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From Editor's Desk.....

Dear Reader,

How about having a changed new look of IPP Newsletter on your screens? does it look better?, answers being left to you and feed back is most awaited. We do have some major structural changes, in addition to changed appearance and expended editorial board, from now onwards planning students shall also be sharing to this publication. Here, we would like to express sincere gratitude to IPPs Executive Council for encouraging planning students to be a part of this worth reading publication.

The new responsibilities will continue to endeavor for the betterment of news content and promotion of profession through this emerging e-media. The editorial team will continue to be part of wide medium of information dissemination across the community.

This publication, in addition to getting a new look, does get a new diverse insight and focus on things around. It combines the news and approaches related to planning at national level and will also provide the issues of international urban planning. It will outreach the advancement in planning field both at operative and grassroots levels.

Along with its operational mechanism, planning in term of talking and reading is also incorporated in form of interview from a senior Planners and a Review of book related to planning field. Every issue will come with the interview of an experienced Town planner and review of an important Town Planning book to provide a new insight to all planners.

Essentially, quality of this publication will be reliant on your contribution, so fellows; we look forward to you for your valuable suggestions and comments for further improvements.

Have a great read.....EDITOR

Message from IPP President.....

The urban areas of Pakistan are experiencing a host of complex problems due to rapid urbanization and inadequate urban management response. There is an urgent need to tackle these issues on priority basis at national provincial and local levels. The urban planners have to play a significant role in developing a sustainable urban management response. Luckily the government has realized the significance of planning profession and planners. Hence, for the first time in Pakistan history there are more jobs than the graduates being produced. This presents a challenge to the planners to equip themselves with the state of the art techniques to develop sustainable planning system in

the service of people at large. It gives us an opportunity to establish our role on permanent basis but this will require us to be realistic in our approaches and maintain high ethical standards.

Institute of Planners Pakistan provides a platform to debate issues and develop practical strategies. It brings together experienced and new entrants to learn from each other in the interest of the profession. IPP will become strong and more useful if all planners actively participate in its activities based on their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. It is with this idea in mind that IPP chapters are being established all over the country.

The latest is the student chapter Lahore that will bring fresh ideas and energy to the institute. I have full faith in the students to play an important role in promoting the activities of IPP.



Mr. Aslam Mughal
(President IPP)

I wish all planners an enjoyable and productive future.

IPP Meetings, Plans and Decisions.....

IPP's Executive Council routine meetings held during the past couple of months on regular basis. Meeting were well attended by EC members across the country. The prime focus has been discussing issues and to review the progress on decisions made time to time. The main issues discussed in the meeting and decisions about them is as follows:

- The issue of charging bid money from planning consultants by procurement authorities is discussed.
- Some illegal appointments in Peshawar university and LDA Lahore has been pointed out. EC urged to address relevant quarters.
- A proposal from student planners for their chapter was presented and approved

in form of IPP students chapter Lahore and it shall be working in Liaison with EC for the betterment and knowledge sharing among working professionals and student at large.

- In new editorial board the planning students shall also be sharing their contributions for IPP's newsletter.
- Executive members discussed issues related to making of criteria for the enlistment of private sector planning firms with IPP.
- EC suggested changes in web portal and the work for updating website is assigned to Mr. Salman Sabir.
- It is decided that memberships renewal must be done

by this month.

- The issue of starting a diploma course of Town planning is discussed in the meeting.
- EC appreciated the decision of establishing the unified building control authority.
- IPP plans its AGM in the month of April 2012. Venue and agenda shall be circulated later.
- IPP presidents Mr. Mughal visited Karachi in last week of February. He had a long session with Mr. Masood Jafri on formation of IPP's Karachi chapter. Mr. Jafri showed his commitment for the cause and apprised Mr. Mughal of the local planners interest.



“Good plans shape good decisions. That's why good planning helps to make elusive dreams come true.”
Lester Robert Bittel

News Around..... BOOK PUBLICATION BY DR. ANIS UR REHMAN ..

Dr Anis-Ur-Rahman a renowned scholar & practitioner and patron of Pakistan Institute of Planners Pakistan has published a new book with the following title

“THE IMPERATIVES OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING- Concepts and Case Studies From The Developing World.”

