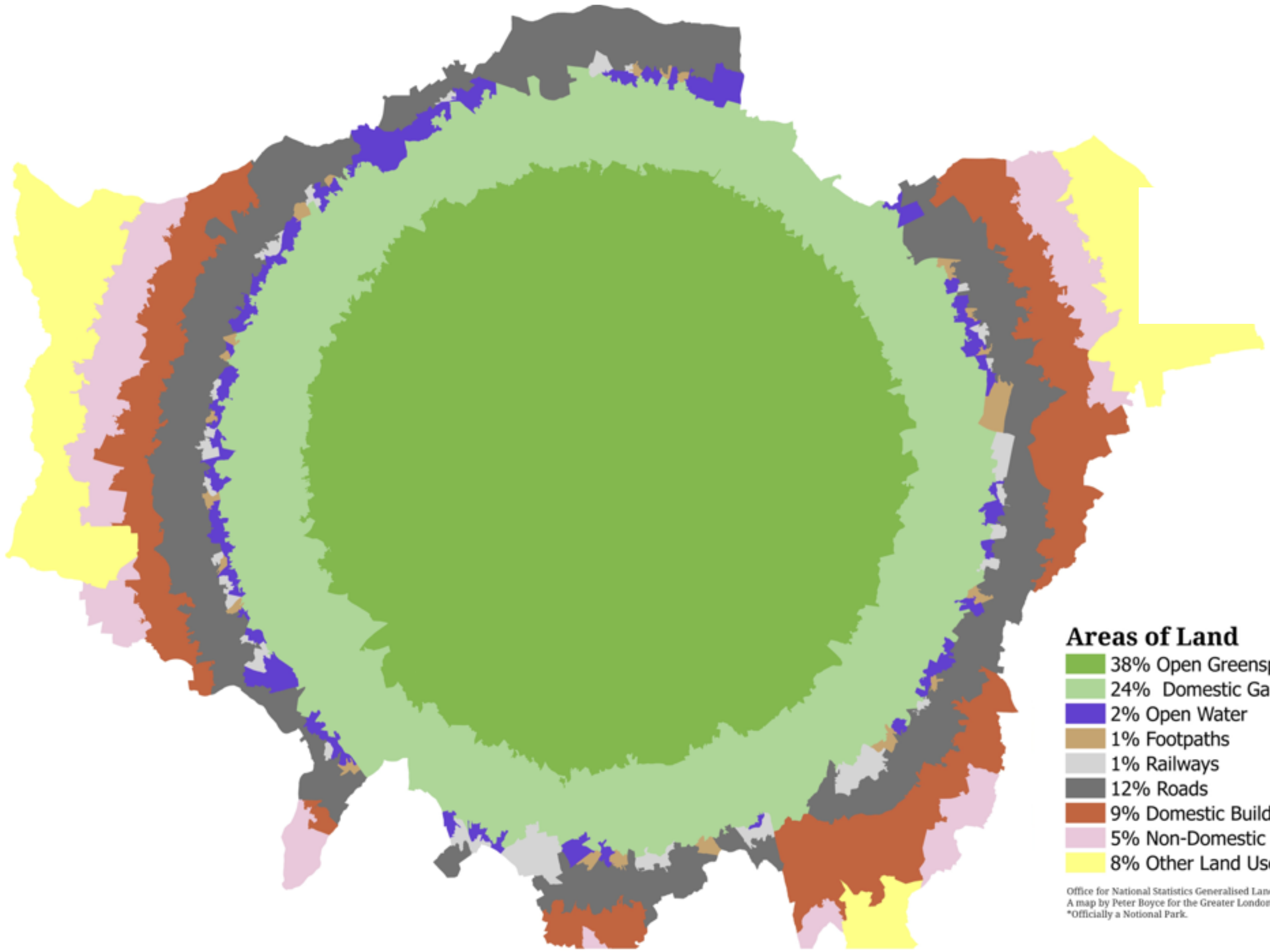




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Areas of Land

- 38% Open Greenspace
- 24% Domestic Gardens
- 2% Open Water
- 1% Footpaths
- 1% Railways
- 12% Roads
- 9% Domestic Buildings
- 5% Non-Domestic Buildings
- 8% Other Land Uses

