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## Systematic Social Observation Inventory Tally of Observations in Urban Regions (SSO i-Tour)

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## ONLINE TOUR & TRAINING

To access online training with the SSO i-Tour and learn more about the Community Strengths Study visit our website at: <https://adaptlab.soceco.uci.edu/systematic-social-observation/>

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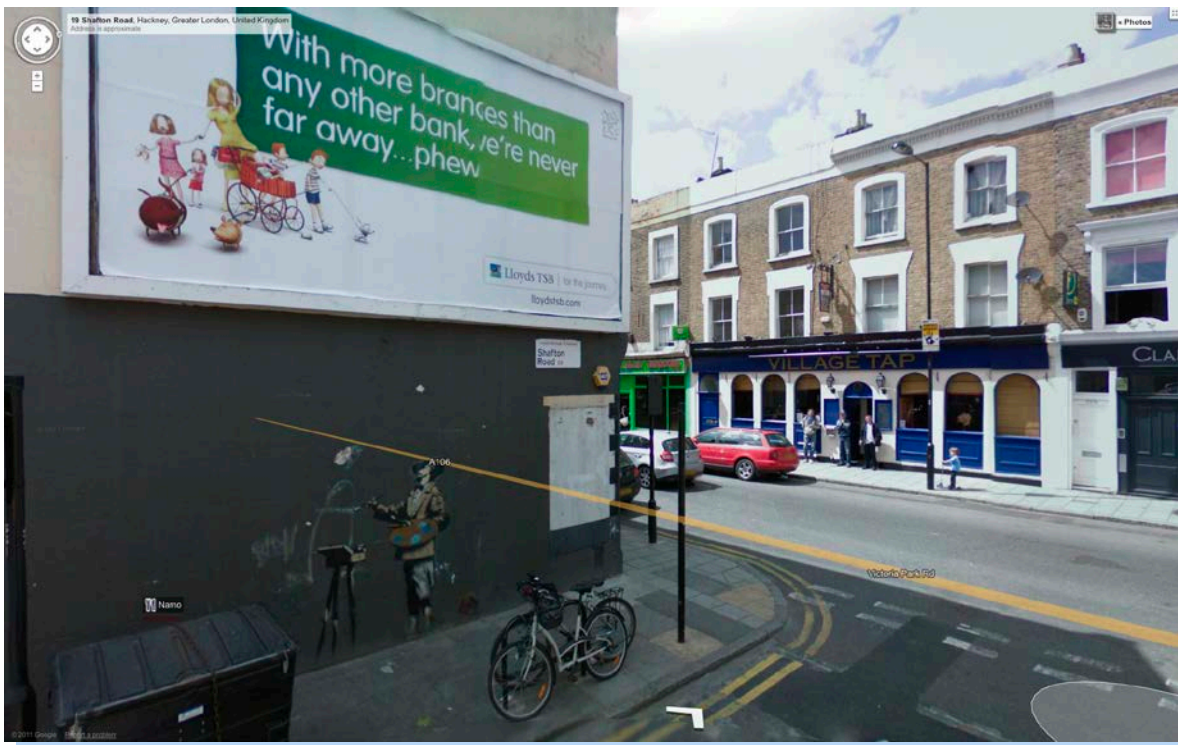
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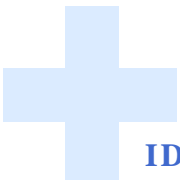
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## GOOGLE STREET VIEW EXAMPLE IMAGES



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## IDENTIFYING FEATURES

Observer Identification #:

What is the Subject ID#:

## STREET FEATURES

Street Pattern/Layout<sup>1</sup>

- Residential Street
- Dual Carriage Motorway
- Cul De Sac
- Parking or Common Area
- Other

Condition of the street<sup>1,5,6</sup>

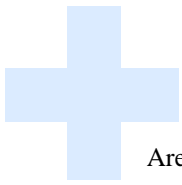
- Good (NO sizable cracks, potholes, or broken curbs)
- Fair (Sizable cracks, potholes, or broken curbs along SOME of the street)
- Poor (Sizable cracks, potholes, or broken curbs along MOST or ALL of the street)
- Under Construction

Is there outdoor lighting illuminating the street?<sup>4</sup>

- Yes                       No

Based on the characteristics of this blocks street lights, estimate the percentage of illumination on the street at night?<sup>1,5</sup>

- On 75% of the block face
- On 50-74% of the block face
- On 1-49% of the block face
- On 0% (none) of the block face
- Cannot evaluate



Are there any traffic calming measures visible on the street?

