

# Determination of Zone Factor - Colombo Commercial City

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## Zone Factor

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As a novel approach, zones of the planning area have demarcated based on their expected densities and the character. Not as the earlier method which the zoning was based on the future proposed land use and the character of the area.

With that, a new formula has been introduced to determine the achievable floor area for a given property based on the expected density of the particular zone. (Refer ..... of Volume III Part II of Colombo Commercial City Development Plan)

Accordingly, 'Zone Factor' is the extent of development that an area can hold, based on:

- The environmental/ cultural sensitivity of the area.
- The infrastructure availability (Access Roads, Water Supply, Surface Drainage, Sewerage Disposal, etc) to cater to the development,
- The carrying capacity in terms geographic conditions, population density, etc

Zone Factor is calculated based on the space requirement for the future anticipated development which depends on expected Residential and Commuter population in the respective zone.

## Demarcation of Zones and Sub-Zones

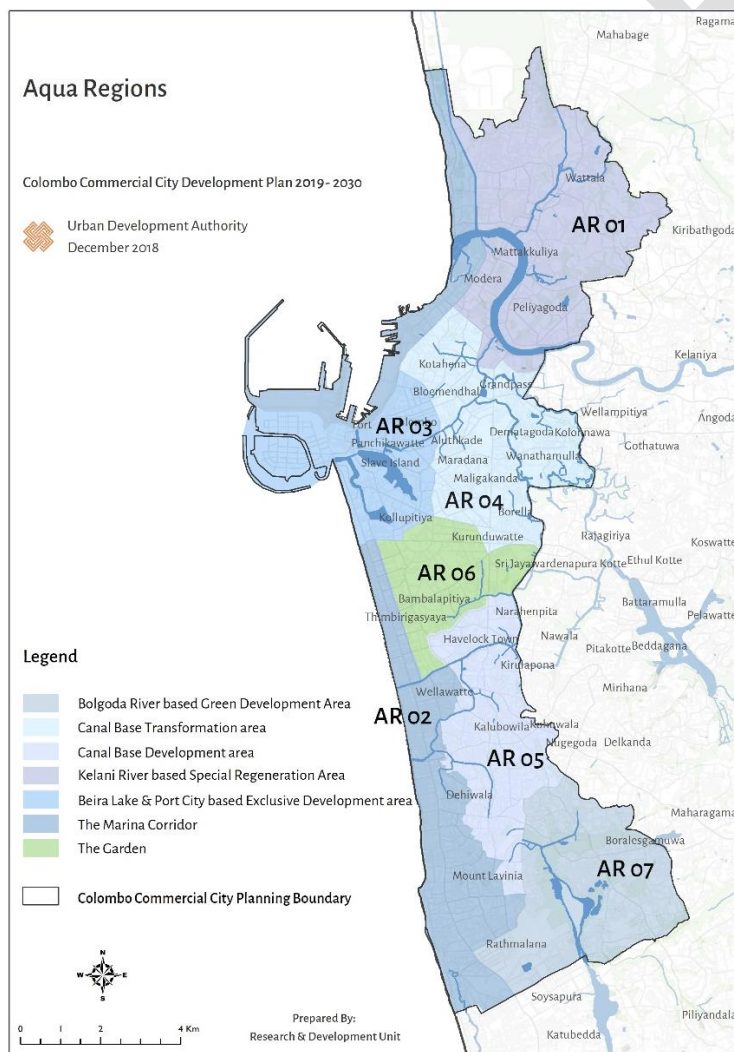
Colombo Commercial City will be developed with the Vision of “Aquarina” – The City in Water;

Colombo to be experienced as the Smart, Vibrant and Tropical Water Garden City of South Asia in 2030.

