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Local neighbourhood parks are developed and used for numerous purposes, for example recreation, leisurely activities, social and cultural interaction ground, biodiversity as well as habitat protection. As such, the need for parks has been explored extensively across these various purposes. The focus of this research is to identify measures to assess quality value of parks with regard to the use of local or neighbourhood parks as urban residents' gateways to their daily outdoor recreational and leisure venues.

As emphasised by McRobie (2000) and Christiansen, Conner, and McCrudden, SUPER group (2001), parks are primarily designed for recreation and can give enormous benefits to the neighbourhood and community by improving health, social well-being and enhancing enjoyment of the local environment. Similarly, benefits of leisure also