

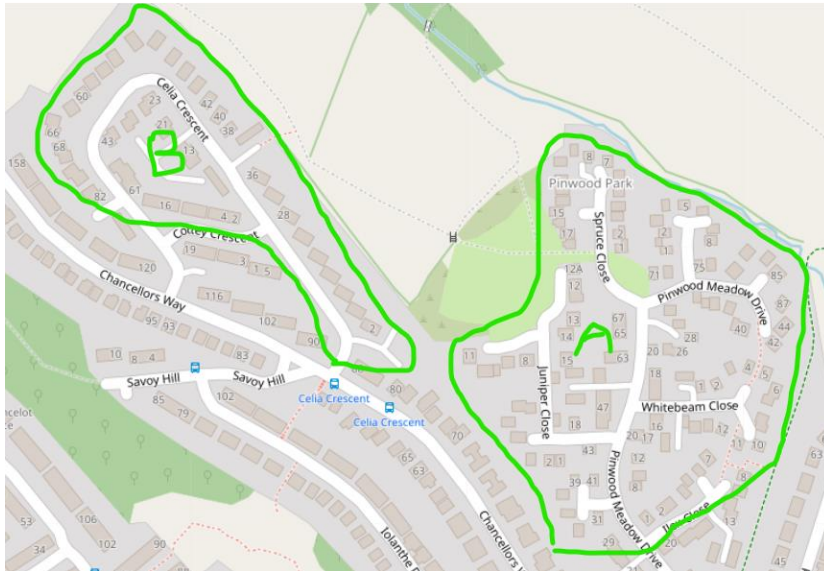
Rule 6 Party - Methods Statement

Exeter Greenspace Group worked with residents in Beacon Heath to gather and collate the following data:

A) Door to door surveys

Two residential areas adjacent to the proposed development were targeted for door-to-door surveys. Area A included residences in Pinwood Meadow, Spruce Close, Juniper Close and adjoining roads. Area B included Celia Crescent (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Map showing areas surveyed.



Each house was visited in the survey areas. If present the householder was asked if they would be willing to answer a questionnaire regarding their use of the area and greenspaces. Responders were given the option of providing pseudo-anonymous data (first 5 figures of postcode) or to provide their name and/or full address. They were asked to give verbal consent to provide data that will be shared with the National Planning Inspectorate as part of the planning appeal process.

The questionnaire collected demographic data, use of greenspaces and modes of transport used to access local infrastructure. The questions were designed to be non-leading and elicit both quantitative and qualitative responses.

A copy of the questionnaire is provided in Figure 2.

Data from the questionnaires was entered into a spreadsheet and summary statistics were calculated. Identifiable data was redacted from versions of the report that will be shared widely whilst maintain link-identifiable data for verification by the Inspector.

A total of 86 households responded (66 in area A and 20 in area B) representing 212 residents.

Figure 2: Door to door questionnaire.

Resident Survey

Date: _____

Collected by: _____



Name (optional) _____ First Line of Address (optional) _____

First 5 digits of postcode: EX4 9[]

At this address how many people are there of the following ages (please mark X age of respondent)

| 0 - 8 | 8 - 16 | 16 - 25 | 25 - 40 | 40-65 | 65 |
|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|----|
| | | | | | |

How long have you lived here? < 3 years / 3 – 10 years / 10 – 20 years / > 20 years

Use of the Greenspace off Juniper Close/Spruce Close

Have you / your family ever used the green above juniper close? **Yes / No**

If **yes** for which activities? **Meeting friends / Children's Play / Walks & Exercise / Dog walking / Picnics**

If it had a road running through it, would it change your use of it? **Yes / No**

If yes, how? _____

If the green was re-provided above the new proposed build would it affect your use of it? **Yes / No**

If yes, how? _____

Would you be willing to share any photos of your family using the green? **Yes/No**

Use of Fields Above the Green/Right of Celia Crescent

Have you /your family ever used the fields above the green to enjoy nature **Yes / No**

How long have you used this space? < 3 years / 3 – 10 years / 10 – 20 years / > 20 years

How did you access this area? _____

Accessibility

Which mode of transport do you normally use for the following:

Food shopping _____

Doctor/Dentist Visits _____

School (if applicable) _____

Work (if applicable) _____

Would you consider replacing your car with a bicycle for any of the above? **Yes/No**

If no, why not? _____

Would you consider replacing your car by walking to any of the above? **Yes/No**

If no, why not? _____

Do you use the bus service at all? **Yes / No**

If yes, to go where? _____ If no, why not? _____

Please provide any other information that you wish overleaf.

B) Bus Survey

An online survey was circulated amongst local social media pages to understand whether or not residents used buses and their experience of the service. A copy of the survey is provided in Fig 3

A total of 103 surveys were completed.

Figure 3: Online Bus Service Survey

Bus Service in Beacon Heath

Easter greenspace group is collecting information on bus use to better understand how residents travel to and from beacon heath. Thank you.

* Required

1. Do you live in Beacon Heath? *

Yes

No

2. What is your postcode? *

Enter your answer

3. Do you or family members ever use the bus service? *

Yes

No

4. If not, which of these reasons best describe why you don't use the bus? (Select as many as apply) *

Reliability

Cost

Bus not near enough to my house

Health and safety concerns (e.g. COVID-19)

Doesn't go in the right direction

Other

5. If you do use the bus, what do you use it for? (Select as many as apply) *

Shopping

Visiting friends/family

School

Work

Days out

Other

6. If you do use the bus how would you rate its reliability? *

Good

Average

Poor

7. Any other comments about bus service in Beacon Heath?

Enter your answer

Submit

Never give out your password. [Report abuse](#)

C) Thematic Analysis of Exeter City Council Planning Portal

464 objections were recorded on the Exeter City Council Planning Portal against 20/0538/OUT. These objections were analysed and the comments on the following themes were collated: Use of Juniper Close Green; Use of the wider greenspace; Sustainability & concerns.

D) Amenity mapping

The locations of the nearest shops, schools, train stations and doctors were identified by residents and the most direct safe walking routes were mapped using “plotaroute”. The distance and ascent from these locations to the proposed development was calculated. Distances were calculated to the entrance of the site off Celia Crescent for locations to the South West of the site, and to the top of the Spruce Close Green for locations South or South East of the site. Plotaroute was set with a standard walking speed of 1.31m/s based on published evidence of usual outdoor healthy adult walking speeds (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7806575/>) and adjusted for incline. This information was used by plotaroute to calculate the time taken for each journey by a healthy adult.

To determine the physical effort required to carry shopping from the nearest supermarket to the site a rucksack containing four days of groceries for a family of two was carried, by a fit middle-aged woman, from Morrisons supermarket to the site entrance off Celia Crescent. This activity was measured on a Garmin wrist watch which measured heart rate and gradient.

E) Local Narratives and Images

Further evidence was requested in the form of photographs, films and personal narratives through word of mouth, social media and community whatsapp groups.