

# Place not project: transforming our industry



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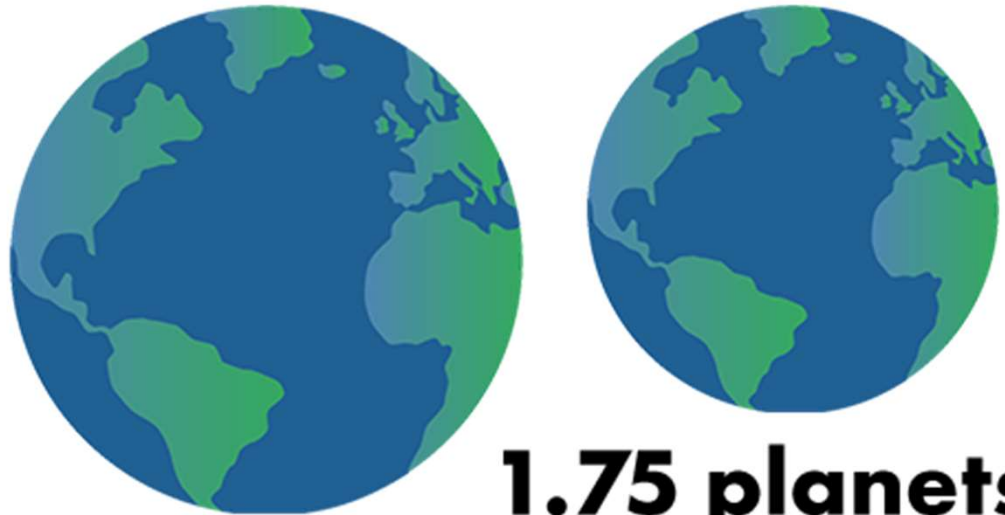


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We're currently using  
75% more of the  
earth's resources  
than it can regenerate  
in a year



**1.75 planets**  
needed to support humanity's  
demand on Earth's ecosystems

190+ nations  
adopted  
landmark global  
biodiversity pact  
at COP 15





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## A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment



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## Environmental Improvement Plan 2023

First revision of the 25 Year Environment Plan

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# Why is now so important

These are not future issues

Climate and nature crises –  
intrinsically linked

Global commitment to change

Legislative responses (BNG)

