

**Regional Economic Strategy 2006-16 Implementation Plan  
Draft Action Plan for Target 13 Natural Resources and the Environment**

**Summary**

To safeguard the natural environment of the South East as a critical regional asset now and in the future. Through an integrated approach to land management and the provision of green infrastructure improve and secure future social, environmental and economic benefits

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Improved ecosystem services, resulting in better public health/well-being and net environmental benefit, including costs of environmental crisis e.g. flooding (Baseline still to be established)

Priority Actions and Activities	Contribution to the Target	Partner(s) (lead partner(s) in bold)	Timescales			Required Funding	Funding source(s)
			07-08	08-11	12-16		
<b>1. Quality natural environment, including inter-connected green spaces and space for water</b>							
<p><b>Develop a strategic approach to future land use (and management)</b> challenges and pressures affecting sustainable development and the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.</p> <p><b>1 Horizon scanning</b> to identify new and emerging trends and developments across social, technological, economic, environmental and political arenas</p> <p><b>2.</b> Analysis of drivers of change and longer-term implications for land use and the region's natural environment.</p>	Steers current and future investment affecting the natural environment.	<b>Natural England , Environmental Agency</b> , SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs					

<p><b>3. Development of future land use Scenarios</b> including marine, coastal, urban and rural to identify key risks to, or opportunities for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.</p>							
<p><b>Future proofing</b> Current actions to be future proofed to ensure they are positively contributing to environmental sustainability</p>	<p>Ensures current actions are working towards our goals</p>	<p><b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs</b></p>					
<p><b>Use case studies to test integration</b> of environmental objectives into socio-economic programmes and the interaction of urban, peri-urban and rural issues</p>	<p>Test cutting-edge land management practices in delivering multiple benefits with multiple partners</p>	<p><b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs</b></p>					
<p>Further build and refine the evidence base <u>to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o meet the challenge of maintaining environmental quality alongside economic growth in the next round of regional spatial planning</li> <li>o keep under review the targeting of RDPE programmes</li> </ul>	<p>Pre-empting RSS first review. Pre-empting S-N-R Building in Climate Change Adaptation.</p>	<p><b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs</b></p>					
<p>Develop a more coordinated approach to land management between owners, managers and funding streams to ensure greater benefit for the SE through a 'joined up' approach.</p>	<p>Better alignment of objectives and work streams to deliver greater benefits from existing resources</p>	<p><b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs</b></p>					

<b>2. Green infrastructure built into new development</b>							
Develop a Regional Green Infrastructure Framework (covering role, function, spatial priorities, standards and delivery) and provide regional support and leadership for delivery of Green Infrastructure	Provide guidance to LA's, developers, LSPs etc on the value and need for GI. This is linked to the RSS Implementation Plan.	<b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE</b> and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs					
Develop a methodology and baseline for calculating the economic value of ecosystem services provided by GI.	Provide GI with an economic value that can be factored into investment decisions in the planning of new developments	<b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE</b> and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs					
Providing support/ understanding to Developers on the requirement to deliver on Green Infrastructure planning policies (RSS and LDF). Taking policy in to delivery.	Regional Green Infrastructure Framework to provide basis in which to translate growth/ economic growth into well designed/ constructed development with green infrastructure incorporated.	<b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE</b> and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs , Developers					
Collate best practice for sharing across the region	Develop a common resource on how to deliver GI and secure multiple benefits, through the use of examples.	<b>Natural England , Environmental Agency, SEERA, SEEDA, GOSE</b> and key statutory and NGO regional environmental partners, LAs, Developers					