

The City of Edinburgh Council

Green Flag
Quality Assessments 2008

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ASSESSING OUR PARKS

- 135 Parks & Greenspaces
 - 28 Assessors
 - 325 Assessments
- 19 out of 27 Green Flag
Field Criteria

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What is Green Flag?



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The Green Flag Award is the national standard for parks and greenspaces

It's a way of recognising and rewarding the best green spaces in the country

Can be used as a benchmark of excellence both internally and nationally



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SCORING

Field Assessment

8 Categories

27 Criteria

criteria scored out of 10

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
N/A	Very Poor	Poor			Fair		Good	Very Good	Excellent	Exceptional



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Welcoming

Welcoming
Good & Safe Access
Signage
Equal Access For All



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WELCOMING - STRENGTHS



"an attractive park"

"good access"

"good wide paths"

"well signposted"



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WELCOMING - WEAKNESSES



"all signage is don't do"

"looks like a prison camp"



"no obvious entrances"

"like an entrance to farmer's field"

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Healthy, Safe & Secure

Safe Equipment & Facilities

Personal Security in the Park

Dog Fouling

Appropriate Provision of Facilities

Quality of Facilities

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HEALTHY, SAFE & SECURE - STRENGTHS



"well used and overlooked"
"play equipment in excellent condition"



"good range of equipment"

"no evidence of fouling problem"

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HEALTHY, SAFE & SECURE - WEAKNESSES



"urgently address play area"

"address dog fouling problem"



"covered in graffiti"

"lack of bins and seating"

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Clean & Well Maintained

Litter & Waste Management
Grounds Maintenance & Horticulture
Building & Infrastructure
Maintenance
Equipment Maintenance

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CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED - STRENGTHS



"excellent standard of maintenance"
"litter free"

"rose beds well looked after"

"good plant selection and health"



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CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED - WEAKNESSES



"address litter problem"

"very poor pesticide application"



"beds full of weeds"

"litter shredded"

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Sustainability

Environmental Sustainability

Pesticides

Peat Use

Waste Minimisation

Arboriculture & Woodland

Management

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SUSTAINABILITY – STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES



"guards in place"
"trees surveyed"



"needs thinning"
"damage by strimmer"

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Conservation & Heritage

Conservation Flora & Fauna

Conservation Landscape

Conservation Buildings

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CONSERVATION – STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES



"excellent nature conservation"
"fits well into streetscape"

"little sign of active management"
"doesn't take advantage of site"

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Community Involvement

Community Involvement
Community Provision



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Marketing

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Information Provision

Educational & Interpretative
Provision



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MARKETING – STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES



"excellent signage on site"
"good interpretation"



"old & decrepit"
"none on site whatsoever"



