Reviewer's report

Title: Neighbourhood safety and area deprivation modify the associations between parkland and psychological distress in Sydney, Australia

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Reviewer: Benedict Wheeler

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In general, the authors have provided appropriate and comprehensive responses to my review and I am content that my key concerns over the reporting of interaction tests and interpretation of findings have been dealt with well. I just have a few minor suggestions:

- Minor Essential Revisions

  1. p5 para 1-2: The additional background provided here has resulted in a little repetition – the first two paragraphs could be combined and edited down.

  2. P6 para 3: Sentence beginning “The provision of parkland was poorer…” might read better as “…has been found to be poorer…in one study”

  3. There are a few typos in some of the new text e.g. p9 last sentence “These variables *were* age, gender…”; p10 start of para 3 “The main effect of parkland on high/verh high…”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests