

PART A. INTRODUCTION: PROJECTS, STATUS AND PROCESS

1. Municipality of Rijswijk

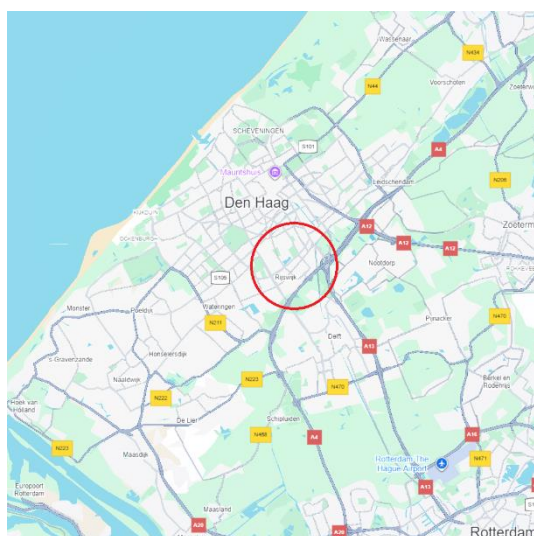
The Municipality of Rijswijk acts as the Contracting Authority in this market consultation. Information about the Municipality can be found on its website: www.rijswijk.nl.

2. Purpose of the market consultation

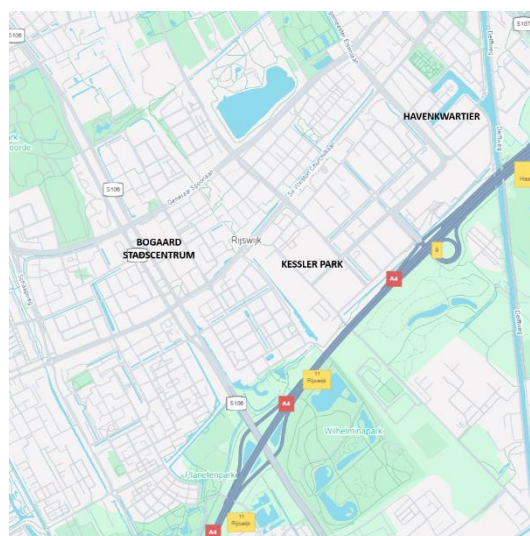
The Municipality of Rijswijk intends to initiate a procurement procedure for an Automatic Waste Collection System (AWCS). To gain the clearest possible understanding of whether market parties that can and wish to execute the project(s), and under which conditions, we are conducting this market consultation. This information will enable the Municipality to position the procurement procedure in the market as effectively as possible.

3. Information on the development projects

The Municipality of Rijswijk is developing, as part of the Dutch national agenda for housing, a significant number of new apartments. The areas are existing areas that will be (partially) transformed into urban areas. Though they are and will be different in nature all will become very dense areas. Below we present a brief introduction about these areas with some key figures.



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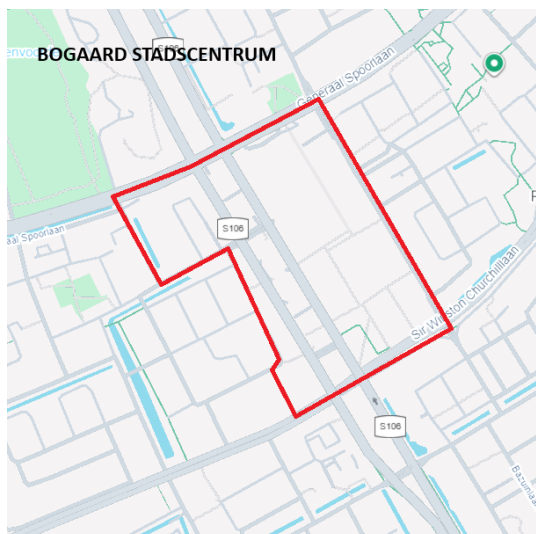
Location of the developments

I. Bogaard Stadscentrum

Bogaard Stadscentrum ('City Center'), initially established in 1960 as the Netherlands' first large indoor shopping center, is being transformed into a modern, sustainable hub for living, shopping, and leisure in Rijswijk. The Municipality of Rijswijk, in collaboration with residents, entrepreneurs, and

property owners, is implementing a Master Plan to create a vibrant, green city center. This transformation involves a series of subprojects that will be carried out in phases over the coming years, with construction taking place while the shopping center remains open to the public.

