

•New Urbanism in Europe

•Impediments.

- Old rules in a new age (confusion between urbanisation and industrialisation)
- Ignorance of unintended consequences. “The Death of Common Sense”
- Failure to understand that the built environment is a political system ITSELF
‘Fall of Public Man’
- Health and safety legislation.
- Short term finance versus patient money
- Stewardship versus development
- Land equalisation and draw down (financial model of stewardship)
- Architectural prejudice (creativity versus self conscious originality refusal to learn from the past: genuine living tradition versus kitsch /pastiche: the similarities between tradition and sustainability)
- McHargian environmentalism (landscape urbanism) Urbanism is the residual of all other concerns
- Single issue sustainability assessments (ignorance of how to value urbanism)
- Urbanism perceived as (part of the) solution, not the problem.
- Ignorance of the cross cultural fundamentals of urbanism.
Street, block, plot and building type:- The robust, generative adaptable nature of this way of thinking



The lunatics have taken over the asylum



The Plight

Thirty years ago the wilderness of Scotland looked inviolate to me and I would have been content to give my life to the creation of oases of delight in the heart of Glasgow or dream of a marriage of man and nature in new cities and towns. My boyhood sense of the rest of the world suggested that it was even wilder than Scotland! There were still explorers in those days and missionaries enough to build a stamp collection from their solicitations. The plight that moved me then was little enough compared to today. Then there was no threat of an atomic holocaust and no fear of radiation hazard. The population problem was one of declining birthrates and Mussolini exhorted and coerced Italian mothers to greater efforts while Presidents of France deplored an effete generation. DDT and Dieldrin were not yet festering thoughts; penicillin and streptomycin were not yet hopes. Man's inhumanity to man was commonplace in distant lands but had not achieved the pinnacle of depravity which at Belsen and Dachau - civilized nation was to achieve. Poverty and oppression were real and pervasive, and war was imminent enough so that I could conclude at seventeen that I had better be ready as a trained soldier by 1939.

Yet while the city was grim indeed, the countryside could be reached by foot, by bicycle or even for the fee permiss that led

Industrialisation and Urbanisation
are NOT the same thing





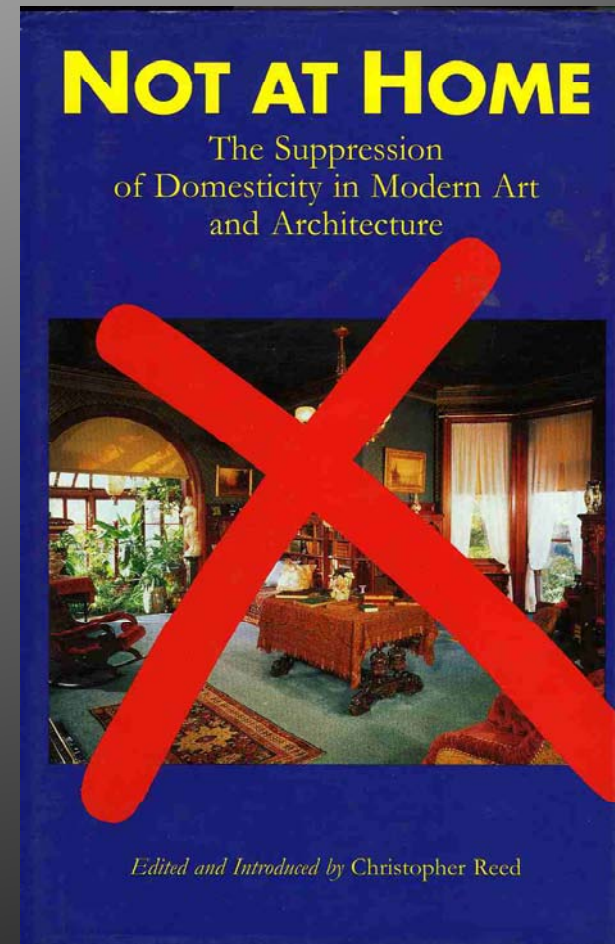


'Cafes and bars will no longer be the fungus that eats up the pavements of Paris' Corb 1923



Hulme, Manchester

Despite the high social and political ideals shared by so many influential designers, planners and politicians that produced places like this, they seem to have failed in a spectacular and tragic fashion.



The Paranoia of Conflict



Health- The state of being healthy in body, mind (and spirit)

Safety- Freedom from danger or risks

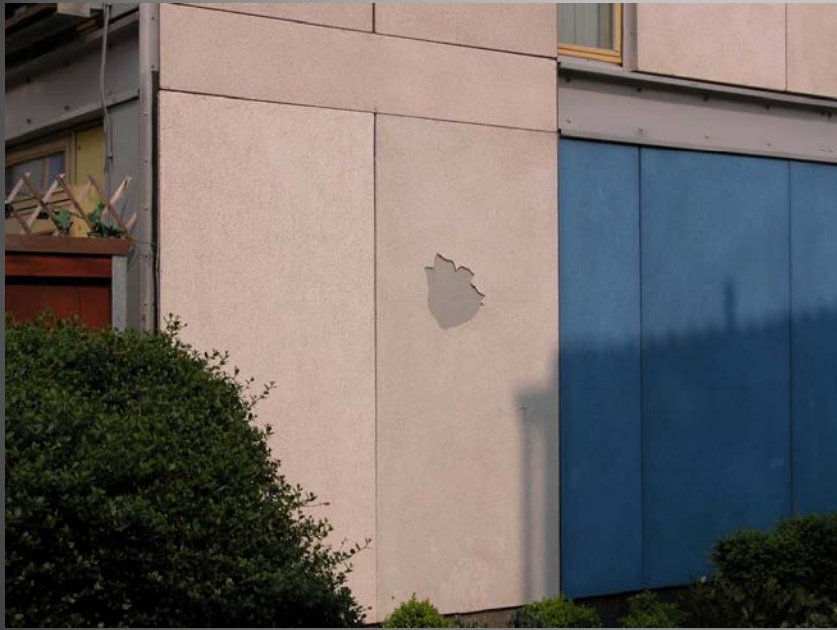
These two have become one and the same thing.

Result, the death of interaction, exchange and public life. Nobody dies
Nobody lives either

“Planning Cities around an accepted set of principles equals painting by numbers. The results are barely acceptable and the products lack soul”

Commission for Architecture & the Built Env't. (seminar on principles of good design. Nov. 2002)





'The current crisis of disorder'
Jack Robertson,

' Such is the residue of modern design in a culture that does not provide a larger and governing vision in which to fit all the objects it produces; a culture gripped by a devastating schizophrenia that finds no mediation between specific things and their real or implied framework. We make very few successful places, only things.'







