

# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE - UPDATE

## Headlines: 2019-2020

### Introduction:

This following monitoring data covers the period April 2019 – March 2020 and focusses on Green Infrastructure. It includes monitoring information to help assess the progress and effectiveness of policies in our Development Plan made up of the Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (2017) (DCLP1) and the Saved Policies of the City of Derby Local Plan Review (2006).

This AMR sets out information in the following order

- Green Belt
- Green Wedges
- Public Green Space
- Biodiversity

The aim of the Green Infrastructure policies in the Derby City Local Plan Part 1 is to maintain, enhance and manage all the elements which form Derby's Green Infrastructure network.

Policy CP16 sets out the Council's overarching aspirations for the provision, protection and enhancement of Green Infrastructure while subsequent policies deal, in more detail, with Public Green Space (CP17), Green Wedges (CP18) and Biodiversity (CP19).

### Monitoring Indicators 2019-2020

#### Green Belt

Policy CP16 defers to nation policy to retain the principle of the Nottingham/Derby Green Belt. Over the monitoring year there was no loss of Green Belt within the City. In addition, no applications were approved which were contrary to Green Belt policy.

#### Green Wedges

Policy CP18 sets out the Council's strategy for the protection of its Green Wedges. The policy sets out the types of development which the Council considers to be acceptable within the wedges. Over the monitoring period the Council did not approve any applications which were considered to be contrary to policy and no applications were approved which resulted in an overall loss of Green Wedge land in the City over the monitoring year.

#### Public Green Space

Ten applications were approved during 2019/20 which, in total, resulted in the loss of 0.9 hectares of Public Green Space.

In addition, the following improvements were made to a number of spaces:

- Improvements to the River Gardens as part of the Our City Our River project including new paths and a performance area;
- The refurbishment of the outdoor games courts at Chellaston Park;

- A new play area at Sunnydale Park;
- Seven artificial cricket wickets installed in various parks across the City for informal use;
- A new all-user footpath and boardwalk installed at Darley Park.

Whilst these improvements did not result in the creation of additional open space, they serviced to improve the quality of a number of existing spaces across the City.

### **Biodiversity**

The following sites within Derby benefitted from work to improve and enhance their nature conservation value:

- Tree planting at Roe Farm Rec – an additional 2812m<sup>2</sup> of native woodland.
- Tree planting at Nether Park Drive – an additional 1302m<sup>2</sup> of native woodland.
- Tree planting at Stoodley Pike Gardens Open Space – an additional 465m<sup>2</sup> of native woodland.
- Tree planting at Chaddesden Park – an additional 4620m<sup>2</sup> of native woodland.
- Restored a further 150 metres of hedgerow at Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve.
- Restored a dried out large woodland pond in Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve.
- Swamp restoration at Nutwood Local Nature Reserve funded by Project Munio (Our City Our River).
- Darley Park Meadow restoration funded by Project Munio (Our City Our River).
- New community orchard at Chellaston Brickworks
- Extensive habitat improvement works at Alvaston Park Lake funded by Project Munio (Our City Our River)
- Creation of a new backwash in the River Derwent at Alvaston Park funded by Project Munio (Our City Our River)
- Approximately 80m of hedgerow restoration started at Sinfin Moor Park LNR
- Fullens Lock tree planting – 1000 trees were planted although the success rate was poor. A programme of replanting will be undertaken this year