

Appendix 2 - Forthmeadow Greenway Opening Hours Consultation – Detailed Analysis

Section 1 - Glencairn Park to Forthriver Linear Park	
Section Gates Consulted Upon	Consultation finding overview
Two pedestrian gates: - Forthriver Crescent gate - Forthriver Road gate	Respondents overall were in favour of both these gates remaining open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7), however out of those recorded as living in close proximity to this section (5 minutes' walk or less away – half (50%) were against Forthmeadow Crescent gate remaining open 24/7.
Gates Analysis	
Forthriver Crescent gate:	
Of the 154 responses received on the Forthriver Crescent gate, 56% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (29% and 27% respectively); whilst 44% were against the gate remaining open 24/7. 24 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 50% (12) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (46% and 4% respectively) and 50% (11) were against.	
Forthriver Road gate:	
Of the 151 responses received on the Forthriver Road gate, 58% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (30% and 28% respectively); while 42% were against the gate remaining open 24/7. 23 of the respondents stated that they lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes walk or less away) - 48% (11) of these local residents were in favour of the gate remaining open 24/7 and 52% (12) were against.	
Alternative opening hour suggestions	
One suggested alternative later 9pm closing time	
Comments in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of opening 24/7?'	
51 comments received referencing ASB concerns	
Section 2 - Ballygomartin Road to Springfield Road	
Gates	Consultation Finding Overview
Two pedestrian gates: - West Circular Road gate - Innovation Factory roundabout gate	Respondents overall, and those specifically living in close proximity to the section, were marginally against the gates in this section remaining open 24/7.
Gates Analysis	
West Circular Road gate:	
Of the 154 responses received on the West Circular Road gate, 52% were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 (31% and 21% respectively) and 48% were against. 45 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes walk or less away) - 44% (20) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (40% and 4% respectively) and 56% (25) were against.	

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Forthspring Park gate:	
<p>Out of the 153 responses received on the West Circular Road gate, 50% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (29% and 21% respectively) and 50% were against.</p> <p>45 respondents stated that they lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes walk or less away). 40% (18) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (36% and 4% of cohort respectively) and 60% (27) were against.</p>	
Alternative opening hour suggestions	
6 suggestions for alternative opening hours including dawn opening (4) and later 8pm closure and 9pm closures.	
Comments in response to question ‘if not, why not supportive of opening 24/7?’	
56 comments referenced ASB, and 3 the need for improved lighting for safety.	
Section 3 – Springfield Park (Dam) to Falls Park	
Gates	Consultation Finding Overview
<u>Springfield Park (Dam)</u> Springfield Park (Dam) Three pedestrian gates: -Springfield Road gate, -Springdale Gardens gate (Biopox Factory), -Clovelly Street gate (Innovation Factory Junction) One vehicular gate: -Springfield Road gate	Respondents overall, including those specifically living in close proximity to the section, were against the gates in this section remaining open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7)
<u>Falls Park</u> Two pedestrian gates: -Whiterock Leisure Centre gate, - Falls Road gate One vehicular gate: -Falls Road leading to carpark	Respondents overall, including those living in close proximity to the section, were against the gates in this section remaining open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7)
Gates Analysis - Springfield Park (Dam)	
Springfield Road vehicular access gate:	
<p>Out of the 153 responses received on Springfield Road Vehicular access gate, 45% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (27% and 18% respectively) and 55% were against the gate remaining open 24/7.</p> <p>47 respondents stated that they lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 30% (14) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (28% and 2% respectively) and 70% (33) were against.</p>	
Springfield Road pedestrian gate:	
<p>Out of the 155 responses received on the Springfield Road pedestrian gate, 49% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (32% and 17% respectively) and 51% were against.</p>	

