



Riccardo Marini

Riccardo Marini's accent belies his Italian upbringing. When Andrew Stuck met him a dozen years ago, he was Design Lead for the City of Edinburgh and Andrew was a researcher for the Academy of Urbanism. Since then, working first as a director for Jan Gehl Architects and now as founder of Marini Urbanismo, he has worked with cities to make their commercial cores more people-friendly. They are in London's West End, in the midst of the mid-morning hubbub on a chilly December day, so Riccardo's cogent, forceful and passionate argument for putting pedestrians first is even more pertinent. 24'16" 11.4MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in December 2017 on a walk in London's West End. Published in January 2019 on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Riccardo has founded Marini Urbanismo: <https://mariniurbanismo.com/> - beware he has a disorientating video on his website's landing page!

Academy of Urbanism <https://www.academyofurbanism.org.uk/>

Jan Gehl is the author of a number of books on 'placemaking' e.g. Life between Buildings (1971), was a Professor of Urban Planning at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts - Schools of Architecture, Design & Conservation and for many years has been transforming cities, based on his many successes in Copenhagen - creating cities for people: <https://gehlpeople.com/> Gehl Architects were commissioned in 2004 by Ken Livingstone, when Mayor of London, to report on making London more walkable: https://issuu.com/gehlarchitects/docs/issuu_270_london_psp_2004

In 2012 Gehl Architects were commissioned to undertake studies of Regent Street on behalf of The Crown Estate.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan Air Quality priorities: <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/london-environment-strategy-sets-out-vision>

'Summer Streets' in Regent Street - closing the street to traffic: <https://www.regentstreetonline.com/insider/summer-streets>

Paley Park in New York City <https://www.pps.org/places/paley-park>

Janet Sadik-Khan was the commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation under Mayor Bloomberg credited with redesigning many of New York's major arteries to give priority to pedestrians and transit. <https://www.bloombergassociates.org/principal/janette-sadik-khan/>

Sir Terry Farrell [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Farrell_\(architect\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Farrell_(architect))

We walk up and down Bond Street: http://westminstertransportationservices.co.uk/projects/project_details.php?id=434 Current street-scape projects in Westminster, including Bond Street and Piccadilly: http://westminstertransportationservices.co.uk/projects/projects_list.php?project_type_id=3

Oxford Street pedestrianisation was rejected by Westminster City Council - what happens next is still speculative: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/revealed-alternative-plans-for-oxford-street-after-pedestrianisation-rejected-a3965036.html>

Riccardo recommends:

The first isn't a walk but a 'pocket park' in Manhattan: Paley Park <https://www.pps.org/places/paley-park>

Walking through the city of Venice: https://www.rometoolkit.com/venice_visit/venice_by_foot.html