The book comprises of articles and papers that have come about after years of academic and applied research endeavors of the practitioners and academicians in the field of urban and

regional development planning. Most of these articles have already been presented and deliberated in international conferences. The concepts and case studies described in this book bring home the fact that the world is undergoing a gyrational transition. As a consequence, highly diversified urban systems are getting integrated interactively, leading to the formation of a global village and achievement of a unity in diversity. The book has been published in USA and is available from Xlibris Corporation (www.Xlibris.com). It is also available on Amazon.com.

PUNJAB URBAN UNIT ORGANIZED TRAINING FOR TOS (P&C)....

A training session for recently appointed TOs (P&C) started on 21 February, 2012 by Urban Unit at MPDD Lahore. This comprehensive session aims capacity building of new appointees. Eminent planners delivered lectures on emerging planning issues, legislation, local policy framework and international practices/ concepts to fresh officers. These include Mr. Aslam Mughal (President IPP), Dr. Ghulam Abbass Anjum (SVP IPP), Mr. Nadeem Khurshid (Secretary General IPP), Mr. Makeen

Shahbaz (Ex DG RDA), Mr. Imtiaz Vohra (Ex Chief, Planning Commission), Mr. Shahzad Haider, Mr. Muzamal Ishtiaq, Mr. Shaker Mayo and Mr. Waheed Butt. IPP highly appreciates unremitting efforts by Dr. Nasir Javed (PD Urban Unit) for capacity building of professional urban planners at large. IPP also promises long term assistance to Urban Unit in future as well.

IPPs Executive Council finalized a comprehensive criterion for the enlistment of private sector planning firms with IPP. This will, for sure, help procurement agencies and prospective clients to choose a validated planning consultant and help maintain the quality of planning works in future. Criteria / application form can be downloaded from IPPs web portal (www.ipponline.org).

UN-WORLD HABITAT DAY ON CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

World Habitat day on cities and climate change held on October 3rd, 2011 by UN Habitat.

World Habitat Day celebrations were covered in two sessions. Session-1 was a vision building workshop in which the group discussions were held focusing on:

- Urban future
- Creating the Vision of Urban future

Achieving the Vision

In this workshop the members discussed that the cities should generate growth, for themselves and for

surrounding areas. Cities should be inclusive and invite the participation of the citizen.

Session-2 involved presentation of Papers, Book Launching & Book Reviews. Prof. Dr. Syed Shabih ul Hassan Zaidi presented paper on “Concept of Creative Cities-A Window to Urban Future “.The second paper was presented by Mr. Kamil Khan Mumtaz on “Development, Urbanization & Sustainability”. A book review was presented by Dr. Abdul Aleem Chaudhry on “Cities and Climate Change”. Another book review was presented by Mr. Riaz Akhtar Provincial Manager UN-HABITAT on “Quick Policy Guide on Housing (Urbanization)”.

Concluding remarks were given by Mr. Muhammad Aslam Mughal, the President IPP.

IPP WELCOMES DR. OBAID ON BOARD....

Dr. Obaidullah Nadeem has been coopted unanimously as IPPs Joint Secretary in a recent meeting. This slot has been vacant as Mr. Atif Bilal Aslam left abroad for higher studies. Planning fraternity hailed Dr. Obaid's appointment and wishes him all the best.

IPP ISLAMABAD CHAPTER FORMED.....

IPP Executive Council finalized IPPs Islamabad Chapter and this chapter has been installed. The chapter's council constitutes following members ;

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad Vohra (President Islamabad Chapter)

Mr. Anwer Hussain Ch. (Secretary / Member)

Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Sh. (Member)

Mr. Ali Imran (Member)

Mr. Abdul Qayum Ch. (Member)

Whole planning guild wishes this team all the good luck and is looking forward to them to use this forum to further glorifying the planning field.

IPP STUDENT CHAPTER

IPPs student chapter has also been approved and established.

The students of City and Regional Planning department, UET Lahore arranged themselves to provide a platform to all planner students to secure planning future and to refine the end product of the department by inducting spirit among students. In this regard the efforts of PInr. Amir Safdar and the group done in the guidance of respected Prof. Dr. Shabi-ul-Hassan zaidi, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Abbas Anjum and Dr. Obaidullah Nadeem are commendable.

IPP Student chapter visualizes itself to be the torchbearer for the students, by its competence, commitment and care in making quality town planning training grasp able to every planner. Its foremost aspiration, with ceaseless endeavors to inspire them to earn unprecedented excellence. Holistic capacity building along with moral, ethical, mental and social grooming is the principle objective for which this chapter will actively participate in town planning affairs at all stages and enchant town planning community vibrantly. This will

Mr. Waheed Butt (EDO, Gujranwala) and Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob (TO P&C, Shahkot) declared most honest officers and Rs. 50000 prize money has also been given to them.

16 Planners are appointed in LDA as Assistant / Deputy Directors and 11 as TO (P&C) in LG&CD . IPP congratulates them.....

lead to the formation of a platform through which young town planners will have cooperation and support for glorifying the planning profession.

The main goals of the chapter are

- Arrangement of effective seminars and sessions
- Organizing competition to ensure inter and intra field

relationships

- Planning Profession's goodwill and better outreach
- Awareness about field oriented approach of planning.

Due to establishment of IPP student chapter, a number of student Town Planners of City and Regional Planning department

of University of engineering and Technology. Lahore became the student members of IPP. IPP welcome all the student members of IPP student chapter and wish them all the best.

IPPs new web portal (www.ipponline.org) has also been uploaded temporarily. Main features of this new website are

We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past.
-- Madame Chiang

Student's Corner

After 15 years of isolation, the conglomeratic Convoy of CRP & Architecture Department, UET Lahore, named as "The AP Collabore" targeted the hearts of every one.

The successful event sponsored by the IPP and LDA was conducted on February 9th, 2012. It served as a medium to bridge the gap between City & Regional Planning Department and the School of Architecture. The event hall was visited and apprehended by the VC of UET Lahore; Lt-Gen Muhammad Akram Khan. It was the first happening of his career to visit any such function which is regarded as a big achievement. The particular event is a big step forward for an efficient interaction between the two disciplines. It addresses the need for an interaction factor between these two fields at national level to solve the problems of national interests. One of the speakers said that such communication can assist in emancipating the housing dilemma faced by our country

and this event served this particular purpose effectively.

The event was a quiz program comprised of allied teams of both departments. Such co-curricular activities are very sententious to drag one's mind from the dull and drab routine works and helps students to become as active part of the society. Entertainment factor was also added by a theme base skit performed by the students.

The event was organized by the students of the two departments and was appreciated by the faculty and the other spectators as well. Thus one can conclude that the whole event was a stamp of the hard work plus determination of each individual and the collaboration was an initiative to scaffold the distances to solve the problems that have prevailed in society due to less intercommunication between the two fields of study.

For IPP Student Chapter students have prepared a structure. They have selected a representative who will present the

progress of whole department in EC meeting. For further seats they have conducted Inductions. The results are under process and final oath taking ceremony for IPP student chapter will be held on 17 March, 2012.

Students are developing a profile data base of Planners which includes data profiling of all ALUMNI of CRP department UET. This will be an asset for the department.

With the collaboration of EC members of IPP, students are working on collection of research work (articles, research papers, chapters, book) done by senior Town planners.

Students of CRP department have taken an initiative for making a dictionary / glossary of terms specifically related to Town Planning profession under the guidance of IPP.

This work needs combine effort of all Town planners. So, there is a humble request to all readers to share there ideas about important terms of Town Planning.

Talking Planning with Dr. Anis-ur-Rehman



1) What is your designation and professional qualification?

Ans. I did B Sc. in Civil Engineering from UET in 1951, MSc. in City Planning and Ph.D in Urban and Regional Planning from the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin (USA) in 1961 and 1976 respectively. I also did a post Graduate course in Tropical Architecture from AA School of Architecture London (UK) in 1967 and was awarded first prize of the course. I have taught planning in C&RP Dept. of UET (as a Visiting Professor) for about three years, in University of Wisconsin for three years and King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah for 15 years; and was also conferred the Best Professor's award at KAA University, Jeddah. I worked for a number of years as Director of Town Planning for the Punjab and North West Frontier Provinces; as United Nations Advisor for Urban and Regional Planning in

Saudi Arabia for about 10 years and as a UN Consultant for United Arab Emirate and Pakistan. Currently, I am chairing an NGO "CURES (Center for Urban, Regional, Environmental and Social-Studies)"; and engaged in academic and applied research in the field of Urban and Regional Planning and poverty alleviation through educational and vocational training programs. Apart from contributing a number of research papers in international conferences and as chapters in edited books, I have written two books which can be viewed on my website: www.arahmaan.com and also on Amazon.com

2) What are your major projects you did?

