

Verkiezingsprogramma D66 Zeist 2026 – 2030

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forward



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3. Guiding principles of D66 Zeist

In this programme, **“Zeist”** means all five cores of the municipality: Zeist, Den Dolder, Austerlitz, Bosch en Duin and Huis ter Heide.

With **“Zeist village”**, we refer to the friendly name many residents use for the municipality. D66 looks to the future of Zeist using a number of **guiding principles**.

These principles help us make choices. They are not strict rules, but they show **how D66 thinks** and **in which direction we want to go**.

Trust in the strength of people

Residents often know best what their neighbourhood needs.

The municipality must take their ideas seriously and give people space to participate.

Everyone should be able to easily contact the municipality and understand how decisions are being made.

Not everyone can do everything alone. That is why the municipality must offer **a safety net** and **a stepping stone** for people who need extra help.

Start with good education and support sport and culture

Education gives children and adults opportunities.

Everyone in Zeist should be able to learn and grow throughout life.

Sport and culture are also important. They bring joy, a healthy lifestyle and a sense of community.

D66 wants sport and culture to be accessible to everyone and that Zeist becomes a healthy and green environment where being active feels natural.

Caring and living together

Living together means looking after one another.

Everyone belongs here. Zeist should be a place for everyone, regardless of age, education, work, background or sexual orientation.

We want an open and friendly municipality where people respect each other.

Those who need help must receive sufficient and suitable care.

Give space to residents who want to participate

Many residents have ideas to improve their neighbourhood or village.

D66 wants the municipality to support these **residents**'.

Together, residents can often achieve more than they expect.

The municipality should help and clearly explain how people can contribute, work together and participate in municipal life.

Living and working in a green and strong village

Zeist is a place where people can live, work and relax.

There is a lot of knowledge in the area available in the area, thanks to schools, companies and organizations like the Utrecht Science Park.

At the same time, Zeist remains green, calm and village-like.

D66 wants Zeist to stay healthy and future-proof — also for the next generations.

Looking beyond borders

Challenges such as energy issues, social care, housing and climate do not stop at municipal borders.

That is why Zeist works together with other municipalities in the Utrecht region.

By working together, we can better solve problems and create opportunities, all the while keeping our own responsibilities in Zeist.

4. Growing up in Zeist: equal chances for everyone

Everyone has talent. Zeist has over 66,000 residents — that means 66,000 talents.

Developing talent starts at school. Good education gives children and adults more opportunities.

Zeist has many good schools. Every child should receive education that fits their level, preferably close to home.

Adults who struggle with reading, writing or speaking Dutch must also receive support.

Language skills are important to take part in society.

Schools must be safe, healthy and have enough space for outdoor play.

Some residents need extra support, for example people on social benefits.

D66 does not want anyone to live below the social minimum.

Children must never suffer because of poverty and should always be able to join in sports, music or other activities.

What do we want to achieve?

Raising children together

Raising a child is something we do together: parents, neighbours, family, schools, sports clubs and community groups.

D66 wants to strengthen programmes such as Kansrijke Start, Samen Oplopen, Nu Niet Zwanger and parent groups.

We support **brede scholen**, where primary schools work closely with childcare and preschool care.

The municipality plays an important role in this cooperation.

A rich school day

Some schools in Zeist already offer a **rich school day**.

A school programme where children not only learn in class, but also take part in sports, music, outdoor activities and homework support.

D66 wants to maintain and expand this programme.

Youth workers and community sports coaches are essential.

We invest more where it is needed, so that ultimately, chances become equal.

Early help in the youth care

The municipality organizes youth care.

Children must get help on time and as close to home as possible.

Prevention is very important: preventing problems is better than fixing them later.

The transition from youth care to adult care must go smoothly.

Youth care that works

More young people need youth care. This causes waiting lists and high costs.

That is why D66 chooses:

- **group support** where possible
- **individual support** when necessary
- youth workers and experts to support families
- **a divorce support desk**, because complicated divorces often cause problems.

This keeps specialised care available for children who really need it.

Culture education

All primary school children in Zeist receive a cultural education.

This helps them think creatively and develop new ideas. D66 wants to keep this.

Adults with a low income can also join sports or cultural activities via the **Adult Fund**.

