

6Cs Growth Point Green Infrastructure Strategy



Stage 1: Baseline Audit of Strategic GI Assets

Stakeholder Workshops, 30th January 2009

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 | |
| O | Stepping Stones Project /Rothby Brook | All except 9,12,13 | Not recorded | All |
| M | Leicester River Corridor | All except 12,13 | Not recorded | All |
| O | Stepping Stones Green Wedges - Other | All except 12 | Not recorded | All |
| M | River Soar | All | Not recorded | All |
| N | River Wreake | All except 12 | Not recorded | All |
| O | Access Links from SUEs into Leicester | All except 12,13 | Not recorded | All |
| L | Charnwood Forest | All | Not recorded | All |
| H | National Forest | All | Not recorded | All |

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| Map Ref. | Name | Primary | Secondary | |
| No Ref. | Ashton Green | All | Not recorded | All |
| O | Thurmaston Link | All except 13,14 | Not recorded | All except 3 |
| P | Burbage Common and Ashby Canal | All except 13 | Not recorded | All |
| S | Leighfield | 1,2,3,4,5,10,12 | Not recorded | Limited |
| Q | Bosworth Group | All except 12,14 | Not recorded | Limited |
| R | Grantham Canal | All except 4,8,12,13 | Not recorded | In part |

*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)