## Treurtrip with dad

I went with my dad on a phototrip wich we sometimes do. This time i wanted to make a "treurtrip" (Sadtrips). A concept and word I learned from my father in wich he showed me photos from Mark van Wonderen. The photographer who made a book about the most god awful sad looking places in the Netherlands.

Veenendaal, Ichtus College

My dad and I were driving trough Veenendaal because I suggested Veenendaal for the Treurtrip and my dad confirmed it was indeed really bad. After a short while driving trough Veenendaal I heard my dad say "Oh no" and he striked the brakes and turned into a abandoned parking lot in a residential street. It was the parking lot of "het Ichtus College", a highschool in Veenendaal.

We couldn't believe our eyes. This was the most sad looking building I have ever laid my eyes on. A grey concrete bricked rugged and angular building. If a dementor was a building, it would look like this. It literally sucks the joy of life right ouf you. Jus next to the schoolyard of the school was a "green area" with two aluminium football goals. And i say "green area" because it looks like this. (Photo 1)

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The photo speaks for itself and the contrast between the

illustration on the sign and the reality is so big that it isn't even funny to me anyomore, it is just sad.



And then a few meters away stands the most dumb piece of city planning I have seen in my life. (Photo 2) A glass container next to a greenery/playground for kids and a 50km road, without places to park. So if you want to dump your glass you have to walk or use your biycicly and cicle on the sidewalk because there is no bike lane. This is so dumb. And when it is being emptied by the county your a almost certiainly causing a traffic jam on one of the busiest roads of this neighbourhood.

And all this awfullness on a place for children to have fun. No wonder children are more depressed. Maybe Maarten van Ooijen should fix these areas instead of shaming chidren and young adults for being softies and getting psychological help. (article 1)

In conclusion a great day out with my dad.



Article 1