Office for National Statistics Generalised Land Use Database 2001
A map by Peter Boyce for the Greater London National Park*.
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1,572 km² in area
47% physically green*
3.8 million gardens
8.6 million people
8.3 million trees
13,000 species*
30,000 allotments
3,000 parks
300 farms
50+ canoe clubs
1,000km+ of signed footpaths
850km+ of streams, rivers and canals
13,000 species of wildlife*
2 Special Protection Areas
3 Special Areas of Conservation
4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
2 National Nature Reserves
37 Sites of Special Scientific Interest
142 Local Nature Reserves
1,400 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation

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National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 97 12 13 and 14 Geo 6

An Act to make provision for National Parks and the establishment of a National Parks Commission; to confer on the Nature Conservancy and local authorities powers for the establishment and maintenance of nature reserves; to make further provision for the recording, creation, maintenance and improvement of public paths and for securing access to open country, and to amend the law relating to rights of way; to confer further powers for preserving and enhancing natural beauty; and for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid. [16th December 1949]

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- C1** Act amended by Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41), s. 38; extended by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48, SIF 96), Sch. 4 para. 93(1)(x), and Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16, SIF 9), s. 19(2), Sch. 2 para. 4
- C2** References to local planning authority to be construed in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70, SIF 81:1), s. 184(1)-(5)
- C3** Act extended by Gas Act 1986 (c. 44, SIF 44:2), s. 67(1)(3), Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(vi), Sch. 8 para. 33
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- C7** Act: functions transferred (E.W.) (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 68(2)(a)(8), 125(2) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)
Act: transfer of certain functions (W.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1
- C8** Act modified (E.W.) (19.9.1996) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 68(2)(b)(c), 125(2) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)
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Environment Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 25

An Act to provide for the establishment of a body corporate to be known as the Environment Agency and a body corporate to be known as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; to provide for the transfer of functions, property, rights and liabilities to those bodies and for the conferring of other functions on them; to make provision with respect to contaminated land and abandoned mines; to make further provision in relation to National Parks; to make further provision for the control of pollution, the conservation of natural resources and the conservation or enhancement of the environment; to make provision for imposing obligations on certain persons in respect of certain products or materials; to make provision in relation to fisheries; to make provision for certain enactments to bind the Crown; to make provision with respect to the application of certain enactments in relation to the Isles of Scilly; and for connected purposes. [19th July 1995]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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- E1** For the extent of this Act see s. 125(7)-(10).

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1. Conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage
2. Promote the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public

When carrying out these purposes, National Park Authorities also have a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities.

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- Ensure 100% of Londoners have free and easy access to high-quality green space
- Connect 100% of London's children to nature
- Make 51% of London physically green by 2051
- Improve London's air and water quality, year on year
- Improve the richness, connectivity and biodiversity of London's habitats
- Inspire the building of affordable green homes
- Inspire new business activities
- Promote London as a Green World City
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Indirect

