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Abstract

Social capital consisting of trust relationships between local government and citizens can be very effective tool in urban and neighbourhood regeneration that Sari (capital of Mazandaran province in North of Iran) has not been benefiting from. Despite introduction of the reform in local government's structure in Iran, the local government does not play active part in creating opportunities, whereas people are willing to participate in their area and neighbourhood activities. Participation has a long history in civil society generally and in Iran in particular. Contemporary participation is an aim created by governmental authorities to increase the chance of having contribution for people in certain aspects of city management which help achieving sustainable urban development. As citizens enter into the decision-making process, the urban development management promotes from an absolute centralized method to a participatory process. This book presents an analysis of urban design and public participation in development and urban renewal schemes. Councils as the representative of public have not yet achieved a dominating role and strong influence in local decision-making process in the civilised society of Iran. The very scatter activities of non-governmental organizations are sectoral reaction to the weakness of public domain in the society. Although city council rarely asks people their opinion prior to the approval of the plans however, without seeing any need for people's participation, the local government alone (even not at city council level) takes full responsibility and authority in urban administration. The extent of sustainable neighbourhood governance will then be examined by distributing a questionnaire including very basic but fundamental questions, evaluating the ambivalence over the trust between individuals and the organization. In conclusion the idea of local partnership incorporating public, private and voluntary involvement in all aspects of urban policies is questioned as there are contradictions within government policies and practice.

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Abbreviations

BNP	Beswick Neighbourhood Plan
CABE	Commission for Architecture and Built Environment
CDG	City Development Guide
CDPs	Community Development Projects
CMDC	Central Manchester Development Corporation
CPS	Comprehensive Plan of Sari
CPOPS	Comprehensive Plan of Old Part of Sari
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government (UK)
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (UK)
DTLR	Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (UK)
DoE	Department of the Environment (UK)
EMLIS	East Manchester Landlord Information Service
EMSRF	East Manchester Strategic Regeneration Framework
FYDP	Five-Year Development Plan (Iran)
GDM	Guide to Development in Manchester
GMC	Greater Manchester Council
GMPTF	Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive
GMSP	Greater Manchester Structure Plan
GNP	Gross National Product
GORs	Government Offices for the Regions (UK)
HCAUD	High Council of Architecture and Urban Development (Iran)
HCHL	Hulme Community Homes Limited
HDCC	Housing Development and Construction Company
HDG	Hulme Development Guide
HMR	Housing Market Renewal
HRL	Hulme Regeneration Limited
HTPP	Hulme Tenant Participation Project
HUDO	Housing and Urban Development Organisation (Iran)
ICHO	Iranian Cultural Heritage Organisation
ICHTO	Iran Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organisation
IU	Information and Intelligence Unit
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
LGPLA	Local Government and Planning and Local Act
MCC	Manchester City Council
MCS	Manchester Community Strategy
MHLG	Ministry of Housing and Local Government (UK)
MHUD	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (Iran)
MIDA	Manchester Investment and Development Agency
MIDAS	Manchester Investment and Development Advisory Service
MLSP	Manchester Local Strategic Partnership
MML	Manchester Millennium Ltd
MOI	Ministry of the Interior (Iran)
MPO	Management and Planning Organisation (Iran)
MPUDHC	Mazandaran Province Urban Development and Housing Company
NDC	New Deal for Communities (UK)