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Management

Implementation of the Management Plan



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The Results



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Criteria Scoring

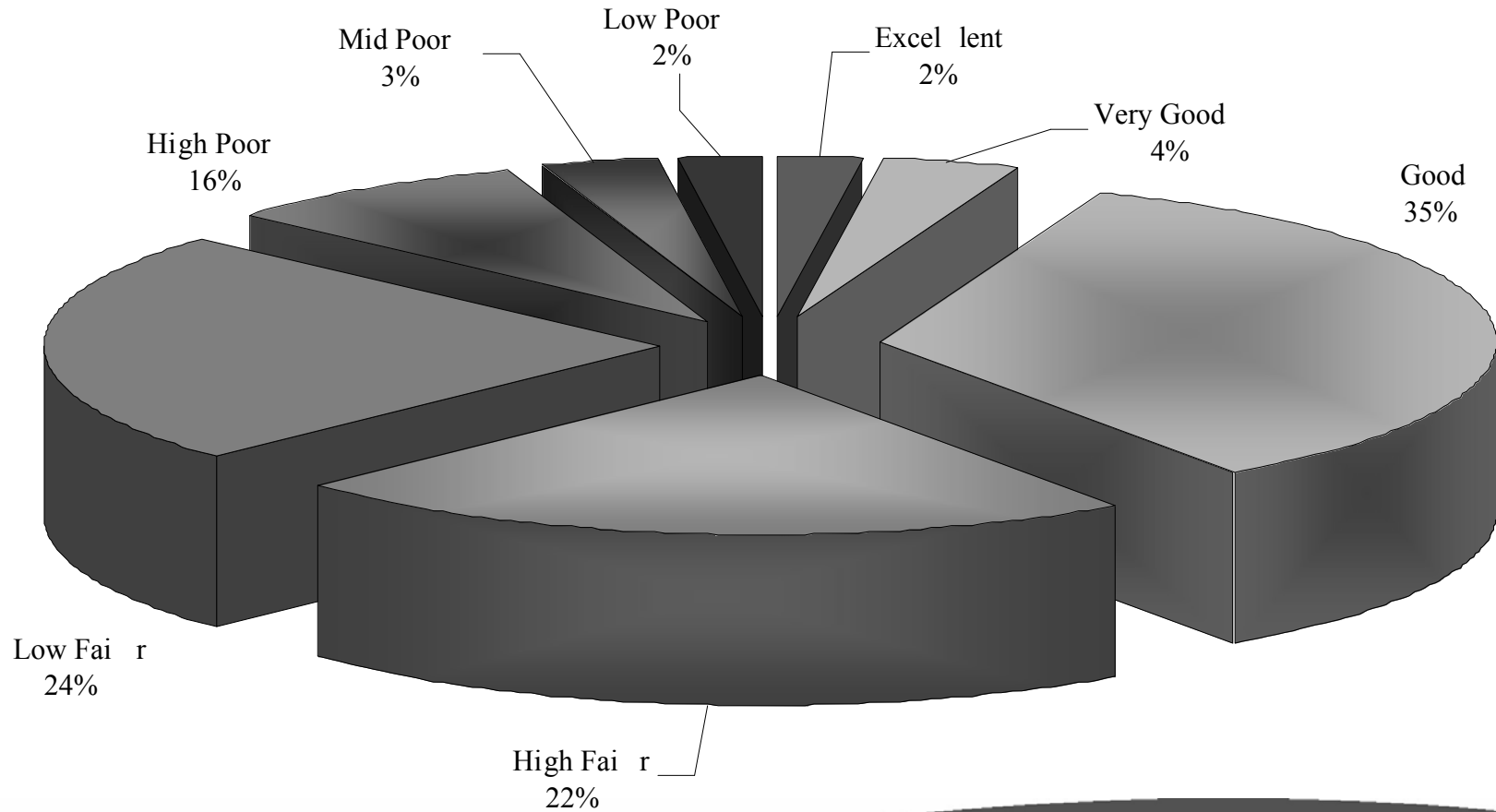


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Dog Fouling



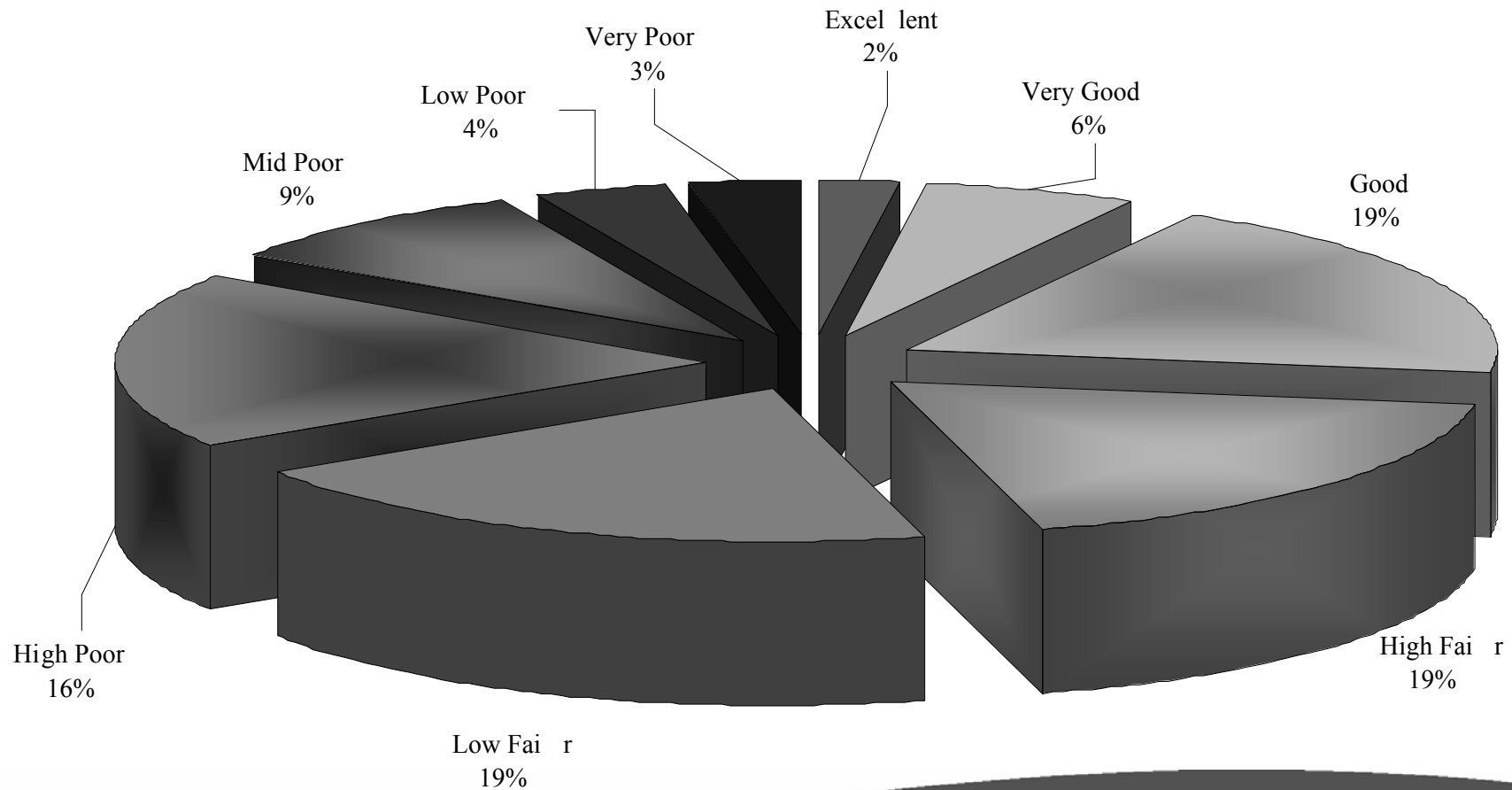
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Litter Management



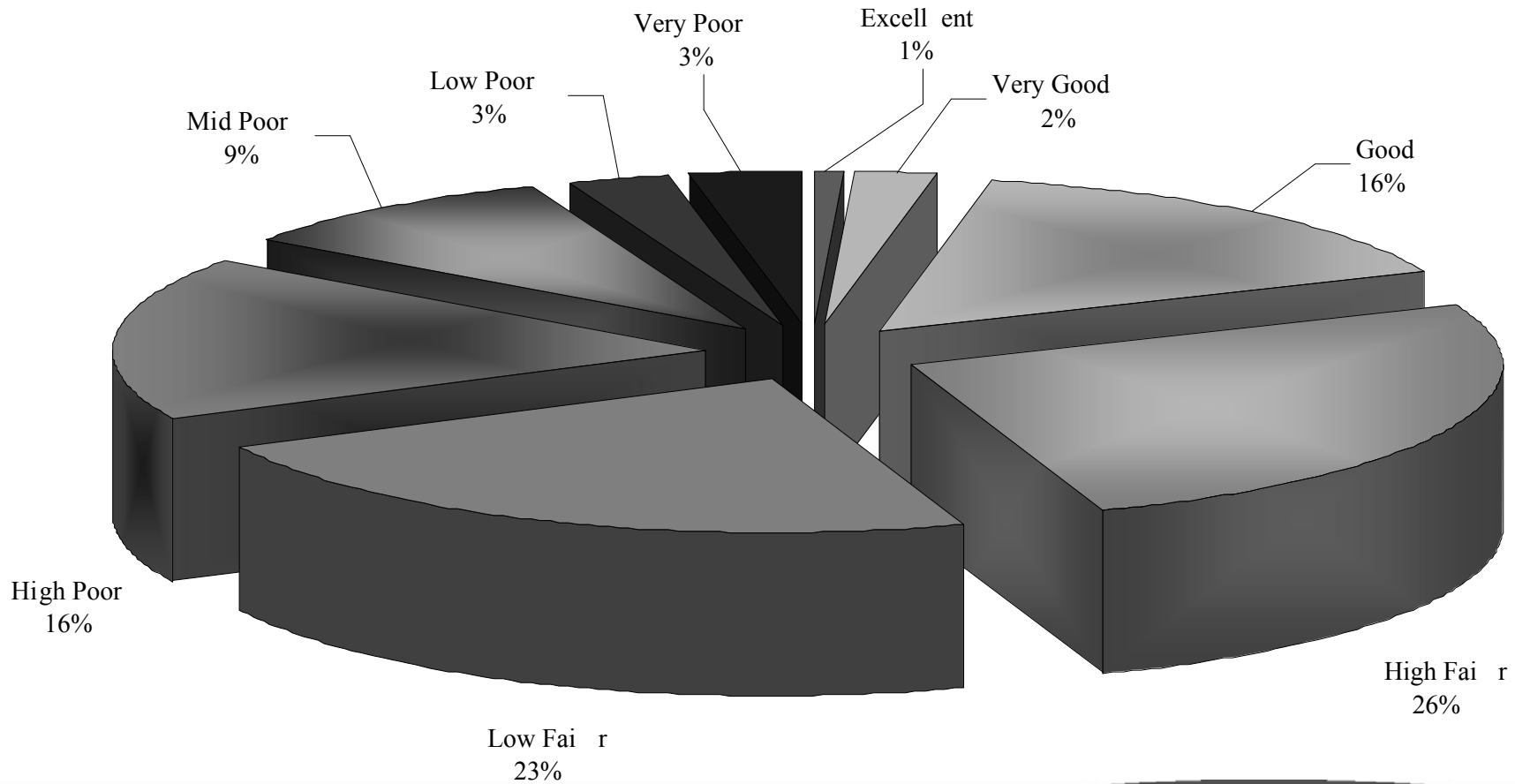
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Grounds Maintenance



