

# Newcastle Declaration on Blue and Green Infrastructure


We, as signatories of the Newcastle Declaration on Blue and Green Infrastructure, confirm our commitment to expanding the amount of blue and green infrastructure in towns and cities across the UK. In establishing the Declaration, we acknowledge that:

- Flooding has a significant effect on the quality of life of our residents and the performance of the North east economy;
- Without continued effort, climate change threatens to increase this;
- Proactive investment in preparing for flooding is considerably cheaper and more preferable than dealing with damages;
- Investment in blue and green infrastructure has a significant role to play in managing flood risk in urban areas; and that
- Implementing such infrastructure can also make a significant positive contribution to many other important areas of life, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, biodiversity, urban cooling, culture, quality of life and the economy.

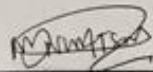
We therefore commit to the following:

- Providing local, regional and national leadership, encouraging and collaborating with others to increase the uptake of blue and green infrastructure;
- Developing a supportive policy framework;
- Encouraging alternative ways of working and funding models to realise multiple benefits;
- Continuing to build and share data, knowledge and understanding to support the implementation of these approaches; and
- Raising awareness and building capacity amongst communities to develop and maintain blue and green infrastructure, as part of wider resilience building initiatives.

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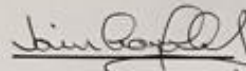
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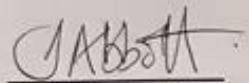
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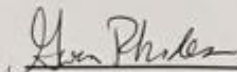
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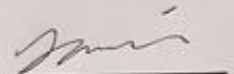
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