



## RIBBON VILLAGE AALST

Aalst is a village with approximately 10,000 inhabitants, located South of Eindhoven. The village contains peaceful green neighborhoods and is surrounded by forests, which are part of everyday life of the inhabitants.

However, the center of Aalst has a totally different atmosphere. Little is visible from the village's green character and the main road, the N69, forms an unattractive, noisy barrier cutting the village in two.

The aim is to make the center of Aalst a lively place that fits the character of the rest of the village. The N69 – the historical backbone of Aalst – becomes the heart of the village again, the East-West axis is strengthened, providing a connection between the center and the surroundings, and more greenery is introduced. Several squares with different atmospheres are created along the road, of which the main square is the most important one, surrounded by cafés and restaurants.

- Community function
  - Café / restaurant
  - Shop / office
  - Other buildings
  - Car road
  - High speed cycling path
  - Low speed cycling path
  - Center zone pedestrians
  - Grass
  - Bushes (including 1m sound barrier)
  - Water
  - Pedestrian crossing
  - Urban furniture
  - Tree
  - Traffic light
- 1. Community center with café on ground floor
  - 2. New restaurant with community function (already planned)
  - 3. Church: community events, with square and monument in front
  - 4. New coffee bar
  - 5. Existing restaurant The Meiboom
  - 6. Covered bicycle storage
  - 7. Albert Heijn
  - 8. New restaurant (when space becomes free)
  - 9. New restaurant (already planned)
  - 10. Empty spaces along road filled up with active functions
  - 11. Smart node (priority bus)
  - 12. Lively square connecting both sides of Aalst
  - 13. Greenery including wadi, natural playground, dogs field
  - 14. Greenery including benches and bicycle storage
  - 15. Pedestrian path over parking lot

