



# Report on Roeterseiland Campus Information Evening, 11 March 2014



On 11 March, an information evening was organised for local residents living around the Roeterseiland Campus. Over the course of the meeting, local residents were updated on construction activities at the Roeterseiland complex. The focus was on buildings B/C on Nieuwe Achtergracht 177 and building A (Roeterstraat 15). After a brief presentation by director Kees Lammers, those attending had the opportunity to ask questions on each theme. See below for an overview of the most important updates per theme.

#### **Environment: noise and comments**

Local residents emphasised that the accessibility of CREA is still less than optimal. This situation should be improved over the course of the next academic year by creating new access routes. Another resident asked whether the ATM machine in the hall of REC E will remain in its current location. The ATM in the hall of building E has been removed, and there are (currently) no plans to reinstall it. The company operating the machine took this decision in view of the relatively high costs involved.

There were no further updates regarding the option of keeping the car park partially open during weekends. The possibilities are currently being assessed in collaboration with Facility Services.

The UvA is glad to see that local residents are frequently visiting Room for Discussion. Complaints submitted to Carin Bosboom are dealt with immediately in conjunction with BAM. This process has proven to be effective.

#### **Public space: planning and design**

A local resident commented that the bicycles in front of building P (Plantage Muidergrecht 24) aren't always parked in the bicycle racks. Despite the best efforts of a bicycle coach, some bicycles end up parked on the pavement or next to the racks. The UvA will contact Pantar – the party responsible for the bicycle coaches – to resolve the matter. Students will be more actively directed to park their bicycles in the bicycle shelter under building P. The student housing building on Plantage Muidergrecht does not belong to the UvA. and UvA employees therefore have no authority to instruct them. De Key housing association is responsible for this building.

A waste recycling centre is currently being developed. The centre will be situated between the current construction site on Valckeniersstraat and the CREA building. The centre will feature waste bins to facilitate selective waste sorting. When available, the artist's impression will be published on our website: [www.uva.nl/roeterseiland](http://www.uva.nl/roeterseiland).

#### **Facility Services: relocation and furnishing**

Initially, local residents attending the evening did not ask any specific questions on this issue. However, they did express curiosity as to the coming developments. The delivery of goods during the relocation proved a source of concern.

Although a large amount of furniture is set to be delivered, the lorries transporting the furniture will not be any larger than 12.30 metres. Wherever possible, lorries will reverse over the last few metres with their reversing alarms switched off.

An effort is being made to arrange for traffic officers, as lorries are not permitted to reverse without an alarm unless a traffic officer is present.

The lorries and moving vans will not entirely block off the passage from Pancrasstraat to Valckeniersstraat. The vehicles will park along the hoarding in order to ensure continued access. As soon as the ring road has been completed, lorries and suppliers will park on UvA grounds. Ultimately, a block schedule will be implemented in which deliveries will be planned to avoid the initial peak student traffic for morning lectures and take place later in the day. Deliveries will then take place from 9.30 a.m. until around 1 or 2 p.m.

### **Work in buildings A/B/C**

Earlier this year there was an incident involving the discovery of asbestos in the basement of building A. As BAM foreman Riccardo Hartsink explained during the information evening, local residents were never in any danger of being contaminated as the incident was fully contained within the building. Samples were taken and reports were prepared. The building cleanup then had to be halted while inventory reports were prepared. The comprehensiveness of this report was subsequently debated.

The polyurethane foam visible on the exterior of building A is not related to this asbestos incident. The foam has been applied to these sections in order to regulate negative pressure inside the building. Even where a hole were to be made in the façade, the machines in A will only draw in air from outside: under no event will air from inside the building be pumped out. Over the course of the evening, BAM promised members of Sarphatistraat owners' association that it would take responsibility for the central area (future entrance); this section of the grounds will be swept up and cleaned once a week.

Local residents were further informed that the façade of building A is to be renewed. The current fire escape will be removed and replaced with a new stair. New green roof cladding will also be installed. The zoning plan does not include a lecture hall for the Faculty of Law.

Work will be carried out according to the following schedule:

- Decontamination activities will continue through week 40 and the façade will be removed before the construction industry holiday (from the inside and with as little noise as possible).
- Installation of the new façade will take 4-6 weeks per façade wall, totalling approximately 20 weeks in all (4x5 weeks).
- Demolition of the roof on building A is now 95% complete; only the cornice remains to be demolished.
- On the site of the future lobby a section still needs to be demolished (the central area), which will take place after removal of the remaining asbestos, and take 4-6 weeks.
- The planning schedule for construction of the pavement at REC A and H is still to be determined.
- Nieuwe Achtergracht / Zuidkade will be accessible again from late 2016.

As regards noise measurements: one microphone at building B/C on Nieuwe Achtergracht was removed and an additional microphone was installed at Roetersstraat.

A total of two microphones are now positioned behind the owner's association office on Sarphatistraat, and three on the roof of Kriterion.

Finally, local residents were updated on plans for the plinth of REC A. Different uses are currently under consideration. Though it will not become an Albert Heijn supermarket, it might be used for catering facilities.

**Questions and/or comments**

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