



# Governance is key to integrating tree policies into highway policies

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# NORTH OF TYNE PERSPECTIVE

Newcastle Upon Tyne

North Tyneside

Northumberland



# PLANNING AND HIGHWAY POLICY

- National Planning Policy Framework (2012)
- S106 Agreement (Town and Country Planning Act 1990)
- Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010)
- Manual for streets (2007)
- Manual for streets 2 (2010)
- Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (2010)
- S278 Agreement (Highway Act 1980)
- S38 Agreement (Highway Act 1980)

# PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

- Highway Tree Licences
- Management and Maintenance Agreements
- Private Developments



# HIGHWAY TREE LICENCES

- University of Northumbria at Newcastle campus redevelopment
- Northumberland Road adopted highway through campus
- Trees licensed and maintained by the University



Plan – James Brewer One Associates

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→ Northumberland Road



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# MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

→ Whitfield Green



Plan – Whitfield Green

# MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

→ Portland Green



Photo - Portland Green



# MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

→ Loansdean



Photo - Loansdean

# PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS

→ The Malings



Photo -The Malings, Ouseburn Valley

# PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS

→ La Sagesse



Photo – La Sagesse, Jesmond, David Wilson Homes

# LANDSCAPING SOLUTIONS SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED

- Sites adjacent to highway changed from office to residential
- Poor quality space created
- Engineering solution to an issue that the development has created



Photo- Northumbrian Way

# CHALLENGES



- Dispelling cost and maintenance concerns
- Identifying critical success factors through research and review
- Providing education to ensure the benefits of trees understood

# OPPORTUNITIES



Local Planning Policies and  
Guidance

New Technology and AV zones offer  
additional developable land

Local Lead Flood Authorities and  
Sustainable Urban Drainage

## Summary

- Trees are being introduced into new developments and the existing public realm in different ways.
- Challenges include: dispelling cost and maintenance myths, promoting smarter working and wider discussion and reinforcing the positive message about trees.
- Opportunities include: emerging policy and guidance, new technology and requirement to manage local flood risk.

## The Future?



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