

The role of design in supporting a better quality of life

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*“You cannot be a New Urbanist
unless you are also angry”*

- Andrés Duany





Urban space

Space is invisible to most people when looking at plans.

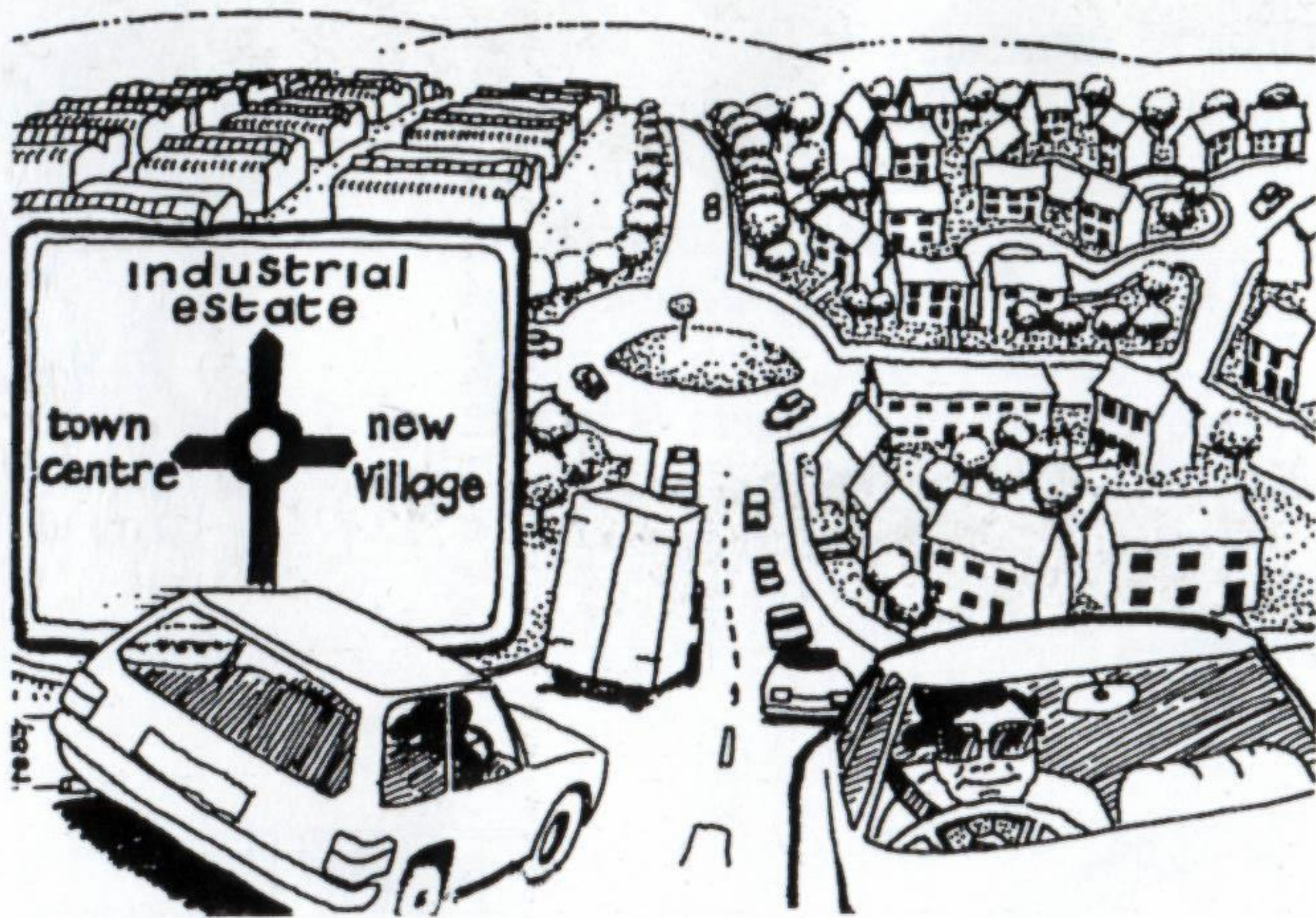




People stopped thinking about space and started thinking about buildings and roads.



