Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy - Tell us what you think

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Summary

Overall, the majority of respondents agreed with everything that was consulted on.

- 88.2% agreed with the draft vision and objectives
- 86.6% agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the landscape and heritage theme had been identified
- 83.2% agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the landscape and heritage theme
- 87.7% agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the biodiversity theme had been identified
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- 87.4% agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the water theme had been identified
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- 85.1% agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the recreation and open spaces theme had been identified
- 84.2% agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the recreation and open space theme
- 88.8% agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the access to the outdoors and connections theme had been identified
- 82.7% agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the access to the outdoors and connections theme
- 88.1% agreed with the broad priorities
- 85.0% agreed with the projects identified

The most important broad priority to respondents was 'Protect the existing Green Infrastructure network, including the Important Open Area and Green Corridors designated in the Local Plan'.

There were no themes to open questions, so each response will need to be considered separately.

Introduction

'Green infrastructure' describes the networks of natural spaces and corridors across a given area. It can include a range of spaces from parks, playing fields and other open space to woodlands, allotments and street trees. It also includes 'blue infrastructure' like rivers, ponds and canals.

The purpose of the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy is to identify the valuable green infrastructure in and around Aldershot and Farnborough, to seek to protect, harness and sustain the benefits it provides, and to look for opportunities to improve what we have.

The draft strategy delivers on the commitment in the Rushmoor Local Plan (2019) to produce a Green Infrastructure Strategy. The strategy and evidence in this document will inform spatial planning and development management decisions the council makes.

The strategy includes:

- Information about our existing green infrastructure
- A draft vision and objectives
- Some key priorities
- Potential projects

The survey (appendix A) was designed to gain views on the draft strategy from the members of the public and other interested bodies.

Method

The online survey advertised through the Council social media channels and details of the survey were sent to people who have signing up to receive news and details of consultations from the Council.

The survey ran for six weeks, from Thursday 10th February 2022 to Thursday 24th March 2022.

Responses

In total 220 respondents started the survey. 94.5% (208 respondents) completed the survey as an individual, nine respondents (4.1% completed) the survey on behalf of an organisation, local association, community or group, three respondents (1.4% completed) the survey as a borough / county councillor and one respondent (0.5%) completed the survey as 'other'. Five respondents indicated who they were responding on behalf of.

The survey had a 34% completion rate, this is the % of respondents that got to the end of the survey. The survey involved the respondent reading about each area asked about, a high drop out rate was expected.

Results

Draft Vision and Objectives

Question 2: Do you agree with the draft vision and objectives?

In total 178 respondents completed this question. The majority (88.2% - 157 respondents) agreed with the draft vision and objectives. 11.8% disagreed (21 respondents).



Do you agree with the draft vision and objectives?

The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 27 respondents completed this part of the question.

Green Infrastructure Assets - Landscape and Heritage

Question 3: Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the landscape and heritage theme?

In total 119 respondents completed this question. The majority (86.6% - 103 respondents) agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the landscape and heritage theme had been identified. 13.4% disagreed (16 respondents).

Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the landscape and heritage theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 17 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 4: Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the landscape and heritage theme?

In total 119 respondents completed this question. The majority (83.2% - 99 respondents) agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the landscape and heritage theme. 16.8% disagreed (20 respondents).

Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the landscape and heritage theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 18 respondents completed this part of the question.

Green Infrastructure Assets – Biodiversity

Question 5: Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the biodiversity theme?

In total 106 respondents completed this question. The majority (87.7% - 93 respondents) agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the biodiversity theme had been identified. 12.3% disagreed (13 respondents).

Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the biodiversity theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 11 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 6: Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the biodiversity theme?

In total 106 respondents completed this question. The majority (87.7% - 93 respondents) agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the biodiversity theme. 12.3% disagreed (13 respondents).





The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 12 respondents completed this part of the question.

Green Infrastructure Assets – Water

Question 7: Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the water theme?

In total 103 respondents completed this question. The majority (87.4% - 90 respondents) agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the water theme had been identified. 12.6% disagreed (13 respondents).

Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the water theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 14 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 8: Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the water theme?

In total 103 respondents completed this question. The majority (86.4% - 89 respondents) agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the water theme. 13.6% disagreed (14 respondents).





The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 14 respondents completed this part of the question.

Green Infrastructure Assets - Recreation and Open Space

Question 9: Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the recreation and open space theme?

In total 101 respondents completed this question. The majority (85.1% - 86 respondents) agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the recreation and open spaces theme had been identified. 14.9% disagreed (15 respondents).