Word of mouth

Investment

Teaching and learning

Visitor experiences

Media

Direct

City Rangers Team

City Forum
& Proactive mediation Team

Communications
& Campaigns Team

Citizen Rangers

National Park City Rooms
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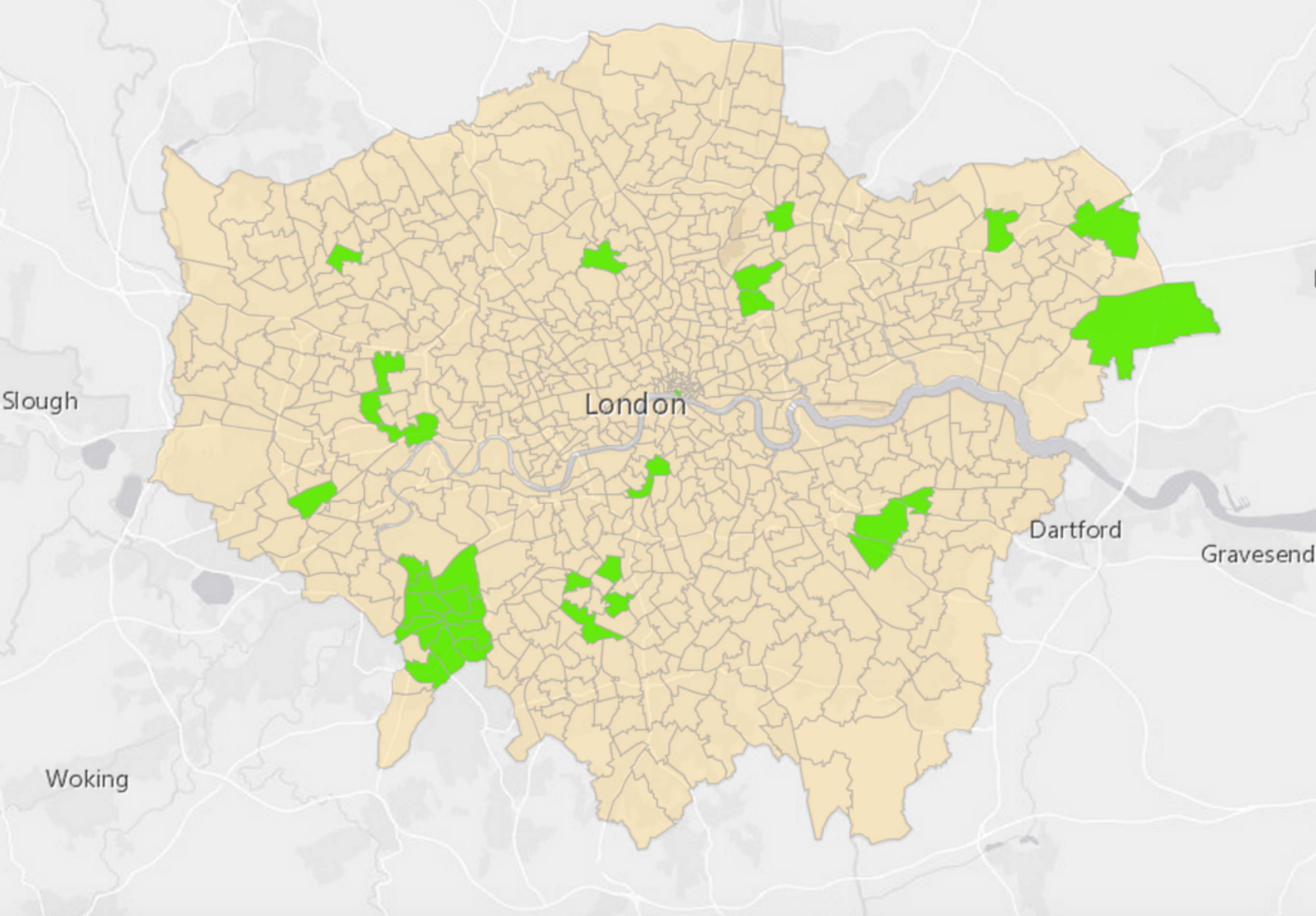
"Your project... could play a valuable role to focus the many people, organisations and projects working in this area to deliver something much bigger than they would be able to do alone and, crucially, to speak to a much wider audience in London, in a way that resonates with them."

Andrew Smith, Natural England, Area Manager (Thames Valley and London)

"What a gem of an idea this is... If I had a message tonight, it would be to argue - focus on the similarities and opportunities this idea presents - and not be blinded by the differences."

Paul Hamblin, Executive Director, National Parks England

- 1. Declare London a National Park City**
2. Create an organisation to look after the National Park City
3. Launch the Greater London National Park City



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London can become a National Park City in three steps:

<p>1. Declare Greater London a National Park City</p>	<p>2. Create an organisation</p>	<p>3. Launch the Greater London National Park City</p>
<p>The Government is not being asked to designate London a National Park City. Londoners are invited to turn this vision into a reality. By working together to gain the support of 434 of London's 649 electoral wards (two-thirds) and the Mayor of London, we will have the legitimate democratic support to officially declare the capital a National Park City.</p> <p>To help make London a National Park City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the declaration on the previous page • Declare your support at NationalParkCity.London • Request the support of your electoral ward 	<p>A Greater London National Park City Partnership of individuals, families, groups and organisations will work together to care for the National Park City. The Partnership will be independent of government but will work with government. It will not have any formal planning powers. The Partnership will only formally come into existence after we have legitimately declared London a National Park City.</p> <p>To help form the Greater London National Park City Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read our draft Charter below • Respond to our open consultation 	<p>Once we have secured an official declaration and established an effective organisation, the Greater London National Park City will be officially launched.</p>

