



Almelo

Northern Park Project

Aims

The project looked at developing walking and cycling connection routes to local green space areas to increase tourist and recreational potential and reduce car traffic to and from the city fringes.

The connecting route would create recreational focal points and increase the attractiveness of the area. It would also increase accessibility from the city centre to urban fringes and two of the city "green lungs".



Business potential in the urban fringe



Urban fringe areas

How was this achieved?

- Worked on preparing the vision for the connection of Almelo's Northern "green lung", Noorderpark with the green lungs in the eastern part of the city.
- Worked with SURF partners Hengelo and Enschede to produce a regional vision and management of urban fringes in the Twente Region.
- Produced a report on slow moving traffic connections through the Noorderpark.
- Involvement of an external organisation Landschap Overijssel, looking at combining natural areas with business areas in the city.
- Hosted a regional urban fringe workshop to discuss the future potential of Almelo's urban fringe areas.
- Exploring the potential of an art route as an engagement tool to encourage people to use the connecting route from urban fringe to city centre.

About Almelo

Population:

City of Almelo: around 72,000

Background:

Almelo is a medium-sized municipality in the Twente region, the most eastern part of the Netherlands, near the German border.

Neighbouring towns are Hengelo and Enschede.

As Almelo has expanded it has retained 4 green space areas known as "green lungs" which form a connection between urban fringes, rural areas and the city centre.

Almelo has a large number of industrial sites and considers biodiversity an important issue to the development of these sites. This allows businesses and their workers to benefit from a cleaner, greener environment and in turn attracts new businesses making these areas more sustainable.



Walking and Cycling routes