


Appendix B: Summary of stakeholder engagement findings.

Public / Private and 3 rd Sector workshop findings	
Theme	Action
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong leadership from the PSB and all public sector to support and champion new and existing leadership in the implementation, monitoring and publicity of the benefits of GI. • Strong local policy supported by strong leadership to give GI ‘teeth’ with measureable actions. • Partnership working to implement GI projects, identify funding for pump priming and sharing learning.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better cross sector understanding of the charges for maintenance regimes, long term costs / savings and cost benefits. • Better cross sector understanding of the changes to maintenance regimes. • Build full-life costing into the capital stage and amend existing spending activity to meet changes needs. • Community engagement and involvement and good design of schemes to help improve natural surveillance and alternative maintenance methods. • Review and evaluative pilot schemes to inform future maintenance methods.
Skills and knowledge development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all stakeholders who need to be involved in the design, development and maintenance of GI. • Training for all involved in designing, developing and maintaining GI. • Partnership working to share innovation and learning to all stakeholders. • Learn from exemplar projects. • Establish pilots / initiatives to test the approaches / costs and implications and provide exemplar sites.
Public engagement	
Theme	Comment
Well-being	<p>Members of the public spoke about how nature in the city made them feel. The findings are summarised in the word cloud and sample of quotes below:</p>  <p>“pretty, relaxing, unique” “Equals Balance” “Peacefulness beauty and a sense of calm”</p>

"Makes me happy"
 "Happiness, life, joy, life, relaxing"
 "Buildings are cold, nature touches the soul"
 "Important makes me proud"
 "Seeing nature in the city gives me hope and makes me smile"
 "I'm so grateful for the little chirps of blue tits in the morning – elevating"
 "Anti-stress – somewhere to chill out"
 "More likely to enjoy shopping sprees with my friends"
 "It makes me feel that the city would be a fun place to go"

Physical

Members of the public spoke about what sort of nature in the city they would like to see. The findings are summarised in the word cloud and sample of quotes below:

"Birds, scenery. Need more of it!"
 "Nice views, flowers and plants"
 "lovely beaches"
 "Green space, trees, flowers, colour"
 "Daffodils, trees, flowers, plants, animals, fountains, water with marine life"
 "We get little Rens feeding in our window boxes"
 "Wildlife, animals, birds, butterflies"
 "Birds, nature place to take kids"
 "Fresh air"

Loss

Members of the public spoke in terms of physical and emotional loss of nature in the city. The findings are summarised in the word cloud and sample of quotes below:



“Is there nature in the city?”

“Not much of it. All the greenery has gone.”

“I remember as a child how much more nature was in the centre compared to today, where there’s nothing anymore”

“Feel lucky to live in Swansea as there is so much outside but city centre is a bit bleak not attractive”

“Now it’s grey, boring. Would come in more often especially with kids to places to sit and eat”

“It’s not a green city. It’s a concrete city”

“There is not enough. Kingsway is not good enough – not enough nature”

“No value placed on trees”

“I love to see greenery in the city. But so often it’s just trees poked into the ground in formation-patterns as if reconstructing “an artist’s impression of...”. Nature isn’t an add-on -- it’s our bedrock. Habitats being put in place then ripped out 3 years later doesn’t cut it.”

“If you stand on a street and turn 360 degrees and see nothing green then you have built UGLY.”

“Swansea seems to be really going for the concrete”

“Nature is disappearing under hard surfaces”

