

# £3.4m European cash to create new green spaces in Liverpool

New parks and 'green corridors' planned for city centre, Baltic Triangle and Otterspool



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NEWS



Merseyside from the Air...Aerial pic New Liverpool...city centre Chevasse Park, Liverpool one, Liver buildings,

We could do  
with an  
extra £3.4M

**Bully for them!**

**So what?!**

Been there,  
got the T shirt

So what about the  
maintenance?

**Here we go  
again..**

**Sure I should  
be sorting out  
the emails**

what's  
in it for  
**ME?**



# Liverpool 1980s



# Liverpool 2018

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## Giant marionettes roam the streets of Liverpool, enthraling onlookers

More than a million people came to see the massive marionettes come to life, inspiring the crowd to dream of a world where anything is possible.

 NBC News

Oct 08, 2018

It's been a long and winding road





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European Funding is Creating New Opportunities



# Community Forest Programme





# The Mersey Forest...

...is a Place



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# .....and a Team



# There is a plan – embedded in policy



Our vision is to get “more from trees” to help make Merseyside and North Cheshire one of the best places in the country to live.

We will work with partners, communities and landowners across rural and urban areas, to plant trees and woodlands, improve their management, and complement other habitats. This will increase woodland cover to 20% of the area. We will revitalise a woodland culture, and bring economic and social benefits through our transformed environment.

