



Community Recommendations*

GREEN MOBILITY (Cycling; Walking; traffic
and pollution)

*These recommendations (N=160) are a summary of all comments made by participants involved in the MGD project. They include recommendations made during focus groups activities; workshop responses from our community launch event and our online MGD survey.

GM: Connectivity and access – creating healthy green corridors for movement

- Improve walking infrastructure along the Camac and canal – identify potential links between these
- Map out current walking routes and link these
- Knit nature into walking and cycling infrastructure
- Open up walking connections between sites by reducing /removing traffic
- Improve cycling infrastructure along the canal and river Camac
- Identify cycling danger spots
- Improve cycle paths in Kilmainham/Inchicore/SCR
- Remove barriers to movement e.g. cars from paths (e.g. SCR) and gating (e.g. Herberton Bridge)
- Create a combined walking and a cycling plan for the area
- Involve Healthy Ireland; Dept of Transport; Green Schools; Dept of Education; DCC.
- Improve routes to school by enhancing tree canopy cover and reducing traffic

GM: Care and Maintenance

- Improve public services and facilities in public spaces(e.g. bins; toilets)
- Provide a maintenance programme (especially for paths)



GM: Governance

- Co-create/provide data (pollution; tree species)
- Increase number of climate action staff
- Support cross departmental collaboration
- Link up community groups and create a greening platform
- Create dedicated spaces for community greening



GM: Multifunctionality + Development Pressures

- Parking pressures – no free parking; fewer parking spaces; remove cars from paths
- Create more spaces for people (see Barcelona)
- Review the pressure from construction work and how it impacts on the community, access to nature and greenspaces.
- Create more parklets
- Develop more integrated planning solutions (Housing and Transport and greening)
- Employ green architects/ masterplanners for housing complexes



GM: Security and Safety

- Improve safety infrastructure for walkers (e.g. handrails at Sallybridge)
- Improve lighting and bench provision along the canal
- Better policing needed to reduce anti-social behaviour



GM: Health and Wellbeing

- Temporary features such as planters calm streets
- Increase electric car points in Inchicore and Kilmainham
- Create a Pilgrim Path walking route through the area
- Enhance participation in citizen science pollution tracking and identify major pollution points
- Promote green prescriptions
- Focus on the importance of everyday movements for health and wellbeing.
- Link up existing group with an interest in both health and greening
- Link up existing established walks
- Enhance cross departmental collaboration
- Reduce traffic
- Enhance pollution awareness



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Green Amenity (Sport; Benches; Food
Growing; Play)

GA: Connectivity and Access – creating healthy green corridors for movement

- Connect up everyday spaces and movement
- Provide more seats along the canal
- Connect up established walking routes
- Ensure all sports pitches are accessible
- Improve access to key green sites (e.g. war memorial gardens).
- Improve access to the canal for active use (e.g. kayak launch at Suir Rd Canal basin)



GA: Care and Maintenance

- Provide more bins in and along greenspaces
- Clean up/improve the canal area; pitches; Camac; Tyrconnell Rd; Emmet rd.; CIE Works club.; Turvey Park
- Organise more rubbish picks
- Provide spaces for dogs
- Carry out more low maintenance bulb planting



GA: Governance

- Create safe play zones for children.
- Build on community commitment to sport (football; hurling; soccer)
- Retain current community gardens (e.g. Rehoboth Place)
- Research existing green groups and connect them up.



GA: Health and Wellbeing

- Overcrowding and noise levels in Weaver park – more play areas needed.
- Create routes so as people can connect up and enhance social interaction
- Create more safer, non-commercial pocket parks
- Maximise the greenspaces in the Dolphins Barn redevelopment to maximise health and wellbeing
- Provide more seating and more planters.
- Access to sport for all groups - create a sustainability sporting audit.
- Create a strategy for community gardens and allotments
- Create more seating e.g. St. James' walk.
- Create a skate park in nature (multifunctional)



GA: Safety and Security

- Create a platform for residents concerns about safety in green and open spaces
- Safety infrastructure
- Enhance policing to discourage anti-social behaviour
- Examine the interface between greening and safety in the area, especially trees
- Any new spaces (e.g. Weaver park and St James' - Suir Rd. Linear Park) need to be accessible and safe – cleaning; investment; monitoring; light touch policing.



GA: Development Pressures

- Focus of multiple uses and multifunctionality in provision of greening (e.g. Weaver park is a good multifunctional space)
- Examine quality and quantity of greenspace and sports/play provision in the regenerated housing complexes
- Carry out a sports audit to identify how development pressure may be impacting on sports provision.
- Need mixed use, green outdoor spaces e.g. for seating and meeting and greening.
- Create a community garden and allotment strategy
- Focus on everyday life and everyday amenity for residents – tourism and student accommodation is creating development pressure.





