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To the residents in and around Kop Zuidas

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Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

Since last summer, the Zuidas sub-district Kop Zuidas has welcomed 120 young people as residents to Crossover. And the office part of Crossover is buzzing with activity as new companies also move in. At the same time, the finishing touches are now being put to the Newton building and the surrounding public space. In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about the latest developments in your neighbourhood.

Hogelandplein Completion

Hogelandplein is more or less finished. The grass is now well-established, and the fences around the square have been removed. In the autumn (November/December) an additional 40 trees will be planted. That will enhance the appearance of the square – which is functioning already but looking rather bare – enormously. Ideally, trees are planted between November and February, because that season offers trees the best conditions for developing a healthy root system in a new location. In addition, a bit of work will be completed on the water feature, because the misting function has not been working properly. Next year, a festive moment for the neighbourhood is being planned for when the square can be properly admired in all its glory,

Achterhoekplein

A new square is currently being constructed at the entrance to the neighbourhood, between Crossover and Terrace Tower. During the National Construction Day in 2022, residents were invited to suggest a suitable name for this square. In line with the other street names in this area, the name needed to refer to a location in the Netherlands that has not yet been used in a street name elsewhere in Amsterdam. The Advisory Board for Naming Public Places has selected the name Achterhoekplein. That was one of the suggestions proposed by the neighbourhood last year. A street sign will be placed when the square is completed.

Asphalting Gelrestraat and Gaasterlandstraat

Now that the Crossover building has been completed, and construction of The Newton will be finalized in November, the public space around these buildings will be laid out next. This involves planting the water-retaining strips, planting trees and laying the definitive paving, including a surface layer of asphalt. The greenery and trees will be planted this autumn.

On **Saturday 4 November**, a covering layer of asphalt will be applied to Gelrestraat (between Crossover and The Newton). On this day, the parking garage underneath Crossover will therefore not be accessible from 7:00 am. After the work is completed – at some time in the afternoon – the garage will then be accessible again.

On **Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 December**, the Gaasterlandstraat, which runs along The Newton, will be asphalted. The current asphalt layer will be milled on 6 December. This may cause some noise pollution in the immediate vicinity. Pedestrians can keep using the footpath along Gaasterlandstraat normally. During these two days, cyclists and cars heading to the parking garage underneath Riv will be diverted via Gelrestraat and the temporary construction road. During these activities, access to the parking garage underneath the SUD building will be restricted: on 6 December, no cars can enter or exit the garage between 7:00 am and the early

afternoon. On 7 December, the garage will not be accessible between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm. We will inform you in advance of the alternative parking options in case you do want to use your car on these days.

Temporary layout

In September, we invited you to share your thoughts on the temporary layout of the open space next to Crossover and The Newton. Because the phased construction of this part of Kop Zuidas will only start in 2026 at the earliest, this space can be given a temporary layout for the next few years. You responded to this invitation in large numbers: more than 650 people indicated their preferences for the design for this location via the online tool swipocratie. The results and the additional suggestions are now being assessed. In general, there seems to be a desire for a quiet, green space with small-scale seating areas and sports facilities. We will share the full results soon via www.zuidas.nl. In the meantime, our designers will get to work on the designs for a proposal, which we will also be informing you about.

More information

We hope this letter contains all the information you require. We will keep you informed as fully as possible on the progress of the projects mentioned above. More information about the projects in your area can be found on www.zuidas.nl. Do you have any questions relating to this letter? Then you can reach us via www.zuidas.nl/contact 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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