

In some cities, there are few controls over the design and construction of new homes and office buildings, so people can build in whatever style they like. Do you think advantages outweigh disadvantages?

Freedom of artistic expression is an essential of a thriving society. Countries which impose strict limits on artistic expression are held back by a dearth of creative ideas and tend to reach a plateau in their ability to develop and evolve beyond a certain height. Architects, however, walk a fine line between art and social obligation.

History offers countless examples of great architects who have left their mark on a city's character, from Sir Christopher Wren's London to Gaudi's Barcelona. Architects play an important part in the character of the cities and buildings they design. Athens is a classic example of city that combines great art and functionality into a remarkable cultural experience. Tourists cannot help but admire the splendour of these ancient Greek architectural masterpieces, such as the Acropolis and other older parts of the city.

Even so, it is important for architects to understand that the buildings they design must also serve a purpose, rather than simply being held up as important works of art by historians. Buildings have a function and poorly designed buildings will very quickly fall into disuse. The Millennium Dome in London is a perfect illustration of a development that was put together at a great cost, opulently built but ultimately unable to perform the function it was intended for. After a triumphalist opening ceremony, the building soon fell into disuse and is now considered to be one of the least successful architectural projects ever commissioned by a British government.

Therefore, architects should certainly be able to let their creative abilities be put to effective use, but they must also acknowledge the social obligation they have to ensure buildings are fit for purpose.

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