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My partner and I live at Singel 5.1,2,e and were at the digital version of the 'conversation' about 'PALENPLAN' on 3 April.
We understood that the information was in Dutch but why send a digital poster in English and conduct the meeting only in Dutch?
If you would like to be transparent, don't you think it would be better to do these meetings in 2 languages, considering the large number of International EXPAT Residents living in the neighbourhood of concern?
Fortunately we do understand Dutch well enough but had technical issues in the beginning of the meeting.

It appears our question about the costs was disregarded. Was this because it was in English? Hopefully this not what you will do with this email?

When the poles were originally constructed on the Singel and on the Blauwbrug, we paid a resident's fee to have a digital pass in order to drive through the poles. These sinkable poles have barely worked and are in constant repair. Cars are regularly stuck on top of the poles even having their engines damaged resulting in total loss!
This is a fairly constant issue so please advise what is being done about this continuing hazard. The repair engineers seem to be in attendance often, thereby reducing our normal thoroughfare.

We are both handicapped and have the car outside our home. We are dependant on the car and would like to insure that we have access to our neighbourhood home and any medical services, shopping we may require.

Your proposals as it is now laid out will cause even more pollution on top of the confusion to inhabitants driving from A to B. It's often like being a rat in a maze eventually finding our exit, driving much longer distances for what? To spend money on benzine?
Amsterdam now has so many detour signs where confusion prevails daily. Apart from the awful visual impact on a "UNESCO World heritage Site', your plan will require even more yellow signage in the Centrum.

On top of this tourists roam the streets like there are no cars or bikes as if we, Amsterdam Residents no longer live here!!!!
Your plan appears as if you are making even more room for tourists to cause EVEN MORE OVERLAST rather than creating a real benefit for inhabitants. This creates mixed signals to the "Stay Away" campaign launched last week.
There should be balance and your plan fails to acknowledge co-existance in an already overstretched City.

**What is the intention of this plan?**
There are few cars already, fewer access roads left so why make it even more restrictive? We would then be unable to access our home from even the Herengracht!

Thank you in advance of taking note of our worries, looking forward to an early reply to our concerns.

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