



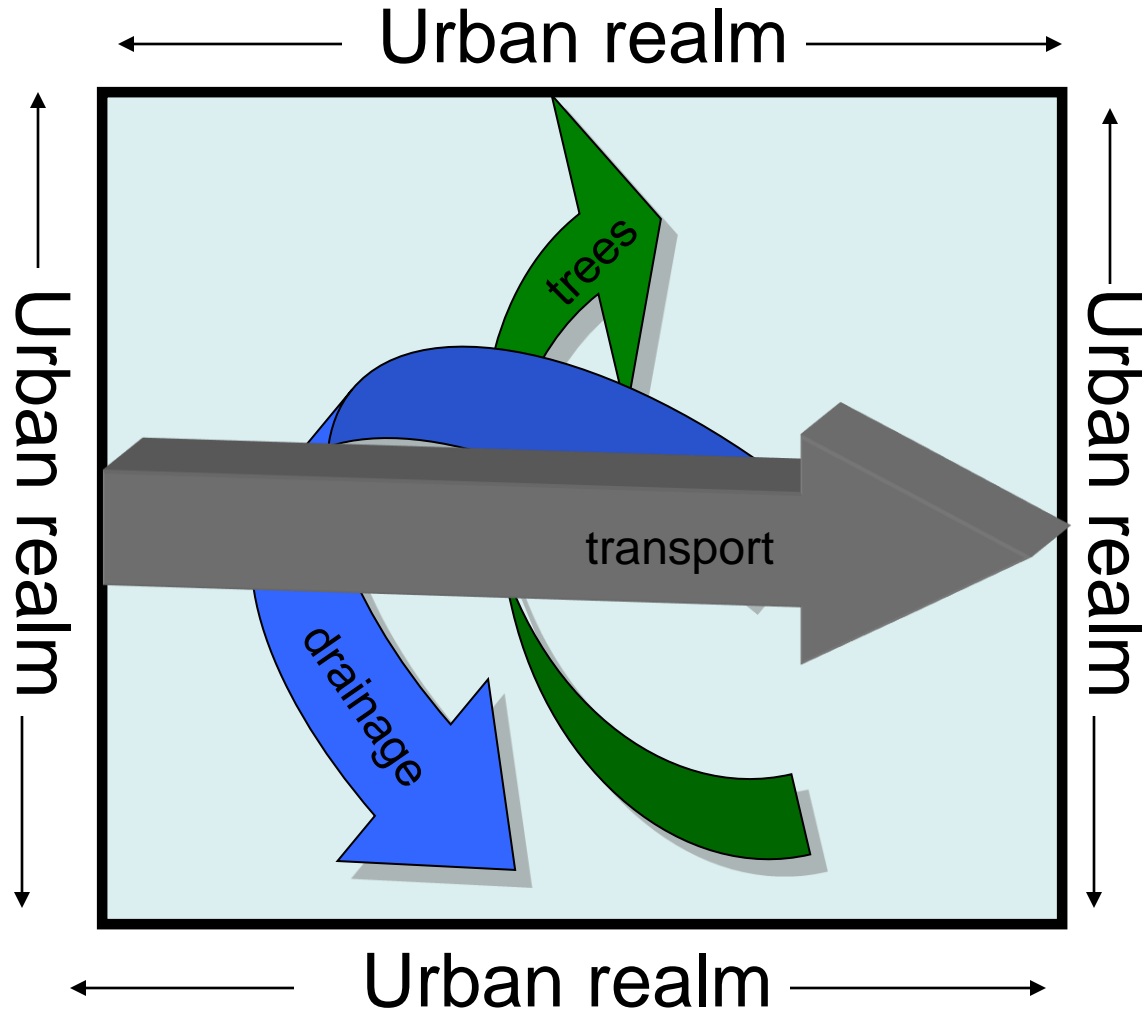
GOING UNDERGROUND

Designing with Trees





A daunting density and complexity of constraints



**0.5% of the UK grey infrastructure budget
= 141% increase of our green infrastructure
budget**

The underworld allocation process



Perceived constraints to delivery of sustainable GI?

