

Ghent, June 17th 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

INTELLIGENT MOBIEL is a citizens' movement that strives for better mobility in Ghent and disagrees on many points with the solutions introduced by this city council. After not receiving a referendum on the circulation plan, Gent Mobiel, together with other interest groups under the name INTELLIGENT MOBIEL (I-M), will continue its action. On the one hand, not to let the 30,000 signatories go for a referendum, on the other hand to show that this forced circulation plan is too ideological and violates the multitude of qualities that make Ghent a fascinating city.

After the introduction of the parking and circulation plan, the positive experiences are particularly highlighted through a one-sided communication by the city government. However, this obscures the many problems faced by residents of different neighborhoods in the city center, certain interest groups (local middle class, companies, working people, ...), age groups and individuals. Despite the many reactions from various angles, due to the fragmentation, their complaints hardly received any response from the board. Responses to social media, actions by neighborhood groups and professional groups do show what is happening but only become a decisive tool as part of a global strategy.

Every individual or group who feels harmed by these plans or suggestions is invited by IntelliGent Mobile to cooperate constructively and in this way:

- localize the problems, describe them and where to pool them together;
- discover the causes;
- to formulate suggestions for solutions; ...

Our most important starting points are:

- democratic decision-making;
- better mobility with attention for all users and modes of transport;
- a balanced distribution of all lusts and burdens across the Ghent population;
- greater expertise in traffic-technical measures and <u>measurability of environmental impact</u>; maintaining the cohesion, diversity and services offered by the inner city;

Until the next election, substantiated findings are distributed through the press and social media at regular intervals. This sensitization must allow a broader audience to evaluate the correct content of the implemented measures and to show their appreciation or dissatisfaction.

To date, studies and press releases have been released on: - air quality - urban development context - changed travel behavior since the introduction of the circulation plan - parking policy - analysis of the evaluation report on the circulation plan, - ... The group of employees consists of, among others, urban planners, architect, ex-civil servants, liberal professions, self-employed, employees, representatives of neighborhood groups, ... All studies can be consulted on our website : <u>http://intelligentmobiel.jimdo.com</u>

Thanks for your attention and time.

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