This keeps sport and culture accessible to everyone.

Healthy and fresh schools

Children learn better in a healthy environment.

D66 wants:

- good ventilation
- sustainable school buildings
- green schoolyards and vegetable gardens
- schoolyards that can also be used by the neighbourhood

We work together with schools, sports clubs and local businesses to achieve this.

Education for everyone

Every child must be able to go to school. D66 wants **zero children staying at home**.

Schools should work together so every child gets a suitable education.

We also want more internships in Zeist for students in vocational and special education, so that young people stay connected to local businesses.

Education for adults

Learning never stops.

D66 wants to:

- reduce low literacy
- improve digital skills

- the municipality to communicate in clear B1 language

All children can participate

Money problems should never stop children from joining activities.

Support must be easy to request, without shame.

Our ambitions at a glance:

- everyone in the village raises a child
 - a rich school day for all children
 - youth care for a normal life
 - a cultural education for all children
 - a Zeist where everyone feel safe in and at home
 - no school leavers
 - less illiteracy and better digital literacy
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5. A healthy and inclusive Zeist

A healthy village helps people stay active and feel good.

Zeist offers many options for sports, walking and community activities.

More residents are getting older. This means that we must think about suitable housing, nearby social care and safe neighbourhoods.

Zeist has many volunteers and informal carers. They care for others and make our society stronger.

People who need professional care must be able to receive it.

D66 wants to focus on **prevention** (stopping problems), **freedom of choice** and **quality of care**.

We want Zeist to be an **inclusive municipality** where everyone can take part, including people with disabilities, illness, low income or different backgrounds.

What do we want to achieve?

Older people as an opportunity

Many older residents are living longer while staying active.

D66 wants new housing projects to match the wishes of older people.

When older people move to suitable homes, larger homes become available for families.

Many older people do volunteer work. The municipality should support this through neighbourhood projects and cooperation with organizations.

Care close to home

Neighbourhood teams are important. They offer tailored support and know the neighbourhood well.

D66 wants better support for informal carers.

Caring for others can be heavy work, so carers must receive information, help and no unnecessary stress.

A healthy living environment in every neighbourhood

Outdoor movement should be easy.

D66 wants in every neighbourhood:

- places to play and exercise
- walking and cycling routes
- meeting places such as benches or playgrounds

A healthy environment helps people move and meet other people.

Freedom for people with disabilities

Everyone must be able to live independently.

Public spaces must be accessible, with:

- wide pavements
- safe streets
- accessible buildings and public transport

Information on websites and forms must also be easy to understand.

The power of community centres

Zeist has several community centres, such as Binnenbos, Pelita, Noorderpunt, Dorpshuis Austerlitz and De Koppeling.

These places are important for meeting and activities.

They rely on volunteers but need municipal support.

D66 wants to protect and strengthen these community centres.

Good debt support

D66 wants to prevent people from getting into debt.

We want to focus on:

- early detection of payment problems
- cooperation with housing corporations and debt services
- clear information

We want to explore whether young people with debts can get a fresh start, such as in other municipalities.

Support for volunteers and informal carers

Volunteers and informal carers are essential.

Organizations such as the Food Bank, Humanitas and senior organizations deserve appreciation and support.

Everyone can take part

About one in eight households in Zeist lives around the social minimum.

They can use special municipal support schemes.

D66 wants:

- these schemes to be easy to find
- applications to be simple
- people not to unnecessarily repeat the same information multiple times

Work for everyone

Work provides income, structure and social contacts.

People who are further from the labour market should get extra support.

It should be easier to combine benefits with temporary or part-time work.

Young people without education or work should receive better guidance towards schooling or the labour market.

Reception of refugees

Refugees must be able to take part in society.

Learning the language, education, internships and work are key.

D66 values the role of volunteers and wants to continue this cooperation.

Extra attention is needed for vulnerable groups, such as refugee children.

An accessible and inclusive society

Everyone should feel welcome in Zeist.

Unfortunately, discrimination and exclusion still happen.