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Criteria Averages



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WELCOMING Category

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Welcoming</u>	<u>Good & Safe Access</u>	<u>Signage</u>	<u>Equal Access</u>
Premier Parks (7)	6.7	6.9	5.1	6.7
City Parks (13)	4.7	5.8	2.5	5.6
Community Parks (85)	4.5	5.2	3.0	4.9
Gardens (14)	5.1	5.0	3.1	4.9
Nat. Heritage Parks (15)	5.3	5.9	5.1	5.3
Regional Park (1)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Citywide (135)	4.8	5.4	3.4	5.1

Averages

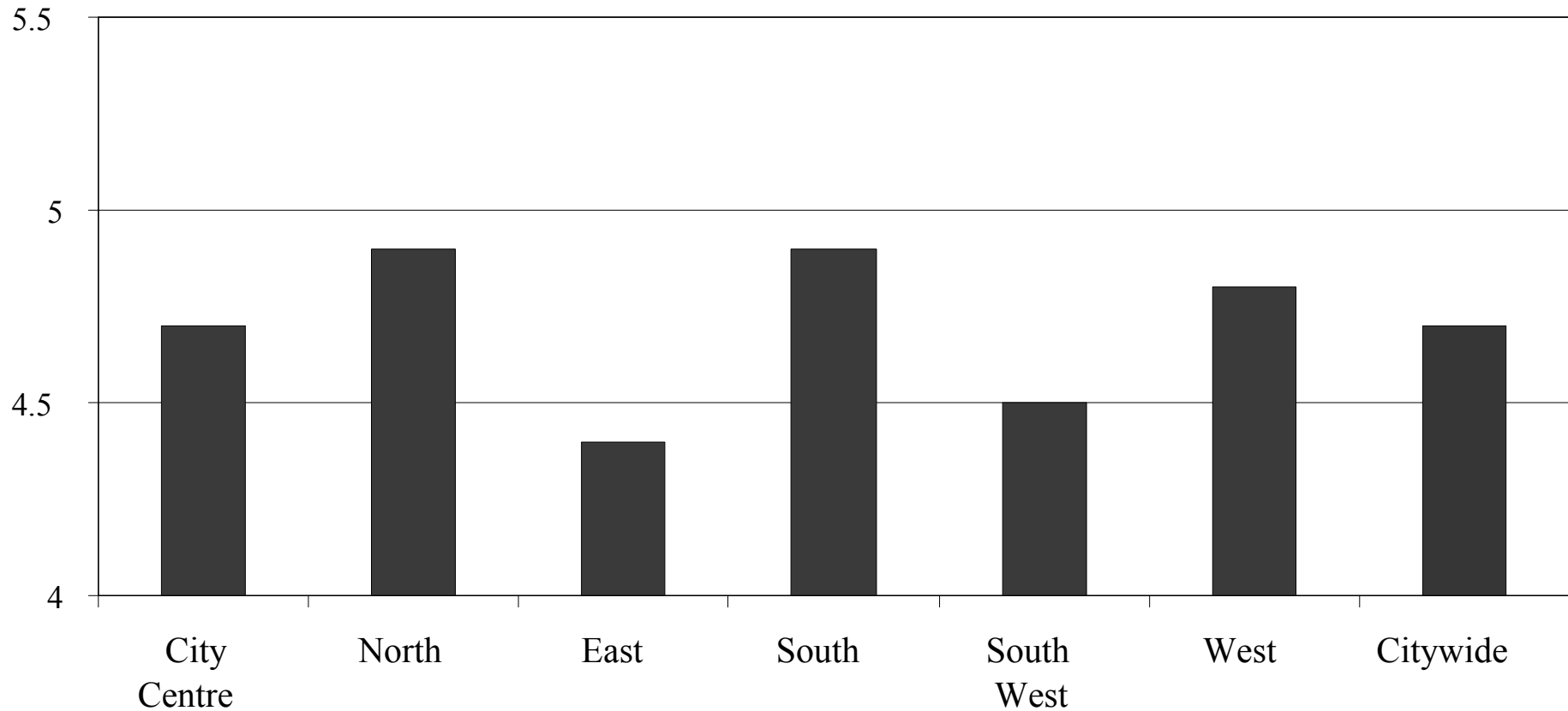


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WELCOMING Category



Averages



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<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Safe Equipment</u>	<u>Personal Security</u>	<u>Dog Fouling</u>	<u>App. Provision</u>	<u>Quality of Facilities</u>
Premier Parks	7.0	7.6	6.7	8.0	6.9
City Parks	5.3	6.1	5.5	5.5	4.9
Community Parks	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.3
Gardens	6.0	6.6	6.4	5.9	6.2
Nat. Heritage Parks	6.4	5.3	5.7	5.8	6.0
Regional Park	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Citywide	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.5

