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# **Project Aim**



### » Aim:

» To characterise the atmospheric benefits of small urban parks in the context of neighbourhood access and user motivation.

#### » Objectives:

- » To characterise the diurnal and seasonal microclimate of old and new small urban parks in comparison with the city region, using high resolution temporal and spatial data for air temperature, relative humidity and air pollution.
- » To map neighbourhood access and visualise microclimate benefits through a publicly available and accessible digital twin.
- » To explore what motivates people to spend time in small urban parks, and the barriers and facilitators to them doing so.
- » To understand how beliefs about microclimate benefits of small urban parks influence how people use them, and how to communicate benefits with people who live and work nearby.

# Geographic scope







#### Air temperature & relative humidity @ hourly time steps – city wide & localised sensors





#### Air quality: Purple Air (PM2.5), Earthsense (PMs & Gases) & Sensorbee units (PMs, CO2, VOCs)







#### **Population and access**





#### Land use & user data







#### Focus groups & codesign



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**Consultation Document September 2019** 



#### Interim data and draft portal







#### Observations from 23/06/2023-24/06/2023



# Thanks for listening





### Questions? Please get in touch: j.m.parker@leedsbeckett.ac.uk