

Interested in a proactive approach to nature-friendly development, that's sensitive to location and context, and that cares about long-term maintenance and management?

Whether a developer, a professional adviser or a planner, you can benefit from a clear picture of what good looks like, a shared framework of principles, and the ability to draw on supporting specialist knowledge

This can reduce risk and uncertainty for all parties and give local communities greater confidence in the planning process.



Become an Assessor

We are training a national network of Assessors.

You can benefit from the training by:

- Gaining an understanding of the characteristics of high-quality green infrastructure and how to apply them
 - Adding commercial value to your consultancy through an attractive additional service
- Increase competitive advantage by being an Approved Assessor that can support Building with Nature Accreditation

Through supporting and championing best-practice, we are helping to deliver great schemes, mainstream green infrastructure in place-making and raise the bar for industry.

Building with Nature has been tested and refined from Cornwall to Scotland. It has been applied to inner city regeneration projects, a motorway service station, and major urban extensions, but is targeted mostly on the big strategic schemes that will deliver maximum benefits to both citizens and the natural world.



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High quality places for people and wildlife



CHALLENGES

The UK is set to build hundreds of thousands of new homes and enhance thousands of existing communities in the coming years.

Too often in the past, developments have left the natural world poorer; opportunities to positively enhance health and wellbeing have been missed; sometimes the quality of homes has disappointed.

Today, Government has clear and strengthening targets on climate change, biodiversity, natural capital and Nature Recovery, and will require all new development to demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity.

There are public health drivers to deliver healthy, sustainable places to live. And Planning authorities are beginning to require high quality green infrastructure with a growing emphasis on the need for quality place-making.

We have co-developed a framework of principles - Building with Nature Standards - that provide planners and developers with how-to guidance on delivering green infrastructure.

OPPORTUNITIES

People value living in places that are close to nature. As well as allowing wildlife to thrive, green infrastructure – such as parks, ponds or play areas - provides spaces for people to enjoy, and cost-effective ways to manage water naturally and prevent flooding.



Lower Mill Estate Design Award for 575 homes



Forth Valley Royal Hospital and Larbert Woods

What Building with Nature Offers

Building with Nature was co-developed with local authorities, private sector developers and citizens. We provide a framework of quality standards, an assessment and accreditation service, and national awards recognising the design and delivery of high quality green infrastructure.

Our framework of standards was based firmly on evidence and best-practice from across the world, researched by the team at the Centre for Sustainable Planning Environments at the University of West of England.

It has been tested and refined with users and potential beneficiaries. Unlike other approaches, it supports the end-to-end process of development, including long-term maintenance and management and is sensitive to location and context.