- Developers renege on GI delivery once they have planning permission
- Highways engineers are anti trees
- Utility companies destroy trees
- Numbers driven political agendas
- GI design lacks appropriate specialist input
- Failure to secure management budgets



Blah blah blah trees blah

Tree people like talking to tree people

Recognising opportunities



Car parks offer large areas of urban open space











**Flexi-Pave: recycled
tyres, aggregate and
bonding agent create
highly permeable, flexible
wearing surface**



Operation Stack turns M20 into lorry park and tailbacks stretch 20 MILES as Channel Tunnel travel chaos enters sixth day

Requirements for access to railway
Infrastructure unknown
- possible constraints in relation to wayleaves

May be possible to link attenuation area vegetation to railway embankment vegetation

Drainage line alterations may need to be considered

Development close to farm outbuildings but away from farmhouse

Additional planting on existing bank could help to screen views of the entrance area

Indicative attenuation area - c.3500m² -
Could be combined with opportunities for wetland planting

Existing entrance road used - If possible high-level lighting should be at base of slope by fence

Existing pond and scrub retained, with scope to enhanced connectivity through establishing a new network of hedges and small copses.

Any surplus fill could be utilised in this area to help screen entrance area, but uniform or steep outer faces should be avoided

Opportunity to establish new hedgerow close to former field boundary

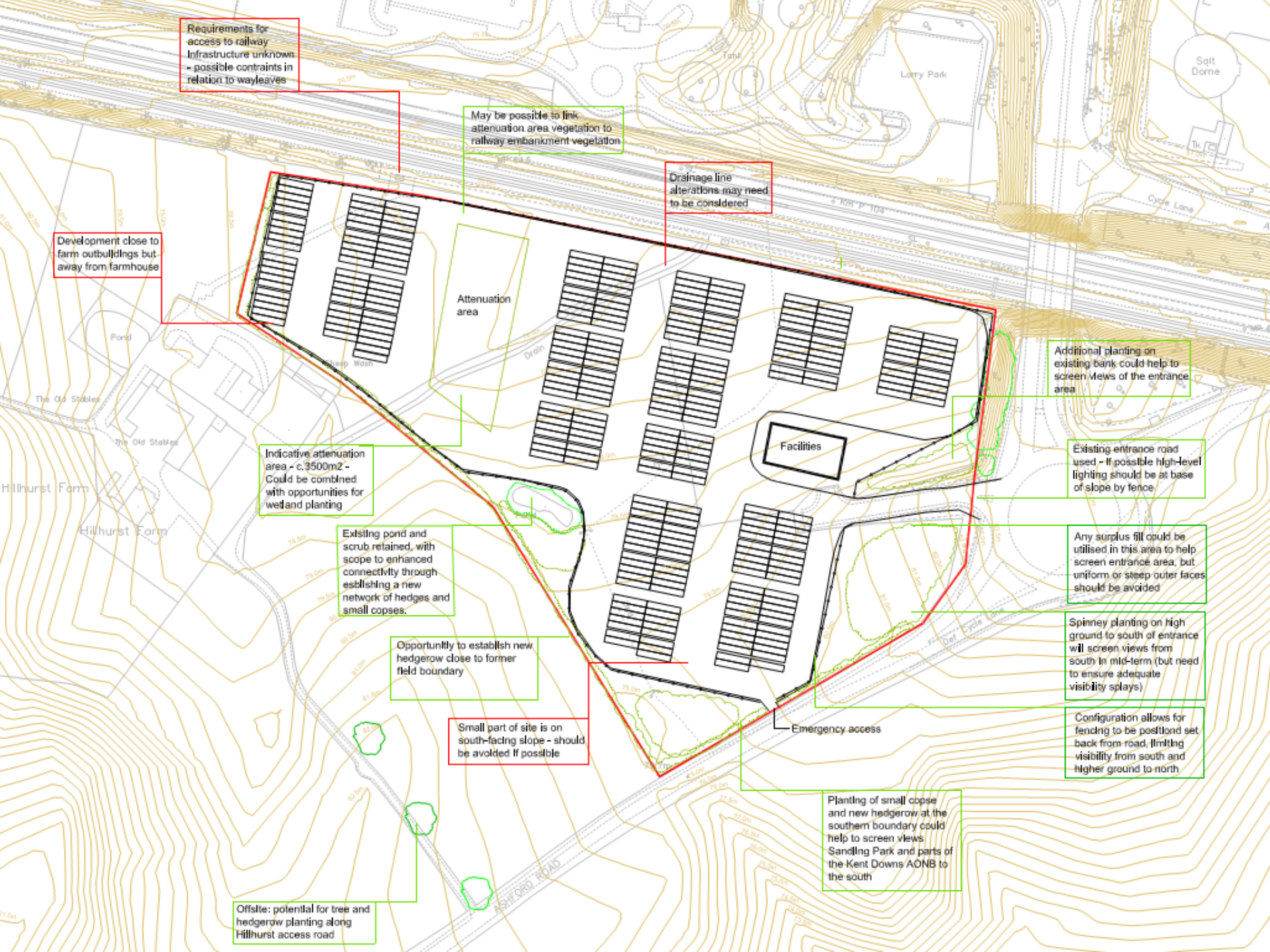
Spinney planting on high ground to south of entrance will screen views from south in mid-term (but need to ensure adequate visibility splays)

