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Dear Dr Bruyns, Dr Higgins and Mr Nel

Urban Studies Best Article 2021

The Urban Studies Best Article is awarded by the editors to the authors of what they consider to be the most innovative and agenda-setting article published in a given year. Eleven articles were shortlisted by the editors from those published in print copy in 2021 and two were voted by the Editors as joint winners for 2021. I am delighted to let you know that your article, *Urban volumetrics: From vertical to volumetric urbanisation and its extensions to empirical morphological analysis*, is one of the winning articles [the other being Romit Chowdhury's paper, [The social life of transport infrastructures: Masculinities and everyday mobilities in Kolkata](#)]. In agreement with our publisher, SAGE, we will be allowing Open Access to your article on the Journal's website.

We will also shortly be placing an announcement in the Journal and on the website and wondered if you would consider preparing a short vodcast that could be positioned alongside it. The vodcast could briefly outline your research and highlight some of the key findings including reference of course to the paper. The vodcasts from previous winners are available to view at <http://journals.sagepub.com/page/usj/collections/awards>.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether you are happy to accept the award and, assuming this to be the case, that you are in agreement that it be made available on Open Access and if you will be able to arrange for a vodcast to be recorded locally.

My congratulations on writing a paper that was both original and insightful.

Yours sincerely



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