

Continue Building Haarlemmermeer



Election programme

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Foreword

Dear resident,

Haarlemmermeer is a municipality that was founded by optimists, pioneers, and hard workers; it is precisely this identity and mentality that we cherish and continue to promote as the local VVD.

In recent years, we as the local VVD have worked hard to put Haarlemmermeer on the map and develop it into a municipality where it is pleasant to live, where you can grow up well and safely, and where you can also enjoy your old age. A municipality with a vibrant economy, where there is room to relax and where you can get around easily, by car, bicycle, or public transport. In recent years, we have been able to do this as a stable, professional, and reliable party, together with residents, entrepreneurs, and other political parties.

Haarlemmermeer has become a municipality of national importance on its own merits. Good relations and cooperation with the region, the province, and the national government are important for this. As the local VVD, we make optimal use of our regional and national network for this purpose. In recent years, these contacts and cooperation have led, for example, to the lifting of the reservation on the parallel Kaagbaan runway, an expansion of housing opportunities in all our villages and neighbourhoods, and a commitment to extending the North/South metro line to Hoofddorp. The challenges and ambitions in our municipality are diverse and significant. This means that it is important for a local party to have a strong presence throughout our municipality and for residents and entrepreneurs to know where to find us. VVD Haarlemmermeer is the only truly local party in Haarlemmermeer with roots in all villages and neighbourhoods.

We are proud of what we, together with the coalition parties, have achieved over the past four years. A small selection of results:

- Construction of more than 3,000 homes in Haarlemmermeer; Expansion of opportunities for splitting homes and maintaining generous parking standards; Hoofddorp is transforming into a city with allure: Construction of Hyde Park, completion of the city park, start of construction of homes on Concourslaan and the Sem building.
- The strongest municipality in the Netherlands economically; finances in order; Prevention of an increase in property tax (OZB); More local budget for safety;
- More bike paths, continuation of the North/South line, start of planning for the road around the South, arrival of additional high-quality public transport.
- Work must pay; minimum income schemes adjusted to a fairer model;

In this election program, you can read in detail how we want to continue building Haarlemmermeer. Give us your support and vote for the local VVD on March 18, 2026!

With warm regards,

Beryl van Straten

Party leader of the Haarlemmermeer VVD



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Chapter 1: Pleasant and suitable housing with Haarlemmermeer quality

Build, build, build

Pleasant living is the basis for a happy life. There is a severe housing shortage, including in Haarlemmermeer. Many young people live in attics and many residents aged 55+ would like to move to a different home in the coming years. **That is why we are committed to building 20,000 homes by 2040.** We are combining densification and improvement in existing neighborhoods with expansion on the outskirts of villages, so that there is room for everyone. Because the province and the national government have a say in construction in rural areas, we are working with our VVD colleagues in the Provincial Council and at the national level. We are making full use of the legal options available to give our own residents priority for new-build homes in Haarlemmermeer.

Appropriate construction

With Haarlemmermeer quality

Haarlemmermeer quality means that you can live in the city with all amenities within easy reach or that you can live in one of our smaller characteristic villages. Close to all amenities that are accessible in the way that suits you best. The current housing stock in Haarlemmermeer consists largely of single-family homes.

More diverse and better mobility

The local VVD wants to further expand this housing supply and make it more diverse now that our population is also changing. This means that we are committed to providing housing for first-time buyers, single people, and people aged 55 and over. We will do this by focusing on adaptive and future-oriented construction so that current and new homes, for example through division, can be adapted to the target groups that need them most. There will be a greater need for care homes and residential clusters. By increasing the supply of these, enabling people to move and encouraging them to do so, we will promote mobility.

In the coming years, we will need thousands of homes for residents who have grown older and want to downsize. They want to stay in their own neighbourhood, close to their social network. If we offer this group of residents suitable housing, it will promote mobility because they often leave behind a single-family home. The municipality must work with developers and these residents to create suitable homes and/or housing types. This promotes mobility and makes room for families. **We support young people in purchasing a home through municipal starter loans** and build affordable homes that meet the needs of first-time buyers.



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Social housing is only available to people who need it most.

We believe that social housing is not intended for people with assets. Moreover, we want to encourage home ownership. This allows you to build up assets and become more independent. This means that the local VVD wants to commit to a maximum of 30% social housing of the new homes to be built in an area development. We prefer to focus on homes that are affordable for people with an average income. The current national definition of affordable does not sufficiently reflect this. We also make maximum use of the possibilities to allocate social housing in our own neighbourhoods and villages to our own residents.



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As the local VVD, we want to give tenants of social housing the opportunity to buy their homes, so that they too can build up equity. This encourages mobility and offers housing associations the opportunity to use the proceeds to build new social housing. Tenants can easily move on to more expensive rental housing if they start earning more, because we are going to build more mid-priced rental housing.

Through a targeted housing policy for **migrant workers**, we will ensure that employers are responsible for providing good housing for migrant workers and we will set clear rules on where temporary housing for migrant workers is possible. We are focusing on opportunities on the employer's premises in agricultural areas and on designated industrial estates. In this way, we prevent migrant workers from increasing the pressure on the regular housing stock. We are simplifying rules and speeding up procedures, for example by using artificial intelligence (AI) to make construction projects easier to realize. No unnecessary extra rules, just efficient processes.

What we have achieved:

- The construction of 3,000 homes;
- Agreement on the construction of another 2,500 homes in Lisserbroek;
- Agreement on the construction of 1,000 homes in the Bolskwartier neighbourhood;
- Start of construction of homes in Hoofddorp Noord;
- Expansion of the possibilities for dividing existing homes;
- Area perspective for housing construction in Rijsenhout (400 homes) established;
- In Haarlemmermeer, 48% of homes have been built as affordable housing;
- Establishment of housing policy for migrant workers;
- Construction of (temporary) flexible housing;
- Breakthrough in housing construction in Nieuw-Vennep West;
- Noise-adaptive construction.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- Further planning and start of construction of 6,000 to 10,000 homes in Spoorzone;
- Transformation of the Cruquius business park into housing + improving quality of life;
- Focus on moving people aged 55+ to suitable homes/housing types;

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- Greater diversity of homes through innovative, adaptive, and future-oriented design;
- Focus on housing affordability so that people in crucial professions and people with an average income can also live in Haarlemmermeer;
- Where possible, further relax housing construction regulations and accelerate projects, fewer rules and even more of a 'yes, provided that' attitude from the municipality.

Relocation at your own discretion

"If you can't get there, you can't live there." Haarlemmermeer is a municipality on the move. Transportation and travel are an important part of life in our municipality. Many of our villages are inhabited by commuters who have to travel to work, school, or to visit people. Cars often play a necessary role in this. That is why we believe that everyone should be free to choose their own means of transportation.

Where you can get around quickly

It is important that our travel time is no longer than necessary. That is why the local VVD is working to ensure **good traffic flow for bicycles, cars, and public transport**. By better connecting different modes of transport, we can reach our destination faster and prevent unnecessary emissions caused by traffic jams. We are committed to ensuring that you can reach basic amenities anywhere in



Haarlemmermeer within **20 minutes** using all forms of transport. In Haarlemmermeer, you should be able to get around all villages and neighbourhoods with as little delay as possible. That is why it is important that you can quickly get out of your neighbourhood onto the main roads. To achieve this, we need to invest in infrastructure, remedy existing bottlenecks, and facilitate new housing construction in the future.

Where you can travel comfortably and innovatively

Comfortable travel means that there is an affordable and good way for everyone to travel from door to door. The accessibility of all villages and neighbourhoods by public transport remains a concern in Haarlemmermeer. That is why we support initiatives such as neighbourhood buses so that they can connect better with each other.

We are extending the **North/South line** to Hoofddorp to improve accessibility. This will improve our business climate and be a positive addition for our residents. In addition, extending the North/South line will enable the construction of thousands of additional homes in the Stationskwartier district in Hoofddorp. Extending the North/South line will therefore help us to realize our housing ambitions.

