

How do we build more great places?

Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods and Beyond Eco-towns

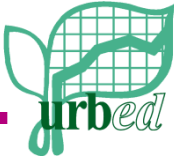
Dr Nicholas Falk

Founder URBED



Walker Riverside, Newcastle

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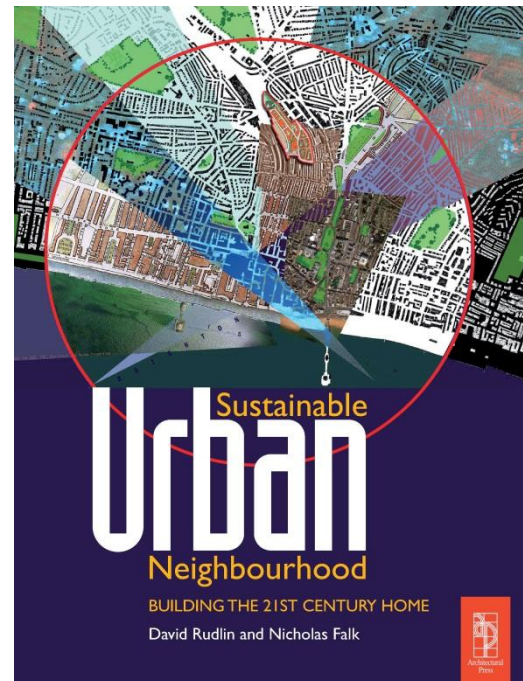


- a. Introduce myself
- b. Explain what we have learned from SUNN and Europe
- c. Run through policy conclusions
- d. Discuss financial options

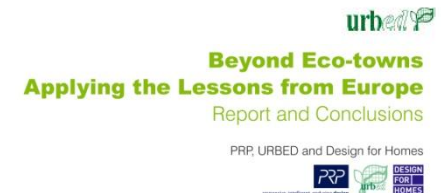
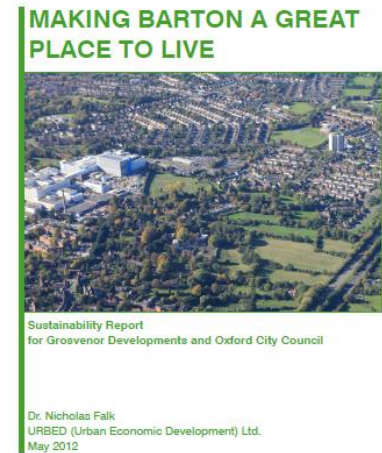
Where I come from



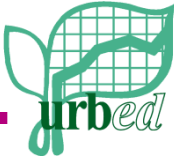
- a. Economist, strategic planner and urbanist - Founder Director of URBED (Urban and Economic Development) in London 1976
- b. Research and consultancy on sustainable development eg *Cambridgeshire Quality Charter, Regeneration in European Cities, JRF*
- c. Learning networks eg Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods Network, TEN Group
- d. Co author of *Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood: Building the 21st Century Home* (AP 2009)



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Eco-town exemplars



Amersfoort



Freiburg



Kronsberg



Hafen City



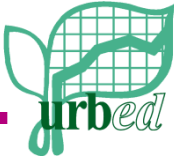
Adamstown



Hammarby



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

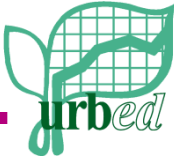
THE STEPS TO QUALITY GROWTH: Towards a new business model for house-building

A report for
Cambridgeshire Horizons

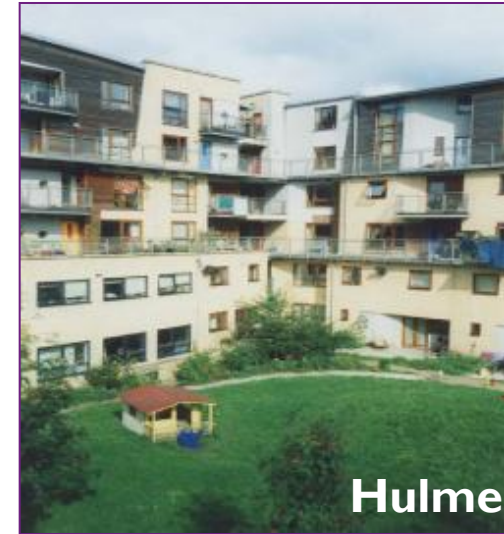
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Innovation is possible – but difficult in the UK

