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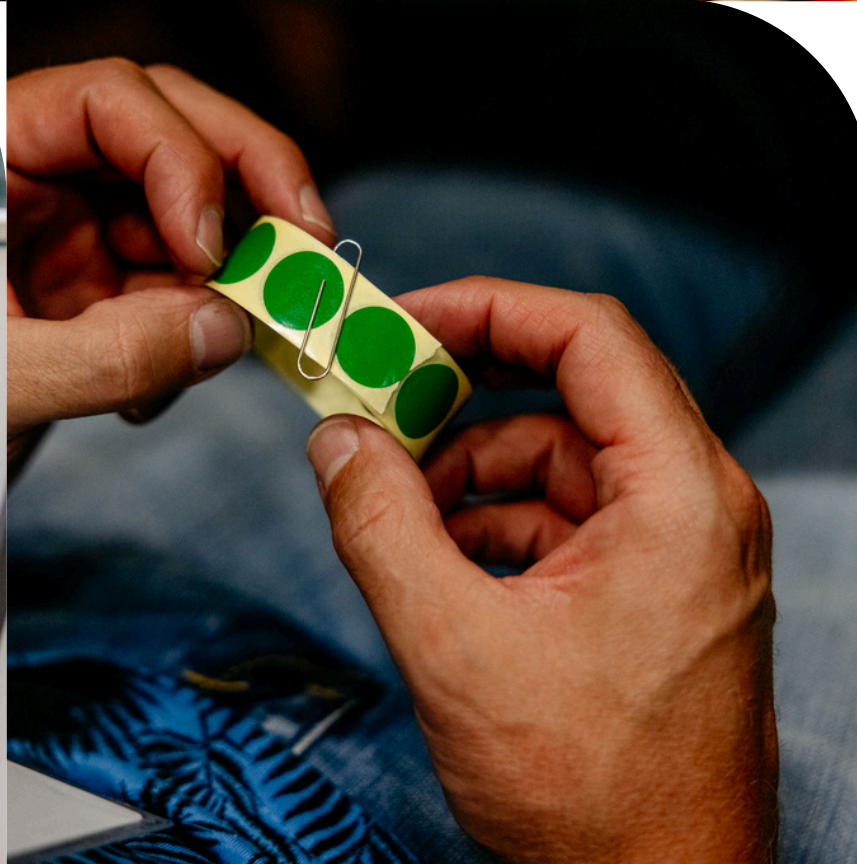
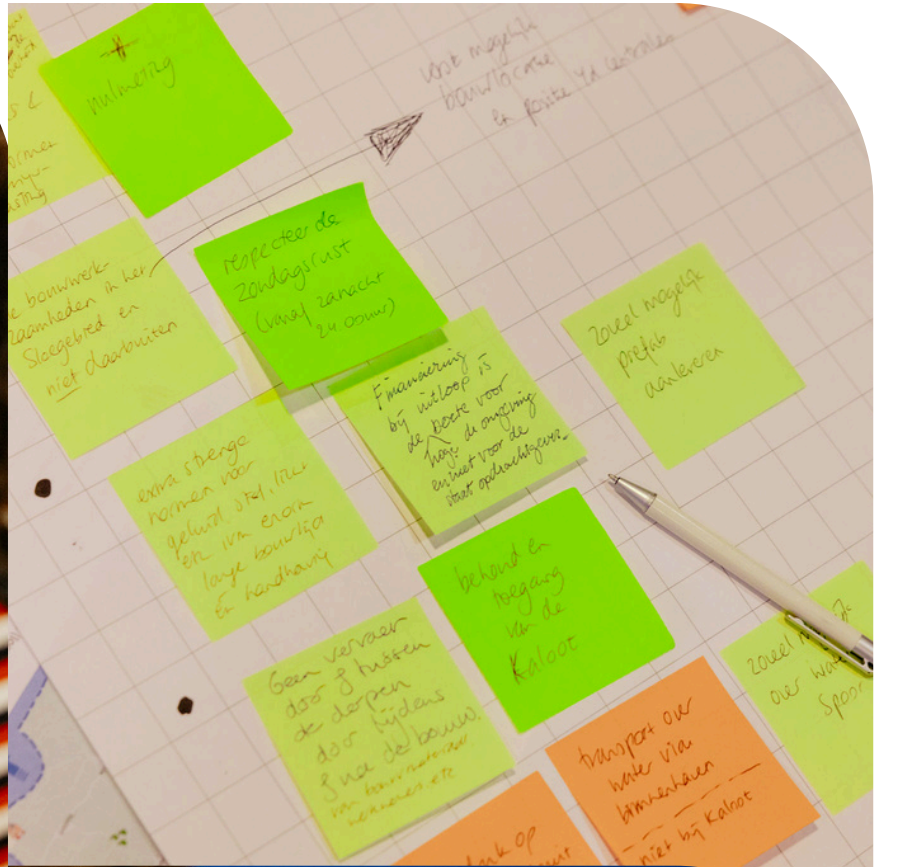
# BORSELE CONDITIONS GROUP