Averages

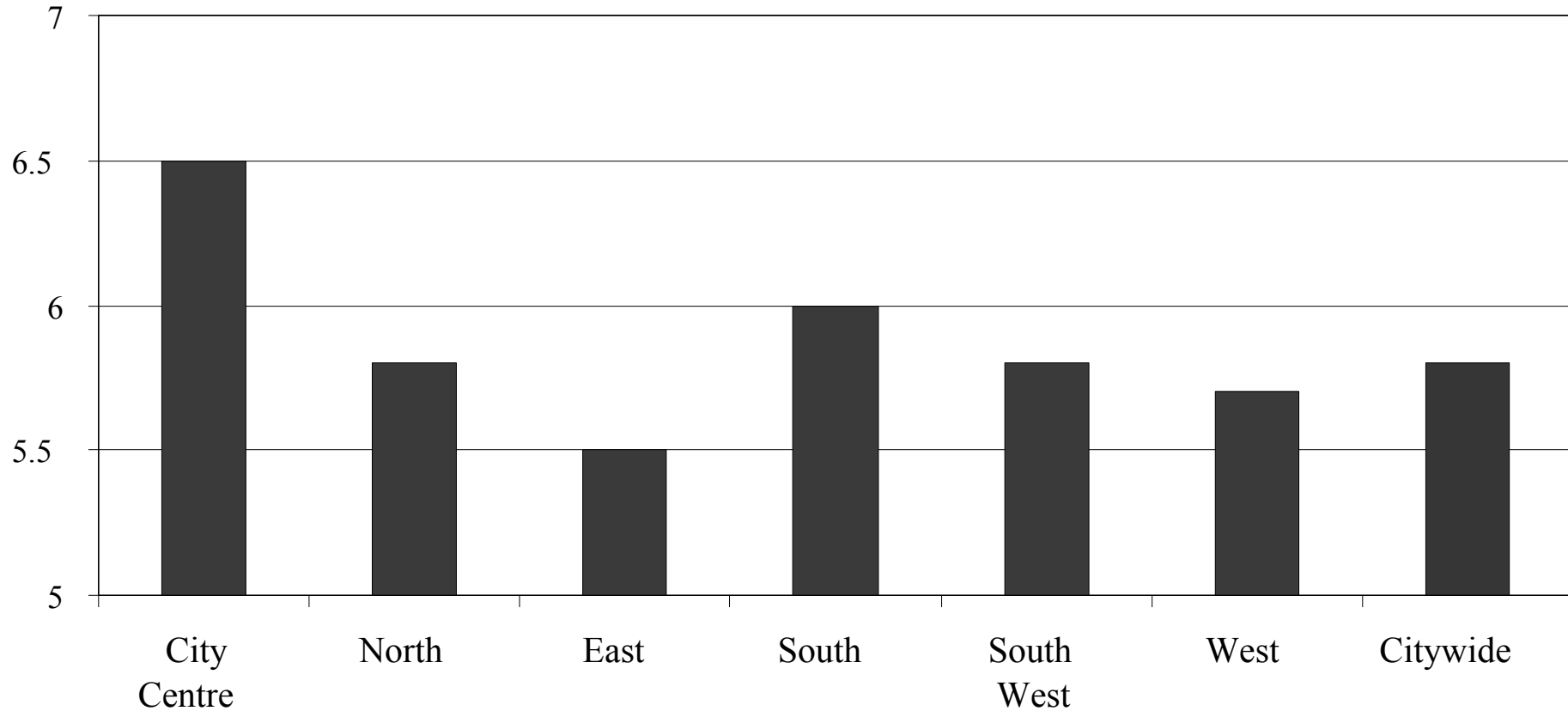


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Healthy, Safe & Secure Category



Averages



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CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED

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Premier Parks	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.8
City Parks	4.6	5.3	4.3	5.1
Community Parks	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8
Gardens	5.6	4.9	5.7	6.3
Nat. Heritage Parks	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.4
Regional Park	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0
Citywide	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.1

Averages



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CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED

<u>N'bourhood</u>	<u>Litter Management</u>	<u>Grounds Maintenance</u>	<u>Building & Infrastructure</u>	<u>Equip Maint</u>
City Centre	4.7	5.1	5.8	8.0
North	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.0
East	5.4	5.3	5.3	4.3
South	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.3
South West	5.4	4.7	5.1	5.1
West	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.2
Citywide	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.1

Averages

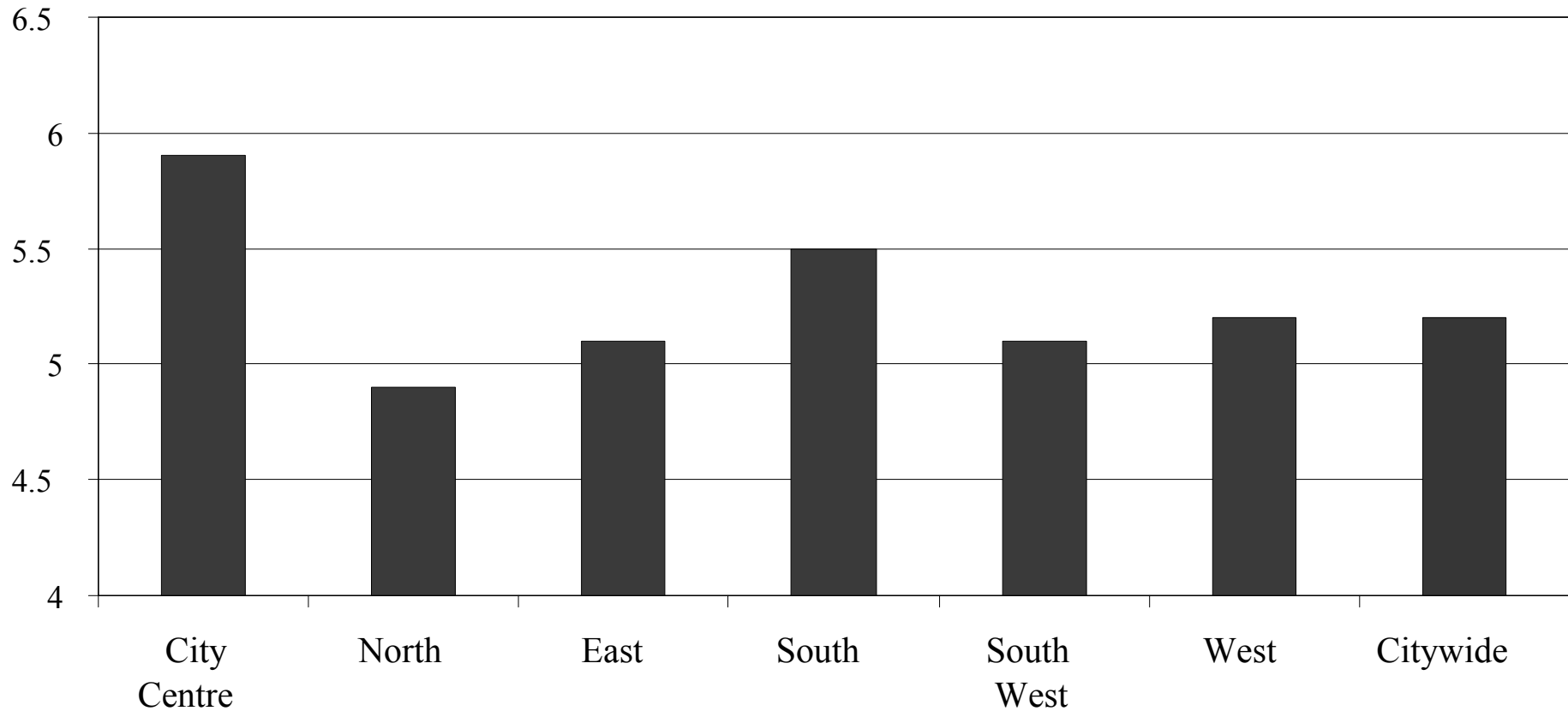


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Clean & Well Maintained Category



