

'FOR OUR HAPPINESS'



**CORE VALUES OF MY PROGRAM
TEUNIS DOKTER**

BALLOT 16

GRONINGEN 16th MARCH 2022

1. HOUSING AND DORMITORIES

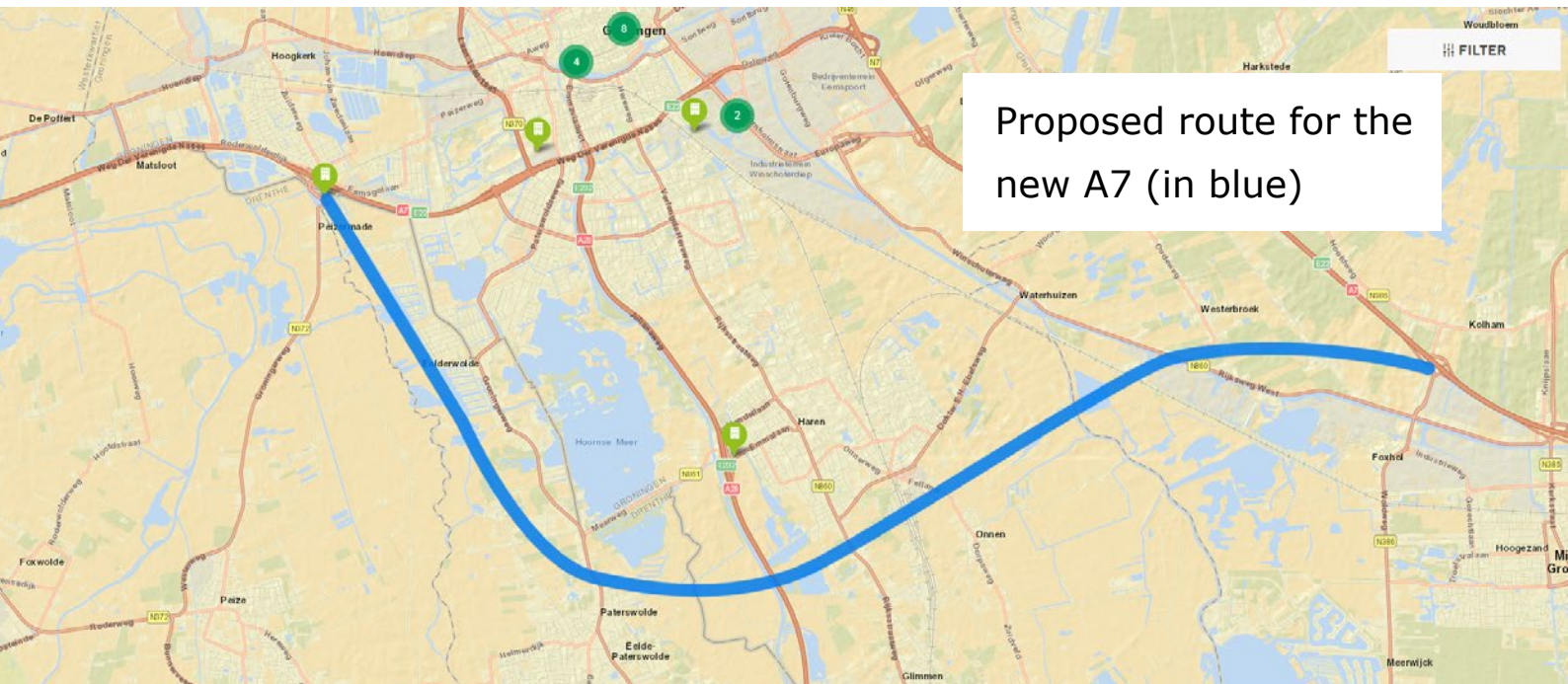
- The City should gather the right information with regards to housing and dormitories. The City should implement a legally required non-independent dormitory register. If Universities fail to accommodate students the City will cut subsidies to the Universities.
- Incidental exemption for Real Estate taxes for all house owners who are registered as living in our city. This to compensate house owners for loss of purchasing power in recent years.
- New progressive Real Estate tax for Real Estate objects worth more than 1,5 million euro's (index: 2021).
- Only allow the building of more housing if the core services like Education and medical care can handle such increase in population. Avoid unbalancing the city..

2. WORK AND SOCIAL SECURITY

- Increase social benefits for people who are living together on the same address. This in order to support poor families that are hit hard by loss of purchasing power.
- Research and write a business case for the production of medical cannabis aimed at creating jobs, generating income and facilitating international export.
- Introduction of incidental Homelessness Credit, to avoid unnecessary homelessness.

3. MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Create a new highway (A7) between Eelde and Haren. This reduces traffic on the South Ringroad (N7) and increase traffic flow through the north of the Netherlands.



- Income the City generates from parking licenses should be invested into creating parking places. Keep the city accessible for everyone, including people with cars.

4. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

- We need to formulate a futureproof strategy on education.
- Subsidies for school swimming must make a comeback: drowning is still a problem among children.

5. CULTURE, SPORT AND TOURISM

- We need to focus on cultural events that are outdoors. Create a special Cultural Summerplan for more music and art festivals at Kardingse, Paterswoldsemeer and the Driebondsbos.
- Investing in Meerschop Paterswolde to attract more tourists. Allow watersports that need a fast sailing area on the water.
- We stop with Groninger Museum and the excessive cultural centre Oosterpoort in order to fill gaps in the budget

6. SUSTAINABILITY AND ECOLOGY

- Renovation of the Grote Markt can be done differently. Let's create a Forest House in the city center based on the legendary 'hanging gardens' of Babylon.
- No Citycat cleaning vehicles in the neighbourhoods before 08.00 hours.
- We need to use the space in the city center more efficiently. We need to make space for more apartment buildings. But also retain our Hansa style architecture.
- Invest in renovating social housing in order to reduce energy consumption and utility bills: everyone to Energylabel A.

7. PROGRESSIVE GOVERNANCE

- We have to improve the visibility of the City Council: most party's are invisible unless there are elections.
- Citizens should be counsiled more about policy and changes in their environment, especially when chosing the architecture of new buildings with a collective function.

8. SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER

- No privacy sensitive tracking of civilans through automated (camera)systems. Extra camera security is fine, as long as no data is extracted and saved in databases in which one can use linguistical search terms to find specific people. Only manual operators should be able to watch and extract information from recordings.
- A ban on all fireworks. However, with New Years Eve the City should allow the organizatoin of NYE-festivals where fireworks are allowed.

9. BUDGET DISCIPLINE

- The City's budget should become more transparant. This should change in order to improve accountability of expenses.
- Provincialize and collectivize parts of the gas extraction income from

the State, so that Groningen is rewarded for allowing the risk of gas extraction.

- We need responsible financial governance and disciplined budgetting.
- Not all subsidies are well spent and some are thrown into financial 'black holes'. We need to reduce spending on non-essential subsidiaries.