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ABSTRACT

Due to its crucial function in providing space for numerous ecosystem services for human well-being, urban green spaces have steadily become an essential feature of urban development schemes. Despite their numerous advantages, they are under severe threat, especially in fast emerging cities like Lagos, Nigeria, where little is known about their development and management systems. Therefore, this study aims to examine users' satisfaction, well-being, and perceived quality of urban green spaces while also understanding its various implications on users, which will aid in designing a mixed-use building at Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria. The key objectives of the study were to identify the socio-economic characteristics of the users; to determine how many of the urban green spaces within the neighborhood the users are familiar with; to determine to what extent the users are satisfied with the urban green spaces around them; investigate the level and extent to which users think the urban green spaces has impacted the quality of their lives; to investigate how urban green spaces can be made engaging to increase its usage; to utilize the information gathered in the design of a proposed mixed-use development with urban green space. The mixed-methods technique was adopted, which included the utilization of both qualitative and quantitative data sources. The study reviewed existing literature and information through context analysis from case studies. The study developed an architectural design of a mixed-use development with an integrated urban park employing various strategies, techniques and innovations in ensuring users satisfaction.

Keywords: urban, urban green spaces, users, mixed-use development