Brandevoort

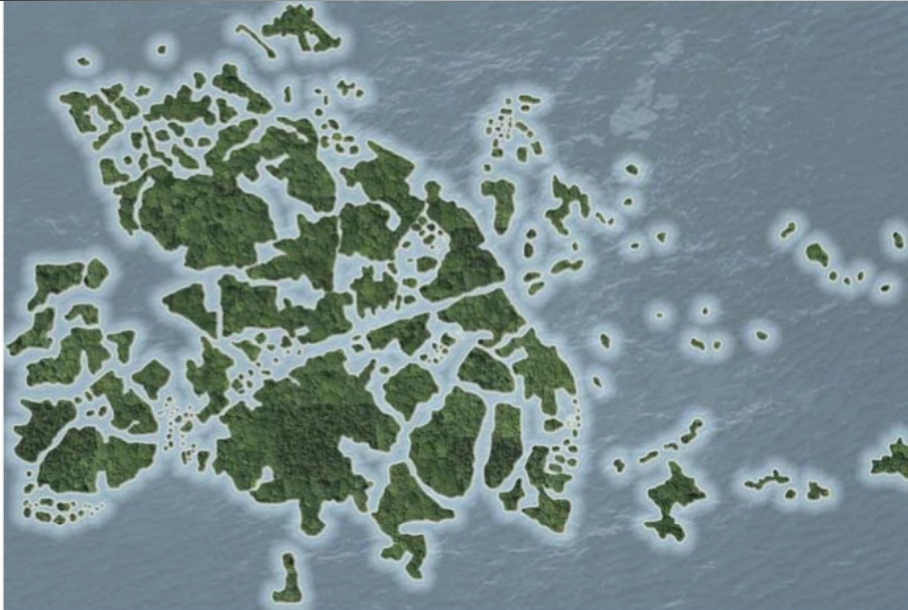


fig. 3.2.1: the Swindon archipelago 2008



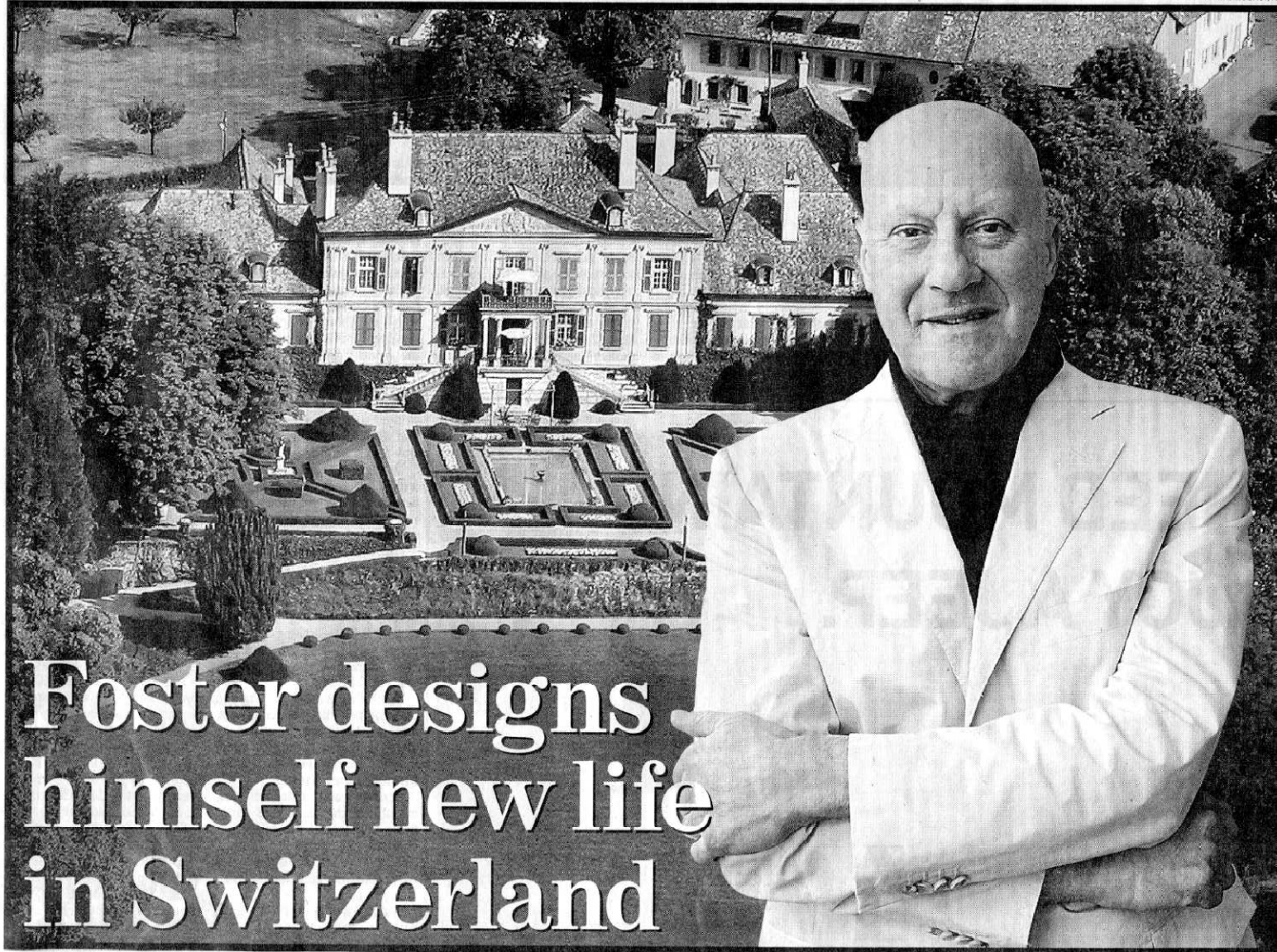
fig 3.2.2: the Swindon archipelago 2012





What on earth is this?





