Living without natural gas



Heijermanshof
1 to 16



Heijermanshof
17 to 37



Heijermanshof
38 to 53



Anna Blamanhof
2 to 72 (even)



Pieter Langendijkstraat
1 to 79 (uneven)



Annie M.G. Schmidthof
1 to 71 (uneven)

The homes on Heijermanshof, Annie M.G. Schmidthof, Anna Blamanhof and Pieter Langendijkstraat are preparing for a gas-free future.

The way your home is heated will change. You will also no longer cook with gas. Your home will be connected to the heat network being installed by Warmtecompagnie. We will guide you through this change step by step.

The Netherlands aims to phase out natural gas by 2050. That is why, in 2025, the municipality of Midden-Groningen investigated how all neighbourhoods in Hoogezand-Sappemeer could be heated sustainably. The study revealed that Spoorstraat-Kieldiep offers the greatest potential for a heat network. This is due to the high density of housing and its location close to the ESKA cardboard factory. Warmtecompagnie and Lefier are working together to connect your home to this heat network.

What is Warmtecompagnie?

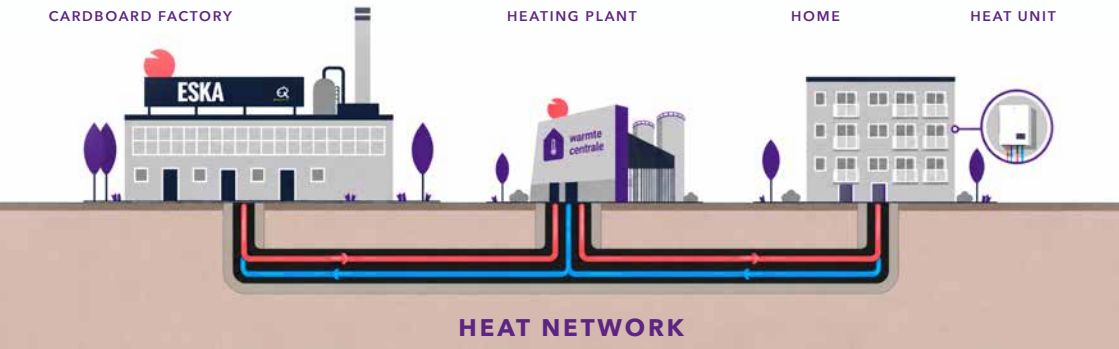
The national government wants heat networks to be primarily publicly owned. That is why the council owns 80% of the heating company Warmtecompagnie, with Waterbedrijf Groningen owning the remaining 20%. With a publicly owned heating company, we ensure competitive prices and sustainable heating.

What is a heat network?

The ESKA cardboard factory has surplus heat. We will use this surplus heat to warm homes. Hot water flows through underground pipes to your home. A heat unit will be installed in your home which, just like your current central heating boiler, provides heating and hot water. If ESKA cannot supply heat temporarily, we switch to a second sustainable heat source. This ensures you always have heating and hot water in your home. Do you have block heating in your building? In that case, we will only replace the building's boiler.

Why is this work urgent?

We are connecting homes to the heat network to make them gas-free and to contribute to the climate targets of the local council and Lefier. A heat network is a safe, reliable and comfortable way to heat your home. Because this work is considered necessary for sustainability and safety goals, tenant approval is not required under current regulations. You therefore do not need to sign a consent form.



How will your home become gas-free?

Your home will gradually be disconnected from the natural gas supply. We will guide you through each step. You'll receive timely updates on what's going to happen and what this means for you. You can find out how this will work below.

Step 1

Preparing the connection to the heat network

After the summer holidays:

- Contractor Jorritsma will inspect your home. They will have a look at the meter cupboard, central heating boiler, radiators and insulation.
- Inspections may take place in the communal areas and storage rooms within and around the building.
- If any additional inspections are required, you will be informed.
- The contractor is working with an installer, while Lefier and Warmtecompagnie are finalising the design of the heat network.

Step 2

Final decision

We are currently working on securing funding for the heat network. As soon as the funding is in place, we will make a final decision on whether to proceed.

If the project goes ahead, you will receive a letter with further information. We will also draw up a schedule for the work and begin preparations for induction cooking (see step 3).

If the heat network does not go ahead, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Step 3

Adapting the meter cupboard

A contractor will visit to adapt your meter cupboard free of charge. They will install an additional cooking circuit. This is a separate connection for your new induction hob or cooker.

