

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

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It is an interesting topic to explore the relationship between climate and crime. This study presents an empirical analysis of this topic in the Midland context following a literature review, which is well structured. However, two major issues remain to be addressed.

First, although this study has reviewed a wide range of literature on the relationship between climate and crime, it is not clear enough what limitations or knowledge gaps exist in the existing literature. Consequently, it is vague what this paper contributes to the literature.

Second, this study uses a simple correlation between urban environmental factors and crime rates in Midland to infer their causality, which may lead to large uncertainties due to possible endogeneity issues. More sophisticated modelling approaches are recommended for controlling for confounding factors to infer their causality.