

The quality of benches is just as important as the number and location of public seating. Studies show that the most used benches offer a combination of pleasant views, protected climate and good comfort.

A set of criteria for quality has been developed to evaluate individual seating areas. The benches evaluated here are selected because they are placed in major pedestrian areas, where good quality seating is to be expected.

Criteria for evaluation of the Bench Quality		
C	Climate	1-5
V	View	1-5
N	Noise/pollution	1-5
CO	Comfort	1-5
D	Placement	1-5
Scale: _____		1 2 3 4 5 _____
		Poor Good



Midland Park
 Rating: C=5, V=5, N=4, CO=5, D=5
 Score: 24 (highest quality score)



Grey Street
 Rating: C=4, V=3, N=3, CO=2, D=3
 Score: 15



Post Office Square
 Rating: C=2, V=2, N=2, CO=5, D=3
 Score: 14



Manners Mall
 Rating: C=3, V=3, N=3, CO=1, D=3
 Score: 13



Te Aro Park
 Rating: C=1, V=2, N=1, CO=1, D=1
 Score: 6 (lowest quality score)