

CHAPTER FIFTEEN: FINAL CONCLUSION

Given the comprehensive summaries provided for each chapter of this study, including the conclusions drawn and recommendations made, this chapter will not repeat the concepts discussed. Instead this it will focus on the research to be conducted in future in the hopes of elaborating on the concepts discussed in this study and pursuing new research questions.

In this regard possible areas of further study are listed below

15.1 Areas of further study

The following areas require and justify further study with regard to low-cost housing solutions. Many of these study areas will be researched in the form of research for a PhD study.

These study areas include:

- Conclusive urban design guidelines for low-cost housing development.
- Layout templates for low-cost housing development with a focus on cost efficiency and an improved quality of life.
- International case studies with reference to successful international low-cost housing development practices in both developing and developed countries.
- Possible policy alterations to be considered by the South African government and how existing policies may be better implemented.
- The value of public private partnership and how collaboration can be better facilitated.
- A discussion on the merits of 'self-help' building and the role of authorities in facilitating this process.
- Addressing infrastructure considerations for low-cost housing.

- Measuring the sustainability of low-cost housing developments and providing additional measurement criteria for existing sustainability indexes.
- Discussing the importance and aptness of an environmentally sensitive development approach to low-cost residential development.
- Investigating the relationship between low-cost housing and transportation networks and provisions.

It is believed that the above mentioned study areas warrant further research in order to improve the living conditions of South Africa's poor and homeless. It is also believed that even more areas of potential study and investigation will be uncovered through the research of the above mentioned.