

# Social interaction and cohesion

The NbS intervention will contribute to social interaction and cohesion.

## Type of NbS with significant contribution to this impact

### Characteristics

- Co- Created and Co Design: involving the local stakeholders in the decision-making process is key to contribute this impact.

### Examples

- Co-Created and Co-designed interventions.

## Metrics to be monitored

- People's satisfaction.
- People's sense of belonging.
- People's participation.
- Increasing of social cohesion and interactions.

- Cities' QS.
- Designed interviews (including focus group).
- Observations.

### Tools

- Questionnaires: locally designed considering the sample and target audience.
- Interviews.
- Possibilities of on-line questionnaires.

## Insights for the long-term monitoring

- Identifying a key community for specific interviews and including this metrics into already existing questionnaires in the city to facilitate the monitoring.





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## Key messages of the impact

The more the interventions are cocreated the more the impact will be positive. The design of the interventions should facilitate the social cohesion nevertheless creating a community through participatory activities for the design and implementation of the NBS are key to build this sense of belonging. The maintenance of this community will require additional activities and could contribute in the involvement of the citizens in the maintenance of the intervention area.

## Monitoring Variables

### Outcome

- Residents improved social cohesion.
- Residents social cohesion by volunteering in the gardening project/ activities (Co-Monitoring).
- Increase of Social cohesion and relationships.

### Related KPIs

- Number of known neighbours per resident
- Number of events in association with CLEVER.
- Number of attendees at events.

- % of residents who believe Thamesmead is a place where residents from different backgrounds get on well together.
- % of South Thamesmead residents reporting sense of belonging to local neighbourhood.
- % of residents reporting satisfaction with places to meet and come together.
- Levels of socialability of public spaces.
- Number and type (age, gender) of residents who have actively volunteered in maintaining the garden (in the last 6 or 12 months) (n)
- Psychosocial issues related with place Satisfaction.
- Social interaction and cohesion.
- Participation in community activities related to NBS.
- Identity and sense of belonging about NBS in the living place.