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Green Infrastructure Assessments

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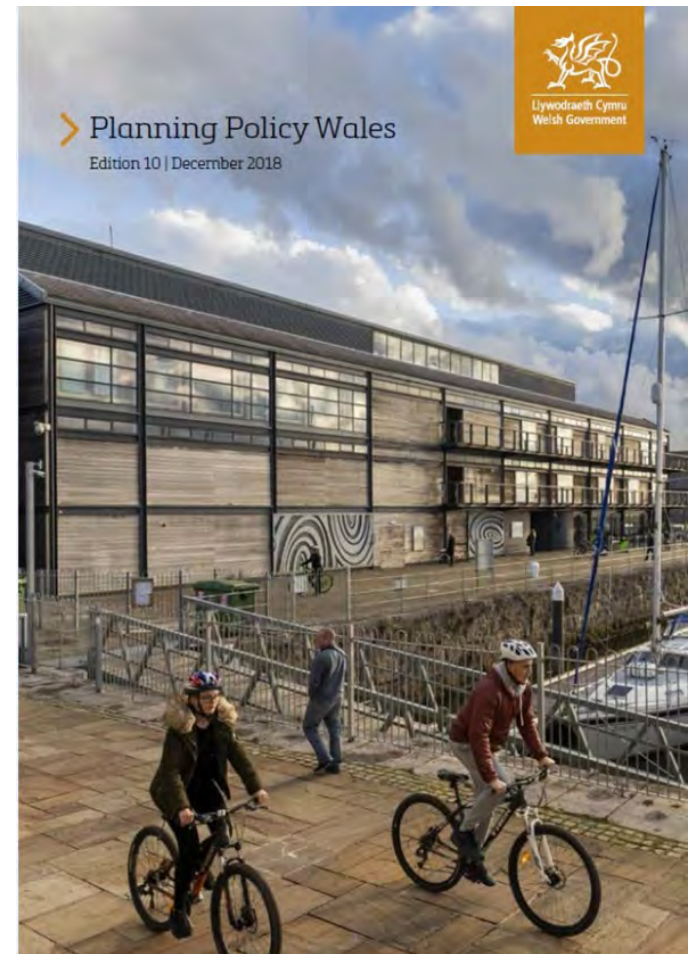


Presentation Overview


- Planning Policy Wales & Green Infrastructure Assessment ask
- Empowering Local Planning Authorities
- Responding to local context
- How?
 - Building with Nature, Dr Gemma Jerome

Green Infrastructure Assessment Policy

- Section 6.2 PPW – Green Infrastructure
- Para 6.2.6 – Green Infrastructure Assessments, the ask:
 - *Planning authorities should adopt a strategic and proactive approach to green infrastructure and biodiversity by producing up to date inventories and maps of existing green infrastructure and ecological assets and networks.*
 - *Using existing datasets and the best available information to develop an integrated map-based evidence resource.*
 - *Doing so will facilitate a proactive approach and enable contributions towards the well-being goals to be maximised.*



Framing GIA Guidance



Empowering LPAs (procedural & process focus)
Signposting
Responding to local context (flexible)
Proactive
Live document

Timetable – early 2020

Guidance to deliver outcomes

- Understanding of the needs and opportunities for GI provision (the heart of placemaking)
- Embedding GI in policy
- Pathways for implementation
 - Pre-app discussions
 - Enhancement, mitigation & compensation
 - Funding, management, maintenance
- Understanding and realising ‘multiple benefits’

Guidance to empower LPAs - knowns

Messaging around:

- **Process** e.g. -
 - DM - Early engagement with qualified practitioners to identify opportunities and constraints on-site
 - Policy – understanding the conformity relationship between higher and lower tier plans
- **Skills** e.g. –
 - Negotiation
 - Communication
 - Leadership
 - Knowledge

HOOKS AND LEVERS

Guidance to empower LPAs - unknowns

Do you need/would it be beneficial to have –

- Further detail defining individual GI functions?
- Specific discussion of blue infrastructure features - is this a problem?
- Structural guidance? Multi-disciplinary team approach recommended. Role of elected members.
- Specific guidance for regeneration/statutory undertakers?
- When is 'silence' helpful?

Plus ...

Responding to Local Context

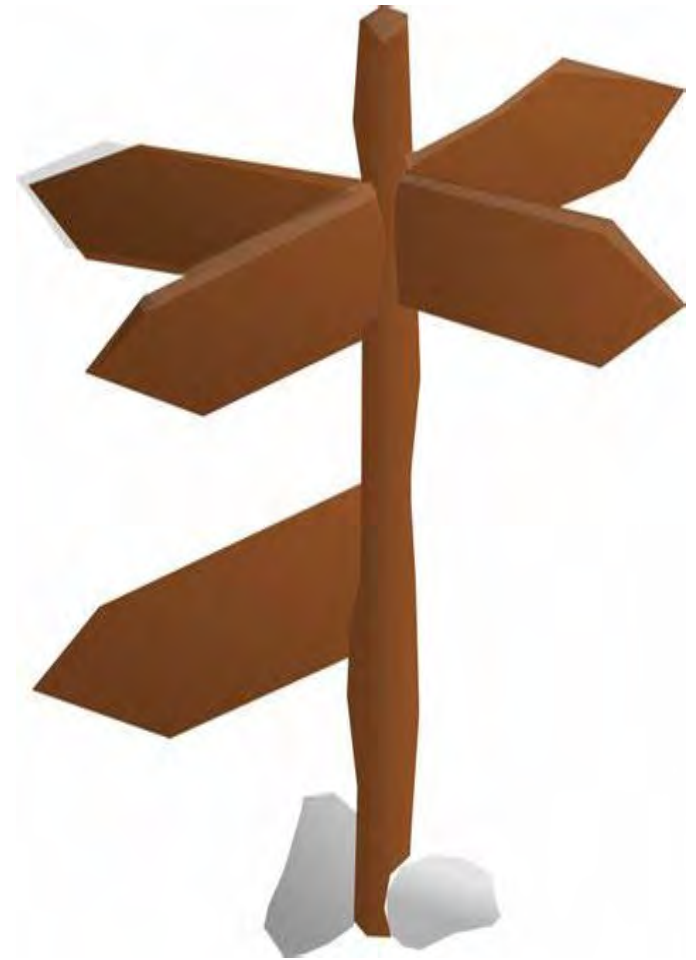
Responding to local context is essential

- Sensitivity to local needs and aspirations
- Scoping existing data sets and information resources
- Key players – collaborative, multi disciplinary approach
- Place based approach

Guidance that signposts

List of 'who' holds 'what' and 'where'

- Landscape character assessments
- Ecological network mapping
- Area Statement priorities
- Green space mapping (NRW)
- Rights of way mapping
- Habitat types and distribution
- Play space assessments
- Allotment provision
- Cemetery provision
- Woodland mapping
- Heritage site mapping
- Water catchment info
- Soil quality mapping etc...



Guidance that signposts

Other sources -

- The TCPA Green Infrastructure Resource Library is a database of documents, case-studies, videos, tools and other information about green infrastructure and its benefits
- <https://www.tcpa.org.uk/green-infrastructure-research-database>
- Building with Nature