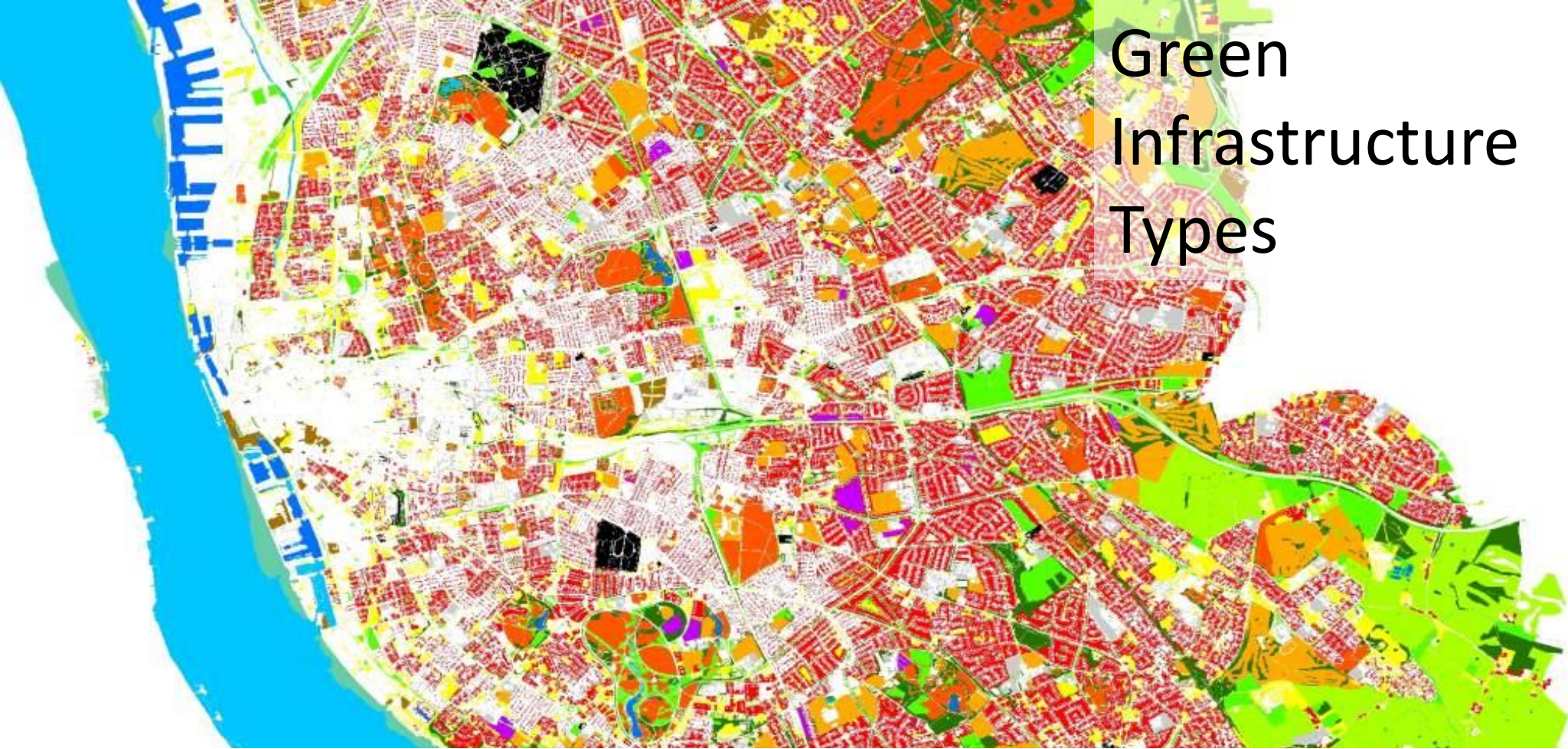


# Partnership of 7 local authorities

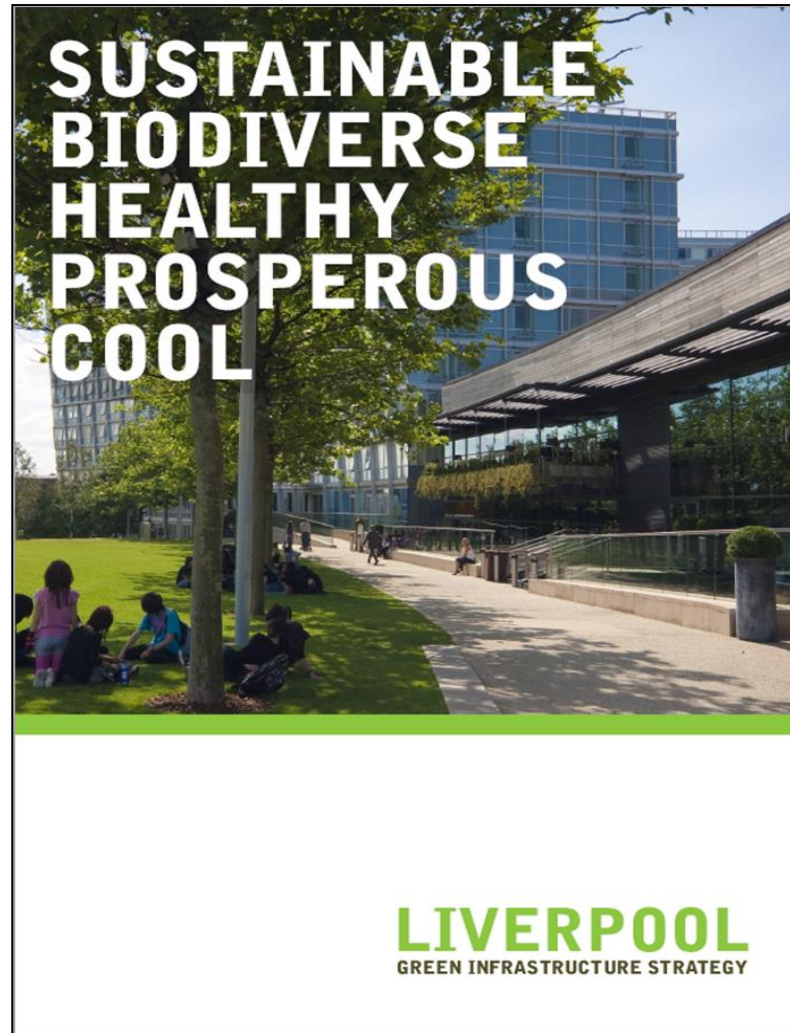




# Green Infrastructure Types



# Green Infrastructure Strategy





# Liverpool City Central and Commercial District Business Improvement Districts Green Infrastructure Action Plan: IDEAS FOR INTERVENTIONS

The Mersey Forest Team 2017

DRAFT DOCUMENT







User Guide

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Spreadsheet-based  
Calculator