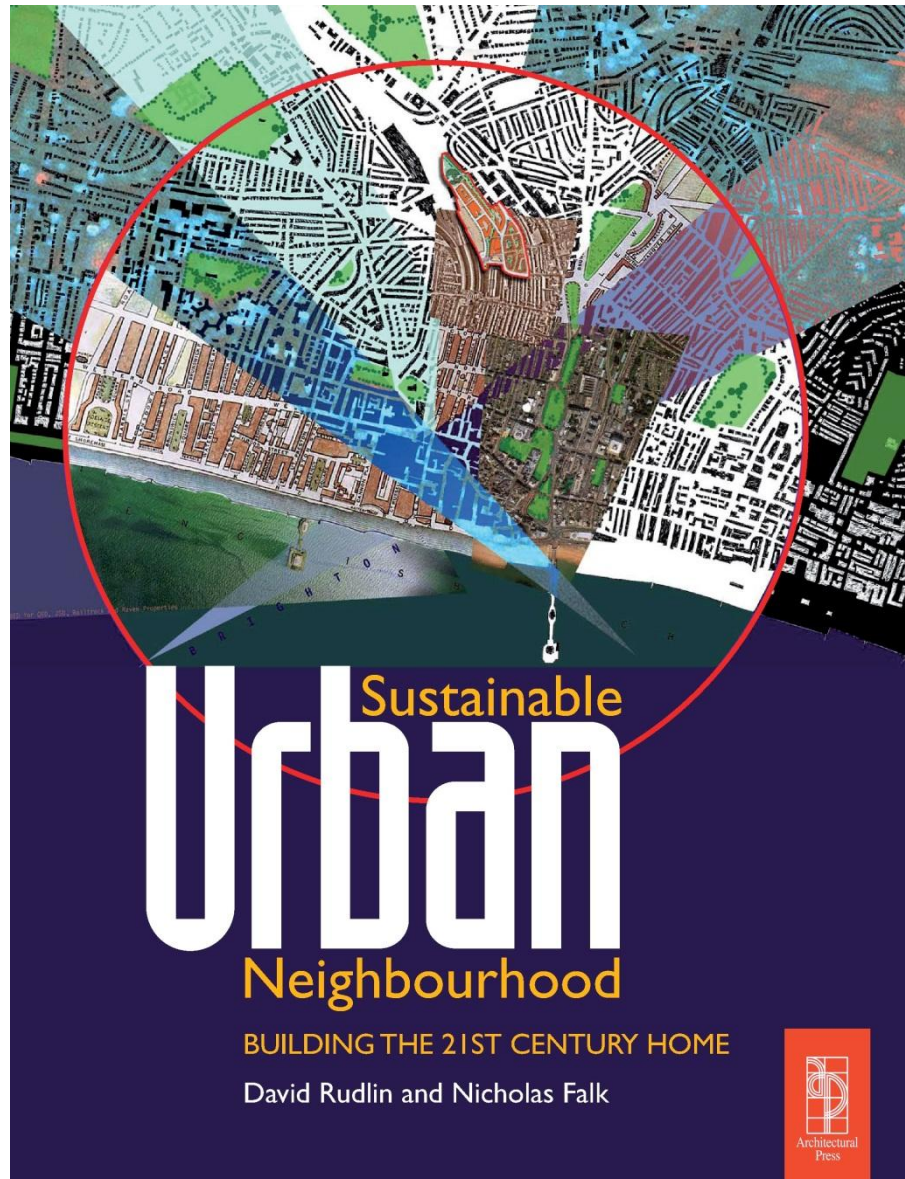
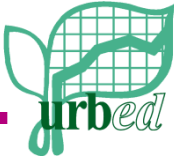


- ❑ Mixed uses e.g. Brighton's New England Quarter
- ❑ Communal space e.g. Homes for Change, Hulme
- ❑ Open space e.g. Shenley Park





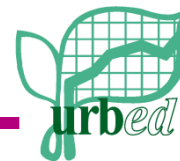
Let the SUN shine in!



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1. Ancoats and New Islington, Manchester



2. Derwenthorpe, 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



12. Walker Riverside, Newcastle



11. Yours South Lynn, King's Lynn



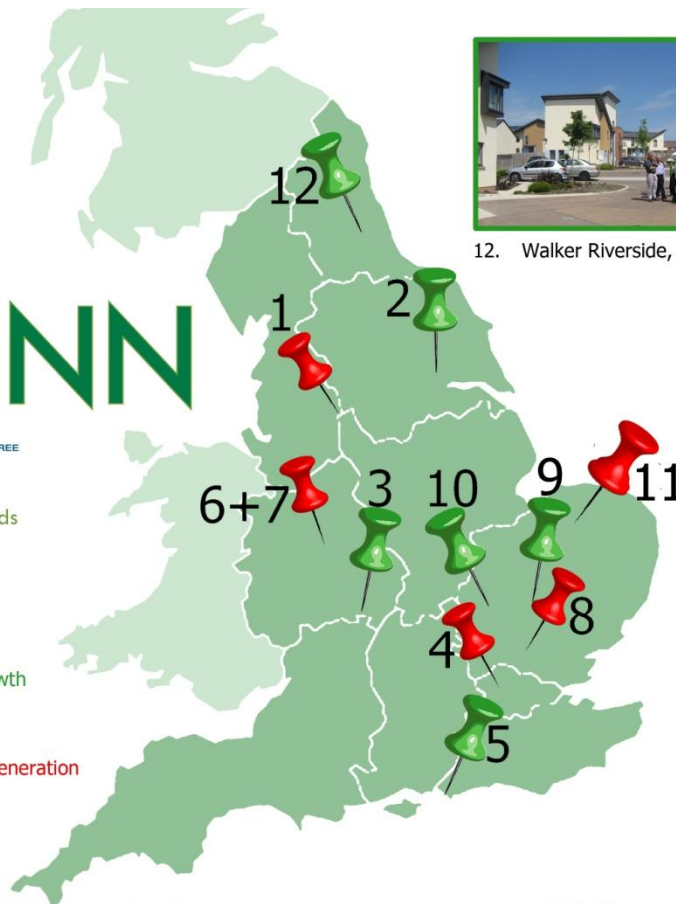
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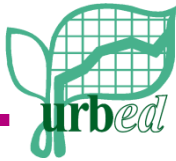
9. Orchard Park, Cambridge

