

HOLLAND

Also called The Netherlands

- One of the worlds most highly urbanised countries

Most people live in cities

- Approximately 14 million people
- 1/3 the size of Ireland

Demand for urban housing is very large

Holland is densely populated

- 147 people per Km² (Ireland = 51 per Km²)

Overcrowding is a major problem

New settlements were created on the polders to

- accommodate the increasing population
- relieve demand for housing

Polders

- Land was reclaimed from the Zuyder Zee. There are five polders :
 - Wieringermeer
 - Northeast Polder
 - East Flevoland Polder
 - South Flevoland Polder
 - Marken Lake – Under construction

Land use on the Dutch Polders

There are TWO types of settlement patterns on Dutch Polders

1. Planned rural settlement (farming settlements)

2. Planned urban settlement (cities) - including

- Planned towns and villages.
- Overspill towns

Land uses

- Farming
- Forestry
- Recreational
- Residential

These are the main land uses

The Randstad, Greenheart and the Polders

The RANDSTAD

What?

- Means 'Ring City'.
- Surrounds the Greenheart
- Collection of cities which have merged
- These cities form an urban agglomeration (also called a conurbation)
- This urban agglomeration is densely populated (346 people per Km²)

Problem

- Too much demand for housing in the Randstad
- Pressure for housing land in the Greenheart

Solution

- Reclaim land and build new towns on the Polders
- These towns were planned as OVERSPILL TOWNS

OVERSPILL TOWNS

Where?

East Flevoland Polder

Lelystad (main city)

South Flevoland Polder

Almere (main city)

The Northeast Polder

The Northeast Polder was designed on the principles of Central Place Theory.

A number of small towns were built.

These provide everyday services for

- local people
- people in the immediate hinterland

Hinterland
=
The area surrounding a town

At the centre of the polder is a large city which provides

- Everyday services (e.g. shops etc.)

AND

- Other services which are less frequently demanded (e.g. dentists)

TOWN	CITY
Newsagents	Newsagents
Groceries	Groceries
Chemists	Chemists
	Cinemas
	Fashion Stores

Towns are linked together by roads

