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Introduction
As part of the module on Data Collection and Analysis, in March 2010, 2nd year BSc Spatial Planning and Environmental Management students carried out an ethnographic survey of four key public spaces within the LifeLine catchment. Using a mixture of questionnaire survey and observational data, students measured usage levels, behavioural patterns and user opinions about the spaces.

Example: St Brendan’s Park
“The majority of users at St Brendan’s Park stressed the need for a children’s playground as there is only a small slide there at present. More benches was the next request as there are only two in the park. Litter bins are needed to alleviate the amount of litter being dropped. Antisocial behaviour appears to be a problem as many of the interviewees stressed the need for a park attendant. A park attendant would also help with the situation of dog mess. Overall, most of the park users were considerably happy with the facilities in the park and appreciated the “little bit of heaven so close to the city centre”.

Graph: Supervising Adults, Supervised Children, Unsupervised Children, Teenagers, Other adults, Elderly
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How often do you visit this Walkway / Park?

Daily or more often
Weekly
Monthly
Less often

How do you rate the quality of this space in terms of...

Ease of access
Safety
Tidiness
Facilities
Landscaping
Overall attractiveness