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The local VVD party is committed to good public transport and therefore also to good public transport hubs. We are committed to good public transport hubs with sufficient facilities that will make traveling easier. In addition, these hubs must be in line with the idea of comfortable travel and therefore be designed in such a way that everyone feels safe and that it is a clean environment. There are sufficient and secure parking spaces for bicycles.

Constructive cooperation with neighboring municipalities

Accessibility does not stop at the municipal border. We are committed to constructive cooperation in the Amsterdam Transport Region and with the Duin en Bollenstreek region. However, we will retain our independence in decision-making. We strongly oppose Amsterdam's mobility plans, which would cause Badhoevedorp to suffer from traffic from Amsterdam. We are working with the provinces of North Holland and South Holland, and the neighboring municipalities of the Duin en Bollenstreek to extend the N207 to the N206. In addition, we will work to widen the Elsbroekerbrug bridge. By focusing on these two points, we will reduce rat-running through Lissersbroek and enable more homes to be built.

What we have achieved:

- Construction of additional and free bicycle paths;
- Progress in planning the extension of the North-South line;
- Establishment of a traffic structure plan for Hoofddorp and Nieuw-Vennep;
- Additional charging stations for electric cars;
- Enabling charging at home (cable mat);
- Cooperation in the region, such as the Dune and Bulb Region for the south of Haarlemmermeer and Heemstede (Zuid-Kennermerland);
- Improving the position of Haarlemmermeer in the Transport Region and Metropolitan Region.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- A municipality where you can get around quickly, safely, and comfortably;
- Where motorists are not seen as polluters but as hard-working residents;
- Extending the North/South line to Hoofddorp;
- Expanding public transport hubs and high-quality public transport connections;
- A constructive collaboration with the neighboring municipality in which we protect the residents of Badhoevedorp from the measures taken by Amsterdam, the N207 is extended to the N206, and the Elsbroekerbrug is widened;
- More secure bicycle parking spaces.

Space for greenery, recreation, and parking

Public space belongs to all of us. The VVD Haarlemmermeer believes that clean and safe public space is the basis for daily life. The way in which the municipality organizes management and maintenance is Haarlemmermeer's calling card and contributes directly to pleasant living, trust, and safety.

Practical and affordable climate policy

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The local VVD opts for **innovative and pragmatic policy**. Sustainable choices are feasible, affordable, and aimed at maximum results for minimum costs. **Water conservation** receives specific attention, because unlimited availability of clean (drinking) water can no longer be taken for granted. Entrepreneurs are involved in finding smart solutions to this problem. In addition, we opt for practical policies. Climate-proofing our outdoor spaces with good sewerage systems for our homes and safe walking and cycling routes for our recreation is important for the future of Haarlemmermeer. We are also working with entrepreneurs to make business parks more sustainable, without imposing unnecessary rules.

Clean and accessible outdoor space

We strive to create **public spaces** that are inviting and well maintained. This means safe and clean playgrounds close to home, a place for young people, well-lit walking and cycling paths, and attractive, accessible parks and public gardens. This allows everyone, young and old, to make full use of the neighborhood. Every child should be able to play safely in the neighbourhood, and it should be pleasant to take an evening stroll along safe, clean walking paths.

Illegal dumping at recycling parks creates a messy and therefore unsafe impression in the neighbourhood. Dumping at recycling parks must therefore be punished. Meerlanden is committed to combating littering around recycling parks by creating an attractive design and clearly communicating the punishability of illegal dumping. In addition, together with Meerlanden, we are using innovation to empty full recycling parks as quickly as possible and adjust the collection frequency if necessary.



Greenery is important: for cooling during hot days and for enhancing the enjoyment and biodiversity of the area. Parks and wooded areas—such as the Haarlemmermeerse Bos, Venneper Hout, Houtrakpolder, Park21, Dorpsbos Abbenes, and Spaarnwoude—will be greened and maintained in an affordable manner and, where possible, expanded. We will further investigate how additional catering establishments or facilities can be added to these areas and how accessibility can be improved. In addition, we want to look at how we can make better recreational use of our waterways, such as the Hoofdvaart or Ringvaart. For example, we want to add (temporary) cycle paths and walking routes along the Hoofdvaart, add a marina to the Ringvaart, and optimize or reroute the Staande Mastroute. This will reduce the frequency with which bridges need to be opened, which will improve traffic flow around bridges.

Smart and careful maintenance

The local VVD opts for **biodiverse grass mowing**, with respect for people and animals. Residents are invited to actively participate by, for example, mowing the grass in front of their

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homes themselves. Initiatives to green streets and neighbourhoods, such as placing planters or shrubs, are given free rein. We prevent unnecessary regulatory pressure. Where residents themselves want to green their living environment, the municipality cooperates rather than hindering them. With the help of sensors and innovative technology, such as artificial intelligence (AI), maintenance is carried out on time and in a targeted manner. This prevents damage to nature and animals and keeps the living environment pleasant and safe.

Where there are sufficient parking spaces

The Haarlemmermeer VVD is the party that represents the interests of car owners. Many of our villages are inhabited by commuters for whom the car is often not a choice, but a necessity to get to work. In new developments, we strive for on-site parking and sufficient parking facilities for visitors. In neighbourhoods where parking pressure is too high, traffic regulation measures



and other options should be considered first, and only as a last resort should parking regimes such as blue zones and paid parking be considered. **VVD Haarlemmermeer is and remains opposed to paid parking.** As far as we are concerned, paid parking is only the last option and can only be introduced with sufficient support from the local community.

We help retailers by making clear agreements about parking policy, for example by encouraging the dual use of parking lots and parking garages. By making smart agreements, we can use the parking garages of offices and businesses in the city center on late-night shopping evenings and weekends. In this way, we ensure sufficient parking spaces for residents and visitors to shopping areas.

What we have achieved:

- Accessible, well-maintained parks, playgrounds, and roads;
- Additional greenery where possible and residents' initiatives are encouraged;
- Smart use of water and more recreational opportunities along the water and in green spaces;
- Fewer rules for residents who want to brighten up or maintain their neighbourhoods;
- Innovative and efficient maintenance using modern techniques, with respect for nature and animals;
- Enforcement of generous parking standards;
- Further planning of Park21 for additional recreation and greenery;
- Greening of existing neighbourhoods.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- Maintaining the current generous parking standards;
- Fining illegal parking at drop-off points;
- Preserving the open and green character of the Houtrakpolder;
- Optimizing or rerouting the Staande Mastroute;
- Preserving the village and green character of Cruquius and Zwaanshoek;
- Counteracting paid parking without sufficient support from the surrounding area.

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Good facilities: Education, Sports, and Culture

Education that offers opportunities

Education is the foundation for equal opportunities and an independent life. It is where children learn to read, write, and do arithmetic. It is also where they discover their talents, learn norms and values, and learn to live together. We believe it is important that every child in Haarlemmermeer has the opportunity to develop to their full potential. That is why we invest in **early childhood and preschool education**, so that language or developmental delays can be identified and addressed at an early stage. A good start in primary school increases the chances of a successful school career.

We work together with schools and care partners to prevent young people without a diploma from disappearing from view. We have a successful approach when it comes to the number of children who stay at home instead of attending school. We will continue this approach. We support schools in offering sufficient exercise and a smoke-free learning environment. We also ensure safe walking and cycling routes to school and a **safe environment around the school building**. As the local VVD, we will therefore continue to invest in our school buildings. Teachers and students deserve a safe, healthy, and inspiring environment in which to work and learn. We are committed to educational facilities that are future-proof: sustainably built, well-ventilated, and flexibly deployable. In doing so, we take into account growing neighbourhoods, changing educational needs, and the multifunctional use of the building in the neighbourhoods.

With the National Inclusive Education Program (LPIO), the government is working towards a system in which as many children as possible **attend school together**, regardless of their support needs. As the local VVD, we support this national ambition where it fits our local situation, with an eye for the right balance. We want every child to be able to participate, but we also want a protected place to remain available if necessary. Within collaborations such as the Local Educational Agenda (LEA), we explore how education and youth assistance can be better aligned.

