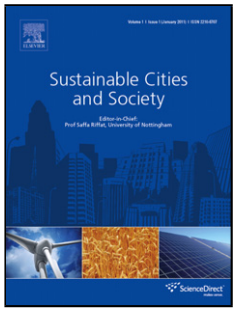

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Highlights

1. Trees planted in high density urban contexts are more effective in improving thermal comfort than those in open spaces.
2. Urban trees with a large crown, short trunk and dense canopy are more effective in reducing average daytime T_{mrt} at pedestrian level during summer sunny day, with values up to 5.1^{o}C in open space.
3. Five specific ways are proposed to facilitate the integration of tree planting into urban design.