The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 13 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 10: Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the recreation and open space theme?

In total 101 respondents completed this question. The majority (84.2% - 85 respondents) agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the recreation and open space theme. 15.8% disagreed (16 respondents).



Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the recreation and open space theme?

The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 14 respondents completed this part of the question.

Green Infrastructure Assets - Access to the Outdoors and Connections

Question 11: Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the access to the outdoors and connections theme?

In total 98 respondents completed this question. The majority (88.8% - 87 respondents) agreed that all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the access to the outdoors and connections theme had been identified. 11.2% disagreed (11 respondents).

Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the access to the outdoors and connections theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 11 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 12: Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the access to the outdoors and connections theme?

In total 98 respondents completed this question. The majority (82.7% - 81 respondents) agreed with assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified under the access to the outdoors and connections theme. 17.3% disagreed (17 respondents).

Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the access to the outdoors and connections theme?



The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 17 respondents completed this part of the question.

Priorities

Question 13: Do you agree with the broad priorities?

In total 84 respondents completed this question. The majority (88.1% - 74 respondents) agreed with the broad priorities. 11.9% disagreed (10 respondents).



Do you agree with the broad priorities?

The question had an if you answered no, please tell us what we missed box. In total 10 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 14: Please tell us what you consider to be the most important priorities by ranking them, with the most important being number 1.

In total 78 respondents completed this question. The priorities with the lowest average score was 'Protect the existing Green Infrastructure network, including the Important Open Area and Green Corridors designated in the Local Plan.

Priorities	Average score
Protect the existing Green Infrastructure network, including the Important Open Area and Green Corridors designated in the Local Plan	6.2
Identify opportunities to deliver Green Infrastructure enhancements that will improve the state of the natural environment, including air quality and noise issues	6.7
Increase opportunities for people to connect with nature	6.7
Identify need and prioritise locations for new trees, hedgerows and woodland	6.7
Identify opportunities to improve wildlife corridors and connections between the Borough's ecological assets	7.1
Deliver green infrastructure that protects and enhances important views and local landscape character	7.6
Identify opportunities and prioritise locations for enhancing biodiversity	7.9
Identify opportunities to remove barriers to sustainable movement and improve access to existing open spaces	8.0
Increase usage of green travel corridors	8.2
Review maintenance and management policies for open space	8.3
Promote appropriate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDs) and identify opportunities for natural flood alleviation measures	8.4
Identify how new developments can connect to and enhance the existing Green Infrastructure network	8.6
Identify opportunities to deliver new Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and improve connections between existing SANG	8.8
Work with partners to improve and enhance the Green Infrastructure network within and beyond the Borough, with a focus on those areas where this will address existing deficiencies and/or provide benefits for deprived areas and for disadvantaged groups	9.1
Work with partners to deliver actions arising from other Strategies which will support the vision and objectives of the Green Infrastructure Strategy	9.3

Emerging projects

Question 15: Do you agree with the projects we have identified?

In total 80 respondents completed this question. The majority (85.0% - 68 respondents) agreed with the projects identified. 15.0% disagreed (12 respondents).



Do you agree with the projects we have identified?

The question had an if you answered no, please explain why box. In total 9 respondents completed this part of the question.

Question 16: Are there additional projects that you would like to see included?

In total 72 respondents completed this question. Overall, 68.1% (49 respondent) did not have any additional projects they wanted to see included and 31.8% (49 respondents) did have additional projects they wanted to see included.



Are there additional projects that you would like to see included?

The question had an if you answered yes, please provide more details. In total 22 respondents completed this part of the question

Question 17: Do you have any other comments on the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy?

In total 24 respondents completed this part of the question.

Appendix A. Copy of the survey



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About green infrastructure

'Green infrastructure' describes the networks of natural spaces and corridors across a given area. It can include a range of spaces from parks, playing fields and other open space to woodlands, allotments and street trees. It also includes 'blue infrastructure' like rivers, ponds and canals.

Having a natural infrastructure is essential to helping people to live healthier, happier and more sustainable lives. It's also important to make sure these spaces are accessible to people and wildlife.

Our draft Green Infrastructure Strategy

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The strategy includes:

- Information about our existing green infrastructure
- A draft vision and objectives
- Some key priorities
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The strategy can be viewed on our website at www.rushmoor.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure.

Your views on the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy

We would like to hear what you think about our draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and on the priorities in it.

Once we have finalised and agreed the strategy, we will develop a Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This will set out how we will deliver the projects to protect and improve our green spaces. As part of our consultation, we'd like to hear any suggestions you have for projects we could include in the plan.