# GI – Val Toolkit

1. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

2. Water management and flood alleviation

3. Place & Communities

4. Health (tool 4.1 & 4.2)

5. Land and Property Values

6. Investment

7. Labour Productivity

8. Tourism

9. Recreation

10. Biodiversity

11. Land Management

11.1 Market value of products

11.2 Employment supported by land management

Land use	Area (ha)	Estimated No of jobs supported	Notes
Urban core: public space, city park	0	0	Uses Values Library
Urban allotments, community gardens, orchards etc			Not functional - No average job/ha data available
Urban fringe: forested land			Not functional - No average job/ha data available
Urban fringe: country park/visited amenity	0	0	
Urban nature reserve	0	0	
Rural: commercial forestry, amenity			Not functional - No average job/ha data available
Agricultural land: extensive			Not functional - No average job/ha data available
Agricultural land: intensive			Not functional - No average job/ha data available
Natural and semi-natural land (moorland and heath)			Not functional - No average job/ha data available

# Working with businesses

## What do Liverpool city centre businesses think of Green Infrastructure?



**92%**  
think green infrastructure would enhance the two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)



**69%**  
think local greening would directly benefit their own business

### Top 3 perceived benefits:



**77%**  
have plans to green their own business (or already have done)



**81%**  
think that their customers will support new green infrastructure in the area

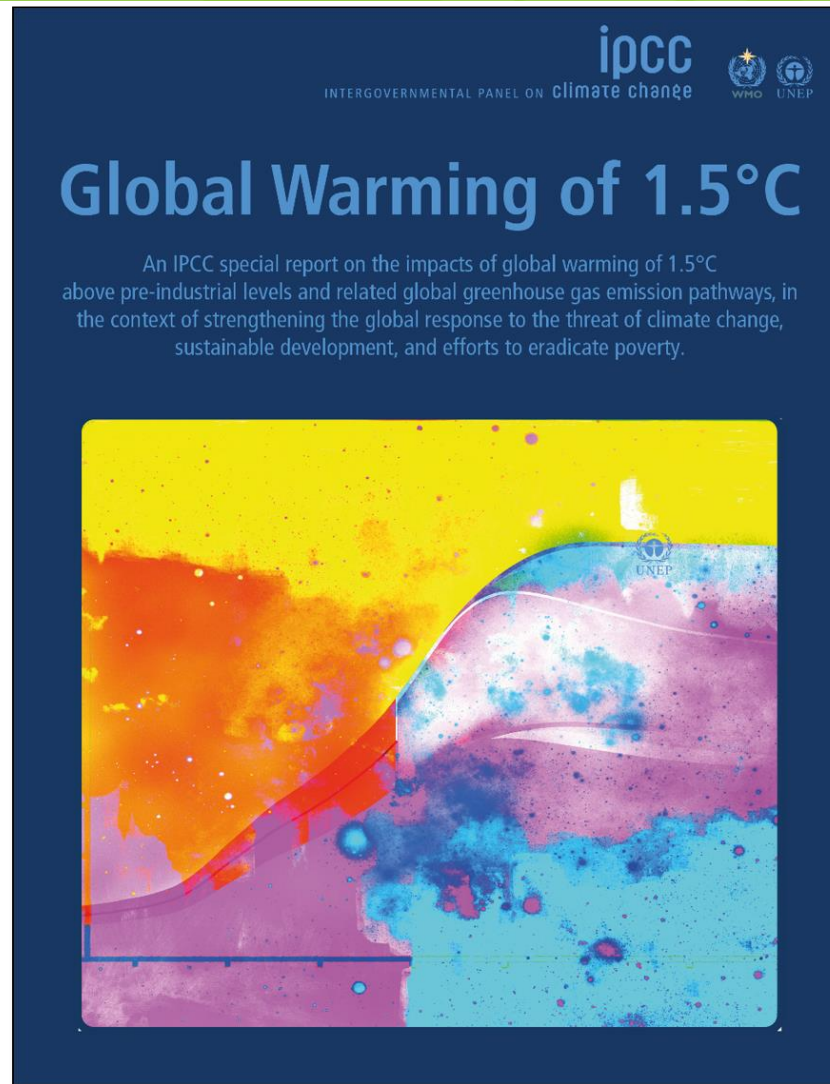
Source: Survey of businesses within the BID area carried out by The Mersey Forest, 2017



