

A8ernA

Running through the heart of Koog aan de Zaan is the A8 motorway. It is raised on a 7 metre high concrete bridge. The area below was once a no-man's land, used only for parking or as a general dumping ground. An urban development project with the interesting title 'A8renA' has now turned this area into a new forum for urban life. At the point where most pedestrians pass under the motorway, the four main supporting columns of the traffic bridge have been transformed into a work of art, featuring 304 stainless steel and light. The columns are 6 metres high and 3 metres wide. On each column a poem by the poet Arie van den Berg has been inscribed, without spaces or punctuation. The letters were laser-cut in the steel. This is an outstanding example of how the imaginative use of stainless

steel can brighten up otherwise dull areas of urban environments, creating a thing of beauty out of a former parking lot!

Details

Location:	Koog aan de Zaan, Netherlands
Grade:	EN 1.4301
Surface:	mirror-polished
Width:	2.5 mm
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