### The Concept

In achieving the vision, Colombo Commercial City will be developed by specific clusters based on its Potentials/ Future demanding activities/ Characters as 07 ‘Aqua Regions’,

- AR 01 - Kelani River based Special Regeneration Area
- AR 02 - The Marina Corridor
- AR 03 - Beira Lake & Port City based Exclusive Development area
- AR 04 - Canal Base Transformation Area
- AR 05 - Canal Base Development Area
- AR 06 - The Garden
- AR 07 - Bolgoda River based Green Development Area

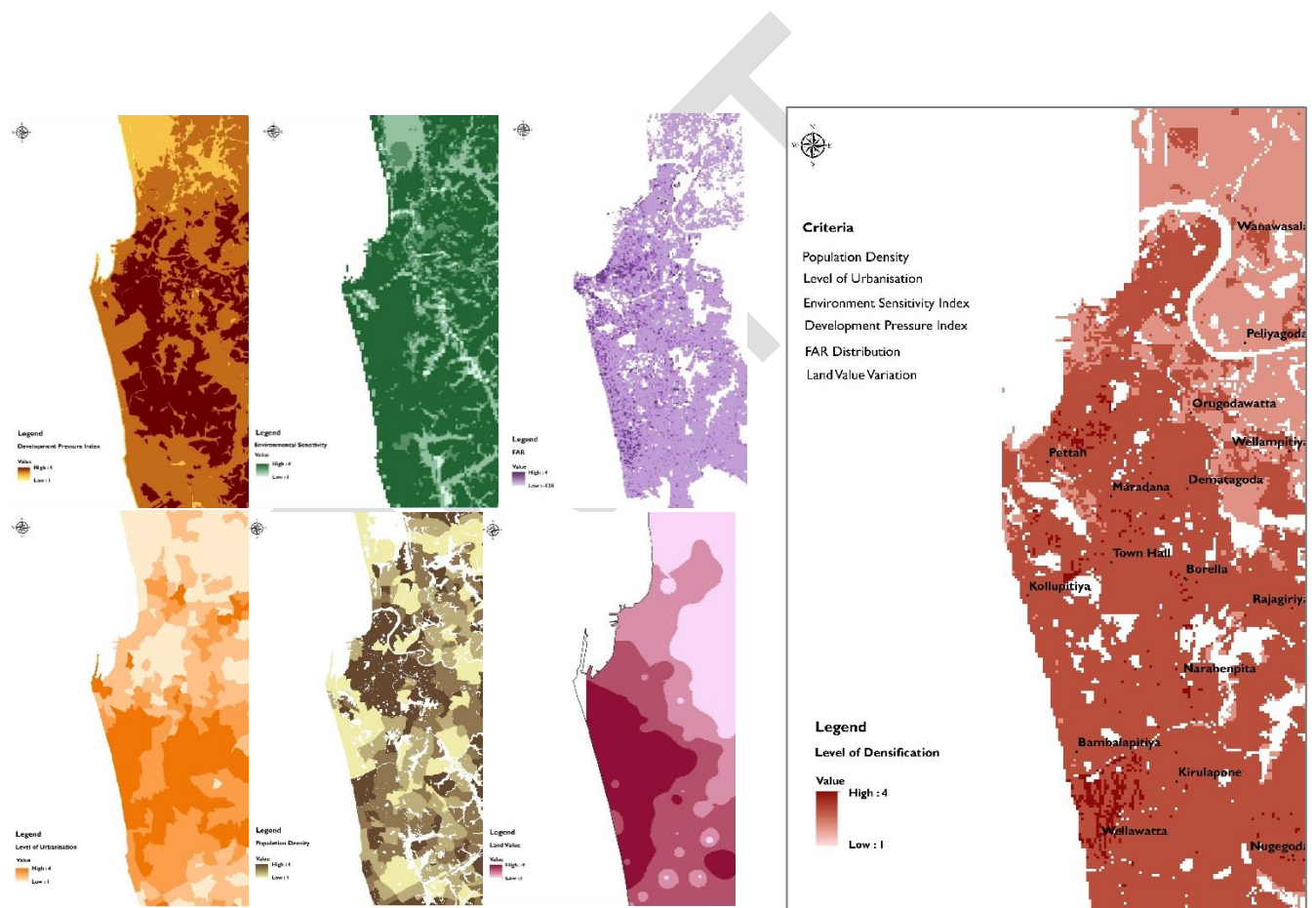


