

Press release

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Heijmans partner in Nieuw Kralingen residential district in Rotterdam

The municipality of Rotterdam, Heijmans and ERA Contour are signing a declaration of intent concerning the development of the Nieuw Kralingen area, a new residential district on the western side of the Kralingse Bos (Kralingse Wood). The agreement concerns the development and construction of approximately 400 homes in the higher segment. The partnership agreement is expected to be signed at the end of 2016.

The feasibility study for the development has since been completed. Over the coming months, an area vision will be developed and additional research will be conducted. Furthermore, the municipality is making preparations for the development of a zoning plan. With this development, the municipality of Rotterdam wants to anticipate the increased demand for more spacious homes in a unique, central setting: adjacent to the Kralingse Bos and close to the centre of Rotterdam. This enables the city to meet the needs of families with higher incomes. A suitable supply of homes for this group of people looking for a house is important for Rotterdam, so that these people do not have to leave the city.

The studies conducted by Heijmans and ERA Contour provide for the relocation of the municipal main road and the municipal nursery. This is crucial to the high-quality redevelopment of a part of the business park and the realization of the Nieuw Kralingen residential district along the Kralingse Bos. The current Nieuw Kralingen programme is based on approximately 350 to 400 single family homes with an average all-inclusive price of about € 530,000. The total site comprises approximately 26 hectares.

The desire to build a residential district at this location has been there for some time. In the City Vision 2007, the area was designated as a development site. Now is the time to give these plans greater substance. The declaration of intent will be signed by the involved parties during the PROVADA real estate exhibition on 8 June 2016. The earliest start date for the construction of the new residential district is 2018. Heijmans and ERA Contour will first complete the Wandeloord sub-plan in the Nieuw Crooswijk residential district.