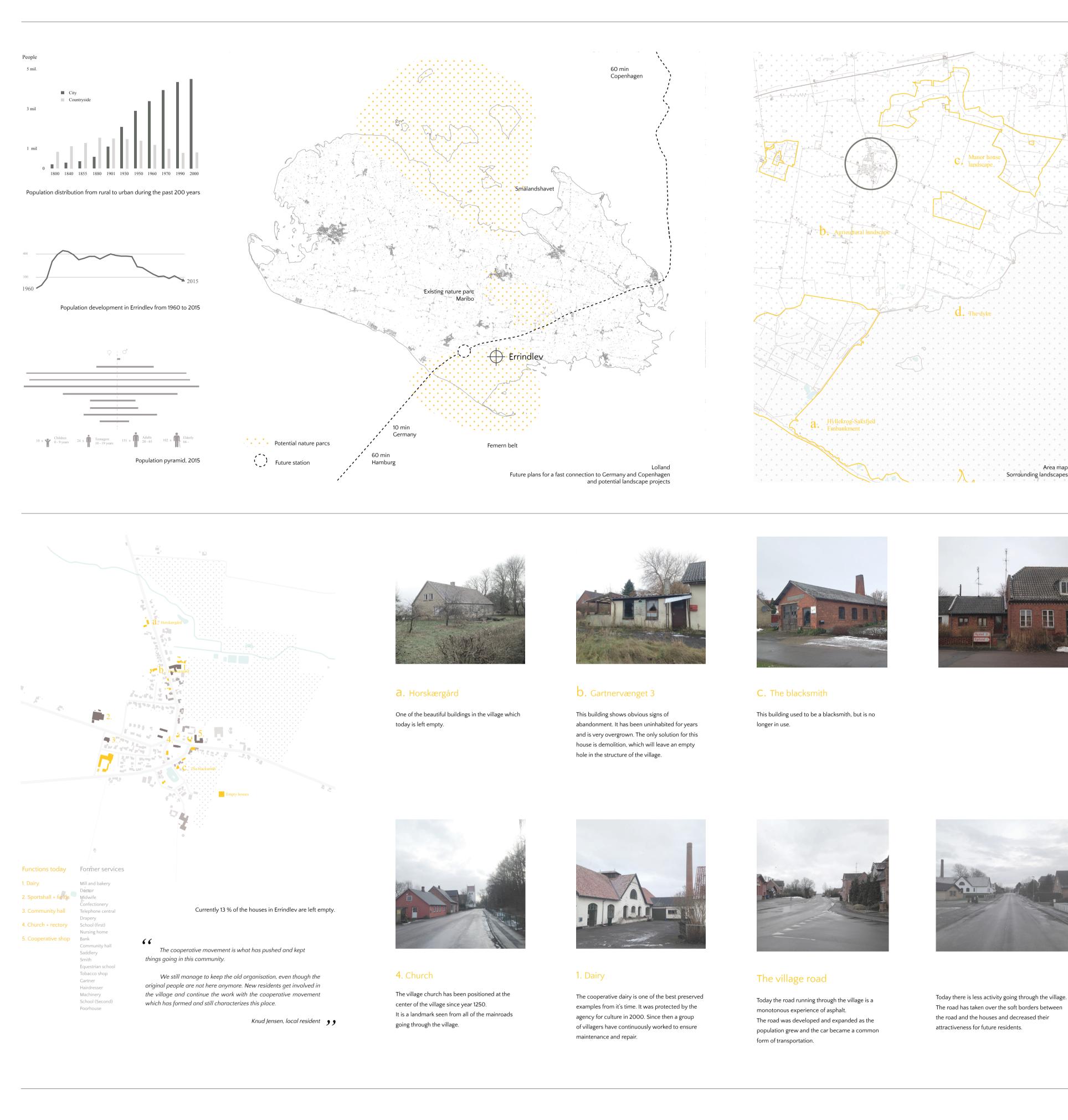
The countryside of Denmark has been depopulating during the past century and our villages are disappearing. The population drainage from the smaller settlements, has affected the local market of housing and detail and welfare institutions such as schools and health care facilities are being dismantled and centralised in bigger cities.

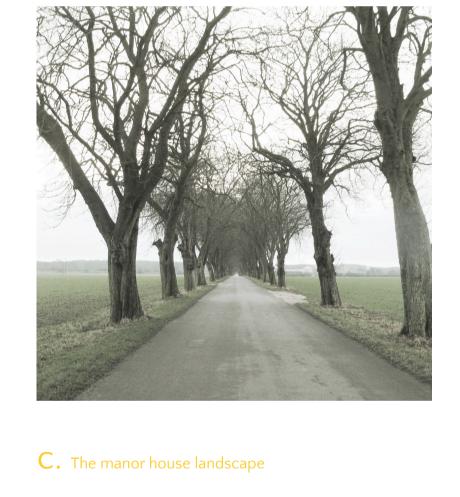
Errindlev, on the southern coast of Lolland, is a classical example of the struggling Danish village. This settlement used to be a thriving community with a strong cooperative tradition, but is today fighting for survival. As our society has developed, the village has lost it's relation to it's original source, the agricultural landscape. The village which gave birth to the cooperative movement is no longer an important driver in our contemporary society.

