

Fig.176 Screenshot showing an intersection of a German town. Living in the Netherlands but building the ark hosting my project in the Italian alps I had to cross Europe every year taking my time to explore villages and their surroundings. Usually I drive gently down the old continent attempting to explore places and connect with the environment.

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Value 3 emphasizes some level of traffic. It can be experienced while crossing a busy intersection going for example to the hardware store in the industrial side of our village. In this case, rather than only sensing the traffic with my nose, I also evaluate it visually. Nonetheless, with small children I always felt like protecting them and have done my best to avoid trafficked areas. My movements then are confined to the greener and car free strips of a place where nonetheless a big truck at times might show up making it impossible for me to get away. With my oldest son we lived in big cities and this problem was recurrent. With my youngest kids we live in a village. There people do not emit any fumes. To this end, if have a pile of branches, I have to drive them to a dump and put it in a container that is later picked up by a truck that brings it god knows where. I comply with this procedure but I am skeptical about it. While our garden is left as wild as possible, still we need to remove some vegetation that is hindering our passage. Now if we were surrounded by some wilderness we could bring this green waste there but alas there are only gardens and fields and some of them no longer have humans to take care of them but automated machines making sure that no grass grows higher than a few centimeters, like humans in our society.