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To the residents and business owners in Kop Zuidas

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Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

Now that the summer holiday is just around the corner, we would like to inform you with this newsletter about the latest developments concerning Kop Zuidas. We will give you an overview of the status of the construction projects, the plan for the spatial layout of the public space, and the upcoming building works in Kop Zuidas. The location of the projects mentioned are indicated on the map on the last page of this letter.

## Crossover

The construction of the multifunctional Crossover building has been completed. The part of the building that houses office space was delivered this spring, and the residents of the social housing apartments – 60 first-time tenants and 60 refugees who were granted a residence permit – received the key to their apartments on 7 July. The bars and restaurants on the ground floor will soon be furnished too. The new residents will move in shortly, which means that there will be quite a few moving vans around. Moreover, some furniture for the offices in Crossover will be hoisted up on certain days. A container for cardboard packaging materials will be provided temporarily to keep the area around the building tidy as the new occupants move in.

The spatial lay-out of the public space around Crossover will be finished during the upcoming period. The paving has already been laid, and water-retaining green strips will be planted in the autumn. The realisation of the square opposite the Crossover entrance is also planned for this autumn, along with the planting of trees that will line the street. Perennial plants and trees are usually planted in the autumn, as this is the best time for their roots to become established. In a few years' time, after the construction of the building next to Crossover on plot K has been completed, a pocket park will be developed in between these two buildings. Until that time, this space will be in use as a footpath.

## The Newton

The construction of The Newton is progressing well. In March, the highest point of the building was reached, and at the moment, this residential complex is being finalized. On Friday 21 July, the construction crane will be disassembled, and in the following weeks, the scaffolding will be removed. In mid-August, the cables and pipes for residential use will be laid. After that, the public space around the building will be furnished, with paving and water-retaining green strips for example. And in the autumn, trees will also be planted in between The Newton and Crossover.

Construction of The Newton is expected to finish in November of this year, so that here too, the new residents can make the 101 apartments their homes by the end of the year. The space dedicated to bars and restaurants on Hogelandplein will be furnished around this time too.

## Hogelandplein

As you can see on the street, a lot of work has been put into the construction of Hogelandplein since January. The square is now being delivered in phases. The 'stonework' – the paving and natural stone surface around the water feature – will have been laid in August. The fences around this part of the square will then be removed.

The lawn on and around the hill will be laid from mid-August and will then need about four to five weeks, depending on the weather, to get properly established. Until that time, this part of the square will be fenced off, because during those weeks, the lawn should not be walked on. After that, the water feature will be switched on, and finally, during the planting season in the autumn, the trees on the square will be planted. This will complete the construction of the square.

Originally, the plan was to deliver the square (excluding the trees) before the summer holiday. We regret that this will not be possible now. Because of a late delivery of natural stone, the contractor, Rots, unfortunately had to adjust the plan.

## **Old School terrain**

In the past few months, the Old School building was demolished. Although the demolition work is now complete, the terrain is still fenced off. The reason for this is that we were still discussing the final details of the completion of this work with the contractor. We had agreed that the contractor would remove the foundation piles located in the ground up to a certain depth. This was not done correctly. We have now agreed compensation with the contractor, and the piles will remain in the ground for the time being. The fences around the terrain will soon be removed, and soil from Hogelandplein will be deposited here afterwards. In the autumn, the soil will be sown with grass seed].

# Temporary lay-out of other plots

After the delivery of The Newton in the autumn, there will be no further building projects for a few years. According to the plan, construction on plot K – next to Crossover – will start in 2026, and the building to be constructed here will be delivered in 2028 at the earliest. For this building, we have to go through a tendering procedure first. When plot K is finished, construction will start on plot L2. 300 apartments are planned on plot L2. Around the same time, the park that is planned on part of the site of the former Old School building, near Wilgenlaantje/Kleine Wetering, will also be constructed.

This means that part of the space on the Old School terrain and plots K and L2 can be given a temporary lay-out for a few years. We will involve stakeholders in the area to come up with this temporary design. After the summer, you will receive information on how you can contribute to the design, and what is possible and impossible for the temporary lay-out.

## Waste container Maaslandstraat

At the end of August, we will place one more container for residual waste at the head of Maaslandstraat. An obsolete cable was recently removed and a new electricity cable was laid. The electricity cable is needed to power the so-called pressurized container that will be placed at this location; the waste in the container will be pushed down, so that the container's capacity can be increased.

After placing this container, the temporary containers in front of Motel One will be removed.

## More information

We hope this newsletter contains all the information you need. We will do our best to keep you updated on the progress of the projects mentioned above. More information about the projects in your area can be found on <u>www.zuidas.nl</u>. Do you have any questions relating to this letter? Then you can reach us via <u>www.zuidas.nl/contact</u> or by telephone: 0800-5065. Our Information Centre in the WTC building (59 Strawinskylaan) is also open every Monday to Thursday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Via our website, you can register for the Zuidas newsletter and sign up for the monthly guided tours.

Kind regards,

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Map of Kop Zuidas