

Van der Pekbuurt Northern Phase



We've started!

Ymere



Our approach to renewing the Van der Pekbuurt

We will be renovating 1,123 homes and 42 commercial spaces in the northern part of the Van der Pekbuurt. Because of the size of the area involved, we have divided the neighbourhood into coloured blocks consisting of around 100 homes (for example, the Yellow or Purple blocks). The layout and order in which we will work on each of the blocks is displayed below the map.

Introduction

In the June 2022 newsletter, we informed you about our preparations for renovating eight homes on Hagedoornweg and the homes in de the Yellow blocks. The residents in the Yellow blocks have approved the renovation plan, and the preparations for the Purple blocks renovation plans have commenced.

Commencement of Hagedoornweg renovation

These homes are the first to be renovated. The scaffolding was erected in January and the renovations have started. Both the interior and exterior of the homes are being refurbished. The window frames will be replaced and effective sound and heat insulation will be installed, and the homes will become natural gas-free by means of connection to the heat network. The homes should be completed by summer 2023.

Yellow block residents agree to renovation plan

A project plan for the renovation has been developed in consultation with the Yellow blocks residents' committee. This project plan was personally delivered to tenant in December 2022. They were then asked to vote on whether or not to approve the plan. We are pleased to report that more than 70% of the tenants in the Yellow blocks have approved the project plan. In legal terms, this means that the proposed plan is reasonable, and that we may implement it for all of the homes in the Yellow blocks. We expect to commence renovations in January 2024. In 2023, tenants who wish to return can choose a new floor plan for the home and decide whether to keep their bayonet room (the room on the first floor that belongs to the home on the ground floor). Tenants who do not wish to return can seek alternative housing in 2023 by means of an urban renewal permit. They will also have the option to move to a renovated home in the Gentiaan district, and Ymere will help them to arrange this. Individual interviews with residents have begun.



Aerial photo of the Starting block.



Photo of the interior of the Starting block.



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Preparations for the Purple blocks are underway

The initial information meetings were held for tenants of the Purple blocks in September 2022. A project committee representing the tenants was elected from among these residents. We will meet regularly with this committee in the coming months, and will also develop a project plan for the Purple blocks. During preparations for the renovation, we carried out a housing needs survey among residents. This survey was completed by 54% of the residents of the Purple blocks. The results showed that they are satisfied with their garden and neighbourhood, as well as with the size of their living room and bedrooms. By contrast, matters mentioned as areas of concern for the renovation included sound insulation, heat insulation, the layout of the house and the poor condition of the bathroom and toilet. These points will be discussed and incorporated into the project plan in the coming months. Renovation of the Purple blocks is to take place in 2025.

If you live in the Purple blocks and have questions about the renovation preparations, please feel free to contact the project committee by sending them an email at hetspaarseblok@gmail.com.

FIXbrigade to the rescue: Managing your energy costs

The fastest way to get your energy costs down is to use less energy. However, that's not so easy in a home that hasn't been properly insulated yet.

Because it will take time to renovate all the homes in the district and make them energy efficient, Ymere is joining forces with Talent4Service to engage the FIXbrigade for the period leading up to the renovation of your home. They will visit your home to implement energy-saving measures such as installing radiator foil, cleaning air vents and installing new draught strips. They will examine what's necessary and possible for each home and provide you with advice and tips.

The FIXbrigade is free of charge

You can decide for yourself what you would like done in your home – it is not compulsory.

How will it work?

Talent4Service will be moving through the district in the same order as the renovation phases, as shown on page 2. Once it's your block's turn, you will receive a flyer from Ymere and Talent4Service will contact you to make an appointment.



Ymere's district office at Meidoornplein 40.

Come to the consultation hour for more information

We understand that the renovation may raise questions for you, so we are happy to discuss these with you. You are welcome to attend the monthly consultation hour on the first Monday of each month. You can drop in with any questions or concerns you may have about the renovation.

Address: Meidoornplein 40
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The next consultation hour will be held on Monday 5 June.

Stay informed via email

If you prefer to receive all correspondence from Ymere by email where possible, please feel free to send an email to s.braakman@ymere.nl and we will add your details to our records.

Rat problem

Amsterdam has a rat problem. These rodents are also a nuisance in the Van der Pekbuurt. If you are having trouble with rats in and around your house, report this to the municipality via the website <https://meldingen.amsterdam.nl>, or call the City of Amsterdam's information line one **14 020**.

Contact

If you have any questions about the renovations underway in the Van der Pekbuurt, please contact Michelle, Anja, Sharon or Lisanne.

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