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Is there any such thing as a 'neutral space'? Surfacing the politics of coproduction,"

"Potential for Socio-spatial transformation in the Voortrekker Road Corridor Integration Zone Project"



Objective: To better understand the everyday experiences of people who live and work in 3 neighbourhoods, part of the Western part of the corridor, and whether or not official development plans and policies speak to their needs and aspirations.





Findings

Divergent understandings and perceptions

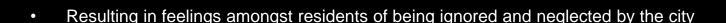
1. Density

No. There will be problems. You won't know who will be your neighbours. They

might be alcoholics No - my neighbours are not good No – more people means more problems No – there are already too many people in a small space

2. Affordable housing

"It is the shortage of city-owned land within the area we are talking about – Maitland,
Facreton and Kensington. There are no big tracts of land. So, for us to intervene directly in
those areas is difficult, and that is why our initial intervention is in the Salt River –
Woodstock area, because we are a big property owner in that area" (city official)



"Attention should be paid to the people in this area because they're ignored" (Kensington resident)

"Government does not care about Facreton" (Factreton resident)

"Ward councillors should take more interest in their area. We only see them during election campaigns. We don't know them (Factreton resident)





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Is it possible to facilitate processes and a "neutral" space for these kinds of tensions to be surfaced and discussed in a productive way?



- The CityLab space
- Role of other intermediaries and different kinds of partnerships – Development Action Group and the Kensington-Factreton-Maitland (KFM) Coalition for Spatial Justice





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