Freedom of education is important, but should never lead to exclusion. We monitor whether schools comply with admission rules and intervene when there are signs of undemocratic, polarizing, or unfree education. **Schools have an important role to play in identifying violence, crime, or radicalization**. We support them in this, for example with campaigns such as YouChoose, and we work together with the police, neighborhood BOA, and youth workers to create a safe school environment.

We are exploring **flexible school and childcare hours** in consultation with schools, so that education better suits working parents. We encourage **parental involvement**, especially in families where this is less common. In addition, we are focusing on the connection between culture, sports, and education, with activities taking place at school as much as possible. The local VVD pays attention to school safety both inside and outside the classroom. Knife possession, cyberbullying, and nuisance around schoolyards are unacceptable and, in our opinion, require even more attention.

We are committed to greater **cooperation between schools, businesses, and vocational education** to make technical education possible at an early age. We do this by encouraging

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schools to participate in subsidy programs such as Sterk Techniekonderwijs (Strong Technical Education) and supporting them in this as a municipality. It is also important that schools and businesses find common ground in regional consultation structures. We help young people with their **career orientation**, focusing on promising professions and practical skills. We encourage vocational education and training programs in the municipality to align with the regional labor market. In addition, we strengthen cooperation between schools and social partners around summer schools and homework assistance wherever possible.

What we have achieved:

- Establishment of an Integrated Housing Plan: a plan for the construction and renovation of schools for the next 20 years.
- Keeping bicycle routes to school safe through "school is back in session" campaigns.
- Improved cooperation between the municipality, schools, and community police officers to improve safety for children at schools.

Priorities for the coming years:

- Even closer cooperation between the municipality, schools, and community police officers;
- Ensuring sufficient sports facilities for schools;
- Early identification and tackling of learning deficits;
- Healthy and safe school and learning environments;
- Sustainable, future-proof school buildings;
- Strong links between schools, parents, society, and the business community;
- Strict control and supervision of non-free education.

A sporty municipality

Haarlemmermeer is a sporty and **vibrant municipality**, and we want to keep it that way. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in sports. Not only does sport promote health, it also connects residents and thereby strengthens our community. Young people gain self-confidence from sports and learn to work together as a team. Older people stay fit longer by exercising, which also reduces the pressure on healthcare. The local VVD therefore wants to use sports to reduce the demand on (youth) healthcare.

A healthy society

Sport is an important part of staying healthy. **We integrate sport and exercise into municipal health programs.** In the area of mental health in particular, sport can reduce the need for care, thereby shortening the long waiting lists in the healthcare system. We will achieve this by working together with social initiatives that promote sport and



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exercise for mental health purposes. In addition, we support awareness campaigns about the benefits of sport for health and well-being. Collaboration with schools, sports clubs, and healthcare institutions is important in this regard. We also actively encourage the development of talented athletes from Haarlemmermeer. With larger sporting events, entrepreneurs put Haarlemmermeer on the map and we offer our top athletes the opportunity to excel close to home.

Improving sports infrastructure

Due to the growth of our municipality, it is necessary for sports facilities to grow as well. To this end, we are **investing in improving and expanding sports facilities** so that everyone has access to modern and well-maintained sports facilities. In addition, we actively support sports entrepreneurship. The municipality facilitates entrepreneurs who want to contribute to a healthy society and supports them in setting up new sports facilities. Where possible, we also encourage the multifunctional use of sports facilities so that all residents can benefit from them.

Room to participate

The local VVD wants to promote sports participation in the municipality so that everyone can participate. Sports facilities must meet the needs of a growing Haarlemmermeer, and the municipality must provide space for this. Sports clubs are crucial in this regard. They not only play a role in providing access to sports, but also in community building. The municipality contributes to organizing and supporting sports activities and events for different target groups. We work with schools to encourage sports and exercise among children. **As the local VVD, we do not accept exclusion and discrimination on the sports fields.** We look at local initiatives such as the when it comes to financing sports clubs. We encourage clubs to seek financing by attracting sponsors.

What we have achieved:

- Establishing a public interest decision for sports;
- Encouraging sports entrepreneurship.

Priorities for the coming years:

- We invest in sports and give everyone the opportunity to participate;
- We are working with schools to encourage sports and exercise among children;
- We work with sports clubs to encourage them to organize events. Sports clubs are the lifeblood of our Haarlemmermeer community;
- We invest in and expand our sports infrastructure;
- Together with existing social initiatives, we use sports and exercise to strengthen the mental health of young people, so that there is less need to call on (youth) care services, thereby reducing the burden on (youth) care;
- We invest in the multifunctional use of sports facilities so that all residents can benefit from them.

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Culture

A vibrant cultural offering makes Haarlemmermeer attractive, livable, and connected. Culture provides opportunities for people to meet, express themselves, and develop their identity. It is about what people create and experience together. From a local band to a major festival such as Mysteryland, from heritage such as the renovated Cruquius Museum to innovative art. The VVD sees culture as something that must be able to emerge, grow, and surprise in freedom.

Everyone involved in culture

We believe it is important that everyone can participate. From young people who are introduced to art at school to older people who feel connected through neighborhood activities. **Culture strengthens our community.** That is why we want to lower barriers and provide space for initiatives that bring culture closer to people. We encourage active participation and visibility in the neighborhood, at school, and in healthcare. As the local VVD, we encourage Cpunt to make culture visible in more places in the municipality, including outside Hoofddorp and Nieuw-Vennep.

Cultural Entrepreneurship

We believe in the power of **cultural entrepreneurship**. Institutions must be given the space to renew their audience, strengthen their own income, and make a social impact. Culture also makes an economic contribution: a rich offering strengthens the business climate and makes Haarlemmermeer attractive to residents, businesses, and visitors. That is why we also give space to cultural entrepreneurs and events with a broad impact. From neighborhood initiatives to large-scale events that fit our identity. Collaboration between institutions, entrepreneurs, education, and healthcare organizations provides added value and reach. We also seek this collaboration at the supra-regional level, including with the province and the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area (MRA).



Local identity

Our own history deserves a visible place. The Ringvaart, the Cruquius Museum, Crash, and other heritage sites tell the story of who we are and where we come from. We want to preserve that heritage, make it visible, and connect it to the Haarlemmermeer of today. The municipality provides direction where necessary, but leaves the initiative to residents and institutions. No patronizing, but support. **No fragmentation, but focus and cooperation.** We are proud of our story of Haarlemmermeer and actively promote it through partners such as Cpunt and local heritage institutions.

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What we have achieved:

- Cruquius Pavilion (extension of the Cruquius museum): Haarlemmermeer's history displayed in one beautiful location;
- The realization of the artwork "De Waterwolf" along the Driemerenweg;
- Street art; also for safety in bicycle tunnels;
- Accessible cultural events for young people: free admission to the Cruquius Museum for 8-10 year olds in 2024;
- The Culture Policy Document "Space for culture, opportunities for entrepreneurship" sets out five program lines until 2030.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- We support initiatives that make culture active and visible in the neighborhood, including outside Hoofddorp and Nieuw-Vennep;
- We encourage young people and older people to participate in cultural activities. In doing so, we also actively seek cooperation with the province and the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area (MRA);
- We encourage initiatives that make our heritage visible and support local parties that tell the story of Haarlemmermeer;
- We give cultural entrepreneurs room to innovate, thereby contributing to an attractive business climate;
- We work together with parties that demonstrably contribute to participation, cooperation, and visibility.
- We encourage cultural parties to collaborate more and better coordinate their plans, so that the offerings reinforce each other rather than becoming fragmented.

Chapter 2: Safe neighbourhoods, doing what is necessary

Neighbourhood BOAs for safe neighbourhoods

Safety: a prerequisite for freedom

The VVD Haarlemmermeer believes that freedom begins with safety. Everyone should feel safe at home, on the street, and at work. Only in a safe society can residents, entrepreneurs, and visitors truly move freely. The VVD stands for a predictable and reliable government that makes clear choices against insecurity.