Looking back on a  
unique citizen  
participation process in  
2023



SUMMARY OF GROUP CONDITIONS IN BORSELE

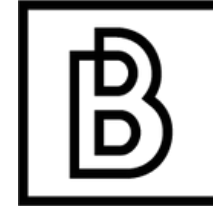






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# INTRODUCTION

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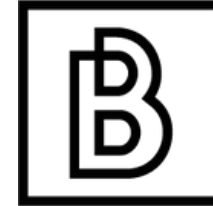


# INTRODUCTION



Major national energy projects are coming to the municipality of Borsele. These are all impactful developments, such as two new nuclear power stations and the strengthening of the high-voltage network. The municipality wants to be well prepared for the possible arrival of these projects and has therefore asked 100 residents (the Borsele Conditions Group) from the municipality to draw up conditions. 15 local experts supported them with knowledge and experience from various fields. In a unique process, the Borsele Conditions Group has drawn up 39 firm conditions. In this booklet you can read more about the group draw, the process and the follow-up.





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# RESIDENTS DRAW

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## LOTEN VAN INWONERS



All households from the municipality of Borsele received an invitation in April 2023 to register for the Borsele Conditions Group.

Nearly 400 residents accepted the invitation.

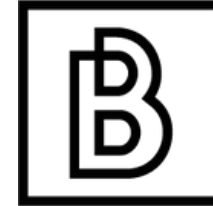
The Borsele Conditions Group had room for approximately 100 residents.

A draw was made among the 400 registrations based on the criteria of gender, age and place of residence.

All set criteria were achieved.

The group of residents combined together with 15 representatives from the village councils formed the Borsele Conditions Group.





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# COMPOSITION OF THE BORSELE CONDITIONS GROUP

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## Distribution of place of residence

's-Gravenpolder	10%	Ellewoutsdijk	4%	Heinkenszand	13%
Hoedekenskerke	4%	Driewegen	5%	's-Heerenhoek	12%
Kwadendamme	4%	Ovezande	7%	Borssele	9%
Baarland	4%	Nisse	4%	Nieuwdorp	9%
Oudelande	4%	's-Heer Abtskerke	4%	Lewedorp	10%

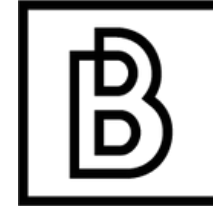
## Age distribution

16-24 years	27
25-34 years	27
35-49 years	25
50-64 years	16
65+	15



## Gender distribution

Woman	64
Man	44
Other / non-binary	2



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# LOCAL EXPERTS

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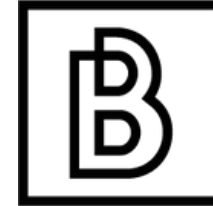


# LOCAL EXPERTS



Many residents indicated at the end of 2022 that the municipality should use local knowledge when drawing up the conditions. It was therefore decided that a group of local experts from different fields would support the Borsele Conditions Group. In April 2023, in addition to the invitation to the group, a vacancy was also issued for recruiting local experts. An independent HR agency conducted interviews with the candidates and selected 15 local experts. The selected experts had knowledge in the areas of: nuclear energy, sustainable energy and/or climate, legal affairs, spatial planning, finance (or setting up funds), historical and cultural science of the local area, called 'Zak of Zuid Beveland', nautical and agricultural projects, social science, ecology, communication and infrastructure.





