



Green Infrastructure

What does good look like?

Partnership approach

Knowledge Transfer Partnership 2015-2018

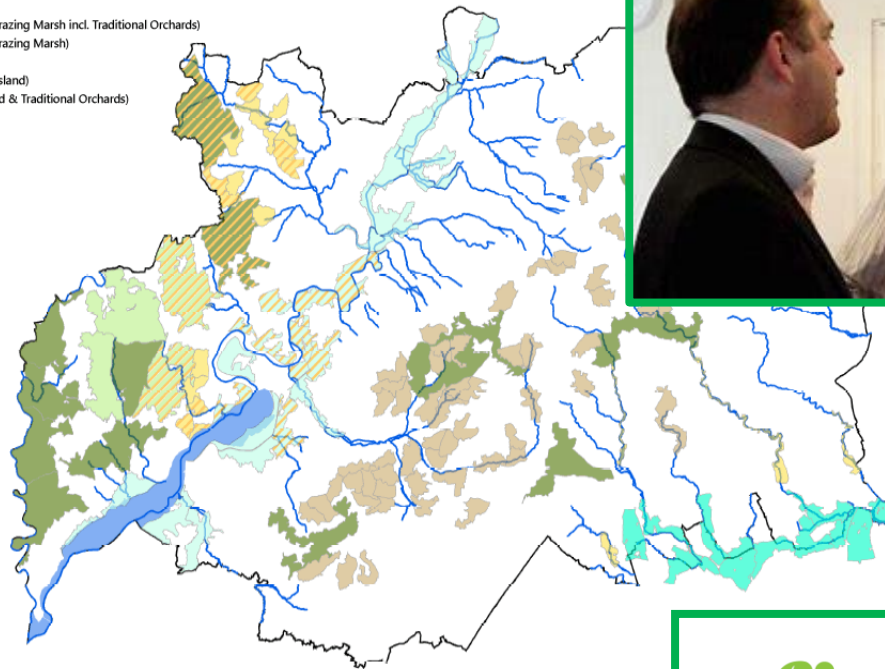
- How to deliver high quality places for people and wildlife?
- What are the barriers to delivering quality?



Where we started – first steps in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Nature Map Strategic Nature Areas

- Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh
- Lowland Calcareous (Limestone) Grassland
- Lowland Meadows
- Lowland Meadows (incl. Traditional Orchards)
- Wet Grassland (as part of Coastal & Floodplain Grazing Marsh incl. Traditional Orchards)
- Wet Grassland (as part of Coastal & Floodplain Grazing Marsh)
- Woodland Mosaic
- Woodland Mosaic (incl. Heathland and Acid Grassland)
- Woodland Mosaic (incl. Heathland, Acid Grassland & Traditional Orchards)
- Woodland Mosaic (incl. Traditional Orchards)
- Rivers
- Severn Estuary



A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2015

Gloucestershire is a much cherished English county, renowned for the diversity and scenic beauty of its landscape and wildlife, and the legacy of man's occupation of the land over many millennia.
Gloucestershire Landscape Character Assessment (2006)

Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership

Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership Mission Statement

"To improve the prospects for Gloucestershire's natural environment while demonstrating its vital role in our health and well-being, its significant contribution to a thriving economy and to a better quality of life for all".