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Seven workshops around England



1. Ancoats and New Islington, Manchester



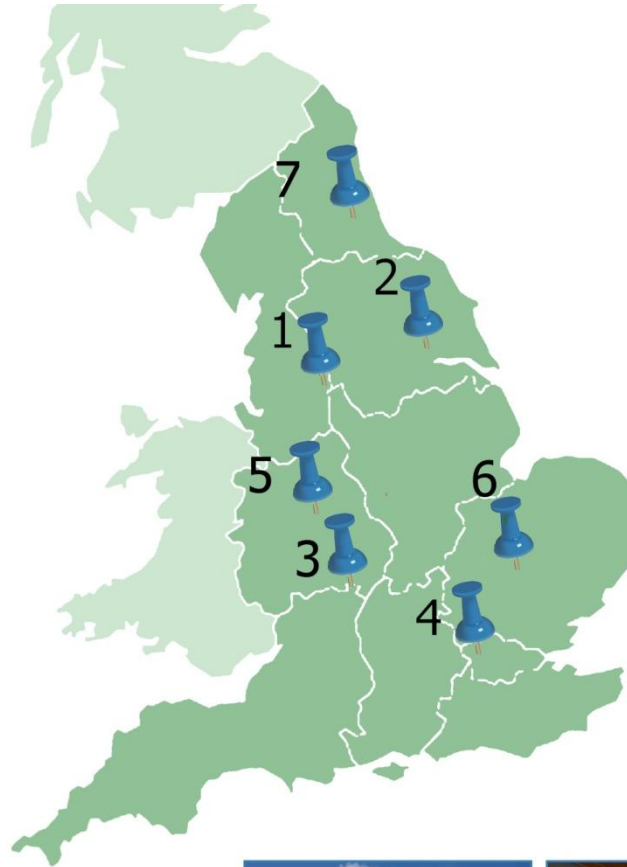
2. New Earswick



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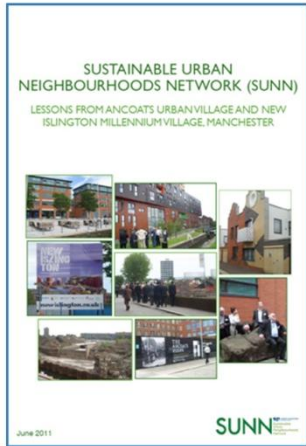
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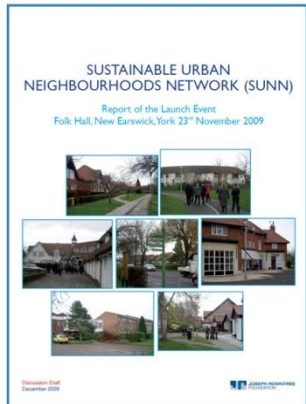
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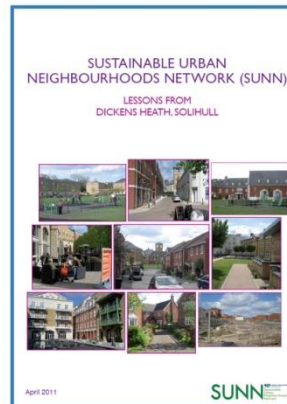
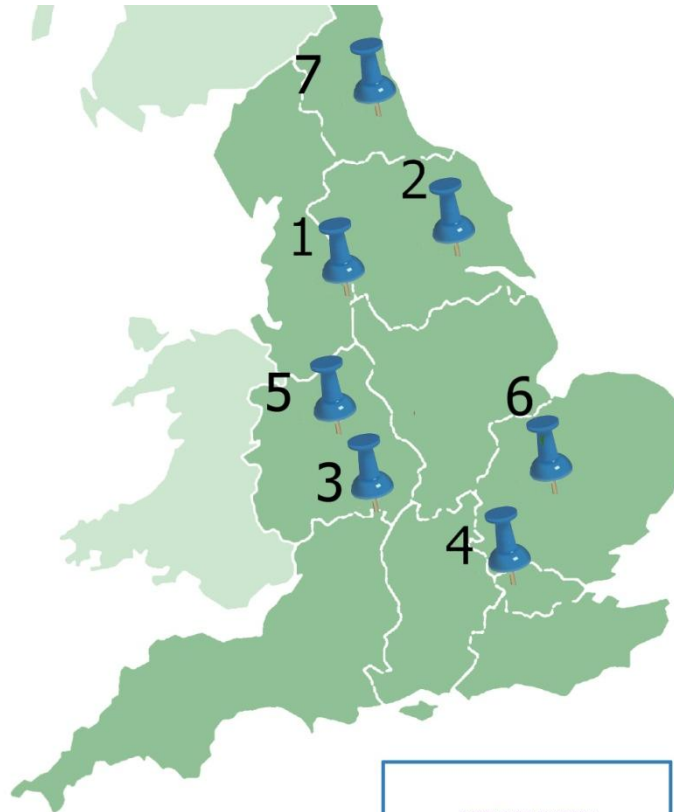
Seven reports