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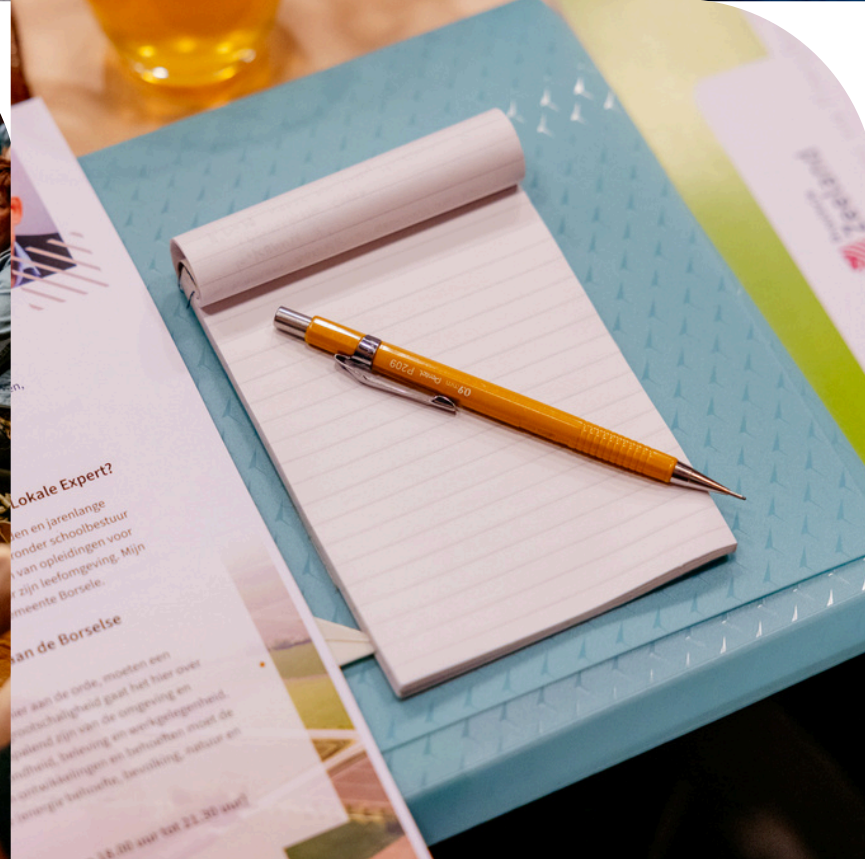
# THE 5 MEETINGS

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**“I used to be against nuclear energy, but that changed because I have more knowledge, but I do think that all Sloe villages should be spared from all the construction misery.**



**Yvonne Claassen (72), Ovezande**





**“Zeeland is my home. I would like to keep it livable,  
not only for me but also for my children and  
hopefully also for my grandchildren in the future.”**



**Silvia Herbst (39), 's-Heerenhoek**



# MEETING 1: JUNE 15, 2023



- The group started with the opening by Mayor Gerben Dijksterhuis and the arrival of Minister for Climate and Energy Rob Jetten
- The participants received an explanation about the projects
- A majority of the group agreed with the proposal passing with 66% of the votes
- The group determined the themes that the conditions should cover
- The local experts introduced themselves
- The participants voted on themes that they wanted to explore in depth during the next meeting





**“As a specialist, I helped people look at their own environment with different eyes, so that they have also come to see the value of the environment here. They then very nicely incorporated that knowledge into the conditions.”**