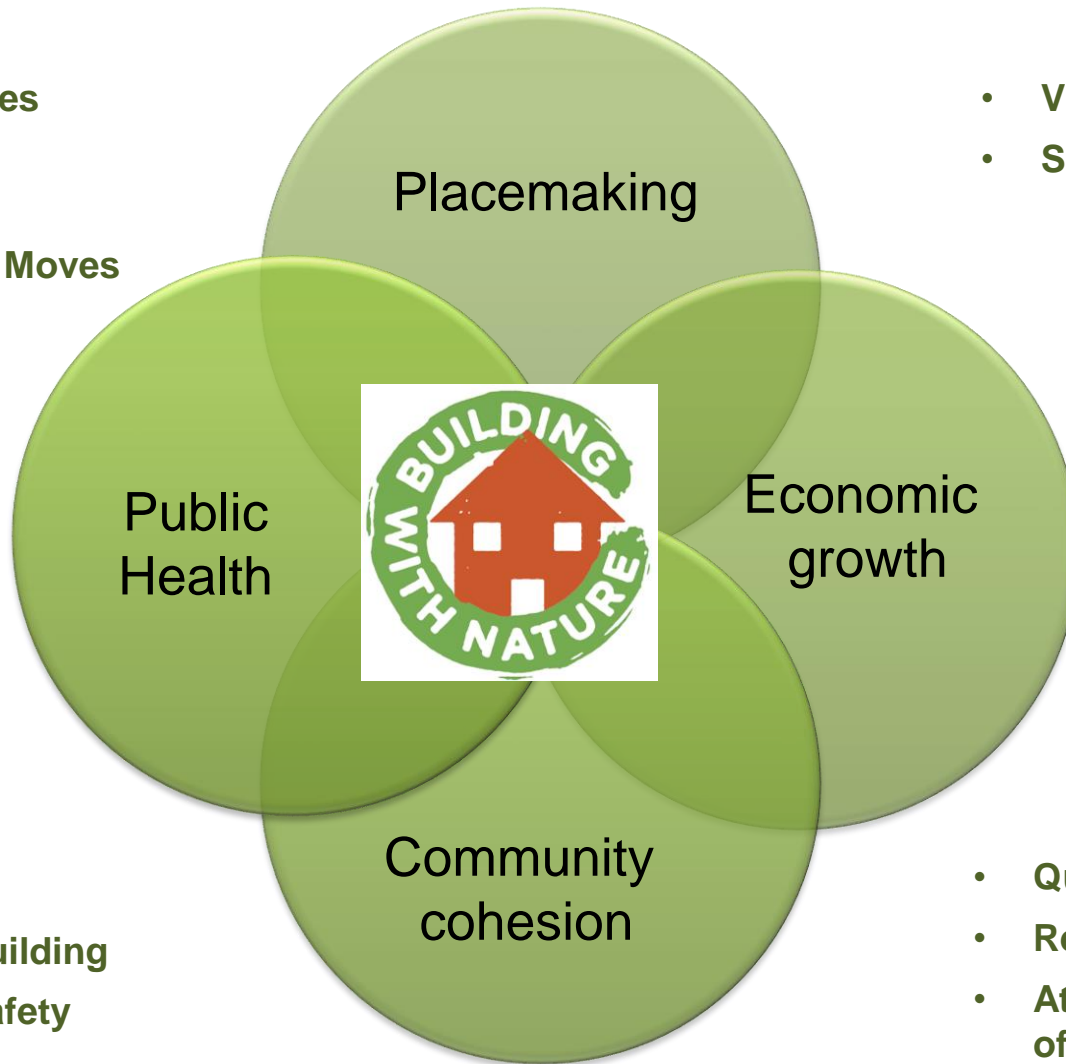
Source Survey 100019134

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Common cause with others

- Health inequalities
- 'Public health infrastructure'
- Gloucestershire Moves

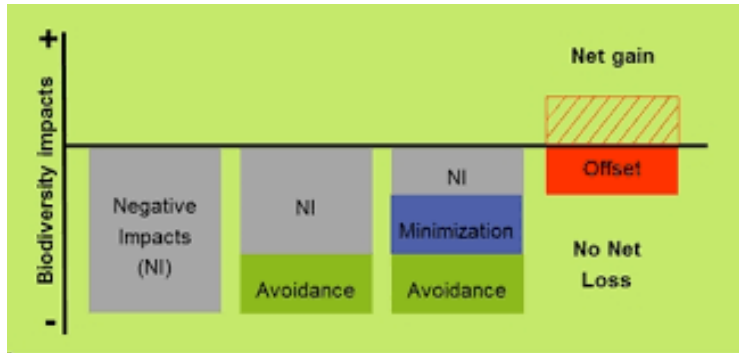
- Vision 2050
- Shaping the City



- Social justice
- Community building
- Community safety

- Quality of life
- Resilience
- Attraction and retention of businesses and talent

Delivering our core mission



The Biodiversity Strategy for England, Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services published by the Government in August 2011.

Priority action 3.4 > how the approach of the planning system will guide development to the **best location, encourage greener design, and enhance natural networks.**

as well as our Strategic Plan



Delivering Development Priorities



Putting Wildlife at the Heart of Modern Life

The Wildlife Trusts' Development Strategy, 2017-2022



Homes for people
and wildlife

- How to build housing in a nature-friendly way -



Changing the world

We aim to:



Health & Wellbeing

Ensure a wildlife-rich natural world contributes to the health and wellbeing of

our society. Everyone will be able to value and enjoy wildlife as part of daily life, by exercising, playing, socialising, volunteering and simply being in wild places.



Flooding & Drought

Place wildlife-rich catchments and ecological solutions centre-stage in flood-risk and drought

management, and in water purification. Wildlife-rich places that hold water will be widespread in the landscape, and land and watercourses will be managed to slow the flow of water towards the sea.



