

# Review of: "Fear Factors in Open Spaces – Children's Perception of Public Open Spaces"

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1. The title as it stands reflect the essence of the manuscript
2. The abstract is well developed and provides the overview of the manuscript. However, it is suggested to provide a sentence of conclusion of how this study may contribute to the body of knowledge of open space study especially on children.
3. In the introduction, the term urban open space and child's outdoor play environment are interchangeably used. It is good here to elaborate and define urban open space. Is this study referring to open space that are publicly accessible by children or/and open space that includes both publicly and privately access by them. Such definition would be useful in understanding the contextual of this study.
4. In the method section, it is highlighted that an informal discussion were carried out with children which during this discussion, the children explained their sketches. Please elaborate and explain further in this section on how does these responses been analysed. What kind of method were used to analyzed these responses and findings.
5. Results section discusses the findings where only five (5) example of sketches were shown. Now, are these five examples are enough to represent 150 responses collected during the study? It is good to provide more examples of sketches for each category of natural surveillance principles of CPTED. I am sure there are many more examples that come from those children. Please incorporate those in the result section.
6. Discussion of the findings are rather vague and do not supported with any previous literature of study. It is good to be critical in discussing these findings by looking at how the study's findings in relation to previous studies that have been carried out by other researcher in the other part of the world. Any similarity or differences?
7. There are basically 5 principles of CPTED. Why does natural surveillance principles of CPTED only been discussed in the findings? How about connecting the children responses with the other four principles of CPTED such as natural access control, territoriality, activity support and maintenance