The consultation is open until Thursday 24th March.

What happens after the consultation

When we prepare the final strategy, we will take account of your views and suggestions.

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	ommitment to delivering them or that partnership working has been agreed.	
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for their	feasibility and cost them as part of the preparation of the Green Infrastructure	
	Delivery Plan.	
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	Health and Wellbeing	Provide green infrastructure facilities to encourage, promote and enable healthy lifestyles	
People	Connectivity	Improve the connectivity of green infrastructure for people and provide active access to the outdoors	T
	Inclusivity	Enable the increased use of green infrastructure across all user groups, social groups and abilities	<u>ġġġ</u>
Place	Quality and Character	Deliver green infrastructure which protects and enhances the quality and character of the local environment.	
ere re	Improved Function	Enhance existing green infrastructure to function better for wildlife, supporting healthy and more diverse ecosystems.	
Nature	New Habitats and Linkages	Protect and enhance biodiversity by creating new habitats and linkages, improving connectivity and reducing habitat fragmentation.	\bigcirc
lity	Climate Change Resilience	Deliver green infrastructure which helps mitigate, and can adapt to, the existing and future effects of climate change.	*
Sustainability	Long Term Sustainability	Working with partners to build and secure funding, effective governance and stewardship for new and existing green infrastructure to ensure its long-term sustainability and, where possible, to incorporate opportunities to educate and inspire people to care for the natural environment.) J
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Chapter 5 of the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy identifies the green infrastructure assets in Aldershot and Farnborough under the five following themes:

- · Landscape and Heritage
- Biodiversity
- Water
- · Recreation and Open Space
- · Access to the Outdoors and Connection

Under each of the themes we have made an assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to these assets.

Landscape and Heritage

In summary, the strategy identifies the following assets:

- Three main landscape character types identified in the Hampshire Integrated Character Assessment (2012) and 30 landscape character areas identified in our local landscape character assessment
- · Historic identity attributed to the Borough's association with the military, aviation and Napoleon
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Conservation Areas
- Listed Buildings
- · Designated Important Open Areas recognised for their landscape value

See pages 37 to 43 of the strategy for more information, including maps which show the location of these assets.

* 3. Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the Landscape and Heritage theme?

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If you answered no, please let us know what you think we have missed.

The strengths and	l opportunities we	have identified for	or this theme are:
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- · Opportunities to enhance or restore historic links between and improve access to heritage assets
- · Opportunities to enhance the setting of heritage assets
- Opportunities to restore historic landscape features (e.g. the restoration of hedgerows as part of Southwood and Cove Brook Floodplain Enhancement Project)

The weakness and threats we have identified for this theme are:

- Need to reflect local character
- Hedgerow removal
- · Potential for fragmentation of existing green spaces

* 4. Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the Landscape and Heritage theme?

O Yes

No

If you answered no, please explain why.



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Green infrastructure assets - Biodiversity

Biodiversity

In summary, the strategy identifies the following assets:

- Two National Character Areas
- Two Biodiversity Opportunity Areas
- Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA)
- · Five Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Rowhill Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
- 38 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)
- Two Road Verges of Ecological Importance (RVEI)
- Habitats of Principle Importance
- 21% woodland cover
- A number of linear features which provide wildlife corridors, including River Blackwater, Ively Stream, Cove Brook, wooded scrub
 of railway corridors and woodland and grassland corridors of major road network.

See pages 44 to 59 of the strategy for more information, including maps which show the location of these assets.

* 5. Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the Biodiversity theme?
Yes
No
If you answered no, please let us know what you think we have missed.
The strengths and opportunities we have identified for this theme are:
 Opportunities to improve the wildlife corridors and connections between the Borough's ecological assets Opportunities to deliver biodiversity net gain as part of new development Opportunities for nature recovery identified as part of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Opportunities to improve the biodiversity potential of Council owned land Opportunities to enhance existing ecological assets Opportunities to restore native hedgerows (e.g. the restoration of hedgerows as part of Southwood and Cove Brook Floodplain Enhancement Project) Opportunities to extend woodland cover, where undertaken sensitively, to ensure existing biodiversity and recreational functions are considered Catchment flood alleviation through restoration of natural floodplain habitats Opportunities to strengthen woodland corridors along the main arterial transport routes to buffer nearby communities from air pollution Increase opportunities for people to connect with nature through recreation and volunteering Opportunities for improved function of ecological networks and therefore better delivery of ecosystem services that they offer The weakness and threats we have identified for this theme are: Development resulting in loss of accessible greenspace Use of inappropriate non-native planting schemes Use of lighting designs that impact on the dispersal and foraging habits of nocturnal species Increased recreational disturbance to the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) Recreational access to the SPA and component SSSI sites should be discouraged due to their ecological sensitivity Lack of funding facing non-governmental organisations (NGOs) affecting their ability to effectively manage sites to maintain good ecological condition Poor or inappropriate management of sites and ensuring appropriate balance between recreation and biodiversity Lack of statutory
 resulting in risk of loss of ecological condition Where high quality habitat occurs in small isolated and vulnerable blocks this reduces the quality, vitality and robustness of our wildlife, making our biodiversity vulnerable to pressures from climate change and land use change. It also reduces the quality of services (ecosystem services) the natural environment is able to deliver to local communities New development puts pressure on sensitive woodland and associated habitats, both directly through decreasing coverage and ecological viability, and indirectly through fragmentation and the potential for increased recreational disturbance
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Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy - Tell us what you think Green infrastructure assets - Recreation and Open Space	