Ans. I prepared the first Master Plan for Greater Lahore in 1960s and initiated the preparation of

Peshawar Valley Regional Development Plan apart from preparing a number of housing and improvement schemes in various towns of Punjab and NWPF. Besides the preparation of Master Plan of Madina I also monitored the preparation of master plans of various cities and regions of Saudi Arabia.

3) In your opinion what fresh planners need besides degree to flourish in field?

Ans. Planning degree only provides a theoretical background. It only enables the young planners to participate in the planning process and contribute appropriately during its various stages.

(Remaining is at end)

We cannot do planning for people or by people, Planning can only be done with people.

RIISING GLOBAL PLANNING CONCERN: War on Cars.....

Our job as planners is ultimately to manage change. A good example is a current debate over a supposed "war on cars." On one hand are the "GREENS" which constitutes the Town Planners and most of their decision are regarding land regulation and to reduce car ownership via land regulation policies such as vertical growth (smart growth), high density areas and multi-modal communities. On the other hand there are people and government agencies that get financial benefit from war on cars.

The main causes of this so called war are public inclinations to more multi-modal communities due to capacity constraints, increased gas prices, land use shifts, demographic changes, decline in new road construction and cultural and economic shifts.

These changes have made the people intelligent, so they are more concerned about their

health, environment and safety. Now the reformed land use policies that create more "multi-modal communities" are the need of the hour in order to satisfy the public demand and ultimately to achieve the planning objectives, but automobiles dependents deny the fact.

The debate is not an argument; rather it's a discussion to find out the way which is right so that one could work for the ultimate welfare of the society. Todd Litman, the executive director of the "Victoria Transport Policy Institute" had done research on the benefits of transit as compared to cars. His report says;

"To control the rising number of cars seems possible but to stop it at once is quite unrealistic."

Moreover, money is not always the solu-

tion, rather reducing the 'ego factor' to ride a bicycle or using a public transport is the way by which this problem can be emancipated.

The most immediate crisis regarding the car ownership are the energy crisis which requires a whole transition.

The society considers that it's getting good transportation value for the price it's currently paying in life and limb. "Striking a balance", equal number of people killed, more speed. However the reality is that nowadays people are willing to compromise on speed and there focus is shifting towards safety by the community empowerment and awareness.

Globally, measures must be taken to eradicate the issues aroused due to automobile increment. Policies should do the favors for generations over generations.

Does rampant car-ownership in Pakistan impacts Planning?

Role of planners as urban managers is to identify the form and shape of its city, its major network of roads and identify the missing links which compel the pedestrians to opt for cars and not for public transport. Secondly planners should approve such design of neighborhoods in which daily uses are given at walking distance with shaded paths so it will facilitate the pedestrian movement and reduce its dependence on Cars which is very necessary in Pakistan to control the increasing Car ownership rate.

In Pakistan, there is a need to implement “stick and carrot approach” by adopting the policy of road pricing in congested areas and in the same way ensuring efficient public transport for all citizens irrespective of class difference. Planners can encourage green transport by creating mul-

timodal communities ,exercising land regulation policies and moving towards city concept plans as practice in Qatar in which mix use zoning is done, due to high prices of land in urban areas. But some actions go negatively like by going towards commercialization Policy without upgrading the infrastructure, allowing uses which attracts long term Car Parking, and misusing the concept of Park and ride as evident in big cities of Pakistan. So, from this international debate “War on Cars” we can learn to take initiative by moving towards proactive approaches rather than reactive approaches which are short term in benefit. Rather then responding to people needs in form of strategies like widening roads for Cars we can bring a change in high income people lifestyle

by charging tax from them on more number of Cars. Planners can act as a catalyst by increasing awareness among people that as population increases Car ownership rate has to increase so there will be more combustion of fuel, as a result, it will generate air pollution. Its negative effects have been recognized by West earlier from developing countries but there are also automobiles dependents who deny this fact.

Planning is always for the people and Planners have to make decisions by overlapping the needs and wants of the people. The job of the Planner is to placate people and furnish them with the best of the facilities along with their willingness for those facilities chosen for provision.

BOOK REVIEW.....

The book titled “Introducing Town Planning” by Clara H. Greed is beyond the limitations of academic hash and a source of inculcating interest in the common readers in the seraphic discipline “Town Planning”. Written in an indigenous manner this book simply introduces various aspects of Town planning in a single attempt. The reader just gets into the holistic world of Planning.

