

ACHIEVING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE UK

New Strategic Processes

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- CABI Space Enabling
- Design Review Panels
- Ecotowns

Towards an Urban Renaissance

Final Report of the Urban Task Force
Chaired by Lord Rogers of Riverside



Commission for **A**rchitecture
& the **B**uilt **E**nvironment





Green Spaces, Better Places



Final report of
The Urban Green Spaces
Taskforce



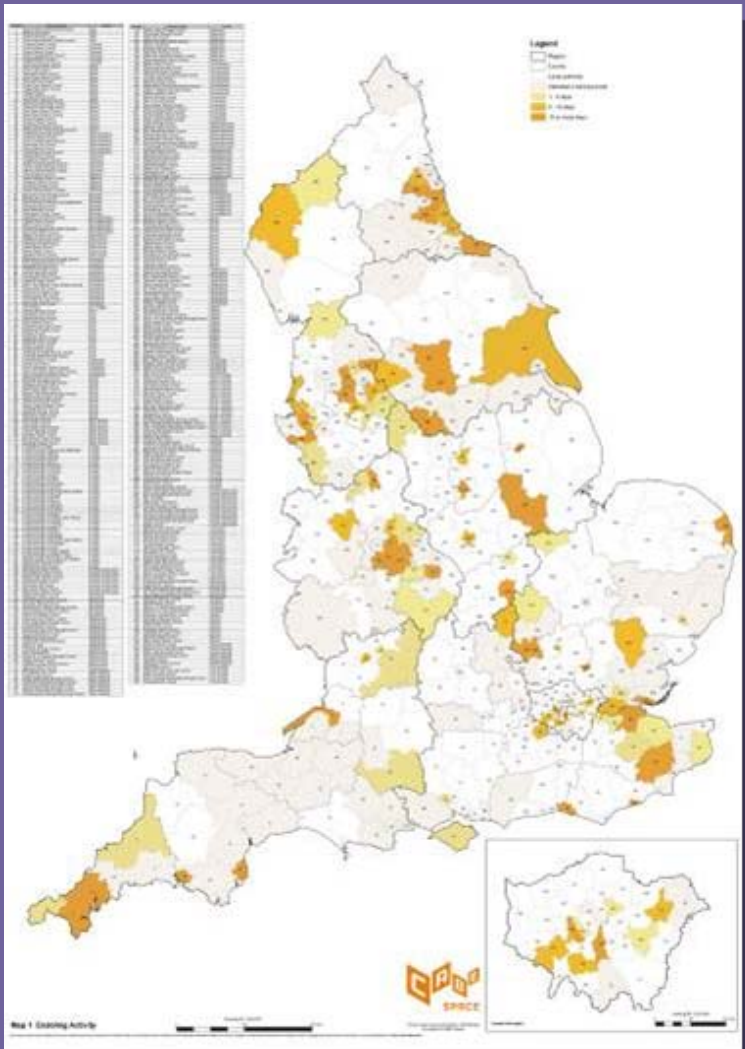
CABE Space "Enabling"

What is CABE Space “enabling”?



