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To the residents of Zuidas-district Beethoven

Subject: **Felling permit for six trees**

Contact:

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Reference:

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Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

Towards the end of 2024, developer KondorWessels Vastgoed is expected to start the development of the Habitat Royale building on plot 2 in Zuidas, in the Beethoven district. This residential complex will be located between the St. Nicolaaslyceum and Kapel & Convict. Before the development can start, the local council will clear the plot to prepare it for the building activities. As part of preparing the plot, six trees on Beethovenplein will be removed. These trees stand between the St. Nicolaaslyceum and the place where Habitat Royale will be built, and therefore on a spot that will be occupied by the future construction site. There are four black walnut trees and two trees of heaven. Permission to either fell or relocate these trees has been granted, and the permit will be available for inspection up until 8 February.

#### **Felling or relocation**

The local council has subjected these trees to a so-called Tree Effect Analysis (abbreviated to BEA in Dutch). We assessed their physical features, general condition, life expectancy and the value they represent. A BEA also assesses whether relocation is a realistic option for each tree. This assessment is based on the type of tree, how healthy it is, its size and the condition of its root ball. The two trees of heaven are not considered for relocation, because this type of tree is included in the list of 'invasive species'. Trees and plants on this list do not naturally occur in these regions, and their presence is considered undesirable because of their impact on the surrounding natural environment.

For the four black walnut trees, the possibility of relocation can only be determined after further examination of their root balls. The required inspection can only take place after a felling permit is obtained, because to start with, the crate construction on top of the root ball has to be removed in order to get a clear view of the root ball itself. If it turns out that relocation is a realistic option for the four black walnut trees, then two of those will be re-planted elsewhere on Beethovenplein, and the other two will be moved to Beatrixpark. If relocation proves to be impossible, then they will be compensated for by new trees, after the realisation of Habitat Royale. In any case, the delivery of the new homes will be accompanied by the planting of dozens of trees in the same area, as part of the furnishing of the newly established public space.

#### **Available for inspection**

The environment agency issued a felling permit for these trees on 28 December 2023. The permit will be available for inspection up until 8 February 2024. You can access the relevant documentation on [www.officielebekendmakingen.nl](http://www.officielebekendmakingen.nl). During the inspection period, you can raise an objection if you do not agree with the granting of this felling permit. Instructions to do so are also available on the same website.

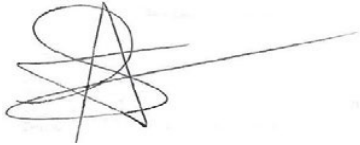
#### **Information**

We hope this letter contains all the information you require. More information about the projects in your area can be found 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. Our Information Centre in the WTC building (59

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Arwen Schram', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Arwen Schram  
Project Manager Zuidas