## Densification Pattern

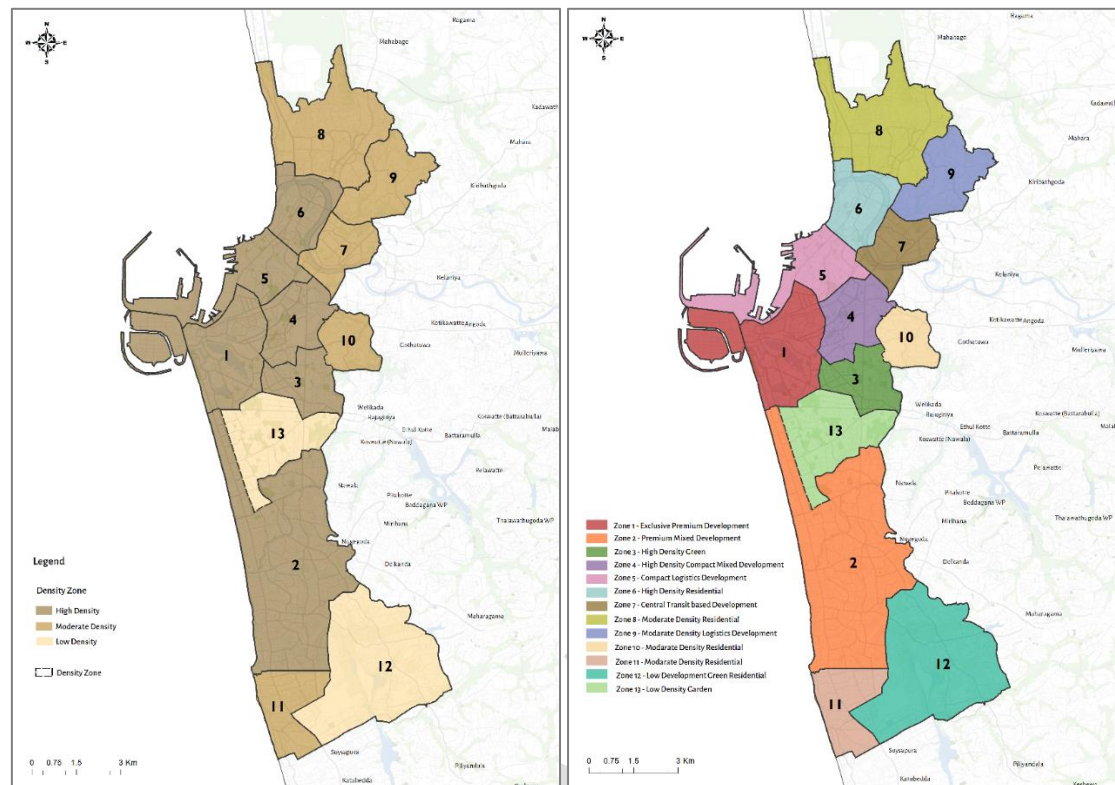
The future densification pattern of the city was determined based on;

- Carrying Capacities (Supply capacity of Infrastructure, Bearing Capacity of Environment, Human Space Demand)
- Population & Urbanisation Trends
- Existing FAR
- Land Value Variation
- Ongoing & Proposed Projects

Weighted overlay result of the considered criteria was as follows;



Considering the Density Distribution and the character, the area was divided into thirteen zones within three broader densification zones;



