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'No Seaside in Scotland' pledges Duany



Andres Duany has vowed not to create another Seaside in Scotland when he builds a new settlement in the Highlands.

The architect behind the Florida town, which featured in film *The Truman Show*, has promised to create a design using Scottish vernacular, and not simply roll-out his Seaside ideas.

Speaking to local journalists before giving an RIAS lecture yesterday (29 June), Duany, one of the founding fathers of New Urbanism, promised to use local knowledge to inform his designs.

The architect, a close associate of Leon Krier, has been commissioned to design a new town of 5,000 homes, south of Tornagrain, near Inverness, which will include schools, shops, pubs and restaurants.

When complete, it could become Europe's largest example of New Urbanism.

But Duany has promised that it will bear no resemblance to Seaside. 'It's all about local architecture,' he said.

'Just as the architecture of Seaside in Florida fits exactly into the architecture of the place and the era, it would be ridiculous to build something like Seaside in a Highland town.'

He vowed that 50 per cent of his team would comprise local architects, planners and engineers.

'I myself cannot become an expert in this,' he said. 'That is why we basically graft on to people who have lived here all their lives; they are the experts.'

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