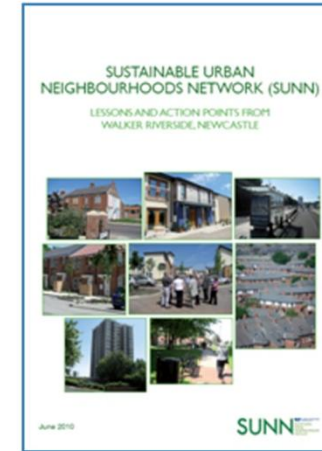
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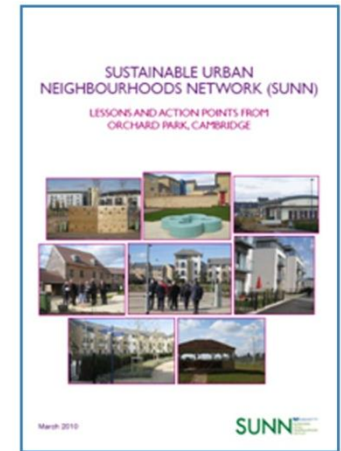
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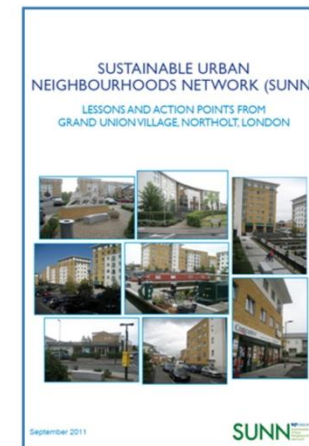
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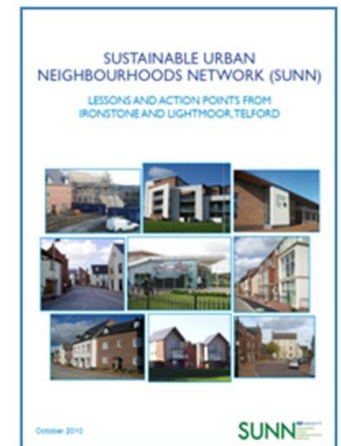
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...and one Dutch study tour and report



SUSTAINABLE URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS NETWORK (SUNN)

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

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SUNN UK Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods Network



Report contents

Sustainable urban neighbourhoods

Building communities that last

February 2012

Nicholas Falk and
Michael Carley

This report examines what does and doesn't work in building new communities and shows how to build more homes, better neighbourhoods and stronger communities.

Building new communities that are physically and socially sustainable is a major challenge if we are to resolve the nation's housing crisis and avoid repeating past mistakes. This report looks at the design of sustainable urban neighbourhoods, it examines how local partners can work better together to foster localism and realise the aspirations of the National Planning Policy Framework and concludes with recommendations for government and other organisations.

The report, which is based on learning from 13 new communities in England:

- identifies the characteristics of a sustainable urban neighbourhood;
- stresses the importance of a large spatial planning framework to underpin community building;
- shows the importance of local vision and leadership; and
- highlights good practice in design, local governance, community facilities, management of public space, retail provision and long-term stewardship.

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

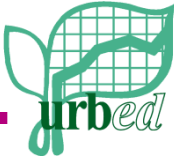
Solutions summarizes conclusions for local authorities.

See www.jrf.org.uk for the reports.

Four tests for working together

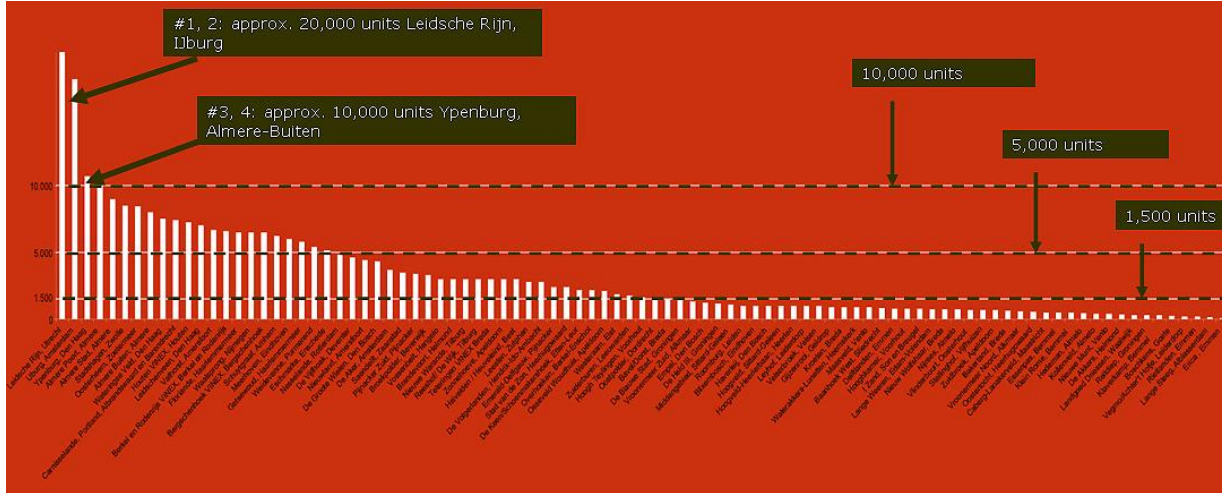
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- A black and white photograph of a large, abstract stone sculpture depicting four human figures in various poses, seated or crouching on a low brick wall. In the background, there are several multi-story apartment buildings and parked cars on a street.
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**

