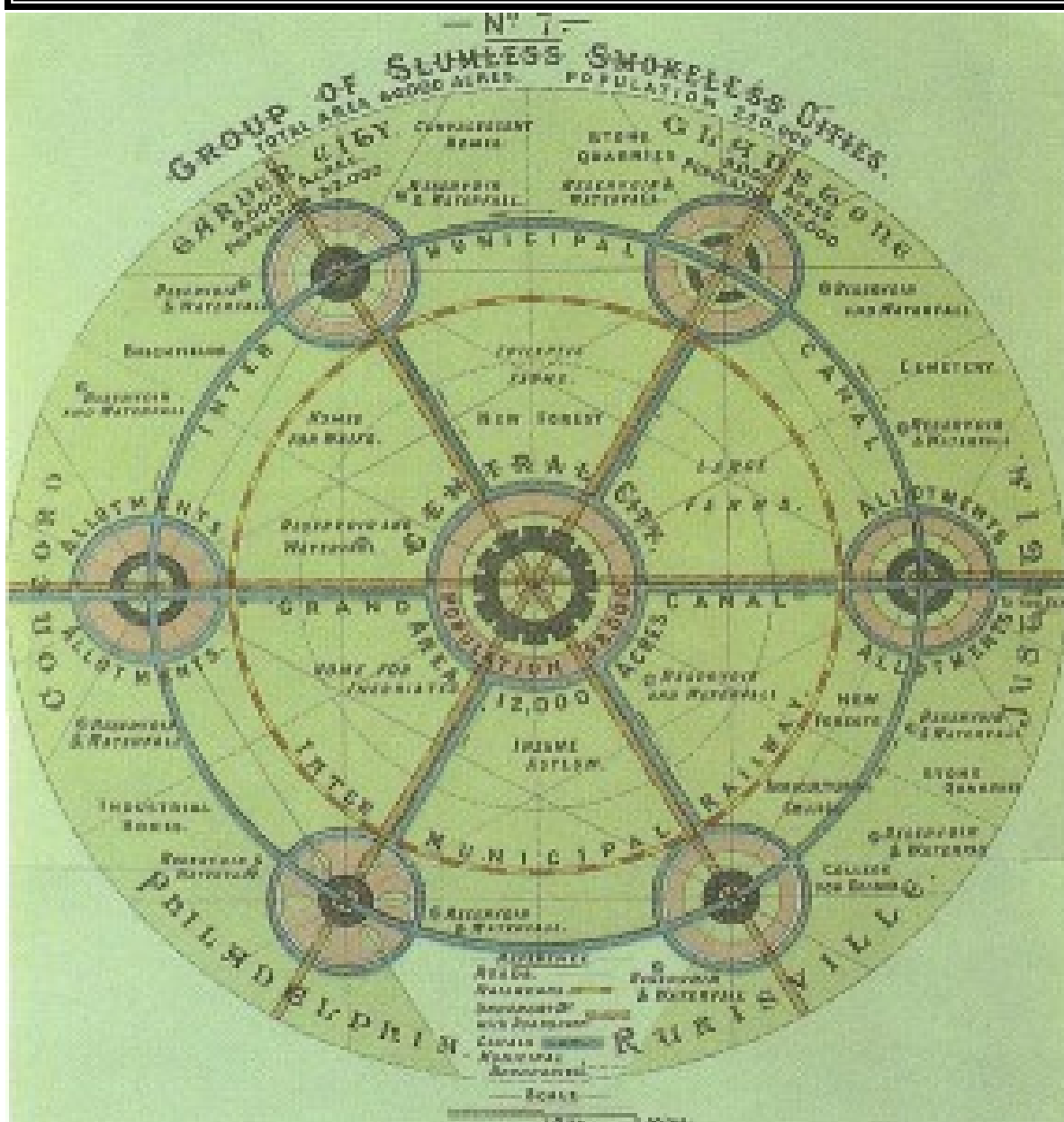


The Original Garden City Concept (1898)



Ebenezer Howard's image of the cluster of towns with interlinked green spaces became the inspiration for the Garden City movement of the early 1900's, and the founding principle behind the Town and Country Planning Association. The resemblance to what might now be called 'Rhuddlan Garden City' - a collection of towns totalling 75,000 population, founded on the original focus of Rhuddlan Castle and bordering the Morfa Rhuddlan floodplain - is remarkable (see previous attachment, No. B46). So despite the failure of Charles Neville to turn good intentions (attachments B4-B7) into matching deeds the challenge remains as to whether a truly Integrated Coastal Development Plan could yet convert this town cluster into a trail-blazing civic reality that defines the spatially undefined central part of N Wales' Coast by allowing it to crystallise out as the very centre & heart of the British Isles' adaptational response to climate change.