

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

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Thank you for trusting this platform and exposing your work for commentary from the wider scholar community. You will greatly benefit from engaging with peers through this platform.

I read your work with much interest and would like to offer my compliments for utilizing the data in this angle. My commentary on Crime in urban environments is that you use the concept of islands, which are ecotones (spaces where two ecosystems unite and create their own). I believe your work can improve in strength conceptually when determining that the urban heat islands are ecotones that create the opportunity for crime, while being home to a higher diversity of people that respond to these opportunities. There is a vast amount of literature on the psychology of crime that talks about how presence of previous crime motivates new breaches of the law, causing new crimes. These obviously also magnified by the aspects observed in your paper.