

# Almere, a self build town on edge of Amsterdam

- This experiment in large scale self build involves a 100 hectare extension to the south west of the city.
- The entire area has been master planned by the local authority into a number of districts. Each of which has around 720 self build plots and by early 2012 around 1000 homes had been built; eventually some 3,000 self built homes are planned.
- Each of the self build districts is themed – for example there are areas for live/work self build homes; there are terraced areas and there is a zone for very sustainable homes. There is also an area set aside for canal side homes, and another for houses with bigger gardens. And there is a zone specifically aimed at housing developers, who assemble collectives of people who want a block of apartments or a terrace of similar homes built for them.
- Individual plots vary in size from 86 m<sup>2</sup> to more than 1200m<sup>2</sup>.





