

	Composition	Configuration	Constitution
A-type <i>Altstadt</i>			
B-type Bilateral			
C-type Conjoint or Characteristic			
D-type Distributory			

7.11 • ABCD and the three Cs.

Legibility

It is suggested that arteriability is the 'active ingredient' of hierarchy that contributes to legibility. One can clearly determine one's way about a layout if it possesses arteriability (strategic contiguity), since as long as one heads towards the higher status route, one knows where one is with respect to the whole. In this sense, legibility applies to conjoint and dendritic constitutions, but not to mosaic or serial cases. In this interpretation of legibility, the Thamesmead road network would be considered more 'legible' than the Poundbury case: the structure of the former is more easily grasped, and progressive movement through the hierarchy is possible.