

### Appendix 3 - Parks Opening Hours Consultation – Detailed Analysis (5 sites)

Belmont Park Analysis
<p>The majority of consultation respondents were in favour of extending opening hours at Belmont Park with the most popular opening hour pattern being open 24 hours, 7 days a week (24/7).</p> <p>Of the 51 responses received on the Belmont Park Opening Hours consultation - 76% were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (71% and 6% respectively) and 23% were against.</p> <p>17 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 77% (13) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (71% and 6% respectively) and 24% (4) were against.</p>
Alternative opening hour suggestions
<p>28 respondents favoured 24/7 opening of the park.</p> <p>One suggestion of a 10pm [wintertime] closing time was made for the park.</p>
Rationale for not supporting extended opening hours
<p>15 comments were received in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of extended opening hours'. These included reference to concerns of ASB (9); safety if opened late; lack of lighting (2); impact of lighting on wildlife (2); and extended opening hours would have no impact as the park is already accessible (2).</p>
Suggested programmed activities, and further physical enhancements necessary to facilitate extended opening hours
<p>A total of 50 comments were received to this question. Suggested <b>programming/activities</b> included walking (3), dog walking (4) and increased community engagement in general (1). Suggested <b>physical enhancements</b> included lighting to ensure safety (32); cycling facilities (3); exercise enhancements (2); toilet provision (1); and play park improvements (1).</p> <p><b>Other/ operational</b> comments included the need for park warden presence (1) and increased cleansing (1) as necessary if opening hours were to extend.</p>

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Botanic Gardens Analysis
<p>The majority of consultation respondents were in favour of extending opening hours at Botanic Gardens with the most popular opening hour pattern being 24 hours 7 days a week (24/7).</p> <p>Of the 652 responses received on the Botanic Gardens Park Opening Hours consultation, 73% were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (70% and 3% respectively) and 27% were against.</p> <p>281 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 74% (206) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (70% and 4% respectively) and 27% (75) were against.</p>
Alternative opening hour suggestions
<p>236 respondents favoured 24/7 opening of the park. 7 suggestions were received for alternative opening times for the park. These included: later [wintertime] closing time of 6pm (1); 6.30pm (2); and winter extension in general (1); earlier dawn [summertime] opening (2); and 10pm evening closure (1).</p>
Rationale for not supporting extended opening hours
<p>195 comments were received in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of extended opening hours'. These included reference to concerns of ASB (168); impact on wildlife/biodiversity (33); safety if opened late (31); and lack of lighting (7).</p>
Suggested programmed activities, and further physical enhancements necessary to facilitate extended opening hours
<p>A total of 644 comments were received to this question. Suggestions for <b>programming/activities</b> included: walking/running (15); family events (9); and increased community engagement in general (20). Suggested <b>physical enhancements</b> included lighting to ensure park safe (379); toilet provision improvements (10); exercise enhancements (9); accessible gates/paths (8); cycling provision (6); additional seating (4); and play park enhancement (1).</p> <p>6 comments specifically referenced extended opening hours to facilitate commuting to and from work.</p> <p><b>Other/operational</b> comments on requirements included the need for security or CCTV to monitor the park (134) and park wardens and PSNI presence (101) along with increased cleansing (14) and a coffee van/hut (4) if the opening hours were to be extended. There was some concern about impact of lighting on wildlife with suggestions that wildlife assessment to be completed if lighting installation being considered (6) and/or 'red' bat friendly lighting used on Comber Greenway be installed (4).</p>

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Falls Park Analysis
<p>The majority of consultation respondents were in favour of extending opening hours at Falls Park with the most popular opening hour pattern being open 24 hours 7 days a week (24/7).</p> <p>Of the 47 responses received on the Falls Park Opening Hours consultation, 70% of respondents were in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (60% and 10% respectively) and 30% were against.</p> <p>18 respondents lived in close proximity to the Section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 72% (13) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (50% and 22% respectively) and 28% (5) were against.</p>
Alternative opening hour suggestions
<p>13 respondents favoured 24/7 opening of the park.</p> <p>1 suggestion were received for alternative opening times for the park. These included: Later [wintertime] closing time of 8/9pm.</p>
Rationale for not supporting extended opening hours
<p>12 comments were received in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of extended opening hours'. These included reference to concerns of ASB (5); safety if opened late (5); lack of lighting (1); and that it would not have an impact as the park can already be accessed (1).</p>
Suggested programmed activities, and further physical enhancements necessary to facilitate extended opening hours
<p>A total of 46 comments were received to this question.</p> <p>Suggestions for <b>programming/ activities</b> included: and increased community engagement in general (2). Suggested <b>physical enhancements</b> included lighting to ensure park safety (21); exercise enhancements (4); toilet provision improvements (5); additional seating (2); dog run (1); and play park enhancement (2).</p> <p><b>Other/operational</b> comments on requirements if opening hours were extended included the need for increased park wardens and PSNI presence (21); increased cleansing (2); and dog warden presence (1).</p>