Safe neighbourhoods and engaged residents

The basis for safety lies in the neighbourhoods. That is why the VVD is committed to close-knit communities, cooperation between residents, neighbourhood associations, and local initiators. Resident initiatives for more social control, neighbourhood prevention, and combating nuisance, such as fat bike crime, receive support. The upbringing and development of young people is and remains primarily the responsibility of parents and not

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the government. In addition, the VVD supports street coaches and preventive projects such as "You Choose," which make young people aware of the consequences of crime.

Visible and powerful enforcement in the neighbourhood: every neighbourhood has a Neighbourhood BOA

Municipal enforcement officers and **Neighbourhood BOAs** (special investigating officers) **visibly ensure peace and quiet in the neighbourhood, in close cooperation with the police, the neighbourhood police officer, and other security partners.** The VVD is therefore committed to well-equipped municipal enforcement officers, including bodycams and support for additional camera surveillance. The Neighbourhood BOA will work closely with Area



Management to ensure rapid and effective enforcement. Camera surveillance will be expanded in areas where necessary, such as shopping areas, business parks, and high-risk locations. The municipality is working together with all security organizations to crack down on robberies, theft, intimidation, street robbery, and the dumping of drug waste.

For large events, the right to demonstrate is a fundamental right, but damage to public property or violence against law enforcement officers and police will be severely punished. **Radical action groups that systematically disrupt public order** by deliberately blocking roads and infrastructure require a tough, clear approach from the government through criminal prosecution, area bans, and firm action by law enforcement.

Significant investment in security

As a growing municipality, we are importing urban problems from Amsterdam and other large cities around us. Schiphol Airport also attracts malicious individuals and subversion. Crime is growing along with our municipality. **As the VVD, we therefore intend to invest significantly more in resources for our security.** This means that the mayor will receive more resources from the municipal council to continue to perform her duties in the area of public order and safety. In order to pay for this, we want to spend less on minimum income and poverty policy, among other things, by limiting ourselves to our statutory tasks. No more free refrigerators, but safe streets to walk through. No more extra energy allowances (), but an extra neighbourhood BOA (Buurt BOA) to prevent our youth from becoming radicalized. That will be the commitment of the local VVD!

Smart design of our neighbourhoods

Investing in public spaces

The local VVD invests in a safe living environment by ensuring clean, well-maintained, and well-lit streets and tackling unsafe areas in public spaces. Municipal attention is focused on

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preventing nuisance and increasing the sense of safety through visible enforcement and a pleasant, tidy living environment with sufficient lighting and cameras in large shopping areas.

Care and safety go hand in hand

More and more people with misunderstood behavior are seeking help. The Haarlemmermeer VVD believes that care and safety must work closely together. Problems with crime and nuisance are often linked to a need for care. The police are often the first to be called, but they are not the appropriate authority to solve these kinds of problems. That is why concrete action from care partners is necessary. Signs of multiple problems are consistently addressed. Homeless people in the region are taken care of in collaboration with existing social care and assistance agencies, and efforts are being made to accelerate the self-reliance of these residents. Entrepreneurs and residents are encouraged to immediately report suspicious or worrying situations.

Safe travel

Where you can move around safely

Everyone must be able to participate safely in traffic in Haarlemmermeer. This means that we invest in road safety. In order to improve the enforcement of traffic violations, we are committed to the municipality investing in the installation of speed cameras. In addition to actual (objective) safety, the local VVD party also attaches great importance to residents' sense of safety (subjective safety). That is why we will have to listen to residents when they consider a traffic situation to be unsafe. We will strive to take the views of residents more into account in our decision-making.

Tough approach to subversion, street culture, and cybercrime

Tough on organized crime and subversion

Tackling subversion is a priority for the local VVD. We therefore take a firm stance against organized crime and subversion. Criminal assets are seized and licenses are immediately revoked in cases of fraud or other criminal activities. Together with the police, the Tax and Customs Administration, and the Regional Information and Expertise Center (RIEC), the municipality carries out comprehensive checks on business parks and in the hospitality industry. Entrepreneurs and residents are actively encouraged to report signs of subversion, for example via Report Crime Anonymously. By investing in Business Investment Zones (BIZs), entrepreneurs are given the opportunity to work together, for example by investing in collective camera security. This provides better insight into what is happening on and around business parks and prevents criminal networks from gaining a foothold in Haarlemmermeer.

Limits to national tasks and national costs

Schiphol Airport presents Haarlemmermeer with unique security challenges. The local VVD believes that the national government should pay for the additional care and security costs associated with this. These include shelter for the homeless around Schiphol Airport, smuggling, and human trafficking. Public funds are for the local community, not for financing national tasks. Together with the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee and the police, we are working to prevent and tackle the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people via the airport.

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Active action against discrimination, violence, and nuisance

Everyone should be able to be themselves in Haarlemmermeer. Discrimination and violence are not accepted in our municipality. We are committed to providing accessible reporting and notification options to the police and enforcement agencies and ensuring that victims receive adequate support from municipal services. Tackling domestic violence, honour killings, and human trafficking receives

extra attention, with the municipality working closely with neighbouring municipalities and the security region to respond quickly to any signs of such crimes. In the event of repeated nuisance or threats, the municipality will take measures such as area bans, so that nuisance-makers can be removed from our neighbourhoods. In this way, the local VVD ensures a safe Haarlemmermeer.



Prevention, awareness, and cyber resilience

Prevention is better than cure. Education in schools and clubs is important, as is supporting parents. Young people are educated about the risks of drugs, weapons, and crime. Digital security is becoming increasingly important. The Haarlemmermeer VVD is investing in cyber resilience: residents, entrepreneurs, young people, and the elderly are being educated about digital threats such as phishing, identity fraud, and extortion. The municipal organization itself is also proactively protecting sensitive data by taking extra measures against cyberattacks.

What we have achieved:

- Established a Safety Working Group through which the mayor actively engages in dialogue on issues related to public order and safety;
- Budget allocated for cameras in shopping areas to improve safety;
- Action plan in place for dealing with prolonged power and internet outages;
- Annual local Holocaust commemoration;
- Action plan against discrimination and anti-Semitism;
- Focus on improving the response to disruptive actions by Extinction Rebellion at Schiphol Airport;
- Call for more surveillance in Badhoevedorp in connection with violent robberies of young people;
- Greater efforts to protect schoolchildren from drug criminals and pimps;
- The Road Safety Action Plan has been adopted.

Priorities for the coming years

- Significantly increase investment in money and resources for safety and enforcement against anti-social behaviour and crime;
- Enforcement is visible, easily accessible, and acts as our eyes and ears in the neighbourhood;
- Enforcement officers are given good equipment, powers, and support;

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- Every neighbourhood has its own Neighbourhood BOA, with a greater focus on enforcement in the neighbourhood;
- The VVD pursues a strong policy against violence, intimidation, and discrimination; We combat homophobic violence and anti-Semitism in our municipality;
- CCTV surveillance at relevant locations and active enforcement of public order;
- Resident and business initiatives for greater safety are supported.
- Intensive cooperation between care and security, with priority given to multi-problem situations;
- A strict approach to organized crime, money laundering, and subversion;
- Investment in the cyber resilience of residents, entrepreneurs, and the municipal organization.

Chapter 3: A vibrant economy and space for entrepreneurs

Schiphol

Schiphol is the largest employer in our municipality. Many residents work at the airport and earn their living there. That is why we are committed to maintaining Schiphol's hub function. This hub function ensures that our region is connected to Europe and the rest of the world without having to transfer at another airport. Thanks to Schiphol's hub function, Haarlemmermeer residents have direct access to the whole world. Companies are establishing themselves in our municipality precisely because of its proximity to the airport, and we must preserve this.

Schiphol has been an important neighbor for residents of Haarlemmermeer for decades. A quieter and cleaner fleet allows us to keep the environment livable, the economy running, and provides space for housing construction. Schiphol is one of the most sustainable airports in the world and is a leader in innovation and becoming energy neutral. We encourage the airport with innovations such as electric taxiing and noise-adaptive construction. In addition, we want Lelystad Airport to open as soon as possible. This will allow some of the holiday flights to be operated from Lelystad, while flights that contribute to our local and national economy can fly from Schiphol.