**Nanda van den Berg (44), local expert, Ovezande**

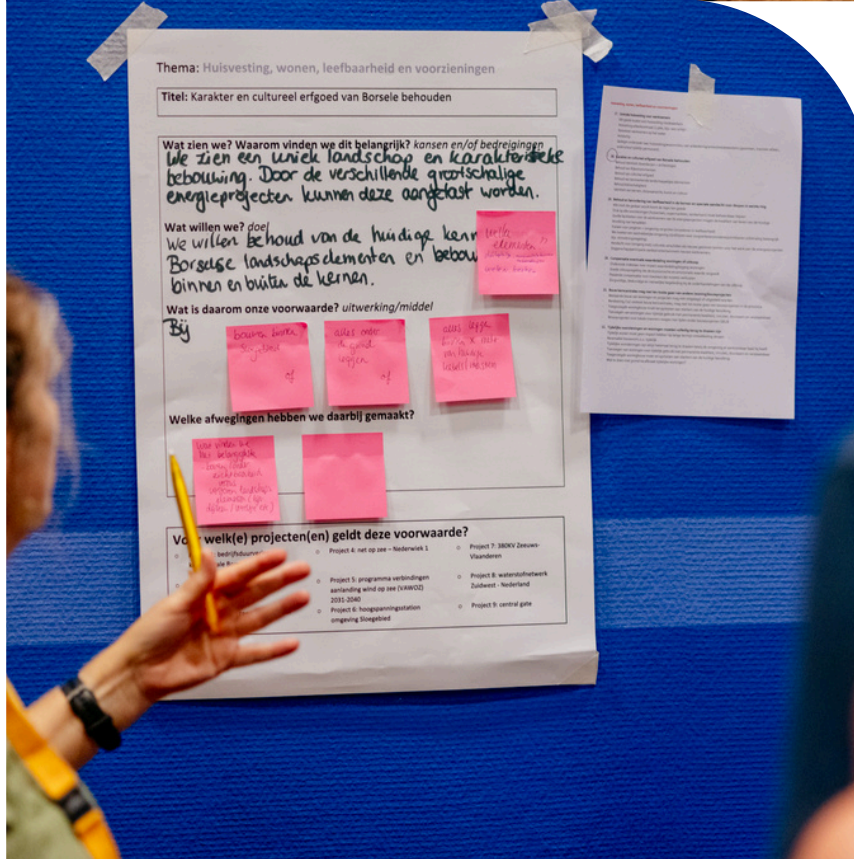


# MEETING 2: JUNE 26, 2023

- After an introduction, participants were invited to register to go to Somerset, England. This was to see and experience for themselves what the construction of new nuclear power stations there means for the environment. Seven participants were chosen
- Local experts gave presentations on various themes
- The titles of the conditions were written down for each theme package
- Participants also made proposals for inviting additional experts in the field of disaster safety, ecology and landscape architecture







**“I feel like I have been listened to. I have always been very passionate about nature and the Western Scheldt. This has met the conditions.”**



**Ruben Vermeule (17), Borssele**



# MEETING 3: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023



- The participants who went to England gave a presentation about their experiences
- A writing group was chosen to write the Borselse Conditions book
- Additional experts gave presentations on the requested topics
- Participants started working on the content of the conditions





**“I hope that these conditions will recognize the voice of the citizen and that this construction – government, business and citizen – can be continued in future energy projects. And also there is an eye for nature and the environment, but also for economic aspects and that these are much more balanced.”**



**Imke Elstak (41), Borssele**



# MEETING 4: SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

- Prior to the meeting, the participants received feedback from a lawyer and local experts on the conditions drawn up
- Participants worked in groups per theme on the substantive interpretation of the conditions
- In the last hour of the meeting, all participants reviewed the content of the conditions. When a participant agreed with a condition, this participant's condition received a green sticker. If there were 10 stickers or more, the conditions could be included in the theme package for the next meeting







"I hope that the Borselse Conditions will be approached wisely, with a future-oriented perspective and with all respect for the area and for us as residents."



