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Small park in inner city









Key points:

☐ Review of definition of open space
□ Necessity of creating small space in CBD with careful selection of its situation
□ Necessity for research and defining rules for design of a small public space



Definition of public space

Social life and public space

"people have many competing priorities, and more often do shorter activities (of up to three hours) rather than longer activities on our open spaces" (Our Capital Space, p. 7).

Public spaces contribute to the social life of the city not only through providing the facility for extend activity but also for doing activities like having lunch or sitting.

People need a place for doing their daily activities

Result of observation of small parks shows more than 80% of activities occurring in small parks in CBD are sitting, eating, using mobile phone, and reading.









Demand for small parks

Uses of small park in CBD

"This plan will ensure decisions on funding consider and prioritise areas where demand is high, and where activities contribute to the outcomes being sought" (Our Capital Spaces, p.5).

High daily (08.00-17.00) demand for small park

	Glover Park	Civic Square	Te Aro Park	Midland Park
Number of users	276	395	319	1404
Age group (in order of most use)	Teenager and young adult	Teenager, Young adult and, adult	Adult, young adult, and teenager	Young adult, adult, and teenager









Behavioural mapping in Wellington, March 2013



Design a popular public space

"We improve opportunities for people to access and enjoy open spaces in the central city" (Our Capital Spaces, p.26).

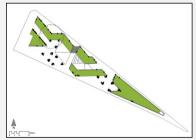
A need for defining the rules of design of popular and enjoyable public space in the Wellington context.

Importance of use of appropriate design attributes

Result of 320 surveys and observation shows people like natural design attributes like trees and grass in combination with sitting wall, seating. They do not use grass that does not have a good shape or with busy roads around.











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Thank you for your time