A safe airport

Schiphol must remain a safe and pleasant airport that people can use comfortably and without nuisance. We are therefore committed to stricter enforcement against nuisance situations at the airport, such as the actions of Extinction Rebellion rioters and illegal taxis. The VVD is a

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strong advocate of using all means to prevent repeat rioters from entering the airport, such as area bans and other anti- measures.

An accessible airport

Schiphol must remain affordable for hard-working residents. That is why we will use our influence in national politics to ensure that taxes on air travel are not increased. Schiphol must remain easily accessible. That is why we remain committed to extending the North/South line to Schiphol and Hoofddorp. Extending the North/South line will also free up space on the rail network, allowing more international trains to run from Schiphol. This will strengthen the connection between air traffic and (international) rail traffic. It is also a good alternative in the event of emergencies.

What we have achieved:

- Fairer representation for the Schiphol Community Council (MRS), with our residents who work at Schiphol now being allowed to take a seat on the MRS;
- Keeping the extension of the North/South line on the political agenda;
- Preserving Schiphol's hub function, which provides countless jobs and prosperity in Haarlemmermeer;
- Strong condemnation of the irresponsible actions of Extinction Rebellion and other activists in places where flight safety is at stake.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- Continue to focus on Schiphol's hub function for jobs and prosperity in our municipality and stimulate fleet renewal by creating space for cleaner, quieter, and more fuel-efficient aircraft;
- Sustainable growth of the airport that offers opportunities for housing construction and economic growth;
- A safe airport with no place for repeat troublemakers and crime;
- Continue to improve the accessibility of Schiphol, such as by extending the North/South metro line.

Space for businesses

We are creating space for innovation, growth, and sustainability. The biggest obstacle to growth is the lack of space: on the power grid, in business parks, and in regulations. By using our space innovatively, we are creating more opportunities for our entrepreneurs. An important point of attention is grid congestion. The overloaded power grid is preventing our local economy from reaching its potential. The local VVD has already made a strong case for this and we will continue to do so. Together with businesses, we are looking for smart solutions.

Physical space for entrepreneurs is essential. We will continue to argue that no square meter should be taken away for other functions. In fact, we are committed to smart densification, underground construction, and modernization of every business park, so that our work locations become the highest quality in the Netherlands. We stand alongside entrepreneurs

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to use space as flexibly as possible. We are also focusing on improving the quality of business parks that currently have a higher environmental category. In addition, we want to be a municipality that rolls out the red carpet instead of red tape. Together with entrepreneurs, we will continue to assess whether rules contribute to maintaining a top region. If not, we will abolish the rules where possible. We will also not change the rules unexpectedly. A stable, predictable, and reliable government is important for entrepreneurs.



Haarlemmermeer as a gateway to the world

Schiphol is and will remain important for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as for large international organizations and companies. We support local businesses with innovative ideas and in finding solutions to labour shortages and energy issues. We recognize the importance of large-scale cultural events such as Mysteryland for our economy and image. We actively attract companies that strengthen our economy and make it more sustainable. We are proud to be a magnet for international companies, but we set clear requirements. A company that establishes itself here contributes to our strategic goals, whether in terms of innovation, employment, or sustainability.

The energy transition must be feasible, reliable, and affordable. The local VVD encourages the switch from gas and the use of sustainable energy where possible, but considers freedom of choice for homeowners and entrepreneurs to be essential. The biggest challenge is grid congestion: a full power grid slows down housing construction, hinders entrepreneurs, and makes sustainability difficult. The local VVD is working with grid operators and entrepreneurs in business parks such as SADC and Businesspark Nieuw-Vennep Zuid to tackle these capacity problems. No new wind farms will be built in Haarlemmermeer without local support.

Vibrant shopping centers

Entrepreneurs bring color to our villages and city! Vibrant shopping centers where people enjoy shopping and can easily get to are the norm for VVD Haarlemmermeer. This means that shopping centers are easy to get to and offer a diverse and attractive range of shops and businesses. We support retailers in working together, help them invest in a clean shopping area, and make shopping and doing business in Haarlemmermeer even more enjoyable.

Circular and an eye for digital matters

The local VVD encourages circular working: raw materials are reused and waste is reduced. This contributes to an affordable future and green growth. We encourage these companies in their objectives. The municipality and the business community need each other and work together where possible. In addition, we have one place in our municipality where entrepreneurs can go for questions and permits: the entrepreneurs' square. Entrepreneurs should experience a service-oriented and solution-oriented approach from the entrepreneurs' square, both digitally and in the town hall. A good, secure digital infrastructure is important for successful work.

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What we have achieved:

- We have designated our work locations so that they are protected and cannot be transformed.
- A new economic course for a future-proof economy: from gray growth to green development;
- Renewal of the Haarlemmermeer Entrepreneurs Platform (HOP) cooperation agreement;
- The "Make Room with Space" motion has ensured that space is made in regulations to enable multiple uses of spaces;
- The "Make Room for Work" motion has ensured that municipal policy has been developed to better utilize, protect, and intensify commercial spaces.
- Municipality as an active partner for entrepreneurs with short lines of communication, committed to keeping rules as simple as possible and removing barriers to entrepreneurship;
- New SME agenda for Haarlemmermeer;
- A compensation scheme has been made possible for local entrepreneurs who suffered damage as a result of the NATO summit;
- Municipal entrepreneurs' square website set up;
- Closer cooperation with entrepreneurs in business parks;
- Ensuring that part of the tourist tax is actually used for tourists;
- Focusing on reducing grid congestion by building new transformer stations and solar parks;
- Enabled small wind turbines on farms;
- Enabling multiple use of business locations.

Key priorities for the coming years:

- We support entrepreneurs in villages and towns in their freedom to do business. We encourage partnerships between the municipality, entrepreneurs, and residents;
- Collaborating with entrepreneurs and energy cooperatives to solve energy problems;
- Continue to focus on smart densification in business parks, developing from grey to green;
- We continue to give entrepreneurs room to do business, continue to work on reducing regulations and speeding up processes. We continue to work on Haarlemmermeer's magnet function to have a diverse range of businesses for a resilient municipality.
- Further implementing the "Make Room for Work" motion to ensure that commercial space is even better utilized, protected, and intensified;
- Focus on reducing network congestion;
- Wind turbines only with sufficient support from the local community.
- Realistic climate policy: maximum impact at minimum social cost.
- Pragmatic and innovative policy focused on affordable, effective solutions;
- Support green choices, water conservation, and local energy.

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Chapter 4: Financially sound, healthy, and fair

The municipality can withstand financial shocks

Future-proof municipal finances

The local VVD keeps the household budget in order, for now and in the future. With healthy finances, we are building a liveable, accessible and safe municipality, in which the costs for residents and entrepreneurs remain as low as possible.

Responsible choices

In recent years, we have worked to achieve a balanced budget. Taxes for residents have not been increased, other than for inflation. The focus has been on realizing housing construction, working on accessibility, and strengthening the livability of our villages and neighborhoods. Expenditures that are not directly relevant to our residents have been eliminated, such as development aid to the island of Cebu. Outdated and old-fashioned taxes such as dog tax have been abolished and will remain so. When facilitating social services, sports, and culture, we believe it is important that vulnerable groups receive support when necessary, but the government does not always have to take care of everything. **We therefore limit our support to the legal frameworks and regulations.** Public funds are spent wisely, with an eye for what people and businesses really need.

A strong financial position

Haarlemmermeer is a growing municipality with a solid financial position. Thanks to ample reserves, setbacks can be absorbed without immediately putting pressure on services. These reserves are needed to invest in housing construction and to enable growth, even when the economy is struggling. The reserves are not an ATM for fun activities; we desperately need them to continue to grow and to invest in clean, intact, and safe neighbourhoods.