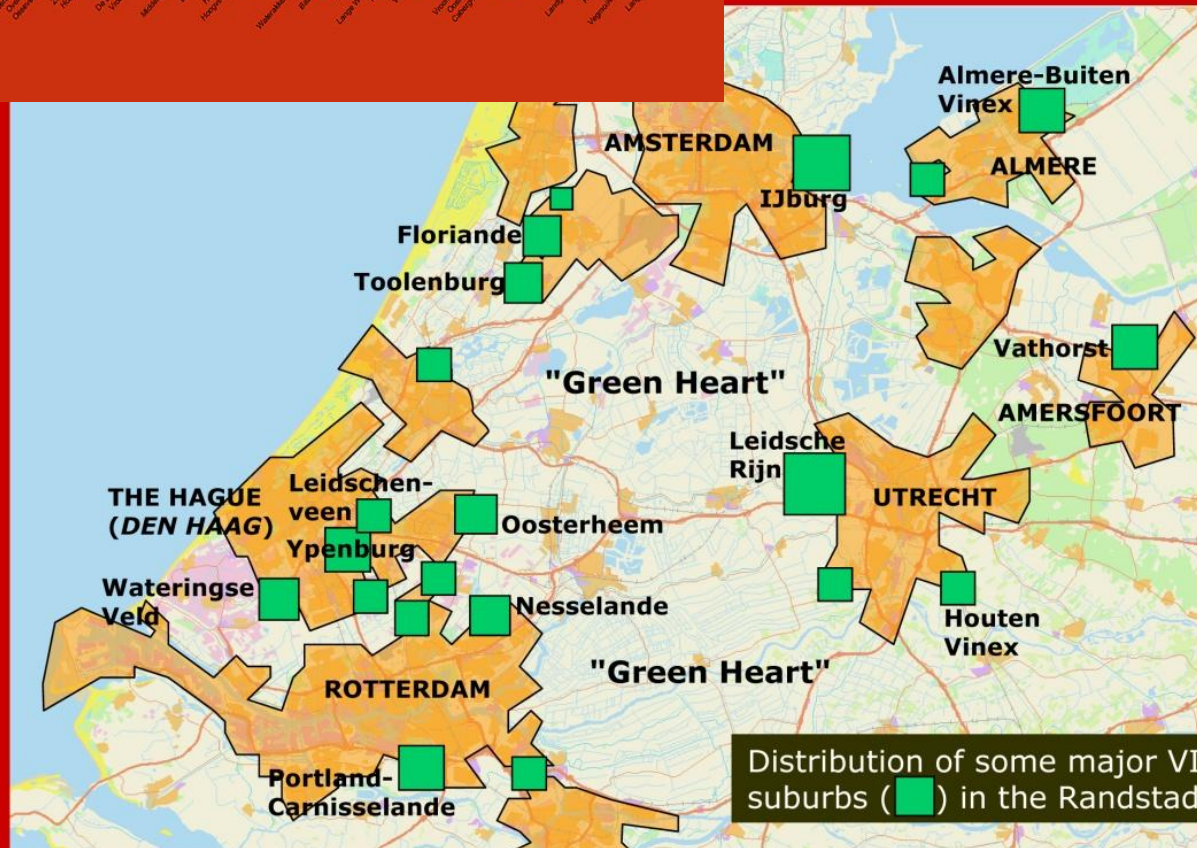
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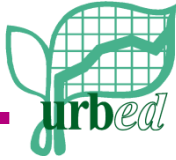
The Netherlands increased their housing stock by 7.6% 1996-2005 (Half over 1500 units and one quarter over 5000)

