Reviewer’s report

Title: Understanding the Relationship between Activity and Neighbourhoods (URBAN) Study: Research Design and Methodology

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Very fine paper with a good approach to the hypothesized relationship between activity and build environment.

The limitation is still that no cause and effect relationship can be made.

However the design, methods and multilevel analysis makes this Urban study the best in there category.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'