



Core units: Exemplar – Year 7

Illustration 5: Assessing the liveability of places

Neighbourhood liveability survey

Think about the neighbourhood in which you live and then assess it against each of the following liveability criteria. When completed:

- tally the score and compare it with the rating of others in your group
- discuss the reasons for your ratings
- reach a consensus on a group-based rating of each of the criteria
- compare your group's ratings with that of other groups.

Liveability survey

Criteria	Liveability Score				
	Poor/low				Good/high
Environmental factors					
• Climate: Humidity/temperature	1	2	3	4	5
• Quality of urban design	1	2	3	4	5
• Architecture	1	2	3	4	5
• Streetscapes	1	2	3	4	5
• Parks and gardens	1	2	3	4	5
• Maintenance of public spaces	1	2	3	4	5
Social factors					
<i>Law and order</i>					
• Level of violent crime	1	2	3	4	5
• Level of petty crime	1	2	3	4	5
• Alcohol-related disorder	1	2	3	4	5
• Graffiti and vandalism	1	2	3	4	5
• Personal safety	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Education</i>					
• Choice of schools	1	2	3	4	5
• Quality public schools	1	2	3	4	5
• Opportunities for post-school education	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Healthcare</i>					
• Access to local dentists and doctors	1	2	3	4	5
• Availability of private health care	1	2	3	4	5
• Quality of public health care	1	2	3	4	5
• Aged care facilities	1	2	3	4	5

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Cultural factors					
• Places of worship	1	2	3	4	5
• Community recreational facilities	1	2	3	4	5
• Entertainment venues	1	2	3	4	5
• Public libraries	1	2	3	4	5
• Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5
• Licensed clubs	1	2	3	4	5
• Ethnic diversity	1	2	3	4	5
Economic factors					
• Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
• Affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
• Access to shops and department stores	1	2	3	4	5
• Service stations and mechanics	1	2	3	4	5
• Hardware outlets	1	2	3	4	5
• Personal services such as hairdressers	1	2	3	4	5
Infrastructure factors					
• Quality of road access	1	2	3	4	5
• Availability of public transport	1	2	3	4	5
• Transport interchanges and commuter parking	1	2	3	4	5
• Quality of telecommunications	1	2	3	4	5
• Infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5
• Reliability of utilities – water, electricity, sewage	1	2	3	4	5
• Cycle ways	1	2	3	4	5
• Maintenance of public schools and hospitals	1	2	3	4	5

Complete the table below as your investigations progress.

Name of neighbourhood: _____

Your liveability ranking score	
Your group's liveability ranking score	
The class average liveability ranking score	
Parent's/caregiver's liveability ranking score	

Other neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood 2:	
Neighbourhood 3:	
Neighbourhood 4:	