CREATING A VIVID CITY CENTRE BY FACILITATING CAR MOBILITY

Today it would be unimaginable to think of a world without cars. It was this very invention since its introduction in 1885 that brought societies together, gave people freedom, and brought prosperity to economies. After more than one hundred thirty years, the car has become an integral component of modern life, to such an extent that it is part of the urban fabric. Cities have been reimagined to facilitate this means of transport. Tremendous road networks have been constructed. New building typologies were designed. As a result, there are now an estimated 600 million cars on this planet, with numerous projections suggesting this will increase to a billion by 2030. However, the car and its physical by-products, such as infrastructure and parking facilities, have become increasingly unpopular due to the polluting effect on our environment and experience of the city. Nowadays we are told we must abandon the car and break ourselves of decades of dependency. But despite all protests against the car and its effects, people still love to drive. To condemn the car from the road denies most people of their everyday amusement. Hence a more thought-out solution is needed.