- Yes       No

Are any of these street features visible?:

	Visible	Not Visible
Speed Limit Signs <sup>2,4</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signs Limiting Traffic Type (ie No Trucks Allowed)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crosswalk or Signs Signaling to Watch for Pedestrians Crossing Street (ie School Crossing, Elderly Crossing) <sup>2,4</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Designated Bike Lane (Sign or Painted Street Markers) <sup>4</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speed Reducing Humps <sup>4,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## SIDEWALK FEATURES

Condition of the sidewalk<sup>1,5,6</sup>

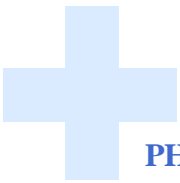
- Good (NO holes, sizable cracks, or crumbling or uneven pavement on both sides of the street)
- Fair (Holes, sizable cracks, or crumbling or uneven pavement along SOME of the side walk on both sides of the street)
- Poor (Holes, sizable cracks, or crumbling or uneven pavement along most or ALL of the sidewalk on both sides of the street)
- Under construction
- No sidewalk present

Are there trees along the street between the sidewalk and the street?<sup>1,5,6</sup>

- On 75% or more of the block face
- On 50-74% of the block face
- On 1-49% of the block face
- On 0% (none) of the block face
- Can not evaluate

Is there a dropped curb between the sidewalk and the street?

- Yes       No       Can not evaluate



## PHYSICAL DISORDER

Is there strewn garbage, litter, broken glass, clothes or papers on the block face in the street/sidewalk/or public space?<sup>5,6</sup>

- Heavy
- Moderate
- Light
- None
- Can not evaluate

Are there abandoned cars, cars with broken windows, and/or run down cars?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes
- No
- Can not evaluate

Is there graffiti on buildings, signs or walls?<sup>1</sup>

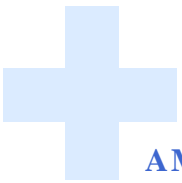
- Yes
- No
- Can not evaluate

Is there evidence of graffiti that has been painted over?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes
- No
- Can not evaluate

Do any of the street signs appear to be almost unreadable due to being badly faded or vandalized?<sup>2</sup>

- Yes
- No
- Can not evaluate



**AMENITIES**

Are there any amenities on this street?

- Yes       No

Are any of the following public courtesies present on the street ? (check all that apply):<sup>2</sup>

	Yes	No	No Amenities Visible
Trash cans (nonresidential) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling bins (nonresidential)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public phones <sup>2,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newspaper dispenser <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrooms <sup>3</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vending machines <sup>3</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Furniture that is present on the street (check all that apply):<sup>3</sup>

	Yes	No	No Amenities Visible
Benches (not a bus stop), chairs and/or ledges for sitting <sup>3</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus stops with seating <sup>3</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike racks <sup>3</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Is a bike path or sign indicating a bike path visible?

- Yes       No

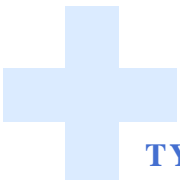
Is there a tube entrance or a train station on this street?

- Yes       No

In general, how would you rate the condition of the tube entrance/train station of the street segment?

- The tube entrance/train station is in well kept/good condition.
- The tube entrance/train station is in fair condition.
- The tube entrance/train station is in poor/badly deteriorated condition.
- No tube entrance/train station present





## TYPES OF BUILDINGS

Based on street-level frontage, is the land used on this street in any of the following ways (check all that apply):<sup>1</sup>

	Yes	No
Residential	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial/Business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial, Warehouse, Manufacturing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vacant Lots or Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Institutional (schools, churches, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational Facilities, Parks or Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

The following types of residential housing units are present on this street (check all that apply):<sup>1,2</sup>

	Yes	No	No residential units visible
Detached	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Semi-Detached	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Terrace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mansion blocks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low-rise private flats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low-rise Council estate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tower block council estate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any residential units that have bar/gratings on the doors or windows?<sup>1</sup>

Yes       No       No residential units visible

Are there any residential units that appear to be burned out, boarded up or abandoned?<sup>1,2</sup>

Yes       No       No residential units visible

Are there any residential units where the balconies are poorly kept or cluttered with personal effects?<sup>1,2</sup>

Yes       No       No residential units visible

In general, how would you rate the condition of most of the residential units in the block face?<sup>1,6</sup>

- The majority of residential units are in well kept/good condition
- The majority of residential units are in fair condition
- The majority of residential units are in poor/badly deteriorated condition
- No residential units visible

Are there ANY residential units on the street that appear to be in poor/badly deteriorated condition?