Small part of site is on south-facing slope - should be avoided if possible

Configuration allows for fencing to be positioned set back from road, limiting visibility from south and higher ground to north

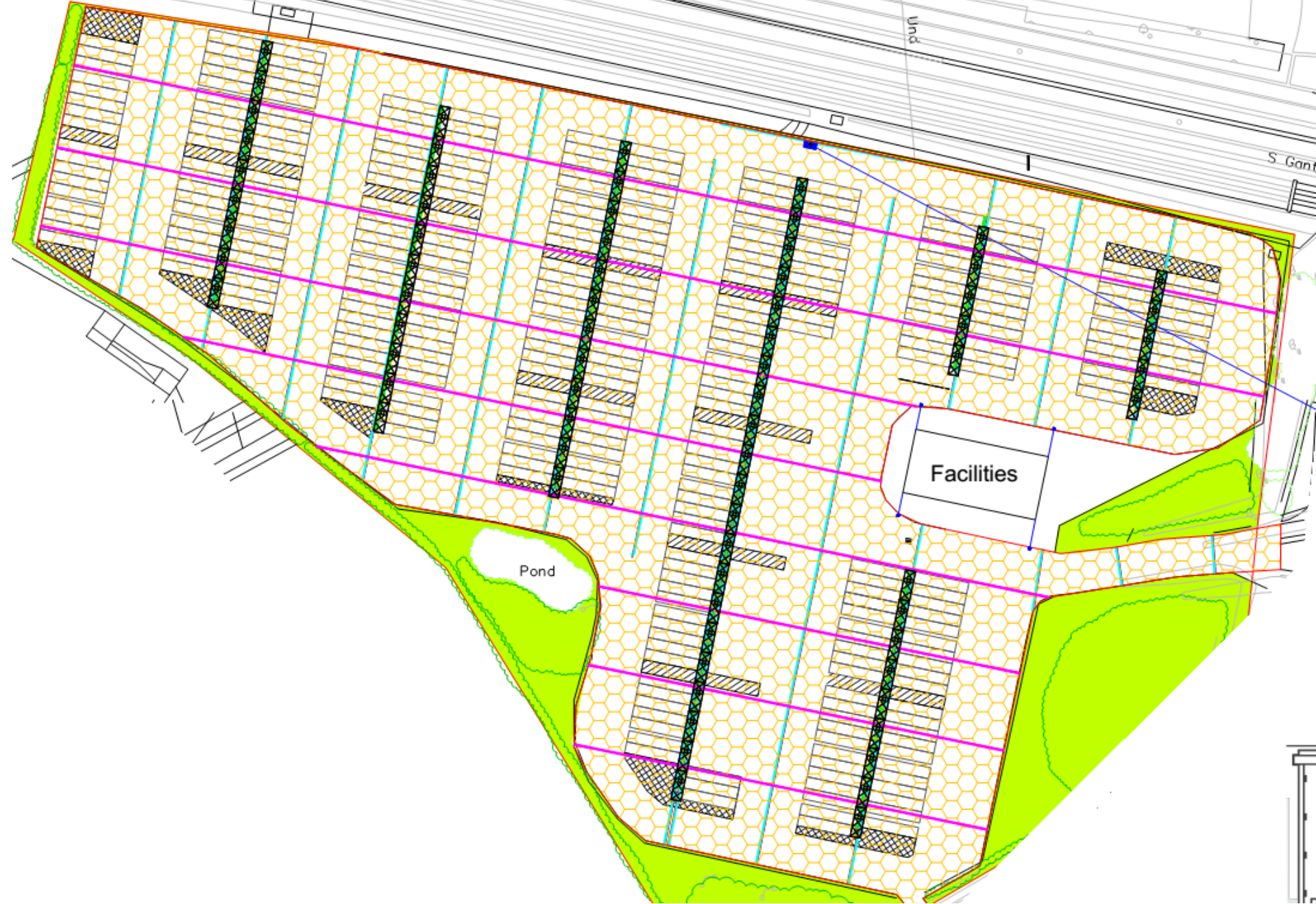
Offsite: potential for tree and hedgerow planting along Hillhurst access road