Low costs

The VVD believes that national tasks should only be carried out if the money is available to do so. Local community funds remain for purposes in Haarlemmermeer. Municipal revenues will only be increased where there is no other option. Residents and entrepreneurs will be spared as much as possible. The VVD ensures the proper and transparent use of money and resources, such as within the social domain. The costs of youth care are skyrocketing and must be better controlled. Care and support are targeted and clearly regulated. Municipal real estate and the use of spaces are critically reviewed to save costs. Only expenditures that truly contribute to the municipality's core tasks will remain.



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Foresight and certainty

Structural deficits from 2026 onwards must be prevented. Clear choices and continuous assessment of all expenditure are necessary. Temporary and one-off (incidental) solutions are not enough. **The local VVD is committed to maintaining financial discipline.** If an overspend occurs within a particular budget program, it must be resolved within the same program with. This ensures that the municipality's budget remains clear and manageable, even in the event of setbacks.

Clear and open

The Haarlemmermeer VVD shows where municipal funds are going. Residents and entrepreneurs receive clear and transparent explanations about major expenditures and possible risks. This ensures that Haarlemmermeer remains a reliable municipality, where the government is visible, transparent, and accessible.

The municipality has an efficient and modern organization

Digital applications, such as permits in Haarlemmermeer, are easy to submit and can always be tracked online. Residents and entrepreneurs can choose between digital and personal services. The municipality communicates at B1 level so that everyone can understand the information. Modern technology, such as artificial intelligence (AI), is used safely to help residents faster and better, while safeguarding their privacy.

What we have achieved:

- Local taxes for residents have not been increased (such as property tax) or have been abolished (dog tax);
- Balanced budgets until 2027 without having to make cuts;
- A temporary fund has been set up for local entrepreneurs who suffered damage during the NATO summit;
- Our municipality remains financially healthy and resilient. Thanks to the efforts of the local VVD, our municipality remains resilient to financial setbacks.

The VVD Haarlemmermeer's commitment to finance:

- No increase in local taxes for residents and entrepreneurs;
- No increase in property tax (OZB);
- Responsible and balanced budget with clear choices;
- Keeping youth care costs manageable;
- No more spending above the legal minimum on minimum income schemes;
- Maintaining reserves as a strong basis for growth;
- An effective and transparent municipality with a focus on core tasks;
- Structural security for a solid financial position;
- Investing in construction, accessibility, and quality of life for the future.

Work and Income

Haarlemmermeer is a municipality where everyone can find work, from highly educated to practically trained employees. We also encourage expats to contribute to our municipality. In addition to providing an income, work also fosters a sense of community, the feeling that you

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are contributing to your environment. As the local VVD, we see having a job as a basic requirement for participating in society. Participating in society is an important basis for creating self-esteem.

Every business counts

Haarlemmermeer can be proud of its business climate. As a local party, we are committed to supporting small businesses and large companies that want to establish themselves in Haarlemmermeer or in the vicinity of Schiphol Airport. A municipality with fewer rules where every entrepreneur can pursue his or her dreams. After all, it is these companies that ensure that we are the strongest economic municipality in the Netherlands. With Schiphol as the largest employer in our municipality, many families earn their living at our beautiful airport. This means that politicians must continue to actively cherish and support the role of our airport. We support job fairs and encourage local collaborations between educational institutions and employers. Examples include the Hotel School in collaboration with Van der Valk, the MBO College Airport with Schiphol, and the Tech Campus with tech startups. We support the connection between education and work, especially for jobs that require practical training.

Everyone to work

In Haarlemmermeer, it should be self-evident that everyone is focused on maximum participation. Everyone who is currently on the sidelines is a potential colleague or entrepreneur. Everyone who is able to work must therefore take this responsibility. After all, work is at the heart of a strong society. From long-term safety net to short-term springboard: the social safety net is intended as a temporary solution. The local VVD is therefore committed to actively enforcing the obligation to apply for jobs. An active contribution to our society should be a matter of course, even if you are unable to work. **Those who do not want to participate can no longer count on a permanent safety net from the municipality.** Early school leavers have a personal responsibility to find a suitable job. The municipality only offers help where it is really necessary. It is not a given that the municipality will provide a suitable job.

Everyone participates to the best of their ability

For residents who are distanced from the labour market, we encourage opportunities to participate to the best of their ability. Because participating also gives meaning to their lives. The municipality supports social initiatives that help people find work placements. We will continue to do so as we do now. We encourage residents who are distanced from the labour market to participate to the best of their ability and we also explicitly encourage participation through volunteer work. The municipality sets a good example and leads the way when it comes to good employment practices and investing in employees who are distanced from the labour market.



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Reducing debt

Many social problems in households are rooted in debt. The municipality has a limited role to play in this. To prevent debt, residents need to be well informed about how to avoid it. The municipality currently offers various programs to residents to help them prevent debt. We will continue to maintain these debt prevention measures. The municipality supports residents with problematic debts, but it remains everyone's responsibility to ask for help. We also emphasize residents' personal responsibility to report their debts. For young people, the municipality already supports various programs to teach students how to manage money properly.

What we have achieved:

- The municipality will provide debt assistance itself;
- We encourage residents who are unable to work to contribute to our society through volunteer work;
- The municipality sets a good example as an employer;
- Poverty policy has been adjusted to make working more rewarding.

In the coming years, we will focus on:

- Encouraging entrepreneurship; after all, entrepreneurs provide jobs in our municipality;
- Cherishing Schiphol as the largest employer in our municipality;
- Encouraging cooperation between practical training programs and employers;
- Actively enforcing the obligation to apply for jobs; those who do not participate cannot count on indefinite assistance from the municipality;
- Ensuring that everyone participates to the best of their ability;
- The municipality offers assistance to residents with problematic debts, but we emphasize residents' personal responsibility to prevent this.

Integration

In Haarlemmermeer, we expect you to show that you want to participate – those who make an effort will be given opportunities. We are a free society, built on commitment, mutual respect, and clear rules. Anyone who wants to build a future here contributes to this by learning the language, working for their income, and respecting our freedoms. We expect maximum commitment to integration, because that is the only way to participate successfully. We offer opportunities, but we also set clear expectations. Our commitment is clear: those who live in Haarlemmermeer participate.

Participating by learning the language

The Dutch language is a requirement for participation. We ensure that asylum seekers can take good language lessons, but we also expect full commitment in return. **Those who do not want to learn Dutch will not receive support from the municipality.**

Failure to cooperate will result in a reduction in your benefits. Participating therefore means taking responsibility. Children of immigrants must be given equal opportunities from the

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outset. We therefore expect children of immigrants to actively learn the language at home, so that they can participate in school from the outset.

Accepting the norms and values of Haarlemmermeer

Participating in our municipality also means accepting the free society of Haarlemmermeer. In the integration program, we explicitly make room for themes such as gender equality, sexual diversity, freedom of religion, and freedom of expression. **Anyone who wants to stay here should know what these values mean in everyday life and respect them.** We are a free country where you can be who you are; newcomers are required to accept this. Our norms and values are leading. Women's rights, gay rights, and anti-Semitism are actively involved in integration. Newcomers adapt, not the other way around.

We draw a clear line between where freedom ends and oppression begins. Practices such as forced marriage, honour killings, and genital mutilation are unacceptable and have no place in our municipality. Municipal officials are trained to recognize the signs early on, and we provide accessible, safe places where women in particular can go if their freedom is restricted. We actively support initiatives at Schiphol Airport that protect women and girls from being forced to leave the country.

Integration through work

Work is the key to participation. We work together with entrepreneurs and educational institutions to create work placements for status holders, especially in sectors where staff are urgently needed. We help newcomers to use their talents, for example by providing guidance on diploma recognition. For people with the prospect of work, we remove barriers where necessary. Status holders must contribute to our society and to the workforce as quickly as possible. The municipality only works with organizations that contribute to integration, participation, and endorse our democratic values. Those that do not cannot count on any cooperation. Public money should go to initiatives that connect and strengthen, not to division or dependency. There is no place in Haarlemmermeer for illegal immigrants. Those who are not entitled to stay cannot count on municipal assistance. We also extend this policy to organizations that actively promote illegal residence.