Averages



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SUSTAINABILITY

Neighbourhood

Woodland Management

Premier Parks	6.6
City Parks	5.1
Community Parks	5.7
Gardens	6.2
Nat. Heritage Parks	6.3
Regional Park	8.0
Citywide	5.8

Averages

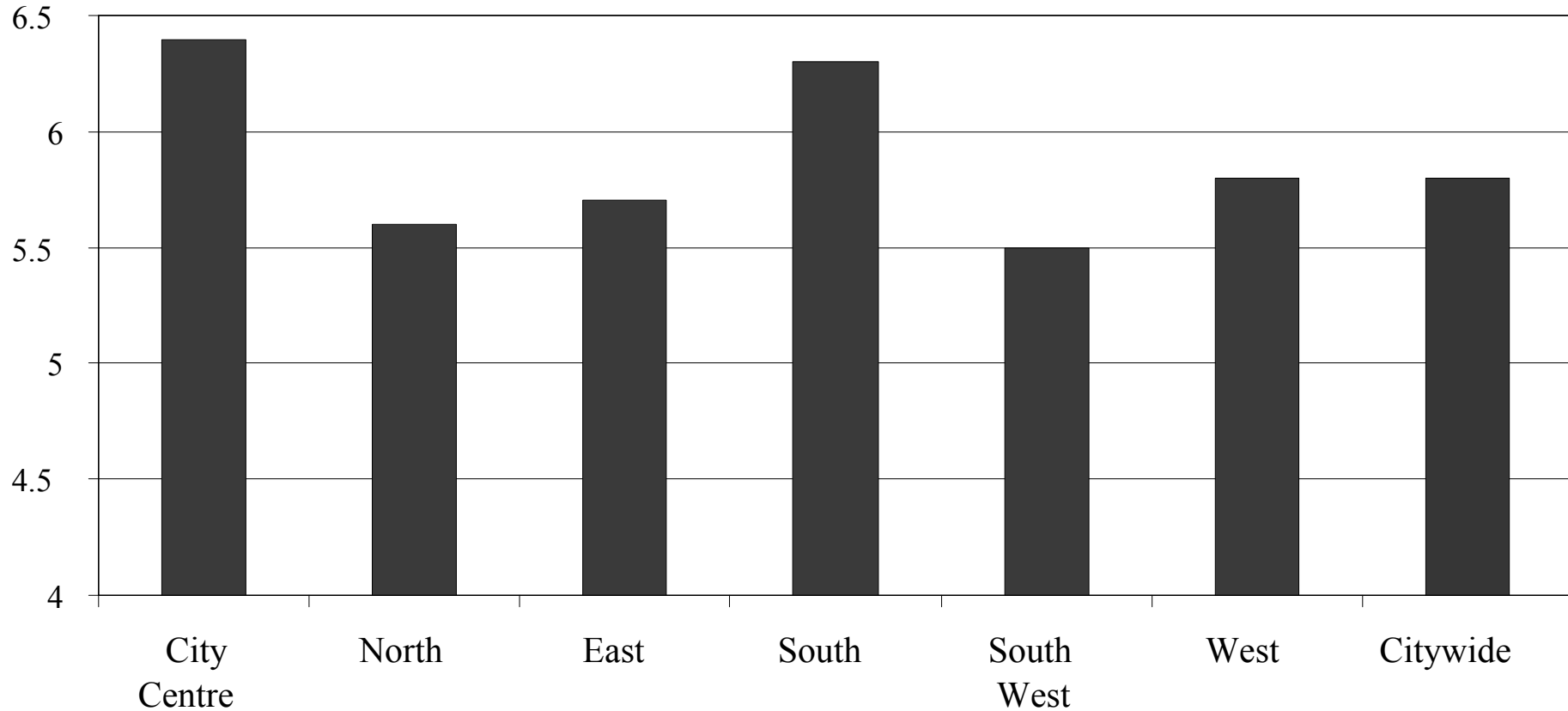


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Sustainability Category



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CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Flora & Fauna</u>	<u>Landscape</u>	<u>Buildings</u>
Premier Parks	5.4	6.4	5.9
City Parks	4.7	5.0	2.0
Community Parks	4.6	4.6	4.5
Gardens	5.2	5.0	6.0
Nat. Heritage Parks	7.3	7.0	6.0
Regional Park	8.0	8.0	8.0
Citywide	5.1	5.2	4.9