FORM A PARTNERSHIP TO LOOK AFTER THE NATIONAL PARK CITY

At the point at which Greater London is declared a National Park City – when two-thirds of electoral wards and the Mayor of London are in support – a Greater London National Park City Partnership will be founded. It will aim to catalyse all kinds of nature-related actions – sparking individuals, community groups as well as businesses and government to imaginatively and practically move the city towards what life in a National Park City means.

The National Park City Partnership will add value by highlighting, elevating and supporting much of the needed but work that is already being done across London. It will inspire action and share good practice.

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- Encourage residents and visitors to better enjoy, understand and care for our National Park City
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The National Park City Partnership status will be a not-for-profit organisation that is limited by guarantee. To be clear, it will not have or seek any formal planning powers, nor will it

add new layers of administration. It will focus on supporting Londoners to make a difference wherever they have influence.

The National Park City Partnership will promote a strong belief in the power of learning, design, dialogue and joy to bring about positive changes. People protect what they value and love. While legal powers can be effective at protecting people and places, the power of motivated people to improve their own lives, communities, organisations and habitats can be even stronger.

The National Park City Partnership will be guided by a Charter of principles and values. Based on a vision for Greater London National Park City, it will include strategy, recommended practices and channels for

supporting Londoners. While its founding principles and values will be set, the remainder of the Charter will become a document in motion, consulted upon and updated annually, serving as a tool for collaborative creativity and collective organising.

A relatively small staff unit will be responsible for managing and coordinating specific programmes of work. The vast majority of ideas, initiatives and activities will be delivered by members of the Partnership and an extended network of formally, and informally, active groups and individuals.

The first draft of the Greater London National Park City Partnership Charter is out for comment. The Charter will be open for consultation until London is declared a National Park City.

We want to create a London where people and nature are better connected. A city where all children explore, play and learn outdoors both at home and at school, and everybody understands the true value of our natural heritage.

We share a vision of a livable city: a fairer London where everyone has access to high-quality green spaces, new commons are created and innovative use of land is nurtured. A city where a cyclist can cross the park without touching the ground.

Londoners have the power to unlock our capital's extraordinary natural potential and make the city more sustainable, resilient and rich in life. Shared learning, good decision-making and taking action are key to unlocking our capital's extraordinary natural potential.

London is a dynamic city and should conserve its awesome ability to evolve. With increasing numbers of people in the city and more homes needing to be built, its public, green, blue and open spaces will only become more valuable and valued. Design, dialogue and proactive mediation can be used to mitigate conflict and nurture innovation.

We believe that all Londoners should have the opportunity, power and influence to contribute to positively shaping the future of our National Park City.

2. AIMS

The National Park City Partnership will aim to:

- Ensure 100% of Londoners have free and easy access to high-quality green space

- Connect 100% of London's children to nature
- Make the majority of London physically green
- Improve London's air and water quality year on year
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3. VALUES

The National Park City Partnership, in the way it operates, will be:

- Caring**
We actively care for our past, present and future, for our landscape, ourselves and all other life within it. We care for and respect each other, and the physical and mental wellbeing of all that live in our city.
- Caring**
We value the power of our city to help us take notice, learn about and appreciate our world.
- Creative**
No matter what the scale, creativity and design are at the heart of the positive changes we want to see.

Critical
We use evidence to critically consider challenges and opportunities for improving all our lives.

Connected
Our landscape, our ecosystems, our organisations, our lives and our ideas can all be better when connected together.

4. NATIONAL PARK CITY DEFINITION

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) global standard for a protected area is:

'A clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.'

While cities do not fit the current IUCN definition of a protected area, it would be possible for the IUCN to agree a new category that would be fitting. This has the potential to be called an informal or semi-protected area.