Asylum seekers who do not yet have formal status to remain in the Netherlands are not entitled to housing and are not allowed to work. They are not housed in homes, but in temporary, basic locations. The Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA) is responsible for asylum seekers who cause problems in our municipality. We will continue to use our national political network to organize the reception of asylum seekers as centrally as possible and not burden our residents unnecessarily. In doing so, we as a municipality are doing no more than what is required of us.

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What we have achieved:

- Housing solutions used for asylum seekers must also be used for at least 50% of our own residents.
- The Sectorpark housing project for young people from Halfweg, among others, has not been expanded to include dozens of additional homes for status holders.
- Quality of life first: in small villages, the number of asylum seekers and/or status holders should also be as small as possible.

In the coming years, we want to focus on:

- Greater control over the distribution of status holders in our municipality;
- We will guard against an unbalanced distribution of status holders in our villages and neighbourhoods;
- No commitment means no right to assistance from the municipality;
- Newcomers must respect our democratic values and freedoms;
- We recognize and combat oppression of women, such as forced marriage and honour killings. We train municipal officials to recognize these issues;
- We help ensure equal recognition of diplomas for skilled status holders so that they can start working immediately;
- We only work with organizations that demonstrably contribute to integration, participation, and democratic values.
- We do not provide assistance to people without residence permits – enforcement is clear and consistent. There is no place for illegal immigrants in Haarlemmermeer.

Public health and control over youth care

Health is a precious commodity. We are therefore committed to providing good, accessible healthcare for the residents of Haarlemmermeer. Whether it concerns youth care, care for the elderly, or accessible regular healthcare such as general practitioners and hospitals. A growing municipality needs an adequate supply of general practitioners, physical therapists, and other primary care providers. We will work to make this available and keep it available for our residents.

In recent years, we have seen a sharp rise in the costs of youth care, without the municipality receiving any funding for this from the national government. This puts more pressure on us to secure financing without having to cut back. We will continue to strive for sufficient funding from the national government and to keep costs manageable.

Accessible and available care

A growing municipality requires good and increasing availability of care. We are committed to retaining as many essential care functions as possible for our municipality at the Spaarne Hospital. In addition, we work with care providers such as general practitioners to ensure sufficient care provision in our own neighbourhood. We ensure that care is provided as close to residents as possible, so that they can remain in their own familiar surroundings. This strengthens their social contacts and ensures a smooth transition back to independent living after a care program. Residents are entitled to rapid assistance when it is really necessary. That is why we will strive to keep waiting lists as short as possible. We will continue to provide

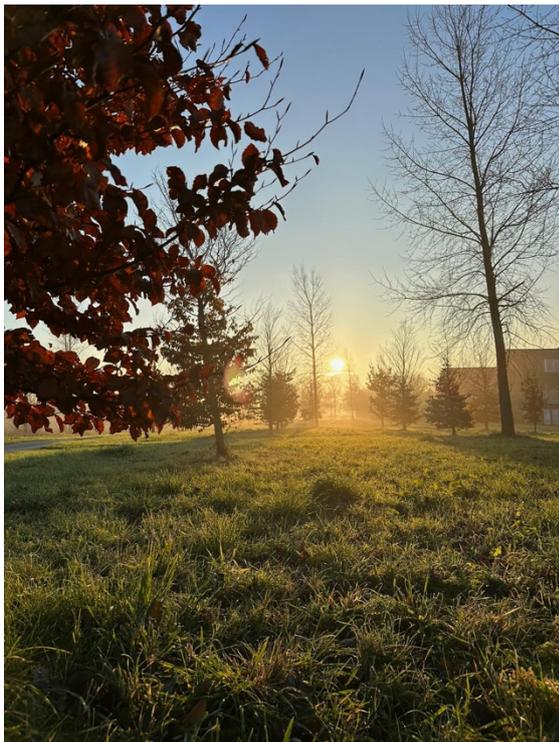
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domestic help for people with severe care needs and for people who cannot afford it themselves. Domestic help will no longer be a standard part of the Social Support Act (Wmo).

Use of qualified care providers

Where possible, we ask residents to arrange their own care, for example by using a personal budget (PGB). This allows individuals to choose the most suitable care for themselves. Problems often arise due to health or debt issues within the family. We focus not only on symptoms, but above all on the causes. If residents are unable to arrange matters themselves, we provide accessible contact with the municipality, with a single contact person wherever possible.

Research shows that preventive care can help prevent further problems. **We periodically assess the effectiveness of preventive measures.** We support residents in finding the right care. We do this by deploying practice assistants at general practitioners and social neighbourhood teams, among other things. The first signs of problems often emerge within schools. We therefore ensure a good connection between education and care. We pay specific attention to signs of child abuse, possible cases of honour killings, and debt problems. We believe that promoting a healthy lifestyle for young people is the responsibility of parents.



Improving the quality and reforming (youth) care

Quality of care is a prerequisite for helping residents effectively. We are committed to providing a single point of contact for families dealing with youth care. We believe it is important not to be too quick to label growing up as a problem. Children should be allowed to make mistakes and learn from challenges, without every problem immediately leading to professional help. We actively use a strong and accessible front line: schools, sports clubs, general practitioners, and neighbourhood teams such as Maatvast play a key role in this.

Affordability of youth care

The costs of youth care in particular have risen sharply in recent years (also nationally). In recent years, the demand for youth assistance has risen from one in 27 young people to one in seven young people in our municipality. We are committed to controlling the costs of (youth) care by collaborating with care providers and developing control measures. In doing so, we draw on knowledge from sources such as the Youth Reform Agenda and collaboration with other municipalities.

Controlling the costs of youth care is a shared responsibility. That is why we seek to collaborate with care providers such as general practitioners to contribute their ideas. We expressly ask parents to take responsibility. Not all problems are the municipality's responsibility. Parents are primarily responsible for raising their children and ensuring they

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grow up healthy. We are committed to easing and shortening care processes. Young people should not end up in heavy and expensive care processes unnecessarily. We rely in part on residents and their environment to help us achieve this.

Support for informal caregivers

Informal caregivers are an indispensable link in our public health and youth care systems. Their proximity and involvement improve care and keep it affordable. That is why we are committed to providing accessible support to prevent overload, with special attention to young informal caregivers. We believe in the power of residents and encourage them to take control of their own lives and care needs with appropriate support.

What we have achieved:

- Accessibility of care; Commitment to preserving Spaarne Gasthuis in Hoofddorp;
- Agreements with developers to build for primary care workers;
- Identifying where more general practitioners are needed;
- Raising awareness in The Hague about the affordability of youth care.

What we want to do extra in the coming years:

- Healthcare must be available to everyone;
- Where necessary, the municipality will provide support in managing problems. We do this together with residents and healthcare providers;
- We will keep healthcare affordable. Where possible, we will make use of informal care, such as family and friends in the vicinity of residents;
- We are committed to the further reform of youth care;
- Sport contributes to a healthy lifestyle. We will support initiatives that integrate sport and health.
- Normalizing parenting: children are allowed to make mistakes and differences exist— not everything requires assistance.
- Strong prevention: we focus first on accessible support and strong prevention through schools, sports clubs, general practitioners, and neighbourhood teams such as Maatvast.
- Addressing financial problems early on: Financial worries can place a serious burden on young people. Through schools, we offer accessible help and information about financial matters, and we actively involve parents, as they play a central role in this.

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Chapter 5: Our priorities for your neighborhood

Every town, village, and neighborhood in Haarlemmermeer deserves care and attention. This chapter outlines the VVD's concrete plans for each area to improve quality of life, safety, accessibility, and facilities. Whether it concerns housing, traffic safety, fighting crime, or supporting our local entrepreneurs and associations, we are committed to a safe and future-proof living environment for everyone.

