PUBLIC SPACE AND HEALTH
Significance of public space
Sustainable Development Goal 11

Target 7:
• “by 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities”
“Business as usual” vs. smart urban dev.

Urban Sprawl → Compactness

Segregation → Integration

Congestion → Connectivity

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Plan green public spaces

9m²
Is the minimum amount of green space per capita recommended by the WHO, which recommends all residents live within a 15-minute walk of a green space.

150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week for average adults
The traditional planning process

Buildings

Traffic

Life?

Source: Gehl Architects
People first

Life

Space

Buildings

Source: Gehl Architects
Focus on people at all scales

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A ratio of 50% of public space is common in successful cities: up to 30 - 35% of city area allocated to street space and an additional 15 - 20% for open public space and public facilities.