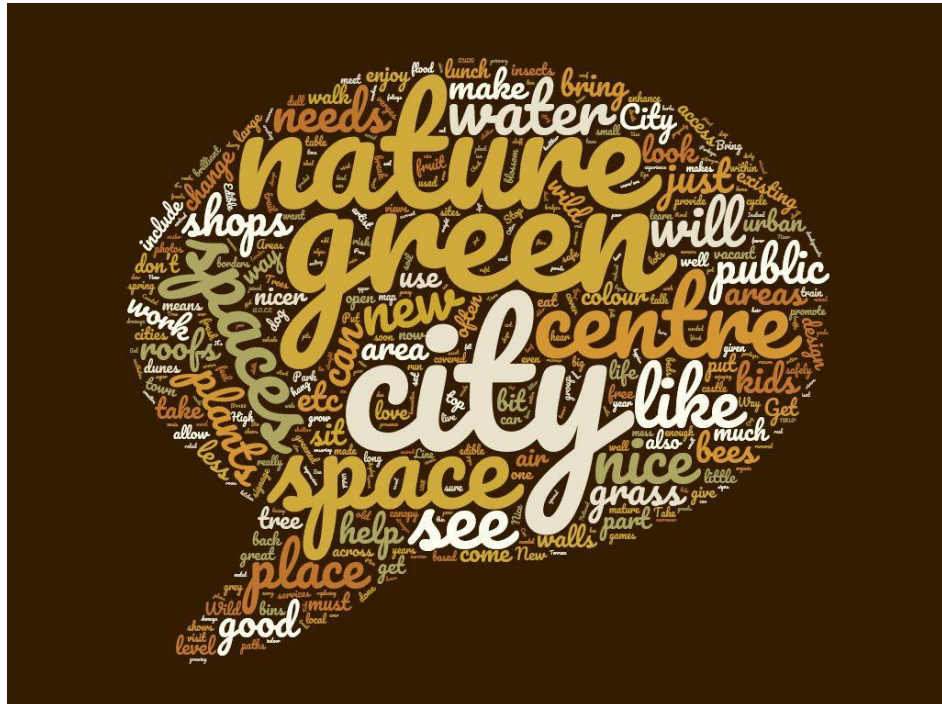
“I don’t come often as the city centre has gone downhill. Lacks environmental offer”

“Not much nature in city centre, nature around it, but not in it.”

“City centre is lacking in nature”

Opportunities

Members of the public spoke in terms of physical and emotional opportunities for nature in the city. The findings are summarised in the word cloud and sample of quotes below:



- “Need green cycle parking at St Mary’s”
- “If there was more I would meet my friends in town and not the park”
- “More Nature would make all the nice shops come to Swansea”
- “It means I would go to the city centre to shop again”
- “provide somewhere to chill out”
- “I will shop for longer if it is green with flowers”
- “be more like Italy - people, pace, shops open late, things to do”
- “place for evening games” (school children)
- “urban areas need more educational green spaces!”
- “Plan for the future - make sure new trees are planted in time to become mature so there are fewer gaps when older trees need to be removed. Instead of ending up with large areas of small young trees where we need to wait 5-10 years for them to become mature to be large impressive trees and again fill the space around them.
- “Involve creative and artist people in the design process, and not just landscape or urban designers. Also, involve the community more by including borders and places for the community to grow food (eg GRAFT at the National Museum)”
- “Have you considered encouraging Swansea to become a ‘bee friendly’ city under the Welsh Government scheme?”
- “great to see the work that Swansea are doing to inspire people about Nature in the City and what it means to them! Fantastic quotes from a local primary school! - opportunity for good engagement not to be missed!”
- “Let’s have Edible Swansea. Apple and pear trees, fruit bushes, herbs and edible flowers. Will benefit birds, insects and people”
- “Could we have some signs around trees as well explaining what they do?”

"saw an old pic of Castle Gardens "oh my god, it was stunning" Would make an effort to walk around it, Why the hell did it go?"

"Took away all the beauty at Castle Gardens"

"Wouldn't take kids to Castle Gardens now nothing there"

"Castle Gardens looks plain. I don't go through it anymore"

"When I first started working in the city centre people would sit in Castle Gardens to eat their lunch not now the green has gone"

"Such a shame Castle Square is not green. Will new greenery be publicly accessible"

"Castle Square – do it! Symbolic value HUGE"

"Castle Gardens was free. Little ones could play"

"Nice to see more of it, shame we could not have kept the gardens in Castle Square, needs to be safe but green"

"Used to go to Castle gardens all the time. Have not been once since re-done"

"Need more, used to bring children to castle gardens to play now nothing for children to enjoy"

"Castle Square Garden plans need to be reviewed. The proposed plan that I've come across, looks like another concrete jungle with grass surrounding it. The idea of creating levels too will only attract unwanted attention to hide within it. Creating a public area should be green and inviting. Maybe add some history to the site that relates to the city like a statue of Dylan Thomas with benches made out of concrete or similar material made to look like books or a statue retailing to the cockle women that once collected their cockles that were sold here locally in Wales largest indoor market... Which would also help promote the market. Could even add a sand pit in front of the statue for kids to play in."

"As the name suggests "Castle Garden" it should be a Garden. An entire wall made out of plants is a good way to hide buildings that have ugly side walls."