A working definition for a National Park City is:

'A large urban area that is managed and semi-protected through both formal and informal means to enhance the natural capital of its living landscape. A defining feature is the widespread and significant commitment of residents, visitors and decision-makers to allow natural processes to provide a foundation for a better quality of life for wildlife and people.'

A working definition for a National Park City Partnership is:

'The organisation responsible for inspiring and supporting people and organisations to deliver this commitment.'

London's landscape is currently partially protected through legal means. The Greater London National Park City Partnership will primarily focus its attention on 'other effective means', by supporting learning and civic action.

5. FORMATION AND STRUCTURE

The structure of the National Park City Partnership will be based on a flexible network model. It will enable all involved partners, whether existing groups or organisations, volunteers, sponsors or other types of supporters, to work together to make the vision of the National Park City a reality. Set up as a not-for-profit, asset locked organisation that is limited by Guarantee, there will be a Board of Trustees supported by a small Executive Team and a network of action-based communities and local organisers. It will be decided through the consultation process whether it should be a charity or not.

6. THE BANK OF GOOD IDEAS

The Charter will eventually include a wide variety of recommended practices and standards that will be agreed by the National Park City Partnership's signatory members and maintained within the Bank of Good Ideas.

Before its launch, individuals, groups and organisations will be invited to become founding members of the National Park City Partnership and will agree its final Charter and Articles of Association. The first drafts of these documents will both be developed through an open consultation with the public, before final drafts are voted on and agreed by the founding members. The National Park City Partnership will be bound and guided by these documents.

The organisation will be accountable to both a Board of Trustees and its members.

The Board of Trustees will be ultimately responsible for the organisation. It will ensure that the organisation is running well and working towards its purposes. It will be the Trustees' mission to maintain the integrity of the Greater London National Park City.

The Executive Team will be in charge of day-to-day management decisions and the

implementation of the organisation's short- and long-term plans. A National Park City Leader will manage the Staff Unit and act as the key liaison between the Trustees and staff, communities of action and the public.



The Staff Unit will be responsible for the management and delivery of the Partnership and its projects. The Unit will eventually include a full complement of City Rangers, as well as supporting communicators and administrative staff.

Staff Volunteers will be an extended team of recognised individuals who are volunteering, are embedded within other organisations or have been recruited into the Partnership.

The Advisory Board will be responsible for monitoring the Charter – this document in motion – and its recommended practices. The Advisory Board will monitor the Charter by working closely with the Partnership's Communities of Practice and Communities of Interest. The Advisory Board's meetings will rotate through the capital's geographical areas.

Communities of Practice will be professional networks, each with their own Steering Group. They will exist to share experience, evidence and expertise, and to propose recommended professional practices to the Charter and Advisory Board. Communities of Practice may include networks for health, education, recreation, housing, art, design and more. Existing forums, networks and groups will be able to join relevant Communities of Practice, as well as crosscutting programmes that overlap with other areas of expertise.

Communities of Interest will be more informal and organised by and for amateurs, enthusiasts and volunteers. Organised to overlap with the Communities of Practice, these groups will also make recommendations to the Charter, but will be focused more on the everyday things that Londoners can all do.

action from the bottom up. Increasing tree cover in the urban forest and replacing concrete drives with sustainable urban drainage systems are just two examples.

Other recommended practices may include paths achieving Green Flag Award Status, schools ensuring all children regularly have quality time outdoors, or residents teaming up to create green corridors where they live.

The recommended practices will act as a guide for individuals and organisations looking for help on how to have a positive influence on the Greater London National Park City.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARTER

It will be the responsibility of the Greater London National Park City Partnership to uphold the Charter and for the Staff Unit to maintain and implement a management plan for its delivery.

The Greater London National Park City Partnership will implement the Charter by inspiring Londoners through storytelling, campaigns, events and showcases that celebrate and spread great ideas and achievements. It will help people to learn by giving and signposting advice, sharing current research, linking people to training and creating the space and facilities for people to learn from each other. Finally, it will help everyone to act by leading on city-wide campaigns, giving funding to projects and piloting a proactive mediation service for communities looking to make better use of their spaces.

The National Park City Partnership will add a new layer of hope and opportunity to the capital.