**Marius Vrijlandt (73), Borssele**

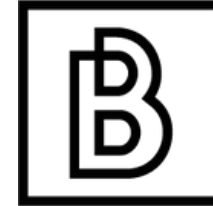


# MEETING 5: OCTOBER 24, 2023



- Outgoing Minister for Climate and Energy Rob Jetten was updated on the steps that the Borselse Conditions Group had taken
- The minister expressed his appreciation and indicated that the cabinet finds it very special that a hundred people have voluntarily invested a lot of time in formulating the Borselse Conditions. He stated that the cabinet will look very seriously at the Borselse Conditions
- The submitted amendment proposals and the conditions packages were then voted on in private.
- All ten condition packages were adopted
- The conditions were presented to Mayor Gerben Dijksterhuis, as representative of the mayor and aldermen and the municipal council





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# VISIT HINKLEY POINT C

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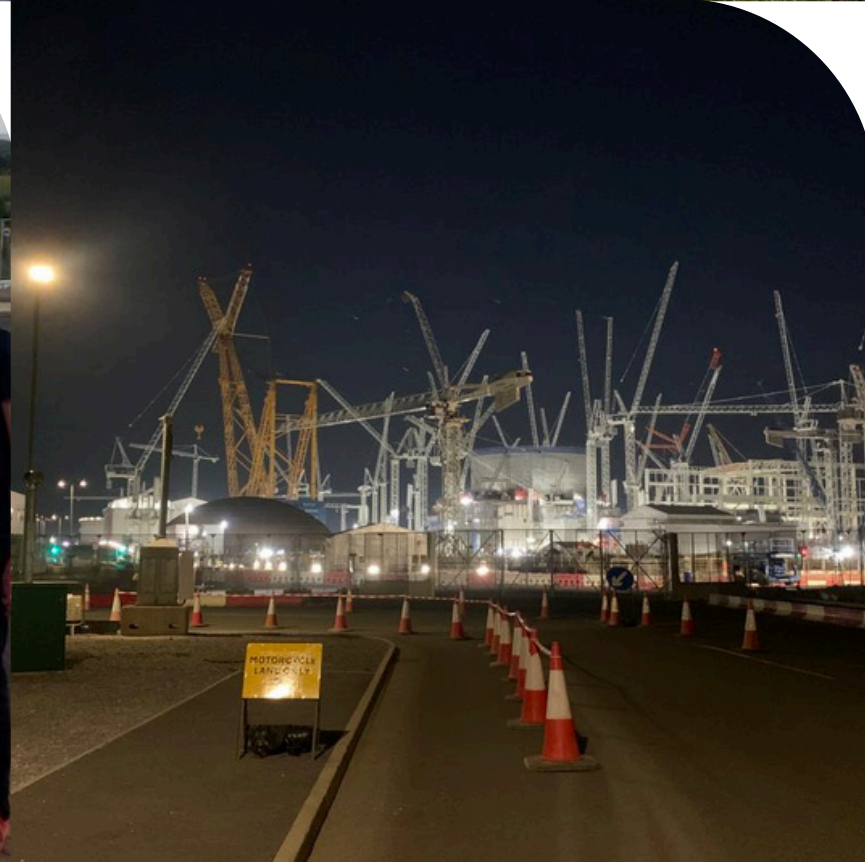
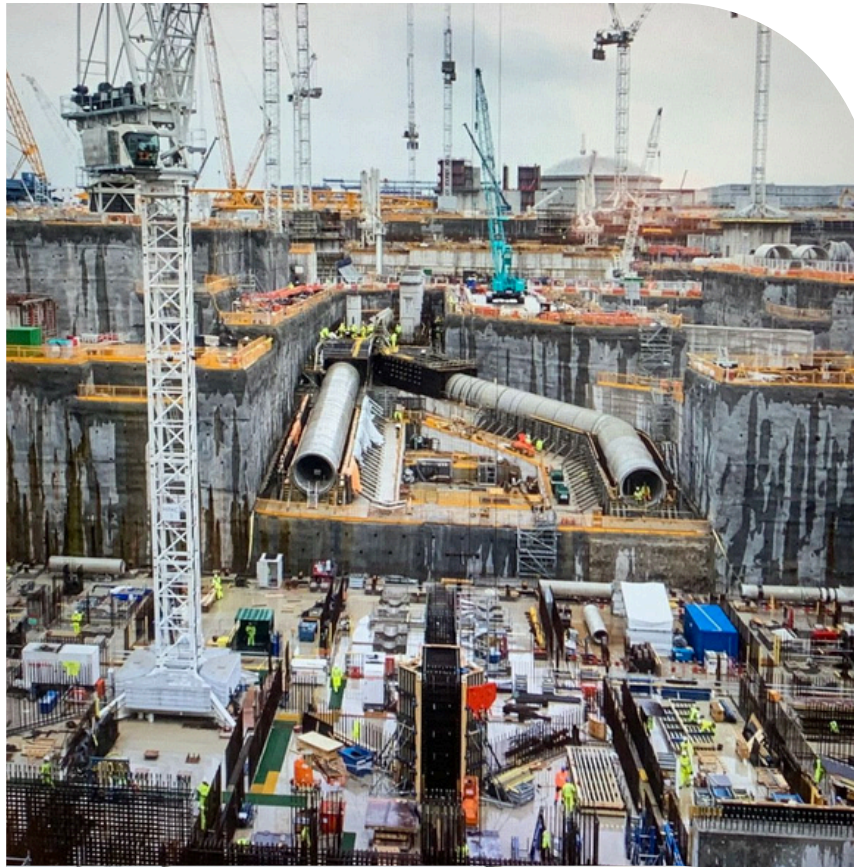


