

HONG KONG: A REVIEW OF DENSITY, URBAN FORM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

In Hong Kong, high-rise High-density urban form is the result of land scarcity and massive in-migration (Figure 1). However, the creation of its unique urban form has rarely been underpinned by sustainable development criteria, nor, arguably, urban design criteria. Increasingly, the quality of life that it offers is becoming an important issue. Density is thus a critical issue for Hong Kong with urban forms at both extremes of the density spectrum. This paper presents a case study evidence in order to highlight density related issues and policies. The paper adopted a methodology, which focuses on theoretical underpinning of the available data mainly empirical in nature.

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In terms of high-density high-rise built forms, Hong Kong demonstrates a most sustainable urban development scheme. Although the living units are small in average, outdoor landuses have potentials to support majority of the inhabitants with the commercial and shopping developments that are in close proximity to their residential units. The high-density urban development in Hong Kong brings a mix of landuses to make the whole city coherent and lively with less social



Hong Kong skyline-a product of high-density compact city.