A total of approximately 2.750 to 3.000 apartments are planned for development in this area. Some buildings have already been completed, while others remain at various stages of construction and development. Below is a rough outline indicating the potential coverage area for an AWCS, including the development at the HBG location (upper left corner). These outlines are not final and are provided only to give a general idea of the project.



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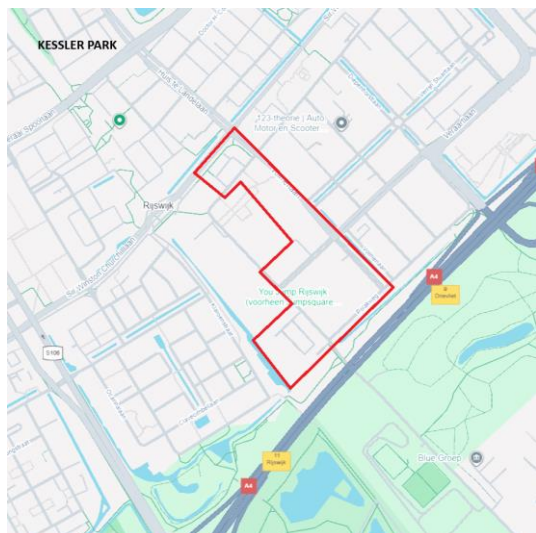
<https://www.rijswijk.nl/bogaard-stadscentrum>

II. Kessler Park

The area around Kessler Park in Rijswijk's Plaspoelpolder is being redeveloped into a dynamic, mixed-use neighborhood with approximately 1.900 new homes—730 of which are intended for students and first-time buyers—focusing on single and two-person households with low car ownership. The project, located near Rijswijk Railway station and bordered by Sir Winston Churchillaan, Lange Kleiweg, Visseringlaan, and Volmerlaan, will repurpose vacant office buildings for housing and create a campus for innovative companies and education, particularly in renewable energy. The redevelopment emphasizes green spaces, featuring a variety of themed gardens and an ambitious tree-planting initiative that will make it the largest tree collection in Rijswijk, aiming to enhance both livability and sustainability in the area.

The Automatic Waste Collection System (AWCS) could potentially extend its coverage to include the adjoining Broodfabriek area (lower right corner), where approximately 650 apartments are planned for development. Additionally, the Hof van Elsenburg area (lower left corner), with a projected total of 350 apartments, may also be serviced by the system. The illustration provided below offers a general outline of the areas that could benefit from the AWCS; this representation is preliminary and intended solely to convey the scope of the project. It should be noted that the buildings within these

areas are at varying stages, ranging from completed structures to those still in the master planning phase.



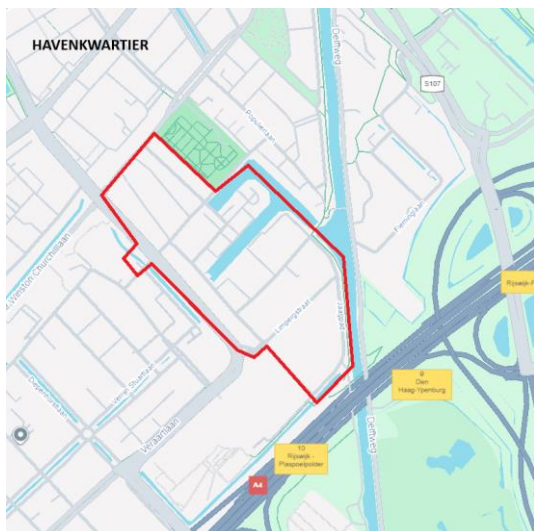
More information about this development can be found on our website:

