



Steps as edges

Broad flights of steps can wrap around spaces to enclose them. These stepped edges often create positive social environments that are adopted by people for sitting, eating and drinking, as well as enabling access to the space they enclose.

Cliffs and chasms

Occasionally in urban places cliff and chasm forms are sometimes necessary and can be used to create distinctive and dramatic edge places. 'Cliffs' and high retaining walls can provide settings for theatre, video or digital light projections, ball games and recreational climbing. Cliffs and chasms are of course barriers to easy movement and can therefore be alienating and disorientating for people.