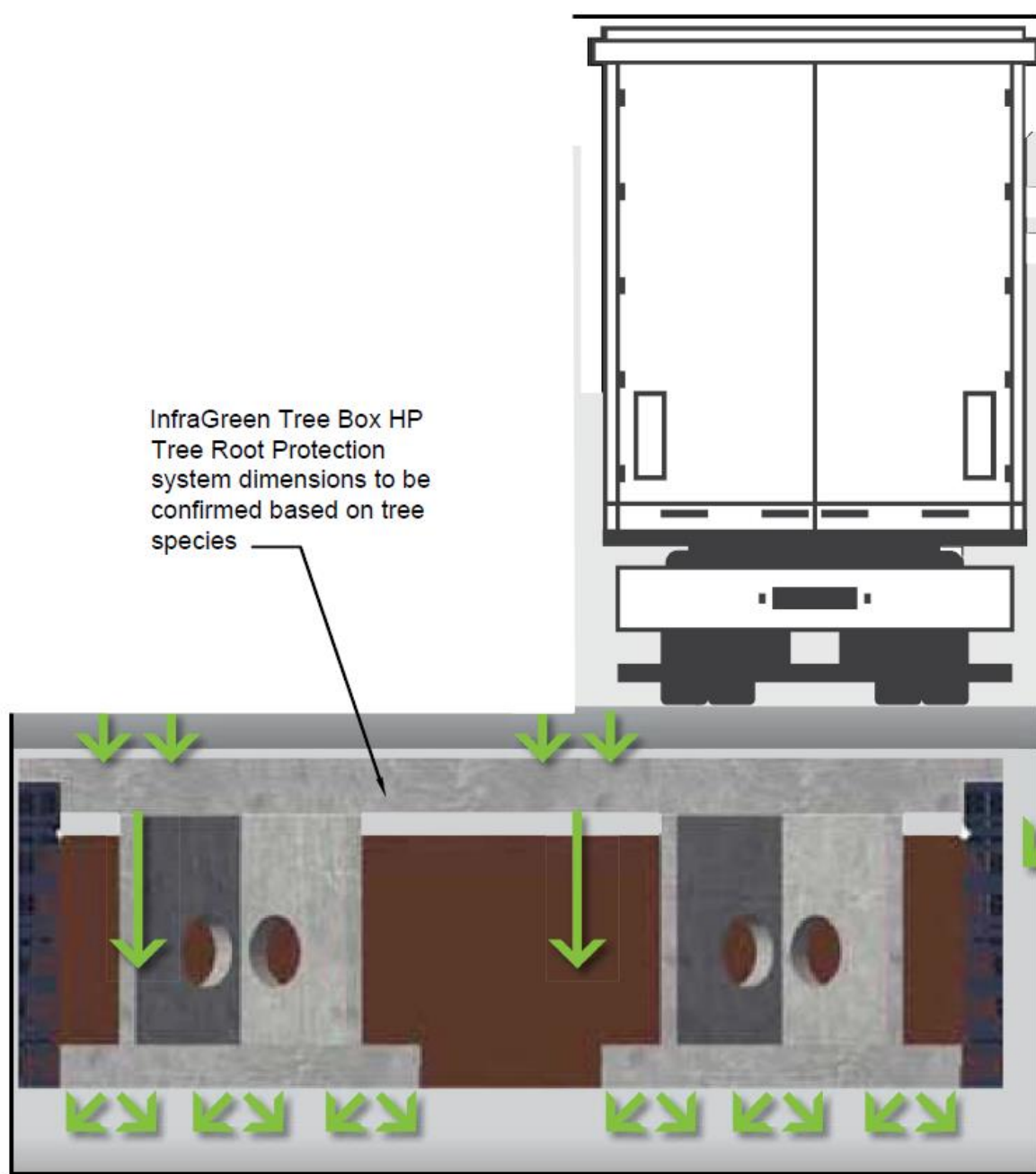
Planting of small copse and new hedgerow at the southern boundary could help to screen views Sandling Park and parts of the Kent Downs AONB to the south



