

Planning conservation for Old Dhaka.

- A guideline for preventive interventions.

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Abstract

Dhaka has been transforming due to adaptation of settlements into its fabric for more than 400 years. The existing fabric can be seen as overlapping layers of successive interventions. Rapid urbanization, shifting economic activities, changes in land use-pattern, growing density of new settlements, modern transportation are bringing rapid transformation in the historic fabric. To promote the historic urban structures, characterized by the strong sense of continuity, conservation at urban level has now become an urgent issue. The objective of the paper is to revitalize the old city through legible and sustainable integration of the historic layers in the existing tissue. The paper attempts to outline a comprehensive guideline for conservation to manage rapid transformation and maintain the historic fabric.