



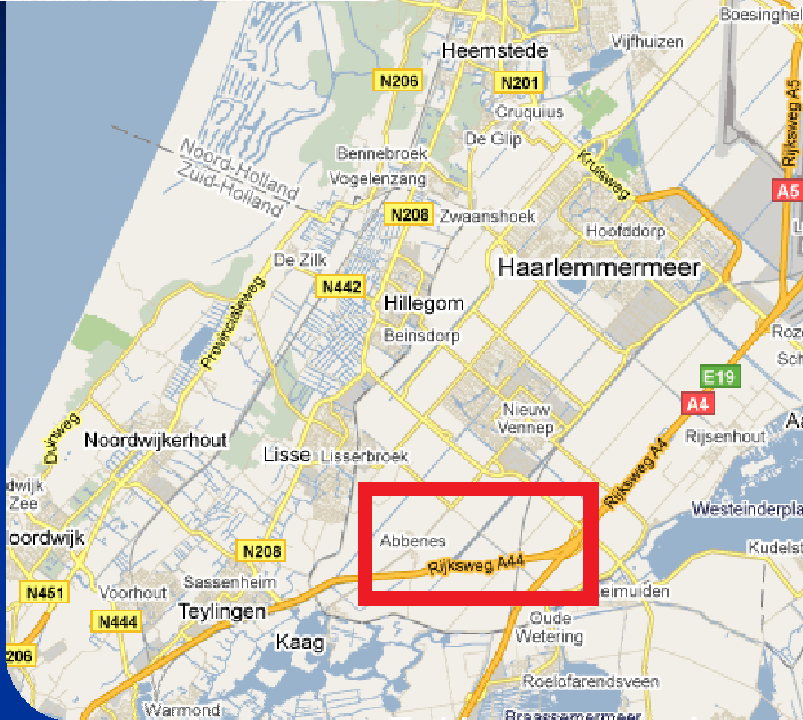
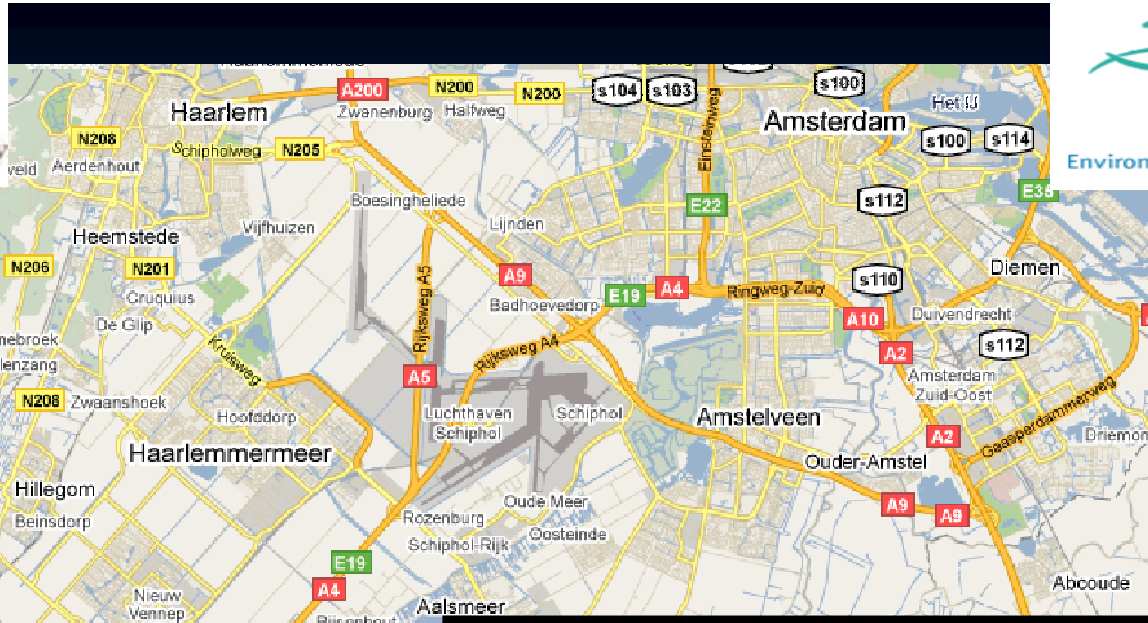
Wind Park

Haarlemmermeer Zuid

- Municipality initiated (2006)
- 20MW project
- Prospective investors to be decided
- Collaborative approach
- Still at design phase
- National government support withdrawn



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potentiële mogelijkheden windturbines binnen zoekgebied (lichtrood)

www.maps.google.com

Wind Park
Haarlemmermeer Zuid

Proposed 20MW project

http://www.haarlemmermeer.nl/Wonen_en_leven/Woonomgeving_en_milieu/Energie/Windenergie



- Establishment of a cooperative of local landowners to work in a collaborative manner to create three alternative viable project designs

- Project is operationalised through:
 - Municipal project group
 - Initiative group
 - Kern group (lead group)
 - Facilitator
 - Stichting (Foundation)
 - Design team



Difficulties

- Defining stakeholder roles
- Stakeholder interest and willingness to participate in a consistent manner
- Fractured Initiative Group
- Mistrust of municipality
 - *There is a secret plan in a drawer somewhere*
- Timeliness of municipality in providing supports
- Revisiting decisions – going around in circles
- Time consuming – still at planning phase



Recommendations

- Leadership for consensus building to work
- Municipal support - proactive
- Skilful facilitation by trusted individual
- Clear guidelines - stakeholders must have a clear understanding of their roles and expected input
- Transparency – no ‘secret’ meetings
- Avoid complicated structures
- All stakeholders need to feel influential with equal opportunity for voice to be heard



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Collaboration



**Leadership
And
facilitation**

**Power
and
meaningful
influence**

‘Participation without redistribution of power is an empty and frustrating process for the powerless’ (Arnstein, 1969).

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- Meaningful engagement with impacted communities
 - It is important *for citizens to really participate* in planning and decision-making and to learn *how to do good planning that involves people* (Dutch and Danish interviewees)

- Investment opportunities
- Community funds
- Understanding of local social landscape
- Enhanced role of planning authorities
 - Proactive involvement in site selection and local consultations
 - Financial supports for community collaboration



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