



Progress report December 2013

Dike

On Monday 2 December work commenced on the construction of the Dijk-in-Duin from the south. Large cranes work the ground and concrete partitions are put in place (these partitions are a type of concrete kerb in front of the dike, which keep the basalt stones in their place). Subsequently a layer of coarse textile fabric, gravel and basalt stones are added. Every day approximately 40 lorries deliver loads of basalt stones and gravel. At the end of week 51 there was already 130 metres of Dijk-in-Duin. The dike is expected to be ready by February.

The work on the Dijk-in-Duin has started later than planned. A decision was taken to firstly complete the implementation design of the parking garage, as well as the spatial planning and the dike, before we commenced work outside. Implementation and choices in the design of the parking garage, spatial planning and barrier are closely dependant on each other.

Second sinker

The sand suppletion is continuing steadily. On the south side of the construction the beach has received a second layer of sand at the height of De Zwaan. In the week before Christmas a second ship, the Thor R, started work. The Thor R has a capacity of 2500 cubic meters. The familiar Njord R was taken out of operation just prior to Christmas due to technical problems. Meanwhile the Njord R is back in Katwijk once again. Between Christmas and New Year's Eve a second sinker was welded together in order that the suppletion could continue in the new year with two sinkers.

Spatial planning

December saw the final stage of the implementation design of the setup of the section of coast (including the dune landscape and the street furniture). With the new location of the street furniture along the Boulevard the current locations are used as much as possible as points of departure. The definitive design will (in parts: south, middle and north) be shown in the information centre. Via the website we will keep you informed as to when these parts of the design are available.

Drainage canal

For the extension of the drainage canal the last preparations are currently taking place. The drainage canal is temporarily diverted via the north side to allow the two breakwaters to be extended. The sand which comes available on the sea side is sifted in a temporary depot on the beach for possible archaeological finds to be documented. Additional information will soon follow about the archaeological work activities which will take place with the drainage.

Other work activities

A soil survey was carried out in Te Brittenstraat prior to the work activities, which will take place on the sewers, among other places. In preparation for the construction of the garage research will continue into the exact location of the Atlantikwall.