<https://www.rijswijk.nl/kessler-park> and <https://at-the-park.com/>

III. Havenkwartier

The Havenkwartier area in Rijswijk is undergoing a transformation from a district of vacant office buildings into a vibrant, future-proof urban neighborhood that combines living, working, and recreation. Surrounded by key roads and the 'De Vliet' canal, the area will feature over 2.500 new homes, green spaces, recreational areas, and restaurants, while retaining existing businesses. The development emphasizes sustainability by integrating nature into the urban design, providing habitats for local wildlife through features like green roofs, nesting stones, and nature-friendly landscaping. Accessibility will be improved with new pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, ensuring the district is both livable and well-connected.

The illustration below outlines the potential service area for an AWCS. Within this area, certain developments have been completed, while others remain in the early stages of planning or construction. Notably, the scope includes the redevelopment of an apartment block located northwest of the Handelskade (upper left corner). Please note that this is a preliminary representation intended to provide an overview of the project's scale; it remains subject to future modifications.



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4. Scope of the market consultation

The Municipality of Rijswijk is evaluating the implementation of an Automatic Waste Collection System (AWCS), sometimes referred to as a Pneumatic Waste Collection System. These systems generally consist of waste inlets, a network of pipes, and a centralized collection station. Inlets are planned to be located both within buildings and on the streets, depending on feasibility and planning. While alternative waste collection methods have been reviewed and remain under evaluation, this particular market consultation focuses exclusively on AWCS solutions. As such, responses are requested only from companies specializing in the design, construction and/or operation and maintenance of AWCS or relevant system components.

Up to three installations

Given the distinct size and separation of the development areas, the current plan involves establishing three separate AWCS installations—one for each development. The implementation of these systems will be phased to align with the progression of each area’s redevelopment. There is also potential for future expansion to adjacent neighborhoods. It should be noted that the Municipality may ultimately choose to implement AWCS in only one or two of the developments (or even none), based on further evaluation.

Waste Streams and Users

The AWCS installations are intended to handle several types of waste: residual waste (including the PMD plastics fraction), organic waste (primarily food waste in these projects), and paper and cardboard. The main users of the system will be households; however, small businesses located on the ground floors of new blocks may also be permitted access. This approach aims to minimize the presence of waste containers on streets and enhance the urban environment.

Project Scope

The overall scope of the project encompasses the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the AWCS installations over a defined period. The Municipality seeks engagement with parties capable of contributing to all or part of these project phases. Currently, the Municipality of Rijswijk holds a contract with Avalex—a company in which the Municipality is a stakeholder—for household waste collection. Should the AWCS installations be realized, Avalex will be responsible for collecting waste from the central collection stations and managing subsequent processing.

5. Status and process of the AWCS

In early 2025, the college of Mayor and Aldermen approved a study into Automatic Waste Collection Systems (AWCS) and initiated the preparation of a proposal for the Municipal Council. In June 2025, the Municipal Council was briefed on the outcomes of the study and gave approval for a more detailed study into the implementation of AWCS in these projects. This included a specific investigation into the planned routes of the pipe networks and the identification of potential locations for waste inlets.

Net Congestion Issue

During the course of this study, the issue of net congestion was raised. Net congestion refers to the situation where grid companies face long waiting lists for large electrical connections to the grid—specifically those larger than 3x80A (400V). Although a limited number of activities will be prioritized, even those granted priority may still experience significant delays before a grid connection becomes available. This uncertainty and potential delay present a risk to the timely realization of the AWCS systems and could ultimately threaten the feasibility of implementing this waste collection method in the targeted areas.

Request for Market Input

As a result, the Municipality seeks to better understand possible solutions to the net congestion problem from market participants. Input from parties in the market is requested on whether and how this challenge could be addressed. Additional questions concerning the scope, organization, and legal conditions relevant to the tender process are also being considered. Feedback on these matters could facilitate a more efficient tender process and help prevent unnecessary delays during ongoing project development.

Timeline and Next Steps

The Municipality anticipates making a final decision in the third or fourth quarter of this year, with a tender process to follow directly after. However, these plans remain subject to change.

