



SITE VISIT REPORT

European 14: Amsterdam - H-buurt

REPORT MINUTES

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PARTICIPANTS:

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TIMETABLE

9:30 Opening Information day

9.50: Introduction by Sabine Lebesque

10:00 Introductions into the site location, the current situation on the site, the topics relevant to the site, the constraints and the city vision of the area.

10:00 Presentation Papaverdriehoek site by Dick Bruijne, Project manager

10:15 Presentation Transformatorweg by Arnoud Simonsma, Urban Designer

10:30 Presentation H-Buurt by Jeroen Heester, Senior Urban Planner

10:45 Presentation Piarcopelein by Don Murphy, Supervisor / Urban Planner

11:00 Presentation Sluisbuurt by Mirjana Milanovic, Senior Advisor dRO Amsterdam

11:20 Individual Q&A session per location

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Site visit H-buurt

presentation by Erna Hollander

17:00 Productive City debate at Pakhuis de Zwijger

Host: Olof van de Wal

17:15 Introduction and welcome by Olof van de Wal and Sabine Lebesque

17:30 William Stokman on Amsterdam 2025.

17:45 Eva Gladek on circular economy and Metabolic, a consulting and venture building company that uses systems thinking to tackle global sustainability challenges.

18:00 Joost Beunderman on activities relating to the shaping of our built environment.

18:30 Informal meet & greet between participants stakeholders and European NL team

18:45 Final remarks by Annius Hoornstra of city of Amsterdam

20:00 Closing Lecture by Kristiaan Borret on the Productive City (European 14 theme)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What are the numbers of parking spots on the site?

A: Parking spaces are very important in this area, most residents in this part of Amsterdam like to drive a car but also because of the offices nearby that attract a lot of cars. So parking is an issue. This however does not mean that we want to create space for all the cars that come into the area. Last year Amsterdam changed the parking allowance, which means that only those with a parking permit are allowed to park in the area. This significantly reduced the amount of people parking their car for free.

The current parking norm for the area is 0.6 parking spots per house.

The amount of parking space in the current parking garage is 252. This is without the parking on the roof. This is no longer allowed due to technical state of the parking garage.



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Currently about 100 parking space inside the garage are rented out to residents in the nearby towers. This number is expected to fall as the public space in the area will be redesigned and rent will go up from about 40 euro per month now to about 80 to 100 euro per month once a new parking garage is build commercially, while permits to park on the street is 65 euro per year.

Any new development will need to have parking spaces available for the nearby residents. Participants are asked to add about 20 to 50 parking spots reserved for this function.

Q: There are 2 separate parking garages, are there any drawings available of these structures.

A: No

Q: Is it the idea to demolish the parking garage?

A: Yes, the preference of the city is to demolish the garages.

Q: The Bijlmer area is changing a lot with different type of residents moving in, is this also the goal for this project as any new development should not include social housing?

A: one of the qualities of H-buurt is that is has predominantly social housing, besides new residents os that we want to give current residents more economic opportunities.

Another problem is that people who start earning more money currently have to leave the area. For these people we also want to give them a chance to improve their housing situation in the same neighbourhood. Also keep in mind that high-end housing in this area is very unlikely, so the aim should be more towards middle class housing.

Q: Do you see any potential in integrating the existing and new population?

A: We are not idealistic about this but we do have a few examples where it is working, mostly with students and creative people. It not our ideal to mix everything, instead we hope that people who live in the H-buurt stay in the H-buurt when their financial situation improves. A lot of people want to stay in the area, but do not have the opportunity to move to a different type of house.

Q: In the brief it is written that the city is looking for low cost productive spaces. Are you looking for low-skilled workers?

A: No, Many of skilled residents want to start their own business despite minimal financial means, as the type of business vary greatly it is often difficult to find the a space for this beause they are too expensive or 'too neat'. It has more to do with Flexibility that anything else.

Q: What does the plinths of the two residential towers contain?

A: The currently hold storage spaces. The housing company that manages these buildings is looking into ways to open these spaces up to more active functions

Q: What kind of sizes are you looking for the productive spaces?

A: We have no plans yet, participants can make suggestions.

VIDEO AVAILABLE:

- Site visit