Averages

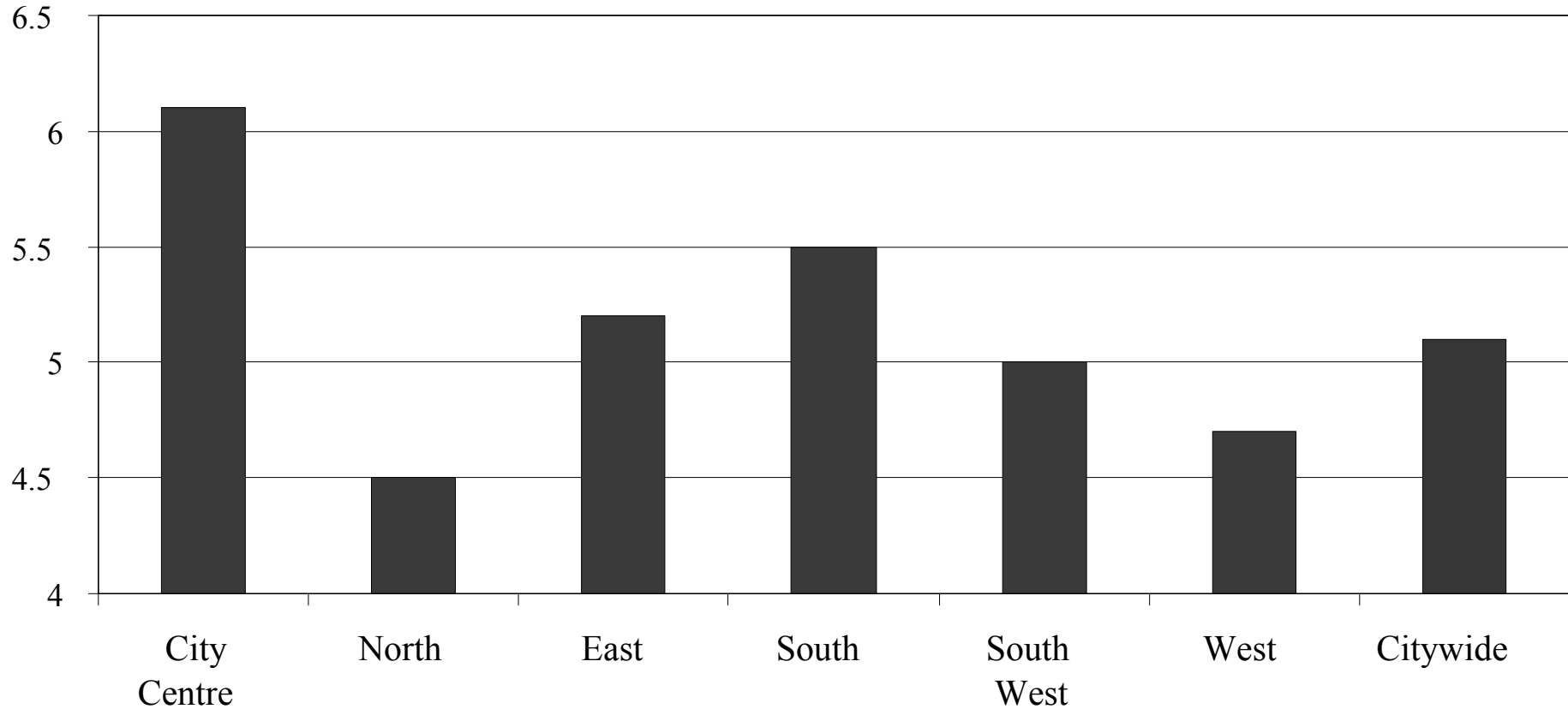


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Conservation Category



Averages



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MARKETING

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Information Provision</u>	<u>Educational & Interpretational Provision</u>
Premier Parks	5.7	6.0
City Parks	1.8	1.2
Community Parks	1.9	1.5
Gardens	2.4	2.2
Nat. Heritage Parks	4.7	4.2
Regional Park	5.7	6.0
Citywide	2.5	2.1

