



Figure 15.14  
Homes for Change, Manchester.  
(Source: Dawson, 2004.)



Figure 15.15  
Three-storey town houses in  
Northern Ireland, thought by  
many to be too high a density.  
(Source: Mike Jenks.)

1994). In other parts of the world, especially Asia where there is rapid urbanisation, similar concerns exist about the containment and sustainability of megacities and huge urban agglomerations. While the arguments may be similar, the concept of 'higher' is entirely relative. The 30–50 dwellings per hectare recommended as an advance in the UK, is particular and mediated by the density of most current developments

Figure 15.16  
New development in Hong Kong  
at a culturally acceptable  
density. (Source: Mike Jenks.)



(25 dwellings per hectare), and by an informed judgement as to what densities might be acceptable to future residents. Outside the UK, these standards may represent a threshold that is either unacceptably high to some, or far too low for the cultural expectations of different countries (Figures 15.15 and 15.16).