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Ensure that there is functional and well-connected strategic Green Infrastructure across the county. Gaps or missing links in Gloucestershire's strategic green infrastructure on the ground, should be addressed.

Maximise opportunities to improve both strategic green infrastructure and more local green infrastructure, whenever change is being considered – from individual development proposals and open space improvements to landscape scale environmental projects and flood alleviation schemes.

Continue to work in partnership, involving the Voluntary and Community Sector, local authorities, government organisations, commercial interests (including the development industry) and local communities across Gloucestershire to promote and enhance green infrastructure. The Local Nature Partnership and GFirst LEP (Gloucestershire's Local Enterprise Partnership) should act as the focus for that co-ordinated effort.

Ensure that the multi-functional benefits of green infrastructure are understood by all stake-holders in the county and that all these benefits are considered when delivering Green infrastructure improvements and change.

Ensure that green infrastructure principles are embedded in policies that guide change in the county, for example, local plans; water catchment plans; economic plans etc. Work with partners outside the county to ensure that the strategic green infrastructure of Gloucestershire links across administrative boundaries.

Secure funding to deliver improvements to strategic green infrastructure and for individual green infrastructure projects, for example through grant bids; s106 agreements; CIL and by embedding green infrastructure principles in all development and land management initiatives.

Record, store and evaluate data that will add to our understanding of the role and importance of green infrastructure in the county, to enable an evaluation of different green infrastructure initiatives and to ensure that the green infrastructure evidence base is appropriate, robust and up-to-date.