

# MAZOOM BEN MANZOOR

## Urban Designer | Architect | Sustainable Urban Development Specialist

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### SUMMARY

#### Urban Designer & Sustainability Planner | RTPI Accredited

Innovative urban planner with experience in sustainable city design, low-carbon mobility, climate-resilient development, policy making and experience in submission of approval. Specialized in GIS-based planning, transit-oriented development (TOD), and community-driven regeneration to create equitable, green cities. Proven track record in policy-influencing projects and SDG-aligned master plans.

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### EDUCATION

#### MA, Urban Design

Sept 2021 - Oct 2022

#### Leeds Beckett University

Leeds, United Kingdom

- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) accreditation
- Relevant Coursework: Sustainable Urbanism, Climate Policy

#### Bachelor of Architecture

Aug 2015 - Aug 2020

#### Anna University

Tamilnadu, India

- 5 years degree
- Relevant Coursework: Green Housing, Vernacular Architecture, Zoning and Landuse

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Urban Design Consultant

Aug 2025 - Present

#### Saudi Architects, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Working as an Urban Design Consultant at **Diriyah** project which comes under **SELA & Diriyah Gate Development Authority (DGDA)**.
- Ensured 100% compliance of design packages and technical drawings with DGDA's specific architectural language and public realm standards before submission to SELA & DGDA.
- Conducted rigorous quality assurance reviews of design submissions against the established Urban Design Guidelines, Zoning Codes, and Preservation Standards set by DGDA.
- Authored and produced high level technical reports, including design rationale documents and implementation phasing plans, utilized by both Salah and DGDA for decision-making.
- Applied advanced GIS and modeling software to model and assess the impact of zoning and density options.

#### Urban Designer / Site Architect

Aug 2024 - Aug 2025

#### EEGO Designs, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- Tender Documentation: Reviewed technical specifications, as-built drawings, and contract documents to ensure compliance.
- Prepare and present detailed reports, plans, and recommendations to stakeholders.
- Supported site visits and municipal feedback responses during design approvals.
- Collaborate with architects, engineers, and environmental specialists on integrated proposals.
- Research urban trends, demographics, and environmental factors to guide planning.
- Submission of Approval: Collecting, checking and preparing the documents of approval.
- Sustainable Design Leadership: Spearheaded climate-responsive urban projects using vernacular cooling strategies, reducing urban heat island effects.

- GAP Analysis & Compliance: Identified sustainability deviations in tender documents, aligning projects with LEED and Saudi Green Initiative standards.
- Stakeholder Collaboration: Partnered with government agencies to integrate SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities) into master plans.
- Develop comprehensive urban plans and strategies tailored to site's unique challenges and opportunities.
- Facilitate public engagement and community workshops to gather stakeholder input.
- Use GIS and mapping tools to visualize plans and proposals.

### Urban Designer / Architect

#### Ground Zero Architects, ( HYBRID )

Nov 2022 - Aug 2024

- TOD Frameworks: Designed pedestrian-first networks for regional transport hubs, cutting projected car dependency.
- Policy Influence: Drafted municipal urban cooling guidelines adopted as citywide standards, reducing energy use.
- Net-Zero Design: Led mixed-use projects with rooftop solar arrays and greywater recycling systems.
- Site Supervision: Coordinated approval drawings, client meetings, and construction oversight to ensure regulatory compliance.

### Junior Architect

#### Ground Zero Architects, Kerala, India

May 2020 - Aug 2021

- Sustainable Housing: Designed high-density residential projects with green roofs, boosting urban biodiversity by 30%.
- Community Engagement: Facilitated participatory workshops for slum redevelopment, achieving resident satisfaction.
- 3D Modeling: Created client-facing visualizations using SketchUp and Rhino to streamline approvals.

### Intern Architect

#### Sky Ripples Architects, Kerala, India

Sep 2018 - Apr 2019

- Eco-Master Planning: Assisted in designing 50-acre green corridors for a residential community, enhancing storm water management and walkability.
- Client Coordination: Produced approval drawings in AutoCAD/SketchUp and participated in design reviews.
- Participated in community workshops to gather feedback on public space designs, enhancing end-user satisfaction.

### Intern Architect

#### Salah Al Kooheji SPC , Manama, Bahrain

Jan 2018 - Aug 2018

- Participated in commercial and residential projects by developing software skills in Sketchup and Rhino, conducting surveys, supervising sites, and creating hand sketches, contributing to project design improvements.
- Produced client presentations using Adobe Illustrator and InDesign, streamlining approval processes.
- Designed mixed-use commercial complexes in urban Bahrain, optimizing land-use efficiency and pedestrian connectivity.

## KEY SKILLS

### Sustainability Expertise:

- Circular Economy | Climate Adaptation & Mitigation | SDG 11 Compliance | Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Net-Zero Carbon Planning | Renewable Energy Integration (Solar/Wind) | Green Infrastructure

### Technical Proficiencies:

- GIS (ArcGIS/QGIS) | AutoCAD (Advanced) | Adobe Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator)
- Lumion/Enscape | Microsoft Office