Select priority areas for growth and regeneration

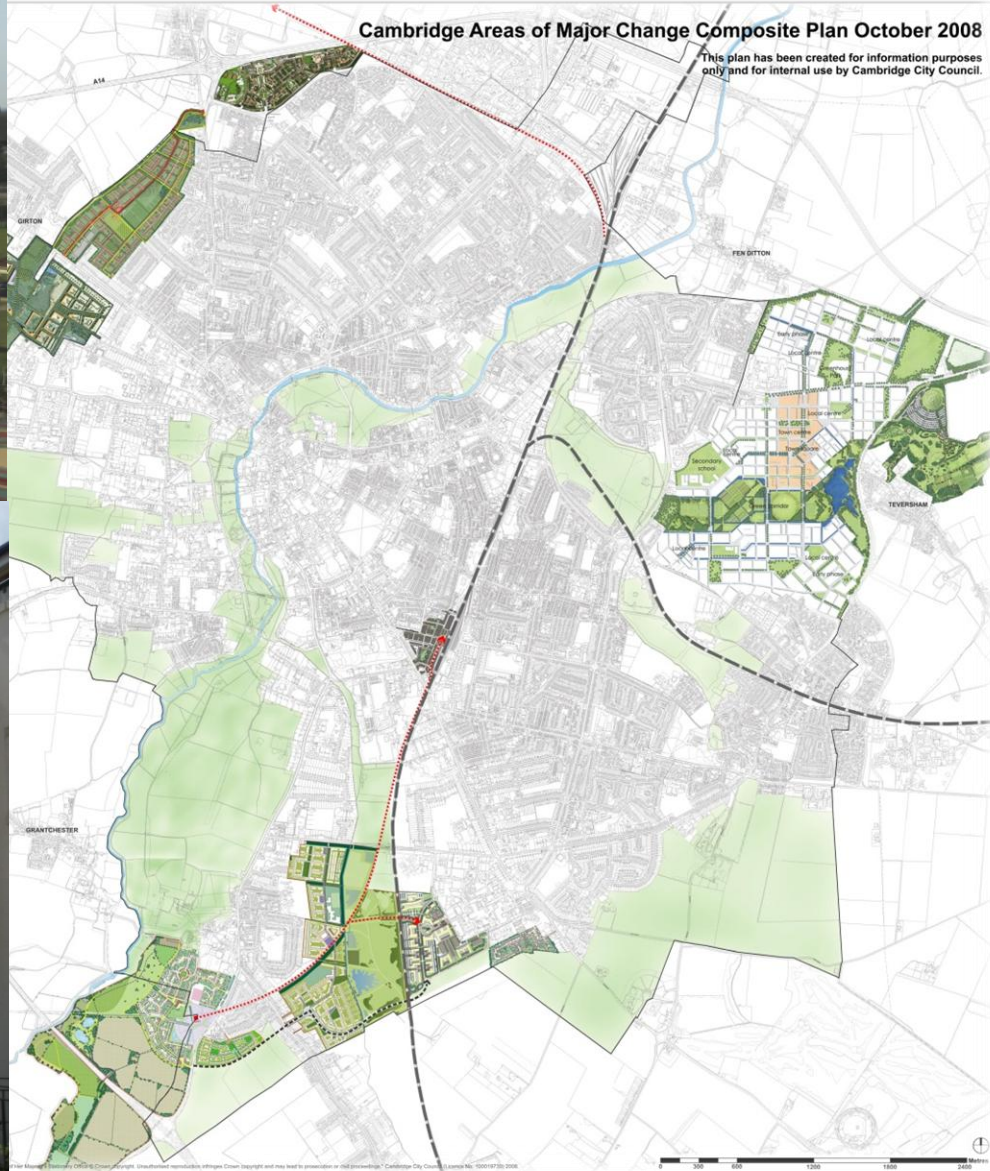
Link transport and development investment



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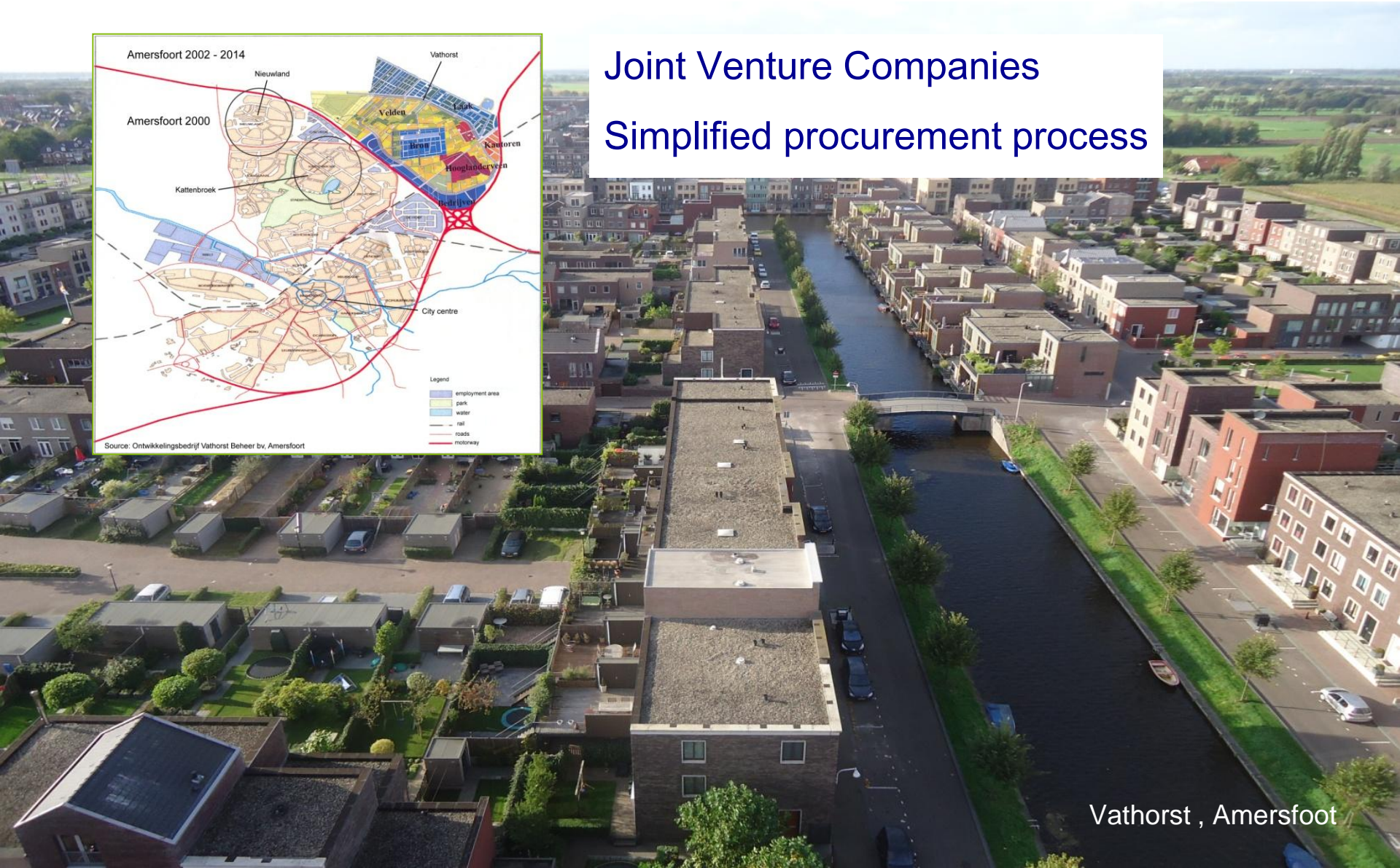
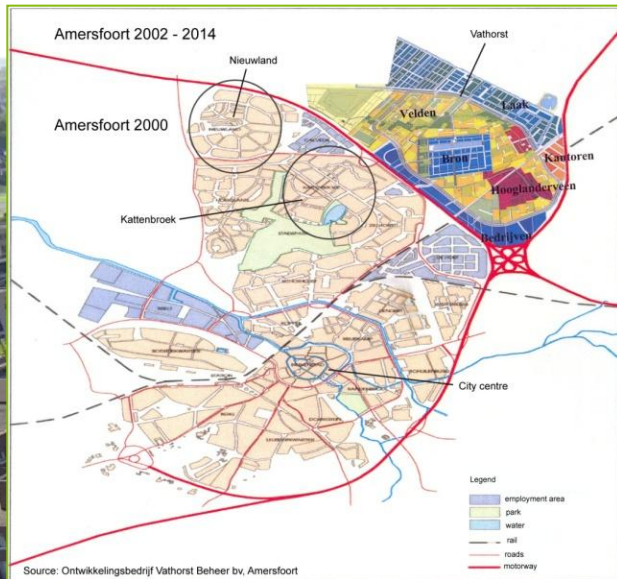
Orchard Park, Cambridge



