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"We the mayors and governors of the world's leading cities. ask you to recognise that the future of our globe will be won or lost in the cities of the world."

Copenhagen Climate Change communiqué, December 2009



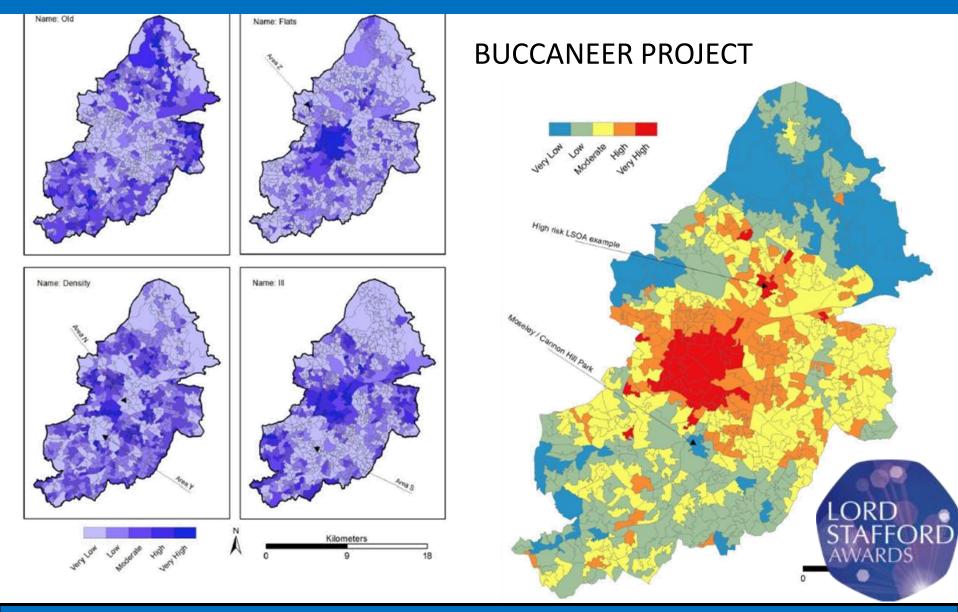


#### **UK Statistics 2012**

- % UK classified as urban?
- % of UK population living as urban?
- % urban areas not built form?
- % total of England built on?
- % GHG & natural resources global cities?



Non-communicable diseases represent a new frontier in the fight to improve global health. Worldwide, the increase in such diseases means that they are now responsible for more deaths than all other causes combined. Secretary General United Nations 2011

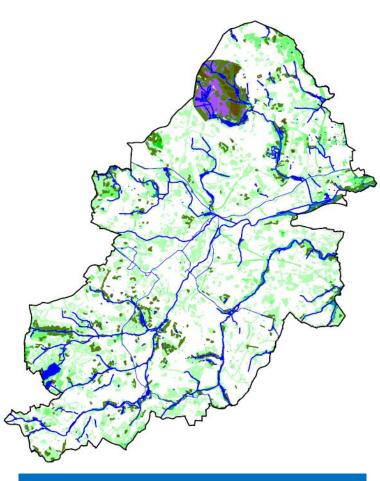


"The UK NEA provides a comprehensive overview of the state of the natural environment in the UK and a new way of estimating our national wealth"



