

Masterplanning

Architecture

The order in which the parts of a masterplan should be decided.

Structure first, plots second, buildings last.

1

Fix the movement network

Streets, routes and public transport, connected to what already exists.

2

Fix the public spaces

Squares, parks and green infrastructure, sized and located, not left over.

3

Define the blocks

Perimeter, depth and dimensions, tested against a real housing type.

4

Subdivide into plots

So that parts can be built, sold and changed independently over time.

5

Code, do not design

Set heights, frontage and use rules; let others design the buildings.

6

Phase it

Each phase must work as a finished place if the next one never happens.

A masterplan that only works when complete will fail, because almost none are ever completed as drawn.