D66 wants:

- diversity to be discussed at schools
- youth councils to keep attention on inclusion
- Zeist to become the most accessible and inclusive municipality

Our ambitions at a glance:

- care and help close to home
- support for informal carers and volunteers
- healthy neighbourhoods with sport and playgrounds closeby
- strong network for community centres

6. Sport and culture in Zeist

Zeist has a rich cultural life with many opportunities for sport. This makes the village lively and helps people meet each other. In Zeist you can find places such as Beauforthuis, De Peppel, the Arts Centre and FIGI. There are also many amateur sport clubs, choirs, orchestras, theatre groups and creative spaces.

Sport is important for health and pleasure. Outdoor sports fields have improved in recent years. There are many indoor sports halls, but some still need renovation.

The library is an important place to learn, meet others and take part in activities. It is open and accessible for everyone.

What do we want to achieve?

Zeist as a village full of events

Zeist has beautiful events such as the Zeist Music Days and the International Song Festival.

D66 wants to keep space for these events and support new ones.

A few evenings per year, the **Slotlaan** could be used for festivals, music or extra terraces; this in consultation with local businesses.

Cooperation makes culture stronger

There is a lot of culture in Zeist, but not everyone knows about it.

D66 wants cultural organizations to work together more often, with support from the municipality.

The **culture broker** plays an important role by connecting organizations and helping them work together; this also with larger cultural organizations outside Zeist.

A modern library

The library is more than a place to borrow books.

It is a meeting place where people can:

- learn to read
- improve digital skills
- do homework
- meet other people

D66 wants to strengthen the role of the library.

Making swimming pool Dijnselburg future-proof

Swimming pool **Dijnselburg** has existed for over 30 years and is important for many residents.

Almost everyone in Zeist learned to swim there.

D66 wants the pool to be renovated so it remains safe, attractive and sustainable in the future.

Our ambitions at a glance

- Zeist remains a village with many events and cultural activities
- Slotlaan can host summer activities and terraces
- Sport and culture for everyone
- Support for professional and amateur arts and the culture broker
- Sports and play areas in every neighbourhood
- A strong, modern and accessible library
- Swimming pool Dijnselburg can continue to improve

7. Green, sustainable and strong Zeist

Zeist is a pleasant place to live. Nature, water and cities such as Utrecht and Amersfoort are close by. Many residents care about climate and sustainability. There are also many volunteers who help make Zeist greener and more sustainable. Climate change is causing **more heat, drought and heavy rainfall**. Zeist must adapt and become stronger by storing water, adding greenery and using energy wisely.

D66 supports plans such as the **Environmental Vision** and the **New Energy Roadmap**.

Zeist aims to be **energy neutral by 2050**.

Wind turbines do not fit well in Zeist, but we support clean energy production in the region.

What do we want to achieve?

More water in the village

Zeist has too little water in public spaces.

More water provides cooling, play areas, better drainage and more nature.

D66 wants to explore:

- whether the Slot pond can become clean enough for use
- whether a small village beach is possible
- whether stone-heavy neighbourhoods can get streams or fountains
- how schools can add more green and water

This will be done together with residents, possibly through crowdfunding.

Keep rainwater out of the sewer

Due to the changing climate water has become very important. It should be better **caught and reused** instead of letting it flow away.

D66 wants:

- rain pipes disconnected from the sewer
- water storage areas like wadi's and water squares
- greener gardens with fewer tiles
- neighbourhood-based solutions with residents

This helps prevent flooding and drought.

Clean water and good water quality

Water quality must meet European standards.

We must protect streams, ponds and canals.

Because drinking water is scarcer, we must use soil and groundwater wisely.

For new buildings, **water and soil come first** when deciding where to build.

Zeist as a green municipality

Green areas provide shade, cooler streets, clean air and space for animals.

D66 supports the **3-30-300 rule**:

- **3 trees** near every home, school or workplace
- **30% tree shade** in every neighbourhood
- nature or a park within **300 metres**

We want greener parking areas and business zones, plus green roofs and green walls.

Waste as a resource

Waste can often be reused.

D66 wants:

- less litter
- better waste separation
- support for circular economy initiatives
- more awareness about materials

A clean environment creates a pleasant place to live.