Haarlemmermeer North

Badhoevedorp

Badhoevedorp, Lijnden, Nieuwe Meer

- Prioritize surveillance and enforcement focused on criminal and disruptive youth groups.
- Badhoevedorp must remain a livable and accessible village. We are doing this by reducing the speed limit on Schipholweg to 50 km/h and focusing on traffic safety in all residential areas and accessibility to the center;
- Every Badhoevedorp resident can park for free in front of their door, and that will remain the case;
- Badhoevedorp deserves a beautiful center. That is why we are working together with entrepreneurs (SMEs) and residents to develop and improve the center;
- Combating subversion in and around the industrial estate in Lijnden.



Haarlemmerliede & Spaarnwoude

Penningsveer, Vinkebrug, Haarlemmerliede, Spaarnwoude

- Ensuring accessibility by properly maintaining the access roads and dikes to the small centers in Haarlemmerliede and Spaarnwoude.
- Keeping municipal facilities available in the old town hall in Halfweg;
- The Spaarnwoude recreation area is an important place for relaxation and acts as a green buffer between Haarlem and Amsterdam. This must be preserved.

Halfweg & Zwanenburg

Boesingheliede, Halfweg, and Zwanenburg

- Commitment to housing construction through densification, such as youth housing in the Sectorpark in Halfweg-Noord, mid-priced owner-occupied apartments near the

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old secondary school building for the elderly, and social housing near the old fire station in Zwanenburg;

- Prioritizing surveillance and enforcement aimed at criminal and disruptive youth groups, particularly in the park in the heart of Zwanenburg and around the shopping area;
- Combating waste tourism and illegal waste dumping at recycling parks by deploying additional neighborhood BOAs;
- Working on accessibility and quality of life around the De Weeren business park;
- Keeping freight traffic out of the village, especially Domineeslaan and Troelstralaan;
- Tackling subversion at the De Weeren and Boesingheliede business parks.

Spaarndam

Spaarndam

- The square in the village center will be redesigned, with a focus on connecting the exit of the fire station to Zijkanaal C;
- The intersection at the bridge with Spaarndam-West must be made safe;
- More homes need to be built for people aged 55 and over.
- Combating waste tourism and illegal waste dumping at recycling parks and in recreational areas by deploying additional neighborhood BOAs;
- Monitoring quality of life, in particular by strongly opposing the expansion of the port in the Houtrakpolder.

Vijfhuizen

Vijfhuizen, Nieuwebrug

- Focusing on the quality of life and accessibility of old and new residential areas, including Wickevoort. For example, the traffic situation around Spieringweg must be improved.
- Keeping the area around the campsite in Nieuwebrug green;
- Ensuring safe and easy accessibility to and from the village, including via the dike and Kromme Spieringweg.

Haarlemmermeer Midden

Cruquius & Zwaanshoek

Cruquius, Zwaanshoek

- We will build homes where possible, such as in Post van Kraayenhof in Cruquius.
- Facilities must grow along with Cruquius and Zwaanshoek, which is why we are committed to adding facilities such as a school, a supermarket, and a general practitioner;
- Ensuring the livability and accessibility of Zwaanshoek;
- Improving the accessibility of Zwaanshoek, such as preventing rat-running from the dunes and the Bollenstreek.

Haarlemmermeer East

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Aalsmeerderbrug, Oude Meer, Rijsenhout, Rozenburg

- Building 400 homes in Rijsenhout;
- Monitoring the accessibility and livability of the entire area;
- Investing in measures to combat rat-running from the A4 motorway.

Hoofddorp

Hoofddorp, De Hoek

- Hoofddorp must remain accessible to residents and visitors. That is why we are committed to ensuring good access from the various residential areas to the surrounding roads and highways and are taking measures against long-term parking in residential areas;
- Facilities must grow along with Hoofddorp, so that schools, shops, sports facilities, and public transport meet the needs of the rapidly growing number of residents. In this way, we ensure a livable, accessible, and attractive city where everyone feels at home.

Hoofddorp city center

- The arrival of almost 4,000 homes and 10,000 new residents means that more space is needed for rest, recreation, and leisure. That is why we are investigating whether the city park and the Fruit Gardens can be extended to Raadhuisplein.
- We are committed to ensuring sufficient parking spaces in Hoofddorp city center and are working on the construction of new underground parking garages on the Binnenweg and next to the new city hall.
- To optimize traffic safety and accessibility, we are investigating a one-way city street where cars are guests. This street runs from Nieuweweg to the town hall. We are also investigating traffic in the resistance district to open it up from Hoofdweg. This will create more space for the construction of new homes.
- We are investing in a lively city center with bustling squares, more greenery, and activity, including cafés, restaurants, shops, various entertainment venues, and a nightclub.
- We are making the shopping area more attractive, preventing vacancy and strengthening the local position of retailers. We are doing this by only allowing pedestrians and local traffic in the shopping area. We are achieving this through cameras or movable bollards.
- Prioritizing surveillance and enforcement focused on criminal and disruptive youth groups in Hoofddorp city center.



Schiphol

Schiphol, Schiphol-Oost, Schiphol-Rijk

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- Efforts to enable (small) entrepreneurs and large companies to establish themselves in the vicinity of Schiphol;
- Support initiatives to make business parks more sustainable.
- Efforts to ensure safety around the airport.

Haarlemmermeer South

Abbenes

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- Commitment to sports facilities in Abbenes that meet local needs;
- Wind turbines are only an option for the VVD if there is sufficient support among the residents of Abbenes;
- Commitment to improved traffic safety at intersections and accessibility for public transport;
- The Dorpsbos must ensure greater biodiversity and recreation.

Beinsdorp

Beinsdorp

- Measures must be taken to improve traffic flow through the village around the bridge to and from Hillegom, such as adjusting the standing mast route to reduce the number of times the bridge is opened during rush hour.
- Attention to the quality of public outdoor spaces.

Haarlemmermeer Southeast

't Kabel, Burgerveen, Leimuiderbrug

- Attention to traffic safety, rat-running, and a safe living environment, particularly for the rapidly aging population.
- Targeted housing policy that is in line with the area and the target group;
- Improving accessibility and basic facilities, so that residents are less dependent and therefore more self-reliant.

Lisserbroek

Lisserbroek

- Building homes where possible, without compromising accessibility;
- Accessibility is monitored with additional measures during major seasonal events in neighboring municipalities, such as the Keukenhof;
- Furthermore, efforts are being made to provide high-quality public transport (HOV) so that Lisserbroek remains accessible in the future.
- Combining housing construction with building a new community for the expanded village.



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Nieuw-Vennep

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- Construction is finally going to start, because we are going to work on 'De Nieuwe Kom';
- Nieuw-Vennep deserves a vibrant center. Efforts are being made to diversify the range of restaurants, cafés, and businesses on offer.
- Supporting and implementing facilities and activities in 'De Nieuwe Kom', such as improving Harmonieplein, the Market Building, and strengthening social activities that bring people together;
- The plans for Nieuw-Vennep West are being further developed! This is possible thanks to a commitment from the province of 4.4 million euros to improve accessibility with a high-quality public transport bus line and a new bicycle tunnel to Nieuw-Vennep West and Lisserbroek;
- During rush hour, bus 397 will run even more frequently to reduce congestion;
- Road safety for pedestrians and cyclists on Nabuccosingel and Vivaldisingel must be improved. Both roads are frequently used by mopeds and scooters as a race track. This situation leads to dangerous traffic situations and causes noise pollution for local residents.
- Nieuw-Vennep must remain accessible to residents and visitors. That is why we are committed to ensuring good access from the various residential areas to the surrounding roads and highways and are taking measures against long-term parking in residential areas.
- Proper integration of the Pionier-bolsterrein housing project in relation to the surrounding residential areas.
- There is a lot of construction going on in the village, from projects on Venneperweg and IJweg to Veldbloemstraat and Pionier-Bols. New homes are being built everywhere, and we are continuing this growth.

South Haarlemmermeer

Buitenkaag, Huigsloot, Vredeburg, Weteringbrug

- Accessibility and parking in Buitenkaag near the Huigsloterdijk, and other residential areas such as Weteringbrug, Vredeburg, and Huigsloot;
- Finding a solution to the problems with the schoolyard at De Hoeksteen primary school;
- Maintaining enough playgrounds for children that are accessible and safe.

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