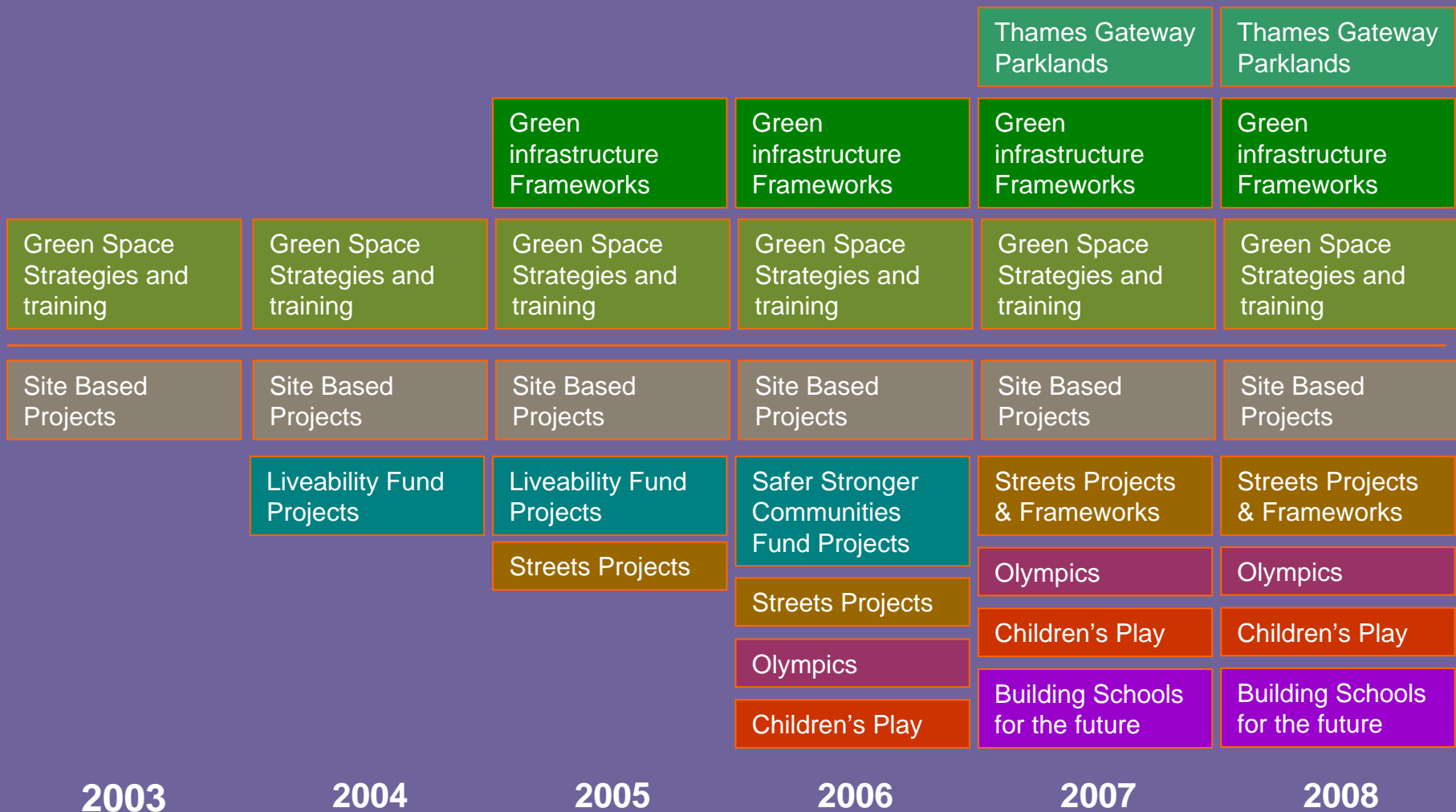
- **A way of improving urban greenspace**
- **140 expert enablers**
- **Funded by central government**
- **A transfer of knowledge and expertise**
- **May include planning, design, management & maintenance**
- **Impartial advice and support, not free consultancy!**

“Enabling” support in England



- >100 local authorities supported with strategic & site based advice since 2003
- local authority greenspace strategies: **2006 – 6%**
2008 – 20%
- best practice developed & promoted
- www.cabe.org.uk

