

Fact sheet for planning levels

Planning level		Type of plan				
Municipality		Local Plan for Delft (2020)				
<p>Planning system of the Netherlands (post-2024 Environment and Planning Act)</p>						
Planning level	Planning instrument	Content of plan	Legal basis	Policymaker	Legal impact	Scale
National, provincial, municipal	Environmental Vision (Omgevingsvisie)	Outlines a strategic, long-term vision for spatial development and the physical environment	Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (Omgevingswet)	State, province or municipality	Self-binding	National, provincial or municipal
All levels	Programme (Programma)	Action-oriented plan outlining specific measures to protect, manage, use and develop the physical living environment	Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (Omgevingswet)	Any level of government, possibly jointly	Binding if linked to legal standards, otherwise indicative	Thematic, sectoral or area-based
National, provincial, water board	Project Decision (Projectbesluit)	Enables specific projects of national or provincial interest to proceed outside of existing plans in the event of overriding interests. Overrides municipal environmental plans.	Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (Omgevingswet)	State, province, water boards	Legally binding for all legal and natural persons	Project-level
Province	Environmental Ordinance (Omgevingsverordening)	Includes all spatial and environmental rules at the provincial level	Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (Omgevingswet)	Province	Legally binding to municipalities and water boards within the province	Province
Municipal	Environmental Plan (Omgevingsplan)	Sets out where development may take place, what may be built, the size of the development and what it may be used for	Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (Omgevingswet)	Municipality	Legally binding for all legal and natural persons	Municipality
		2025 www.arl-international.com				

(Source: Gemeente Delft)

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Facts: Local Plan for Delft (2020)

Legal basis

Municipalities in the Netherlands are required to draw up local plans (*Gemeentelijke Structuurvisies*) and set out planning regulations in land-use plans (*bestemmingsplannen*). The plan described here is an example of the former type (local plan) and is entitled 'Omgevingsvisie Delft 2040'.

Competences

The local plan was prepared on behalf of the municipality of Delft by a Rotterdam-based planning and design consultancy (KuiperCompagnons).

Binding force

This local plan was developed according to the provisions of the new national Environment and Planning Act which was approved in 2016 and whose entry into force was delayed until 1 January 2024. The local plan replaces the one from ten years prior (with a planning horizon to 2030).

Tasks and content

The spatial plan comprises six parts:

1. the rationale for preparing the plan;
2. the core values central to the plan, and the key issues to which the plan aims to respond;
3. development trends in Delft and the main axes for urban development up to 2040;
4. challenges for future development (innovation and technology; heritage and culture; health and liveability; sustainability; facilities and services; and accessibility);
5. specific development opportunities for different parts of the city; and
6. implementation issues.

Process, duration, participation

- Between 2018 and 2020, more than 4,000 people were involved in various forms of participation during the preparation of the plan, including public consultations, exhibitions, questionnaire surveys and focus groups with young people (aged 11 to 25) to identify important issues for them.

Duration of validity

- The document has a time horizon of 20 years (2020–2040).

Details of the plan



Detail 1: Main spatial structure (Source: Gemeente Delft)

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Legend:

-  GROENGEBIEDEN
 -  GROENE VENSTERS
 -  PARKEN
 -  WATERSTRUCTUREN
 -  HISTORISCHE KERN
 -  PLEKKEN MET EEN VERHAAL
 -  HISTORISCHE WEGEN
 -  GROEN NETWERK
 -  HOOFDWEGENSTRUCTUUR+
INPRIKKERS
 -  NIEUWE OEVERVERBINDING
 -  SPOOR
 -  STATIONS
 -  POTENTIEEL STATION
- STADSENTREES:
- ① SCHDEMAKERSTRAAT
 - ② REINIER DE GRAAFWEG
 - ③ PR. BEATRIXLAAN NOORD
 - ④ OOSTPOORTWEG
 - ⑤ VRIJENBANSELAAN
 - ⑥ DREVEN KRUIHUISWEG
 - ⑦ PR. BEATRIXLAAN
 - ⑧ SCHIEOEVERS
- RUIMTE VOOR INNOVATIE EN BEDRIJVGHEID
-  TU CAMPUS & SCIENCEPARK
 -  BIOTECH CAMPUS / DSM
 -  REINIER DE GRAAFZONE
 -  VRIJENBAN
 -  SCHIEOEVERS NOORD
 -  SCHIEOEVERS ZUID
 -  IN DEN HOVEN
 -  BEDRIJVEN GEMENGD (100% WERKEN)
- RUIMTE VOOR WONEN
-  HISTORISCHE KERN
 -  STADSSCHIL
 -  KLEINSCHALIGE DORPSE WIJKEN
 -  GROOTSCHALIGE NAORLOGSE WIJKEN
 -  NIEUW DELFT
 -  DYNAMISCHE GEMENGD GEBIEDEN
 -  POTENTIEEL NIEUW ONTWIKKELGEBIED
PR. BEATRIXLAAN ZUID

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Characteristics

Location of the area

The local plan covers the whole area of the city of Delft, which is located in the province of Zuid Holland.

Initial situation

The predecessor to this local plan was produced in 2010 (*'Ruimtelijke Structuurvisie: Ontmoetingen met Delft 2030'*) by a Delft-based landscape and planning consultancy (Ben Kuipers) on behalf of the municipality of Delft.

Particularities of the procedure and/or content

The local plan for Delft was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the national Environment and Planning Act when it enters into force.

Notes and links

Gemeente Delft (2021). *Omgevingsvisie Delft 2040 'Samen maken we de stad!'*. Delft, Gemeente Delft, <https://www.delft.nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/delft-2040> (Accessed 2 December 2021)