- Yes
- No
- No residential units visible

In general, how would you rate the condition of MOST of the residential front gardens on the block face?<sup>2,6</sup>

- The majority of front residential gardens are in well kept/good condition
- The majority of front residential gardens are in fair condition
- The majority of front residential gardens are in poor/badly deteriorated condition
- No residential front gardens visible
- No residential units visible

Are there any residential front gardens on the street that appear to have security measures, such as barbed wire or broken glass on walls?

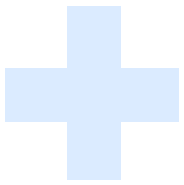
- Yes
- No
- No residential front gardens visible
- No residential units visible

Are there any residential front gardens on the street that appear to be in poor/badly deteriorated condition?

- Yes
- No
- No residential front gardens visible
- No residential units visible

What is the percentage of residential units on this street have private driveways?

- 75% of residential units have private driveways.
- 50-74% of residential units have private driveways.
- 1-49% of residential units have private driveways.
- 0% (none) of residential units have private driveways.
- No residential units visible.



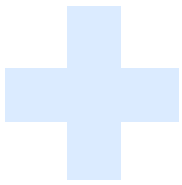
### COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS LAND USE

Can any of these institutions or business be observed on this street? (check all that apply):

	Yes	No	No institutions visible
Church or Community Center <sup>1,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elementary or Secondary School or Religious School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day care or preschool <sup>3,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health or social services <sup>3,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police department or fire department <sup>3,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leisure centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Can any of these businesses be observed on this street? (check all that apply):

	Yes	No	No business visible
Organic grocer/Fresh food market/stand <sup>1</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corner stores (Sainsbury/Tesco)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low end grocery stores (TOT, Iceland)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High end supermarket (Waitrose)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Butchers shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fast food/Take out restaurant <sup>1,6</sup> (Fried chicken outlets)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local pub	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hand car washes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pound shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boutiques, independent shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



What type of pub is visible?

- Derelict non-community pub
- Community pub
- High-end gastropub
- Unsure
- No pubs visible

Are there any commercial or industrial properties that have bar/gratings on doors or windows?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes
- No
- No commercial units visible

Are there any commercial or industrial properties that appear to be burned out, boarded up or abandoned?<sup>1,2</sup>

- Yes
- No
- No commercial units visible

Are there any commercial or industrial properties that appear to have pull down metal security blinds (grills) or iron gates on the fronts of properties?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes
- No
- No commercial units visible

Are there any commercial or industrial properties with metal fencing over head height?<sup>1</sup>

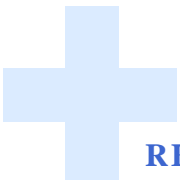
- Yes
- No
- No commercial units visible

In general, how would you rate the condition of most of the commercial or industrial units on the block face?<sup>1,6</sup>

- The majority of units are in well kept/good condition
- The majority of units are in fair condition
- The majority of units are in poor/badly deteriorated condition
- No commercial units visible

Are there any commercial or industrial units on the street that appear to be in poor/badly deteriorated condition?

- Yes
- No
- No commercial units visible



## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

What kinds of recreational facilities or equipment are in the block face? (check all that apply)<sup>1</sup>

	Yes	No	No recreational facilities visible
Park <sup>6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground equipment (i.e.,slide, swings) <sup>6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports/playing fields/courts <sup>6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports stands/seating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pools <sup>6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tables and/or grills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike/walking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In general, how would you rate the condition of recreational facilities on the block face?<sup>1</sup>

- Well kept/good condition
- Fair condition
- Poor/badly deteriorated condition
- No recreational facilities visible

## VACANT LOTS AND OPEN SPACES LAND USE

In general, how would you rate the condition of vacant lots and/or open spaces on the block face?<sup>5</sup>

- Well kept/good condition
- Fair condition
- Poor/badly deteriorated condition
- No vacant lots or open spaces visible



Does this street segment contain signs?