Foster designs himself new life in Switzerland

Foster has opted to live at Château de Vincy in Switzerland, with its pillared portico and extensive grounds, for 'lifestyle reasons'. The move has raised questions about his resulting tax status





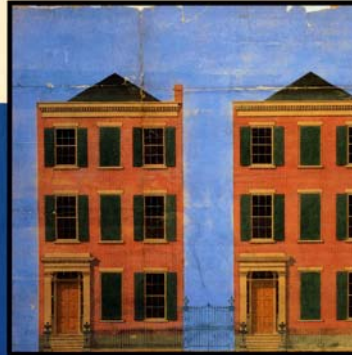
“of its time”.....

If it is built today it is self evidently of its time
regardless of what it looks like.

Zeitgeist ‘Spirit of the age’
not a private club
What is the Zeitgeist?

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New Orleans



The Power of Place

Urban Landscapes as Public History



Dolores Hayden



THE TRANSITION HANDBOOK

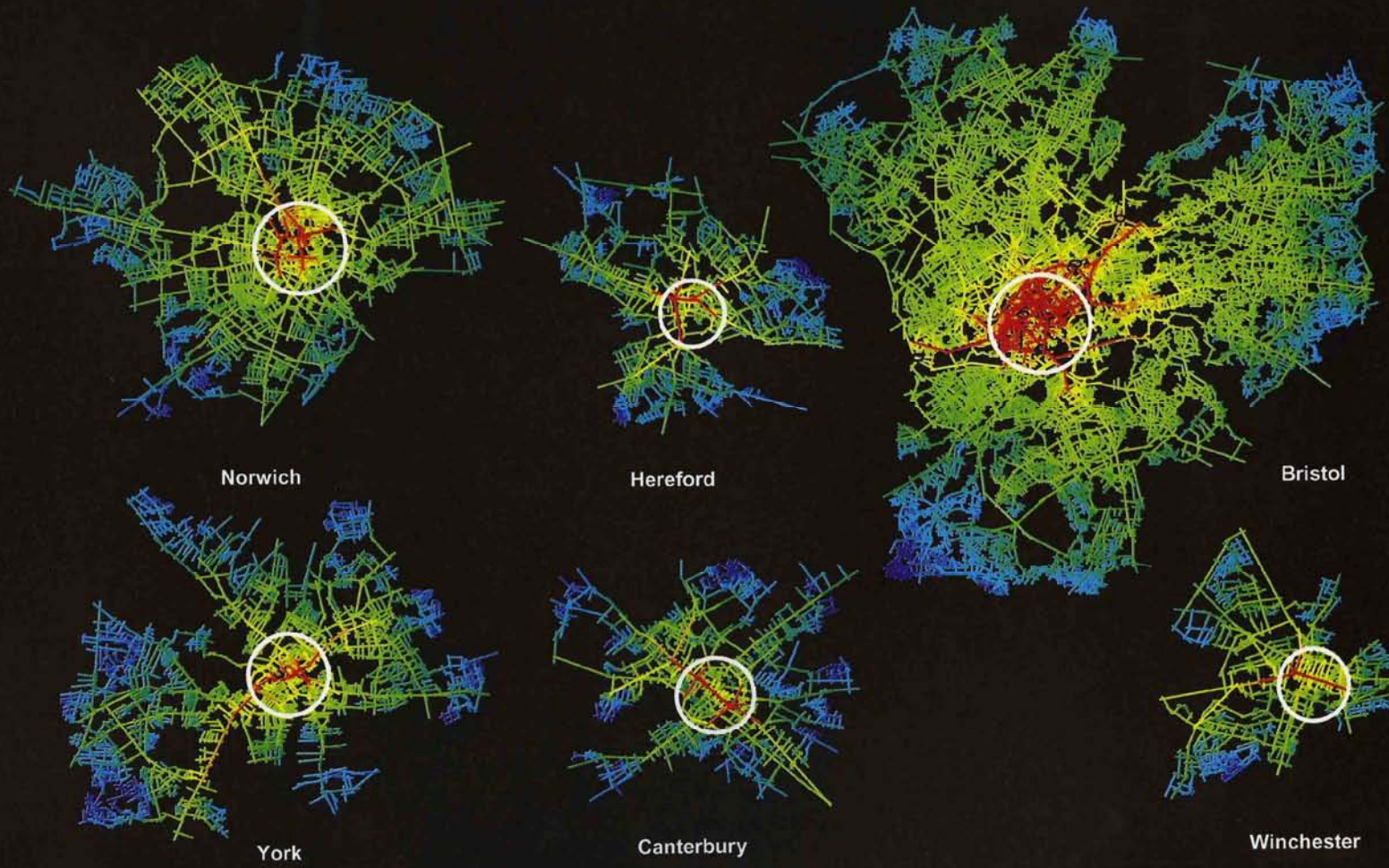
From oil dependency to local resilience



Rob Hopkins

Founder of the Transition movement

"If your town is not yet a Transition Town, here is the guidance for making it one.
We have little time, and much to accomplish." — Richard Heinberg, author of *Peak Everything*