Averages

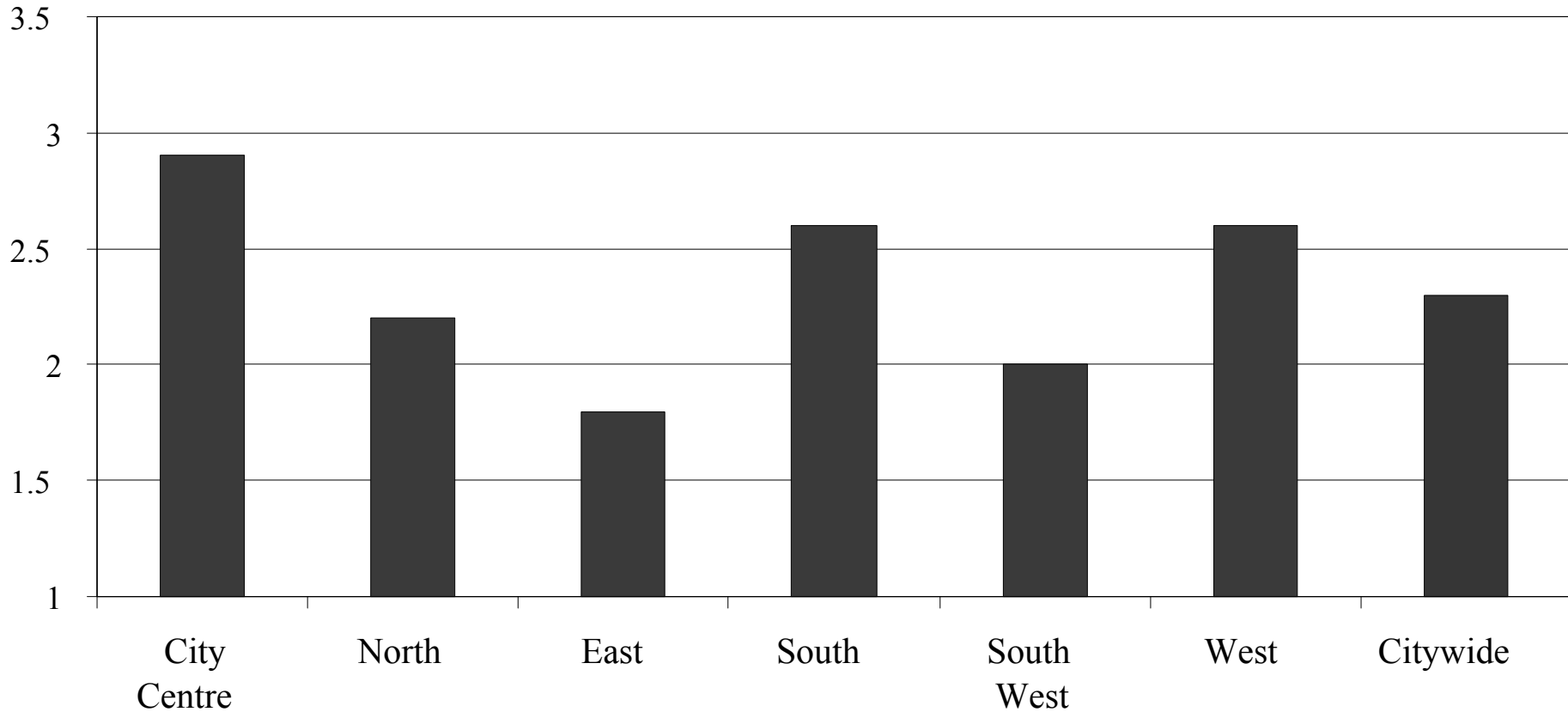


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Marketing Category



Averages

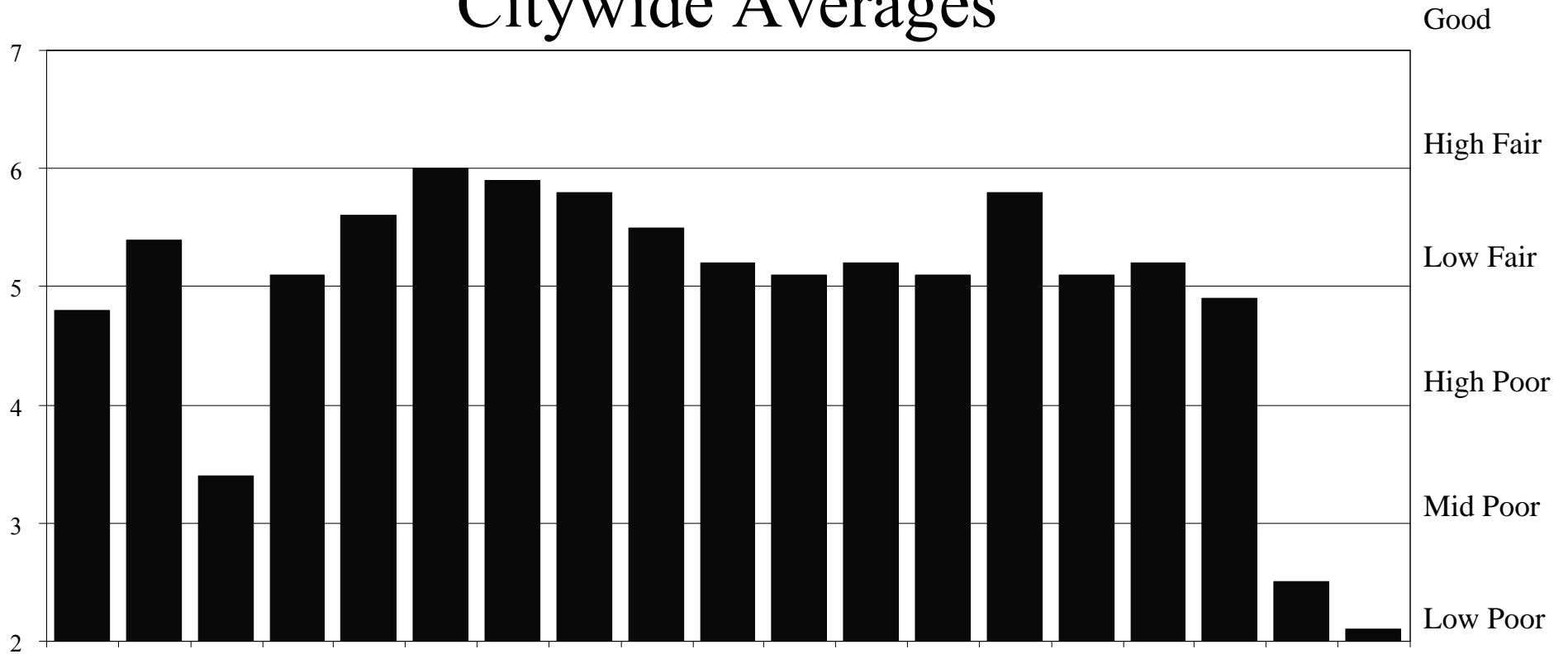


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Citywide Averages

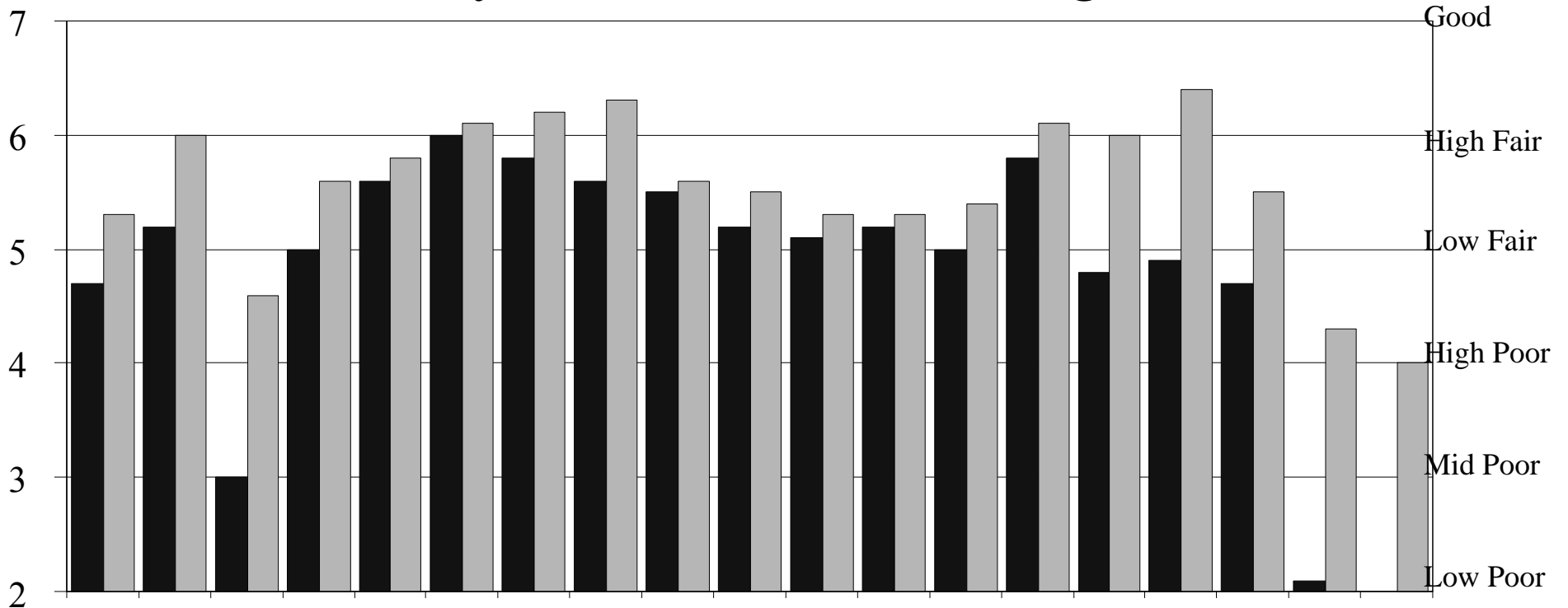


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Community Involvement Averages



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Top & Bottom Parks



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City Centre

Top 3	
Princes Street Gardens	81%
Calton Hill	66%
Dunbar 's Close	63%
Bottom 3	
Gayfield Square	48%
Hillside Crescent	48%
Castle Terrace Garden	21%

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CITYWIDE – TOP 10

Princes Street Gardens (City Centre)	81%
Craiglockhart Woods (South West)	78%
Pentland Regional Park	77%
Hopetoun Crescent Garden (North)	74%
Braidburn Valley Park (South)	73%
The Meadows (South)	70%
Ravelston Park & Woods (North)	69%
Corstorphine Hill (West)	68%
Lauriston Castle (West)	68%
Station Road Park (SQ) (West)	67%

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CITYWIDE – BOTTOM 10

Cairntows Park (East)	29%
Ratho Station Recreation Ground (West)	29%
Hill Square (South)	29%
Hunters Hall (Jack Kane) (East)	28%
Stenhouse Place East Park (South West)	28%
Gilmerton Park (The Dell) (South)	27%
Parkside (West)	26%
Muirhouse Park (North)	25%
Gorgie / Dalry Community Park (South West)	24%
Castle Terrace Garden (City Centre)	21%