Project brief, scope and constraints

- What you have to work with - geology
- Loading and capacity specification
- Available space below ground
- Water management objectives
- Impact mitigation - landscape and amenity
- Security - lighting, CCTV etc





InfraGreen Tree Box HP
Tree Root Protection
system dimensions to be
confirmed based on tree
species

TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH INFRAGREEN TREEBOX HP SYSTEM



Gully Pots as Hotspots of Urban Diffuse Pollution

Report of Key Findings from the Gully Pot Project



Key findings:

- Gully pot pollutant concentrations were variable within and between pollutant types.
- Zinc, Copper and PAH concentrations were high, exceeding environmental quality standards for the dissolved phase and guideline values for the sediment-bound phase.
- Other more common pollutants, including biochemical oxygen demand, nutrients and faecal indicator organisms were generally low.
- Pollutant fingerprinting revealed that PAHs were derived from a mix of combustion and non-combustion sources, whilst Zn originated predominantly from tyre wear.
- Loadings for Zn, Hydrocarbons and road-salt derived constituents exceeded $10 \text{ kg/km}^2/\text{y}$, and are likely to make a significant contribution to urban runoff loads when compared to SAGIS model outputs for the River Irwell and River Medlock.
- There were complex spatial patterns in pollutant levels, although hotspots were associated with high vehicular traffic (train station approaches, bus interchanges, major arterial routes, and approaches to car parks) and legacy soil contamination.
- Areas of existing green infrastructure in the city were generally associated with lower levels of Zinc and Hydrocarbons in both dissolved and sediment-bound phases.

