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To the residents of the Kop Zuidas area

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Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

After the completion of the residential building The Newton at the end of last year, no further residential or office buildings will be built over the next few years. However, work on the public space in the neighbourhood will continue. Via this newsletter, we want to inform you about these activities, and also the other developments within Kop Zuidas. The locations of the projects mentioned in this letter are indicated on the map on the last page.

#### **Design for temporary lay-out**

In September and October 2023, people in the neighbourhood were invited to use the 'swipocratie' tool to share their thoughts and ideas on the temporary lay-out for the K and L2 plots and the terrain formerly occupied by Old School. Since this area will only be developed in a few years' time, we want to create an attractive temporary lay-out in the meantime. The results of the swipocratie consultation indicated that the neighbourhood favours a green design, with facilities for sports and playing. The full results can be viewed on [www.zuidas.nl](http://www.zuidas.nl). Using this as a basis, we will come up with a proposed design for this temporary lay-out, which we will discuss with the neighbourhood. Unfortunately, this is taking a bit more time than we had hoped, but the intention is to present the proposed design to you this spring. You will receive further information in due course.

#### **Trees on Hogelandplein**

The work on Hogelandplein is almost finished. Unfortunately, we have noticed that the ground does not absorb rainwater very well, which results in the formation of large puddles. This means that a number of trees cannot be planted yet. We have commissioned a survey to understand the root causes of this situation. This survey pointed out that for the first few years, the structure of the soil will not be ideal for a newly-laid lawn. The roots and soil life need time to develop, and thereby to create the 'pores' in the soil that are needed for easy drainage of the rainwater. Until that time, excess rainwater will remain trapped in the top soil.

To prevent the formation of puddles on Hogelandplein, it is necessary to give the lawn and soil time to recover. This allows the development of roots and soil life, which in turn will facilitate drainage. To aid the recovery, several measures need to be taken; these are expected to be implemented in the upcoming period. We will also remove the rainwater that is still lying in puddles. We hope these measures will be sufficient, and that the situation on Hogelandplein will be normalised by the summer. It may then be possible to plant the remaining trees on Hogelandplein in the near future.

#### **Trees on Gaasterlandstraat**

A similar problem manifests itself on Gaasterlandstraat. The five trees that are still missing here, cannot be planted yet. The pits that were dug for this purpose have filled with water, and this water is not draining away very well. Another survey will be carried out at this location, to understand the causes and identify possible solutions, so that the trees can be planted in the autumn.

### Public tender plot K

The municipality will start the tender procedure for the development of plot K this spring. This means that interested parties can submit a proposal for the design for this plot, within the framework and conditions stipulated by the municipality. The idea is that this plot will become home to a building featuring office space, facilities and a start-up incubator. Contrary to what was originally planned, the building will not also house a residential care facility. When the plan for this residential care facility was developed in more detail, the available space on plot K turned out to be less than ideal after all. The Amsterdam City executive board therefore decided to find an alternative location for this facility.

### More information

We hope this letter contains all the information you require. You can find more information about PI59 and other projects in your area on [www.zuidas.nl](http://www.zuidas.nl). Do you have any questions relating to this letter? Then you can reach us via [www.zuidas.nl/contact](http://www.zuidas.nl/contact) or by telephone: 0800 – 5065. Alternatively, our Information Centre in the WTC building (59 Strawinskylaan) is open from 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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