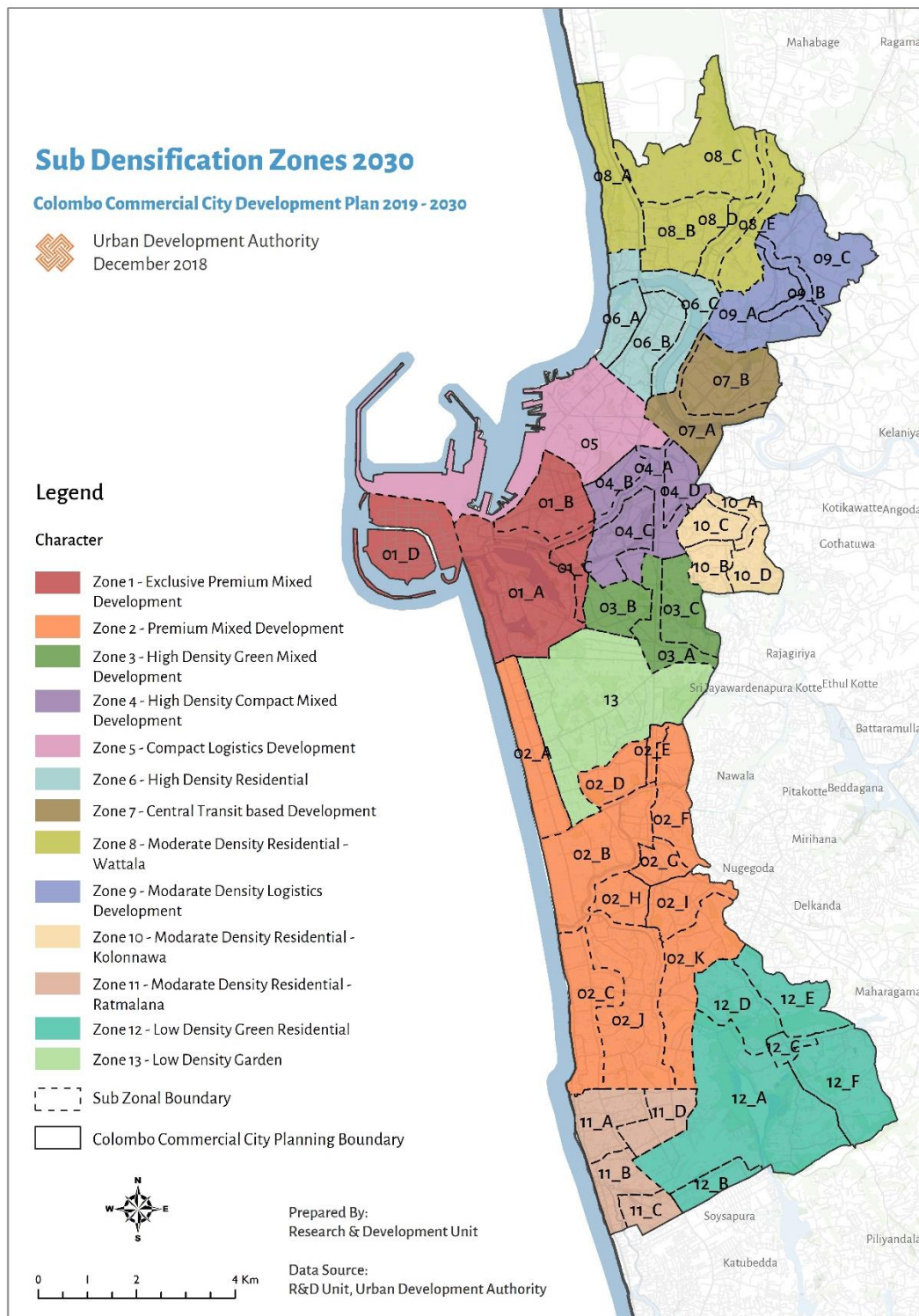
Zone	Density	Character
Zone 1	High Density	Exclusive Premium Mixed Development
Zone 2		Premium Mixed Development
Zone 3		High Density Green Mixed Development
Zone 4		High Density Compact Mixed Development
Zone 5		Compact Logistics Development
Zone 6	Moderate Density	High Density Residential
Zone 7		Central Transit based Development
Zone 8		Moderate Density Residential - Wattala
Zone 9		Moderate Density Logistics Development
Zone 10		Moderate Density Residential - Kolonnawa
Zone 11	Low Density	Moderate Density Residential - Ratmalana
Zone 12		Low Density Green Residential
Zone 13		Low Density Garden



These thirteen zones were divided into further small zones based on;

- The Road Hierarchy
- The Level of Service of the Roads
- The Node Hierarchy and the area considered as the node

Accordingly fifty one (51) sub densification zones were demarcated in Colombo Commercial City.