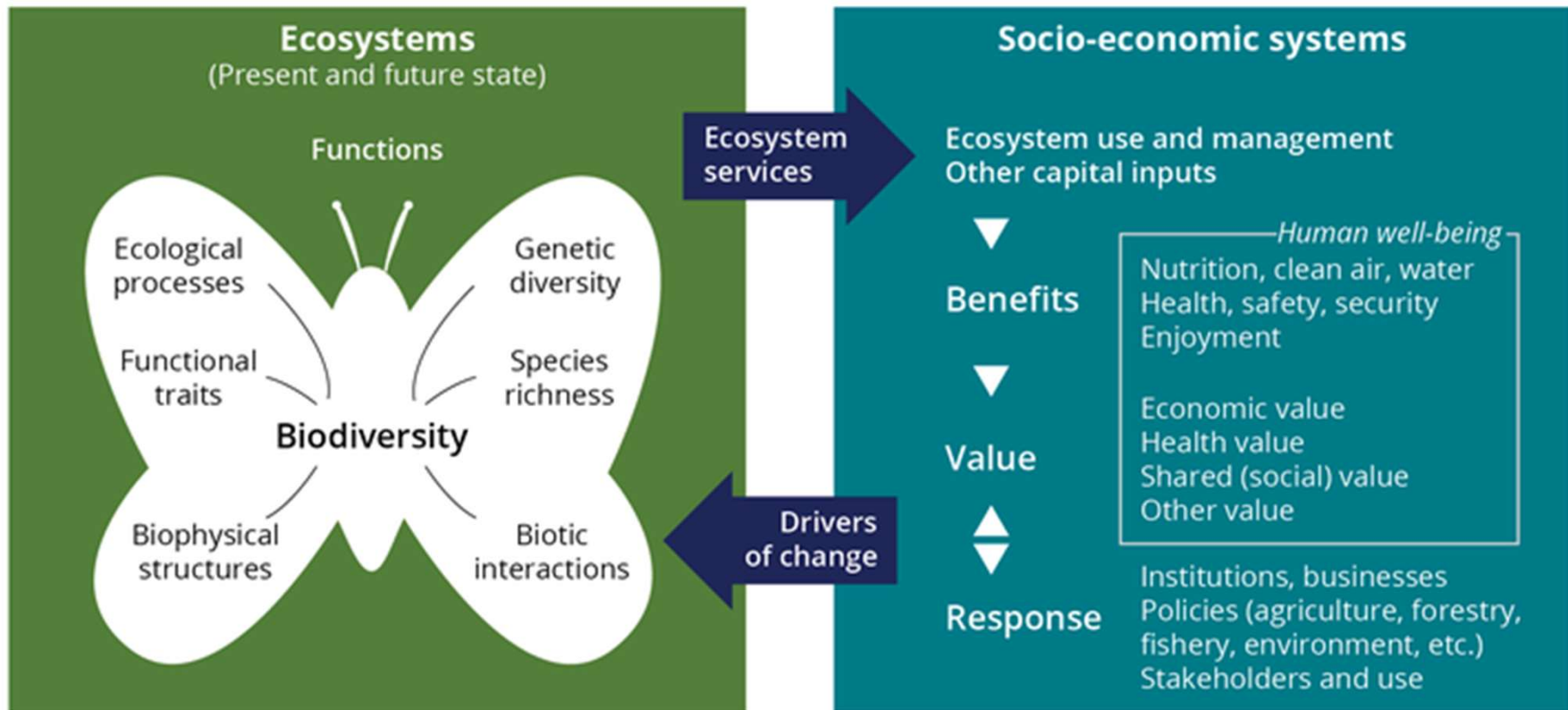
Public expectation at its highest





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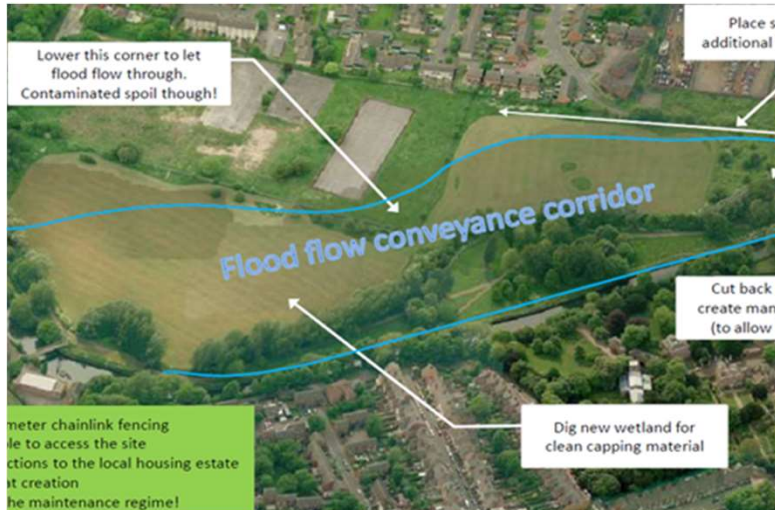




# Alkborough Flats



# Leicester Urban Wetlands





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## Exeter Flood Defence Scheme

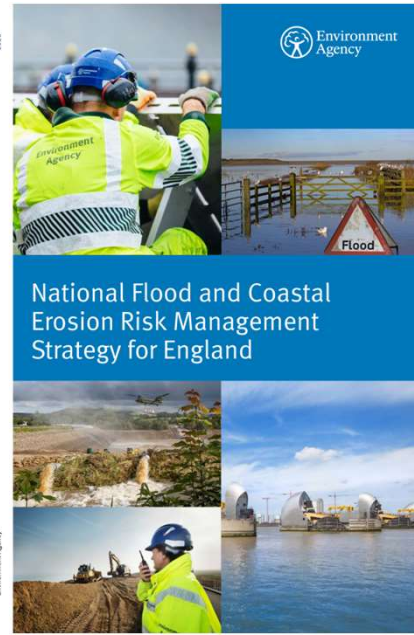
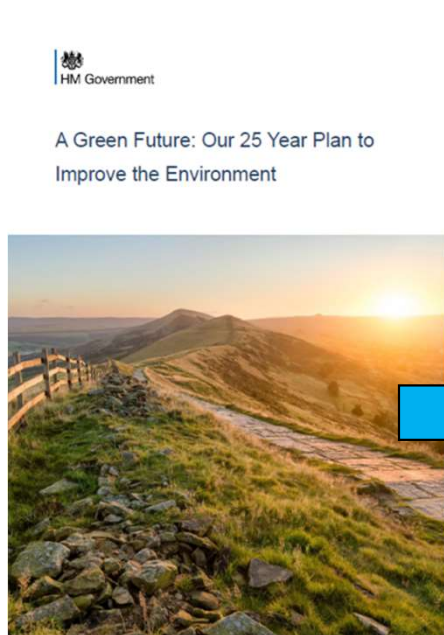


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# Mainstreaming Nature Recovery

By **Mainstreaming Nature Based Solutions** we will deliver habitat that improves designated site and FCRM resilience.



**Contributing to and utilising other initiatives and drivers:**

- NFM Programme
- Restoring Meadows, Marshes and Reefs
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Achieving carbon neutrality
- Environmental Land Management Scheme
- River Basin Planning

# Integrating the UN Sustainable Development Goals



The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a catalyst to action to reduce inequalities, protect the planet and ensure prosperity.

Public bodies including the EA and local authorities are adopting these.

The relevant SDGs have been mapped to the corresponding FCRM benefits and embedded in the benefits approach.



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# Greening the places where we work



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A top-down view of a diverse group of people's hands stacked in a circle, symbolizing teamwork and partnership. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves and watches. The background is a light, neutral color.

# Importance of partnerships

# Take home messages

- Time for change is now
- Transform our approach and transform industry
- Resilience and adaptation
- Partnership and collaboration
- Place not project







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A CIRIA Biodiversity Community of Practice Event



IMPORTANT

# Speaking: Jackie Sharp

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