

Towards Sustainable Urban Environments Programme

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The **Cityform** consortium will examine and test the claims made that more compact, high-density and mixed-use urban forms will be environmentally sound, efficient for transport, socially beneficial and economically viable. It will measure the physical design of urban form with respect to: physical configuration and layout, including links to the wider urban system; its land uses and functions; the typology and density of built form and presence of open space. **Cityform** will relate these measures to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of different types of urban form.

The research challenge

Cityform addresses the key question:

To what extent and in what ways does urban form contribute to sustainability?

Objectives

To determine the relationships between urban Form in a range of urban contexts; and:

- environmental sustainability
- transport
- social sustainability and
- economic sustainability

To advance theory on sustainable urban form through the analysis and integration of findings from the evidence based research

To provide guidance on sustainable urban forms, which are acceptable to users; and appropriate in the future

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