The Social Logic of Space

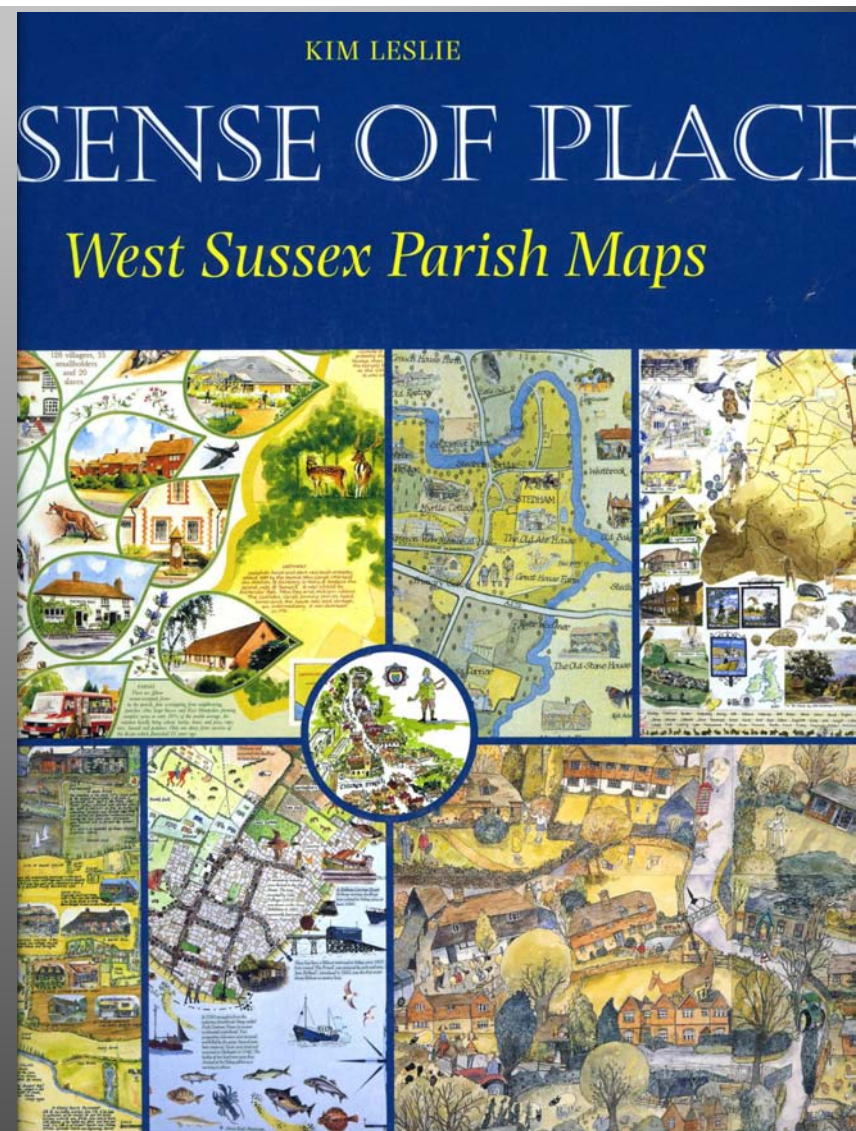
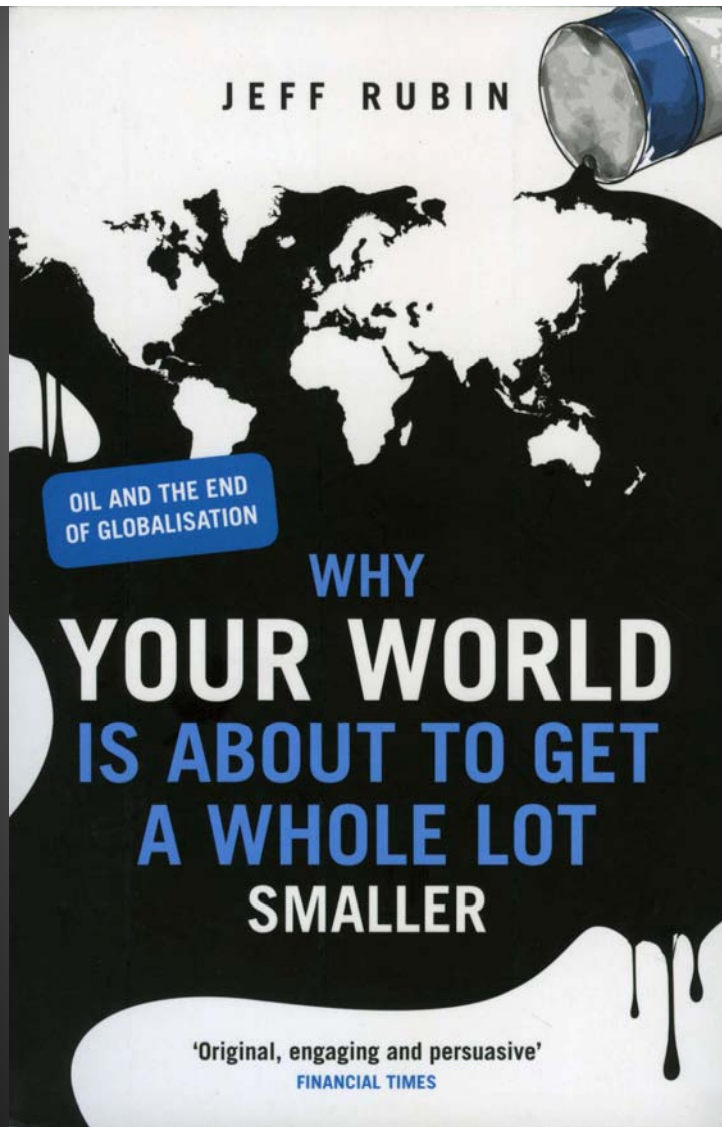


Table 2.2: Cittaslow's *Tavolo di Progetti*. Examples from Italy, Germany, and the UK

Cittaslow Criteria	Active Cittaslow Members
<i>Environmental Planning</i>	
Urban Design	Italy: Levanto, Chiavenna, San Miniato
ISO Certification	Italy: Levanto, Castelnovo Monti
Recycling, Composting	Italy: Città della Pieve, Castiglione del Lago, Cutigliano, Zibello, San Daniele
Protection of Drinking Water	Italy: Castelnovo Monti
GMO Free Landscape	Germany: Überlingen
Ecological Land Use Planning	Germany: Überlingen
Protection of Cultural Landscape	Germany: Hersbruck
Alternative Energy	Italy: Cutigliano; Germany: Wirsberg, Schwarzenbruck
Climate Change Strategy	UK: Diss
Plastic Bag Free Town	UK: Cockermouth
Organic Food	UK: Perth
<i>Infrastructure Planning</i>	
Planning for Public Transportation	Italy: Città della Pieve
<i>Cittaslow Awareness</i>	
Participatory Local Politics	Italy: Castelnovo Monti, San Miniato, Caiazzo
Cittaslow Working Groups	Germany: Lüdinghausen; UK: Ludlow
Local Food in School Cafeterias	Italy: Bra, San Miniato
Promotion of Family Life and Recreation, and Activities for Seniors	Italy: Francavilla al Mare; Germany: Waldkirch
<i>Urban Quality</i>	
Downtown Revitalisation	Italy: Levanto, Chiavenna, San Miniato; Germany: Lüdinghausen
Historic Preservation	UK: Diss, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Linlithgow
Trash Management	Italy: Casalbeltrame, San Daniele, Trani
Green Buildings	Italy: Città della Pieve, San Daniele del Friuli, Positano, Castiglione del Lago
Social Equity	Germany: Waldkirch
Healthy Region Initiative	Germany: Hersbruck
Buy Local Campaign	UK: Cockermouth, Perth
<i>Conviviality</i>	
Parking Management	Italy: Orvieto, San Miniato
Tourism Strategy	Italy: Levanto, San Daniele; UK: Berwick-upon-Tweed, Linlithgow
Food Festivals	UK: Ludlow, Mold
Cittaslow Publications	Italy: Caiazzo
<i>Special Projects</i>	
Hydrogen Initiative	Italy: Orvieto, Penne
Support for Small and Medium Enterprises in the Fishing Industry	Italy: Francavilla al Mare
Didactic Public Gardens	Italy: Cittaslow Towns in Umbria; Germany: Marihn

Tradition. What does it really mean?