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☞ They've put up gleaming stone and glass file cabinet housing which breeds delinquency and crime.

☞ They've built spacious green park areas that are avoided by everyone but bums and hoodlums.

☞ They've condemned and destroyed entire city blocks that are not slums, but attractive places to live.

☞ They've zoned our cities into intolerable patterns of dullness.

Jane Jacobs says this and much more in her explosive new book, *THE DEATH AND LIFE OF GREAT AMERICAN CITIES*. Mrs. Jacobs shows that the city

planners have failed because they have overlooked the realities of urban life, and stripped our cities of the vitality and diversity which make them exciting places to live. She offers concrete, practical alternatives that can save our cities from the blunders of orthodox planners.

Harrison Salisbury of the *New York Times* hails this book as "the most refreshing, stimulating and exciting study of this greatest of our problems of living which I've seen. It fairly crackles with bright honesty and good sense."

William H. Whyte, author of *The Organization Man*, calls it "magnificent. One of the most remarkable books ever written about the city."

The Death and Life of Great American Cities

By **JANE JACOBS**

\$5.95, now at your bookstore

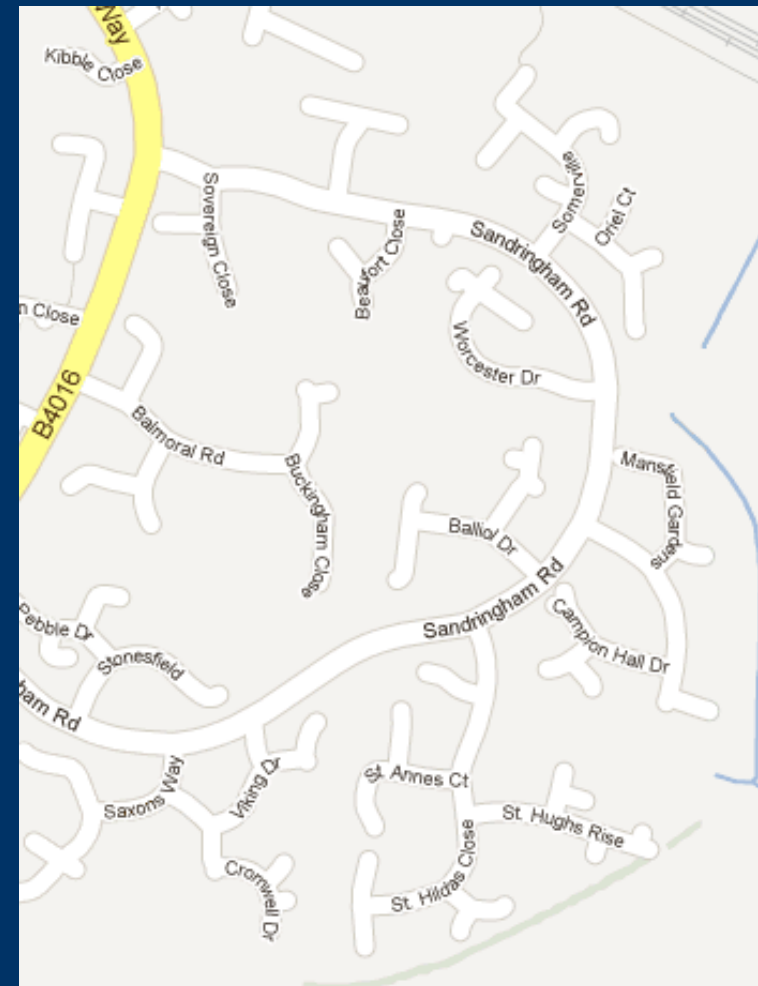
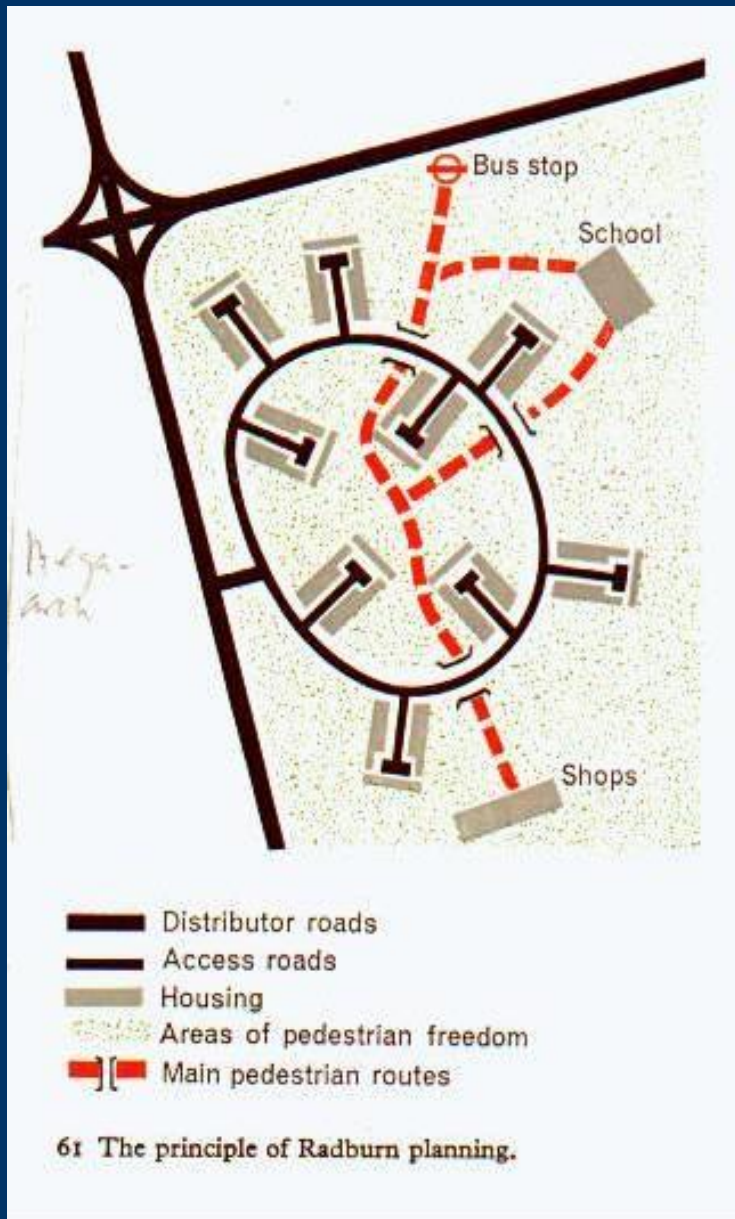
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Modern urban design emerged in response to this.