Our ambitions at a glance

- More water for cooling, fun and nature
- Rainwater reuse instead of drainage
- Clean water in ponds and streams
- More green in all neighbourhoods (3-30-300 rule)
- Waste as a resource
- Water and soil guide new building projects
- Zeist energy neutral by 2050

- Strong support for sustainable volunteer initiatives
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8. Clean and safe transport in Zeist

D66 wants transport in Zeist to be **clean, safe and easy**.

We choose solutions that support health, the environment and quality of life.

We focus on:

- **more cycling**
- **better public transport**
- **cleaner cars**
- **good walking routes**
- **safe streets for everyone**

Zeist has two train stations and many important cycling lanes. This makes it easy to get to other cities and villages in the surrounding area.

What do we want to achieve?

Cycling first

In a compact village like Zeist, cycling is often the fastest option.

D66 wants more people to cycle instead of driving.

Cycling routes must be:

- short and logical
- safe and comfortable
- well connected to Utrecht, Amersfoort and the Science Park

We support the construction of new **fast cycling lanes**.

A wish of D66 is finally being realised: **a safe, fast cycling lane between Zeist-West and Utrecht Science Park**, potentially via a raised cycling route that protects the natural environment.

Many streets are still unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians. D66 wants these places to **quickly become safer**.

We also want:

- wider cycle paths
- fewer unsafe obstacles
- safer crossings.

Better bicycle parking

There is often not enough space to park bicycles.

D66 wants:

- more bicycle parking
- space for cargo bikes and e-bikes
- clearly marked spaces

If this leads to less available space, this can come at the cost of parking spaces for cars.

Greener car use

Cars remain necessary for some people.
But car use can be cleaner and smarter.

D66 supports:

- **car sharing**
- more **charging points**
- clean delivery services
- central pick-up points to reduce traffic

5. Fast public transport

D66 wants **faster public transport between Zeist and Utrecht**.

We support a **high-quality bus** and oppose a tram.

The preferred route according to D66 is via the **Utrechtseweg and De Dreef**

Not through Landgoed Oostbroek or the A28, because this is terrible for the surrounding natural environment..

6. "From hub to home"

Good public transport does not end at the stop, people also need to safely arrive home.

D66 wants to research a system for:

- small local transport options for older people or those with mobility issues, to get them home safely from a hub (station or stop).

Ambitions at a glance

- Cycling first
- Safe and fast cycle routes
- Better bicycle parking
- Fewer dangerous traffic situations
- Cleaner car use and more shared cars
- Fast bus connection to Utrecht
- Safe local transport from hub to home

9. Living in strong neighbourhoods

Zeist is an attractive place to live. It is located centrally in the Netherlands, has two train stations, good bus connections, a lot of cycling paths and a lot of greenery. However there is one problem: **affordable housing is scarce**. Starters, single households, families and middle-income residents struggle to find homes.

D66 wants more homes to be built and that neighbourhoods remain fun and green. Growth and green can **work well together**, this can already be seen in Kerckebosch.

What do we want to achieve?

Growth and green together

Zeist had a housing shortage. We must build smart and sustainably.

D66 supports:

- **congestion:** building higher where possible
- **nature-inclusive housing:** a lot of green and attention to animals
- **reusing empty buildings,** such as offices and old shops
- **topping-up:** adding floors to existing buildings

Projects like Station Driebergen-Zeist and the PGGM site offer opportunities.

2) Mixed neighbourhoods

D66 wants neighbourhoods where different people live next door to each other. This means:

- rental and owner-occupied homes
- different income groups
- homes for young and old
- various housing types

This keeps neighbourhoods lively and ensures that they remain a meeting place.

3. Growing old in your own neighbourhood

Older residents should be able to stay in their neighbourhood.

D66 wants:

- more life-course-friendly housing
- easier moving within the same neighbourhood
- easier home splitting
- space for informal care homes

If older residents can move to a different house it will help others move into larger homes.

Ambitions at a glance

- Housing growth with green protection
- Smart use of space and buildings
- Mixed neighbourhoods
- More suitable homes for older residents
- Easier home splitting and care housing
- Space for resident initiatives

10. Doing business in Zeist

Zeist and the surrounding area has a strong economy. There are a lot of schools, organizations and businesses active in the area. The Utrecht Science Park is also close by. This allows opportunity for work and society.

