

Review of: "CPTED for a Safe Basti: A Case of Nardan Camp"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

This is an interesting study using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) approach. Significant work is needed in the following areas:

1. Literature review: The manuscript needs to build stronger linkages to current evidence on urban design and crime prevention. Citing only 7 articles is inadequate.
2. Methods: Include more details about this mixed methods study (focused group discussions, interviews with stakeholders, and activity mapping in the area); they should be detailed enough that another team could replicate this study somewhere else.
3. Findings/Discussion: While I am fine with integrating findings with discussion, it is unclear from this text if the findings are generated from the focused group discussions/interviews and activities mapped or if they are theoretical proposals. Thus, to simplify presentation, I suggest separating these sections. Instead, have a section on findings that includes 3 sub-sections, one for each method. The Discussion could start with a paragraph summarizing the findings and the focus on the interventions proposed during data collection. Examining these proposals by citing appropriate literature would strengthen the argument for implementing the proposals but may also raise queries about the appropriateness of others. These sections should focus on the information collection from the community in an objective/scientific manner citing references as needed. Consider including a paragraph on next steps and/or research implications.
4. Limitations: Insert a paragraph on the limitations of this study.