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Your committee needs to get out of the 19th century and into the future. When work was mining or manufacturing or farming (and probably lots of others that I haven't thought of) there was a reason for workers to commute to a central location. Now and for the future, most jobs consist of paper-handling and computer usage. There is very little need for a central location. People will be working from home, or from small satellite offices near their homes. Your vision of huge prison-like communities with vast waves of people moving "in" in the morning and "out" in the afternoon will be totally unpractical. The communication facilities available now and in the future will obviate the need for most person-to-person contact, and people will be able to live wherever they like. You should be working to facilitate the movement of work out to where the workers live, rather than the other way around.

Large living blocks offer a lot of problems, without even considering terrorist acts like 9/11. Power supplies or water supplies can fail causing utter chaos. Diseases can spread with no hope of stopping them. Earthquakes or fires may necessitate the simultaneous relocation of thousands of people. Studies with rats have shown that when too many are stuffed into a small area, they go mad and start killing each other.

Too many risks. Not enough benefit.