Collective intelligence embodied in centuries of refined knowledge.

Tradition may be described as an extension of the franchise.

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors.

Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking about. All democrats object to men being disqualified by the accident of birth; tradition objects to their being disqualified by the accident of death. Democracy tells us not to neglect a good man's opinion even if he is our groom; tradition asks us not to neglect a good man's opinion even if he is our father

G.K.Chesterton





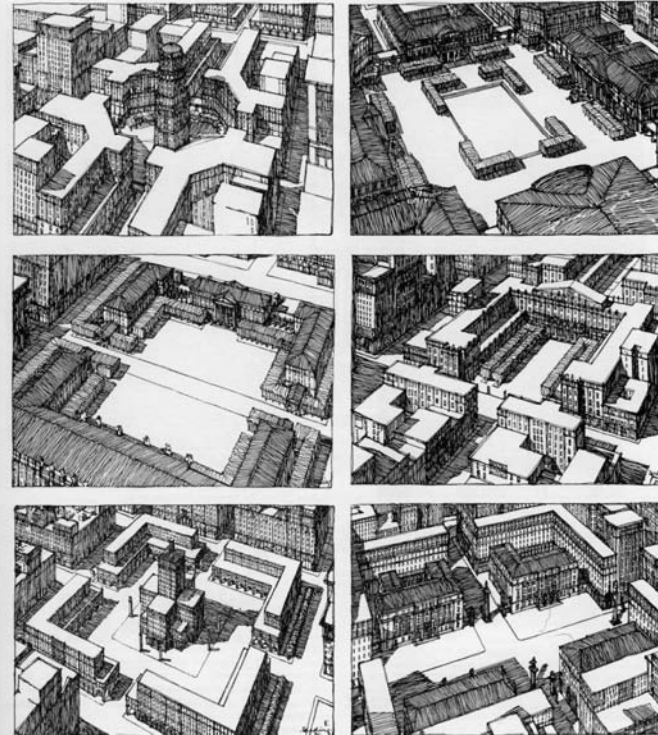
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TYPICAL CLOSE FOR FRONT LOADED GARAGE TOWNHOUSES TYPICAL TOWNHOUSE CONDITION TYPICAL TOWNHOUSE CONDITION

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5.40 These studies by DPZ (drawn by Charles Barrett) for the articulation of row houses show how identical units can be varied according to urban conditions. Here, inside and outside corners and arches for pedestrian passage support the urban locations. This is instead of the arbitrarily joggling back and forth, as is often the case in suburban site planning. The fenestration is identical, but the variation in the placement of the windows and building entrances of the end units is sufficient to create a meaningful visual difference. AMD



FIGS. 626-31—SIX CIVIC CENTER GROUPS

Bird's-eye views developed from the plans, Figs. 618-21. (From drawings by Franz Herding.)