2. Facilitate public private development partnerships

Joint Venture Companies

Simplified procurement process



Vathorst , Amersfoot

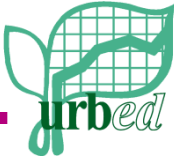
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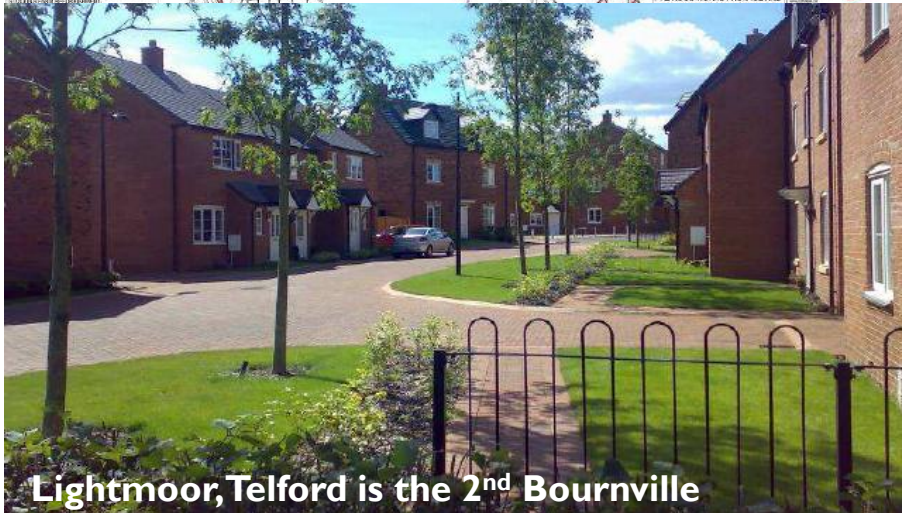
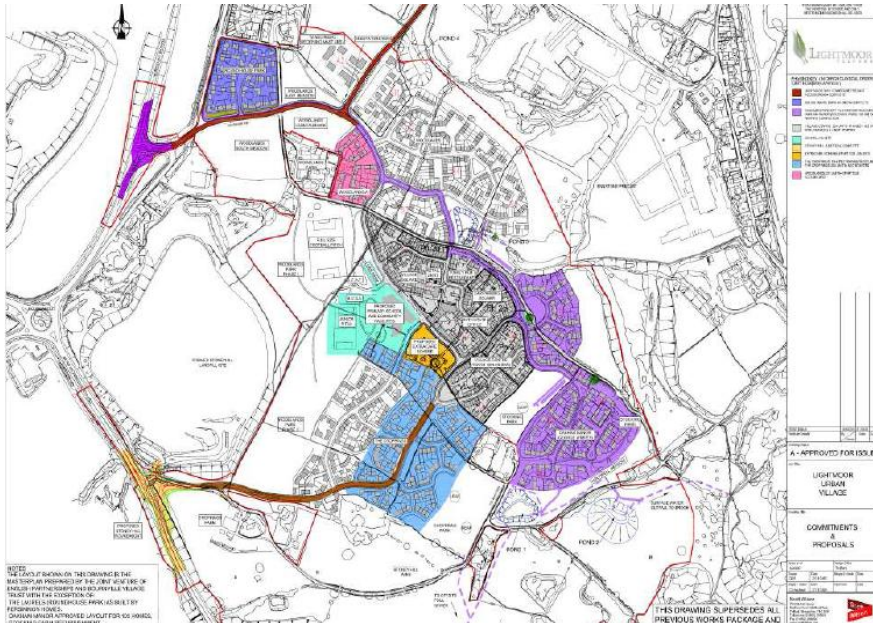
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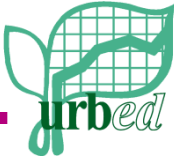
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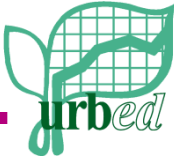
Menu of proven options

