How do we build more great places?
Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods and Beyond Eco-towns

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Today I will

a. Introduce myself

b. Explain what we have learned from SUNN and Europe

c. Run through policy conclusions

d. Discuss financial options
Where I come from

a. Economist, strategic planner and urbanist - Founder Director of URBED (Urban and Economic Development) in London 1976

b. Research and consultancy on sustainable development eg Cambridgeshire Quality Charter, Regeneration in European Cities, JRF

c. Learning networks eg Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods Network, TEN Group

Challenges for community building

- The UK is in a crisis e.g. collapse of house-building
- ‘…‘lack of house-building enabling infrastructure’ Local Growth White Paper
- New business models are needed
Innovation is possible – but difficult in the UK

- Mixed uses e.g. Brighton’s New England Quarter
- Communal space e.g. Homes for Change, Hulme
- Open space e.g. Shenley Park
It is easier to say NO!
Let the SUN shine in!

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and Regeneration areas

1. Ancoats and New Islington, Manchester
2. Derwentorpe, York
3. Dickens Heath, Solihull
4. Grand Union Village, Northolt
5. Graylingwell Park, Chichester
6. Ironstone, Lawley Village, Telford
7. Lightmoor Village, Telford
8. Newhall, Harlow
9. Orchard Park, Cambridge
10. Upton, Northampton
11. Yours South Lynn, King’s Lynn
12. Walker Riverside, Newcastle
Seven workshops around England

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Seven reports

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SUSTAINABLE URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS NETWORK (SUNN)

Report of the SUNN Dutch Study Tour
6th – 7th October 2011

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Building communities that last reviews research and sets out what we learnt with profiles and case studies.

Solutions summarizes conclusions for local authorities.

See [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk) for the reports.
Four tests for working together

1. Is there a local management body?
2. Are risks and returns fairly shared?
3. Is waste of all kinds minimized?
4. Are there enough rungs on the housing ladder?
Turning to SUNN’s policy recommendations

1. Agree the Spatial Framework
2. Facilitate Public Private Development Partnerships
3. Mobilize Undesignated Public land
4. Attract Private Funding for Infrastructure
5. Open up Housing Markets
6. Endow Community Stewardship
7. Learn from What Works
1. Agree the spatial framework

Select priority areas for growth and regeneration

Link transport and development investment

The Netherlands increased their housing stock by 7.6% 1996-2005 (Half over 1500 units and one quarter over 5000)
1. Agree the spatial framework

Orchard Park, Cambridge
2. Facilitate public private development partnerships

Joint Venture Companies
Simplified procurement process
2. Facilitate public private development partnerships
3. Mobilise undesignated public land

Orchard Park, Cambridge

Land as equity/pooling
Realistic pricing
3. Mobilize undesignated public land

Lightmoor, Telford is the 2nd Bournville
Menu of proven options

Wider use of bonds
4. Attract private funding for infrastructure
5. Open up Housing Markets

Ironstone, Telford

Smaller serviced sites (housing careers)
Management agreements

Newhall, Harlow

Walker Riverside, Newcastle

Orchard Park, Cambridge
5. Open up Housing Markets

Self-build in Almere
6. Endow Community Stewardship

Social as well as physical capital

Community Trusts
6. Endow Community Stewardship

School in Houten – no cars!

Orchard Park, Cambridge

De Kamers arts centre Amersfoort

Green space, Dickens Heath, Solihull
7. Learn from what works

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LESSONS AND ACTION POINTS FROM WALKER RIVERSIDE, NEWCASTLE

Study tours
Active networks

Walker Riverside, Newcastle

June 2010
Looking and Learning together
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