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# Strengthening off-street parking: sharing is caring

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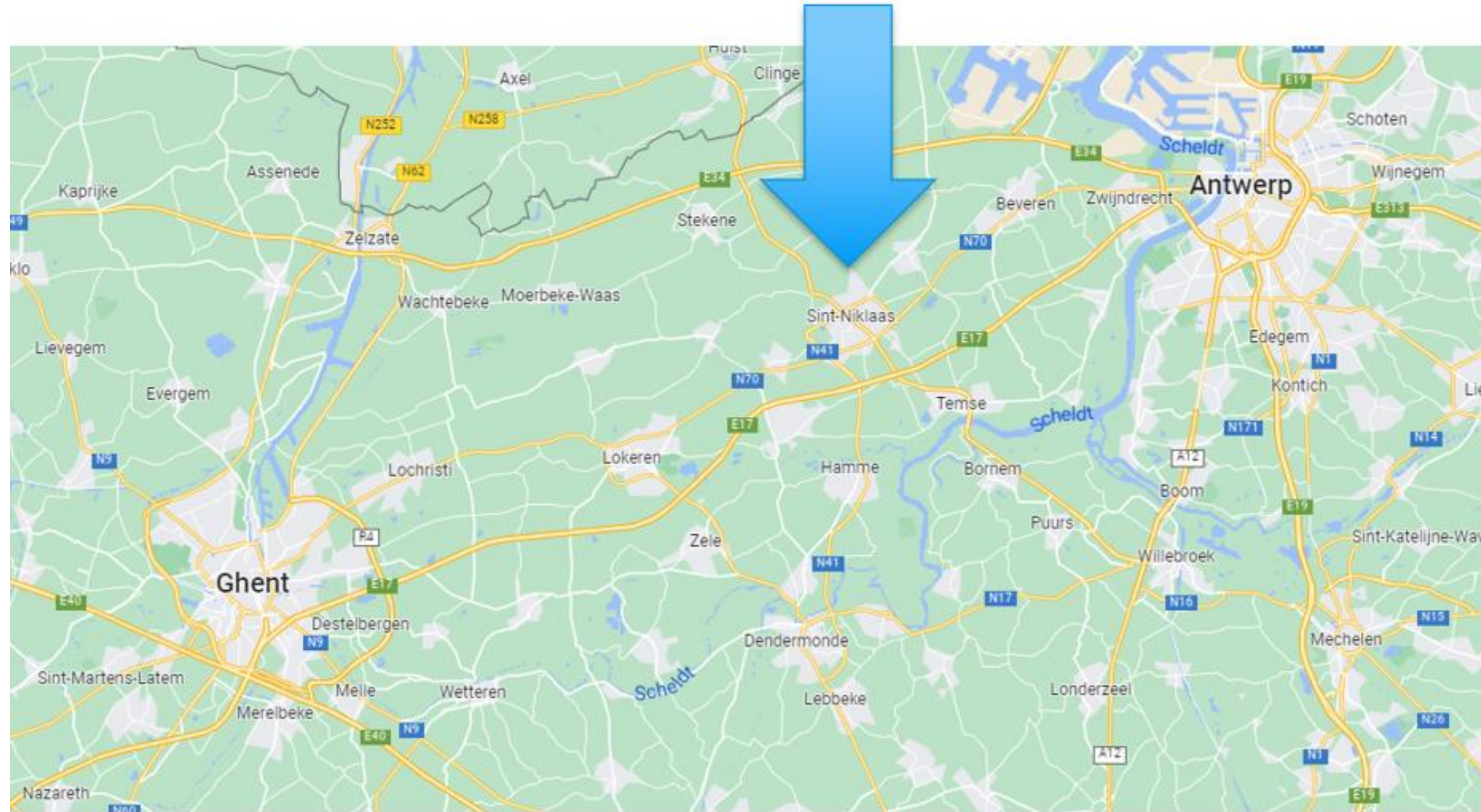


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Sint-Niklaas



# Location



# Ambitious!

- Revitalize city centre by
  - Focus on renewal and the quality of public space
  - Support urban development
- Adapt to climate change
  - Effective water management (wet/dry)
  - Heat stress

