



HENRY CLEARY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HOUSING AND GROWTH PROGRAMMES TEAM
COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Henry Cleary leads on housing growth and renewal issues within the Housing Growth, Markets and Strategy Directorate in the Department for Communities and Local Government. The team's remit is to help deliver growth as part of the drive to create more sustainable communities and market renewal and to encourage eco-development at all levels. These programmes involve close working with partners, other Departments, local government, the private sector and specialist agencies, on a variety of issues affecting growth and infrastructure.

Henry Cleary joined the Department of the Environment in 1977 and has worked in a range of posts on urban, environmental protection and regeneration policy, and in the Department of Transport. These have included New Towns Division in the early 1980s and the first phase of work on the East Thames Corridor in the early 1990s. He headed Rural Development Division in DETR/DEFRA, where his main responsibilities were production of the Rural White Paper in 2000, and its implementation before moving to his present area of growth and housing supply in 2001. He was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2010.



CHRISTOPHER PENNELL
BOARD MEMBER FOR NATURAL ENGLAND, EAST MIDLANDS REGION

Formerly Regional Director for the National Trust, Christopher spent 27 years in the coal industry, 10 as the National Trust's East Midlands Director, 13 years as a Parish Councillor and 3 years as a trustee of CPRE in the Peak District and South Yorkshire. He is currently the Secretary of State nominated Member and Chair of its Services Committee, Peak District National Park Authority and a Chairman of the Countryside Awards Panel of CPRE (Peak District and South Yorkshire).

Christopher is now Chair of the East Midlands Committee for the Heritage Lottery Fund and holds ordinary membership of The Friends of the Peak District, CPRE; National Trust; English Heritage; Sheffield Wildlife Trust; and Member of Liberal Democrat Party.

Christopher was a Council Member for English Nature from 2005-2006, before taking up the appointment of Board Member for Natural England. Christopher is Chair of Natural England's Audit & Risk Management Committee.



CHRIS GORDON

**ACTING CHAIR OF THE SGI BOARD, TEAM LEADER LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND,
NATURAL ENGLAND**

Chris Gordon is the Team Leader for the Leicestershire and Rutland Team of Natural England. Chris originally trained in Geography and has a MSc countryside recreation management from Salford University. Throughout most of his career he has worked on projects linking the natural environment and peoples lives. He has worked for a diverse range of organisations including Groundwork in Salford and Trafford, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, The National Trust, Sheffield City Council, The Wildlife Trusts UK national office, The Countryside Agency and English Nature. Chris is also a long standing Green Flag Parks judge. He was formerly a member of the UK Man and Biosphere Urban forum and has been active in researching and developing the ANGSt (Nature nearby standard). He also enjoys running (half marathons), Tai chi, is a member of the Ukulele orchestra of Spalding, is married with two children and enjoys the odd pint of Guinness!



TIM PICKERING

FCRM TECHNICAL SPECIALIST, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Following degrees in Environmental Studies and Water Resource Biology, Tim Pickering has worked in the North East, Welsh, North West, and Midlands Regions of the Environment Agency, and its predecessor the National Rivers Authority.

Initially in operational roles as a Biologist, Conservation Officer, and then Fisheries Manager, Tim took on a Strategic Role in 2000 implementing the Habitats and then Water Framework Directives.

More recently he managed the "Strategic Partnerships in River Corridors" EU funded project in the East Midlands, before taking up his current role as Flood and Coastal Risk Management Technical Specialist for Partnerships and External Funding in Environment Agency Midlands.

Tim is also the current Chair of the OnTrent Initiative.



GREG PHILLIPS

6CS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Following a degree and early career in Archaeology in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and then as Archaeological Planning Assistant for Northamptonshire, Greg developed his skills in Geographic Information Systems and gained a Post Graduate Diploma in GIS from Leicester University in 1998. This eventually led to a career change into GIS Consultancy and a contractual role with the earliest incarnation of the River Nene Regional Park team, where he was responsible for the methodological development and delivery of both the Landscape Character and Green Infrastructure projects in Northamptonshire.

These were published in 2006 in the innovative Northamptonshire Environmental Character and Green Infrastructure Suite, an interactive mapping tool and suite of documents which won national acclaim for both content and delivery for RNRP, and won several awards including the Landscape Institute, RTPI and Academy for Sustainable Communities (now a part of the HCA).

As a part of the RNRP team Greg contributed to many highly acclaimed and innovative Green Infrastructure initiatives in Northamptonshire and within the East Midlands, where he continues to sit on the East Midlands Landscape Partnership, and the East Midlands Green Infrastructure Steering Groups. Part of his work at regional level involved helping set up and support EMGIN, which proved to be a very successful model for information dissemination and engagement of Green Infrastructure stakeholders, and influenced similar work in other regions.

In March 2010 Greg moved on to become the 6Cs Green Infrastructure Development Coordinator, acting as secretariat to the Strategic Green Infrastructure Board, bringing the 6Cs GI Strategy to completion as well as maintaining a day to day managing role over all the Strategic Green Infrastructure Board funded projects.