# The tide is turning



# Final call to save the world from 'climate catastrophe'

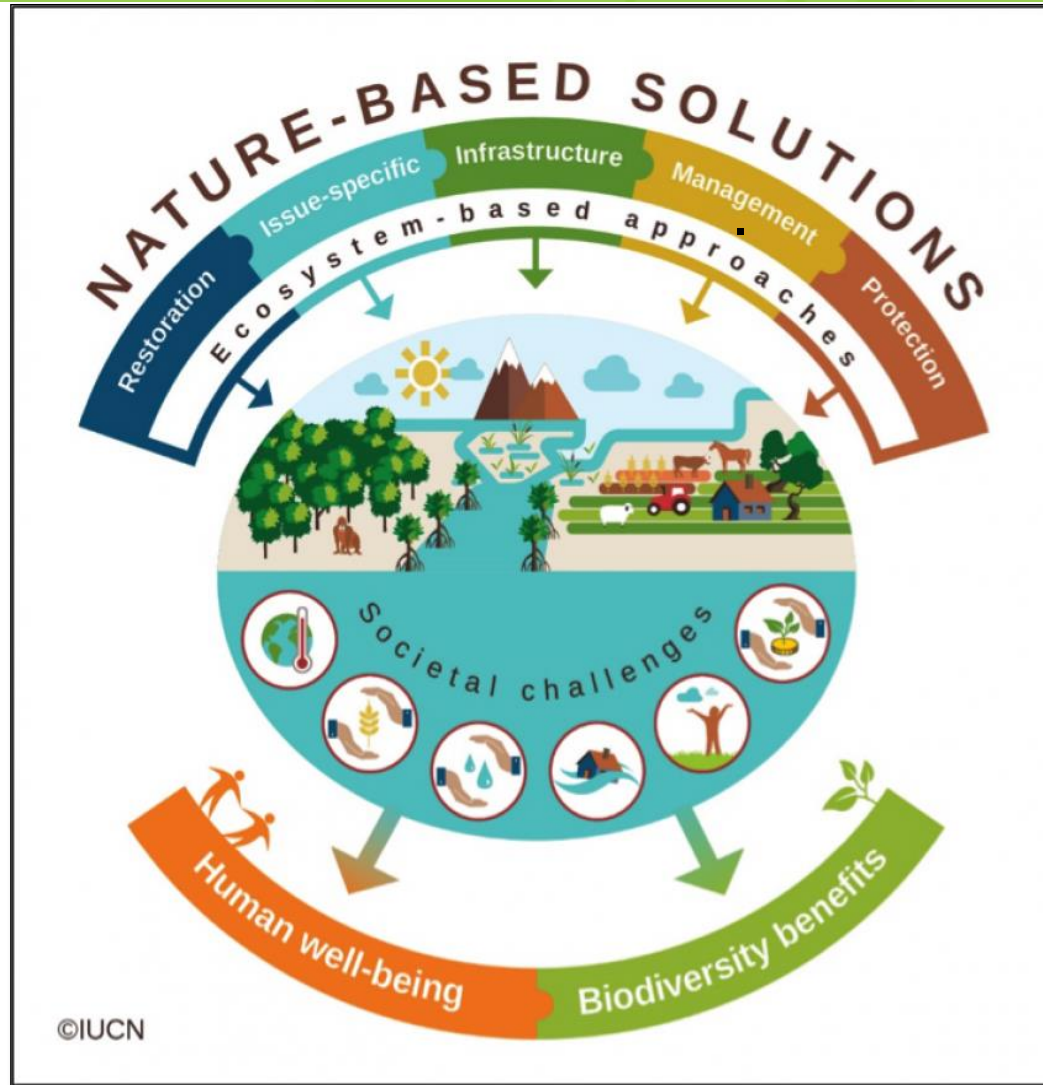


# Support in National Policy





# What are Nature Based Solutions?





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City Council



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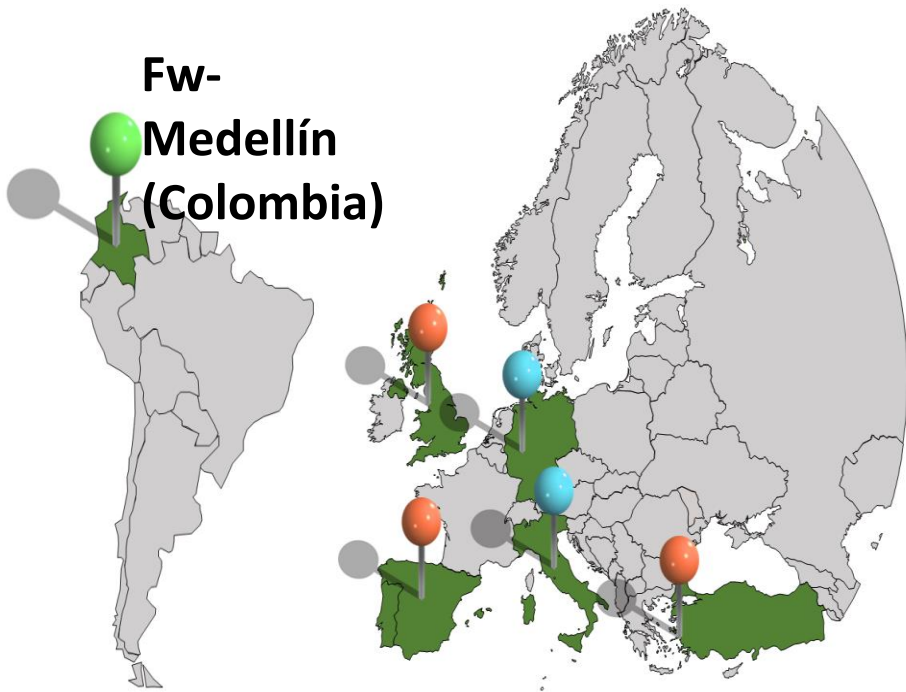


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# URBAN GreenUP

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Medellín  
(Colombia)



Fw-  
Chengdu  
(China)



Fw- Binh Dinh  
(Vietnam)