Analyzing the structure of the book, reader finds it divided into four main sections giving wave of information of planning from its industrial revolution to the modern age advancements. It also covers the nature, comprehensiveness and many distinct aspects of Planning. In the 1st section, the author reveals the scope and nature of planning that planning is not confined or static but a dynamic process in which, in addition to the new towns, the development policies of the already built towns are updated and reviewed continuously to give health, convenience and amenity to the people. Planning is always for the people

and a planner plays vital role in the world as an umpire, technocrat, economic planner, social engineer, corporate manager and as an environmental watchdog.

The second part is interesting for every reader as it unfolds the development and progress of town planning from the industrial revolution to the present era. With the invention of steam engine in the eighteenth century, a remarkable change in the transportation occurred which changed the living habits of the people in Britain.

With the transition from an agricultural-based economy towards machine-based manufacturing, a great influx of population emerged from the countryside into the towns and cities, which swelled in population. Here the need for town planning emerged and new concepts created due to environmental concerns. To resolve the issues legislative, health and housing reforms were taken and model communities were put forth before the world. The Garden City Con-

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

- Margaret Fuller



“You can never plan for the future by the past.”

- Edmund Burke

cept by Ebenezer Howard was a big step forward. Le Corbusier's perspective of planning reformed the social, economic, technological and political aspects to improve the built environment. But in 19th century it was realized that planning is a dynamic and continuous process which need to be reviewed and updated so "The Royal town planning Institute" came into emergence. 19th century was a warfare era and housing needs changed in Britain. Transportation planning also started due to the rising car ownership in 1960s. And thus the new planning perspectives appeared till 21st century.

The 3rd section drags the reader into another approach that planning is not only about Landscaping but all the matters of delineation come under this discipline. The conservation of the urban, rural sites and introduction to Environment Impact

Assessment and the Green Movement is also touched in this part. The author is of the view that the visual aspects of cities cannot be ignored and the development control system is a medium to enforce the by-laws and standards in an appropriate and organized manner.

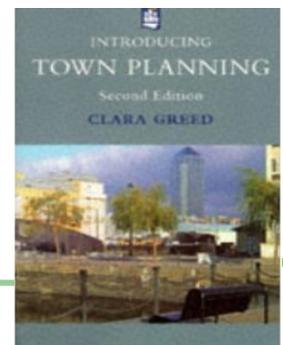
The final part provokes the reader to search on the social implications of Town Planning. The author has discussed some of the social theories and has presented three basic social ecology models. Basically planning is all about ones need at the moment and it can be different from one group to other. So issues arise due to these changing attitudes. The author has combined all the major aspects of planning to resolve them. Finally students are addressed to some controversial and unresolved is-

sues of planning and invited to take part into the PLANNING they perceived from the book "Introducing Town Planning".

This book is a good source of getting magnanimous simplified factual information about Town planning at introductory level. I would recommend Town Planners to read it at least once in your life.

Book Published by: Addison Wesley Longman, Limited Edinburg Gate, 1993.

Review by
Seerat Farooq



Interview with Dr. Anis....Continues

Planners should not be bogged down in preparing the "plans" per se and also should not confine themselves to building control because draftsmen can prepare more beautiful plans than planners, and building control operation can be carried out by the building Inspectors as well. Lyndon B. Johnson, one of the Presidents of USA used to say that plans are not important, it the planning process which is important. Plans are merely a one point in time scenario of the planning process and building control come at the end rather than in the beginning of the planning process. Planners should provide a futuristic vision to the decision makers. Planners should embark the journey of the planning process sequentially. As highlighted by Sirag el Din, Planners should act as catalytic agents at the stage of goal setting, as technicians in identifying objectives, as advisors in the policy for-

mulation stage, as coordinators in the plan/program preparing stage, and end up as administrators at the plan implementing stage. They should also go beyond the implementation stage and evaluate the implemented schemes and get the planning process rolling over and over again.

4) How much freedom planners feel to say NO (to bosses or any other political leader) if some unlawful thing is expected from him? And what factors this freedom is based upon? (How to say no)?

Ans. Planners should not under any circumstances go against their conscience and the communal interest. It is against ethics of planning. They should learn to disagree on matters of planning principles without being disagreeable! Even under the worst circumstances, decision makers - may they be bureaucrats or politicians - will not have the courage to overrule the planners' advice in writing!