Education & Learning

Put a wildlife-rich natural world at the heart of education and learning for all. People of all ages and all backgrounds

will have the chance to learn about wildlife and the value of the natural world because these will be central to our approach to education.



Soil & Carbon

Restore and maintain our soils as the foundation of sustainable food production

and long-term carbon storage – particularly in peatlands. Land management and land use planning decisions will protect and regenerate soil health, restoring wildlife habitats that accumulate organic matter.



Housing & Development

Make it normal for housing, commercial and infrastructure development to contribute positively to

nature's recovery on land and at sea. Existing wild places will be protected, new ones will be created and nature networks will be actively strengthened as a matter of course, making wildlife and wild places an integral part of the places where people live.



Natural Economy

Shift the basis of the economy so that it fully reflects the true value of a healthy natural

environment. Businesses and governments will measure and report the value of their natural assets. Markets will be regulated to avoid further depletion of natural capital, and to stimulate increased ongoing investment in its recovery.



Fisheries & Farming

Make farming, forestry and fisheries management positive forces for nature's recovery.

Approaches that enable wildlife, wild places and natural systems to thrive will be widespread and commonplace, and farmers, foresters and fishers will routinely promote and demonstrate them.



The UK's first green infrastructure benchmark



23 standards

1. Core
2. Wellbeing
3. Water
4. Wildlife

Post-construction award

Accreditation:

Achieved + Excellent

Chesterton Farm, Cirencester

Planning Policy

Planning Application

Planning consent

Reserved Matters

Implementation

Management and Maintenance

Building with Nature award*



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What can Building with Nature deliver?

- A tool for proactive, early engagement
- A framework of consistent, evidence-based standards
- A mechanism to secure: net gain, health and wellbeing, natural water management and landscape connections
- New opportunities to deliver nature-rich development

What does the market say?

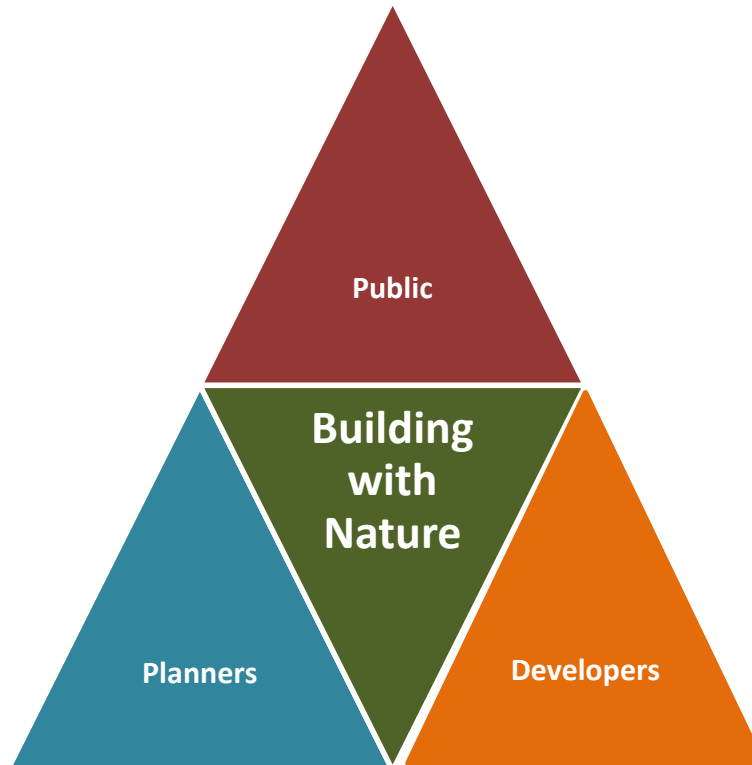
The need

Accelerate delivery of new homes, BUT the **right kind of homes**, in the **right places**

The tool

Flexible; plain English; robust but not overly onerous; nothing new required for a 'good' application; quality not quantity of green infrastructure

Who is the Benchmark for?



Triangulation is driven by Wildlife Trusts

The background of the slide is a photograph of a landscape. On the left, a portion of a dark grey building with horizontal siding is visible. The rest of the image shows a body of water, likely a lake or a wide river, surrounded by lush green trees and vegetation. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and the list of bullet points.

How can you get involved?

- Do you have a scheme that could be eligible for Accreditation?
- Use Building with Nature to shape policy and raise aspirations in your sector-area

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