

Chatsworth Street school and high-rise housing block overlooking the cleared site, Liverpool, 1969 from 'Manplan 4: The Continuing Community (education).

Photo by Tom Smith.

The lower two thirds of this black and white photograph is occupied by a cleared site – a flat expanse of land without trees or other features. In the foreground, there is a bonfire of scrap wood on muddy, rough ground. A tin bath is upturned behind the fire, perhaps as an improvised seat. About a third of the way down from the top of the photograph, a road running roughly horizontally divides the cleared site from distant buildings that remain standing. From left to right, they are a five-storey modern building, a 20-storey building holding a hundred or more flats, and then a Victorian board school with three pointed gables, brick chimneys and tall narrow windows. It was probably built to serve the children living in the houses that once stood on the cleared site. Next is a low warehouse and more industrial buildings. Between the tower block and the school, there is a tarmacked road that runs from the main road down to the right-hand corner.