

## **Urban Design Compendium: Aspects of Built Form**

**Places for People:** For places to be well used and well-loved they must be safe, comfortable, varied and attractive. They also need to be distinctive and offer a variety of choices and fun. Vibrant places offer opportunities for meeting people, playing in the street and watching the world go by.

**Enrich the existing:** New development should enrich the quality of existing urban spaces. Encourage a distinctive response that arises from and compliments its setting. This applies at every scale. Region-city-town-neighborhood-street.

**Make Connections:** Places need to be easy to get to and be integrated physically and visually with their surroundings. This requires attention to how to get around by foot, bicycle, public transport and private car (in that order).

**Work with the Landscape:** Places that strike a balance between the natural and man-made environment and utilize each sites intrinsic resources- climate, landform, landscape, and ecology to maximize energy conservation and amenity

**Mix Uses and Forms:** Stimulating enjoyable and convenient places meet a variety of demands from the widest possible range of users amenities and social groups. They also weave together different building forms, uses, tenures and densities.

**Manage the Investment:** For projects to be developable and well cared for they must be economically viable, well managed and maintained.

**Design for Change:** New development needs to be flexible enough to respond to future changes in use lifestyle and demography. This means designing for energy and resource efficiency, creating flexibility in the use of property, public spaces and the service infrastructure and introducing new approaches to transportation, traffic management and parking.