D66 wants Zeist to remain attractive for entrepreneurs and businesses, and that the centre and neighbourhood centres remain an active place. A strong business climate is important for work, shops and amenities.

The municipality already works together with other municipalities in the region. D66 wants to continue and strengthen these collaborations.

What do we want to achieve?

1) A lively and attractive centre

The centre of Zeist is an important place for shops, the hospitality industry, and as a meeting place.

D66 wants the centre to:

- be accessible for everyone, especially cyclists and pedestrians
- have more space for greenery and squares
- regularly have fun activities

Slotlaan can host terraces or small events in the summer, in consultation with local businesses.

2. The right shops in the right place

The shopping centre should fit the amount of people who visit. Some shops are empty or locked.

- Empty shops should become homes.
- Businesses should receive support for this
- Parking should mainly be in garages, allowing greener streets.

3. Zeist is more than the centre

Other places in Zeist are important for its residents.

- shopping centre Den Dolder
- amenities in Austerlitz
- the centres of Kerckebosch, Vollenhoven and Verzetswijk

D66 believes that all these places need to receive attention to remain attractive.

4. A strong business climate

Zeist hosts large organizations such as the KNVB, Achmea, WWF and Triodos Bank. These places are important for work and innovation.

D66 wants:

- businesses to stay in Zeist
- business growth to be weighted against environmental quality and quality of life
- that businesses are given more freedom, for example in shop opening times
- a good working relationship between the municipality and local businesses

We want the KNVB to stay in Zeist and that this happens within clear parameters for nature, traffic and the livable environment.

Ambitions at a glance

- Lively, accessible and green centre
- Shops turned into homes where possible
- Strong neighbourhood centres
- Good climate for entrepreneurs with room for innovation
- Parking mainly in garages, so that streets remain green
- Retention of major organizations, such as the KNVB

11. Reliable government and shared responsibility

D66 wants a municipality that is **open, reliable and easily accessible to residents**.

In Zeist there are a lot of residents who have good ideas for their neighbourhood or area. The municipality should support these residents if they want to take responsibility themselves.

Zeist has a stable government where the municipal council, the board, and residents work well together. We want residents to have more influence on the decisions which impact their lives, and that the municipality clearly explains how processes work.

What do we want to achieve?

1. *Strong neighbourhoods with active residents*

A lot of neighbourhoods in Zeist have active neighbourhood organizations and community centres. They play an important role in:

- help improve quality of life
- organizing activities
- signaling problems

D66 wants these organizations and community centres to receive the required independence and support..

2. *Participation and responsibility*

In 2025 Zeist started with neighbourhood budgets. This allows residents to decide how money is spent.

D66 wants

- all neighbourhoods to receive a budget
- residents are given space to participate, speak out and cooperate

- less complicated rules for resident initiatives

3. *Better local democracy*

New participation tools will allow residents to participate, speak out on issues and become active members of society. The upcoming participation regulation must become 'a toolkit for residents', so that everyone knows how they can have an influence on the municipal plans.

Everyone counts

Zeist is made up of different neighbourhoods with different needs. This is why a tailored made approach is needed: what works in one neighbourhood, may not automatically work in another one.

A healthy local democracy needs:

- a strong municipal council
- active residents

We need to ensure that residents who normally do not speak out become heard. Inclusion and respect are key.

5. *Neighbourhood-focused work*

D66 wants better cooperation with residents and the municipality on local issues. Out of conversations with residents the following issues have come up:

- cleanliness and litter within neighbourhoods
- traffic safety
- playgrounds, benches and toilets
- enough green spaces and maintenance of such spaces
- retention of neighbourhood shops and meeting places

D66 wants to combat this through:

- better cooperation with neighbourhood organizations and community centres
- neighbourhood budgets
- neighbourhood agreements, where residents make agreements with the municipality

When needed we want to invest in neighbourhoods that need it more than others, so that all residents receive equal opportunities.

Ambitions at a glance:

- more influence for residents in the neighbourhood plans
- neighbourhood budgets for more neighbourhoods
- new forms of group thinking, such as a resident council and 'the right to challenge'
- investing in a strong local democracy
- working together with residents in vital neighbourhoods

12. A safe and resilient Zeist

D66 wants everyone to feel **safe and free**.

