



## Amsteldorp Residents Committee - newsletter December 2023

Dear residents, tenants of Ymere in Amsteldorp

In our newsletter of October 2023, we told you that the residents' committee would have an investigation carried out by the *Woonbond* in the demolition area designated by Ymere. The committee wanted to know specifically from the residents in the demolition area what *they* thought about Ymere wanting to demolish their home. In this newsletter, the residents' committee shares the most important results of that research.

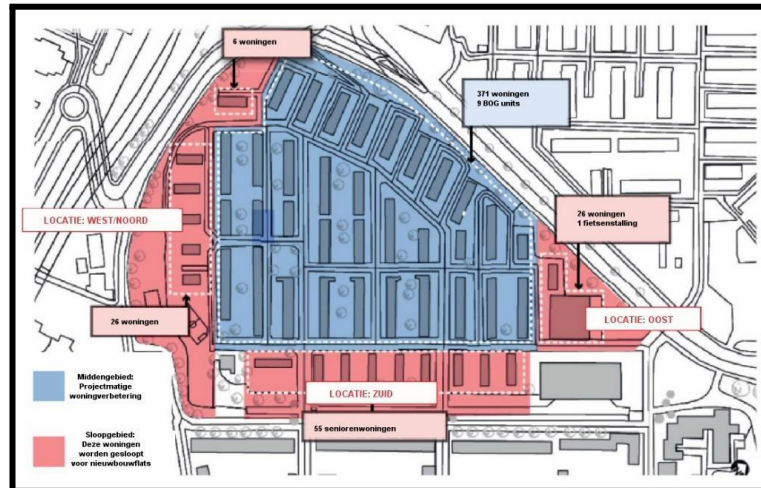


Figure 1: Map for demolition/new construction and renovation of Stadsdeel Oost. The demolition area is indicated in red.

The demolition area consists of 113 homes. 108 households were asked to give their opinion for the survey. The other 5 homes were vacant during this study, or were used as temporary housing.

Of the 108 respondents, 73 residents completed the questionnaire. That is a good response of 68%.

### Two out of three residents do not think the demolition plans are good

2 out of 3 respondents (67%) do not think the demolition/new construction plan is a good idea. 12% of respondents have a neutral opinion about it. Only 19% (just under 1 in 5 people) thinks demolition is a good idea and 1% has no opinion.



Figure 2: Left: 2 out of 3 respondents think demolition is a bad plan. Right: 1 in 5 thinks demolition is a good plan.

Of the 19% who think demolition is a good idea, 1 in 4 respondents indicated that this has to do with the technical condition of the home. Due to lack of maintenance, the homes are drafty and residents suffer from mold and blockages. These are problems that can also be solved during a renovation. Some people think that there will be homes for larger families. This is not right.

### Conclusion

A large majority of residents of the demolition area do not think demolition is a good idea. Many of the benefits mentioned in the demolition/new construction plan are also benefits associated with a renovation of all homes in Amsteldorp.

Would you like to read *Woonbond's* research report (in Dutch) yourself? Please contact [amsteldorpinactie@bcamsteldorp.nl](mailto:amsteldorpinactie@bcamsteldorp.nl) or look up [www.bcamsteldorp.nl](http://www.bcamsteldorp.nl).

### **Advice to Ymere on the demolition/new construction plan**

The residents' committee has given Ymere negative advice about the plan for demolition and new construction. This advice is based on the results of Labyrinth's housing requirements survey in 2022, this new survey by the *Woonbond* and the technical surveys. The conclusions from the studies are that a large majority of residents are against demolition and that there is no technical need for demolition. The foundations of the houses are good. The committee has therefore given negative advice on this plan.

The residents' committee has advised Ymere to renovate all 481 homes in Amsteldorp instead of demolishing it. Ymere ignores the committee's advice.

### **About the renovation**

Due to overdue maintenance at Ymere, renovation is now required. The residents' committee agrees with this. But the committee has not yet consulted with Ymere about the renovation plans, as Ymere has described them in its newsletter. What is written in the latest Ymere newsletter (*The residents' committee is also positive about Ymere's plans*) is therefore not correct: we will discuss this further. The residents' committee wants all homes in the village to be renovated quickly.

### **What now?**



We concluded this exploratory phase of the process with a conversation between Ymere, the residents' committee and a representative of *Stadsdeel Oost* (municipality). Now we are officially entering the next phase. This details what needs to be done to the homes. The committee advises Ymere on this and is optimistic that Ymere will now listen to the wishes of the residents.

It is still unclear to the residents' committee how these discussions will proceed. But the committee is there for you and will continue to represent your interests and speak on your behalf in the next phase of the process. We could use some help with that. If you are interested, please contact [amsteldorpinactie@bcamsteldorp.nl](mailto:amsteldorpinactie@bcamsteldorp.nl)



**It is not yet certain that homes will be demolished. Ymere cannot demolish if you do not voluntarily terminate your lease. So take courage. Your neighbors and the residents' committee support you!**

**BC Amsteldorp wishes you all a happy, healthy 2024.**