



DRAWING AFTER DETAIL FROM "THE CENSUS AT BETHLEHEM" 1566 PIETER BRUEGEL THE ELDER

## Robustness and inclusiveness

The very public nature of landscapes means that they are used by and must therefore be designed for a very wide range of people and activities. The quality that a landscape has when it provides simultaneously for diversity of use and experience can be defined as 'robustness' (Bentley

*et al.* 1984). Robust landscapes are accommodating, flexible and inclusive. They 'stand up to' and 'support' different interpretations and use. A frequent aim of design is to achieve robustness by creatively accommodating and reconciling different uses.