CHAPTER FOURTEEN: SOCIAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING

Information gathering tasks

1. Is there an area or community in your town or city that has been the subject of a sociological study and subsequent publication? Give a summary.

2. Find out the demographic structure of your area, in terms of age, ethnicity and diversity. In particular investigate from the ONS and other government statistics websites whether the population has grown and investigate how/whether this has affected house-building in your locality.

3. What are the town planning and housing implications of changing population structures?

Conceptual tasks

1. Compare and contrast the ideas of Marx and Weber

2. Write an essay on ways in which urban sociology has affected town planning, basing your answer around three main instances

Reflective Tasks

1. Can you relate at a personal level to the theories and concepts discussed? For example how would you describe yourself in terms of class, ethnicity and other key identifying factors? (You can do this for yourself confidentially)