Rec	reation and Open Space
In sum	mary, the strategy identifies the following assets:
	Five Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGs) within and in close proximity to the Borough boundary
	29 parks and gardens of various sizes
	24 areas of natural and semi-natural greenspaces of various sizes
	14 parcels of amenity greenspace
	6 cemeteries and churchyards
	11 allotment sites
	8 green corridors 36 publicly owned and 2 independent schools that provide recreational space for their pupils and in most cases playing fields
•	(with some schools enabling the use of their facilities outside of school hours to third parties).
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* 10. Do you agree with our assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we have identified under the Recreation and Open Space theme?

Yes
No

If you answered no, please explain why.



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Green infrastructure assets - Access to the Outdoors and Connections

Access to the Outdoors and Connections

In summary, the strategy identifies the following assets:

- · Public rights of way
- Basingstoke Canal path and Blackwater Valley Path
- Identified access routes (informal pathways)
- · Number of green spaces (also identified under other themes) which are publicly accessible

In addition, we have identified a number of green spaces which have green infrastructure value, but no public access or restricted public access (e.g. Famborough Airport) and a number of physical or perceived barriers to movement, which may prevent people or discourage people from walking and cycling across the Borough.

See pages 85 to 90 and Appendix 4 of the strategy for more information, including maps which show the location of these assets.

* 11. Do you agree that we have identified all of the relevant green infrastructure assets under the Access to the Outdoors and Connections theme?

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- Identify opportunities and prioritise locations for enhancing biodiversity
- Identify opportunities to improve the wildlife corridors and connections between the Borough's ecological assets.
- ⇒ Identify need and prioritise locations for new trees, hedgerows and woodland
- Deliver green infrastructure that protects and enhances important views and the local landscape character
- Review maintenance and management policies for open space
- Protect the existing Green Infrastructure network, including the Important Open Area and Green Corridor designations in the Local Plan
- Identify opportunities to remove barriers to sustainable movement and to improve access to existing open spaces.
- Promote appropriate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDs) and identify opportunities for natural flood alleviation measures
- Increase usage of the green travel corridors
- Identify opportunities to deliver Green Infrastructure enhancements that will improve the state of the natural environment, including air quality and noise issues
- Identify how new developments can connect and enhance the existing Green Infrastructure network
- Identify opportunities to deliver new Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and improve connections between existing SANG
- Work with partners to improve and enhance the Green Infrastructure network within and beyond the Borough, with a focus on those areas where this will address existing deficiencies and/or provide benefits for deprived areas and for disadvantaged groups
- Work with partners to deliver actions arising from other Strategies which will support the vision and objectives of the Green Infrastructure Strategy
- * 13. Do you agree with the broad priorities?

Yes
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If you answered no, please explain why, or tell us about the priorities that you think we have missed.

14. Please tell us what you consider to be the most important priorities by ranking them, with the most important being number 1.

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	PP1 - An interactive Green Infrastructure Map
•	PP2 – A Development Management Green Infrastructure Toolkit
•	PP3 – A Biodiversity Net Gain Off-site Compensation Scoping Project
•	PP4 - Access to the Outdoors Information Project
•	PP5 - Connecting Rushmoor's Ecological Network
•	PP6 - Review of Available SANG Sites
•	PP7 - Carbon Reduction through Tree Planting Feasibility Project
	ing geographical projects
	GP1 - Southwood and Cove Brook Floodplain Enhancement Project (underway)
	GP2 - Blackwater Valley Enhancement Project
	GP3 - Enhancing the Basingstoke Canal Project
	GP4 - Cove Brook Greenway Project
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