## Delivering Nature-based Solutions for a resilient urban Scotland

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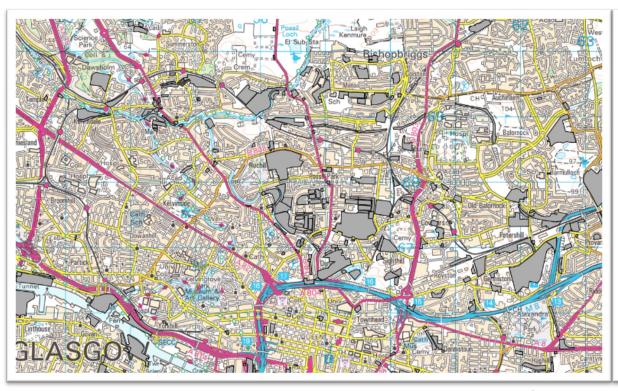
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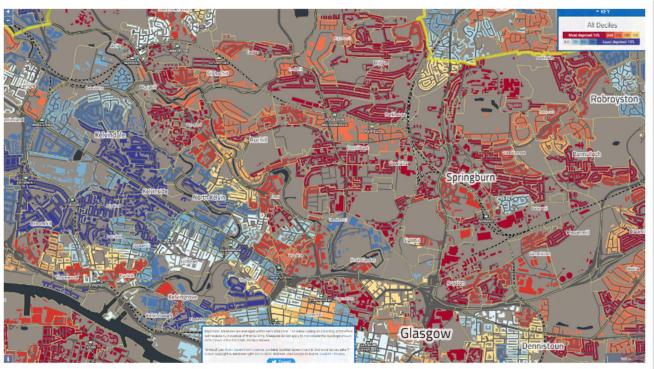




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## Outcomes

- 1. Nature, biodiversity and ecosystems
- 2. Environmental quality, flooding and climate change
- 3. Involving communities and increasing participation
- 4. Increasing place attractiveness and competitiveness
- 5. Improving health and wellbeing

## **ERDF** Horizontal Themes

- 1. Sustainable development
- 2. Equal Opportunities and Non-Discrimination
- 3. Equality between Men and Women









"I'm old enough to remember it as a golf course, I grew up in this area. It is a huge change, it just looks so nice. Even today (dull and cold) when we were up there is was busy, mainly dog walkers, but there were other people, like a gran and grandpa up there with a wee one. You do see it becoming part of the community. People feel ownership of that, there is a huge change in this."

"A lot of our children talk about not having the opportunities within the community to go out and play outside and the safety aspects. Having that wide open space to run and play in fills them with so much excitement and enthusiasm and for some of our children who sometimes feel that the environment in school isn't the best learning situation, giving them this other environment to learn in has sparked a lot of excitement for writing, for talking and listening, and imaginative games."

"It's completely changed how I've looked at outdoor learning. Because our playground is so limited in the space we have got and it is mainly concrete...having the different trees, different terrain, even the aspect of it being hills, it has improved the fitness, and the stamina and resilience of the children has changed."





"I'll always remember one of the first groups we took over. One wee boy said it was the best day ever. He went from being a wee boy that was quite timid being outside and not very fit to being a wee boy that would try to climb trees and loved it."















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