



Sheffield and World Mega Cities – are they cool places to live in ?

FACT FILE

The Cambridge English Dictionary defines 'city' as 'a large town' or 'any town in the UK which has a cathedral'. This is the common meaning of the word throughout the world. However, in the UK, a town must be granted city status by the British monarch.

Cities with more than 10 million people are called Mega Cities

The largest cities in the UK include London – 9,750,500, Birmingham – 2,453,700 Manchester – 1,903,100. Glasgow – 1,057,600. Newcastle – 837,500. Sheffield – 818,800. Liverpool – 793,100. Leeds – 761,500.

The population of cities increase because they attract jobs, construction, airports, services and public transport. They are often vibrant with culture, entertainment and shopping.

Problems that can arise in urban areas as a result of housing people at such high densities include congestion, smog, increased crime and expensive accommodation.

Brasília in Brazil is a city constructed by the government as a brand new capital city.

Vocabulary

Monarch – is a sovereign head of state in a monarchy such as a King or Queen.

Population – all the people who live in one area.

Urban – town or city

Rural – countryside rather than the town.

Density – is the number of people per unit of area, usually quoted per square kilometer or square mile

Capital city – is the place exercising primary status in a country usually with the government buildings.

Kelham Island – is one of Sheffield's oldest manufacturing sites.

