



2C) Connswater, Belfast

- Belfast
- Greenway serves 40,000 residents



Connswater is situated two miles out from Belfast city centre. The Connswater Community Greenway was built following the 2007 flood in East Belfast, combining flood alleviation measures with the provision of enhanced public open space.

The linear park is a 9km route following the course of the Connswater, Knock and Loop Rivers. This allows residents to safely and easily traverse the city via wide, paved car-free corridors.

The Greenway has dramatically improved the previously neglected physical environment around the riverbanks, provided flood protection for 1,700 homes, and accommodates a number of opportunities to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for local residents. The route can be used by both pedestrians and cyclists, contains 26 new or improved bridges and crossing points, and connects to 23 schools and colleges to encourage sustainable travel among young people.

Along the Greenway are a series of public spaces, including a new civic square, named after former East Belfast resident and author, C.S. Lewis. This large paved outdoor event space, with concrete seating, planters and bronze Narnia themed sculptures, also has a visitor centre, active travel hub and cafe.

At the northern tip of the Greenway is Victoria Park, which provides a wide range of sporting activities such as a parkrun, an athletics club, football pitches, a BMX track and bowling greens. The Greenway continue past the Glentoran Football club and playing fields, Flora Street Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), and play area, and Dixon Playing Fields towards Greenville Park, which caters for other recreational activities such as tennis.

The Greenway also acts as a significant wildlife corridor, with enhanced semi-natural habitats, including new tree and wildflower planting, and provides opportunities for locals to get involved in gardening clubs, social clubs and community clean-ups.

“ I have four kids and a very small back garden. The open space in the parks gives them a safe place to run about ”

- LOCAL RESIDENT

“ We need open space to support mental health. This is especially important for families that have no gardens ”

- LOCAL RESIDENT



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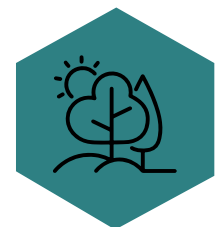
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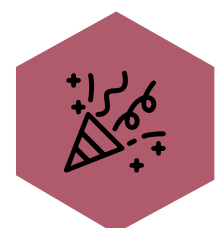
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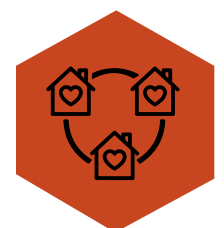
WALKING & CYCLING



INTERACTION



PLAYFULNESS



NEIGHBOURLINESS