

Review of: "Designing for Social Sustainability: How Urban Environments Influence Crime"

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This is a very interesting and complete manuscript. The specific issue is very complex and multifactorial, where specific factors can ambiguously interfere leading to a misinterpretation of the results. In the paper the Authors provide the reader with a large literature and with a discussion of both involved parameters and previous outcomes from various studies. The overall frame depicted by the study is very complete, clear, and it is easy to grasp the interrelationships between climate, urban texture and social conditions. It is not a surprise to see a large scatter in the data proposed, but this does not affect the relevance of the findings. In my opinion the manuscript furnishes some important indications to a large community of scholars. A my personal curiosity is about a possible study of crime and gentrification: how the regeneration can produce benefits to owners and how it can produce an increase in crime due to social exclusion. My latter comment is not a criticism to the present work, but a suggestion for a further approach. I hope to see it published in the present version.