

Residents of rented homes in selected PAW3 area

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VISITING ADDRESS

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13 July 2021

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0118-487173

SUBJECT

Subject: Vlissingen on the way towards a natural gas-free future

Dear Sir / Madam,

You probably heard or read about this somewhere before: "all Dutch homes are to become natural gas-free". This may sound strange to you, or like some far-off scenario, but also in Vlissingen, over the coming years, all homes will become natural gas-free. This means your home as well.

Natural gas-free: how do we go about it?

We cannot simply just start cooking or heating our home without gas. Over the next years an enormous amount of homes has to be adapted. In many cases, this means (better) insulating homes, installing a heat pump and replacing the gas stove with, for example, an induction model.

The municipality of Vlissingen helps

This year, the municipality of Vlissingen will apply for government funding for making about 600 owner-occupied and rented homes natural gas-free (ready) in 2030.

This application stems from the compensation package 'Wind in de Zeilen'. This package was granted as a compensation when the planned move of the marine barracks to Vlissingen was cancelled. This gives us the opportunity to apply for government funding under the Natural Gas-Free Neighborhoods Program, known in Dutch as Programma Aardgasvrije Wijken (PAW).

Your home falls within the scope of this application. This means that we are going to help you with, for example, insulating your roof, external walls and/or windows. Following approval of the application, the municipality will receive 4 million euros. We will use this money to provide you with financial assistance.

Future proofing your home

You receive this letter because your home falls within the scope of this application for government funding, which means that you are eligible for this unique scheme.

Under this scheme, the municipality is going to help private home owners and l'escaut to make the homes in your neighbourhood natural gas-free - with advice and with money. Together with you we will make your home future-proof. After this adaptation, you will benefit from lower energy bills, better indoor comfort and a healthier atmosphere inside your home.

We will do it together

We will thus use this government funding for making your home natural gas-free and to prepare your home for this transition. Of course, we will do this together with l'escaut and with you. Also, it will not happen overnight. Once our application for government support is approved, we have eight years to use it. Together we will work towards 2030!

Open afternoon and evening: Energie in de wijk! ('Energy in the neighbourhood')

We understand that this letter may raise questions. That is why we invite you to come to one of our Energie in de wijk! open days. These will be held on Saturday 17 July and Wednesday 21 July.

Employees of the municipality and l'escaut will be there to meet you and discuss your questions and wishes with you. We look forward to welcoming you and talking to you!

In addition, there will be several fun activities for all ages. Will you be there too?

The programme for the days can be found in the enclosed flyer.

- Saturday 17 July 11:00 – 15:00
- Wednesday 21 July 15:00 – 19:00

Location: grass area between Bloemenlaan, Hercules Segherslaan and President Rooseveltlaan.

Information and contact

Information about 'Vlissingen on the way towards a natural gas-free future' can be found on the following websites.

- www.vlissingen.nl/aardgasvrij
- www.lescaut.nl/aardgasvrij

Check the frequently asked questions on these websites or contact:

- **Municipality of Vlissingen:** Neighbourhood coordinator Michelle Vos
0118-487251 or MVos@vlissingen.nl.
- **l'escaut:** Neighbourhood manager Natasja Swennen
0118-422329 or n.swennen@lescaut.nl

You can also e-mail your questions to aardgasvrij@vlissingen.nl or aardgasvrij@lescaut.nl.

We hope to see you Saturday 17 or Wednesday 21 July!

Sincerely,

Handtekeningen

Sem Stroosnijder
Alderman of the municipality of Vlissingen

Jan Leo van Deemter
Director l'escaut Woonservice

You can also read this letter in English on our website: www.vlissingen.nl/aardgasvrij

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