This is needed because you will be cooking with electricity instead of gas. This will take place in late 2026 or early 2027. You will receive a free induction hob or cooker and induction pans (worth €100).

During the works:

- We will remove the gas pipe and the gas appliance.
- We will install your induction hob or cooker.
- We will make sure everything works properly before we leave.

You will receive an appointment letter regarding this. You will also receive information in advance about which induction hob or cooker you can choose.

Step 4

Installation of the heat network

We will lay pipes in the street and connect homes to the heat network. This work will likely start in 2027.

This may cause some temporary disruption. You will receive a letter confirming the appointment for work inside your home.

- Your current central heating boiler will be replaced by a heat unit. Heat pipes will also be installed in your home.
- Do you have block heating in your building? In that case, we will only replace the building's boiler.
- The connection is free of charge. Your rent will not increase because of this.

Step 5

Your home is ready for the future

From now on, your home will be heated comfortably and without natural gas.

Energy bill

Just as it is now, your energy bill will consist of a fixed part (equivalent to the standing charge you pay for gas) and a part that depends on your usage. You won't pay any more for this than you do for gas, as the consumption costs are 5% lower.

When the time comes, you will receive a letter stating the amount you will be paying for heating. Switching suppliers and connecting to the heat network will cost you nothing. Nor will your rent increase as a result. Lefier will pay for the connection to the heat network.

Would you like to have a calculation done for your situation? Please contact representative Maarten Kluit (contact details below).

Cost comparison

Natural gas

What do the costs consist of?

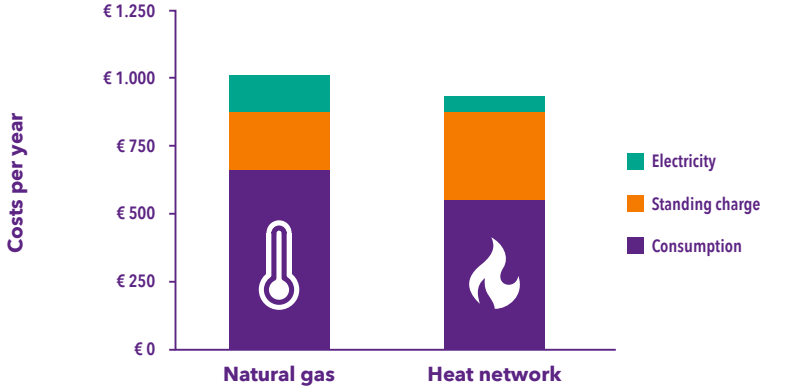
- Natural gas consumption costs
- Energy tax
- Network management costs
- Natural gas metering charge
- Electricity for the central heating boiler

Heat network

What do the costs consist of?

- Heat network usage costs
- Standing charge
- Electricity for the heat unit

500 m³ natural gas



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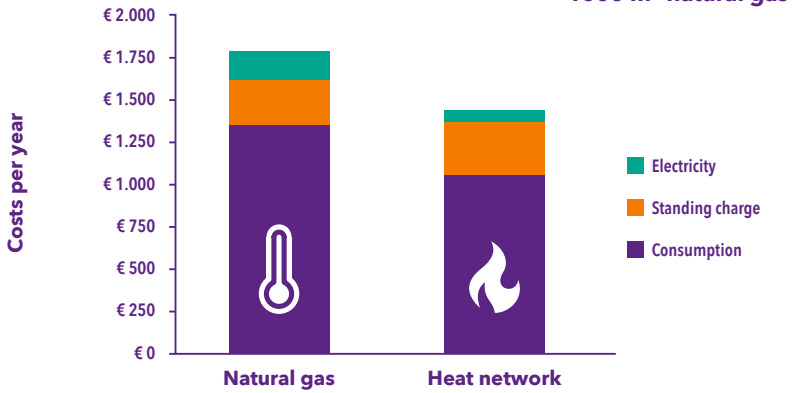

More information

Take a look at our website: www.warmtecompagnie.nl.

Scan the QR code and watch the video for more information about the heat network.

Vragen?

Please contact:

Project Representative
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Come to the consultation hours

- Every Monday:
  15:30–17:00 and 19:00–20:30
  at Maarten Kluit's home
  (Sportterreinstraat 58).
- Every Tuesday:
  13:00–14:00 at Het Buurtloket,
  Wijkcentrum Het Punt
  (Beetslaan 10).
- You will receive the Gasvrij Courant every quarter, with all the latest news.

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