5) Which organization in planning at present has a greater role?

Ans. Besides being a continuous process, planning is essentially hierarchical; and each level has an important role to play. However there are institutional gaps at all levels. We need a comprehensive planning legislation to make it obligatory to create and strengthen the requisite hierarchy of planning institutions.

6) How planner can have more experience?

Ans. Essentially by working with senior planners and planning agencies both in the public and private sectors. More internship programs should be developed for planning students. IPP should also run planning workshops and short courses collaboratively with research and educational institutions (e.g. the Urban Unit and CRP Dept. of UET in Punjab) to groom young planners for the field jobs.

7) If we consider the major problems of urbanization/urban sprawl, in your opinion what approaches planner need to adopt to tackle it?

Ans. The problems of urbanization and urban sprawl need to be tackled comprehensively by adopting the “prevention is better the cure” principle. We need to undertake both preventive as well as curative measures; and also by adopting reactive as well as proactive and interactive strategies according to the dictates of the situation. For instance, engineers construct smaller check dams in the regional threshold of the Main Dam to prevent its silting. Same should be done in case of urban sprawl/urbanization. Preventive measures require proactive strategies and should largely be taken in the rural areas. Migration of unskilled people from rural areas should be checked by improving the economic base of the rural hinter land by training the rural unskilled workers in vocational trades and taking jobs on their door steps. Whereas, urban areas need curative measures/reactive strategies to redress the urban dilapidation and lack/shortage of community facilities and services; and preventive steps should be taken by adopting proactive strategies in inventing a new normative future.

8) Sir' how will you visualize the problems of Lahore and what you foresee the future of this metropolitan city?

Ans. The Master plan of Lahore should be kept updated to accommodate the dynamic socioeconomic and cultural functions and the emerging needs of the citizens of Lahore; and should cover the entire metropolitan area to be monitored by a single planning authority.

The historic character of the Garden City of the Mughals should be restored by increasing open spaces connected by flowing green belts, and by converting the entire flood plain of Ravi into a Regional Park with inter-connected lakes. With the increasing level of Urbanization, we are entering the era of Global Village. This will require an increasing emphasis on proactive and interactive approaches rather than the traditional reactive approach. We should plan with the people rather than planning for them.

9) Comments on student chapter of planners and the support of IPP towards it?

Ans. I am very happy about the involvement of town planning students in the affairs of the IPP. They are the planners of tomorrow. By getting involved in the IPP's affairs early on, they are not only strengthening a planning institution and getting their grievances redressed but also brightening their professional future.

10) How to enhance coordination among development authorities and other government departments/ planning organizations? Please suggest some mechanism for this purpose.

Ans. There should be a complimentary hierarchy of multi-disciplinary planning authorities rather than a multiplicity of competing planning authorities at any single institutional level. These planning authorities should be linked to the highest level of decision making. This will automatically bring about the desired coordination between various development agencies at each institutional level. Clear distinction should be made between planning and development processes. They are analogous to Judiciary and Executive functions. Planning authority should be supreme and development authorities should work strictly within the framework

provided by the planning authority. This relationship should have an explicitly spelled out statutory cover; and planners should do their homework and formulate Spatial Development Strategies/Land Use Plans for each institutional level.

11) What are the possibilities of implementing master plan in Lahore? What are the constraints in the implementation?

Ans. Once the issues of comprehensive planning legislation and creation of statutory planning authority have been resolved, coordinated implementation can best be achieved under the direction of the Planning Authority chaired by the Chief Executive of the province. The employment of the Public-private partnership methodology can further lead to expeditious and cost effective results.

SHARING INTERNATIONAL PLANNING EXPERIENCES.....

“Bahrain has witnessed a tremendous urbanization in the past decades whereby their traditional villages and old areas have now become a part of the urban fabric which present a multitude of urban decay and currently not at par with the contemporary modern urban land use pattern. The program's planning approach is development of a unified central planning system whereby all the public utilities providers will follow the recommendations set out in the individual Urban/Village Revitalization/Regeneration Master Plans. The Programme is one of the biggest urban regeneration initiative in the Arab world that will result in the socio-economic, cultural & physical development for all the villages located in the vicinity of urban fabric of Bahrain”

Courtesy: PInr. Shoaib Muhammad, Bahrain