# Groningen's 1977 Traffic Circulation Plan — Four Car-Proof Sectors, Inner-City Motor Traffic Down 44%

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate


### *Summary*

In 1977 Groningen split its inner city into four sectors that cars could not cross, pushing through-traffic to the ring road. Reported inner-city motor traffic fell 44%; early shop-sales losses recovered. Evidence is a 1982 Dutch engineers' report plus later retrospectives.


### *Key dimensions*

| Dimension | Score |
|---|---|
| Evidence of impact / measured results | 2/3 |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 3/3 |
| Scalability | 2/3 |
| Sustainability / continuity | 2/3 |
| Innovation | 2/3 |
| Inclusiveness / equity | 1/3 |
| Multi-stakeholder collaboration | 1/3 |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

### *Data sources*


C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-09

Municipality of Groningen — accessed 2026-11-09

TRID record: From Woonerf to Residential Area (1982) — accessed 2026-11-09

European Cyclists' Federation: City visit Groningen — accessed 2026-11-09

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