7.1 DISTINCTIVELY ADDING VALUE

The Greater London National Park City is in itself an exciting idea that invites Londoners to dream about what our capital is and what it can become. It opens up an opportunity for a new kind of conversation about what we want our relationship with nature and the environment to be.

It will empower us all by bringing together our many positive but fragmented efforts, enabling each to be more than the sum of its parts. It will build the capacity of bottom-up initiatives and help them to both scale-up and fill in gaps where there is a lack of community action or support.

Over time, the Greater London National Park City Partnership will work to spark imaginations and vastly increase the number of people working to conserve and enjoy our city's remarkable natural and cultural heritage, while also celebrating what is already being done.

7.2 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Greater London National Park City Partnership will work in collaboration with organisations that share its purposes and aims. It will support, build the capacity of and elevate the effectiveness of groups, organisations and businesses that share its purposes, investing more time in those that need the most support. Wherever possible, the Partnership will use effective knowledge management to join needs, expertise and resources together. Also, it will intentionally bring people from different fields and perspectives together to share, challenge and develop ideas.

The Greater London National Park City Partnership will seek to directly support London councils, the Greater London Authority, the City of London and the Government to achieve targets that are in keeping with its purposes. As an example,

the Partnership will seek to support the outstanding work that the Mayor's environment team has done on the All London Green Grid.

It will aspire to be legitimately recognised as the UK's 16th National Park. It is hoped that, despite its alternative heritage, it will be welcomed into Britain's family of National Parks by National England and that it will have a seat at National Parks England and National Parks UK meetings. It will seek to rapidly learn from the vast experience of the UK's current protected areas and its expert employees. The Partnership will also promote and educate people about protected areas, using London as an 'urban gateway' into the UK's National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Londoners will always have much to learn from Urban National Parks that already exist in Sweden, Canada and Singapore, as well as experts and organisations around the world. It is vital that the Greater London National Park City Partnership seeks to develop strong international relationships with individuals and organisations if it is to be effective, reflective and respected. It should also be cautiously but optimistically acknowledged that by becoming the world's first National Park City, the approach may spread to other cities and allow the development of a new international network with the aim of improving life in our cities and beyond.

7.3 CHANNELS FOR INSPIRATION, LEARNING AND ACTION

All of the Greater London National Park City Partnership's work will be rooted in inspiring all to learn and take action to better enjoy or improve part of the National Park City.

The greatest changes will take place as a result of millions of additional unrecorded conversations, decisions and actions that would not otherwise take place. This invisible atmosphere of change will be felt through a number of overlapping indirect and direct channels. These plans are ambitious, but the delivery will start small and then expand over a number of years.

Indirect channels of support:

Word of mouth – Everyday conversations in person and on social media will be the strongest channel, as it is the positive, everyday decisions, stories and successes that will bring about the creation of an effective National Park City.

Investment – New kinds of investment will take place in London as hospitality, recreation, technology, environment, financial services and creative industries network opportunities in the capital.

Teaching and learning – Teachers at every school in the capital will be supported to teach children about the Greater London National Park City through play and active contributions.

Visitor experiences – A visit to London will be enhanced, in order that tourists can begin to think about the capital in new ways. New activities, tours, publications and visitor attractions that celebrate London's natural assets will develop and be promoted.

Media – Being the world's first National Park City will capture the imagination of journalists, artists and filmmakers, inspiring new stories, guides, products and works. **Direct channels of support:**

Staff – City Rangers Team
City Rangers will be the Partnership's presence on the ground. Primarily, they will be advisors, trainers and facilitators who will have the job of supporting individuals, families, groups and businesses to achieve their National Park City-related goals and actions. City Rangers will organise events and projects that bring people together to enjoy contact with nature, learn, innovate and take action.

City Rangers will connect individuals, families, groups and businesses to opportunities, experts and solutions.

Draft Charter for a Greater London National Park City Partnership

This draft Charter is based on advice from the Institute for Global Prosperity at University College London and the findings of a public consultation. It has been reviewed by members of the Greater London National Park City Initiative's Steering Group and Advisory Board. This same Steering Group and Advisory Board will oversee the consultation process.

