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**Figure 8.65** The plan of the DTC.

whom are planning and/or design professionals. They strive to ensure new buildings are well designed.

The design guidelines specify that each site should have a minimum of 30% open space. Parking space cannot comprise more than 40% of the site and the building no more than 40%. The purpose is to ensure the park-like setting. Pedestrian and vehicular access has to be segregated on each site with the entrances to buildings being

obvious. The major aesthetic control is in the height of buildings. Many suburban areas in the United States (and many other countries) have a great fear of high-rise buildings because they are seen to be representing the traditional city centres that many suburban residents of the era fled. In the DTC the height of buildings is restricted to eight stories. The result is that the buildings are all built to that height with flat tops and have a block-like appearance (see Figure 8.66).