Synthesis of the Key Findings

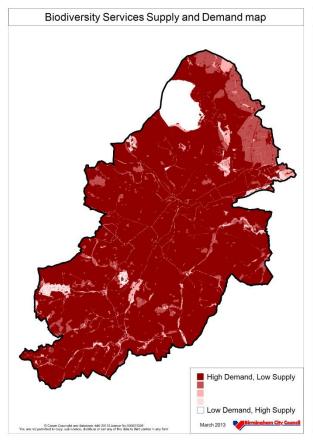


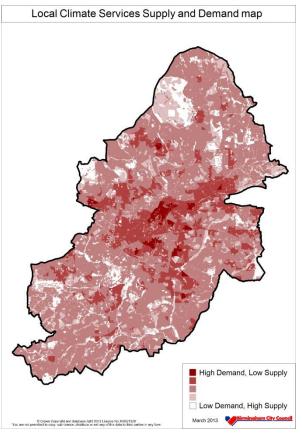


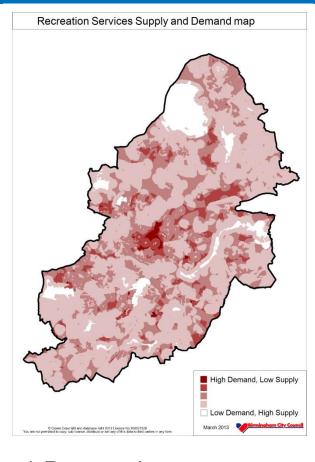
Birmingham – a UK first

Foreword

Lord Selbourne, 2011





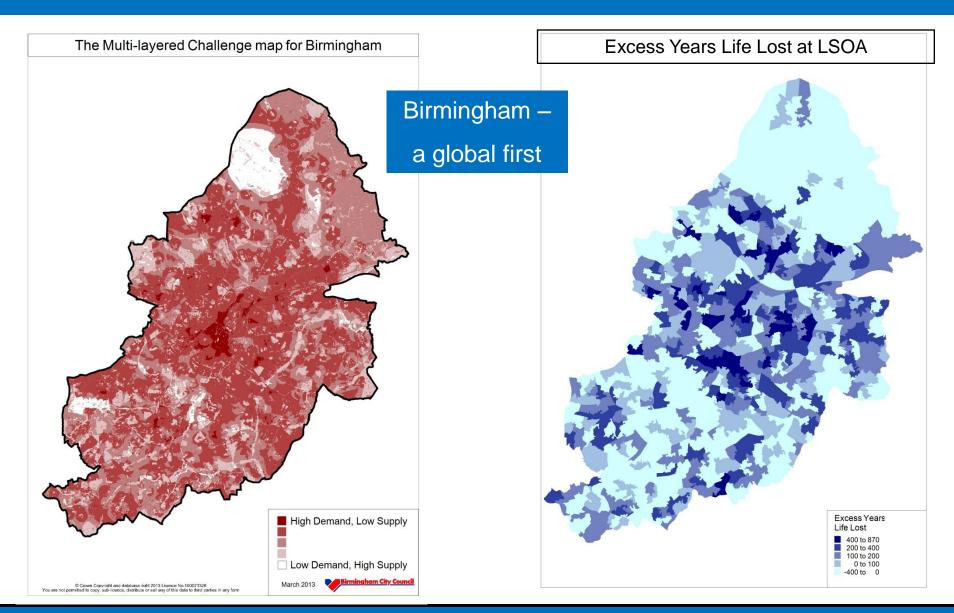


Biodiversity

\* Local Climate

\* Recreation

Education



| Principle                           | Outcome   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| An Adapted City                     | Retain City's top ranking for adaptation  |
|                                     | <ul> <li>◆Ensure all future growth is adapted</li> <li>◆Trees for cooling and thermal insulation</li> <li>◆Green roofs, walls and street canyon research</li> </ul>                               |
| The City's Blue<br>Network          | Adopt water sensitive urban design  |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Integrated SuDS, flood and water management solutions</li> <li>Blueprint for enhance walking and cycling offer</li> <li>Blue Corridor/ network policy with Canal Rivers Trust</li> </ul> |
| A Healthy City                      | Adopt Natural Health Improvement Zones (NHIZ)   |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Integrate the delivery of health and green living spaces</li> <li>Continue to extend the 'Be Active' offer</li> <li>Public Health as key partners in Planning</li> </ul>                 |
| The City's Productive<br>Landscapes | Embrace urban forestry and urban food growing   |
|                                     | Continue to promote allotments     Facilitate community food growing and orchards     Promote the multiple benefits of urban forestry   |
| The City's Greenways                | Change gear- to a walking and cycling City  |
|                                     | Create walkable/ cyclable neighbourhoods     Citywide signed routes linked to public transport     Link healthcare activities and prevention programmes   |
| The City's Ecosystem                | Birmingham as a Biophilic City  |
|                                     | <ul> <li>City to adopt an ecosystem services approach</li> <li>Partners to lead on District Nature Improvement Area plans</li> <li>Birmingham to join global Biophilic Cities Network</li> </ul>  |
| The City's Green Living Spaces      | Birmingham an international City of Green Living Spaces   |
|                                     | ◆Adopt the 7 principles across Planning Framework     ◆Green Infrastructure and Adaptation Delivery Group   |

BiophilicCities - Cities that achieve a deep affinity with nature



#### Biophilic City Framework 3- for Urban Prosperity, Health, and Beauty

Acting as true pioneers, cities who embrace a global Biophilic City accreditation program will reduce global pressures on humanitarian and environmental limits.

Doing so will create an economy producing durable economic prosperity and community well being within those limits and consistent with the principles of the earth's biosphere and primary economy – our regenerative life support system.

