

School Confetti®



Background

Research has shown that, over the past 15 to 20 years, children literally and figuratively have gotten jammed. In the urban planning they seem to be a forgotten group. A lot of playgrounds disappear in favour of parking space of buildings and the playgrounds that are left become less and less accessible due to the increasing traffic.

Concentration of facilities of “children’s purposes” like schools, sport centres, swimming pools and suchlike, results in ever grower distances. The outcome is that children have to be brought and picked up by car by their parents or caretakers. The vicious circle is a fact. Less exercise with all the associated physical consequences en less familiarity with traffic are the logical implications.

Program of Demands

SOAB has developed the School Confetti Concept in order to prevent development of School zones with a wrong and non-integral approach. A part of the national starting point 'Safety Conscious Planning' attempts a uniform approach.

This approach is based on collaboration -and places the responsibility for its success on all partners. A program of demands (POD) has been formulated for the purpose of the physical organization of the school's environment.





School Confetti is custom-made

Once a location has been tested in view of the POD, an implementing plan can be made, with the help of the set of instruments as mentioned in the POD. This plan is made together with the community, the school and the police and, if desired, the people living in the neighbourhood.

Measurements are proposed in four different areas:

- Infrastructure
- Environmental planning and organization
- Education, communication and information
- Mobility, behaviour and maintenance



It is determined collectively which measures are desirable in the different areas. Then follows the agreement on which party will carry out which measure.

The agreements are recorded in a cooperation agreement, which will be signed in a festive manner.



School Confetti in practise

SOAB has introduced the Schoolzone and the School Confetti Concept in Purmerend and Zevenaar (Netherlands). The results are very positive. A profound evaluation has been made in Purmerend. This study guides to the realization of more Schoolzones with the School Confetti Concept.

SOAB

As a creative consultancy agency, SOAB already has several interesting concepts under its belt, in the field of traffic as well as housing.

From our office in Breda (Netherlands) we support for instance projects about "Safety for the school area (school zone)"; mobility control, bicycle parking and facility structures in the field of housing, well-being and care for people with limitations and the elderly.

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