

Housing as Social Infrastructure: Urban Living Labs for Planning Experimentation at the Neighbourhood Level

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LITERATURE REVIEW

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“Participatory practices in urban planning employing experimentation at the local level are increasingly appearing as novel trajectories of sustainable development. The focus of this investigation is the application of urban experimentation in planning processes for providing alternative pathways to affordable and sustainable housing development.”

SECONDMENT 1



Urban Room project:
Documenting and participating in the Community Consultation for Quality of Life project during the Urban Room at Reading.

Participating in the data analysis:
Reflection of Urban Room as an Urban Living Lab approach and future development of the neighbourhood planning process.

Networking activities:
Meetings to discuss current practices in the UK regarding the Quality of Life Framework with partner organisations.

PILOT CASE STUDY 1

PILOT CASE STUDY 2

MAIN ULL CASE STUDY

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

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How do citizens participate in Urban Living Labs for planning experimentation at the neighbourhood level?

Sub questions:

- What are the outcomes of co-creation, collaboration and shared decision-making in the design and implementation stages of a neighbourhood planning experiment?
- How does locally relevant knowledge through participation in planning create alternative spatial development trajectories?
- How do community-driven configurations of local governance influence land ownership and housing production?

METHODOLOGY FOR HOUSING & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING EXPERIMENTS

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URBAN LIVING LAB*

- awareness campaigns
- workshops
- focus groups
- stakeholder analysis
- interviews
- observation of social interaction

*both an approach to urban experimentation and a methodology for participation

GOALS

To set up and investigate a physical space for urban experimentation regarding:

- collective neighbourhood governance
- community land ownership
- collaborative governance arrangement with municipality
- a community learning space
- collaborative planning institutionalisation for housing development