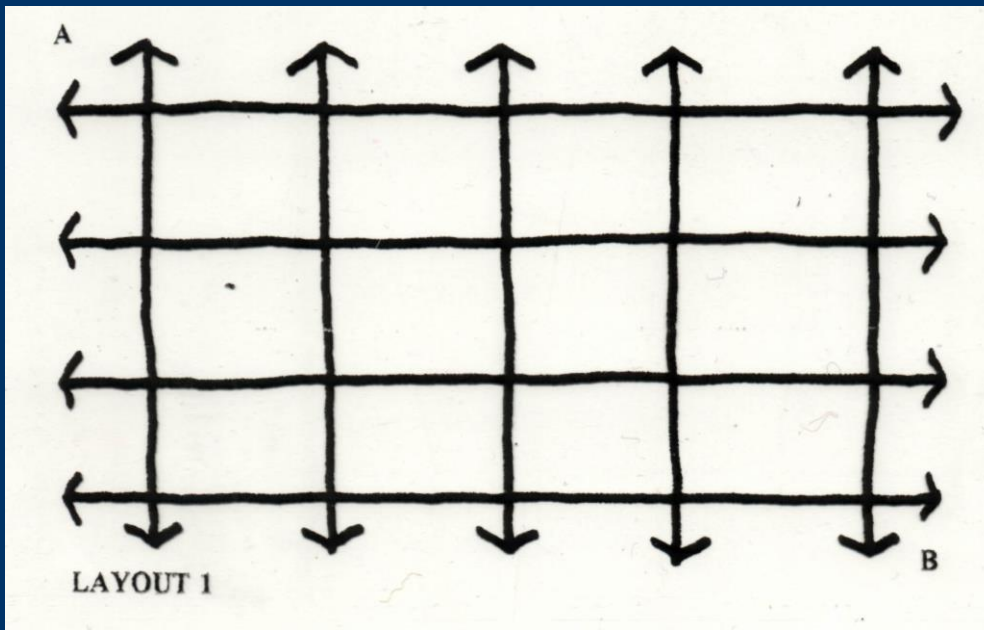


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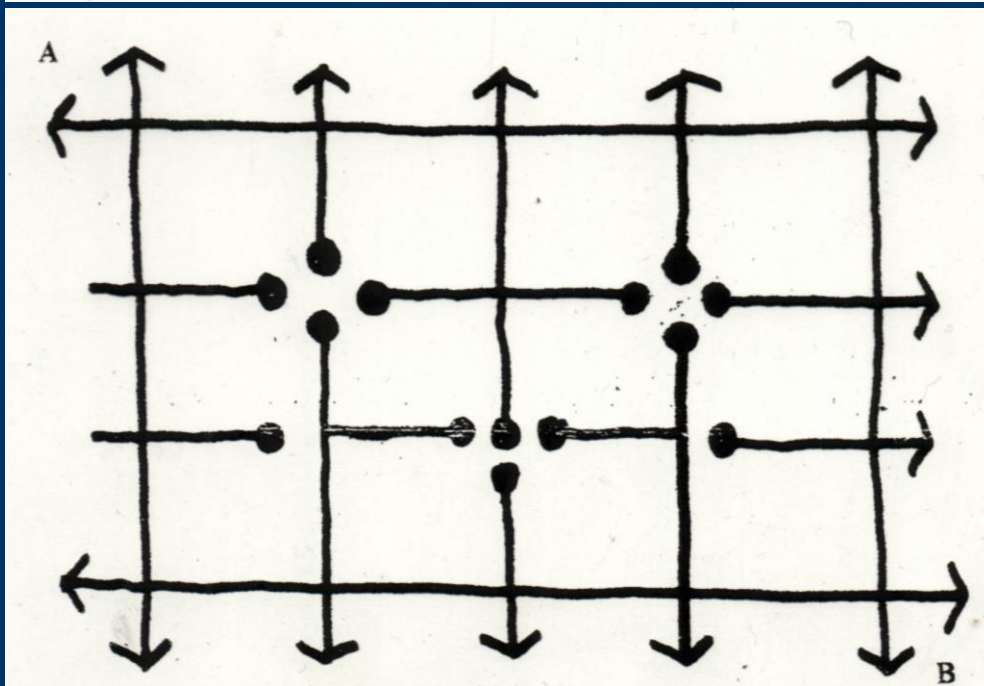


Typical 'new' development





Over 60
choices...



