



## DESIGNING BUILDINGS WIKI

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### The compact sustainable city

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners have allowed us to update and summarise the seminal book "Cities for a Small Country"™, by Richard Rogers and Anne Power, originally published in 2000.

"Making cities sustainable means making them more compact, better connected and less damaging to the environment." [Read more](#)

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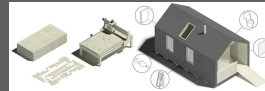
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### WikiHouse

Architecture for the 100%, not just the 1%. Anyone can download designs from the WikiHouse open library that can be manufactured from standard sheet materials using a CNC machine. [Read more](#)



### FloodSax

A self-inflating, sandless, flood-defence system. Their advantage over a sandbag is that they can be stored flat in their un-inflated state, transported easily and deployed quickly. [Read more](#)

### Community rights

Since 2011, the Community Right to Reclaim Land has allowed communities the right to ask that under-used or unused land owned by public bodies should be brought back into beneficial use. On 8 January 2014, the Right to Contest extended this to allow businesses, local authorities and members of the public to challenge the government to sell a site. [Read more](#)

### Temperature

We think we know what temperature is, but with so many different measures, which one should we use?

"Temperature can be a particularly important measure in the built environment when considering the comfort of occupants and in the design of building services systems. As a consequence, many of the measures of temperature are intended to represent the thermal comfort of people..." [Read more](#)

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