6. Market consultation and procedure

Part B of this document contains a questionnaire through which the Municipality seeks written responses to several specific questions. While it is recognized that responding to these questions may require significant effort and resources from companies, respondents are kindly requested to provide brief, concise yet substantive answers.

Report

The responses submitted will be utilized to compile a report that will be shared with all participating parties. This report will also form part of the tender documents that the Municipality will release as part of the tendering procedure. The report will only reflect the main, overarching findings, and will be anonymized to ensure that no information identifying any particular party is included. Should any responses or information be considered confidential and inappropriate for inclusion in the report in any form, such sections should be explicitly marked as confidential.

Meeting

Following the conclusion of the market consultation period, the Municipality will review and summarize all the responses received. As part of this process, there is an option for an online meeting with each party that has participated and submitted answers to the questionnaire in Part B. These meetings will take place after the market consultation closes, will be conducted via Teams, and are expected to last between one and two hours. Each meeting will be held individually between the Municipality and the respective market participant.

During these meetings, the Municipality may seek further clarification regarding the answers provided. Likewise, market participants may use this opportunity to elaborate on or enhance their responses.

Procedure

1. The market consultation begins with the publication of this document on TED and TenderNed on the 16th of February 2026. Part B contains the questions the Municipality wishes to present to market parties. If you are unable to answer all questions, you may leave any unanswered. This is not a reason for the Municipality to exclude you from participation.
2. Market parties may submit questions regarding unclear wording in the market consultation document until the 9th of March 2026 (three weeks after publication) at 12:00 noon, with the aim of ensuring transparent and consistent communication. If parties have questions, these must be submitted via the TED or TenderNed messaging module before the “Deadline for submitting market consultation questions”. Answers will be published anonymously on TED and TenderNed in a Note of Information on the 16th of March (four weeks after publication). With regard to the exchange of information, it is explicitly stated that telephone or email inquiries or questions submitted outside the designated channels will not be processed.
3. Any interested market party that believes it can contribute to the market consultation is requested to submit its answers to the questions from this market consultation before the “Final date and time for submitting market party responses”. Market parties may submit their response no later than the 30th of March 2026 (six weeks after publication) at 12:00 noon.
4. Should the written responses raise questions for the Municipality, the Municipality may request an oral explanation in a meeting (via Teams). In Part B, market parties can indicate whether they are willing to participate in such a meeting.
5. An anonymised report will be produced summarizing the results of the market consultation. This report will be published on TED and TenderNed. In addition, the report will be included with the publication of any potential tender.

7. Planning

This market consultation will follow this planning:

February 16, 2026	Publication of the market consultation
March 9, 2026 at 12.00	Deadline for submitting market consultation questions
March 16, 2026	Note of Information
March 30, 2026 at 12.00	Final date and time for submitting market party responses
April 7 – April 14, 2026	Discussions with market parties
April 21, 2026	Send final report to market parties

8. Conditions

1. Participation is entirely voluntary and without obligation. It is not a prerequisite for participating in any potential tender. In addition, it has no positive or negative influence on the position of parties in any potential tender.
2. Participation in the market consultation is entirely at the participants' own expense. No compensation will be provided for costs incurred or to be incurred in connection with the market consultation.
3. Given the non-binding nature of the market consultation, no rights can be derived from any information provided as part of this market consultation.
4. The insights obtained from the market consultation will be used by the Municipality of Rijswijk (where relevant) in preparing the tender and the tender documents. The Municipality of Rijswijk reserves the right not to use these insights, or not to use them in full.
5. The information provided to the Municipality of Rijswijk through this market consultation will be treated confidentially and will not be used for any purpose other than gathering market knowledge for the future tender. Participants may not claim copyright protection on the information provided. The Municipality of Rijswijk is free to include parts of this information in any potential tender.
6. The Municipality of Rijswijk reserves the right to terminate and/or discontinue the market consultation. This also applies to any potential tender procedure.
7. The working language of this market consultation is English.