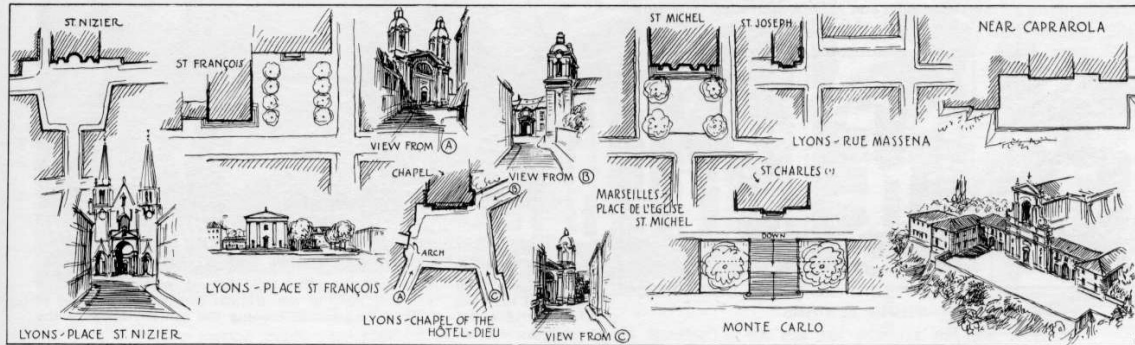


FIG. 302—CHURCHES AND PLAZAS FROM A TRAVEL SKETCHBOOK



Morelia Mexico

We are what we repeatedly do
Excellence is not an act, but a habit.
-Aristotle

Melrose Arch Johannesburg SA



EUROPEAN NEW URBANISM

Architecture/Environmental technologies
Morphological/classical vernacular

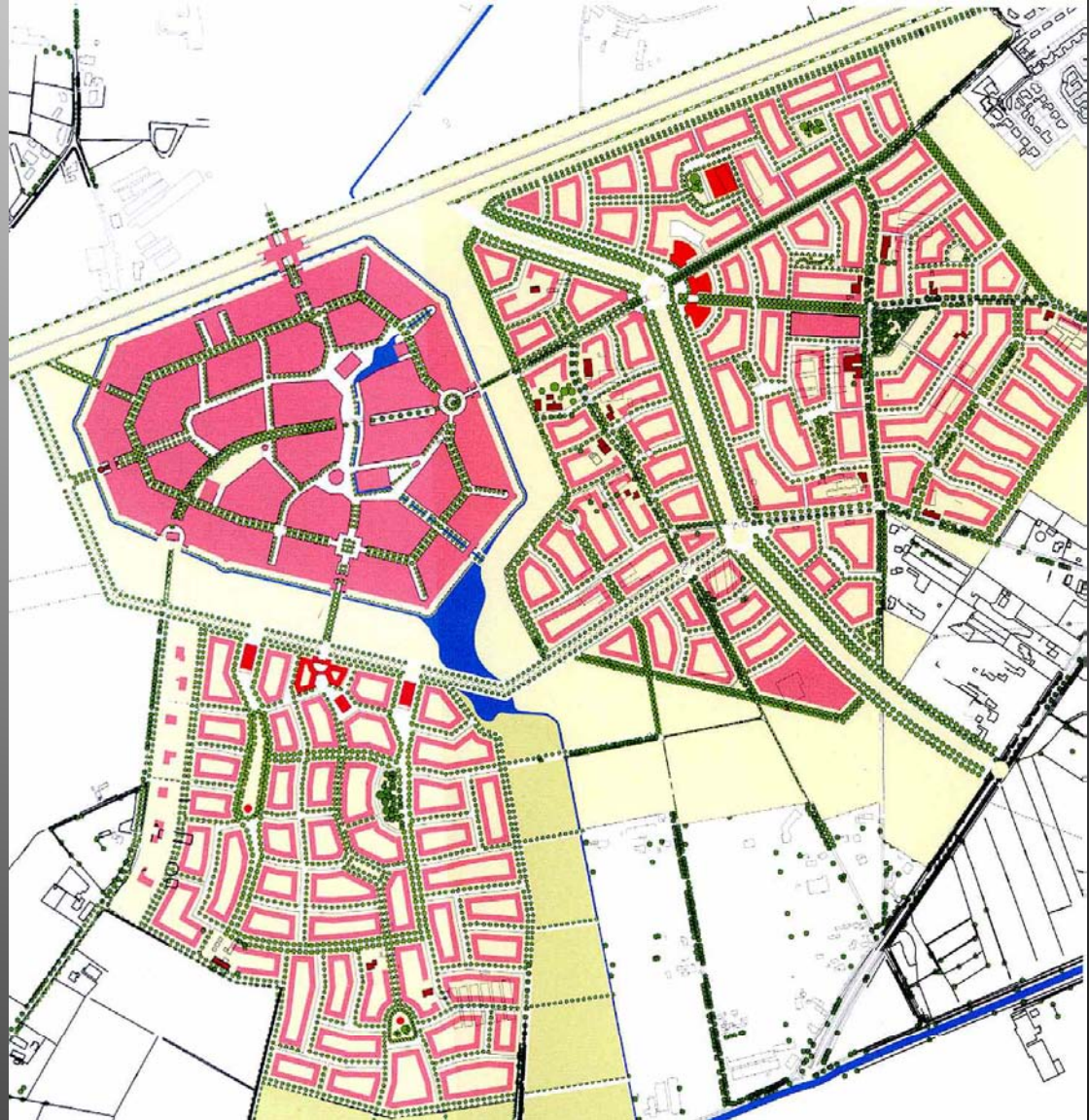
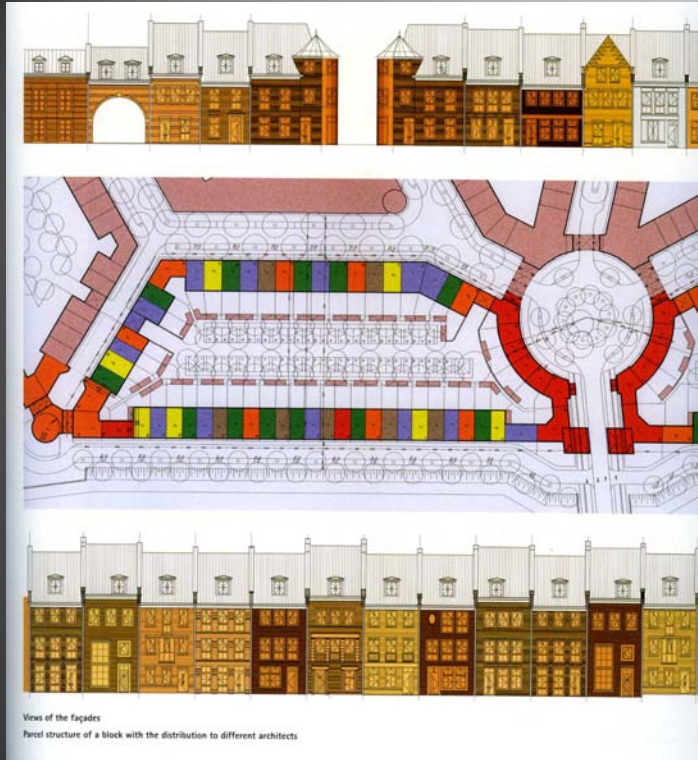


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Local-Global
Most successful local places are punctuations on global networks





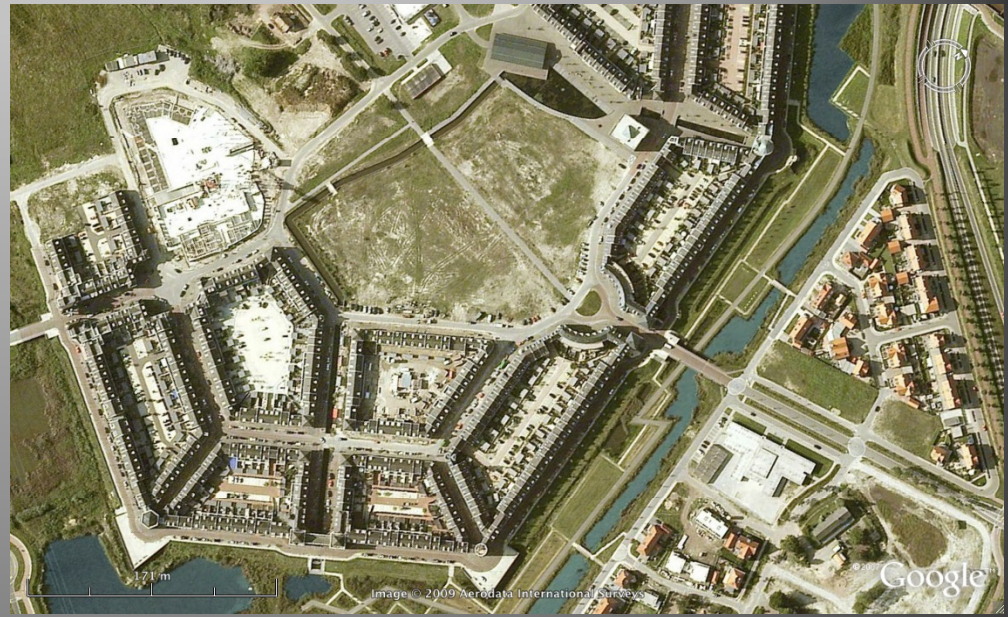
Public /Private –no compromise!





