



Rotterdam The Hague Airport a Case Study by ANIMA

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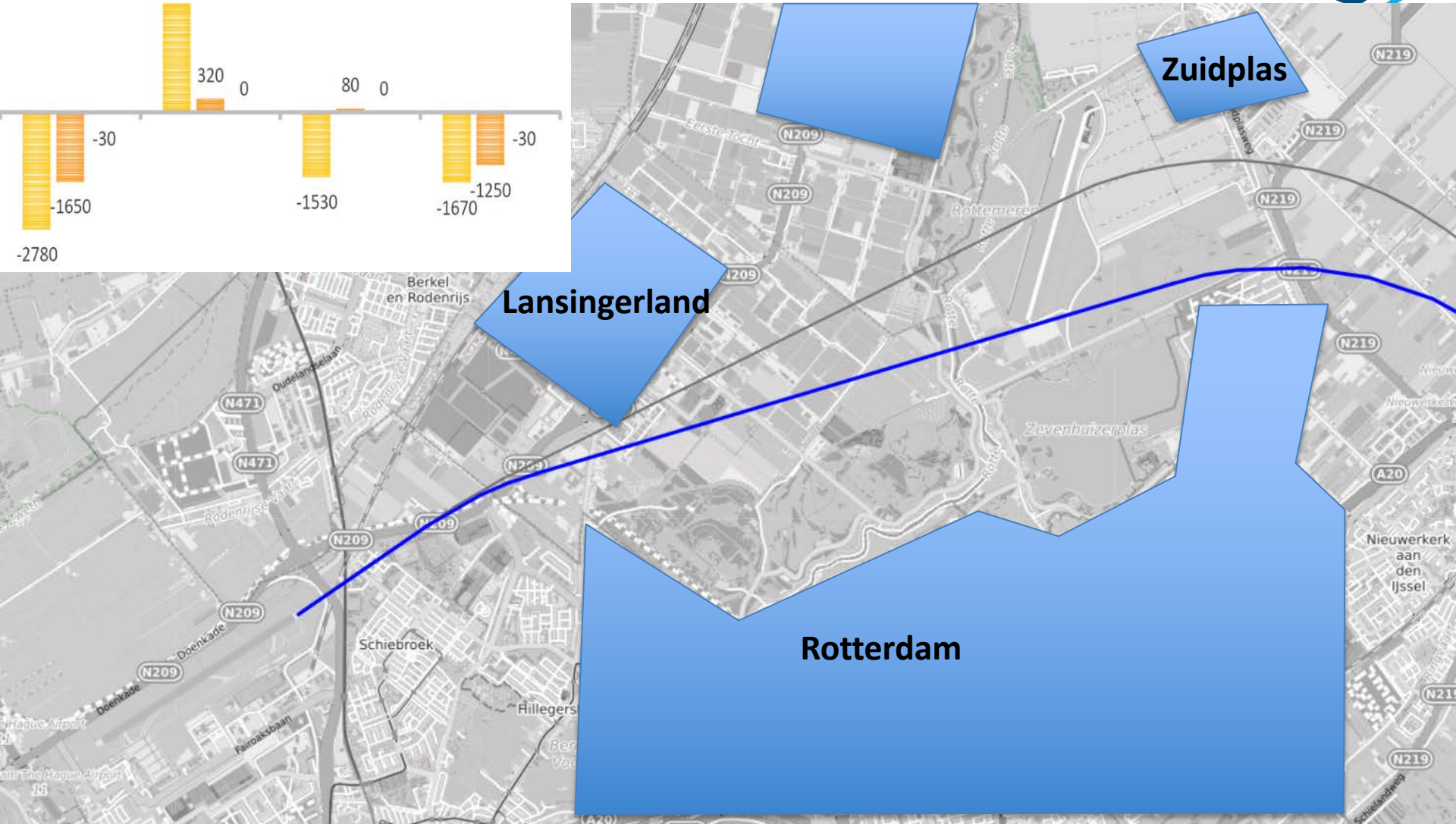
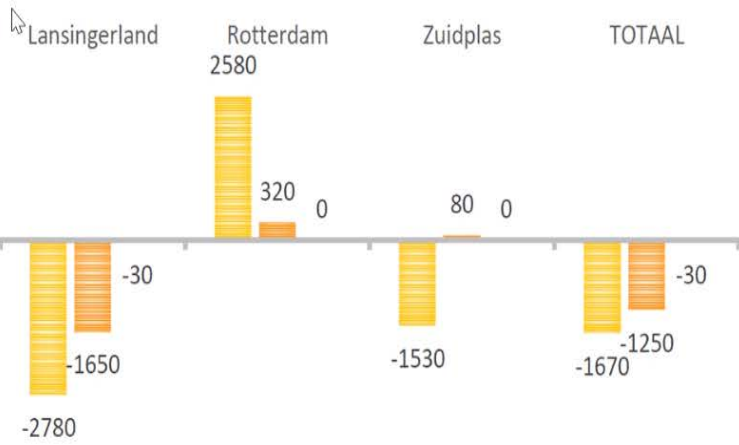
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65 LAmx 70 LAmx 80 LAmx



