Aspects of Residential and Neighbourhood Preferences in the Warri Metropolis, Delta State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This paper examines the residential and neighbourhood preferences of residents in the Warri metropolis in Nigeria. Twenty five neighbourhoods in Warri were selected for this study. Primary and secondary sources of data were used to collect data for this study. Using three indicators of residential desirability the quality of each neighbourhood was ascertained. To determine the level of preference of the each neighbourhood, this research used seven criteria. Our findings reveal that residents generally placed more emphasis on environmental quality, proximity to and availability of, neighbourhood facilities and the quality of the immediate surroundings when taking decisions on where to relocate to within the urban space.