Crime has decreased in recent years, we want to keep it so. Only cybercriminality has not decreased.

Good safety means that the police are visually present, that they know the neighbourhoods and that the residents can easily talk to them. We want to prevent problems before they arise.

D66 always looks at the balance between safety and privacy. Everyone should be safe, but people also need to feel safe.

What do we want to achieve?

- 1) Prevention is better than cure.

Combating crime starts with early detection.

That is why D66 wants the police to:

- be present in schools
- have contact with sports clubs
- collaborate with community centers and health organizations

This helps to recognize problems more quickly, such as disturbances or emerging criminal activity. It also aids in preventing radicalization.

- 2) Safe and pleasant neighborhoods

People feel safer in a neighborhood that is clean, orderly, and well-lit.

D66 therefore wants:

- clean streets and parks
- well-maintained street furniture
- functioning streetlights
- open and safe sports parks

We support initiatives from residents and entrepreneurs that improve livability.

- 3) No unnecessary cameras

D66 does not want people to feel constantly watched. That is why we are against permanent video surveillance.

Cameras or preventive searches may only be:

- temporary

- targeted
- proportional
- with a fixed end date
- after consultation with the municipal council

4) Strong enforcement

If prevention is not possible, strict enforcement must be ensured.

We want:

- enough neighborhood officers
- well-trained municipal enforcement officers
- collaboration with residents to pick up signals
- extra attention for undermining crime (when the underworld and upper world overlap)

Domestic violence must also be recognized and addressed quickly.

5) Resilience in an uncertain world

The world is rapidly changing. Municipalities must be prepared for various risks.

D66 wants:

- residents to receive clear information on what to do in emergencies
- regional collaboration on emergency scenarios
- the use of existing buildings as potential shelters when necessary
- Not to instill fear, but to be prepared for it

6) Safety for women

Too many women experience sexual harassment or violence.

This happens on the streets, in the workplace, and sometimes at home.

D66 wants to tackle this by:

- designing safe routes (good lighting and clear sightlines)
- involving youth and schools in awareness campaigns
- providing good support for victims

Ambitions at a glance

- Clean, safe, and well-lit neighborhoods
- Police and municipal enforcement officers visibly present in the neighborhood
- No unnecessary video surveillance
- Collaboration between residents, police, schools, and associations
- Attention to resilience in crisis situations
- Tackling violence, especially against women

13. Solid finances

D66 believes that the municipality must handle money carefully.

The money that the municipality spends comes from residents. Therefore, the municipality must make clear choices and explain well where the money goes.

We want the budget to be healthy and future-proof.

That means: no debts being passed on to children and grandchildren, and being honest about income and expenses

D66 recognizes the importance of public investments, such as in sustainable schools, sports facilities, and clean energy. But this must always be done in a sensible manner.

What do we want to achieve?

1) A healthy and reliable budget

The municipality must have a balanced multi-year budget.

Risks must be clear, and reserves must be in order.

If extra money comes in, we want it to be used for:

- investments that truly improve society
- projects that align with the major challenges in Zeist

Not for short-term "gifts" that have little effect.

2) Open and transparent

Residents must be able to easily see what the municipality spends money on.

That is why D66 wants:

- a clear and understandable budget
- a clear annual report
- online maps showing which projects are happening in their area

This helps people follow and understand the municipality's choices.

3) Managing costs

If deficits threaten, the municipality should **first look at cuts or improving efficiency**.

We only raise taxes if there are truly no other options.

Cuts must not affect the core responsibilities of the municipality, such as:

- care
- education
- safety
- livability

4) Rewarding clean behavior

D66 believes that **the polluter pays**.

This is fair and encourages people to be more conscious of the environment.

Regarding waste and sewage charges, D66 wants:

- people to pay according to usage, where legally possible
- that good behavior (such as waste separation) helps reduce costs

This results in less waste and lower long-term costs.

Ambitions at a glance

- A balanced budget and reserves in order
- Clear and understandable information about financial matters
- No unnecessary cost increases
- Investing in projects that genuinely contribute to the future of Zeist
- The polluter pays: rewarding clean behaviour

14. Concrete plans for the neighbourhoods of Zeist - neighbourhood targeted policy

D66 wants the municipality to assess what is needed **in each neighborhood**.