Salford research project

Potential to manage stormwater runoff quality and quantity using green infrastructure

Partners include:

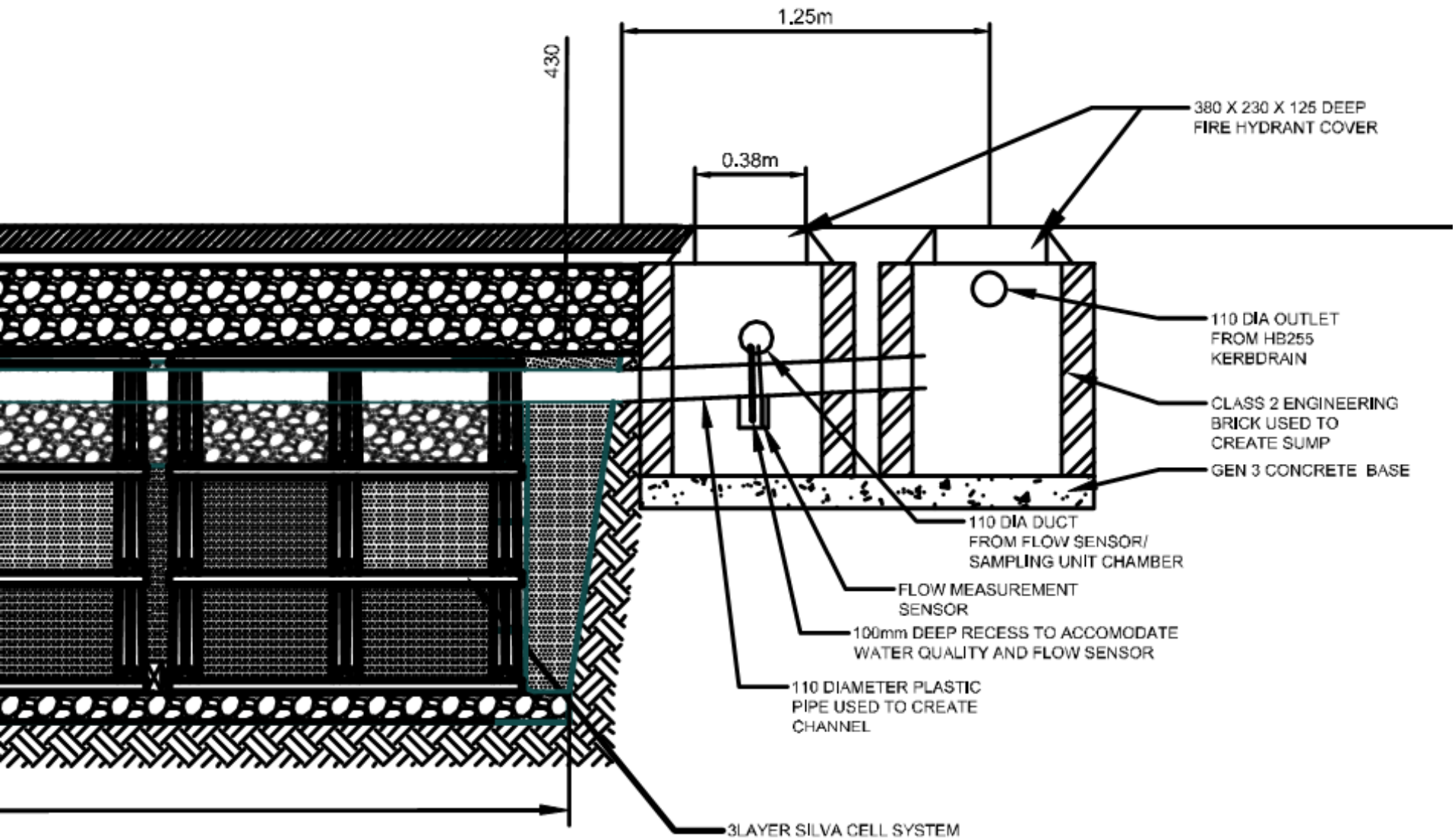
- Red Rose Community Forest
- Salford Borough Council
- The Environment Agency
- Manchester University
- United Utilities Group plc!

