

Greener Places Strategy Consultation

We welcome your say on plans to improve the environment across our area, by giving us your views on the draft Greener Places Strategy. This strategy sets out our plans for improving the network of green and blue spaces (green infrastructure) across South Gloucestershire. This includes introducing our plans to improve and create more habitat for nature, sustain high quality public open spaces and contribute to a green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

With our partners and residents we want to strengthen our work together to achieve a shared vision for 'greener places where people and nature thrive'. We would like to hear your views on our strategy. You can read the strategy and find out more at: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/greenerplaces>

Vision and Objectives

Q1 The Greener Infrastructure has a number of key outcomes that describe what we are doing and what we want to achieve.

How important to you are each of the following outcomes in our strategy?
(Please refer to the strategy on our website: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/greenerplaces>)

	Not at all important	Not that important	Neither important or unimportant	Quite important	Very important
Protect and restore nature - responding to the Nature Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater resilience to the changing climate - responding to the Climate Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable water management 1) - responding to and managing flood and drought risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable water management 2) - improving water quality and wetland habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and wellbeing for all - improving health and wellbeing, reducing inequalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create and maintain sustainable places - maximising the multiple benefits of green infrastructure for healthier, nature rich places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create and maintain valued healthy landscapes - conserving our landscape, heritage and culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support sustainable and local food production - protect the best agricultural land and support local, sustainable food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build a green and resilient economy -greening our high streets with more trees, shrubs and plants, and reducing the environmental footprint of businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stronger working together - with residents, communities, businesses and our partners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*The Greener Places Strategy aims to bring together the council and our partners' ambitions, obligations, priorities and commitments for new and existing green infrastructure in **South Gloucestershire to deliver our vision for 'greener places where people and nature thrive.'***

Q2 How important to you is it that the Council has this vision?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Neither important or unimportant
- Not that important
- Not at all important

Strategy Content

Q3 Overall, how do you rate the content of the strategy?

- Very Good
 Good
 Ok
 Poor
 Very Poor

Q4 Please explain further what you liked or didn't like about the content of the strategy?

Q5 How do you rate our Greener Places Strategy in each of the following areas?

	Very Poor	Poor	Neither Good nor Poor	Good	Very Good
Explanation of the issues that the Greener Places Strategy is tackling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being clear about the actions we plan to take	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How we will measure our progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being relevant to me and my household	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspiring me to do my bit for nature and the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6 Are there any changes you feel inspired to make or anything you are going to do differently for nature and the environment?

Q7 Is there anything you were expecting or hoping to see in the strategy that wasn't included?

Accessing Information

Q8 As part of our plans we will be improving the information we have online about our green spaces and network. What information would you like about our green spaces and network?

- An interactive map which provides information about green spaces near me and further afield so I know where I can go and what is available
- An interactive map which provides information about places which are suitable for a range of needs
- A map and information of green travel routes to visit green spaces in our area
- A map with information about getting involved in local groups that are for green spaces near me
- Reporting issues
- Other

If other, please state:

Improving Our Green Spaces

Q9 How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel safe accessing the green spaces in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I care about being able to support wildlife and protect our natural habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I care about ensuring that nature in our local area is more protected, connected and healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel I have a good understanding of the issues and impact of climate change affecting our environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is important to me that my Council is working to care for and protect our natural habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spending time in nature is good for my wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10 With many green spaces becoming more popular, how important do you think it is to have access to the following?

	Not at all important	Not that important	Neither important or unimportant	Important	Very Important
Areas for reflection/prayer and sensory gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog free areas for some of our busier parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog exercise areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q11 How interested would you be in learning more about any of the following?

	Not at all interested	Not that interested	Not sure	Quite interested	Very interested
Nature friendly gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing your own food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree planting and care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature and wildlife interest talks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Simple ways we can all make small changes to help nature (e.g. organic, local food, eco-friendly cleaning products)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12 Is there anything else you would like to learn more about that would help us do more to help the environment and support our Greener Places Strategy?

Q13 How would you like to receive this information (tick all that apply)?

- Online video
- Webinar
- In-person events
- Other

If other, please state:

Involvement in community and volunteering groups

Q14 Are you involved in any community green space or nature conservation volunteering groups?

- Yes Go to Q15
- No Go to Q17

Q15 If yes, which green space or nature conservation groups are you involved with?

Q16 If you are involved in any groups, do you have any comments about how the council can improve support for green space volunteers and groups?

Q17 If you are not involved in any groups, is this something that might interest you in the future?

- Yes
- No

If yes, and you would like to receive our regular Community Spaces network newsletter, please visit: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/communityspacesnetwork> to find out more.

About you

This section is really important. It's vital that we understand the experiences of a wide range of respondents in order to ensure that everyone is treated equally. By understanding more about what people from diverse backgrounds tell us, we can ensure we act appropriately to meet needs. Any responses to these questions will remain confidential, individuals will not be identified, and personal details will not be published.

Q18 Are you responding as?

- A local resident
- A voluntary, community sector organisation
- A parish or town council
- Other

If 'other' please specify or if you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us its name.

Q19 Please tell us your full postcode i.e. BS* ***

Q20 Are you?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Q21 How old are you?

- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 75
- Over 75
- Prefer not to say

Q22 Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (please tick all that apply)

- No
- Prefer not to say
- Yes - Physical impairment
- Yes - Sensory impairment
- Yes - Mental health condition
- Yes - Learning disability/ difficulty or cognitive impairment
- Yes - Long standing illness or health condition
- Yes - Other (please state below)

Q23 Please tell us your ethnic origin

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Other | <input type="checkbox"/> White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - African | <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Traveller | |

If other, please specify

Q24 Sexual Orientation:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay woman/ lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay man | <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

Q25 Do you identify as transgender?

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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Q26 Religion/ belief

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other religion (please state below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> No religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

Q27 What types of private outdoor space do you have access to?

- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front garden / yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof garden / terrace | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back garden / yard | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared or communal outdoor space | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balcony | | |

Other, please specify:

Thank you for taking the time to tell us your views.

Please return your completed survey by **Sunday 12th September 2021** by posting it to: Freepost Plus RTX-L-YHGY-GSYS, South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Research & Consultation Team, Council offices, Badminton Road, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5AF

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