## Estimating Floor Space Requirement for Zones

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### Process of Determining the Zone Factor

1. The Envisioned Development (as per the Goals and Objectives)
2. The limits for Development determined by analyzing Sensitivity/ Potential/ Carrying Capacity
3. The Expected Residential + Commuter Population (Based on Intelligent Guesses and Assumptions)
4. Workout the Required Residential + Commercial Floor Space to Accommodate 03

Accordingly;

$$\text{Zone Factor} = \frac{\text{Total Expected FloorArea}}{\text{Available Developable Land Area}}$$

Residential Population and non-residential Population were predicted for Colombo Commercial City based on the above mentioned 01 and 02 criteria. (Annexure ..... - Population Prediction).

Commuter population was taken as the total of non-residential population and 40% of the residential population assuming 40% of the residential population commuting within the city.

According to the estimated population for zones, required floor area space was calculated as shown in the following table for the thirteen zones.

### Estimating Space Requirement

Estimating space for residents;

- Per capita Residential Space – 50 sq.m

Estimating space for commuters;

- Per capita Commuter Space – 40 sq.m

Total Space = Total Residential Space + Total Commuter Space

Developable Land Area – Land area that could be used to build up excluding the environmental sensitivity areas, water bodies and roads.

Zone	Character	Current Distribution 2017		Envisaged Distribution 2030												
				Residential			Non-Residential		Commuter							
		Resident Population	Percentage to Total	Residential Population	Percentage to Total	Area Sq M	Non Residential Population	Percentage to Total	Commuter Population	Percentage to Total	Area Sq.m	Ratio Res: Non Res	Total Floor Area Sq.m	Percentage to Total	Developable Land Sq.m	Adjusted Overall Zone Factor
01	Exclusive Premium Mixed Development	109,853	10	117,000	9	5,850,000	197,000	17.9	243,800	15	9,752,000	0.37	15,602,000	12	4,722,000	3.30
02	Premium Mixed Development	254,628	24	312,000	24	15,600,000	295,000	26.8	419,800	26	16,792,000	0.51	32,392,000	25	17,350,000	1.90
03	High Density Green Mixed Development	75,681	7	91,000	7	4,550,000	106,000	9.6	142,400	9	5,696,000	0.46	10,246,000	8	3,064,000	3.30
04	High Density Compact Mixed Development	114,776	11	117,000	9	5,850,000	84,000	7.6	130,800	8	5,232,000	0.58	11,082,000	9	3,420,000	3.20
05	High Density Logistics Development	63,666	6	65,000	5	3,250,000	67,000	6.1	93,000	6	3,720,000	0.49	6,970,000	5	2,682,000	2.60
06	High Density Residential - Kotahena	77,320	7	104,000	8	5,200,000	90,000	8.2	131,600	8	5,264,000	0.54	10,464,000	8	3,293,000	3.20
07	Central Transit based Development	37,075	3	39,000	3	1,950,000	60,000	5.5	75,600	5	3,024,000	0.39	4,974,000	4	3,126,000	1.60
08	Moderate Density Residential - Wattala	76,560	7	117,000	9	5,850,000	13,000	1.2	59,800	4	2,392,000	0.90	8,242,000	6	9,613,000	0.90
09	Moderate Density Logistics Development	52,617	5	65,000	5	3,250,000	19,000	1.7	45,000	3	1,800,000	0.77	5,050,000	4	4,572,000	1.10
10	Moderate Density Residential - Kolonnawa	34,724	3	52,000	4	2,600,000	4,000	0.4	24,800	2	992,000	0.93	3,592,000	3	2,321,000	1.50
11	Moderate Density Residential - Ratmalana	51,520	5	78,000	6	3,900,000	50,000	4.5	81,200	5	3,248,000	0.61	7,148,000	6	3,979,000	1.80
12	Moderate Density Green Residential	75,796	7	91,000	7	4,550,000	33,000	3.0	69,400	4	2,776,000	0.73	7,326,000	6	9,054,000	0.80
13	Low Density Garden	39,730	4	52,000	4	2,600,000	82,000	7.5	102,800	6	4,112,000	0.39	6,712,000	5	4,734,000	1.40
		1,063,946		1,300,000		65,000,000	1,100,000		1,620,000		64,800,000	0.54	129,800,000		71,930,000	1.80



## Determining the Zone Factor for Sub-Zones

Total space requirement of a zone was divided into subzones based on the expected development intensity in the respective sub-zone.