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Ormeau Park Analysis
<p>The majority of consultation respondents were in favour of extending opening hours at Botanic Gardens with the most popular opening hour pattern being open 24 hours 7 days a week (24/7)</p> <p>Of the 593 responses received on the Ormeau Park Opening Hours consultation, 84% were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (70% and 3% respectively) and 16% were against.</p> <p>Specifically 291 respondents stated living in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away). 82% (239) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (77% and 5% respectively) and 18% (52) were against.</p>
Alternative opening hour suggestions
<p>272 respondents favoured 24/7 opening of the park. 5 suggestions were received for alternative opening times for the park. These included: Later [wintertime] closing time of 6pm (1) and 10pm (3); and one suggestion of dawn opening [summertime].</p>
Rationale for not supporting extended opening hours
<p>116 comments were received in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of extended opening hours'. These included reference to concerns of ASB (83); impact on wildlife/biodiversity (19); safety if opened late (17); lack of lighting (11); and that it would not have an impact as the park can already be accessed (1).</p>
Suggested programmed activities and further physical enhancements necessary to facilitate extended opening hours
<p>A total of 677 comments were received to this question.</p> <p>Suggestions for <b>programming/ activities</b> included: walking/running (14); family events (3) and increased community engagement in general (16). Suggested <b>physical enhancements</b> included lighting to ensure park safety (449); exercise enhancements (29); coffee van/hut (12); accessible gates/paths (9); toilet provision improvements (7); cycling provision (5); additional seating (3); play park enhancements (1); and a community garden (1).</p> <p>66 comments specifically referenced extended opening hours in the park facilitating commuting to and from work.</p> <p><b>Other/operational</b> comments on requirements if opening hours were extended included the need for security or CCTV to monitor the park (99); the need for park wardens and PSNI presence (158); and increased cleansing (10). Some additional concerns noted about impact of lighting on wildlife (10), with suggestions that wildlife assessment (3) to be completed if lighting installation being considered (8) and/or 'red' bat friendly lighting used on Comber Greenway be installed (9).</p>

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Woodvale Park Analysis
<p>The majority of consultation respondents were against extending opening hours at Woodvale Park.</p> <p>Of the 308 responses received on the Ormeau Park Opening Hours consultation, 35% were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (77% and 3% respectively) and 65% were against.</p> <p>173 respondents lived in close proximity to the section (5 minutes' walk or less away) - 30% (51) of these local residents were either in favour or undecided on extending the Park's opening hours (24% and 6% respectively) and 70% (122) were against.</p>
Alternative opening hour suggestions
<p>38 respondents favoured 24/7 opening of the park. 2 suggestions were received for alternative opening times for the park. These included later [wintertime] closing time of 9pm and one suggestion of dawn/sunrise opening [summertime].</p>
Rationale for not supporting extended opening hours
<p>205 comments were received in response to question 'if not, why not supportive of extended opening hours'. These included concerns in relation to ASB (192); safety if opened late (14); and parking (1); and that it would increase dog fouling (1).</p>
Suggested programmed activities and further physical enhancements necessary to facilitate extended opening hours
<p>A total of 310 comments were received to this question.</p> <p>Suggestions for <b>programming/ activities</b> included: walking/jogging (25); dog walking (11); family events (8); and increased community engagement in general (8).</p> <p>Suggested <b>physical enhancements</b> included increased lighting to ensure park safety (105); exercise enhancements (28); dog park (2); coffee van/hut (8); toilet provision improvements (18); cycling provision (1); dog run (1); and play park enhancement (4).</p> <p><b>Other/operational</b> comments on requirements if opening hours were extended included the need for security or CCTV to monitor the park (28); the need for further park warden and PSNI presence (49); and increased cleansing (5).</p>