# SUMMARY OF THE PLANS OF GROENLINKS FOR BAARN IN ENGLISH



On March 14, 15 and 16, elections will take place in all municipalities in the Netherlands, including Baarn. You can vote for a political party that fits your views and concerns. Here you can read a short English summary of GroenLinks' programme for Baarn.

#### HUMANE, SUSTAINABLE, FAIR

Baarn is a beautiful village with old buildings and tall trees, surrounded by nature. GroenLinks would like to keep it that way. GroenLinks also wants Baarn to be a pleasant village to live in. A village where people can connect with each other. Where problems don't stay unresolved. We act together to find solutions.

# A SOCIAL VILLAGE

GroenLinks focusses on people. We listen to each other and trust each other. People from other countries who come to live in Baarn receive a warm welcome. Everyone belongs here, no matter the colour of your skin, your religion or your nationality. We need everyone. Discrimination and racism are unacceptable. We must make sure that in Baarn all activities are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities.

# A BETTER CLIMATE

The climate crisis is a worldwide problem. However in Baarn we can still do our part. We can, for example, insolate our houses and install solar panels on roofs of buildings and houses. Everyone should be able to take part in this, whatever your financial situation.

Baarn is a small municipality where you can get everywhere by bike. Walking and cycling are healthy and good for the environment. We want to make sure that there are good walking- and cycling paths. Baarn should be a village where everyone can move freely and where the air is clean.

# A GREEN LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Baarn is surrounded by beautiful forests. They are essential for our existence on earth. Forests provide clean air and shade in summer. The animals and plants that live there don't have a vote, but we do. We have to protect them. This is why we oppose largescale plans for Paleis Soestdijk and its surroundings.

#### FAIR SHARING

In a rich village like Baarn poverty should not exist. Each person has the right to basic facilities and services. If you do not have deep pockets you should still get proper care when you are ill or old. Your children should be able to attend day care and participate in sports. You should be able to visit a theatre. If we share equally, there will be enough for each of us.

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE

In the Netherlands there is a housing crisis: there are not enough homes and especially people with little money and young people face this problem. This also applies to Baarn and requires creative solutions. GroenLinks wants everyone to have a good and affordable home, because good housing is a civil right. We will urgently focus on good housing and homes for rent, especially for starters. We think beyond merely building new houses. We like to think in opportunities. Vacant buildings might get a residential function. Companies that do not need a central location, might get relocated elsewhere. Business premises then can be converted into homes.

# GO VOTE!

**Do you want Baarn to be a social and green village, where each person counts?** Vote for GroenLinks!

#### Is it important to go and vote?

Absolutely! The municipal council takes decisions about many important issues, like housing, sports, culture, youth care and welfare.

# Who has the right to vote for the municipal council?

In order to vote, you have to be 18 years old or over and be an inhabitant of the Netherlands. You don't need to have the Dutch nationality. You also have the right to vote if:

- you either are a European Union citizen,
- or you have been living legally in the Netherlands for at least five years, without interruption, and have a residence permit.

You can find more English information on the right to vote on <u>https://www.groenlinks.nl/municipal-elections</u>

There is also an online voting guide for Baarn, StemWijzer, available in English: <u>https://baarn-en.stemwijzer.nl/#/</u>

More information: BAARN.GROENLINKS.NL