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This project examined the history and significance of the mid-twentieth century British Townscape campaign. Aitchison’s doctoral dissertation, Visual Planning and Exterior Furnishing: A Critical History of the Early Townscape Movement, 1930 to 1949, outlined Townscape’s wider history in twentieth century discourses. Visual Planning and the Picturesque, (2010) was the first publication of Nikolaus Pevsner’s 1940s treatise on urban design. In July 2011, Aitchison organised the first retrospective of Townscape in London, the proceedings of which were published in a themed issue of the Journal of Architecture in 2012, titled “Townscape Revisited.”

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