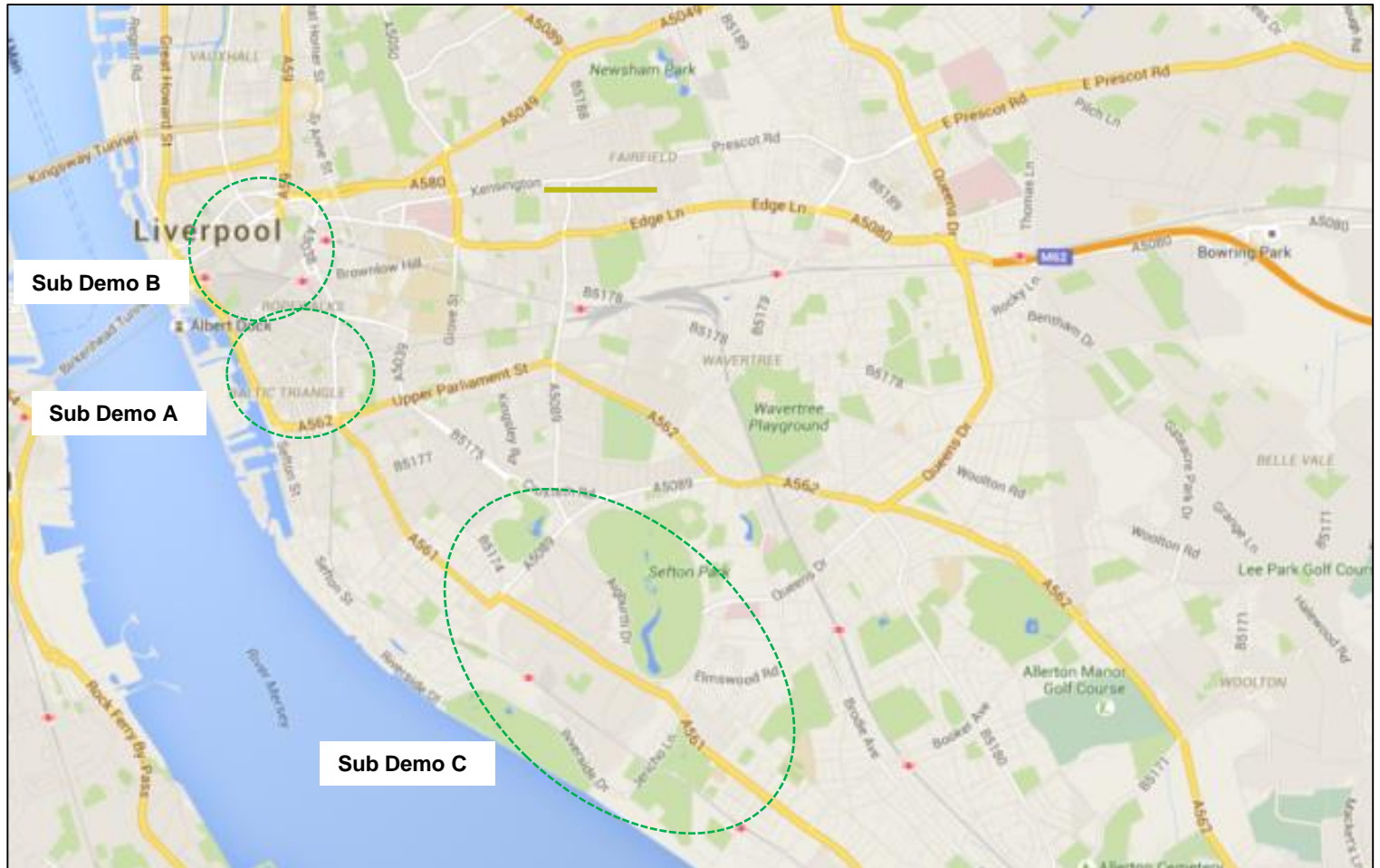
Non European  
FOLLOWER Cities



Alcaldía de Medellín  
**Cuenta con vos**



# AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS



Sub Demo B – Business Improvement District  
Sub Demo A – Baltic Corridor  
Sub Demo C – Jericho Lane/Otterspool

