

APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC REALM RATING SYSTEM

Public realm includes all external spaces and linkages that are physically accessible to the public. Public realm elements can include, but are not limited to: streetscapes, pedestrian and cyclist paths, transit hubs, gateways, parks, gardens, waterfronts, natural features, landmarks, squares, plazas and building interfaces.

The Public Realm Rating System is designed to address the following uses of public realm, their sites and associated facilities:

- **General:** this applies to all types of public realm and covers the common requirements. Within individual credits, exemptions or differing requirements may be specified for the following public realm uses:
- **Public Open Spaces:** this applies to all open areas within urban growth boundaries and/or the natural environment (whether it is free or fee paying access), and allocated for public recreation, gathering or assembly. These spaces may include areas designated as natural, semi-natural and environmental preservation areas; natural and developed waterfronts; developed parks and gardens; linear parks and green infrastructure elements; urban squares, plazas and civic spaces. These are further defined by size as:
 - **Local Public Open Space:** this applies to small public open spaces located within residential, commercial or mixed use areas, usually containing playgrounds, and smaller sports facilities, with a site area less than 1 ha.
 - **Neighbourhood Public Open Space:** this applies to public open spaces serving a collection of fareej units or a designated neighbourhood, adjacent to community facilities or Jame'e Mosques, usually containing playgrounds, some sports facilities, small kiosks and café facilities with a site area between 1 ha and 5 ha.
 - **District Public Open Space:** this applies to public open spaces within cities, towns or small settlements serving multiple neighbourhoods, often co-located with district retail centres, community facilities, schools and district Jame'e Mosques, and containing larger sports fields, space and facilities for community gatherings and religious celebrations with a site area between 5 ha and 50 ha.
 - **Municipality & Emirate Public Open Space:** this applies to large public open spaces of municipality or emirate-wide significance, containing facilities for major cultural and civic events and celebrations, natural features, historic landmarks or specialist sports facilities with a site area above 50 ha.
- **Streetscapes:** this applies to the elements of a street including the footpaths, medians, street lights, planting, irrigation systems, water features, street furniture, signage and all associated public landscaped areas. These are further defined as:
 - **Individual Streetscapes:** this applies to individual streets, less than 1km length, which are not part of a master plan project that has been granted approval through the UPC Master Plan Development Review Stream.
 - **Network of Streetscapes:** this applies to multiple streets, individual streets greater than 1km length, and streetscapes forming part of a master plan project that has been granted approval through the UPC Master Plan Development Review Stream.

Public Open Space and Streetscapes are further defined within the PRDM.

Submission Requirements

The submission requirements for each of the stages of the Public Realm Rating System are outlined in each credit. The Design Rating submission should be made at the end of the tender documentation stage and the Construction Rating submission should be made on completion of construction prior to project handover. Both the design and construction submissions should be made electronically from the PQP to the Pearl Assessor at Estidama.

Confidentiality

There will be no public disclosure of information provided or derived as part of the Submission Requirements. Information provided will remain confidential, except as required for identification of the project and its key participants for the purposes of Certification.