

University of Birmingham

Funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council the University of Birmingham is carrying out research, in conjunction with the University of Central England, into sustainable urban redevelopment using Eastside as a case study. Aspects of research include: socio-economic issues; the use, availability and feasibility of sustainable technologies and practices; changes in local biodiversity during and after development and the efficacy of mitigation techniques and different management practices in achieving sustainable biodiversity; and open spaces and the built environment.

BTCV

BTCV is the UK's largest practical conservation charity. Founded in 1959, we help more than 130,000 volunteers every year take hands-on action to improve both the rural and urban environments.

VISION A better environment where people are valued, included and involved.

MISSION To create a more sustainable future by inspiring people and improving places.

Joe Holyoak

Joe Holyoak, architect, urban designer and conservationist. Initiator with Birmingham for People in 1992 of the "Raise the Rea" project. Consultant for the Irish Quarter Concept Study in 2000.

WWF

WWF, the global environment network, takes action to conserve endangered species, protect endangered spaces and address global threats, by seeking long-term solutions.

Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust

The Trust is part of a partnership of 47 Trusts throughout the country dedicated to the protection, enhancement and creation of habitat and area for wildlife in both urban and rural areas. We are also involved in delivering education programmes for wildlife in both schools and in local communities within Birmingham and the Black Country.

West Midlands New Economics Group

The WM new economics group originated in an attempt to establish a local equivalent of the New Economics Foundation. However, over the years we have become very distant from them, and now follow our own ideas and perspectives in being a voice in regional affairs. We have been involved in the process of preparing the Regional Planning Guidance that has been adopted this year. We have submitted evidence to Commons select committees on regional and economic issues and have been involved in ESAG from the start.

Temporary website hosted at:
www.birminghamfoe.org.uk/ESAG



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EASTSIDE SUSTAINABILITY

ADVISORY GROUP



The Eastside Sustainability Advisory Group aims to promote a comprehensive vision of Eastside as a regional demonstrator of sustainable development in practice, and to provide advice on Sustainable Development* best practise throughout the Eastside development.

Our membership consists representatives of 17 organisations (mainly Non Governmental Organisations) and individuals with professional interest in Eastside.

In 2002 we collectively produced a document "Sustainable Eastside", which lays out a vision for how Eastside can be socially, environmentally and economically successful and responsible. This was funded by Birmingham City Council's Environmental Services department.

The Advisory group scrutinises Eastside proposals and encourages the implementation of sustainable development; encourages consultation with key stakeholders; and signposts environmental techniques and standards.

We work with the Sustainability Advisors to the Eastside development who are employed by Groundwork Birmingham, and council representatives working on various aspects of the Eastside developments. We are currently advising on a Sustainability Action Plan for the Eastside development to be formally adopted by the City Council.

Many of us are based in small organisations, which are not funded to be involved in ESAG, but we do so because we understand how important it is that regeneration on such a scale as the Eastside development meets social, economic and environmental needs to a greater extent than the status quo would allow it.

What we see as sustainable development

"Sustainable development" includes social, environmental and economic sustainability. This therefore includes issues of access, equity and social inclusion as well as environmental protection and economic wellbeing.

MEMBERS OF THE EASTSIDE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY GROUP:

Localise West Midlands

LWM works towards the strengthening of local economies for social, environmental and economic wellbeing, by influencing policy, raising awareness and facilitating access to relevant information.

Groundwork Birmingham and Solihull
Groundwork Birmingham and Solihull is an independent not for profit environmental regeneration charity working across Birmingham to help build sustainable communities by working with local people and businesses enabling them to improve the quality of their environment. Groundwork promotes partnership working and is a delivery focused organization that believes that poverty and environmental degradation are two sides of the same coin.

Groundwork Birmingham is the accountable body for the sustainable Eastside programme.

Birmingham Friends of the Earth

Birmingham Friends of the Earth works towards local and global environmental justice by local activism, and by involvement in decision making in the Birmingham area. It is part of the global Friends of the Earth network. BFOE was the coordinator of the "Sustainable Eastside" vision document.

Birmingham Sustainable Energy

Partnership

Birmingham Sustainable Energy Partnership (BSEP) develops partnership working to tackle climate change and fuel poverty through energy efficiency and renewable energy. The Partnership was set up in 2003 by Birmingham City Council, Groundwork, Eaga Partnership, Hestia Services, and NEA.

BSEP manages the Community Energy Support Programme, which enables community organisations to develop sustainable energy projects of all types. For more information call 0121 262 6408.

Birmingham Women's Advice and Information Service

BWAIC is a women only space where we offer citywide front line services within a women only environment. We offer advice, information, crisis counseling, training and facilitation. We also work for positive change in practice policy and legislation.

Birmingham Voluntary Services Council
BVSC is one of the UK's largest Councils for Voluntary Service, operating at a strategic level in Birmingham to strengthen the voluntary and community sectors in the city. BVSC believes that the voluntary sector should be a voice for the voiceless, on the side of those marginalized in society, committed to social justice, and an opponent of discrimination and poverty. sectors in the city.

Environment Agency

It's the Environment Agency's job to look after the environment and make it a better place - for you, and for future generations. This involves regulating waste activities and promoting good practice, managing water resources and protecting us from flooding and by regulating the release of pollutants into air from over 2000 of the larger or more complex industrial processes.

Transport 2000

Transport 2000 is the independent national body concerned with sustainable transport. It looks for answers to transport problems and aims to reduce the environmental and social impact of transport by encouraging less use of cars and more use of public transport, walking and cycling.

Living Streets

Living Streets Birmingham is a branch of the national Living Streets organisation (also known as the Pedestrians Association). It campaigns locally for better streets and public spaces for people on foot. It wants decision makers to consider the form of the street from the viewpoint of users and residents rather than to design traffic corridors