

MANUAL FOR STREETS

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What is Urban Design?

Considered as a process of shaping the physical setting for life in cities, towns and villages. Involves the design of buildings in addition to groups of buildings.

The Document – Manual for Streets

Looks at environmental and urban design issues that need to be resolved.

Planners’ view is it helps provide street character and creates place identity through correct use of document.

- Other Useful Documents** –
- 1) Responsive Environments: Manual for Designers
 - 2) Urban Design Compendium

Highlighted – The need for more communication between development professions. Importance of working together, ensures initial efforts are correct which only boosts public confidence! There is a need for inclusive & sustainable environments. Bad examples are retail developments on the side of motorways per se – results in poor connectivity.

Urban Design Involves - Movement and Mixed Use Development

Design methods to prevent Urban Sprawl

DB32- Considered a Standard Document – encourages designing by numbers rather than innovative, creative thought processes for a more appropriate solution.

Key Components looking to achieve

- Maximise connectivity – main crossing points
 - Need to know site content beforehand
 - Simple connectivity maps - begins to outline development blocks
 - Sub-division of blocks
 - Active frontages
 - Precedence: Poundbury, Dorchester
- Enhanced ***legibility*** – Pedestrian friendly.

legibility includes - Hierarchical of streets & space
 Need for local distinctiveness
 Zones achieved through development
 (Princess Trust doing work with developing street codes)