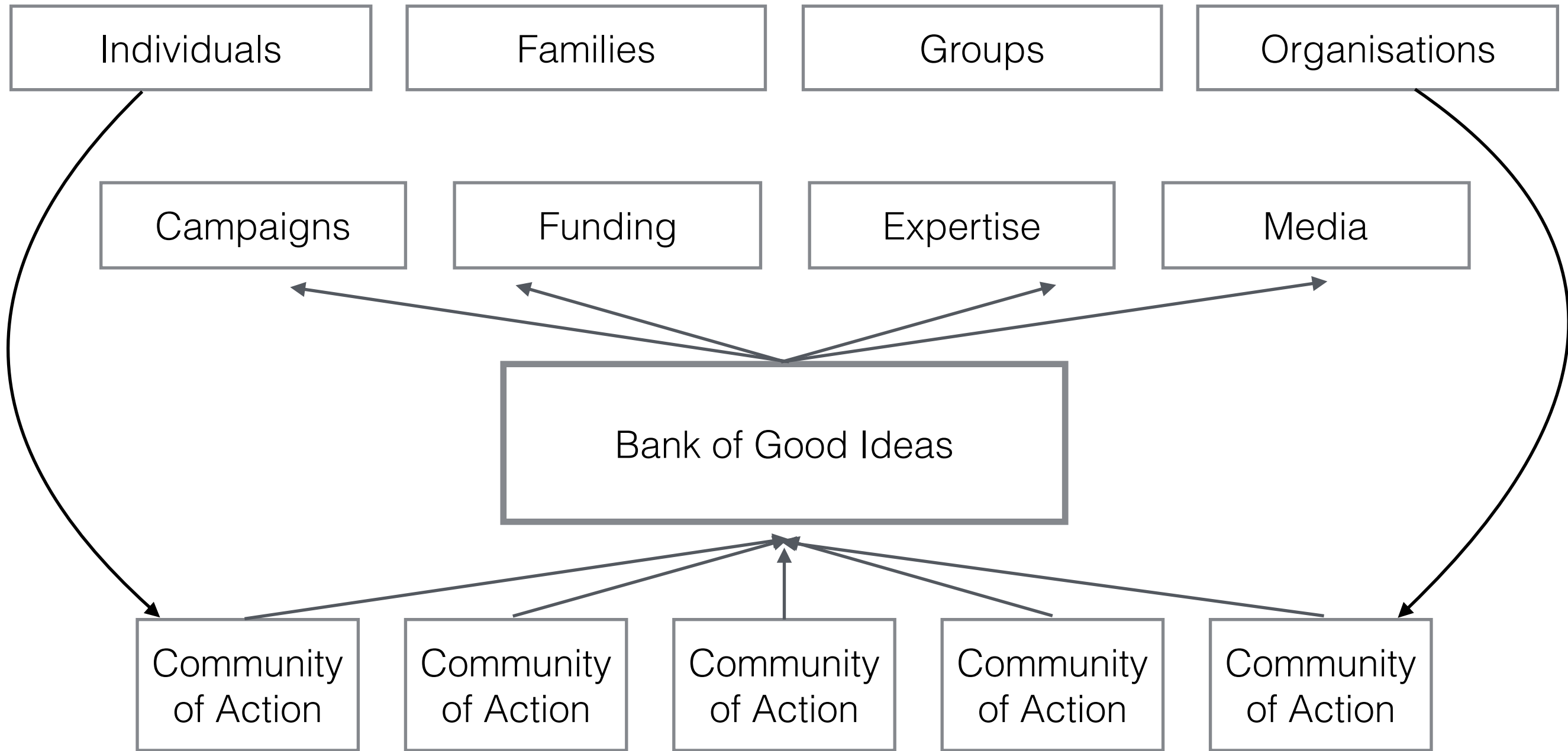
Consultation opens in July 2015 and will remain open until Greater London is declared a National Park City. Please comment on this draft Charter at NationalParkCity.London

1. A VISION FOR GREATER LONDON

All Londoners can start to contribute to and benefit from this vision today. It is a timely cultural choice, a commitment to a way of life and a sense of place that sustains nature and people.

