

# The Compact City Revisited

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Advocates of the compact city highlight the benefits of its relatively high density and mixed land use: an urban form which encourages walking and cycling, provides social and cultural vitality, with facilities in easy reach of residents and supports local businesses, as there is a larger population to serve. But is the compact city a relevant concept in the predominantly urban twenty-first century? This is an underlying question which contributors to this issue address from a number of different perspectives.



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