# Demo Site A: Baltic Triangle

27 different intervention locations

Primary and secondary routes

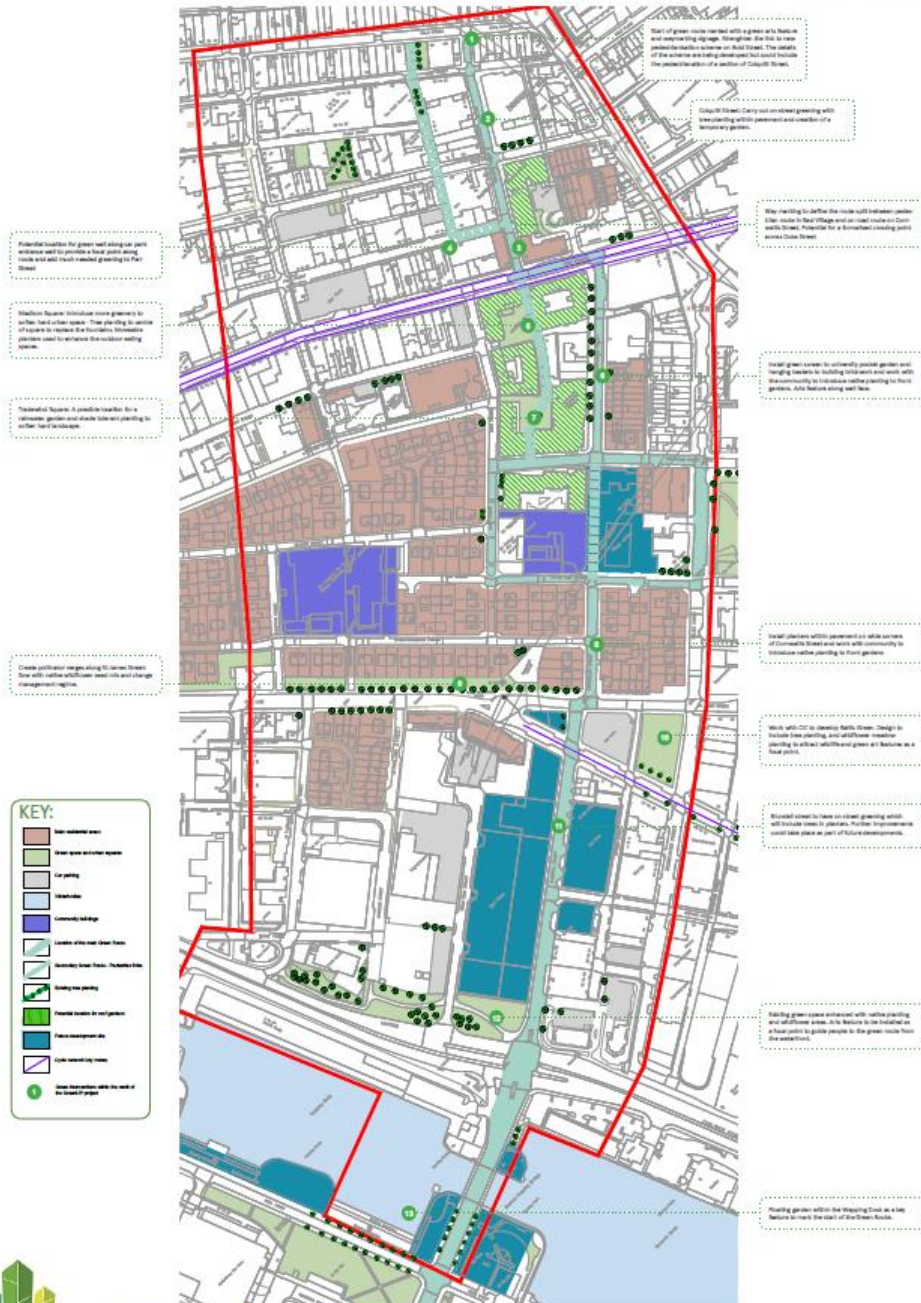
Opportunities for tree planting, native planting, planters, hanging baskets, pollinator verges

Options for green walls and green screens

Locations identified for local SuDs, raingardens and a floating garden in the dock

Routes for pedestrian and cycle ways together with improved road crossing and connectivity

