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*SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: THE ASSESSMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS LIVEABILITY IN SHARJAH CITY*

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Abstract:

This research aims to assess neighbourhood social sustainability and liveability by investigating the ways in which users perceive neighbourhood spatial design and context. The research applied the social sustainability model to assess and question neighbourhood park liveability in Sharjah City. Following a qualitative case study approach, the research operationalised social sustainability principles through several tools: survey, field observations and mapping. The conducted analysis was based on a compilation of coded data from the survey consistent with the applied principles of social sustainability. The collected data was also tested using the SPSS statistical package. The research findings confirm variables related to neighbourhood parks spatial context design and people perception. Thus the research recommends measures to enrich neighbourhoods local parks livability by engaging users in the design process. Accordingly, the research concluded that social sustainability model is a valid model to develop guideline for Sharjah neighborhoods parks. The study also confirmed that residents should be involved in any future development at urban scale to guarantee that the provided facilities are reflecting their actual needs.

**Keywords:** Social sustainability, neighbourhood urban design, neighbourhood park, people perception, Sharjah city.