## INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Partially contraction

Considerations for affordable housing:

- Design housing without garages use public car-parks and allow home owners to buy/rent a space instead. This brings down the price of the house and encourages the use of public transport rather than cars e.g: As in <u>Vauban</u>, <u>Germany</u>
- Provide good public transport and/or shuttle buses
- Provide separate walking/footpaths and cycle tracks
- Provide green spaces for people to meet
- Provide market place shopping centres that are cheap to rent, mixed with residential environment and perfect for relaxed shopping. e.g. As in many towns in <u>Germany</u>. These are also proving to be much more economical beneficial for the shop owners too. See this <u>link</u>.
- Share. Share things we only use occasionally e.g. BBQs, laundries, a pool, a large playing space, a garden shed in the form of something like a Men's shed, a veggie garden in the form of a community garden, a communal living space.
- Use sustainable living practices e.g. alternative energy, water tanks, recycle water, compose and worm farms. See <u>more</u>. And an example in <u>Melbourne</u>.
- Design around what we love, what makes our emotions soar. Develop a sense of place. Make our affordable housing livable too. See this <u>link</u> for more.