

## 7. Recommendations

Clear links between the GI strategy and the planning system will be made in order to support developers in creating plans for new residential sites. BCKLWN has two options available to formally integrate the recommendations of the Green Infrastructure Strategy into the planning system. A specific policy on GI, encompassing the recommendations of the Strategy, could be incorporated into the LDF Core Strategy or the Study could be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). If the first option is chosen, the Study would become a background paper to the LDF and be available to provide detailed supporting information to the policy if required. If the second option is selected reference would be made to the Study in the Core Strategy and users would reference the Study directly.

### 7.1 Supporting Policies in the Core Strategy

The achievement of the GI strategy's objectives will depend upon the implementation of not only the GI policy/SPD itself but also other policies in the Core Strategy that influence how future development could affect GI. The following may be found in the Core Strategy and could have an influence on GI:

- Vision and objectives;
- Proposals map;
- Spatial strategy;
- Delivery mechanisms; and
- Policies on specific subject areas (environmental topics, housing, leisure, sustainable development etc.).

The GI Strategy can help the Core Strategy to avoid any such impacts by protecting existing green areas, providing for improvements to wildlife resources and reducing the impact of 'urbanisation' caused by developments.

#### 7.1.1 Links with other Local Development Framework (LDF) Documents and Strategies

As GI is a multi-functional resource, the GI Strategy has the potential to link with, support and compliment many other LDF and non LDF documents and strategies. The following list identifies existing or proposed documents and strategies that are specific to King's Lynn, the West Norfolk Borough and wider Norfolk, and are considered particularly relevant to GI as a concept:



- the Norfolk Climate Change Strategy;
- the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Water Cycle Study and Strategy;
- the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for King's Lynn;
- King's Lynn Surface Water Management Plan;
- Norfolk County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007-2017;
- Urban Renaissance Strategy Sports, Recreation and Open Space Assessment (Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk);
- the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy;
- King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Landscape Character Assessment;
- Norfolk Coast AONB Management Plan;
- Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans;
- West Norfolk District's Ecological Network Mapping and associated Econet Report; and
- King's Lynn Area Land Use and Transportation Study.

## 7.2 Delivery

Following the completion of a final Green Infrastructure Strategy BCKLWN will be responsible for delivering related activity with a variety of partners. Initial GI creation will be encouraged within planned residential and industrial development schemes alongside traditional conservation and open space development projects. This will support the enhancement and greater connectivity of the GI network, supporting wider GI functions such as regeneration, adaptation to climate change and recreation, whilst supporting local biodiversity protection and migration.

It is recommended that a working group is set up to implement the delivery of the Strategy. Funds have been gained for the employment of a GI officer to work within the Gaywood Valley area, including King's Lynn. It is expected that this officer will be involved in supporting the delivery of the action plan in section 5. However, further discussion is required with regards to how the implementation of the Plan will be funded in other areas of the Borough. Possible solutions would be to match the funding provided to support the employment of a part time officer charged with delivery of GI in the remaining area of the Borough, through the use of planning contributions or external funds. The officers would also be responsible for the general advocacy of GI ensuring that it is included within site masterplans for residential and employment development, supporting partnership working and



managing any further studies required. The development of GI and its ability to support regeneration objectives should also be advocated within BCKLWN, particularly through the LSP and other similar groups.



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