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Green infrastructure is what brings our towns, cities and communities alive; and makes them great places to live in

Street trees, gardens, green roofs, community forests, parks, rivers, canals and wetlands all deliver a wide range of proven, tangible, and cost-effective economic, social and environmental benefits.

Simply by acting as a 'green oasis' in our concrete jungles, they offer recreation and health services for all, often for the most disadvantaged in society. However, whilst there is broad understanding and acceptance of the benefits of green infrastructure, there is currently little provision.

Green infrastructure should be designed or retrofitted and managed as part of core infrastructure to deliver multifunctional benefits, leaving hard engineering solutions to make up any infrastructure shortfall. Green infrastructure multi-functionality produces multiple benefits which are of heightened interest to decision-makers in times of economic constraint.

The new legislative powers in Wales such as the Well-being of Future Generations Act, the Planning (Wales) Act, the Active Travel (Wales) Act, and the Environment (Wales) Act offer an opportunity to promote and strengthen green infrastructure in Wales. They should help all public bodies and the Welsh Government to look at issues in an integrated way.

Green infrastructure does this by delivering across a range of public priorities from regeneration and City Regions to preventative and restorative healthcare.

By championing green infrastructure we can create attractive, functional and resilient spaces. This will allow communities to prosper and improve the health and well-being of people now and into the future.

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