



Global Truths

(AKA: What I did on my holidays)

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LONDON



Global Truth #1

- If you only provide crappy bike facilities (or none at all) only a few hardy males will cycle, but if you provide good bike facilities then many more people, especially women, will cycle.





Global Truth #1a

- Paint isn't enough.



Despite successes, there are still far too many busy roads with no cycling provision at all

Could we use this sign over the entirety of NZ?





Global Truth #2

- Drivers will park anywhere – especially bus stops and footpaths.



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TOYOTA

COROLLA





Global Truth #2a

- Even without parking, some footpaths are just too narrow.



Global Truth #2a

- Mind you its not just an English issue.



Global Truth #3

- Shared spaces are tricky to get right. They may look nice but will fail if too much traffic passes through.





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FACTORY SETTINGS

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ISO 9001
Registration
Quality
Management



Global Truth #4

- Narrow, obstructed lanes are not unsafe. They force traffic to go slow and look out for each other.







PARIS



Global Truth #5

- A great city is able to be safely and comfortably explored on foot or by bike.









Global Truth #6

- Waterfront areas are hugely attractive. Reclaim them from traffic and parking.







Global Truth #7

- Barriers to prevent parking on footpaths can create new barriers for pedestrians.





Global Truth #7a

- Having a poor walking environment means your community excludes a chunk of society – the elderly, the disabled, people pushing buggies, etc.



GREECE



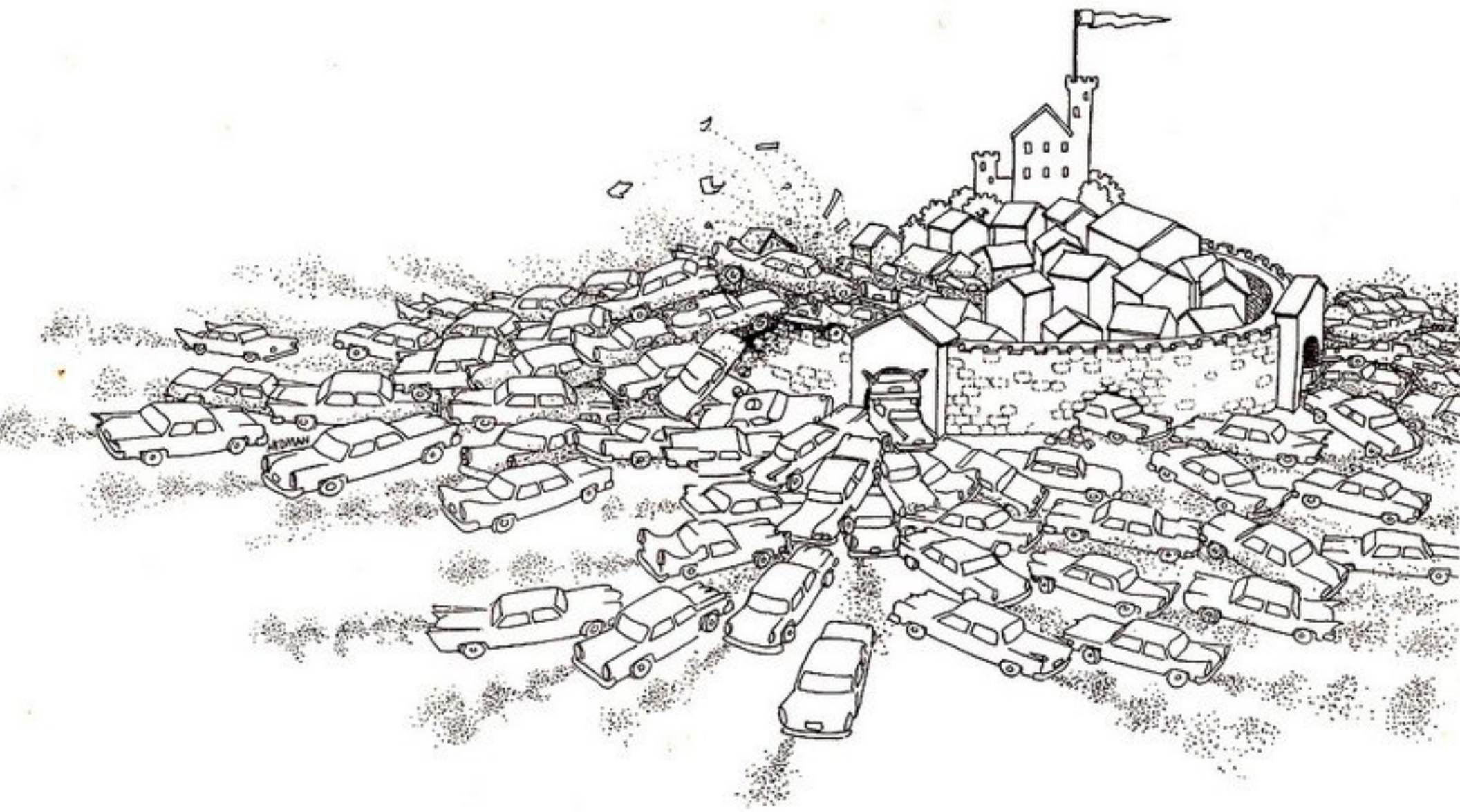


Global Truth #8

- You can ruin beautiful locations by jamming traffic into it.

OR:

- There is a point where providing vehicle access to a location starts to undermine the attractiveness of that location.












Global Truth #9

- Using tactile pavers does not make a place more accessible.
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Global Truth #10

- Cheap 'tactical urbanism' treatments can work.
But can just look shabby.





Global Truth #11

- Every city has a rush hour. Of one kind or another.







Global Truth #12

- There are little innovations everywhere that can help in ways we may not have considered.





VILLE DE
PARIS

RUE
SANS
MÉGOTS

VOUS ÊTES PLUTÔT ?

STAR
TREK
↓

STAR
WARS
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OF COURSE SECURITY SYSTEMS CAN







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want to send me to any other
exotic overseas locations**

THANKS