Way marking and arts features to signpost routes



# Demo Site B: Liverpool City Centre



The Strand - existing

The Strand - proposed

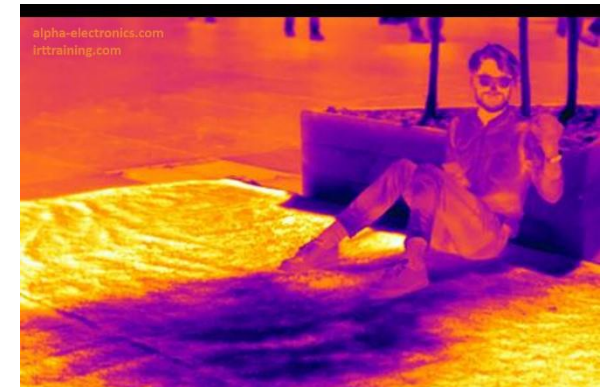
# Williamson Square

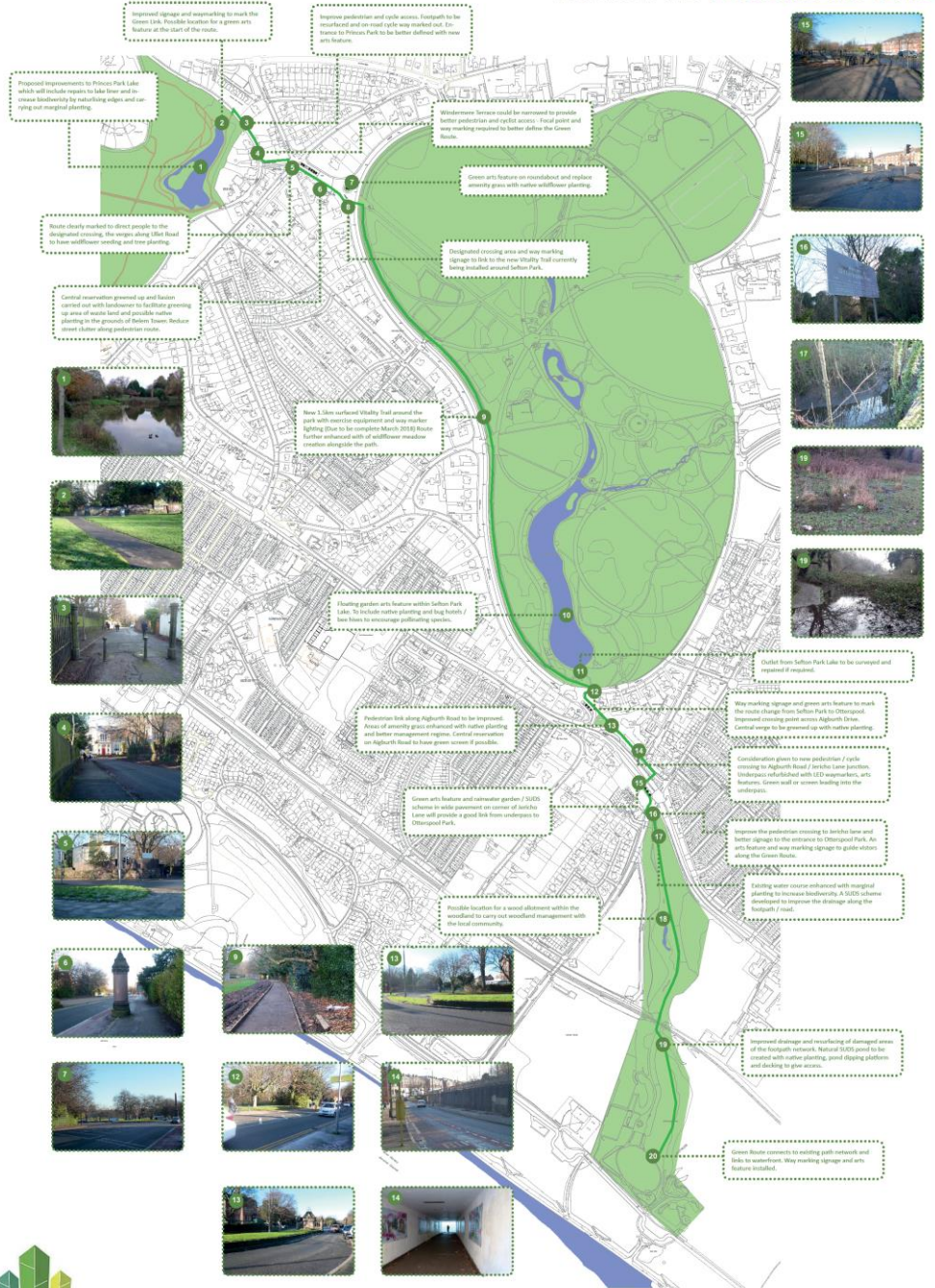
## Tree SUDS Moving Forest





# Moving Forest - Consultation





# Demo Site C: Jericho Lane Outline Proposal

20 possible interventions

Signage, way marking and possible art installations to link the connecting pedestrian and cycle ways between park sites with designated road crossing points

Lake improvements with naturalised edges, marginal planting and opportunities for floating biodiversity features

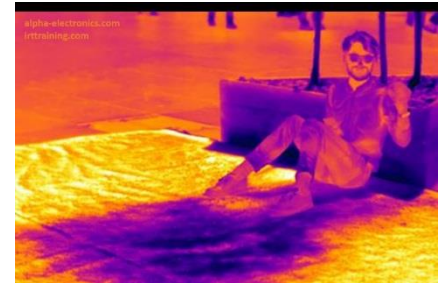
Opportunities for rain gardens, SuDS, improved drainage, pollinator planting

Direct community engagement through woodland allotments and educational links



## Quantifying the benefits

- Temperature
- Biodiversity
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Water Flow
- Socio-economic







- Gathering the evidence
- Selling the benefits: putting a figure on our natural capital
- Using the right language
- Influencing planning and policy
- A plan of action
- Willing partners and real collaboration
- A readiness to act – fast!



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