Review of: "Understanding How the Design of Urban Areas Can Negate Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Activity: Taking the Example of Hyderabad Urban Areas as Case Studies"

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The topic of anti-social behavior and safe spaces is a hot topic in cities, a good choice in the manuscript.

- The paper needs English revision for some grammar and spelling mistakes.
- There should be more updated rich literature on crime prevention in the introduction part and mentioned the other reasons behind crime more than the space good/poor design.
- Some sentences need more scientific evidence, such as (This results in the physical separation and segregation of communities); it is too generic and broad. It needs better clarification.
- It will be good to mention the potential of case study selection earlier briefly.
- Sub-titles need revision as (NEED for CPTED study not only study) and sequential order to avoid confusion.
- Justify why mentioning CPTED approach and its beneficiary study to the topic.
- Why in the description section, there is no definition of the other two terms of the CPTED, activity support and natural access control?
- The sentence of "Following a comparison of various urban spaces and how they are designed using the CPTED concept" needs justification this sentence/ rewrite.
- All pictures need figures name and reference.
- Map should be presented in a better way with good resolution.
- There is a mixing in the analysis and results… The results should be highly outlined and mentioned, still the multidisciplinary approach of CPTED needs more strength in showing the impact on the results.
- There are repeated sentences three times in the conclusion part.
- The manuscript needs more references for scientific evidence and justification and updated literature.
- The paper needs a link between CPTED and opportunity reduction methods.
- The structure of the paper overall needs enhancement.
- The conclusion needs better structuring and strength.