Supplementary material: Survey Validity

The Liverpool Health and Wellbeing survey design utilized a mail in prompting letter to all residents in the Liverpool Central Business District with a link to an online survey to answer an online survey. The survey was widely publicized and open to anyone from the wider Local Government Area (LGA) of Liverpool to answer. Anyone outside the Liverpool LGA attempting to answer would be locked out of the survey. Thus, the survey was a combination of traditional mail in prompting tools and an online survey. A total of 6284 mail in prompts were sent out and 302 responses were received. Thus, the overall response rate was 4.8%.

Since this response rate is low a number of checks were implemented to test the validity of the survey. Two tests were implemented to test survey validity.

1. Survey Representativeness

We tested if the survey sample had a similar distribution as the underlying resident population. The age and sex distribution of the survey population are compared below with the Liverpool LGA population. The survey has an under-representation of 0-39 year old males and has an over-representation of 40-59 year old females (Table 1, below).

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Table S1: Percentage distributions by Age and Sex in the survey compared to Liverpool LGA

	Age	0-39 Years	40-59 Years	60-79 Years
	Male	10	15	3
Survey *(n=239)	Female	32	33	7
	Age	0-39 Years	40-59 Years	60-79 Years
Subset used in analysis (n=136)	Male	10	12	2
	Female	34	35	7

	Age	0-39 Years	40-59 Years	60-79 Years
Liverpool LGA	Male	30	13	6
(census 2016)	Female	30	14	7

Table S2: Comparing early responders with late responders

The first respondent responded on 14th March 2017, while the last respondent answered the survey on 12th April 2017. We thus split the respondents into two groups, March and April respondents and tabulated them by age and sex. The two groups were quite similar, the only difference being somewhat more females in the 40-59 age group in April compared to, in March. If the age-sex distributions in the two months are compared, the differences were not statistically significant. Difference between male respondents: Chi-Squared Statistic 0.1091, p value 0.95; difference between female respondents, Chi-Squared Statistic 2.045, p value 0.36.

	March Re	spondents		April Res	pondents
Age group	Male	Female	Age group	Male	Female
0-39 Years	11.96	29.35	0-39 Years	8.24	35.29
40-59 Years	18.48	28.26	40-59 Years	10.59	38.82
60-79 Years	3.26	8.70	60-79 Years	2.35	4.71

Table S3: Correlations (Kendall's Tau) between different objective greenspace metrics

	100 meter buffer		
	Mean NDVI	Percent Parks	Percent Tree Canopy
Mean NDVI		0.09	0.38
Percent Parks			0.07
Percent Tree Canopy			
	10 min walking buffer		
	Mean NDVI	Percent Parks	Percent Tree Canopy
Mean NDVI		0.10	0.30
Percent Parks			0.07
Percent Tree Canopy			

Table S4

Logistic Regression Model Used

$logit(Y) = \beta_0 + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i$

Where Y is the odds of agreeing or strongly agreeing with the statement "There is tree cover or canopy along the footpaths in my local area" in models 1-6 and with the statement "There is lots of greenery (trees, bushes, gardens) around my local area" in models 7-12.

 β_0 is the intercept of the model, or the expected log odds of agreement or strong agreement when all the predictors are set to zero.

 α is the objective greenspace/greenness variable being estimated.

 β_i s are the set of confounders adjusted for in the models. There are k possible predictors, with k being equal to 5 in all odd numbered models (1, 3, 9 etc.), and being equal to 7 in all even numbered models (2, 4, 12 etc.); also see confounders in the right column. For a list of cofounders, see the column to the right.

Confounders

The models included the following confounders in addition to the objective greenspace related variable:

Confounders in Models 1,3,5,7,9,11

- 1. Age (Categorized into three age groups; 0 to 39 years, 40 to 59 years and 60 to 79)
- 2. Sex (Male, Female)
- 3. Country of birth (Australian born, Overseas born)
- 4. Education (Vocational certificate or diploma and university or other tertiary institute degree or higher, versus high school or less)

The models included the following confounders in addition to the objective greenspace related variable:

Confounders in Models 2,4,6,8,10,12

- 1. Age (Categorized into three age groups; 0 to 39 years, 40 to 59 years and 60 to 79)
- 2. Sex (Male, Female)
- Country of birth (Australian born, Overseas born)
- Education (Vocational certificate or diploma and university or other tertiary institute degree or higher, versus high school or less)
- 5. Recreational walking (dichotomized at the median of twice a week)
- 6. Utilitarian walking dichotomized at the median of 60mins/week