



Forestry Commission
England

Green Infrastructure for Brownfield Regeneration

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- Transforming Places, Changing Lives ~ taking forward the regeneration framework
- World Class Places ~ the Government's strategy for improving quality of place
- Planning White Paper ~ PPSs
- National Brownfield Strategy for England ~ and the Government's response



- ...endorsed by UK Government in March 2008, supports a sustainable approach, with four strands emphasising social, environmental and economic aspects:
 - identify, assess and prepare brownfield for reuse over the next 15 to 20 years, to **meet demands for all types of land uses**
 - **safeguarding the environment**, by recognising that not all brownfield land is suitable for redevelopment
 - **enhancing communities**, by tackling visual and economic blight, then ensuring that land is properly maintained in the future
 - accreditation and skills, ensuring that **a more 'joined up' approach** is adopted with regard to brownfield land reuse and that practitioners have the appropriate skillsets
- **“The successful remediation and re-use of brownfield land remains a priority for this Government”**



- CLG ~ setting the policy framework
 - HCA ~ driving and co-ordinating delivery
 - RDAs ~ regional investment planning
 - LRT ~ a national delivery vehicle
 - LAs ~ leadership, place-shaping and planning
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- Quality of life:
 - creating better places by removing blight
 - creating new green assets & facilities
 - strengthening local identity & pride
 - improving resilience & adaptability
- Regeneration & growth:
 - removing detractors & improving image
 - building confidence through visible action
 - raising values (and expectations)
 - creating jobs & enterprise



- Scale
- Multi-functionality...
 - environmental
 - social
 - economic
- Popularity
- Resilience & adaptability
- Low carbon economies
- Cost effectiveness



- Exemplar of 'good practice' ...
 - Thames Gateway (+ other GAs & GPs)
 - Newlands
 - Notts & S.Yorkshire coalfields
- Standards & sustainability...
 - UK Forestry Standard & Forest Guidelines
- Knowledge...
 - Forest Research (www.forestresearch.gov.uk)
 - Urban Regeneration & Greenspace Partnership
 - Case studies



- Mainstreaming...
 - national policy
 - spatial planning >> regional strategies
 - local delivery (LAAs, NIs etc.)
- Targeting...
 - identifying priority places
- Liabilities...
- Funding...
 - capital
 - revenue

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