The NEIC Greening Strategy

URBAN GREENING HELPS TO

Screen Landscapes
Not everything in cities is aesthetically pleasing and in some instances, trees and other vegetation can be of assistance in screening undesirable views.

Attenuate Storm Water
Trees help to reduce localised flooding by intercepting rainfall and maintaining soil permeability.

Improve Aesthetics
Trees bring a sense of place and maturity to new developments, whilst larger species help to create a more human scale to old and existing townscapes.

Assist Recovery
Trees help improve recovery times from illness, reduces stress and improves mental health and wellbeing.

Create Focal Points
to improve social cohesion and reduce crime.

Improve Air Quality
by filtering fine particles from the air to reduce pollution and improve health.

Save Energy
Trees located alongside buildings can act as a secondary insulating layer, regulating temperatures around buildings. If well placed, trees can help keep buildings cool in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Increase Biodiversity and Habitat
Tree diversity benefits a host of insects, birds and mammals in our towns and cities.

Store Carbon
As trees grow they accumulate carbon in their woody tissues, reducing the amount of this greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.

Provide Shade
Trees cool the air by providing shade and through evapotranspiration from their leaves. Larger canopy species are particularly effective.

Create Urban Forest Food
Trees provide fruit and nuts for wildlife and humans. They also provide an important source of nectar for bees and other insects.