

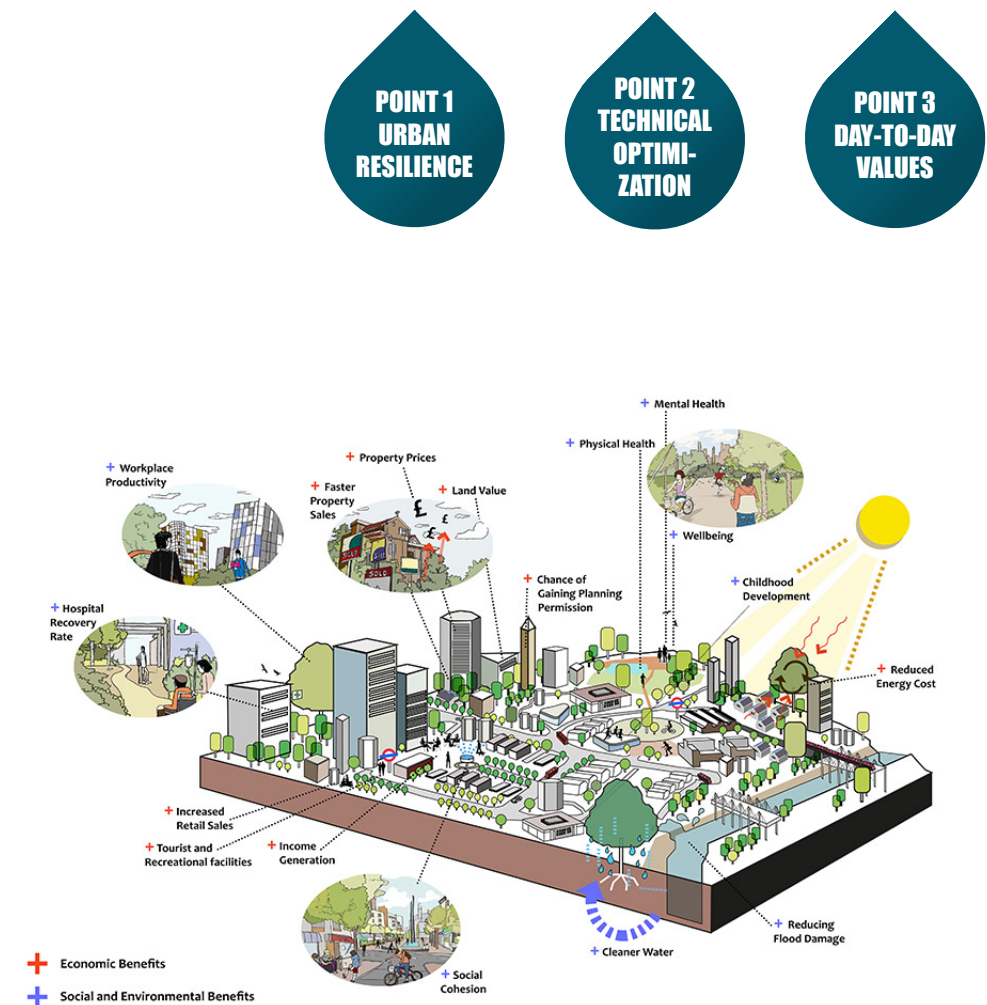
# Green Infrastructure Audit

*Green Infrastructure Audit is the accurate mapping, description and analysis of green infrastructure features and elements within a defined area. The features include green spaces, such as parks, roof gardens and allotments, as well as individual plants, such as street trees. The purpose of the audit is to evaluate the functional benefits of the existing green infrastructure and identify its potential for improvement.*

**Why:** The green infrastructure network consists of different kinds of elements including public parks and green spaces, but also private gardens and structures, such as green walls. A *green infrastructure audit* helps in understanding the overall functionality of the system as well as being a way to build collaboration between public and private land and property owners in developing the urban green infrastructure. The aim is to identify targeted opportunities for improving the existing green infrastructure within a study area. New locations are also pinpointed to provide additional green infrastructure features to the area.

**How:** The audit is done in collaboration with local stakeholders. It includes the analysis of key issues or drivers of development and the local planning context. The existing green infrastructure features are accurately mapped and the provided functional benefits described. The audit is completed with a delivery plan, suggesting potential and prioritised projects that are needed to solve the challenges indicated and to enhance the functional benefits of a green infrastructure.

**Good to know:** The green infrastructure audit not only addresses stormwater issues, but also pays attention to the overall quality and functionality of the urban space. The method has great potential to be further developed and more widely adopted in the future.



*Green Infrastructure Audit best practice guide (Arup).*

## More information

Victoria Business District green infrastructure auditing report (PDF):  
[www.victoriabid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/BestPracticeGuide\\_A4-10.pdf](http://www.victoriabid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/BestPracticeGuide_A4-10.pdf)

