Basic calculations in urban design – explanation of concepts

In case of one building plot

lot coverage: built in area on the ground floor divided by the area of the plot

its unit is m^2/m^2

floorspace ratio: the sum of the built in areas of all stories divided by the area of

the plot

its unit is m^2/m^2

In case of a development area - related to plots

lot coverage: the sum of built in areas on the ground floor divided by the sum

of the areas of the plots

its unit is m^2/m^2

floorspace ratio: the sum of the built in areas of all stories divided by the sum of

the areas of the plots

its unit is m^2/m^2

of flats per hectare¹: the number of flats on the area divided by the total area of the

plots in hectares its unit is piece/ha

In case of a development area – related to the whole development area

lot coverage: the sum of built in areas on the ground floor divided by the sum

of the areas of the plots and all the public spaces

its unit is m^2/m^2

floorspace ratio: the sum of the built in areas of all stories divided by the sum of

the areas of the plots and all the public spaces

its unit is m^2/m^2

of flats per hectare: the number of flats on the area divided by the total area of the

plots and the public spaces in hectares

its unit is piece/ha

ratio of public and private areas:

the total area of public spaces divided by the by the sum of the

areas of the plots its unit is m^2/m^2

¹ hectare: 10 000 m2

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