Seven participants from the Borsele Conditions Group were chosen to travel to Somerset, England.

Two nuclear power stations are being built in this region, called Hinkley Point C. The group wanted to experience and hear from local residents, entrepreneurs and organizations what it means if nuclear power stations are built in the area. They also looked for what we can learn from the English situation.

They shared their findings during the third meeting on September 11. Their knowledge and experience came in handy during the further process. This allowed the group to better assess which conditions are important.





**“The visit to Hinckley Point C and the surrounding area was very educational. This gave us more insight into the impact that the energy transition can have on our living environment. It gave us as a group direction to set the right conditions.”**



**Jozien Borgmeijer (45), 's-Heerenhoek**



# CONCLUSION VISIT HINKLEY POINT C

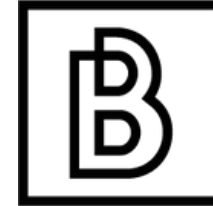


The selected group of residents who traveled to Somerset (UK) to experience and hear what it means to have nuclear power stations built in the area

**Based on the experiences at Hinkley Point, participants are convinced that the following conditions need to be addressed:**

- Construction is only possible within the Sloe area
- No cooling towers
- No additional high-voltage pylons
- Preservation of the Kaloot beach
- No more noise and light pollution (noise must remain within current standards)
- Maximum compensation
- Appointing an independent director to support and guide consultation between village councils, municipalities (and other authorities) and the builder from the start of the construction process. This means a strong municipal staff and technical and legal support for residents and village councils





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# THE CONDITIONS

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# THE CONDITIONS



The result:

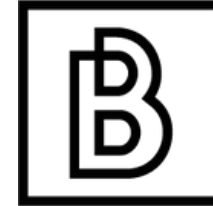
39 strong conditions for governments, initiators and developers.

They indicate how developments can take place acceptably and with as little inconvenience as possible.

And what compensation should be provided in return to give a positive boost to the quality of life, nature, landscape, economy and the environment.

All this to ensure that it remains a pleasant place to live, work and recreate in the municipality of Borsele.





