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To the residents in the Prinses Irene area

Subject: **Lay-out for the public space around PI59**

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Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

The renovation of building PI59 on 59 Prinses Irenestraat is nearing its completion. The building, which dates from the 1970s, has undergone an extensive facelift. The solid concrete facades, expressions of the building's brutalist style, now feature large windows, making the building lighter and more transparent. A lot of greenery and natural materials have been used to furnish the interior of the building. Three atriums will be created, in order to let in as much daylight as possible. The delivery of the unfurnished shell is planned for mid-April 2024, which leaves some final construction work on the interior to complete the building. The expectation is that Philips will move in sometime in the autumn.

Construction company Gebr. Van Kessel will start restoring the public space surrounding the building from 5 February. This will also involve planting new greenery around the building. In this letter, we would like to inform you about these activities.

Public space

The building activities caused damage and some subsidence to the paving around PI59. On three sides of the building, the paving is now being repaired and renewed: on the Parnassusweg side, on the side of Strawinskypad and alongside the Freshfields building. At the same time, greenery will be planted around the building. The paving on the side of Prinses Irenestraat will not be repaired yet. The contractor will be accessing the building from this side for a few more months, while the building works on the interior of the building are finalised. In the autumn – before Philips moves into the building– the paving on this side will be repaired too.

The work will be carried out in three phases:

Phase 1: Monday 5 February to Friday 23 February 2024

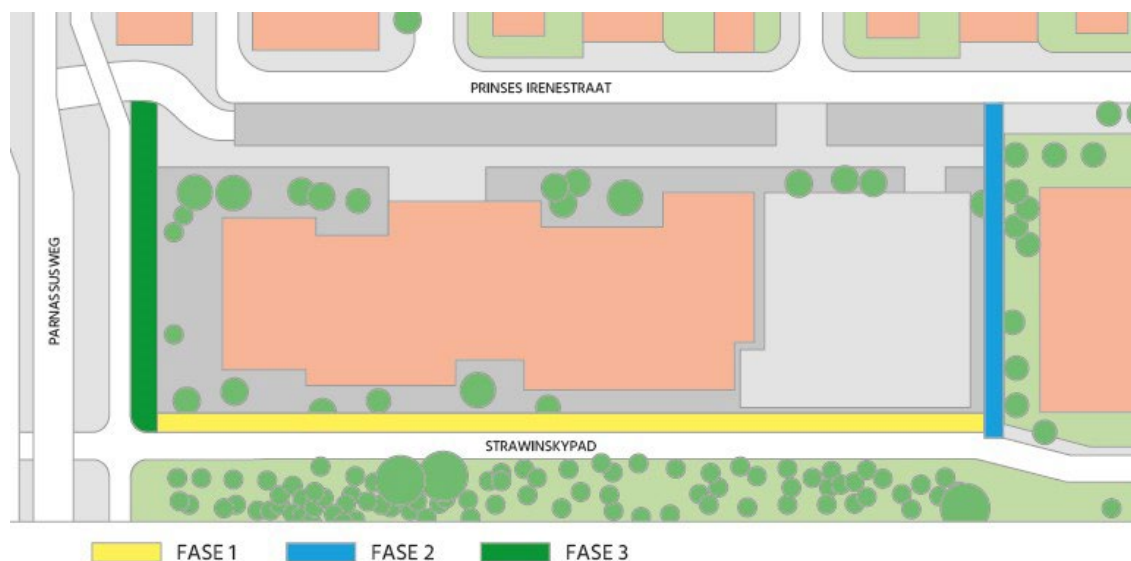
During this period, the paving behind the building, up to Strawinskypad, will be taken care of. Strawinskypad will be closed for pedestrians, who will be redirected via Prinses Irenestraat. Cyclists will not experience any inconvenience.

Phase 2: Monday 26 February to Friday 22 March 2024

During this period, work will be carried out on the side of the Freshfields building (next to the PI59 parking garage). During these activities, the footpath will not be accessible at this location. Pedestrians heading for Prinses Irenestraat from Strawinskypad can walk via either Parnassusweg or Prinses Amaliaplein.

Phase 3: Monday 18 March to Friday 12 April 2024

During this period, work will be carried on the Parnassusweg side. Here, the paving and greenery will be put in place in front of the terrace of the catering facility which is planned for this location. The footpath along Parnassusweg will temporarily be narrowed to 1.8 metres during the building activities. Pedestrians will be directed past the building site via this temporarily narrowed footpath.



The paving on Prinses Irenestraat will be repaired in the autumn, as the building activities on the building's interior near their completion. The new paving on the side of Prinses Irenestraat will only be a temporary solution. At a later stage, Prinses Irenestraat will be given a new, permanent lay-out. This will be in keeping with the green lay-out realised in front of the Goede Doelen Loterij-building at the beginning of the street. More information about this refurbishment will be provided in the second half of this year.

Lay-out of parking deck and pocket park

The roof of the parking garage at PI59 and the alley running alongside it (pocket park), which borders the offices of the law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, will be given a public function. Last year, the neighbourhood was invited in various ways to share their ideas about a design for these spaces. At an information meeting in July 2023, we presented a so-called colour chart, showing where the different functions – play areas, greenery and sport – would be accommodated. The plan was to work this colour chart into a more detailed design, and to present this back to the neighbourhood at the end of 2023. Unfortunately, this plan proved to be too optimistic. We now aim to present a design proposal sometime during the spring. You will receive more information in due course.

More information

We hope this letter contains all the information you require. You can find more information about PI59 and the other projects in your area 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. 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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