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Urban Planning in Shenzhen, With Reference to Manchester

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Abstract

The concern for place is something genuine to any city in the world, although the purpose, degree and format of concern vary. This paper aims to explore how urban residents express their concerns for place through and around the planning systems in two cities: Manchester and Shenzhen. The objective is to join the debate about collaborative planning by investigating how planning systems of two different cities, from two contrasting political economies, have developed to meet the concern for place. Using Patsy Healey's models of conflict management and place making, this paper examines the planning systems and practice of these two cities and evaluate the responses of the respective local and national governments.