

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

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Abstract:

- Children's age should be mentioned in the abstract.
- The methodology must be mentioned before explaining the results. Kindly refer to the comments in the methodology below and reflect it in the abstract.
- The results mentioned in the abstract do not clearly describe the findings appeared in the manuscript, please re-write the results here in more details.
- Generally, some typos were noticed, it is recommended to synthetically review of the article by a professional proofreader to enhance its English, as there are a lot of typos and grammatical errors across the paper.

Introduction:

- It was noticed that several outdated references were cited in the introduction. Unless it is describing a theory, it is unacceptable to cite any reference before the year 2012.
- The theory of CPTED was not clearly described, please add a paragraph to the introduction describing in brief this theory and link it to your study.

Methodology:

- The author mentioned a survey, which should be analyzed using a **quantitative method**. However, the cognitive mapping analysis was a qualitative analysis. Therefore, the authors may either replace the word "survey" by "cognitive drawings" or describe the methodology as a mixed mode method.

Results and Analysis:

- The authors must maintain a consistency in wording. Therefore, the word "element" has to be replaced by "factors" as it is the original word mentioned in the title.
- I suggest re-categorizing the factors into three main groups as follows:
 1. Environmental factors (including traffic, surroundings, ..etc)
 2. Anti-social factors (....

3. Design related factors (lighting, space ...

- In explaining the results it is recommended to separate each factor category in a sub-headline.
- Authors need to clarify the contribution of the study by comparing the results in a new context with previous research being done. In other words, no discussion or interpretation of results with respect to **literature** was provided.

Conclusion:

- Please suggest some practical solutions based on the findings to highlight the significance of the study.
- Please add study limitations either within the conclusion or in a separate section.

References: Again, do not cite outdated references (before 2012).