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Green Environment (Trees; greenspaces;
biodiversity)

GE: Connectivity + Access – creating healthy green corridors for movement

- Create a map of usable green space
- Protect and enhance green corridors
- Improve GI connections e.g. Grattan crescent park/Camac/Greenway and canal to Inchicore; St Patrick's hospital to the Camac
- More trees – canal; Goldenbridge, O'Donovan Rd, Cork St.
- Retain mature trees e.g. Mountshannon linear park
- Create more accessible greenspace e.g. around St. Audeon's church
- Develop a Poddle walk and park
- Small scale greening does not work – enhance and connect up tree planting initiatives
- Linear park should be accessible and without clutter
- Create audit of those green spaces closed during lockdown (2020) e.g. IMMA

GE: Care and Maintenance

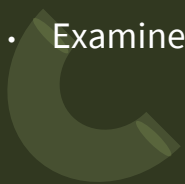
- Carry out improvements e.g. planting at Inchicore square
- Care for trees + ensure tree maintenance
- Wilding maintenance and biodiversity planting e.g. Herberton Wood
- Create a maintenance programme and map for wild spaces
- Create a map of who is active in care and maintenance in the area (voluntary and local authority etc.)
- Improve large vacant and derelict spaces – map these
- Provide information on street trees and root damage to pavements
- Replace trees when removed (e.g. Luas line; Dolphin House)
- Invasive species
- Ban use of glyphosate
- Enhance pollinator planting
- Guidance on appropriate pruning and who is carrying it out
- Green parking areas
- More voluntary clean ups
- Need care and maintenance training for voluntary groups
- Laws for tree protection made visible to all
- Engage in tree education in schools
- Develop a training programme in greening
- Create a wild canal bank
- right tree: right place

GE: Governance

- Create categories of greening
- Link GI with the other infrastructures
- Examine the role of large landowners have in greening the area e.g. Diageo
- Identify who to contact for street tree advice
- Need advice on what and where to plant in the area.
- Identify who has responsibility for greening and GI – who pays.
- Identify and fill a sentiment/policy –action gap on greening
- Need funded employment and jobs in greening
- Need for a renewed philosophy around civic engagement
- Need goals and a timeline for a greening strategy and more joined up thinking.
- Make available information on laws for the protection of trees
- Merge the rich network of green groups in the area
- Now is the right moment for people to get involved due to the climate crisis.
- Take the positive learnings from Weaver park and Liberties greening strategy and use elsewhere
- Create partnerships between community groups and large landholders e.g. Guinness'
- Remove council barriers to resident action
- Champion active individuals and crate timelines
- Encourage community activism driven planting
- Encourage plant swaps/ seed sharing
- Community plans for biodiversity and composting
- Provide more information on small community grants
- Coordinate existing networks
- DCC and landowners in the area to provide finding to the local community for greening projects.
- Encourage collective responsibility

GE: Health + Wellbeing

- Plant more small and wild spaces
- Plant more trees
- Encourage food sharing/distribution
- Reduce Pollution
- Encourage creative ideas
- Connect Blue-green corridors
- Plant trees to calm traffic
- Create more opportunities to be in nature and build seats.
- Enhance biodiversity (e.g. swift project)
- Examine greening in high density cities e.g. Paris
- Promote and enhance greening in housing complexes
- Build vertical gardens
- Invest in greening for the future e.g., in housing complexes Teresa's gardens , St. Michaels, Dolphin and in schools e.g. Mercy secondary school
- Create more haven's, places to linger
- Identify and make use of the, multifunctional benefits of trees for wellbeing and climate action.



GE: Safety and Security

- Relationship to greening/plants
- Identify that perceptions of the area can lead to underinvestment
- Examine the varying perceptions of nature that residents have
- Enhance youth involvement in greening
- Carry out small woodland planting using native species – small smart planting (climate security)
- More trees!
- Make available laws and rights for the protection of trees
- Make accessible information on seed procurement
- Identify opportunities for flood mitigation measures



GE: Development Pressures

- Acknowledge pressure from development and enhance density
- Acknowledge a deficit in greening types and quality
- Map vacant spaces
- Create smart solution using nature
- Green balconies in higher density developments
- Create a multifunctional integrated plan for the area
- Replace car space with trees
- Map out the development of hotels, co-housing and student accommodation in the area
- Plant on roundabouts
- Create a greenspace audit to examine those spaces that are actively used for greening and identify ownership (public/private/institutional)
- Create multifunctional sporting facilities for different age groups and users
- Create wildflower meadows and wildlife orchards for multiple functions
- Create pocket parks

