

ABSTRACT

Mlango Kubwa serves Nairobi adequately in terms of labor and accommodation but then it has recently fallen into a crime menace with burglary, mugging, robbery and house breaking being the most prevalent crimes in the area as supported by the research project findings. All these are attributed to the nature of the spatial layout, the population pressure exerted by the majority unemployed youths and poverty leading to low standards of living prompting criminal activities among the youth. The factors can be categorized into the situation, the social and the institutional factors which is taken into account in this development project report in order to create a working synergy that will alleviate this problem which has made the study area lark behind in terms of development hence scaring away investment opportunities in the area. Putting this into account, the neighborhood requires proper planning prompting the researcher undertake this development project seeking alternative ways of securing the neighborhood. This, development project is therefore employing Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) concept in addressing insecurity challenges in Mlango Kubwa.

The core objective of this development project is to provide a framework for the effective planning of the Neighborhood which will ensure a secure and safe environment based on the analysis of the existing situation, policy guidelines and the regulatory framework that will guide the designing process in order to come up with a secure environment. It also evaluates the proposed alternatives and the best implementation framework. The process of data collection involved the use of both primary data (questionnaires, observations and interviews and mapping) from the research project and secondary data (books, scholarly articles, journals, theses and internet sources).

The development project examined three possible alternatives for the future development of the area. These included: Dynamic Shadowing approach; Integrating Security Elements in Street Design approach and an Integrated Street Design approach. After critical evaluation of these alternatives, the Integrated Street Design approach was chosen as it effectively addresses the problems in the area by combining the aspects of the first two alternatives. The planned street design programme for the future of the area will thus be based on both dynamic shadowing and integration of security elements in street design approaches. This includes a site environmental management plan to effectively mitigate the possible negative impacts that may arise from the implementation process. The development project followed a systematic process of data accumulation and synthesis before arriving at the most preferred design of the project site. This included analyzing the site situation characteristics and elaborate methods of data analysis which included CAD design softwares like ArchiCAD as well as mapping software like GIS. Through this design, residents will be able to enjoy privileges as promised in the constitution through achieving improved standards of living and access to safe and secure neighborhoods in a clean and healthy environment. The development project concludes by providing for a framework for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this project.