Green Infrastructure

This “Call for Sites” is an opportunity for agents and landowners to submit land which they believe could be suitable for providing Green Infrastructure (GI).

Green infrastructure is not simply an alternative description for conventional open space. It includes parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands/trees – and also street trees, allotments, private gardens, green roofs and walls, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and soils, hedgerows, footpath and cycleway corridors, verges, disused land, allotments, churchyards. It may also include rivers, streams, canals and other water bodies which are often referred to as ‘blue infrastructure’.

The key features of green infrastructure are that it is a network of integrated spaces and features, not just individual elements; and that it is ‘multi-functional’ with multiple benefits as follows;

* support people’s mental and physical health
* encourage active travel through green routes for walking and cycling
* cool urban areas during heat waves
* attract investment
* reduce water run-off during flash flooding
* carbon storage
* provide sustainable drainage
* Support wildlife and biodiversity
* Contribute to local distinctiveness

The Council is particularly looking for sites that have the potential to link with existing GI or provide links to new areas of GI although all sites will be considered.