Rural municipalities are today finding new foothold, such as planning for tourism as their future livelihood. In connection to new strategies for tourism the countryside is in need of new organisation and a rediscovery of local identity

This thesis is a study of future perspectives for the village. What could be survival strategies for areas with population decline? How can urban and rural as two opposites come to support, instead of being competitors against one another. Could the recreational, scenic rural be developed as an attraction compared to the intense, urban life.

How can such areas find relevance again?





Errindlev is sorrounded by manor houses. In the local area many roads are flanked by avenues of trees as a part of the cultural landscape of the manor houses.

WATER

Protected stream

DVFI (Biological quality in stream)

Extremely poorPoor

Very poor

Rather reduced

HABITAT AREAS, NATURE AND WILFLIFE RESERVES

Habitat area to seals and birds

Nature and wildlife reserve



Today the dyke is not only a protection against the rising sea levels, but has also become a recreational route along the southern coast of Lolland.

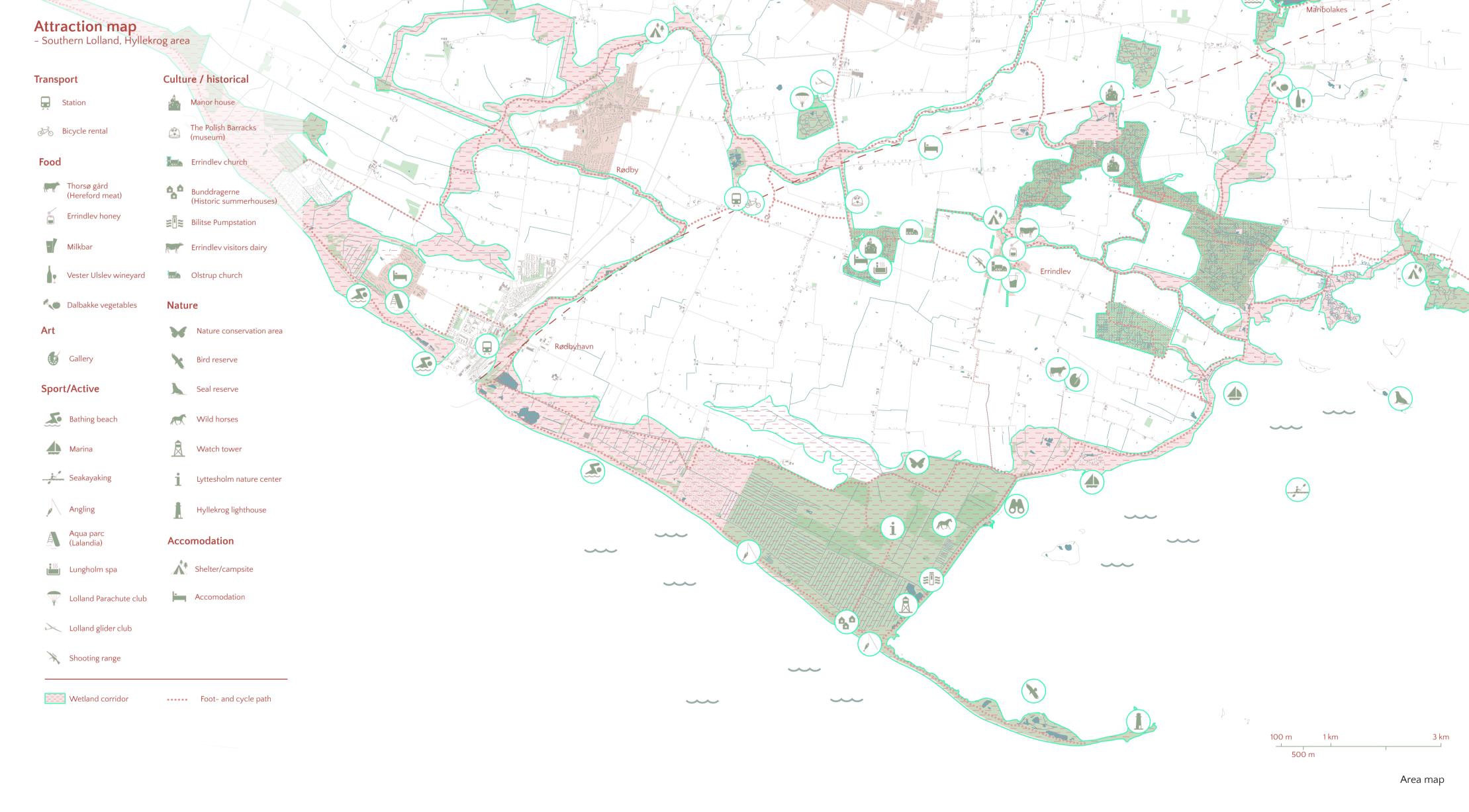


South-west of Errindlev is a nature conservation area which is known for its amazing landscape and rich bird life. Just west of the area is a little beach.



Errindlev is surrounded by farmland. The crops blossom during the spring and is harvested in the late summer months. During the winther most of the fields lie bare.

ATTRACTIONS





PROTECTED NATURETYPES

Lake, Meadow, Marshland, Pasture, Salt meadow