

PRESS RELEASE

Corporations and the association of residents' board reach agreement regarding renovation

Renovation 'Het Breed' will almost certainly start next year

Amsterdam, November 7th, 2011 – After years of delay, it seems that housing complex *Het Breed* in the north of Amsterdam will finally be renovated. Housings corporations Ymere and Eigen Haard have reached an agreement with the board of the association residents' association 'Het Breed' regarding the renovation plan that was proposed March 2010. Additional agreements have been made with regard to the execution of the plan, and the position of residents has been improved. Accordingly, the execution of the sustainable renovation will almost certainly start by the middle of next year.

Next to a large majority of residents (74%), the plan is now also supported by the board of the association of residents. The board feels that sufficient improvements have been made to support the renovation plan in this way. The board will also share this news with the residents shortly.

What has changed?

The original renovation plan proposed in March 2010 will remain the basis, but additional agreements have been made regarding the way in which the renovation activities will be carried out. Furthermore, extra facilities have been made available to help the residents make it through the renovation with minimal inconvenience. Most residents will keep living in their apartments during the renovation.

For example, a group consisting of corporations and residents will supervise and ensure that the renovation is carried out as planned. Residents will not have to pack up their entire household, but will know what to clear out when during the 15 days of work being carried out in their apartments. Customized work will be done on the studio apartments and on the apartments of residents who may not be able to handle a renovation as such due to personal circumstances, i.e. a handicap. Finally, additional activities have been included in the plan such as the painting of the concrete construction, the finishing of the gallery floors and the installation of videophones in all apartments.

Sustainable project

The renovation of Het Breed involves improvements of the complex and considerable energy savings. Due to all the measures that have been taken, such as isolation and double glass windows, heating costs can decrease. The entire complex will emit 50 per cent less CO₂ after the renovation. Closing off the staircases will lead to lower pollution, nuisance and vandalism, and thus to a substantial improvement of living conditions within the complex.

Start execution mid-2012

Ymere and Eigen Haard plan to start the renovation activities mid-2012. They will carry out these activities in agreement with all tenants. Before its actual start, the residents will be informed about the execution of the coming renovation and the guidance they will receive in the process.

Note for the editor

The Renovation Plan Het Breed 2010 and background information can be found at www.hetbreed.nl

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