We share a vision for a city rich in wildlife and where green homes are affordable. A place in which air is safe to breathe, where rivers are safe to swim in, where life thrives and people live richer, healthier and more prosperous lives.





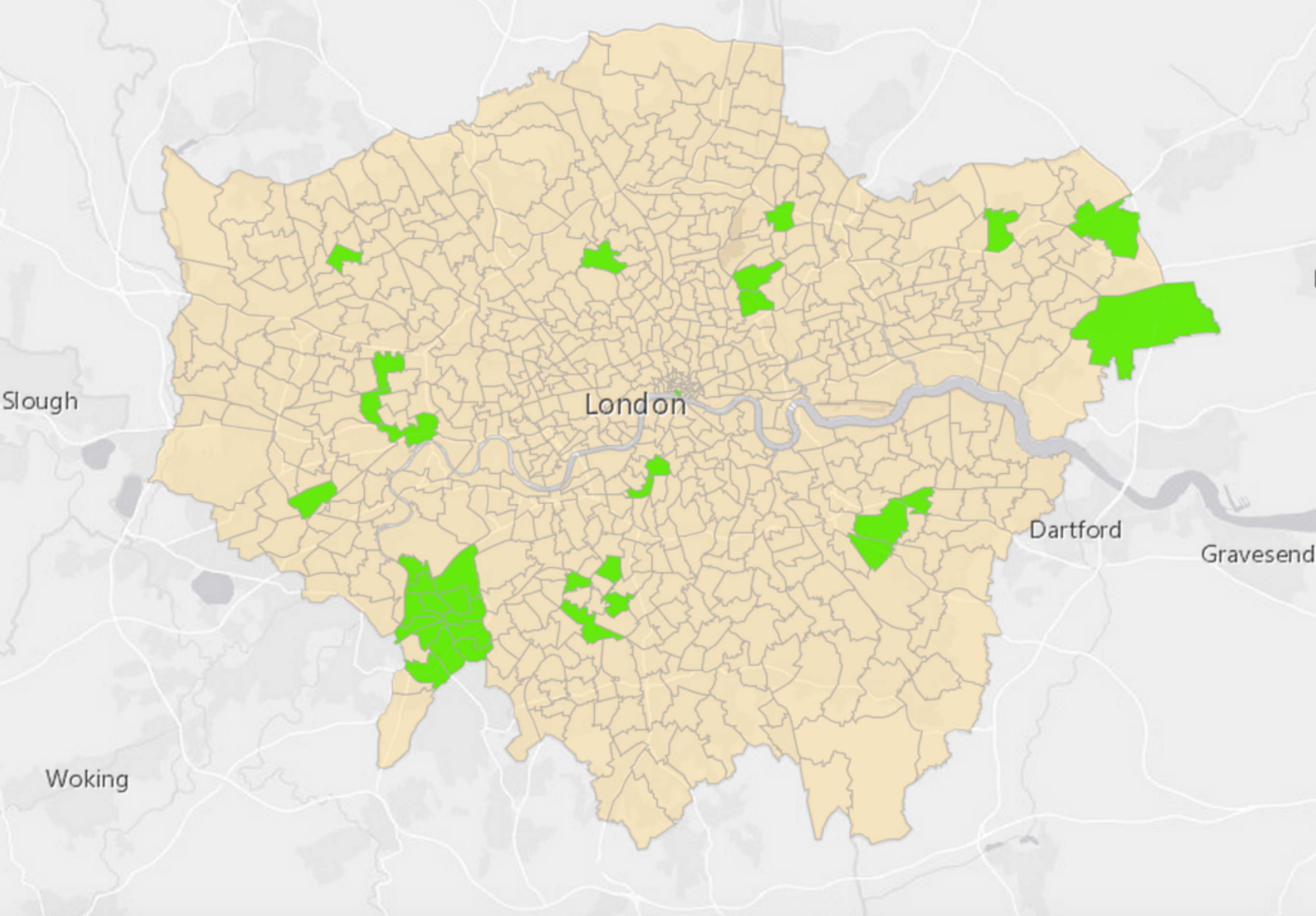
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2. Create an organisation to look after the National Park City
- 3. Launch the Greater London National Park City**



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