

Sheffield Specials 2008

Week 01: Shop til you drop

New urban developments are now largely based around the creation of huge retail quarters. Led by corporate brands, these areas are marketed as retail and leisure experiences. In the north, billions of pounds will be invested in the development of Paradise Street in Liverpool, Eastgate in Leeds, The Moor and Sevenstone in Sheffield.

Shopping is now a way of life and the number one national pastime but what does this say about our attitude to civic life and place making? These new developments offer the opportunity to bring new life and quality architecture to our post-industrial cities but is this kind of urbanism really a sustainable model on which to base future cities?

The Showroom Cinema
Auditorium 3
Paternoster Row
Sheffield S1 2BX

Thurs Nov 20th
6.00pm – 8.00pm
FREE ENTRY

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Posted October 5th | 5.32pm

IT'S NICE TO HAVE A FEW NEW SHOPS, AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A MUJI IN SHEFFIELD (YOU JUST CAN'T BUY MINIMALIST NOTEBOOKS IN SMITHS) BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES.

Posted October 5th | 5.32pm

Selfridges stylish new abode has become a flagship for the New Birmingham, and a great asset to the city.

Posted October 6th | 6.33pm

...a large urban green space created bang in the city centre. Now that would really show people what's good & different about Sheffield...

Posted October 13th | 9.40am

...all those cranes do start to look a bit like vultures after a while don't they? Crowding down, looking for dead meat...

Posted October 07th | 6.07pm

Sheffield has many good shops, offering something unique and brilliant, already. It is unfortunate that almost none of these are located in the city centre, in designated "retail zones", or in new build units for the purpose.

Posted October 05th | 5.32pm

There's no such thing as the 'saviour' of our cities, because there isn't one magic, off-the-peg cure all that will turn every town into an English version of Barcelona.

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An established part of the city's intellectual calendar, the Sheffield Specials attract an audience of 150 plus architects, planners, developers, community groups, academics, city residents, politicians and students each week.

The Sheffield Specials exist to highlight, inform, debate and understand the issues involved in place making and to promote and encourage high standards of design in the built environment.

The events are run by a high profile chair with four informed speakers who each present for 15 minutes, followed by questions and debate with the audience.

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Week 02: Generation Futures

Poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion are common experiences for far too many children growing up in the UK today.

Our cities should provide good quality facilities for all members of society. We need to encourage future generations by delivering homes, schools and streets that are nurturing and inclusive. The buildings and spaces that surround us have a powerful effect on our everyday lives but can physical intervention really be effective in tackling the problems of a disaffected youth?

If our society is to function effectively we need to create places that engage all ages and create environments that are forward thinking, vibrant and optimistic. How can we inspire young people to become active citizens when our cities exclude them?

Thurs Nov 27th
6.00pm – 8.00pm
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Posted on October 9th | 4.29pm

Let's face it the most exciting thing that could happen is that the whole house of cards collapses (now..?) leaving loads of cheap inner-city space to use as a playground. In terms of creative energy, that'd probably do more than a hundred pretty buildings...

Posted on October 10th | 12.33pm

It's easy to demand more youth centres, like it will provide a magic bullet cure for disaffection, but our youth need more than this.

Posted on October 12th | 5.32pm

... a good number of schools have been renewed and have made some difference but the housing stock remains poor.

Posted on October 12th | 11.54pm

I know public approval is anathema to design companies, architects etc. But it's the only way to engage people, encourage inclusiveness and provide a responsible and democratic future for our cities.

Posted on October 12th | 11.55pm

Now I've written that I realise how utterly ridiculous it sounds, like, say the total collapse of global capitalism?

Posted on October 11th | 5.15pm

Do councils, architects, retail brands, young professional residents etc even want their cities to include the young?

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