


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:

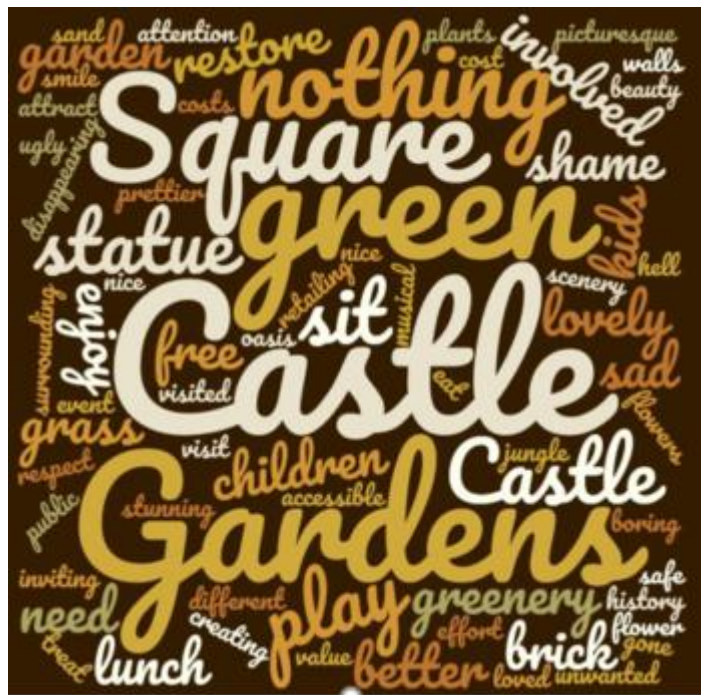


"Birds, scenery. Need more of it!"
 "Nice views, flowers and plants"
 "lovely beaches"
 "Green space, trees, flowers, colour"
 "Daffodils, trees, flowers, plants, animals, fountains, water with marine life"
 "We get little Rens feeding in our window boxes"
 "Wildlife, animals, birds, butterflies"
 "Birds,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

"I breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen"
 "I take nitrogen from the air and use it to make fruit/leaves"
 "I drink water from my roots"
 "I give insects a home"
 There's an opportunity for #education"
 "places to get dirty hands"
 "green roofs"
 "Somewhere peaceful to enjoy a lunch break."
 "Planning on installing a shelter for bikes or bins? Want it to benefit #bees and #biodiversity too? Check out @grassroofco #greenroof shelters. #cycling #greeninfrastructure #circulareconomy" (via social media obviously)"
 "community involvement"
 "why not change things, like footways graded to tree pits for surface water run off space will have canopy cover, blossom in spring turn to a vivid red in autumn interest all year round. Space can be different from the boring normal grey!"
 "A huge barrier to change is public sector's (largely) poor understanding of risk. Too often, folk use 'risk averse' as an excuse to protect themselves from acts that require bravery, when failing to do them makes outcomes worse, not better."
 "Nature play, bring colour into the city, meditation spaces, spaces to enjoy views, nature spaces for people to meet"

Castle Gardens

Castle Gardens was a reoccurring theme. Members of the public associated nature and Castle Gardens The comment about Castle Gardens are summarised in the word cloud and sample of quotes below:



"Castle Gardens now is so boring its just concrete"
 "More green. Castle Gardens was much better when it was green"
 "Somewhere to sit, Castle gardens, more greenery, wildflowers"
 "Castle Gardens was a free space for people – need places for people to have lunch"

"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."