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Research Aims

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- To determine:
 - what is lost and gained in urban renaissance developments in terms of ROS
 - how, and to what extent, different types of ROS contribute to older people's wellbeing
- To identify how best to design different types of ROS in urban renaissance housing to deliver maximum benefits to older people

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Methodology: Sampling strategy criteria

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- Range of residential outdoor spaces
 - Balcony/ garden/ parking/ storage...
- Range of housing types
 - Semi/detached, terraced, flat, tenement, bungalow...
- Tenure
 - Ownership (inc. affordable), private/ social rent
- Housing development type
 - Age-specific
 - Non-age specific
 - 'Urban renaissance' (post-1999)
 - Other housing

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Methodology: Research Instruments

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- Questionnaire to large sample
- Sub-sample (post-questionnaire)
 - Semi-structured interview (n=250) in residents' home
 - Site survey of individual ROS
 - Outdoor space diary
- Post-analysis workshops



Methodology: Questionnaire

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- Questionnaire (postal) sampling
 - Large sample
 - Sending out to 16,000 households
 - Target average response rate 25% (4000)
 - 7 regions across England, Scotland and Wales
 - Housing developments targeted (private and social)
 - Age-specific (n=2000)
 - Non age-specific ‘urban renaissance’
 - Non age-specific ‘any age’

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Age-specific study sites (private)

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1. Bluecoat Pond, Horsham
2. Coachman Court, Rochford
3. Newman Court, Bromley
4. Tudor Grange, Blackheath

'Urban renaissance' study sites (pr.)

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1. Fulham Island, Fulham
2. Putney Wharf, London
3. Port Marine, Portishead
4. Pepys Estate, Deptford

'Urban renaissance' study sites (soc) O I S D

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1. CASPAR, Birmingham
2. Heskey Walk, Nottingham
3. Mealhouse Brow, Stockport
4. Ashley Road, Bristol

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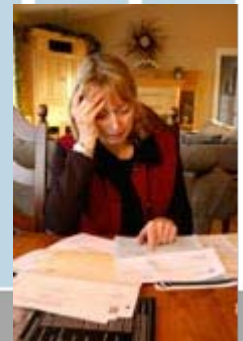


Devising the questionnaire

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- Respondents' description of ROS
- Satisfaction with ROS
- Uses of ROS (warmer/ colder months)
- Attitudes towards ROS
- Barriers to using ROS
- Ideal ROS & purposes
- View (description/ satisfaction/ ideal)

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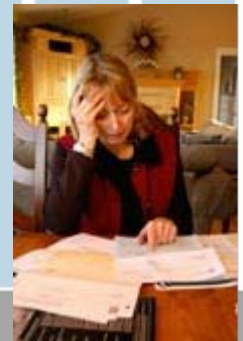


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- Satisfaction with home
- Community spirit
- Perceptions of independence
- General health
- Getting out of the house
- Perceived quality of life
- Profile data (gender/ economic status/ length of residence...)

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Piloting the questionnaire

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- Sent out to peers (copies for you!)
- Will send out initial + 1 reminder
 - 1 x private age-specific devt
 - 1 x social age-specific devt
 - 1 x non age-specific mixed tenure devt
- Piloting this summer
 - Sending out
 - Database creation
 - Data entry
 - Statistical analysis of data

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Other matters

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- University Research Ethics Committee
 - Approval granted for both projects
- Recent meetings
 - Places for People
 - Edinburgh Back Green Initiative
 - London Parks & Gardens Trust

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AIM

To establish the role of private, shared open space in the lives of residents.

- How do people use this space?
- How important is the view?
- What discourages people from using the space?

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So Far

- Preliminary Literature Review
- Registration
- Ethics Approval
- Pilot questionnaire designed
- Site visits to:
 - Edinburgh Backgreens Initiative
 - London Open Garden Squares

Next

- Pilot questionnaire
- Set up SPSS for data analysis