Review of: "Analysing the conglomeration of various urban pockets through the lens of environmental design for crime prevention: A case of Kolkata"

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ANALYSING THE CONGLOMERATION OF VARIOUS URBAN POCKETS THROUGH THE LENS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN FOR CRIME PREVENTION: A CASE OF KOLKATA

Title:

Importance of the paper, methods and contribution to knowledge were all highlighted.

Summary of the manuscript

This manuscript targets to investigate the conglomeration of urban spaces in the Kolkata while contextualizing historic conurbations with modern issues related to crime; with the aim of finding viable strategies needed to prevent crime related activities. The manuscript focused on identifying and analysing the architecture and planning-wise perception of people towards CPTED elements in regard to crime, which have been investigated based crime scenario across three areas in Kolkata Metropolitan Region (KMR).

Reviewer's comments

Please, kindly find the comments below:

1. The abstract seems to be in informative state and need to be restarted; results/ findings as well novelty were silent throughout.
2. The literature is not strong in defining essential terms like urban spaces, urbanisation, and historical context of Kolkata Metropolitan Region (KMR).
3. The authors should clarify adopted framework to investigate Kolkata Metropolitan Region (KMR).
4. Although this study adopted Defensible Space Theory' by Oscar Newman, however, to justify novelty of the study, the authors need to answer the question: what progress against the most recent state-of-the-art similar studies was made in context of cultural heritage, conservation, preservation and restoration. Some research studies can be cited in that aspect; https://doi.org/10.3390/su15075627, https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X231180567,

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5. Key scientific issue was not clarified in detail and methodologies were not properly cited in the manuscript.

6. Some Figures resolution/quality (methodology section) needs to be improved.

7. Authors should clearly outline the challenges in the current research, future work, and recommendations, after the conclusion.

8. I suggest that the English language should be checked carefully by native speaker/proof-reader.

Recommendation

Thank you for your interest in my review consideration. If authors feel that they can suitably address all the reviewers' comments above carefully, then I believe that the manuscript worth publishing.