How “enabling” support has developed





Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy 2008

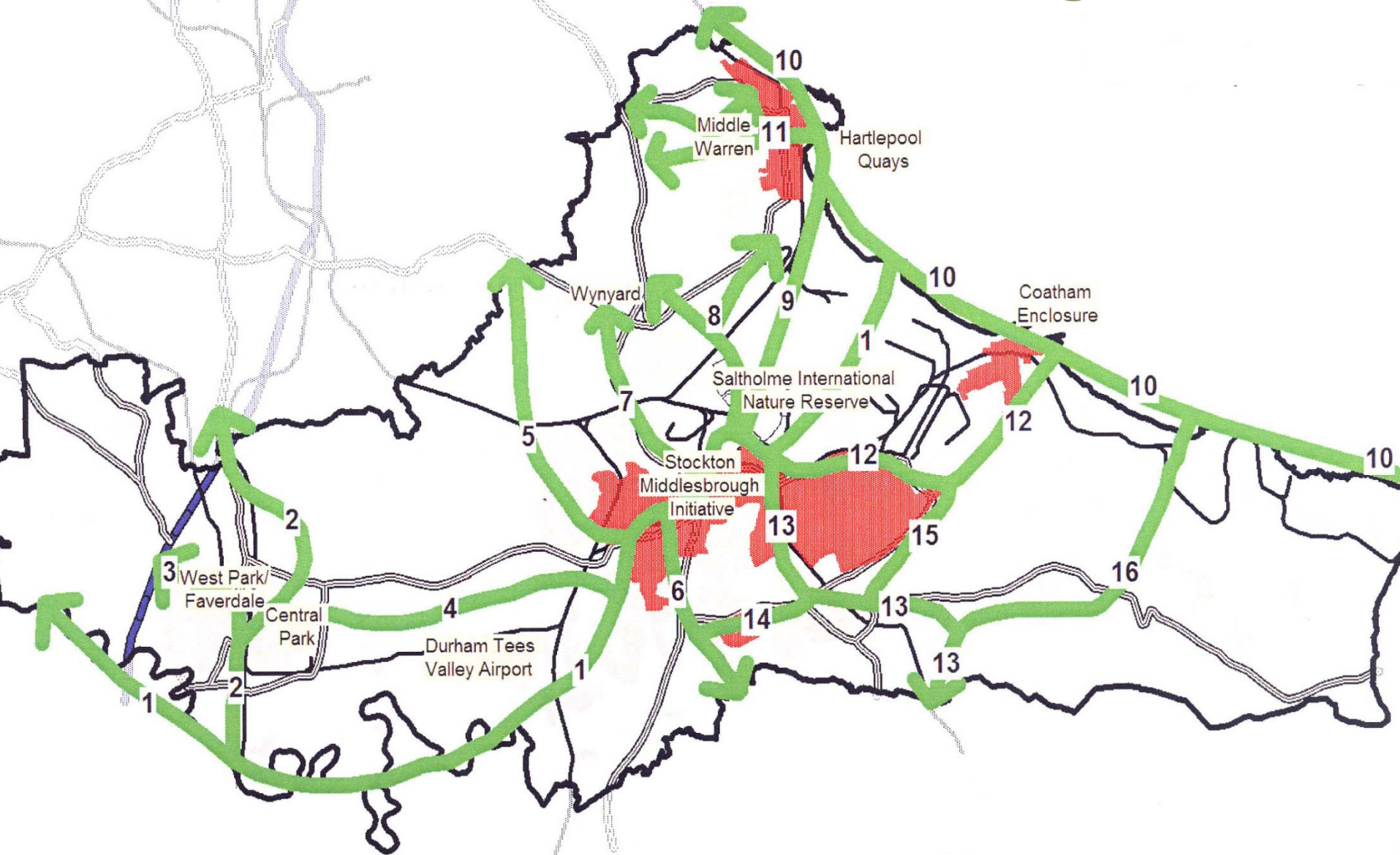
Enhancing the environment and achieving the
economic and sustainable vision





TEES VALLEY

TEES VALLEY Green Infrastructure Strategic Plan



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Enabler role



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Enabler role

- supported partnership working
- assisted with development of strategy & implementation plans
- helped to separate strategic & operational issues
- assisted with business case to regional government → £££
- made links with partners in other regions → joint commissioning of research



