



Trafford Green Infrastructure Network

Policy GI2: Green Infrastructure Network

- A. The Council will seek to protect, enhance, and manage Trafford's Green Infrastructure (GI) as an accessible network of connected, varied, multi-functional green and blue spaces, which respond to local character.
- B. Development proposals will not be permitted, which adversely impact upon any of the services and benefits of GI, including but not limited to:
 - i. Supporting nature rich beautiful places, nature recovery networks and facilitating the movement of wildlife species.
 - ii. Supporting active and healthy places.
 - iii. Contributing to resilient and climate positive places.
 - iv. Supporting improved water management and improving water quality; and
 - v. Contributing to thriving and prosperous places.
- C. The Council, working in partnership with stakeholders including local communities, will produce a Green Infrastructure Strategy, which will set out how green infrastructure (including blue assets) will help to create greener, beautiful, healthier and more prosperous neighbourhoods, with a thriving nature network that can reduce air and water pollution, support sustainable drainage and help places adapt to climate change.

Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-G2

Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO2; SO3; SO7; SO8; SO9

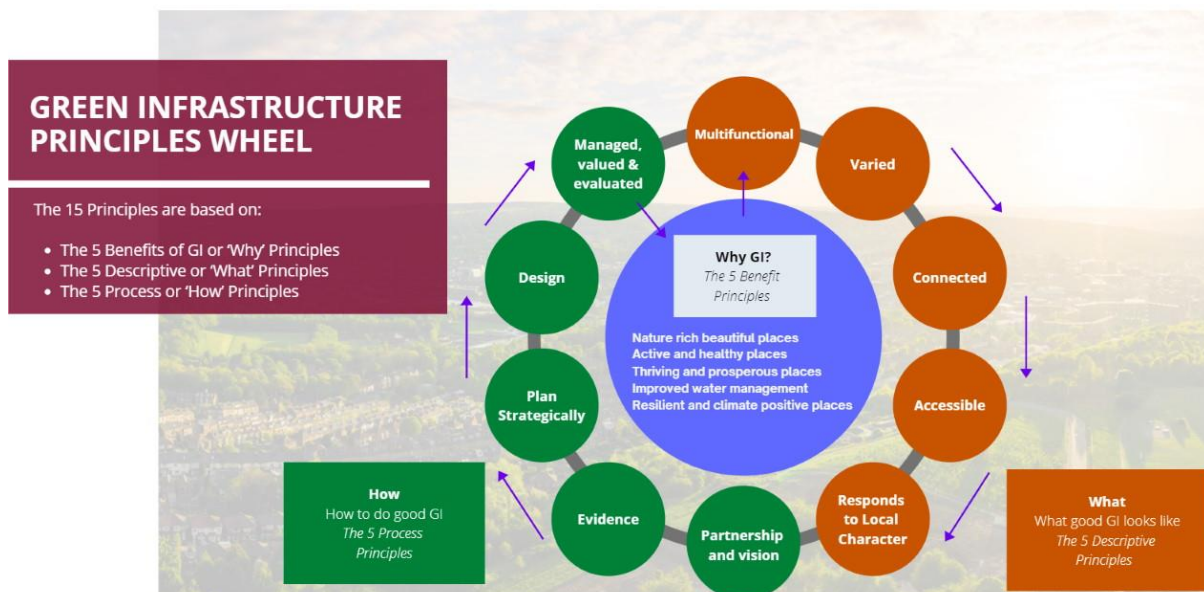
- 8.10. Components of Trafford's green infrastructure network range from large country parks, open spaces, active travel routes, wildlife corridors, woodlands and countryside areas to smaller parks, allotments, amenity green spaces, street trees and green roofs and walls. It also includes



rivers, streams, canals, and other waterbodies, sometimes called “blue infrastructure”. For the purposes of this policy “green infrastructure” also includes blue assets or infrastructure.

- 8.11. Due to the varied scale of green infrastructure components, it is not possible to identify them all on the policies map. Nevertheless, it is important to recognise the cumulative role that small pieces of green infrastructure have in contributing to the wider network.
- 8.12. The Natural England GI principles wheel, as shown on Figure 8-2, describes what good green infrastructure looks like, and that it is multifunctional, varied, connected, accessible and responds to local character. Development proposals will need to consider the 15 GI principles as set out by Natural England.

Figure 8-2: Natural England Green Infrastructure Principles



- 8.13. Green Infrastructure is a key component in Trafford’s strategy for climate change adaptation and resilience. The network plays an important role in managing the local micro-climate, improving air quality, carbon capture and sequestration, and mitigating the impacts of flooding and urban heat.
- 8.14. By prioritising the enhancement and expansion of the green infrastructure network and not supporting development that harms its integral role, Trafford will create a more sustainable, resilient, and liveable environment



for all its residents and businesses, in turn, meeting the '5 benefit principles' of GI (Figure 8-2).

Consultation Question 8-2

Do you support Policy GI2? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.