1.

Case study 1 fits into the Fixes That Fail archetype, meaning that almost any decision carries long-term and short-term consequences (Kim & Lannon, 2018). In this case, the use of temporary shelters for the unhoused individuals meant that there was a false perception for the public that the homelessness situation was solved resulting in little public support to fund the affordable housing scheme, which in turn caused the unhoused population to grow further.

2.

A diagram of a problem

Description automatically generated

Public perception of crisis

Funding level

Temporary shelters

Unhoused population

3.

There are several problems in this case study. These begin with the homelessness issue. This has been addressed in the past using temporary shelters for those in need, however this does not solve the underlying causes of homelessness, possibly a lack of affordable housing. Another issue is that the because the homeless individuals are being housed in temporary shelters, the public see less homeless on the street and falsely think the situation has been solved, therefore there is little support for the experts’ plan do develop a comprehensive plan for an affordable housing solution.

This leads to an endless cycle of increased homelessness, that can only be broken if the affordable housing plan is put in place and the unhoused actually get their own homes instead of a temporary shelter.

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