

# Guidance, Standards & Tools Table – Appendix 10

Process Guide for Local Planning Authorities –  
Developing Green Infrastructure Policies and  
Strategies using the Green Infrastructure Framework –  
Principles and Standards for England

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## Guidance, Standards & Tools Table

The Guidance, Standards and Tools table provides a comprehensive list of links to both government and non-governmental tools, standards and guidance which can be used for developing green infrastructure (GI) strategies and delivering good quality green infrastructure. The table outlines the link to the guidance, the publisher or owner, the guidance type, whether the guidance is site specific or relates to a local authority wide scale and also what specific GI type the guidance refers to.

Please note that the table is extensive and intended to be used to find relevant guidance when required.

Guidance Title	Publisher/Owner	Guidance Type	Scale	GI Type
<a href="#">Active travel: a briefing for local authorities</a>	Public Health England	Guidance	LA wide	Travel
<a href="#">Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions</a>	Forestry Commission	Guidance	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Biodiversity Net Gain Guidance</a>	DEFRA	Guidance & tool	Site	BNG
<a href="#">Biodiversity Net Gain Metrics</a>	DEFRA	Guidance & tool	Site	BNG
<a href="#">Building for a Healthy Life</a>	Homes England	Guidance	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Catchment Data Explorer</a>	Environment Agency	Tool	LA wide	Water
<a href="#">Climate Change Adaptation Manual</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Climate
<a href="#">Country Park Accreditation</a>	Natural England	Standards	Site	Green space
<a href="#">Designing and modifying residential streets: Manual for streets</a>	Department for Transport	Guidance	Site	Planning

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<a href="#">Enabling a Natural Capital Approach</a>	DEFRA	Guidance	LA wide	Natural capital
<a href="#">Flood Map for Planning</a>	Environment Agency	Tool	Site	Water
<a href="#">Garden Communities toolkit</a>	Homes England	Guidance	Site	Community
<a href="#">Green Flag Award</a>	Green Flag Award	Standards	Site	Green space
<a href="#">Green Flag Community Award</a>	Green Flag Award	Standards	Site	Community
<a href="#">Green Heritage Site Accreditation</a>	Green Flag Award	Standards	Site	Heritage/Character
<a href="#">Headline Green Infrastructure Standards</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA Wide	All
<a href="#">Health and wellbeing evidence for the Framework of GI Standards</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Health
<a href="#">How to protect and manage the urban forest</a>	Forestry Commission	Guidance	LA wide	Trees
<a href="#">Landscape and seascape character assessments</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Heritage/Character
<a href="#">Local Nature Recovery Strategies</a>	DEFRA	Guidance	LA wide	LNRS
<a href="#">Local Nature Recovery Strategy Data Viewer</a>	DEFRA	Tool	LA wide	LNRS
<a href="#">Local Nature Reserves: setting up and management</a>	Natural England	Guidance	Site	LNR
<a href="#">National Character Area profiles</a>	Natural England	Tool	LA wide	Heritage/Character

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<a href="#">National Model Design Code</a>	MHCLG	Guidance	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Natural Capital Evidence Handbook</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Natural capital
<a href="#">Natural Capital Indicators</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Natural capital
<a href="#">Nature exposure and human health and wellbeing</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Health
<a href="#">Open space, sports, and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space</a>	MHCLG	Guidance	LA wide	Sports/recreation
<a href="#">Playing Pitch Calculator</a>	Sport England	Tool	LA wide	Sports/recreation
<a href="#">Scrub Management Handbook</a>	Natural England	Guidance	Site	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">SuDs Manual</a>	FCERM	Guidance	Site	SuDs
<b>The Environmental Benefits from Nature Tool</b>		Tool	Site	
<a href="#">The Mosaic Approach: Managing Habitats for Species</a>	Natural England	Guidance	Site	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">The People and Nature Surveys for England</a>	Natural England	Guidance	LA wide	Health
<a href="#">UK Forestry Standard</a>	Forestry Commission	Standards	LA wide	Trees
<a href="#">Alternative funding mechanisms for green space</a>	Sweep	Guidance	LA wide	Funding
<a href="#">Ancient Trees and Development</a>	Woodland Trust	Guidance	Site	Trees

