



NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION PROCEDURE FOR NEW NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

From Thursday 8 June up to and including Wednesday 19 July 2023, you will have the opportunity to submit your views on the proposal to draft a new National Spatial Strategy and accompanying strategic environmental assessment. You can find out below how to do this.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

The Netherlands is facing a number of urgent, major issues in areas relating to the environment: housing, agriculture and nature, water and soil, the circular economy and climate adaptation. Space is scarce, the issues we must deal with are substantial and the context is challenging. Choices will have to be made. How do we ensure thriving rural areas and socioeconomically strong cities, and where are we going to build? The new National Spatial Strategy provides a long-term vision on our country and responds to the question of how to manage the limited space we have, while at the same time achieving the ambitions we pursue. And how we want to work together to shape and direct our response to the major issues we face. In doing so, we will look ahead to 2030, 2050 and 2100. The National Spatial Strategy will also deal with the implementation of that vision, through instruments such as the National Spatial Structure and statements on how we intend the vision to be fleshed out regionally and locally and on how we want to organise the necessary cooperation. Central government is thus charting a cohesive, national course in spatial planning, in the form of short-term choices and long-term directional statements that should eventually be reflected in provincial and local policy.

The National Spatial Strategy will be drafted by the Minister for Housing and Spatial Planning, in conjunction with the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy; Infrastructure and Water Management; Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality; and Health, Welfare and Sport, the Ministers for Climate and Energy Policy and Nature and Nitrogen Policy, and the State Secretaries for Infrastructure and Water Management; Defence, and Culture and Media.

ABOUT THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM ON SCOPE AND DETAILS

A strategic environmental assessment (SEA) will be drawn up to support decision-making on the National Spatial Strategy. An SEA describes the effects of the National Spatial Strategy on our environment. To this end we use the 'Wheel of the Environment' ([see link](#)). The first step towards a strategic environmental assessment is the memorandum on scope and details (NRD). The NRD describes which topics will be assessed in the SEA (scope) and to what degree (details).

ACCESSING THE NRD

You can find information about the new National Spatial Strategy and the draft NRD from Thursday 8 June 2023 on the [Platform Participatie](#) website.

You can view the draft NRD on paper from Thursday 8 June up to and including Wednesday 19 July 2023, during office hours and by appointment only, at the following locations:

- Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Turfmarkt 147, The Hague. Telephone: +31 (0)6 15 35 96 74
- Participation Directorate, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Rijnstraat 8, The Hague. Telephone: +31 (0)70 456 9607.

SUBMITTING YOUR VIEWS

You can submit your views from Thursday 8 March up to and including Wednesday 19 July 2023. You can do this in three ways:

Online

Submit your views digitally using the option *zienswijze indienen* on the [Platform Participatie](#) website. This is the preferred option.

In person

If you wish to give your views in person, you can make an appointment for an interview by calling +31 (0)70 456 9607 (during office hours).



By post

Participation Directorate
Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
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In your response, please give us your views on the following:

- Are there any spatial planning issues you feel are missing?
- What points would you like to draw attention to with regard to the National Spatial Strategy?

WHO CAN RESPOND

Anyone can submit their views on the draft NRD in the period mentioned above. At a later date, you will have the opportunity to respond to the draft National Spatial Strategy and the SEA.

The draft NRD will also be submitted for comments to the relevant administrative authorities in the Netherlands and surrounding countries and to a number of legislative advisers. The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment will also be asked for advice.

FOLLOW-UP

At the end of the above-mentioned consultation period, all responses received will be carefully studied and assessed. The Minister for Housing and Spatial Planning will take the responses and the advisory report of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment into account in drafting the SEA and the National Spatial Strategy. The responses received will be collected in a memorandum of response, which will also include the government's response. The memorandum of response will be published together with the final version of the NRD in autumn 2023. Everyone who submitted their views will be notified of this.

The SEA will then be drafted, as will the National Spatial Strategy. The draft National Spatial Strategy will be made available for inspection at the same time as the SEA, so that views can be submitted on both. More information will be published nearer the time on the [Platform Participatie](#) website.

GETTING HELP FROM A DIGITAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION POINT

Government services are increasingly provided online, but not everyone finds this easy to deal with. If you need help using online government services, or know someone who does, please go to a digital government information point, at your local library.

Digital government information points are for people who find it difficult to use online services and have questions about their dealings with government authorities. The information points are located at public libraries. They can help you with questions about government websites, such as how to consult online documents relating to this project or how to submit your views online. You don't need to make an appointment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find more information about this project on the [Platform Participatie](#) website.

if you have any questions about the development of the SEA or the National Spatial Strategy, please email PostbusNationaleOmgevingsvisie@minbzk.nl.

If you have any questions about the procedure, please call the Participation Directorate at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management on +31 (0)70 456 9607.