Viability of ‘White Flat’ In Singapore

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Abstract

The concept of ‘white flats’ was first introduced by HDB in year 2000, in which the authorities had finally acknowledged the need of flexibility in housing. However, it was felt that the proposed ‘white flats’ has limited flexibility due to the lack of confidence on HDB’s part. This dissertation, therefore, seeks to ascertain firstly whether the concept of ‘white flat’ is actually viable in Singapore in the first place, in the hope to boost the confidence of the authorities, and secondly whether flexibility is indeed limited in HDB’s proposed ‘White flat’ and the reasons for it, so that improvements could be made to the flexible design of these flats.

From the investigations done, it is found that the concept of ‘white flats’ is indeed viable in Singapore and that there is limited flexibility in HDB’s proposed ‘white flats’. From the factors found to have contributed to the limitation in flexibility, some measures were also proposed to improve the degree of flexibility in the design of these flats.

The investigations undertaken in this dissertation have been based on plans and information from HDB’s prospectus as the first batch of ‘white flats’ are still under construction and yet to be inhabited by the prospective occupants.

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