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AVERAGES

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Worst</u>	<u>Average</u>
Parks with Community Involvement	78%	37%	55%
City Centre (10)	81%	21%	53%
South (25)	77%	27%	52%
West (26)	68%	26%	49%
Citywide (135)	81%	21%	49%
North (25)	74%	25%	48%
Parks without Comm. Involvement	81%	21%	47%
East (20)	66%	28%	46%
South West (29)	78%	24%	45%



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AVERAGES

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Worst</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Minimum Edinburgh Standard</u>
Premier Parks	78%	37%	55%	65%
City Parks	81%	21%	53%	46%
Community Parks	77%	27%	52%	47%
Gardens	68%	26%	49%	51%
Nat. heritage Parks	78%	36%	57%	61%
Regional Park	74%	25%	48%	77%
Citywide (135)	81%	21%	49%	

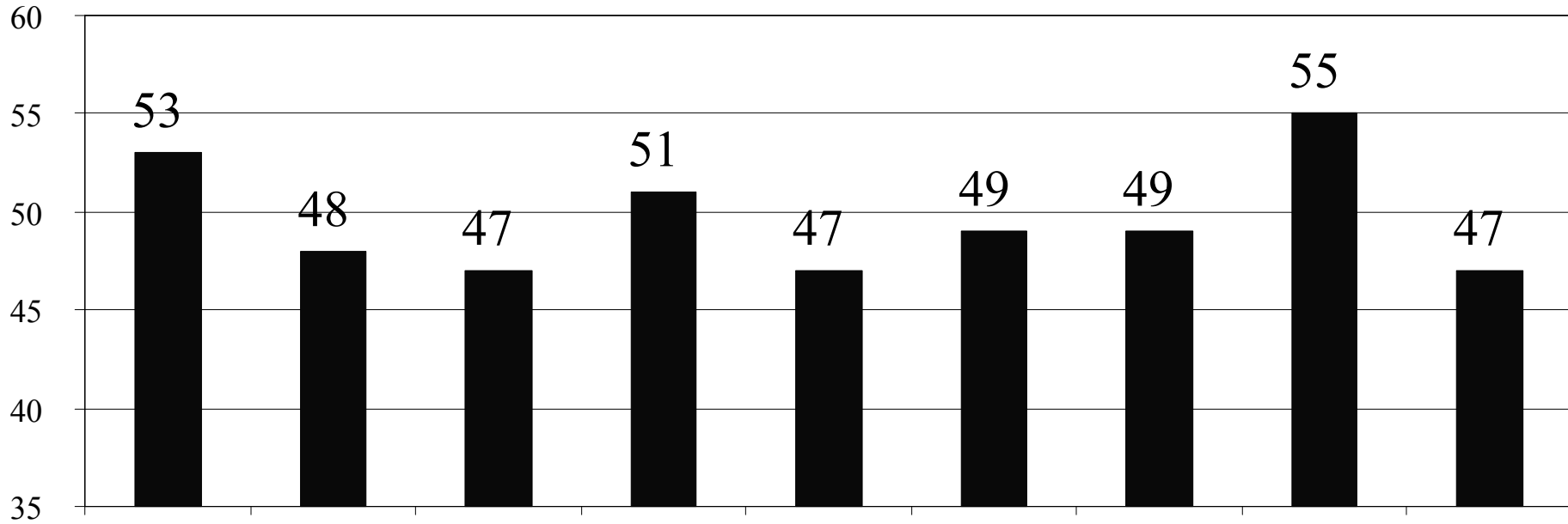


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Average Park Quality Score %

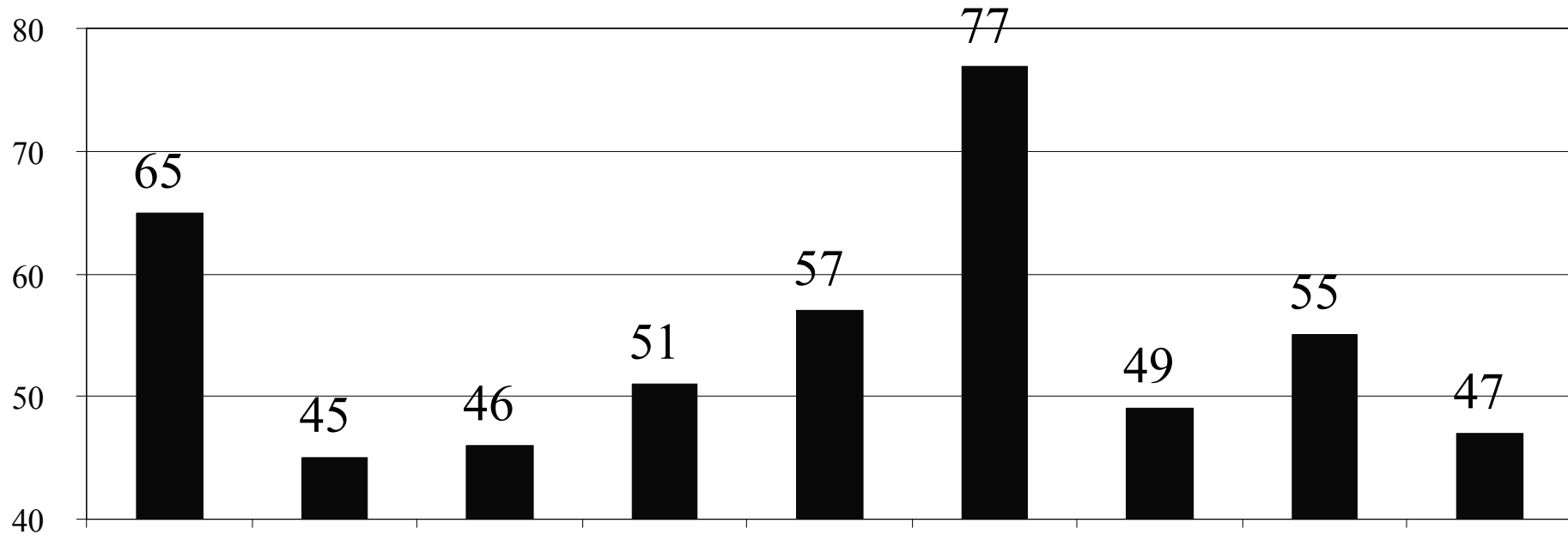


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Average Park Quality Score %



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analysing the results to identify
priorities and improvements

set targets for year 2 and beyond

assessments for year 2

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What next?

use the results as evidence for funding
bids and subsequent improvements

to identify our Green Flag Applications for
2009

looking to compare results with other
local authorities

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Thank You

Any Questions?



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