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<a href="#">Biodiversity Net Gain: Good Practice Principles for Development</a>	CIEEM	Guidance	Site	BNG
<a href="#">Blue Flag Award</a>	Foundation for Environmental Education	Standards	Site	Blue Space
<a href="#">British Standard for Biodiversity Net Gain</a>	CIEEM	Standards	Site	BNG
<a href="#">Building with Nature</a>	Building with Nature	Standards	Site	Planning
<a href="#">Community orchards top tips</a>	People's trust for endangered species	Guidance	Site	Trees, Community
<a href="#">Community-led green space toolkit</a>	Town and Country Planning Association	Guidance & tool	Site	Community
<a href="#">Developing and implementing a green infrastructure strategy</a>	UK Green Building Council	Guidance	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Ecosystem Knowledge Network Tool Assessor</a>	Ecosystem Knowledge Network	Tool	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Flood and surface water management</a>	BREEAM	Guidance	LA wide	Water
<a href="#">Flora locale library</a>	CIEEM	Guidance	Site	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Green Infrastructure: An integrated approach to land use</a>	Landscape Institute	Guidance	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Green Roof Code</a>	Green Roof Organisation	Standards	Site	Green roofs
<a href="#">Growing in the community</a>	Local Government Association	Guidance	Site	Community

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<a href="#">Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play</a>	Fields in Trust	Standards	LA wide	Sports/recreation
<a href="#">Guidance on SuDs</a>	ciria	Guidance	Site	SuDs
<a href="#">Guide to façade greening</a>	NBS	Guidance	Site	Green walls
<a href="#">Habitat Management - Buglife</a>	Buglife	Guidance	Site	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Hedgerow management cycle</a>	Hedgelink	Guidance	Site	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Historic Landscape Characterisation</a>	Historic England	Guidance	LA wide	Heritage/Character
<a href="#">Investment Readiness toolkit</a>	Green Finance Institute	Tool	LA wide	Funding
<a href="#">i-Tree Canopy</a>	i-Tree	Tool	LA wide	Trees
<a href="#">i-Tree Eco</a>	i-Tree	Tool	LA wide	Trees
<a href="#">Local Authority Nature Recovery Toolkit</a>	Planning Advisory Service	Tool	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Managing Road Verges and Green Spaces</a>	Plantlife	Guidance	Site	Green space
<a href="#">Pollinator Guidance</a>	Buglife	Guidance	LA wide	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Priority Habitats</a>	JNCC	Guidance	LA wide	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Priority Species</a>	JNCC	Guidance	LA wide	Habitats/Species
<a href="#">Producing park and greenspace management plans</a>	CABE Space	Guidance	Site	Green space
<a href="#">Set up an urban habitat bank</a>	Future Parks Accelerator	Guidance	Site	Funding
<a href="#">Space for people (woodland access)</a>	Woodland Trust	Guidance	Site	Access

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<a href="#">Sustainable Development Goals</a>	United Nations	Standards	LA wide	
<a href="#">The Green Care Quality Mark</a>	Social Farms & Gardens	Standards	Site	Green space
<a href="#">Tools for planning and evaluating green infrastructure</a>	Environmental Change Institute	Tool	LA wide	Planning
<a href="#">Tree Equity Score UK</a>	Woodland Trust	Tool	LA wide	Trees
<a href="#">Tree Species Selection for Green Infrastructure</a>	Trees & Design Action Group	Guidance	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Trees in Hard Landscapes Guide</a>	Trees & Design Action Group	Guidance	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Trees in the Townscape: A Guide for Decision Makers</a>	Trees & Design Action Group	Standards	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Urban Tree Manual</a>	Forest Research	Guidance	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Woodland management for bats</a>	Forest Research	Guidance	Site	Trees
<a href="#">Woodland Wildlife Toolkit</a>	Partnership	Tool	Site	Trees

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