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Review

In the dark days of public sector retrenchment and the loss of a progressive role for planning it's more important than ever that our understanding of place making is not forgotten. David Adams and Steve Tiesdell have spent the last decade exploring successful places. *Shaping Places* is the culmination of that work. In what will undoubtedly become a key text *Shaping Places* assembles a wide range of international research and experiences around the processes of making socially, environmentally and economically successful places. - *Phil Allmendinger, Professor of Land Economy and Head of the Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge*

A distinctive feature of this book is that it brings together, through the different backgrounds of its authors, a passion for urban design and a sophisticated understanding of how real estate markets operate. - *Cliff Hague, Innovation Circle Network*

"This is a very useful book on the development process and how to enhance its contribution to successful place-making. Its intellectual perspective is clearly stated and contrasted with others, and it is lucidly written and helpful for students coming new to these issues. It should become a key text on real estate and planning programmes, particularly in the UK, and could usefully be read by those interested in urban studies more widely. I have already highlighted its value for UK policy-makers in the planning and development field. It is also a fitting memorial to Steve Tiesdell."? *Patsy Healey, Newcastle University*

About the Author

David Adams holds the Ian Mactaggart Chair of Property and Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow, where **Steve Tiesdell** was Senior Lecturer in Public Policy until his death in 2011. They worked together for over a decade, first at the University of Aberdeen and then at Glasgow, sharing a mutual interest in state-market relations in land and property, and applying this to research and teaching on planning, public policy, real estate development, urban design and urban regeneration. Before moving to Aberdeen, Steve worked at the Universities of Nottingham and Sheffield, while David was previously at the Universities of Reading and Manchester. *Shaping Places* represents the culmination of their mutual endeavour and builds on previous joint publications, including their edited book *Urban Design in the Real Estate Development Process* (2011).

David and Steve have each researched and published widely in their respective fields. Steve's previous books include *Revitalising Historic Urban Quarters* (co-author 1996), *Public Places – Urban Spaces: The Dimensions of Urban Design* (co-author 2003 and 2010) and *The Urban Design Reader* (co-editor 2006). David's previous books include *Urban Planning and the Development Process* (author 1994), *Greenfields, Brownfields and Housing Development* (co-author 2002) and *Planning, Public Policy and Property Markets* (co-editor 2005).

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