

Leeds City Region GI Strategy: Creating a framework for sustainable growth

The Leeds City Region has one of the most significant and powerful economies in the UK and covers some of the UK's forest landscapes. Our Green Infrastructure (GI) strategy will ensure that future growth is underpinned and supported by a high quality environment.

In developing the strategy, LDA Design worked closely with local authorities and their partners, including Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the Environment Agency to collectively identify a clear blueprint to guide investment that would underpin economic vitality and environmental health.

The innovative strategy identifies a series of strategic projects and programmes to align future investment in GI by the private, public and civic sectors with the city region's wider economic regeneration objectives and plans. One of the priority projects is 'Fresh Aire', a major initiative to coordinate GI actions with development proposals in the Aire and Calder Valleys.

The Leeds City Region GI strategy won the 'Landscape Policy' category at the Landscape Institute Awards and was joint winner for 'design excellence' at the Royal Town Planning Institute Yorkshire Planning Awards.



Client
Leeds City Region

Location
Leeds City Region

Partners
Leeds City Region Local Authorities, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, White Rose Forest Partnership

Services
Environmental Planning

Area
5000 km²

Schedule
2009 - 2010

¹ The Leeds and Liverpool Canal

² Upper Aire Valley