Approach

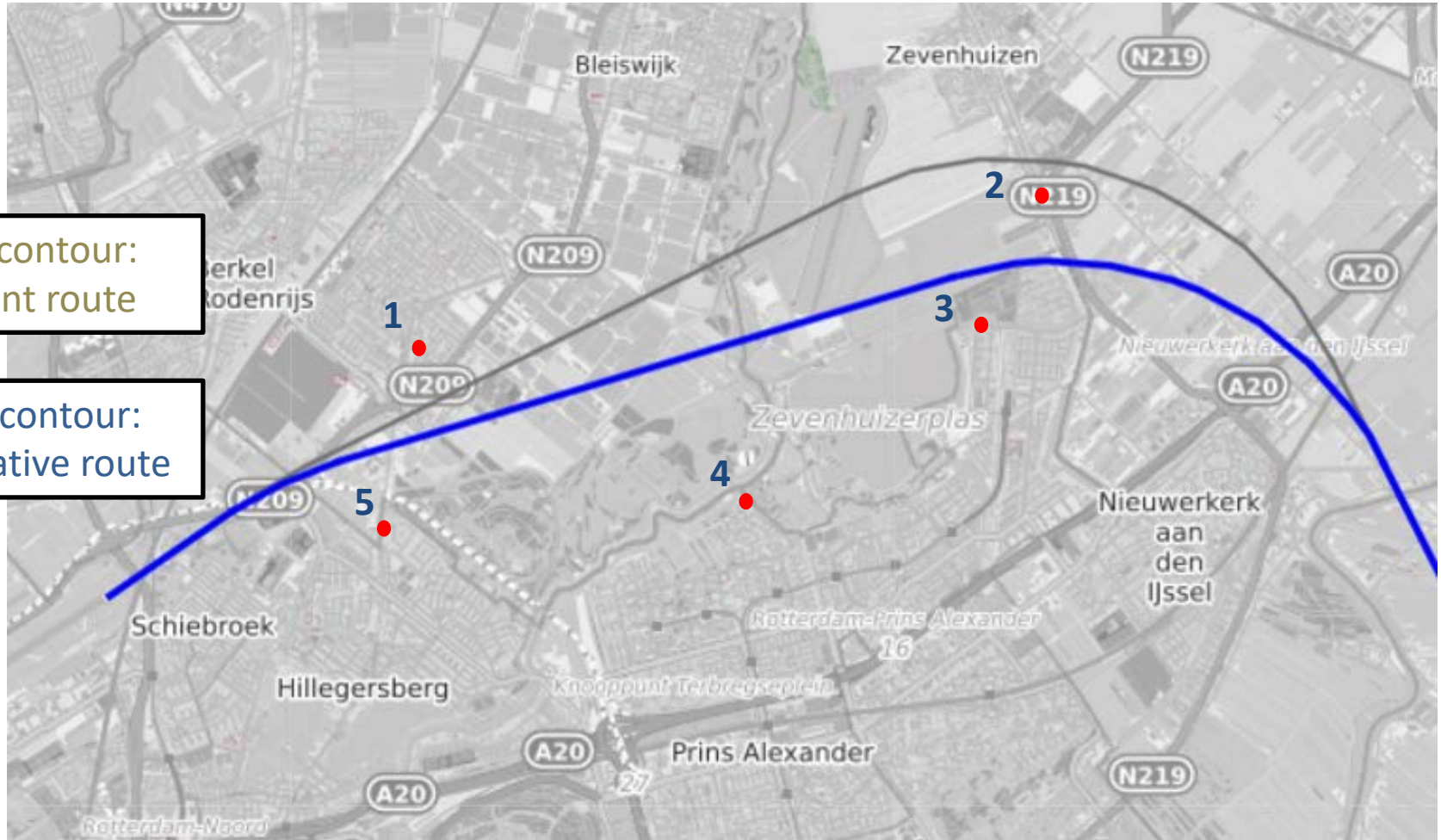
How to make a decision on the impact of an alternative departure route?

- Use dialog group with community and airport stakeholders
- Clear communication of expectations:
 - e.g. no growth of airport but for community
 - Community gives advice, dialog group decides
 - Honest about implementation (issues, dilemmas)
- Listen to issues: Noise peak levels, not daily average (L_{den})
- Translate finding in noise report into sound evaluation
- Ask people from community to participate in evaluation
- Hold meetings with participants in small groups
- Draw lessons from this approach

Locations to be evaluated

Grey contour:
Current route

Blue contour:
Alternative route



Evaluating sound of routes using website



Vraag 2 van 5

Welk geluid vindt u meer hinderlijk?

Geluid A

Speelt nu af: A

A veel hinderlijker dan B	A tamelijk hinderlijker dan B	A iets hinderlijker dan B	A gelijk aan B	B iets hinderlijker dan A	B tamelijk hinderlijker dan A	B veel hinderlijker dan A
-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3

Herhaal geluid nogmaals

25 participants

Score between -3 and +3

Question 2: Score = 1.4
Current somewhat to considerable more annoying than alternative

Alternative -3.5 dB (73dB)

Question 1: Score = 1.8
Current considerable more annoying than alternative

Alternative -2.7 dB (69dB)

Grey contour:
Current route

Blue contour:
Alternative route

Alternative +4.3 dB (70dB)

Question 3: Score = -1.8
Alternative considerable more annoying than current

Question 5: Score = 0.1
Alternative equal to current

Question 4: Score = -1.2
Alternative somewhat more annoying than current

Alternative +4.4 dB (65dB)

Alternative +0.4 dB (74dB)

Discussions with community members

- Mixed groups from all communities together
- Small groups
- Understanding for each other problems
- New/other complaints surfaced as well ('by-catch')
- Also listen to critical community members

Conclusions / Take-aways

- This approach (dialog + sound evaluation website) was highly appreciated by community members
- Small/mixed groups help to get constructive dialog/discussion
- More understanding for the difficult decisions
- No magic solution, final decision still difficult in this situation
- Transparency and clear communication key to build up trust and feeling of fairness with community