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47 respondents who stated that they lived in close proximity to this section (5 minutes' walk or less away). 36% (17) were in favour of the gate remaining open 24/7 and 64% (30) were against.
Springdale Gardens gate (Biopox Factory):
Out of the 154 responses received on the Springdale Gardens gate adjacent the Biopox Factory, 49% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (31% and 18% respectively) and 51% were against.
47 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 36% (17) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (34% and 2% respectively) and 64% (30) were against.
Clovelly Street gate (Innovation Factory Junction)
Out of the 153 responses received on the Clovelly Street gate by the Innovation Factory Junction), 45% were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 (30% and 20% respectively) and 50% were against.
46 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 35% (16) of these local residents were in favour of the gate remaining open 24/7 remaining open 24/7 and 65% (30) were against.
Alternative opening hour suggestions
3 suggestions for alternative opening hours including earlier dawn opening (1) and later 9pm closure (2).
Comments in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of opening 24/7?'
60 comments received referencing ASB including gathering youths and safety concerns, and one need for increased lighting for safety.
Gates Analysis - Falls Park
Whiterock Leisure Centre gate:
Out of the 156 responses received on Whiterock Leisure Centre gate, 42% were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 (29% and 13% respectively); while 58% were against.
21 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 38% (8) of these local residents were in favour of the gate remaining open 24/7 and 62% (13) were against.
Falls Road pedestrian gate:
Out of the 154 responses received on Falls Road pedestrian gate- 42% were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 (28% and 14% respectively); while 58% were against.
19 respondents stated that they lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away). 37% (7) of these local residents were in favour of the gate remaining open 24/7 and 63% (12) were against.
Falls Road vehicular gate:
Out of the 154 responses received on Falls Road pedestrian gate- 45% were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 (29% and 16% respectively) and 55% were against.
21 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 38% (8) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 and 62% (13) were against.

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Alternative opening hour suggestions:	
3 suggestions for alternative later opening hours (8pm, 9pm and 9/10pm).	
Comments in response to question ‘if not, why not supportive of opening 24/7?’	
68 comments received referencing ASB including gathering youths and safety concerns	
Section 4 - Bog Meadows Nature Reserve	
Section Gates Consulted upon	Consultation Finding - Overview
Section 4 - Bog Meadows Nature Reserve One vehicular gate: -Milltown Row gate at Ulster Wildlife offices Two pedestrian gates: -Milltown Row pedestrian gate at St Gall's GAC pitch -Donegall Road (Broadway) pedestrian gate	Respondents overall, including those stating that they lived in close proximity to the section, were against the gates in this section remaining open 24/7; however the 31 residents recorded as living in close proximity to this section (5 minutes' walk or less away) – were marginally (52%) in favour or undecided about the Donegall Road (Broadway) gate remaining open 24/7.
Gates Analysis	
Milltown Row vehicular gate:	
Out of the 156 responses received on the Milltown Row vehicular access gate adjacent to Ulster Wildlife office, 40% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (25% and 15% respectively) and 60% were against. 22 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away). 27% (6) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 and 73% (16) were against.	
Milltown Row pedestrian gate:	
Out of the 155 responses received on the Milltown Row pedestrian gate at St Gaul's GAC, 40% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (29% and 16% respectively) and 60% were against. 22 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 27% (6) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 and 73% (16) were against.	
Donegall Road (Broadway) gate:	
Out of the 152 responses received on Donegall Road (Broadway) pedestrian gate, 41% were either in favour or undecided on the gate remaining open 24/7 (26% and 15% respectively) and 59% were against. 31 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 52% (16) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided about the gate remaining open 24/7 and 48% (15) were against.	
Alternative opening hour suggestions	
One suggestion for alternative later opening hour of 8pm.	
Comments in response to question ‘if not, why not supportive of opening 24/7?’	
79 comments were received referencing ASB including gathering youths, safety concerns and one highlighting the section as a ‘high profile area for trouble’.	

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Activities or physical enhancements (85 comments in total)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cycling – 8 comments2. Dog walking groups and dog fouling bins enhancements – 7 comments3. Exercise enhancements including outdoor (13) including gyms (6) and yoga4. More plants and flowers including meadow– 4 comments5. Enhanced lighting to facilitate activities and safety – 13 comments6. Family events – 5 comments7. Walking and running (including groups and wildlife walks) – 178. The need of park wardens – 4 comments