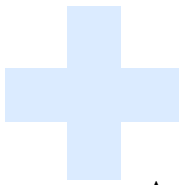
Yes       No

Are any of the following signs related to residential units visible? (check all that apply):

	Visible	Not Visible	No Signs Visible
Neighborhood crime watch signs <sup>1,6</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alarm system/Security warning signs <sup>1</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beware of dog <sup>1</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thanks for driving slowly/Children at play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thanks for not littering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What types of signs are visible in this segment? (check all that apply) :

	Visible	Not Visible	No Signs Visible
Sign advertising beer, whiskey, or other alcohol (not labeling for business) <sup>1</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sign advertising gambling/slot machines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sign advertising fast food (not labeling for business) <sup>1</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signs in multiple languages <sup>5</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inspirational/education sayings <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug Free Zone <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Are any signs related to open lots visible? (check all that apply):

	Visible	Not Visible	No Signs Visible
No ball games or signs restricting children from playing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play Priority Area or signs that encourage use of vacant space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pick up your pet litter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any signs for promoting organized community activities?

Yes       No       No Signs Visible

What do the signs say that are promoting community activities?

This street segment contains visible signs, but they are unable to be coded due to unreadable or blurry text.

Yes       No       No Signs Visible

This street segment contains visible signs, but they are unable to be coded due to vandalism.

Yes       No       No Signs Visible



**PEOPLE**

Are people visible on the block face?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes       No

Are any children visible on the block face?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes       No       No people visible

Is there any evidence of people (2 or more) loitering on the street (e.g., just hanging out or congregating for no apparent reason)?<sup>1</sup>

- Yes       No       No people visible

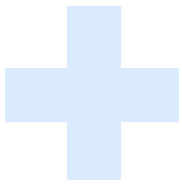
Is there any evidence of kids participating in physical activities in the neighborhood (e.g., playing ball games, skateboarding)?

- Yes  
 No  
 No people visible

Visible people on the block face appear to be participating in the following activities (check all that apply):

	Visible	Not Visible	No People Visible
Walking to a destination <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In front of home (ie front garden or vehicle) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In front of a business <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waiting for a bus <sup>2</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>





## OVERALL CONDITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD

This neighborhood appears to be a safe place to live

- Definitely safe
- Fairly safe
- Unsure
- Fairly unsafe
- Definitely unsafe

I would feel safe walking in this neighborhood at night

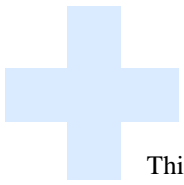
- Definitely safe
- Fairly safe
- Unsure
- Fairly unsafe
- Definitely unsafe

What is the percentage of cars that appear to be high end luxury vehicles in this neighborhood?

- 75% of cars appear to be luxury vehicles.
- 50-74% of cars appear to be luxury vehicles.
- 1-49% of cars appear to be luxury vehicles.
- 0% (none) of cars appear to be luxury vehicles.
- No cars visible.

How would you rate the quality of the majority of cars visible on this street?

- High Quality
- Moderate Quality
- Low Quality
- No cars visible



This neighborhood appears to be best characterized by:

- Wealth/prosperity
- Comfortably off
- Moderate means
- Poor
- Unsure

This is a neighborhood that I could live in

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please include any comments regarding the overall condition of the neighborhood and/or the suitability of the neighborhood for families and children?



## GOOGLE STREET VIEW CHARACTERISTICS

The weather at the time the Google Street View images were taken appeared to be:

- Clear and Sunny
- Sunny with Clouds
- Clouds without visible Sun
- Unable to evaluate

The Google Street View images appeared to be taken at the following time of day:

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Unable to evaluate

Did you notice any inconsistencies in the Google Street View images for this street segment? (e.g., images from multiple time points stitched together, missing portions of the street segment)

- Yes
- No

Please describe any inconsistencies in the Google Street View images:



## FINAL CHECKLIST (Question Pro)

Observer Identification #:

What is the Subject ID#:

Did you make any mistakes in coding on the instrument that you would like to go back and amend?

- Yes       No

What section of the survey would you like to go back and amend your response to?

- Identifying Features
- Street Features
- Sidewalk Features
- Physical Disorder
- Amenities
- Types of Buildings
- Residential Land Use
- Business/Commercial Land Use
- Recreational Facilities
- Vacant Lots/Open Spaces
- People
- Overall Condition of Neighborhood
- Google Street View Characteristics

Click the Finished button to submit your response and be redirected to the start of the instrument.

**FINISHED**