

District newsletter

April 2024

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Overvecht environmental strategy: what does it mean for the Overvecht district?

The Municipality of Utrecht is formulating an environmental strategy for the Overvecht district. The strategy sets out the options for spatial developments in the district until 2040. The public consultation period for the draft Overvecht environmental strategy has now begun. You can submit your comments until 20 May 2024. This district newsletter explains the draft Overvecht environmental strategy and how you can respond to it.

A district-wide environmental strategy

We draw up an environmental strategy to preserve the places we like and improve places that need it. There are also city tasks such as the building of 5,000 homes and 3,000 workplaces in Overvecht. Last year, many Overvecht residents contributed to these proposals. The draft environmental strategy contains proposals for green space, traffic, building, living, working, amenities and sustainability in Overvecht. An environment strategy is a strategy of the future: it does not confer building permission. Nor do the rights of owner-occupiers and tenants expire.

Improving and enhancing green and blue

We want to preserve and enhance the green space in the district as much as possible. As Overvecht grows, the green space grows with it. We make the neighbourhood streets greener and more attractive. We also connect the various green areas in and outside of Overvecht. The cars running through the parks are being removed. That help to consolidate the parks. We are connecting Park De Watertoren and Park de Gagel through a green zone along Carnegiedreef and Zamenhofdreef. We are enhancing green space by planting more types of greenery and creating nature-friendly banks along the waterways.

Safe and connected

We are reorganising the roads because more people are coming to live in Overvecht. We are prioritising walking, cycling and public transport. We are creating better cycling and walking routes within the district and to the rest of the city. There will be a fast bus connection across Carnegiedreef and Zamenhofdreef, which will be made a low-traffic area, to Overvecht station. The aim is also to improve connections with other parts of the city. Buses will continue to run through the districts. We are making the streets greener and low traffic. We are reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h or 15 km/h. Several car connections between districts are being discontinued so that fewer cars drive in the districts. This will make district streets safer, but will require detours in some areas. We also remove on-street parking spaces wherever possible. New buildings will have parking spaces that local residents can also use.

Room for growth

Overvecht will have 5,000 extra homes, extra amenities and 3,000 extra workplaces. The draft Overvecht environmental strategy identifies various area types with colours on the maps. These colours show what could be added and what building heights and functions are desirable. We are making space for more workplaces in the business park. There will be no housing there.

Taller buildings will mostly be around easily accessible places, such as the railway station, Overvecht Centrum and the future stops of the direct bus line. New building development may affect the green structure. Where the main green structure is affected, we are setting strict conditions to preserve a green connection, providing enough space for recreation and for varied greenery.

Varied and for everyone

By 2040, Overvecht will be a district with more varied housing, amenities and workplaces. We plan to add affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for senior citizens and first-time buyers, for example. The number of social housing units will remain at least the same. This also gives Overvecht residents more chance to move up the housing ladder in the district. More housing means more amenities. They will remain close to home. There will be larger amenities in Overvecht Centrum, near the station and at Carnegiedreef. We are making space for safe sports and playgrounds in the district. We are also looking for a location for additional sports fields.

Sustainable and future-proof

By 2040, Overvecht will be a sustainable and climate-proof district. We are making public spaces greener and providing places where water can easily get into the ground. That will keep districts cooler in summer and prevent flooding caused by heavy rainstorms. We are building as sustainably and naturally as possible. Where possible, we will make buildings flexible so that they can be given a different function if required. We are also committed to renewable energy, such as moving away from natural gas and using solar panels.

Step by step

The changes in the district will not all be made all at once. We have 15 years to develop and implement the plans. We will do this together. With you, with owners and developers. Step by step, the district will change towards the 2040 strategy for the future.

Your district

On the following pages of this district newsletter you will find a map showing the main proposals in the draft environment strategy for your district.

Consultation on the draft environmental strategy

The draft Overvecht environmental strategy is available for consultation from 8 April to 20 May 2024. You can view the paper version of the draft environmental strategy at the Overvecht district office, Zamenhofdreef 17 and at the City Office, Stadsplateau 1.

You can view the draft environmental strategy online via DenkMee:

denkmee.utrecht.nl/omgevingsvisieovervecht. Scan the QR code with your phone to go there directly.

Here you will also find a video about the draft Overvecht environmental strategy and a list of frequently asked questions.

Still have questions? During the consultation period, we will organise three walk-in meetings:

Monday 22 April

Address: Vechtsebanen, Mississippiidreef 151

Time: between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Tuesday 23 April

Address: Yonunity, Jonkvrouw Sanderijndreef 35

Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday 25 April

Address: Johannescentrum, Moezeldreef 400

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

How can I respond to the draft environment strategy?

You can email your views to

omgevingsvisieovervecht@utrecht.nl

Or send them by post to:

The municipal council of the Municipality of Utrecht

Ontwikkelorganisatie Ruimte

PO Box 16200

3500 CE Utrecht

Please state as a reference: view draft environmental strategy Overvecht.

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We will review all the responses after 20 May. We will adapt the environment strategy accordingly where possible. The city council will then adopt the Overvecht Environmental Strategy. We expect this to take place by the end of 2024. Everyone who sends in a response will receive a reply.

More information?

For more information, please contact Twan Seton at omgevingsvisieovervecht@utrecht.nl or by calling 14 030. Or check the website:

www.utrecht.nl/omgevingsvisieovervecht.

For other questions about your district, please contact the Overvecht district office, Zamenhofdreef 17, directly via overvecht@utrecht.nl or by calling the general telephone number 14 030.