...Only 2
options



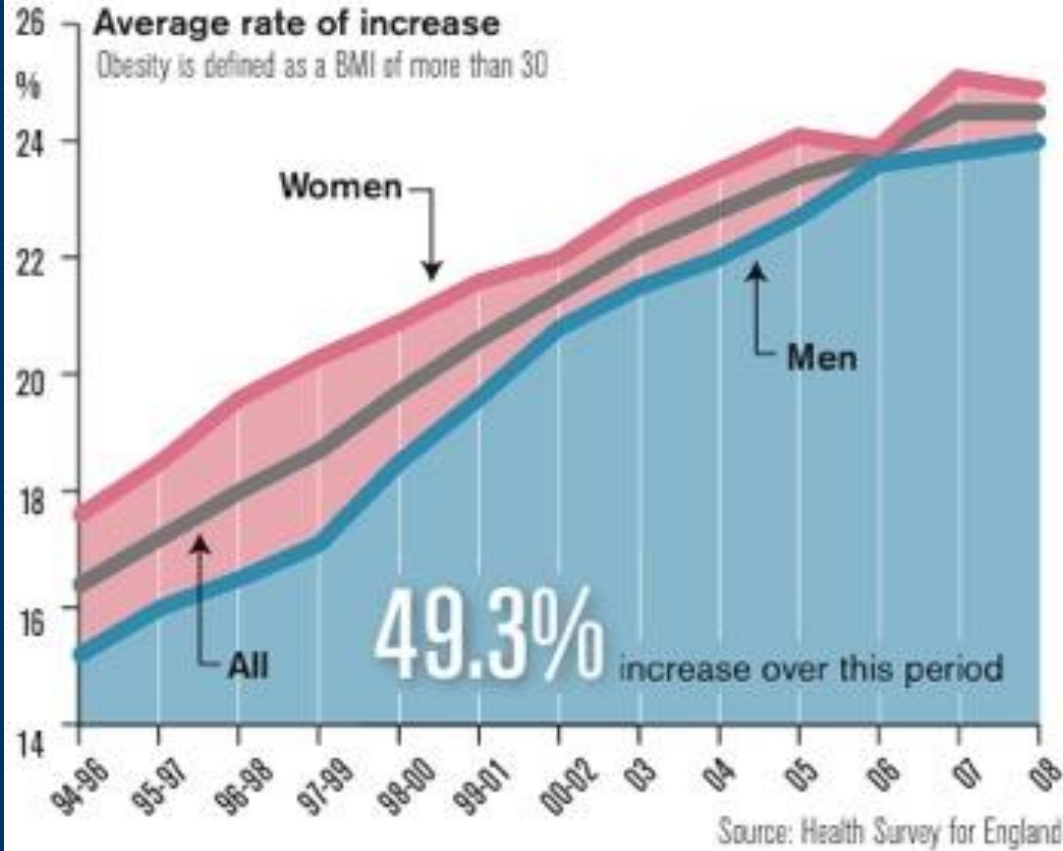
New development buffered and disconnected



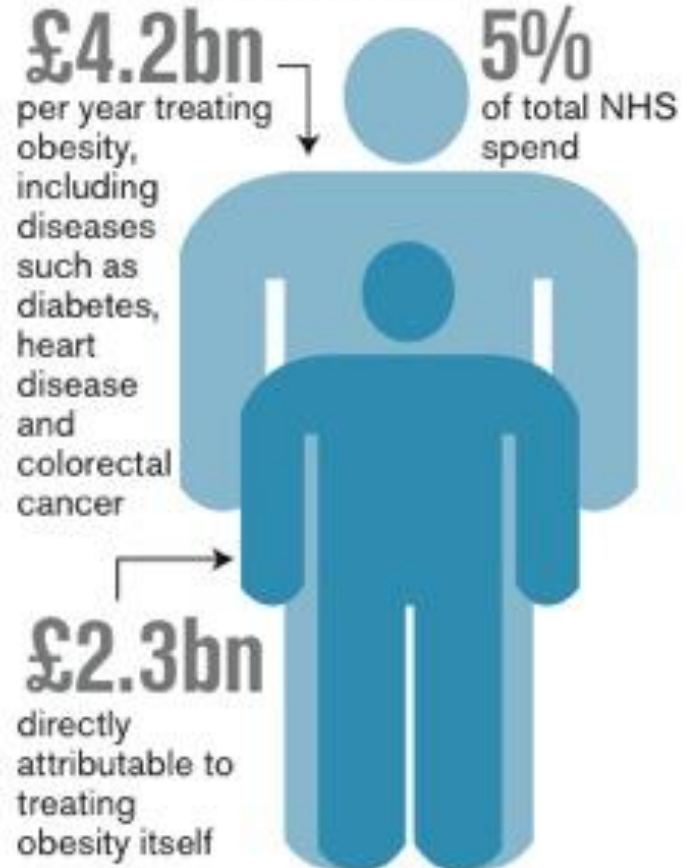
Older development uses a different philosophy