**Need for speed and space!**

Create space by shifting on-street to off-street parking

⇒  Parking searching traffic

⇒  Road safety and improve quality of life



# Ambitious!



# Phase Paul



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# Phase Richard

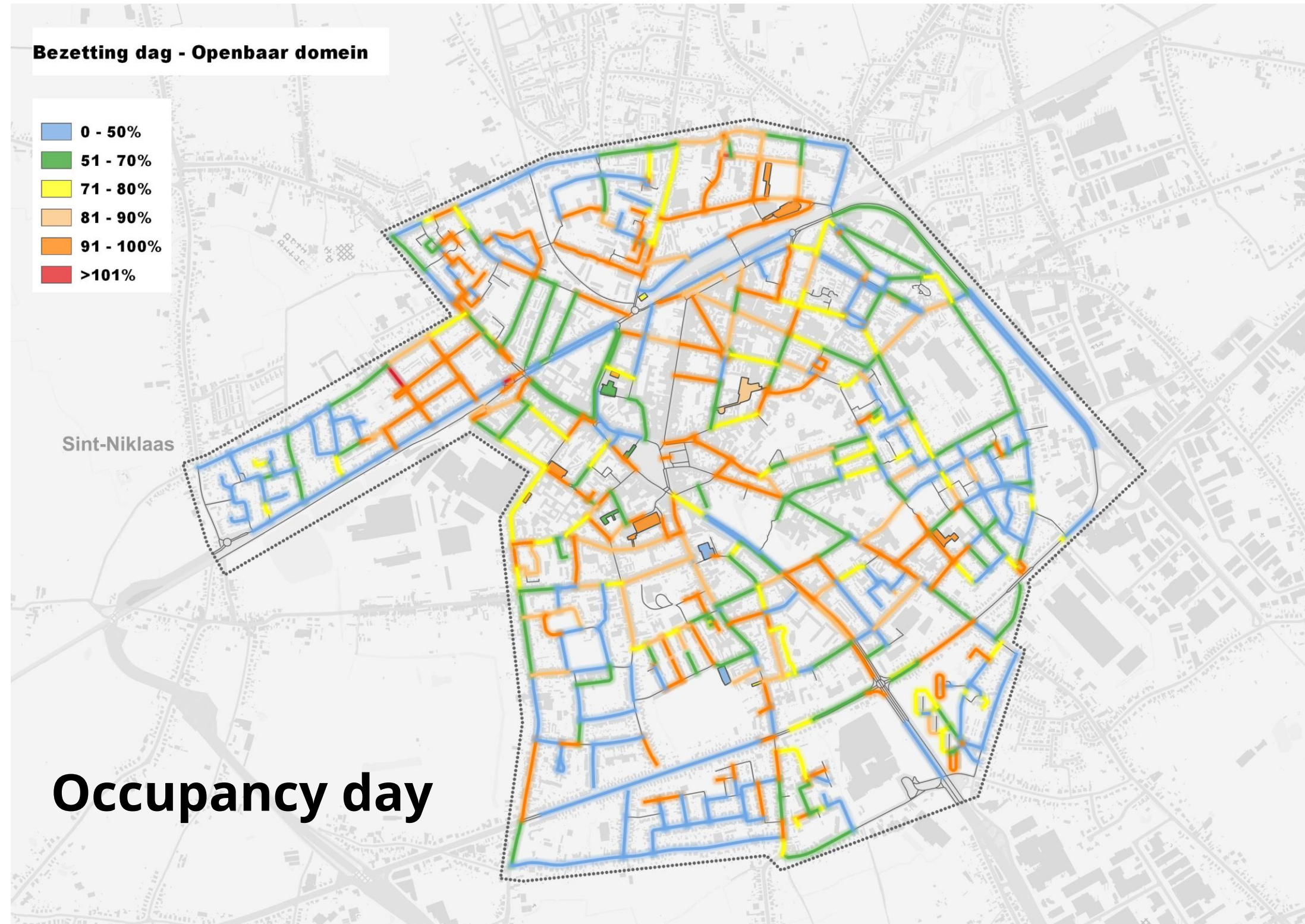




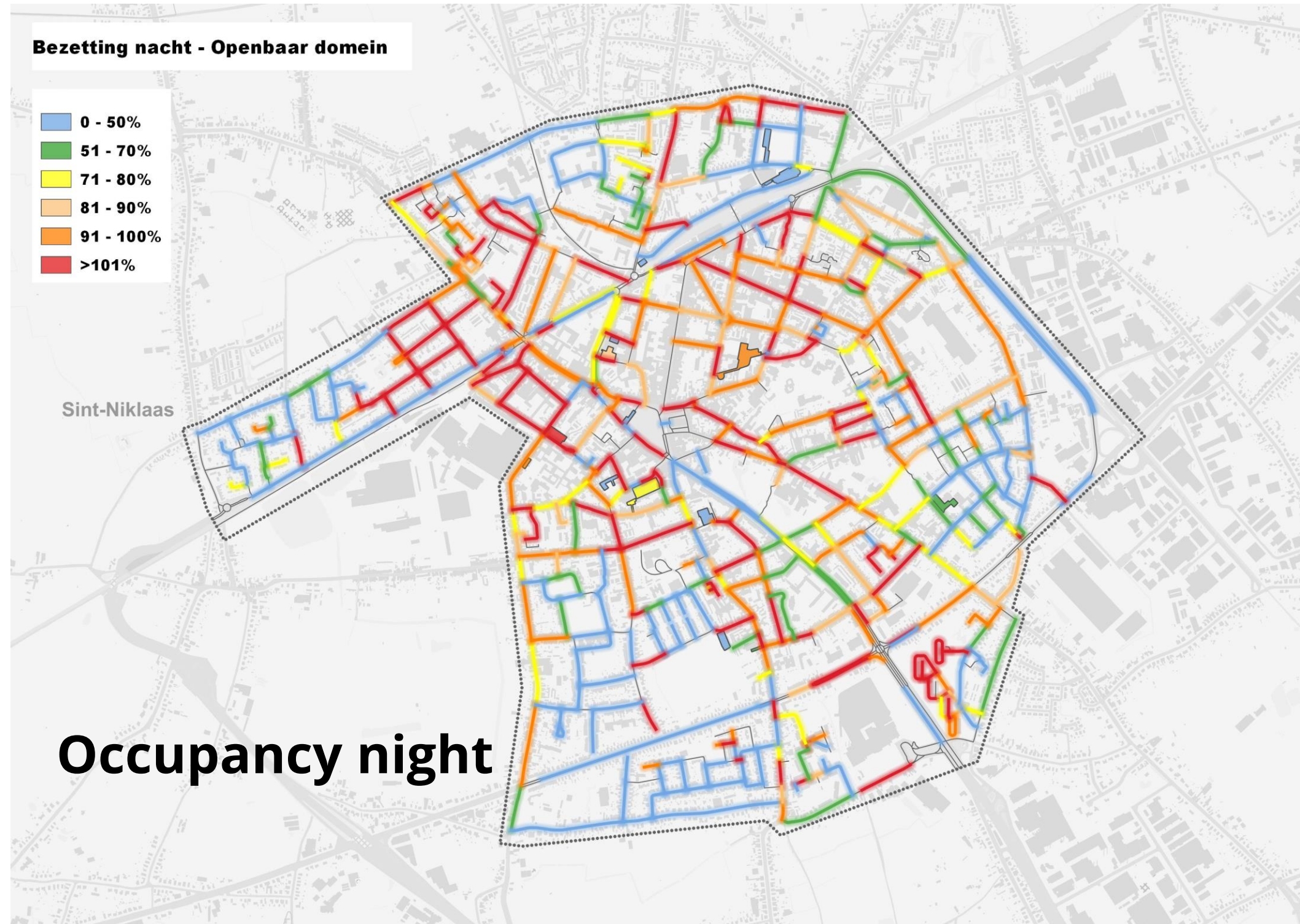
# Phase Richard



# Where to park my car?



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- ▶ 39.000 population (city centre)
  