Barking
Riverside



2012
Olympic
Village

London Thames Gateway

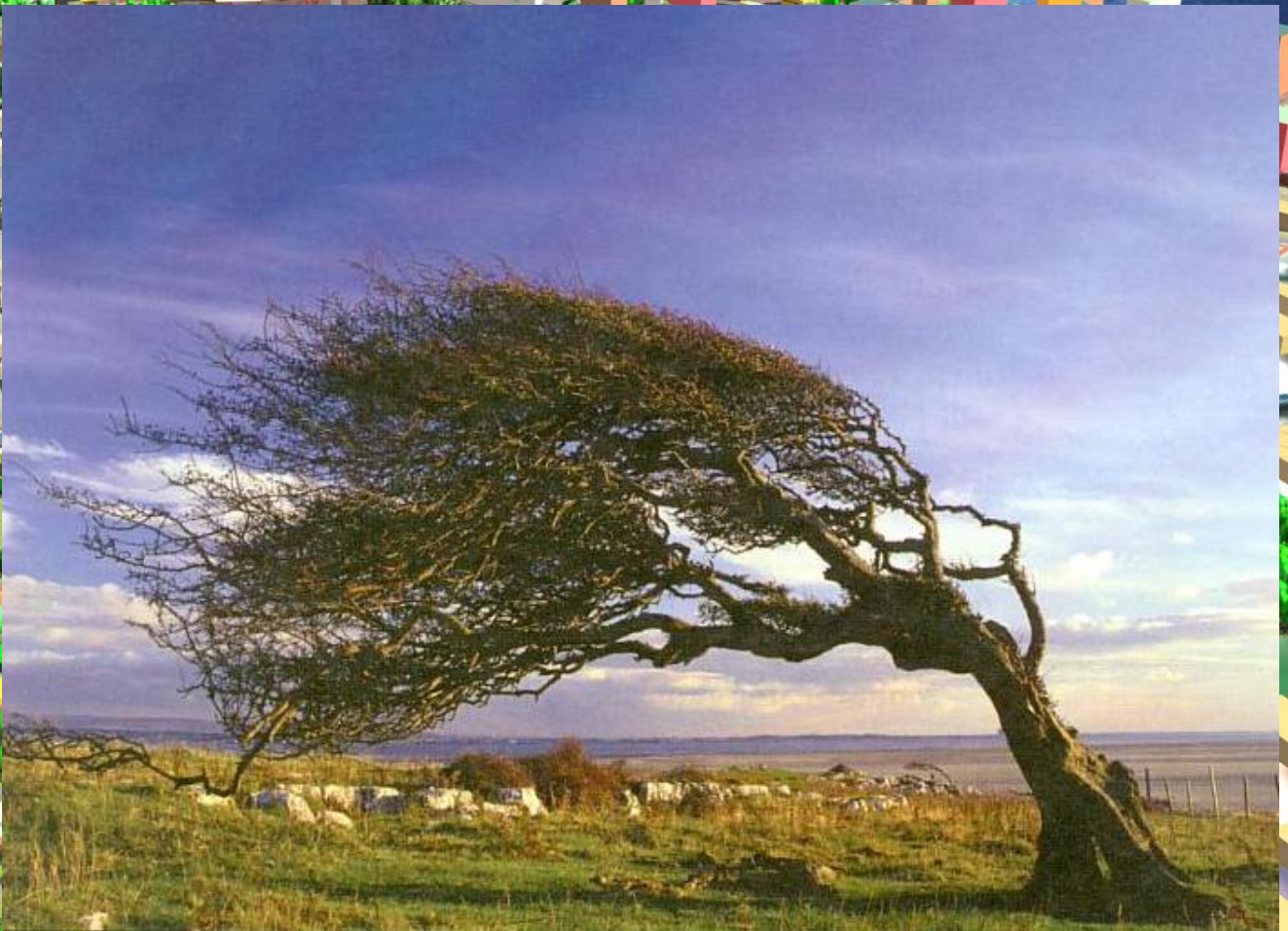
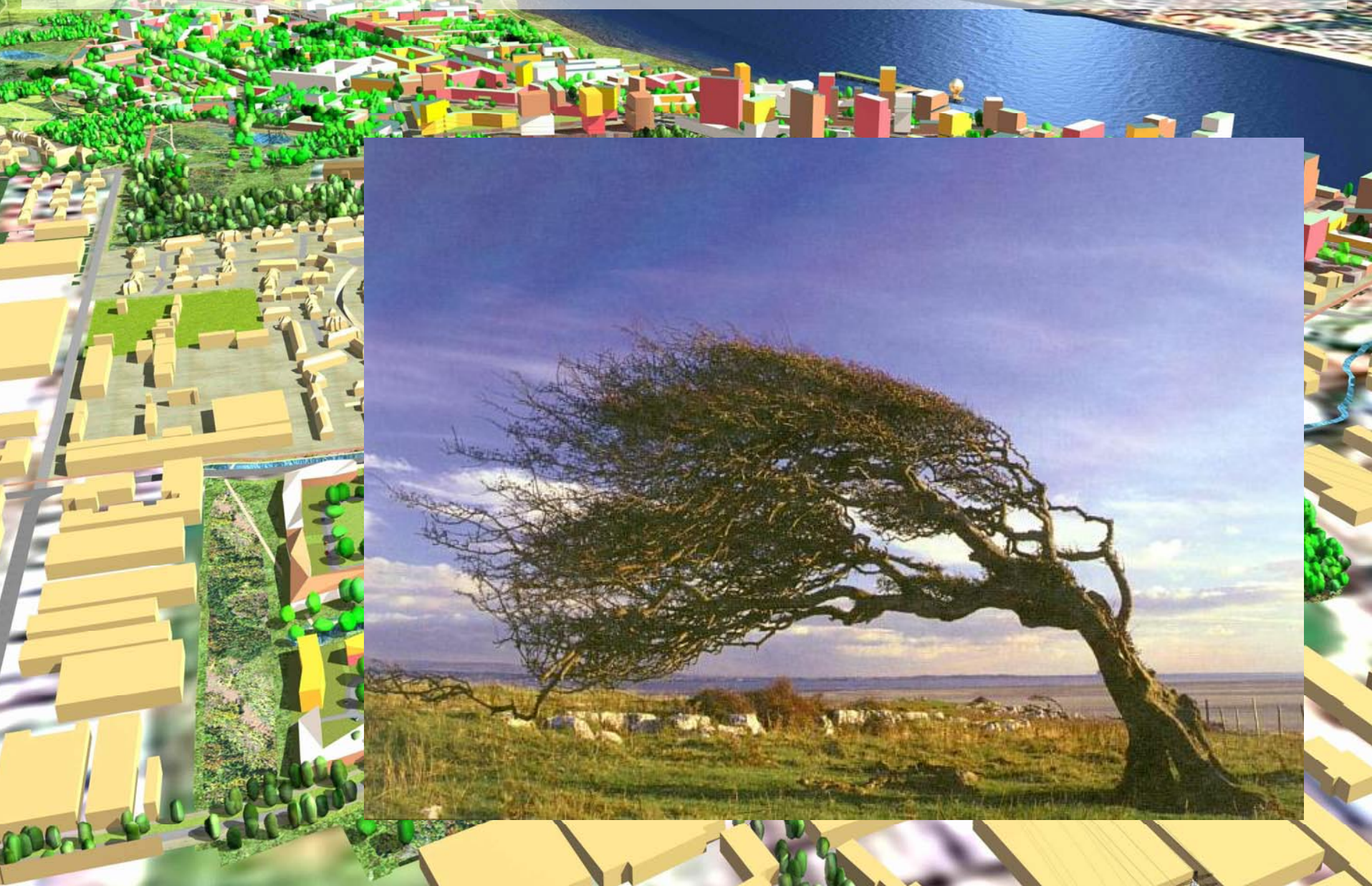
Government
appointed

