

Kraainem: the wish to live there!

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Sound municipal finances: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Guaranteeing a comfortable positive balance between the commune's expenditure and revenue in the long term; a staff needs audit will be drawn up in the context of optimal coordination between the services.
- Consolidating the commune's debt while maintaining investments for the upkeep of the public space; the budget will be balanced using appropriate means that are fair for all those who benefit from the services provided by the commune.
- Rebuilding a budget reserve.

Safe commune: Security, well-being: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Reinforcing prevention and the fight against burglary by reviewing the priorities of the police services to ensure a more human approach.
- Guaranteeing a bilingual reception for the emergency services.
- Re-establishing a Justice of the Peace office.
- Providing night services in the WOKRA police zone.

Pleasant commune: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Re-introducing in-person reception in all the municipal and public welfare services without an appointment and facilitating access for the disabled.
- Setting up a ticket dispenser near the town hall.
- Providing neighbourhood advisory services to facilitate meetings between elected representatives and residents.
- Withdrawing the commune's pre-emptive right in the context of property sales.
- Making it easier for young families to settle in the commune.
- Continuing and increasing the fight against noise pollution.
- Demanding the installation of noise barriers, especially along the E40 and the ring road.
- Ensuring compliance with the legal decisions obtained by Wake Up Kraainem and acquiring PBN equipment from the State (zero-zero landing) on all the runways at Brussels National airport.
- Enhancing the green, friendly and "village" character of the commune, aiming to expand green spaces and control the population density.

- Adopting a new cleanliness plan integrating:
 - Extension of the bins network (rubbish bins, dog excrement and dead leaves).
 - Improvement of drain dredging at varying intervals depending on the type of place and the season.
 - Regular cleaning of the public space using appropriate equipment and adequate staff numbers.
 - Maintenance of playgrounds and other green spaces.
 - Steps to ensure compliance with the obligation to use rigid rubbish bins.
- Supporting events at which the people of Kraainem can meet up (September festivals, Garage Sales, Christmas market, neighbours' day parties, etc.).
- Improving the links between communities through sport and culture.
- Boosting support for cultural and sports associations and seeking synergies with neighbouring communes.
- Renovating the sports centre to ensure the safety and comfort of users.
- Studying the feasibility of paddle and frisbee courts in the sports centre.
- Encouraging activities for senior citizens (visits, weekends, trips).
- Pursuing a real animal welfare policy:
 - Creating a coordination structure between the commune, veterinarians and animal defence and protection associations in partnership with neighbouring communes.
 - Creating new spaces where dogs can run around freely.
 - Intensifying the cat sterilisation campaign.

Mobility: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Rethinking the mobility plan (30 zones, transit routes, etc.) and defining an implementation programme in consultation with the residents of the various districts.
- Engaging in discussions about the parking policy (blue zone and paid parking).
- Clarifying the use of the Kraainem metro station car park.
- Fighting against the unauthorised parking of scooters and shared bicycles.
- Adapting the public space to enable those with reduced mobility to move around more easily.
- Improving safety at pedestrian crossings and around schools.
- Requiring the public transport company to provide better services for the commune (direct route between upper and lower Kraainem and defending the need for bus 42).
- Creating a commune shuttle service on request (medical, stores, municipal administration).

Public works and architectural heritage: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Aiming for a better approach to public space renovation projects that will result in a reasonable programme, in line with budgetary resources.
- Granting priority to facilities aimed at protecting vulnerable users.
- Speeding up the conversion of public lighting to LEDs and making it "smart".
- Improving the efficiency of public lighting by pruning surrounding trees adequately

- Implementing proper preparation and coordination of building sites, listening to local residents in advance and integrating an electronic complaints submission desk.
- Concluding service quality contracts with Fluvius, de Watergroep, Proximus, Telenet and the municipal technical services in order to guarantee reasonable information and intervention periods.
- Introducing regular inspections of the public space in order, among other things, to monitor the various building sites and ensure safe accessibility for local residents and stores.
- Setting up a team of guardians of the peace tasked with inspecting the public space.
- Giving priority to defending the interests of the commune and the people of Kraainem against supra-municipal bodies (Province, Region, Agency for Roads and Traffic, Work on the Ring Road, Intermunicipal organisations).
- Drawing up and implementing a comprehensive flood management plan.
- Creating wetlands, flood plains, buffers, to retain surface water and fight against flooding.
- Drawing up an inventory of the commune's architectural heritage in order to define a coherent and responsible policy for the restoration, maintenance and enhancement of this heritage.

Sustainable Community: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Boosting the planting programme in response to climate change and undertaking reasoned maintenance of zones given over to biodiversity.
- Supporting local stores.
- Encouraging the use of renewable energy.
- Speeding up the installation of electric vehicle charging stations and studying the creation of channels to lay pavement cables.
- Planning an increase in the number of parking spaces for people with reduced mobility.
- Adopting a simplified urban planning authorisation procedure for roof and façade insulation work.
- Strengthening the grant award assistance service.
- Providing air quality measuring stations.

Social policy: *Kraainem: the wish to live there !*

- Facilitating access to services and support to obtain aid and subsidies.
- Hiring disabled staff in the administration.
- Creating a coordination platform for actions aimed at preventing and fighting poverty and social exclusion.
- Optimising the use of the new OCTOPUS public welfare centre (former Van Deuren farm).
- Laying tactile paving at bus stops for the sight impaired and installing sound signals at traffic lights.

Respect for communities and their facilities: *Kraainem, the wish to live there !*

- Ensuring respect for the rights laid down in the Constitution and confirmed by decrees from the Council of State and the Constitutional Court as regards language facilities. Explaining the scope of inclusion in the language register above and beyond obtaining documents in French.
- Making all the electronic desks run by administrations and services totally bilingual.
- Not imposing job interviews in Dutch for French-speaking staff for the daycare facilities at the DIABOLO municipal school and public welfare helpers.
- Providing translations of the main regulations in force.