Wider use of bonds



Upton, Northampton

4. Attract private funding for infrastructure



Interior of energy centre



District Heating Network



Thermal stores being installed



Energy centre building and flu

CHP Graylingwell

5. Open up Housing Markets

Ironstone, Telford



Walker Riverside, Newcastle

Smaller serviced sites (housing careers)
Management agreements



Newhall, Harlow



Orchard Park, Cambridge

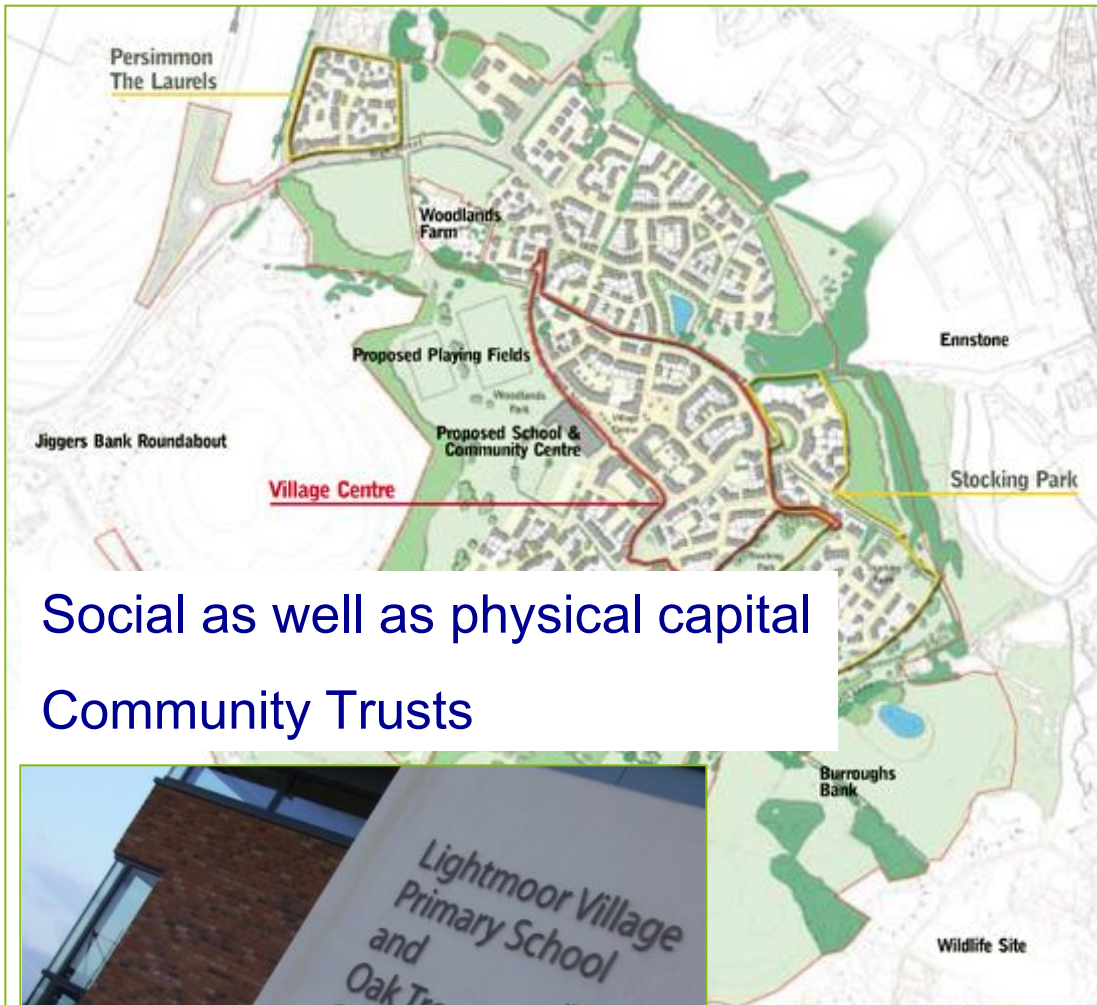
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Self-build in Almere



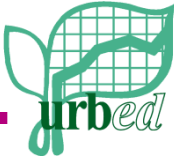
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Social as well as physical capital
Community Trusts



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School in Houten – no cars!

Orchard Park, Cambridge

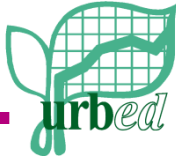


De Kamers arts centre Amersfoot



Green space, Dickens Heath, Solihull

7. Learn from what works



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LESSONS AND ACTION POINTS FROM
WALKER RIVERSIDE, NEWCASTLE



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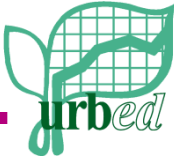
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Study tours Active networks

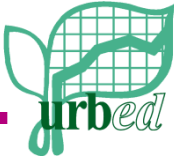


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Looking and Learning together



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