DESIGN
REVIEW
PANELS

for
major
regeneration
projects

BARKING RIVERSIDE

11,000 new homes beside the Thames



LONDON 2012 Olympic Village

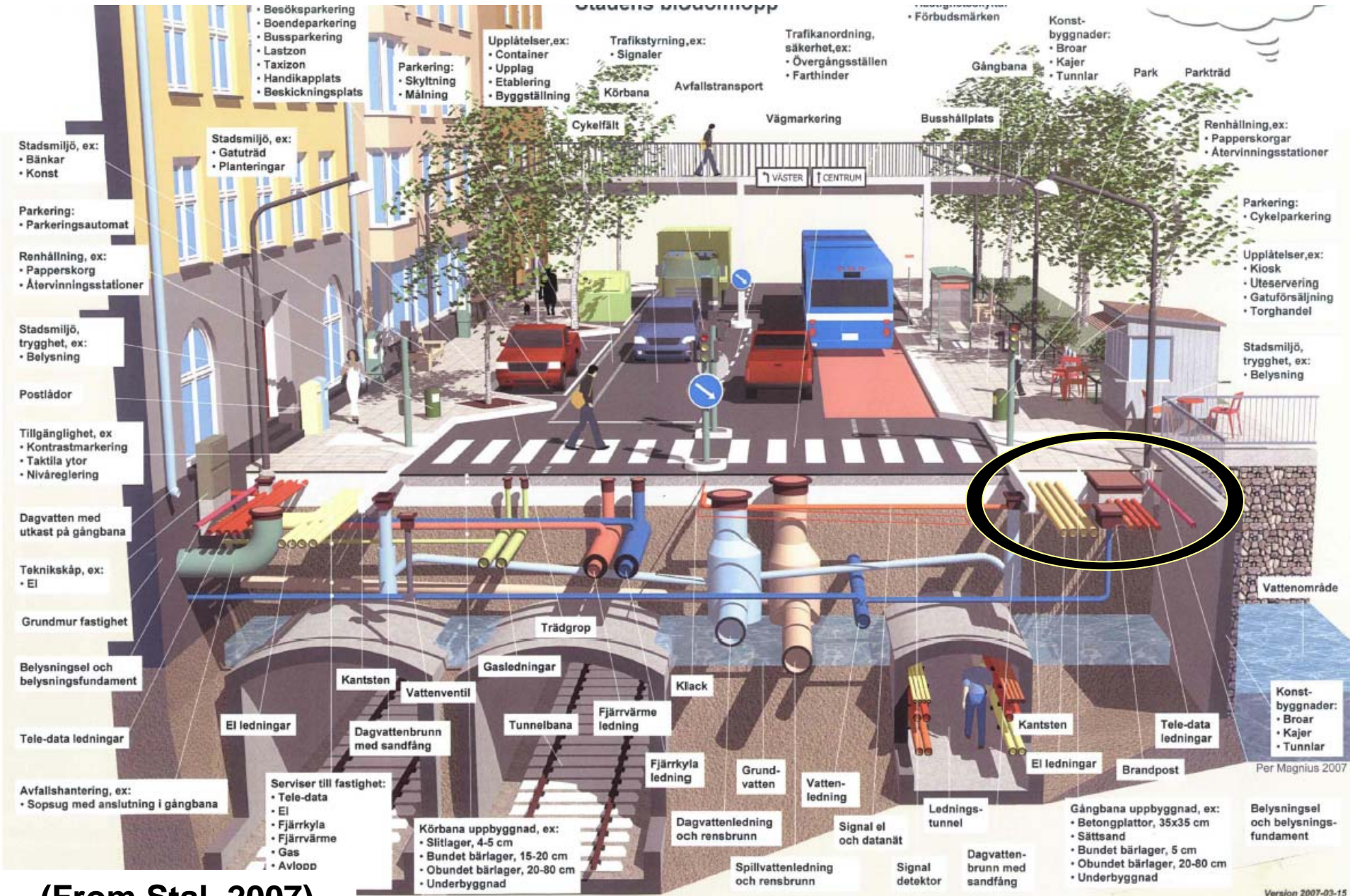


LONDON 2012 Olympic Village



street
trees

Trees and utilities



(From Stal, 2007)



ECOTOWNS

A landscape photograph showing a green valley with a small town and two industrial chimneys emitting smoke against a hazy, orange-tinted sky.

- UK government initiative
- Competition – 15 proposals
- First four announced April 2009
- Contrasting new locations
- Public/private partnerships
- Commitment to 40% greenspace & ecosystem services

WATCH THIS SPACE



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