

Annex 1 – Detailed scope of Green-Blue Infrastructure SPD

Taking into consideration the policy and best practice context, the scope of the SPD will have individual theme based topics setting out the individual checklist applicants should refer to, requirements for submissions and our advice to designing the requirements.

The theme based approach suggested is as follows:

Importance of Green- Blue Infrastructure	
Context	Narrative exploring the importance of GBI to York.
Mechanisms for Securing delivery	
S106	Guidance on when S106 is applicable and potential outline of the process
Planning conditions	Guidance on types of conditions that may be imposed on development
Biodiversity	
Background and evidence base	Setting the baseline and context of York's Green Infrastructure
Stage 1: Understanding the importance of biodiversity	
Checklist	Development of a Biodiversity specific checklist to accompany planning applications. Likely that this is split between different types of applications, e.g householder, major, commercial. Notes accompanying may set out locations likely to impact on biodiversity.
Survey requirements	Details when a survey should be carried out, by whom and when.
Habitat surveys	Requirements for Habitat Phase 1 survey
Species surveys	General requirements for species surveys and detailed requirements for known common species in York, e.g. Great Crested Newts and Bats.
Green Corridors and networks	Setting out how to consider the wider context of the development and its potential contribution.

Stage 2: Evaluating the survey information	
Habitats	Setting out the designated sites, key habitat types / species and their key considerations in York
Species	
Invasive species	Requirements regarding the removal of invasive species such a Himalayan Balsam.
Stage 3: Designing for biodiversity	
Identifying potential harm	Setting out the potential impacts from development during key phases
Mitigation hierarchy	Identifying mitigation strategies using the mitigation hierarchy wherein harm should be avoided, mitigated and lastly compensated for. Buffer zones technical detail to set out how to deal with development impacting on existing or the potential for newly created areas.
Biodiversity net gain	Setting out the approach to biodiversity net gain. Potentially setting out a biodiversity metric (dealing with habitats) and consideration for individual species.
Construction	Detailed considerations during the construction phase.
Long –term	Detailed considerations for maintenance and monitoring.
Trees	
Background and evidence base	Setting the baseline and context of trees in York. Can include information regarding Canopy cover and TPOs.
Stage 1: Understanding the importance of Trees	
Checklist	Setting out the process for and key submission requirements for trees in planning applications. Likely to be applicable at all scales of development.
Survey requirements	Details when a survey should be carried out, by whom and when.

Stage 2: Considering existing trees and woodland in development	
Selecting trees for retention	Rationale and guidance on selecting trees for retention and understanding of how this influences canopy change within the authority.
Protection of trees	Guidance regarding the protection of trees through the construction lifecycle.
Woodland, Ancient woodland and veteran Trees	Advice and guidance for applications which may affect established woodland and trees.
Stage 3: Incorporating new trees into development	
Tree Planting	Setting the space requirements for trees in schemes and ensuring they are given due consideration to enable their long-term viability. Establishing guidance on the types of trees suitable.
Post- development management	Guidance linked to ensuring ongoing management plans for trees in publicly accessible places.
Openspace	
Background and evidence base	Setting the baseline and context of York's Green Infrastructure
Stage 1: Approach to Open space Provision	
Demonstrating Openspace Requirements in development	Guidance setting out how to understand and demonstrate the requirements of openspace in a scheme.
On-site or off-site provision	Guidance as to the appropriateness of where provision should be delivered.
Stage 2: Designing in Open Space	
Openspace in new development	Detailed policy setting out the quantum of openspace required. Also detailed guidance on the types of applicable openspace required through development.

	Guidance is likely to be split between residential and commercial uses to ensure residents and workers have accessible openspace.
Standards for recreational openspace	Detailed guidance on the standards of openspace to be demonstrated and achieved, e.g for children's playspaces and sports pitches where facilities may be required.
Historic Parks and Gardens	How to consider proposals and impacts on designated historic parks and gardens.
Site layout and design considerations	Guidance regarding the design and placement of openspace in new development.
Stage 3: Delivering Open Space	
Openspace Contributions	Setting out the approach to S106 contributions. This is likely to link to the scale and type of development to be provided and the information required to demonstrate the approach.
Delivery models and post-development management	Setting of timetable expectations for delivery on-site. Guidance on alternative delivery models for open space. Guidance to demonstrate long-term maintenance.
Multi-functional solutions for Green Infrastructure	
Design guidance	Approach to considering multi-functional solutions and how to demonstrate this in applications.
Monitoring	
Approach to how the council will seek to monitor the information provided through applications.	