



Equality, Diversity, and Public Realm Design

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Protected Characteristics under the 2010 Equality Act

Legislation in place to protect against discrimination on grounds of

- Age
- Disability
- Race
- Religion and/or belief
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Gender reassignment
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Pregnancy & maternity

Equality is not about treating all people in the same way. It's about recognising and respecting diversity/difference enough to adapt practice.



Landscape, like other built environment industries is white dominated - an echo chamber .
The 'legitimate taste' for white identity/society the (white) individual escapes the city into romantic nature

reinforced

- through media
- through education process/ awards
- deemed moral, and healthful for all
- learned, not innate
- not intrinsically 'better',
- full of inconsistency

BBC Earth:
'how nature is good for health and happiness' (2016)

Shape's practice

- inclusive
 - listening
 - co-design
 - end user is ultimate client
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- hearing what is said
 - seeking empathy, understanding not education.



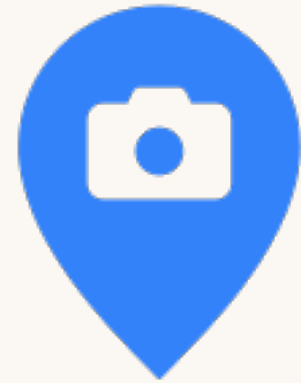
use depends on whether the space is seen as:



viable



healthful



interesting

Varies with protected characteristics
eg ethnicity/race, religion, age, health, and disability



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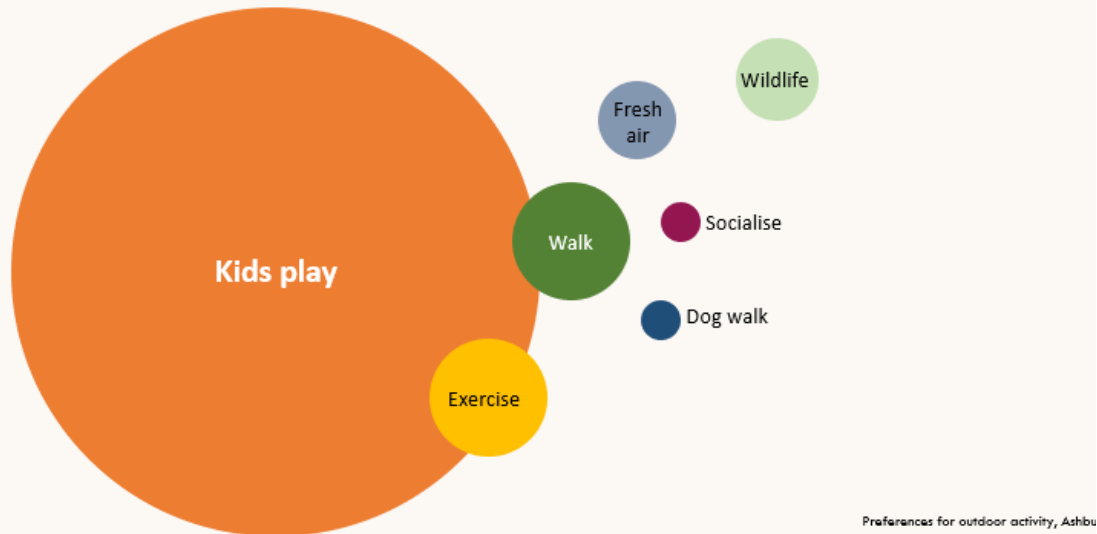
In areas where 40%+ are BAME there is x11 less green space compared to areas where residents are largely white

Urban Green Nation, CABE 2010

Top reasons for visiting Croydon greenspace: black averages



Top reasons for visiting Croydon greenspace: asian averages



- legitimate tastes
- legitimate leisure
- publicly performing 'habitus' - group identity
- expressing/shaping shared values
- what's possible constrains activity
- group averages, not individual measure
- wildlife interest equal across groups

interesting



Top reasons for visiting Croydon greenspace: white averages





viable

Infrastructure



Mini Holland Walthamstow , Photo credit Shambhavi Sawant, UEL

Infrastructure: Van Gogh Walk, LB Lambeth



VAN GOGH WALK (as Isabel Street in 2012), Shape Landscape Architecture & LB Lambeth 2013
Photo credit Elaine Kramer

Van Gogh Walk, LB Lambeth



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Thank you

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