

INTERVIEW 3 –NATURE AND GREEN SPACE IN THE CITY

The aim of the interview is to explore how the participant interacts with nature in the city – compared to their previous neighbourhood.

Explanation for the participant:

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this interview. This third interview explores your perceptions and experiences of nature in the city. Review the consent form with the participant (will have already signed prior to the first interview); reiterate that the conversation will be confidential and anonymous].

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Perceptions and value

- What does 'nature' mean to you?
- How would you identify areas of 'nature' – what do they look like?
- What does 'green space' mean to you?
- How would you identify areas of 'green space' – what do they look like?
- How important is it for you to live in a place which has access to green space and nature in the city?
- Have your ideas of green space and nature changed over time? (compared to when you were younger, or where you previously lived?)

Emotional affiliation

- How do you feel when you are in nature or green space? (explore different emotions, i.e. happy / scared – giving examples)

Local access

- How has this development incorporated nature and green space into its design? Can you give examples of where this works well? Not so well?
- How is nature and green space advertised in your local area? (social / educational value?)
- How easy is it for you and your family to access nature in your local area? Are there particular spaces you like to visit? Could this be improved in any way?
- How easy is it for you and your family to access green space in your local area? Are there particular spaces you like to visit? Could this be improved in any way?
- Can all residents / users of your local area access these spaces? How could access for all be improved?

Local experiences

- When was the last time you visited nature or green space in your local area? Can you tell me about this? Who were you with? How did you get there? How did you feel? (explore sensory and visual experiences).
- What is your most memorable encounter or experience of nature or green space in your local area? Can you tell me about this? How did you get there? Who were you with? How did you feel?
- How often, on a weekly basis would you say you have contact (physical / emotional) with nature and green space in your local area?
- How far do you travel from your home to have contact with nature or green space?
- Do you explore areas further than the new build development (explore contact with mountains, lakes – broader local environment)
- Would you say one area is more natural or green than another?
- Do all children like nature and green space?
- Are children and young people free to explore nature and green space which has been planned into their neighbourhood? (explore: boundaries / perceptions of risk and safety / age differences / explore contact with mountains, lakes – broader local environment)
- How does your use of green space compare to where you previously lived?

Other cities, other urban spaces

- How does your local area compare in terms of availability of nature and green space, to other towns and cities in India you have visited? Can you give any specific examples?
- Are there examples of best practice, in other towns / cities that you think should be implemented in future Indian developments?
- When considering the design of new towns and cities – how important do you think it is that these aspects of the design are considered? Why do you say this?

*Thank the participant for their time. Remind the participant about the Guided Walk.