

Development in dialogue

Good practice municipality of Breda

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Policy instrument





Gemeente Breda



- Resources for the future, heritage policy 2019-2025
- Built around a curated collection of heritage (focus)
- 4 chapters with objectives:
 - Our heritage... an experience!
 - Our heritage... a source of knowledge!
 - Our heritage... we take good care of it!
 - Our heritage... a continuous development!
- 'Development in dialogue' in last chapter

Origin of the good practice



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Dealing with heritage

Origin of the good practice







- Neogothic church 'Heilig Hartkerk': built in 1901, closed in 1984, squatted in 1986
- Church is sold in 1987, plan for demolition, which resulted in strong protests
- Church becomes a listed building in 2001, owner objects, higher court upholds decision in 2004
- Due to long term discussions over demolition/preservation no maintanance₄

Intermediate product Dialogue



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- Obtain flexibility in the building permit
- Based on trust and dialogue
- Compact permit with conditions
 - weekly coordination on the construction site
 - agreements recorded in writing and added to the permit
- For this strategy the building still had to be listed, which carries similar risks of delay

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- Former Casino Cinema in the historic city centre
- High heritage value, municipal intention to put the cinema forward for listing
- New owner decides to repurpose the building. Foodhall concept
- Joint plans with respect for the heritage values, listed after conversion

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- Policy instument:
 - Not listing a building until the development has been completed
 - Listing when trust is broken
- Used in 8 projecs since 2020

Learning from WaVe







- Broader dialogue is possible (stakeholder engagement)
- It is essential for stakeholders to have access to heritage information
- Action plan WaVe aimes to improve acces to heritage information
 - Watertable
 - Heritage Map+