UK obesity rate



Healthcare costs



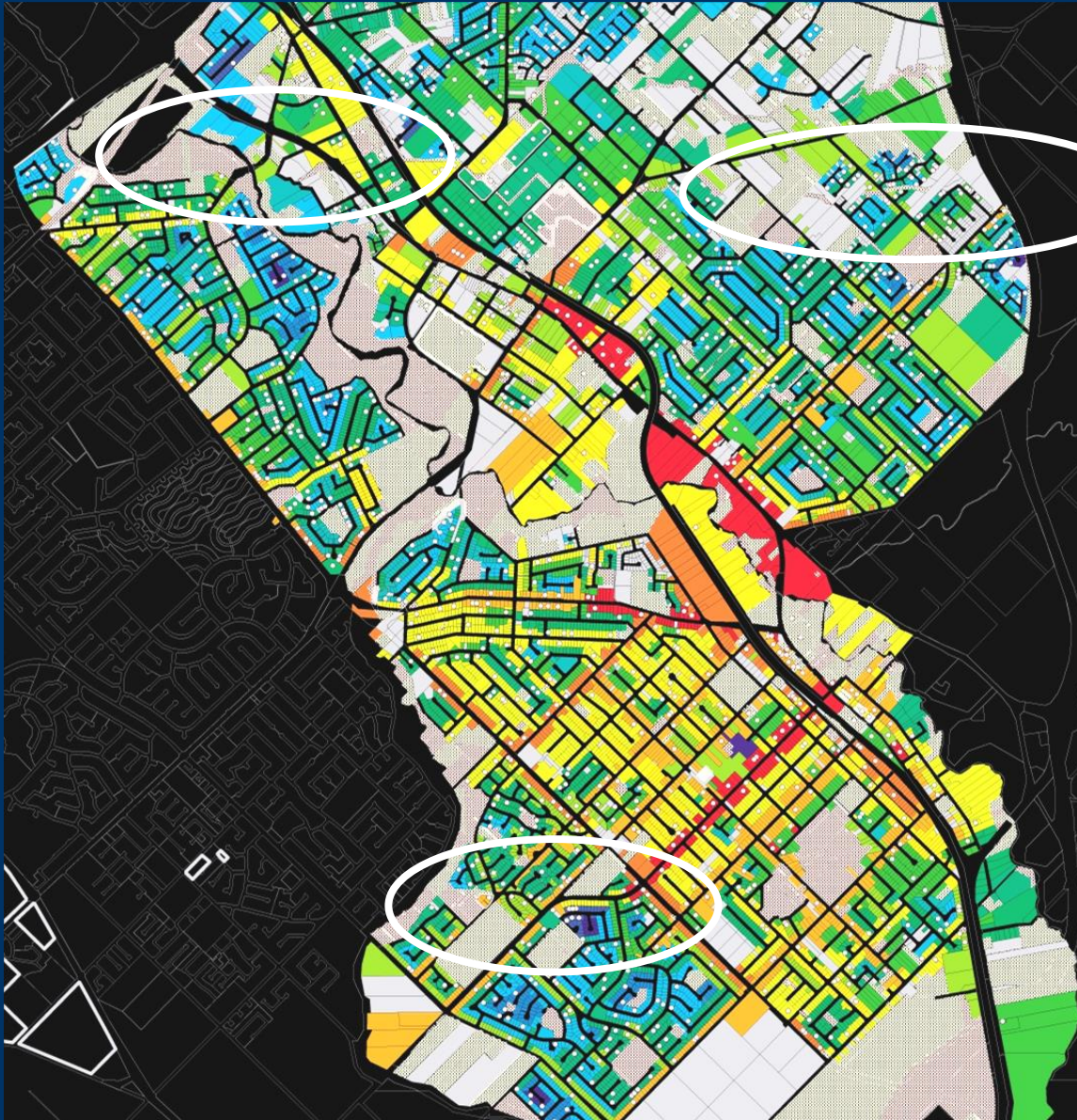
Forecasts for obesity in 2020











Perth, Australia
Property crime analysis

Source: Space Syntax













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OF PARKING HERE









Thank you