

Political focus on public lavatories

Better public toilets for all

The British Parliament recently released a report on the importance of improving access to public conveniences. The Communities and Local Government Commission of the Houses of Parliament in the UK found in their report that a lack of public lavatories leads to economic as well as social and environmental consequences.

Local councils' costs for street cleaning are significantly greater in areas without public toilet provisions, while less income is generated as tourists and locals abandon the same areas.

Inadequate public toilet facilities also means that already vulnerable groups are further excluded from everyday social life.

The recommendation of the report is that all towns and cities should have a duty to provide accessible, well-maintained public conveniences for all.



Better access with better signs



Signposting the way for everyone

Danfo has initiated an audit of all the signs applied on and inside our toilet buildings, with a view to making them more accessible to all visitors.

As far as possible, writing will be replaced by symbols, making the message obvious to everyone. Signs with information in Braille will also be available.

And as a part of our ongoing environmental efforts we will also be looking at the raw materials used in the manufacture of the signs, to ensure that precious natural resources are not wasted.

New web sites

A web site by any other name

Danfo will shortly be launching a new web site with more content and information than in our old site.

www.danfo.com will offer more information about our product information and a larger photo gallery, as well as the possibility of identifying your perfect sanitation solution using our new search function. And, of course, it will also be the first-stop site for all the latest news from Danfo, including the latest issue of our newsletter.

At the same time, the Pacto toilet will also get its own virtual web home with information on applications and references for our dry toilet.

The web sites are being launched before Christmas, so please keep your eyes open for your invitation to visit the re-vamped www.danfo.com and the new www.pactotoilet.com.

The next issue of *News from Danfo*, with more information about our export activities and the launch of our new web sites, will be available in March!

New installations

A beach in Helsingborg in the south of Sweden has been given a new public convenience from Danfo in preparation for the summer's sun worshippers.

The installation contains one fully accessible toilet room, one smaller toilet room and one urinal.

Designed in co-operation with local architects, the Tetragon recalls the heyday of seaside resorts in the 1920s.



This Tetragon has recently arrived at a roadside rest area in western Sweden. This installation was the final piece of a project to smarten up the site and make it more welcoming to drivers.



The public convenience has two WC rooms, one of which is fully accessible, and one urinal.

In order to complement the beautiful natural surroundings the Swedish Road Authority chose a traditional design with bright and cheerful colours.

Danfo's large Abu Dhabi project has recently been completed with the installation of thirty fully automatic toilets from Danfo in the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

A co-operation between Danfo Sweden and Danfo Middle East, the project has provided a number of toilets along the central corniche.

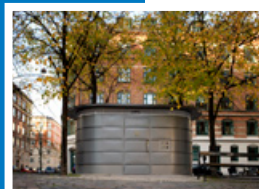


The Danish capital has chosen to go big on new public conveniences from Danfo.

A total of 15 urban public conveniences will be installed in the central areas of Copenhagen, many of which during the second half of 2008.

Added to these are new landscape conveniences in the city's parks.

Tetragon on Melchior's Plads in central Copenhagen (left) and Toilet House in Amager Strand Park.



Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen

And finally...

...a public lavatory in Fulham, southwest London, recently sold at auction for £403 000 - more than four times the asking price!

Centrally located, the two-storey building could be used for other purposes in future, according to the estate agents; examples of possible uses are a bar, a café or an art gallery with a difference.

So, despite the auction being held in the middle of a global financial crisis, the owner was left feeling flush as bidders clearly felt that a high-quality public convenience represented an attractive investment!



More information about Danfo's latest projects and pictures of our new installations in the next issue of *News from Danfo*, straight in your e-mail inbox in March! And if you can't wait until then, please visit our web site www.danfo.com for all the latest updates.