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# DECISION- MAKING CONDITIONS

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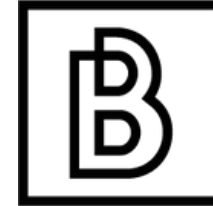
The Borsele municipal council adopted the Borselse Conditions unanimously and unchanged at the council meeting of January 11, 2024.

There was great appreciation for the efforts and results of the Borsele Conditions Group.

All council fractions unanimously agreed that the Borselse Conditions are very valuable and form a solid starting point for discussions with the government.

They set clear frameworks and expectations. They ensure that, if initiatives continue, this is done in an acceptable manner and that they also contribute positively to the Borsele community, nature, the landscape, the economy and the environment.





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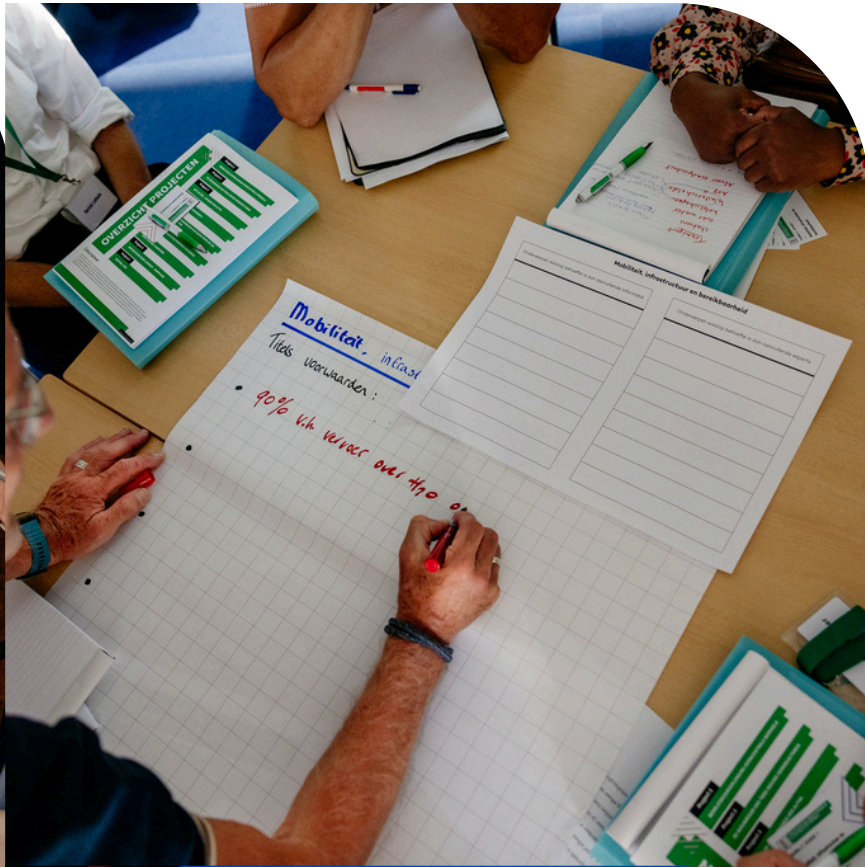
On January 11, 2024, the municipal council also approved the 'Follow-up Approach to Borselse Conditions', because there are conditions that require further research and elaboration.

In 2024 and 2025, the municipality of Borsele will work on:

- Drawing up a Local Impact Report and carrying out a baseline measurement
- Establishing a Local Impact Fund
- Adjusting and tightening the Borselse Conditions
- Completing the Sloe green project











**“The Borselse Conditions are the result of a special and intensive participation process. Collaboration, dialogue and love for the living environment were central to this process. It was inspiring to see how everyone was committed to the future of our municipality. Compliments to all participants and local experts for the solid package of conditions! With these conditions we can ensure that the impact of developments in the field of large-scale energy transition remains manageable. This way we keep control of our future.”**



**Mayor Gerben Dijksterhuis**





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**[www.Borsele.nl/English](http://www.Borsele.nl/English)**