Every neighborhood is different, and therefore **tailored solutions** are important.

We want residents, neighborhood organizations, and the municipality to **work together** for a pleasant, green, and safe living environment.

Conversations with residents show that many neighborhoods share the same concerns:

- more and better-maintained greenery
- a clean neighborhood and less litter
- safe streets and less traffic nuisance
- good design of public spaces (play areas, benches, restrooms)
- preservation of local shops and meeting places
- involving residents in neighborhood decisions

D66 wants to help residents implement improvements in their neighborhood. The **neighbourhood budget** that started in 2025 aids this. D66 wants to expand this and monitor it closely.

What do we want to achieve in each neighborhood?

Den Dolder

- a safe village and good new traffic situation
- careful elaboration of the project The Triptych
- nature-friendly building on the WA-site
- a community center
- the departure of Fivoor in a careful manner

Zeist-West

- facilities so that elderly people can continue to live in their own neighborhood
- more greenery to combat heat in the summer
- a safe, fast cycling route to Utrecht that encourages drivers to cycle

Austerlitz

- better accessibility by public transport
- safe cycling connections
- traffic safety around the Beauforthuis
- youth housing on the site of the old "Lokaal"

Huis ter Heide

- preservation of access to the Dijnselburgerbos (Bishopric)
- good connections to the A28 and Zeist, as a condition for new housing construction

Centre

- more greenery and coolness (less heat)
- an attractive center that is pleasant to stay in
- awareness of the effects of new measures, for example regarding traffic and parking

Zeist-North / Vollenhove

- continuation of the Vollenhove Forward program
- no housing construction in the Sanatorium Forest

Kerckebosch

- preservation of the Binnenbos as an important community place
- better traffic safety, especially around schools
- further development of the shopping center

Lyceumkwartier

- preservation of the monumental and green appearance
- rapid development of the site of the former Lindenhurst

Verzetswijk

- transformation of the shopping center into a modern community facility

15. What has D66 achieved in the previous period

Since 2022, D66 has been part of the executive board of the municipality of Zeist. With two new aldermen, hard work has been done on the agreements from the coalition agreement *"Together building a beautiful and sustainable Zeist"*.

The cooperation between the executive board, the municipal council and residents is good. There is a stable administration that makes clear choices and is connected to society.

D66 has achieved results in many areas that are important for the future of Zeist.

Important results in education, youth and equal opportunities

✓ A rich school day for all children

Children receive extra activities at school such as sports, culture and homework support.

✓ Better rules for enrolment in primary schools

This way, every child gets equal opportunities.

✓ Healthy and modern school buildings

There is a clear plan for good ventilation, sustainability and enough gym halls.

✓ Less hassle for people with little money

The individual income supplement is now granted automatically.

✓ More awareness of schemes for people who need support

So that everyone who is entitled to help can also find it.

Important results in the social domain

✓ Agenda Participation

A renewed approach for a municipality where everyone can participate.

With attention to:

- physical accessibility
- digital skills
- transport and mobility
- work and daytime activities
- safety
- education

✓ Projects in Vollenhove

Such as Samen Oplopen and Voor Elkaar, which support families and residents.

✓ Free menstrual products

Available throughout Zeist, so that no one gets into trouble because of this.

Important results in public space and housing

✓ Tackling dangerous cycling routes

Thanks to earlier D66 inventories, problem areas are now better identified and are being addressed.

✓ Attention for greenery and nature-inclusive building

More vertical gardens, green roofs and projects such as in Kerckebosch as an example for all of Zeist.

✓ More benches and attention to public space

So that neighbourhoods become more pleasant and accessible.

✓ Introduction of the residents' amendment

Residents can now submit proposals themselves that are placed directly on the political agenda.

Important projects that are now under development

In the coming years, major decisions are coming up on projects such as:

- Station Driebergen-Zeist
- Vollenhove Vooruit
- Huis ter Heide South and West
- WA farm
- PGGM site

In addition, new policy has been adopted for:

- a healthy living environment
- sports and physical activity
- security of existence
- culture

D66 will commit itself to implementing these plans in the upcoming period.