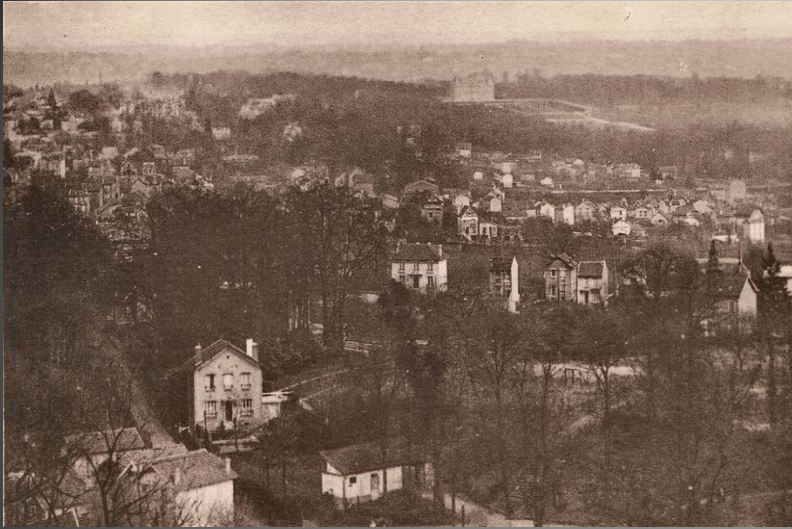
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Poundbury.





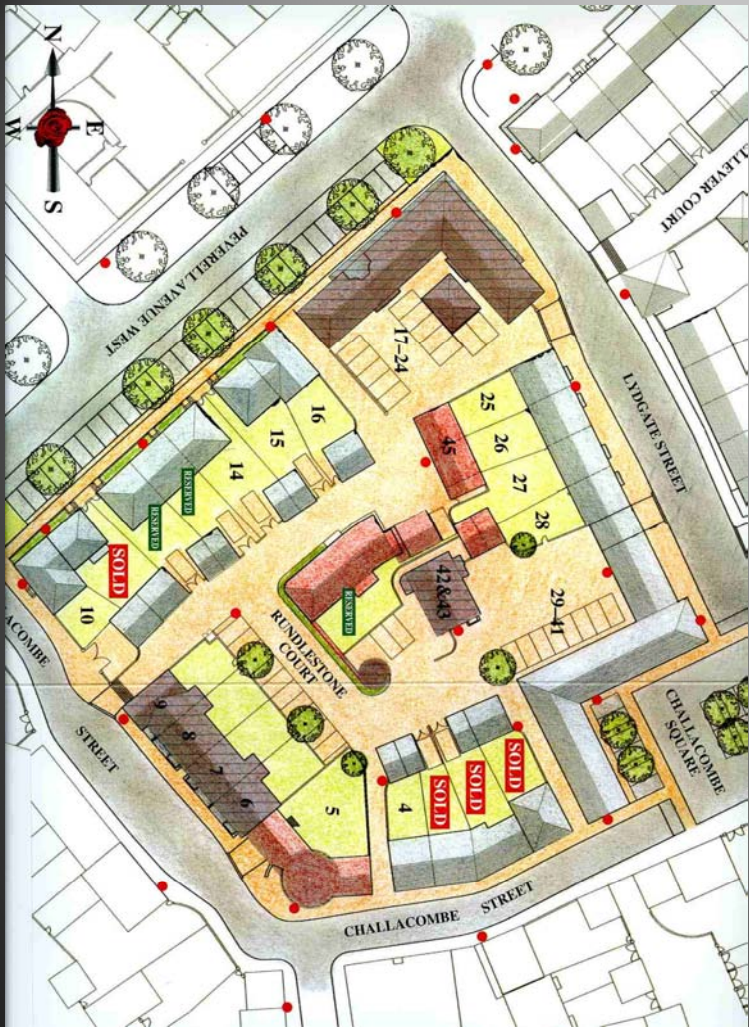


“Factories First”



