

what they are doing

The main avenues should be laid out with 12 feet sidewalks, slow traffic carriageways next sidewalks, and boulevards on either side of a centre carriageway for fast traffic and tramways.

The secondary business avenues should have sidewalks of a minimum width of 10 feet with a centre boulevard with wide grass margins, so that the actual paved carriageway can be widened as the business of the city extends.

In main and secondary business thoroughfares provision should be made for laying all sewer, water, electric and other mains in underground conduits of sufficient size to allow of proper inspection at all times. The advantages of this method are:

1. The pipes being open to inspection at all times, leaks can be more easily located and repaired;
2. The traffic is not inconvenienced by frequent openings for repairs;
3. The enormous annual expense of opening trenches is saved;
4. The surface of the carriageway, which soon becomes uneven if many trenches are made, retains an even contour.

The residential avenues can be so formed that the sidewalks have a boulevard on either side, which will provide space for pedestrians in the hot weather.

Railways, usually an ugly feature of every city, should be made less objectionable by boulevarding.

Open spaces, Parks and Recreation Grounds.

In locating open spaces, and parks, special consideration should be given to the preservation of places of natural beauty, such as woods, waterways, etc.

With the checkboard system of planning, a large amount of valuable ground is often wasted in the unnecessary provision of paved streets and passages. By carefully planning the main and secondary avenues, through traffic can be avoided and residential districts can be laid out in a far less costly manner, part of the space occupied by paved streets being utilized for open spaces, tennis courts, and children's playgrounds.

Where individual gardens are not wanted, part of the land between the houses might be laid out as allotment gardens, or as gravel playgrounds, or as paved playgrounds, to prevent a lot of derelict gardens being attach to the houses.

People's Parks are universally provided in Europe within or close to the city's gates, namely a large woodland garden or forest intersected by drives and walks, and interspersed with spinnies and glades typical, as far as possible, of rural country.

It is the duty of every city to provide as early as possible, and before development makes the price of land prohibitive, suitable parks within easy access of the public.

Country life is acknowledged to be more healthful, more restful, more natural and less wearing than that of town. It should therefore be the aim of town planners to introduce into the home life of the worker conditions as far as possible which are common to the country, viz:—quiet, the absence of distracting sights, sounds and influences, and the introduction of works of nature.

It has become a very general rule in making arrangements for the development of land on modern lines in Great Britain to stipulate that one acre in ten shall be set aside as public, or semi-public open spaces, this in addition to limiting the number of houses per acre.

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