

# 6Cs Growth Point Green Infrastructure Strategy



**Stage 1: Baseline Audit of Strategic GI Assets**

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## **Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area**

# **STRATEGIC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES - KEY FINDINGS OF THE DISCUSSION GROUPS**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRATEGIC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT MAP**

#### **Objectives**

- To discuss needs and opportunities at the sub-regional scale for investment in strategic GI
- To identify on maps corridors/areas in and around the Growth Point where investment in strategic green infrastructure should be targeted
- To identify the multi-functionality of the GI investment corridors/areas

#### **The map comprises:**

- Biodiversity/Environmental Systems – Strategic Opportunity Mapping
- Access/Recreation – Strategic Opportunity Mapping
- Landscape Character/Historic Environment – Strategic Opportunity Mapping
- Public Benefit - Social/Economic Needs Mapping

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## IDENTIFYING STRATEGIC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Looking at the preliminary opportunity mapping, and taking into account the Interim Strategic GI Criteria attached, which corridors/areas in and around the Growth Point do you think investment in strategic green infrastructure should be targeted from a sub-regional perspective?

Please mark up the map provided and list below (cross-referenced to the map).

GI Investment Corridor/Area		GI Functionality*		GI Criteria Met? (list by No.)
Map Ref.	Name	Primary	Secondary	
N	River Soar Valley/River Trent	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
O	Leighfield Forest	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
P	Steeping Stones Project	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
Q	Charnwood Forest	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
R	Ashby Canal	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
S	National Forest	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
T	Great Central Railway	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
U	River Wreake	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
V	Rutland Water	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
W	Brampton Valley Way	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded

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X	River Eye Valley area	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
Y	Grantham Canal	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
G1	Melton Mowbray Green Wedges	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded

**\*Suggested GI Functions:**

- Wildlife habitat/corridor
- Sport and recreation
- Cultural heritage experiences
- Event venue/meeting place
- Health and well-being
- Environmental protection
- Sustainable drainage and flood protection
- Climate change mitigation
- Access corridor
- Education and training
- Landscape/townscape structure
- Renewable energy/resources
- Green produce and food production
- Integration of new and existing communities

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## INTERIM STRATEGIC GI CRITERIA

### **1. Strengthening the Connectivity of the Sub-regional GI Network.**

*How will the project create a significant linkage in the sub-regional GI network?*

- *Will it either bridge a gap or provide a 'stepping stone' or corridor between individual GI sites?*
- *How will it enhance connectivity for people and wildlife?*

### **2. Serving the Needs of Communities for Accessible GI.**

*How accessible is the project to planned new housing growth?*

- *How will its position serve both existing and new communities.*
- *How will the project improve or facilitate access to existing assets?*
- *What new amenities or facilities will be provided?*

### **3. Creation of Distinctive or Iconic GI Assets. (Wow! factor)**

*How will the project contribute to or enhance local distinctiveness or landscape character?*

- *How will the project create or contribute to a special sense of place?*
- *How will the project act as a destination for visitors from outside the sub-region?*

### **4. Partnership Working**

*Is the project proposed by a partnership?*

- *Who are the partners involved and which is the lead organisation?*
- *Is there cross local authority/boundary working?*
- *How does the project engage local stakeholders?*

### **5. Delivering Multiple Benefits.**

*How is the project going to deliver GI that is designed holistically to high standards of quality and sustainability?*

- *How will it deliver social and economic as well as environmental benefits?*
- *How does the project deliver new or additional functions not currently provided?*

### **6. Working at the Landscape Scale.**

*Please explain how the project is a landscape scale initiative?*

- *How does it promote an integrated approach to the strategic planning and management of GI assets?*

### **7. Delivering Regional Priorities.**

*How does the project assist in delivering the priorities or aspirations of Regional Policy?*

### **8. In what other ways is the project strategic?**

*Impress us!*

*(Interim criteria developed by the 6Cs Strategic GI Project Board)*