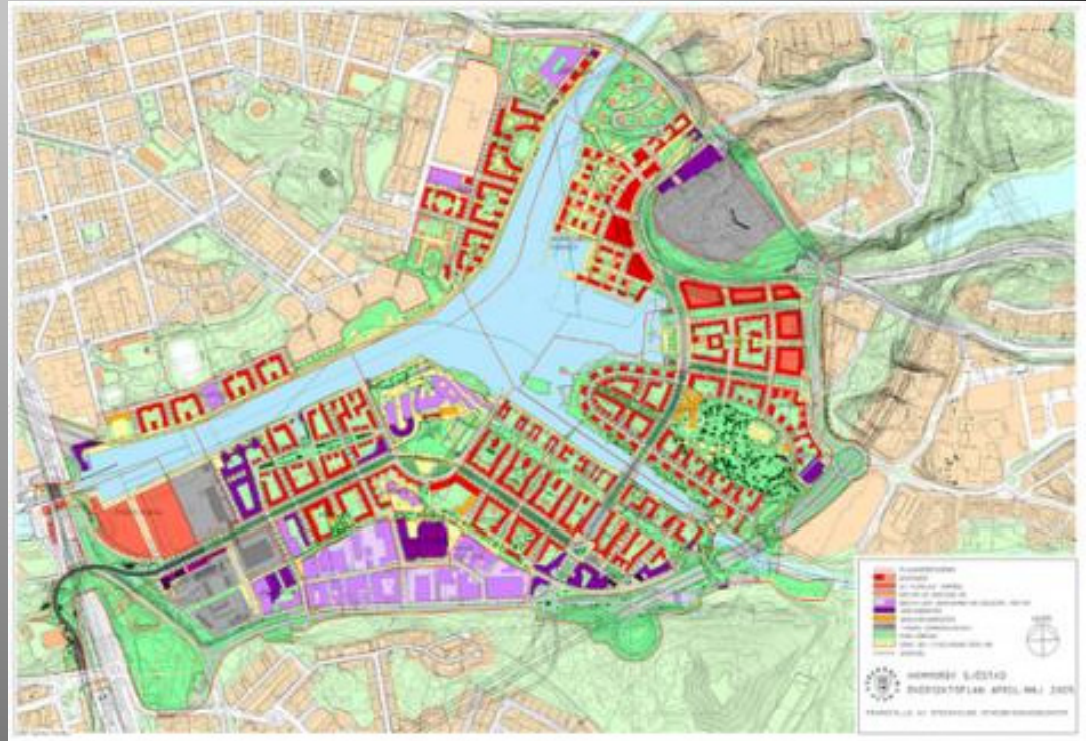
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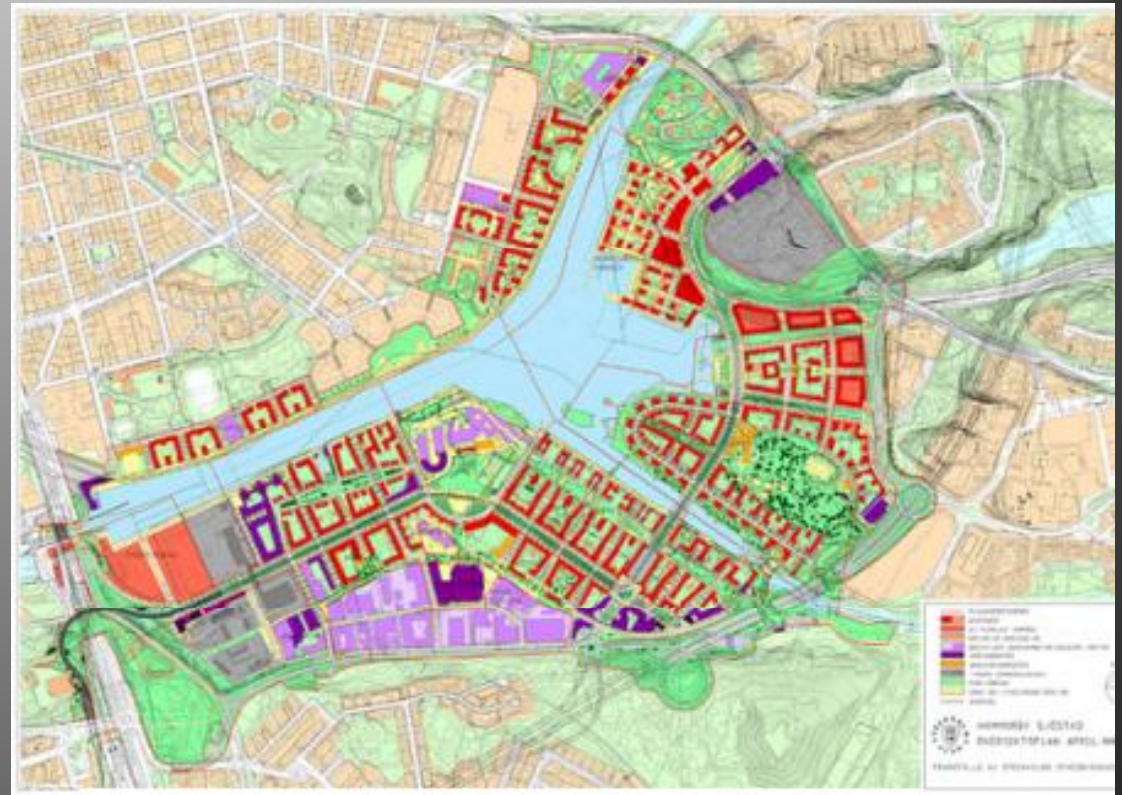




Hammerby Sjöstad

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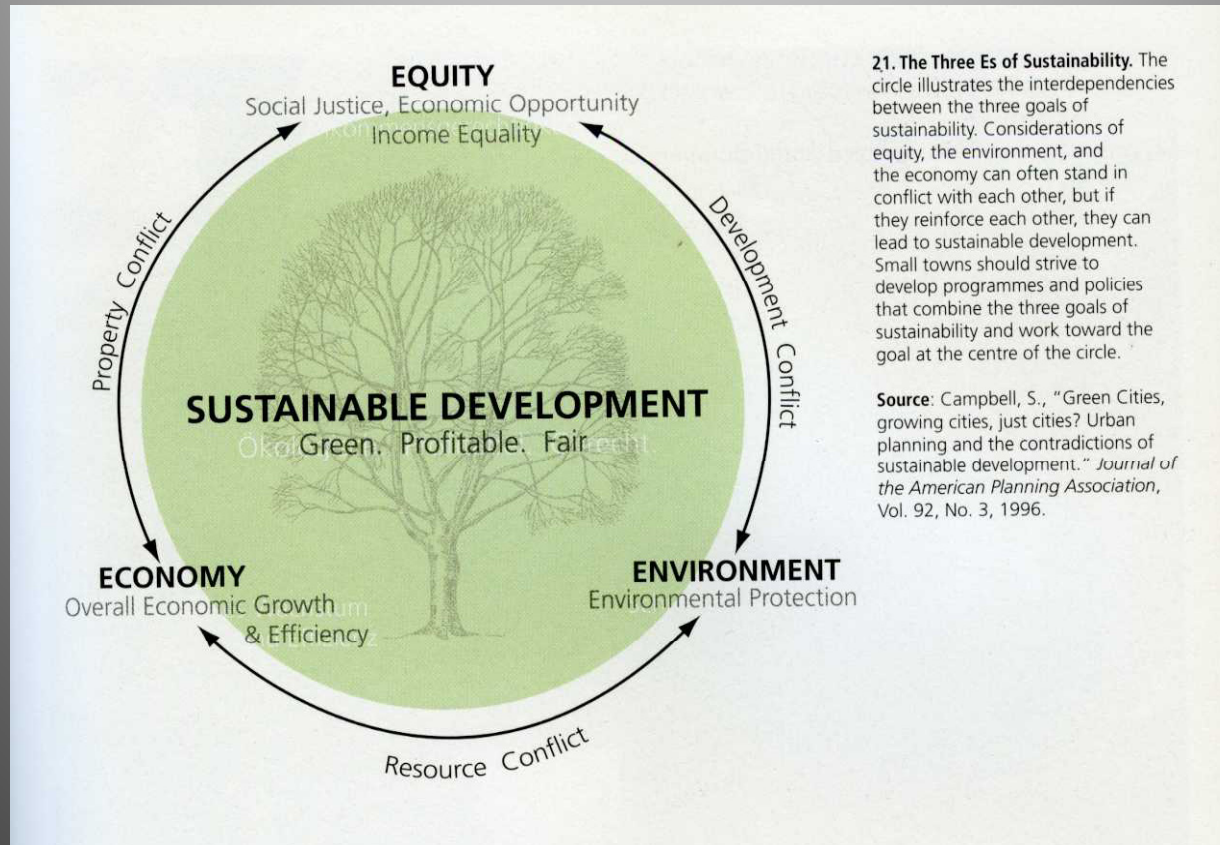


Street, Block AND PLOT-The grain of adaptation









It's the urbanism stupid