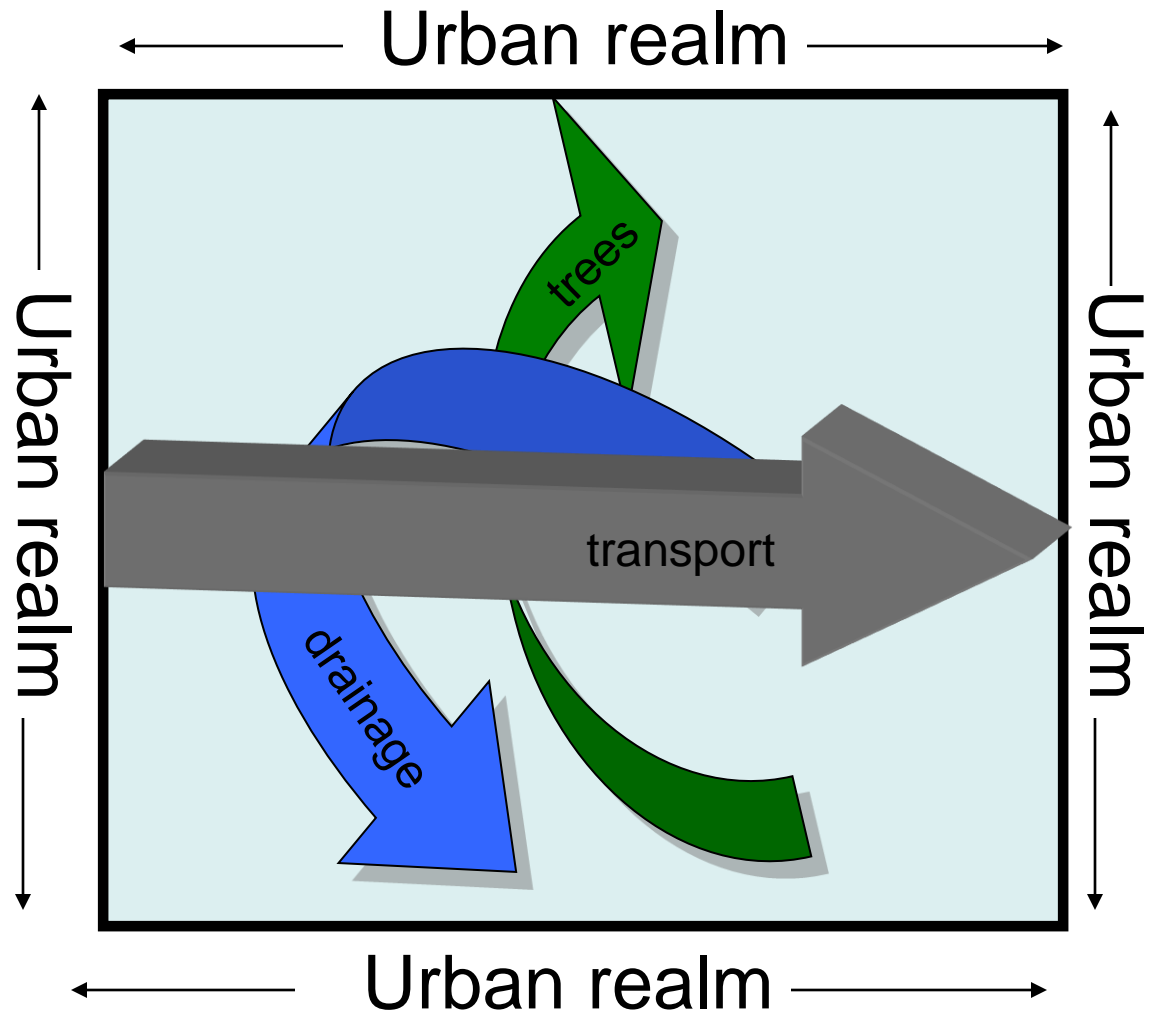




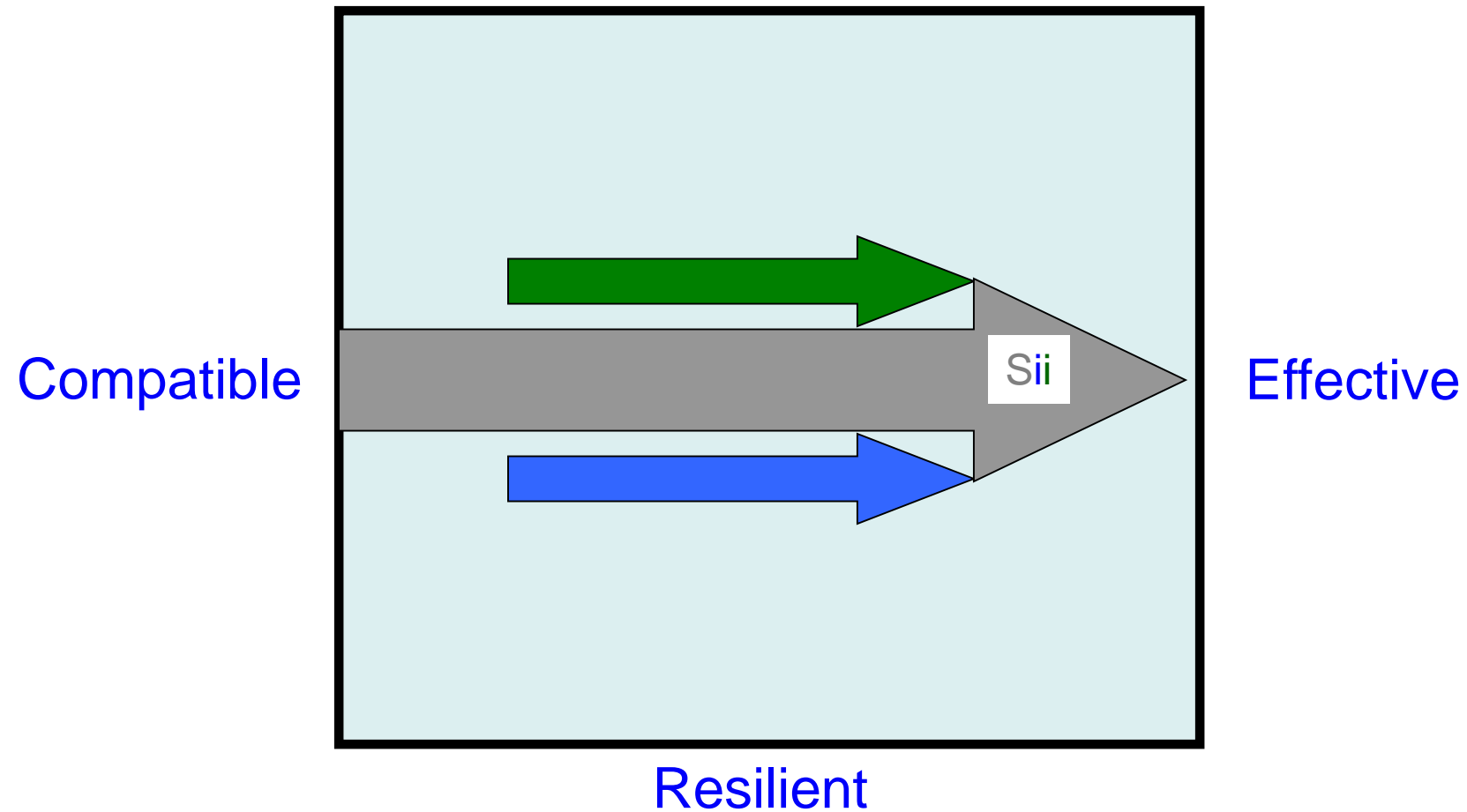
Generation







Sustainable **integrated** infrastructure - Sii





Look beyond the
tree pit...

Sii – The Future