



Planning Malaysia - Confidential Reviewer Assessment

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Reviewer expertise	Subject / Methods / Both
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A. Mandatory reviewer declarations

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- ☐ I have disclosed all actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.
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B. Evaluation matrix

Criterion	Assessment focus	Meets	Revision needed	Major concern / N.A.
Scope and relevance	Fits the journal; research question is clear; contribution is relevant to planning/built environment.	☐	☐	☐
Originality and contribution	Provides a distinct theoretical, empirical, methodological, policy or professional contribution.	☐	☐	☐
Literature and context	Engages relevant and current literature accurately, critically and fairly; identifies the gap.	☐	☐	☐
Research design and methods	Design, sampling, instruments, variables and analysis are appropriate and sufficiently transparent.	☐	☐	☐
Data and results	Evidence is adequate; analyses are correct; results are clear and not overstated.	☐	☐	☐
Discussion and conclusion	Interpretation follows from results; limitations and implications are addressed; claims are proportionate.	☐	☐	☐



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Ethics and integrity	Ethics/consent, privacy, conflicts, funding, data availability, AI use and permissions are appropriately addressed.	☐	☐	☐
Reproducibility and transparency	Data, code, protocols, reporting details and supplementary material support verification where feasible.	☐	☐	☐
Clarity and presentation	Organisation, language, tables, figures, maps and abstract communicate the work effectively.	☐	☐	☐
References and citation integrity	References are accurate, relevant and balanced; no important omission or inappropriate citation pattern is evident.	☐	☐	☐

C. Comments to the authors

1. Summary and principal contribution:

2. Major comments (number each essential point and explain the evidence/change required):

3. Minor comments:

D. Confidential comments to the editor

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E. Recommendation

- ☐ Accept
- ☐ Minor revision
- ☐ Major revision
- ☐ Reject and invite a new submission
- ☐ Reject

Confidence in recommendation: ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Limited

Willing to review a revision: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If requested

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