- ▶ Capacity public parking **11.380**
  - on-street 10.324
    - Betalende zone 1.402
    - Pleinen 1.071
    - Blauwe zone 2.603
    - Niet gereguleerde zone 5.248
  - off-street 1.056
    - P Stationsstraat 196
    - P Grote markt 360
    - P Station 500
  
- ▶ Capacity private parking **21.926**
  - Eengezinswoningen 5.130 (3.318 won)
  - Meersgezinswoningen 3.343 (524 app)
  - Garageboxen 3.848
  - **Private car parks** **9.605**
  
- ▶ On-street licence centre **5.859**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 5.396
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 463



# Action!

- Activate private, not-occupied parking space
  - Evening
  - Day if complementary to existing activity



# Action!

How?

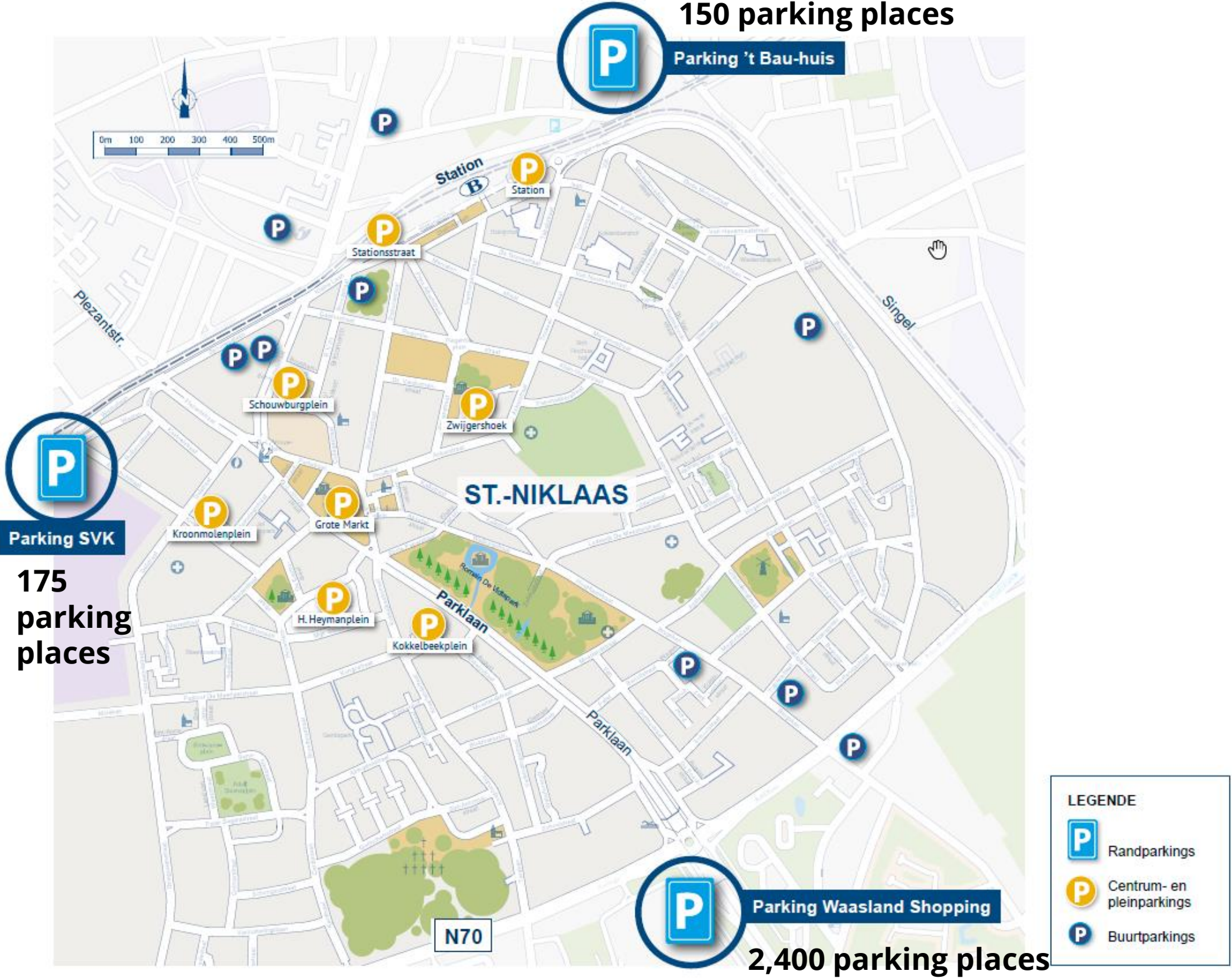
Concept of shared parking between private owners (schools, shops, companies, organizations, hospital ...) and specific user groups



- City invests in infrastructure and access control
- Focus on inhabitants (city centre) and commuters (ring road)
- Sometimes 24/7 availability but more often in evenings and weekends



# Implement



# Implement

## Implementation – 20 agreements

Eigenaar	Locatie	Tarief	Capaciteit
<b>Eerder</b>			
Regie der Gebouwen	Kazernestraat	Gratis	25
Soul	Vijfstraten	Gratis	Niet bepaald
Clear Channel	Hertjen	Gratis	20
<b>2020</b>			
AZ Nikolaas	Brugsken 67-69	€30/pp/mnd	18
AZ Nikolaas	Brugsken 128-130	€30/pp/mnd	50
Lidl	Driegaaienstraat	Gratis	15
<b>2021</b>			
SBE	Slachthuisstraat 69	€30/pp/mnd	9
Confederatie Bouw	Broodstraat	€30/pp/mnd	23
<b>2022</b>			
JBT	Breedstraat	Gratis	70
LAB-school	Kleibeekstraat	Gratis	50
SVK	Westerplein	€30/pp/mnd + tickets	175
WZC 't Hof	Hofstraat	€15/pp/mnd	20
OLVP	Spoorweglaan	tickets + evenementen	50
Puifvoetbos	Industriepark-West	Gratis	35
Waasland Shopping	Kapelstraat	Gratis	2444 (overcapaciteit)
<b>Gepland</b>			
Bond Moyson	Oostlaan 20	Te bepalen	44
St-Lucia	Papenakkerstraat	Te bepalen	20
CM	De Castrodreef	Te bepalen	136
Hubo	Van Naemenstraat	Te bepalen	60
SDP	K. Elisabethlaan	Te bepalen	90

- Several providers
- Free or no free -30 EUR/month
- Invest or not?
- 950 parking places
- + 2000 Waasland Shopping Center (ring road parking + hoppin point)





# Implement

## Westerplein (SVK)

- Ring road parking
- 175 parking spots
- 24/7 available
- 850m from the city centre
- Bicycle parking & sharing
- E-steps
- Inhabitants, commuters and visitors (+4h)
- Low fee (2€/day)



# Implement

## Westerplein (SVK)



# Implement

## OLVP (school)

- Ring road parking
- 50 parking spots
- 500m from main shopping street and city theatre
- Weekdays: cultural events (1€)
- Saturdays: full availability
- Sundays: city events
- Visitors of cultural events, shopping area & city events
- Low fee (2€/day)



# Implement

## OLVP (school)



# Implement

## Het Hof (residential care center)

- Centre parking
- 20 parking spots
- Across the Academy of Arts
- Weekdays (evenings) + weekends
- Academy staff
- Low fee (1€/day or 15€/month)



# Overview



From ring road to centre =  
From cheap (or free) to higher rates

Neighbourhood car parks =  
subscriptions

LEGENDE	
	Randparkings
	Centrum- en pleinparkings
	Buurtparkings



# Conclusion

- In every city there is a bundle of unused private parking space, in Sint-Niklaas it's even 84% of the total capacity
- In evenings and weekends the occupancy rate of the private car parks is very low, while the occupancy rate on street is very high
- Great chance to create a win-win-win situation for private owners, city and citizens/visitors/commuters
- Shift from on street to off street parking space which creates the opportunity to set up safer, greener and more livable streets
- If to be replicated the city will have to step up. Private car park owners do not want to do any work themselves
- Pay attention to insurance, control, policing



# Grote Markt – past





# Grote Markt - present



# Grote Markt – future



# Thank you for your attention!

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