Zone	Character	Total Space (sq.m)	Sub-Zone	Percentage of the Expected Space	Expected Space (sq.m)	Developable Land Area (sq.m)	Zone Factor
01	Exclusive Premium Mixed Development Zone	15,602,000	01_A	62	9,673,240	2,862,000	3.4
			01_B	30	4,680,600	1,450,000	3.2
			01_C	8	1,248,160	412,000	3
02	Premium Mixed Development Zone	32,392,000	02_A	10	3,239,200	1,476,000	2.2
			02_B	18	5,830,560	2,828,000	2.1
			02_C	12	3,887,040	1,936,000	2
			02_D	4.6	1,490,032	846,000	1.75
			02_E	1.4	453,488	216,000	2.1
			02_F	8	2,591,360	1,501,000	1.75
			02_G	3.5	1,133,720	586,000	1.9
			02_H	4	1,295,680	864,000	1.5
			02_I	5.5	1,781,560	1,171,000	1.5
			02_J	20	6,478,400	3,576,000	1.8
			02_K	13	4,210,960	2,352,000	1.8
03	High Density Green Mixed Development Zone	10,246,000	03_A	33	3,381,180	909,000	3.7
			03_B	31	3,176,260	938,000	3.4
			03_C	36	3,688,560	1,217,000	3

04	Traditional Compact Mixed Development Zone	11,082,500	04_A	36	3,989,520	1,181,000	3.4
			04_B	19	2,105,580	639,000	3.3
			04_C	23	2,548,860	808,000	3.2
			04_D	22	2,438,040	792,000	3.1
05	High Density Logistics Zone	6,970,000	05	100	6,970,000	2,682,000	2.6
06	High Density Residential Zone - Kotahena	10,464,000	06_A	15	1,569,600	564,000	2.8
			06_B	40	4,185,600	1,368,000	3.1
			06_C	45	4,708,800	1,360,000	3.5
07	Transport Oriented Development Zone	4,974,000	07_A	45	2,238,300	1,149,000	2
			07_B	55	2,735,700	1,976,000	1.4
08	Moderate Density Residential Zone I - Wattala	8,242,000	08_A	15	1,236,300	1,468,000	0.8
			08_B	20	1,648,400	2,168,000	0.75
			08_C	25	2,060,500	3,409,000	0.6
			08_D	20	1,648,400	1,027,000	1.6
			08_E	20	1,648,400	1,541,000	1.1
09	Moderate Density Logistics Zone	5,050,000	09_A	40	2,020,000	1,798,000	1.1
			09_B	18	909,000	713,000	1.3
			09_C	42	2,121,000	2,061,000	1
10	Moderate Density Residential Zone II - Kolonnawa	3,592,000	10_A	25	898,000	381,000	2.4
			10_B	10	359,200	683,000	0.5
			10_C	35	1,257,200	684,000	1.8
			10_D	30	1,077,600	573,000	1.9

11	Moderate Density Residential Zone III - Ratmalana	7,148,000	11_A	35	2,501,800	1,369,000	1.8
			11_B	32	2,287,360	991,000	2.3
			11_C	10	714,800	645,000	1.1
			11_D	23	1,644,040	974,000	1.7
12	Moderate Density Green Residential Zone	7,326,000	12_A	26	1,904,760	3,551,000	0.5
			12_B	9	659,340	630,000	1.1
			12_C	8	586,080	339,000	1.7
			12_D	20	1,465,200	1,152,000	1.3
			12_E	15	1,098,900	1,126,000	1
			12_F	22	1,611,720	2,255,000	0.7
13	Low Density Garden Zone	6,712,000	13	100	6,712,000	4,734,000	1.4

# Proposed Zone Factor 2030

Colombo Commercial City Development Plan 2019 - 2030



Urban Development Authority  
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## Legend

### Zone Factor

0.00 - 0.50
0.60 - 1.00
1.10 - 1.50
1.60 - 2.00
2.10 - 2.50
2.60 - 3.00
3.10 - 3.50
3.60 - 4.00

Colombo Commercial City Planning Boundary



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