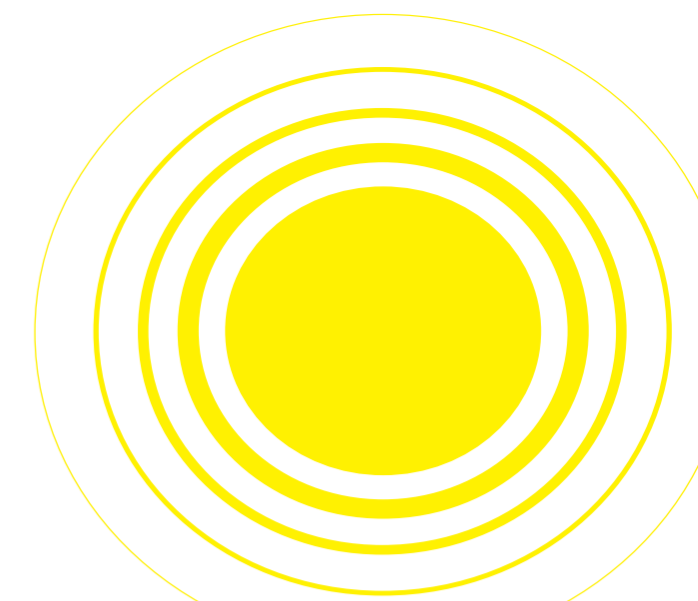


DOING YOUR DUTY FOR BIODIVERSITY

IMPLEMENTING SECTION 40 OF THE NERC ACT 2006

All public authorities have a duty under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2006 to have due regard for conserving biodiversity



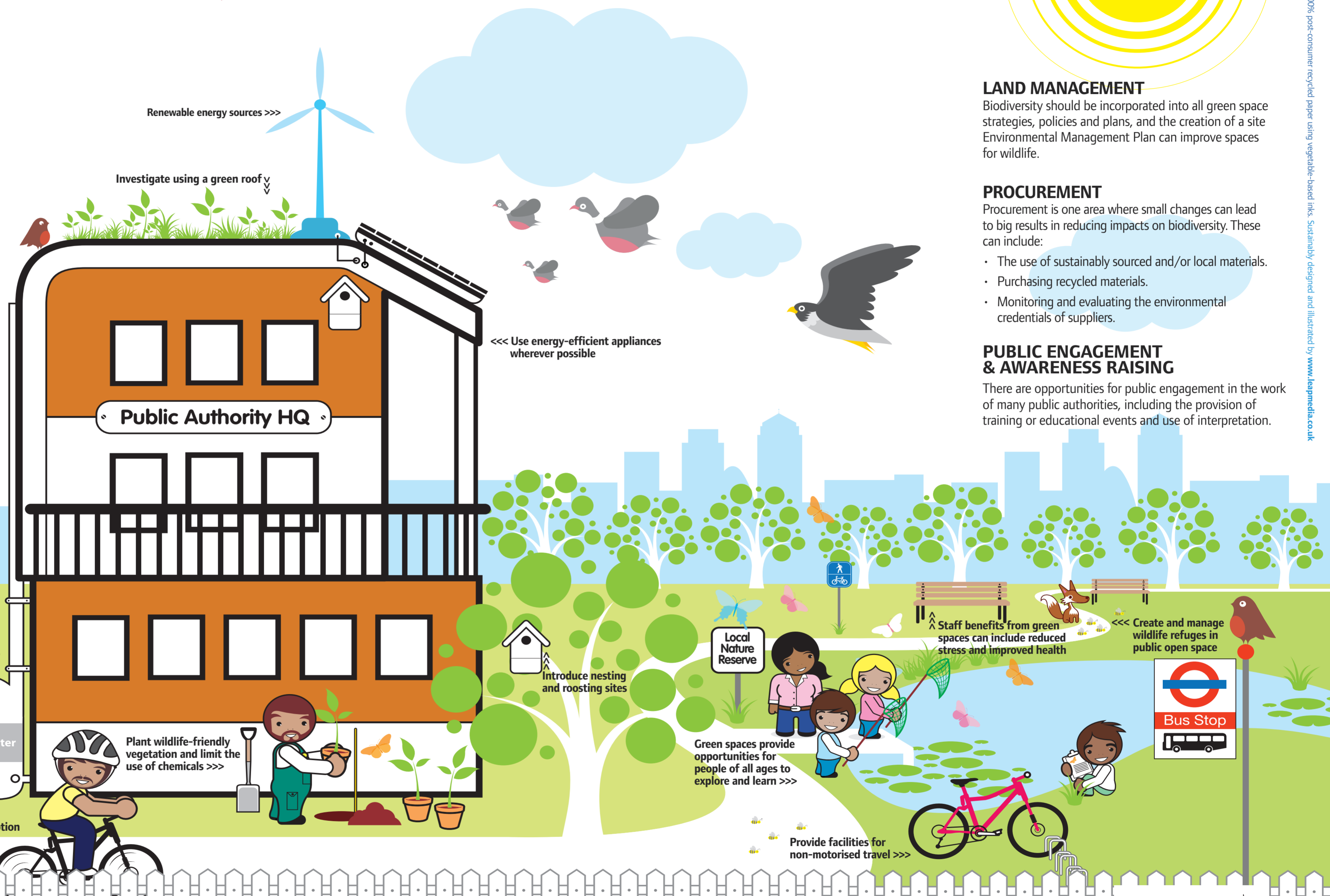
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT

When designing new developments or infrastructures, opportunities exist to incorporate biodiversity features into them.

- Create new habitats e.g. through Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) and/or wildlife-rich road verges.
- Employ green technologies.
- Any new development should have a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

OPERATIONS & POLICIES

Small alterations to everyday activities can have positive effects on biodiversity. The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts work with public authorities to award the biodiversity benchmark, helping them to develop policies that put biodiversity at the heart of the organisation.



LAND MANAGEMENT

Biodiversity should be incorporated into all green space strategies, policies and plans, and the creation of a site Environmental Management Plan can improve spaces for wildlife.

PROCUREMENT

Procurement is one area where small changes can lead to big results in reducing impacts on biodiversity. These can include:

- The use of sustainably sourced and/or local materials.
- Purchasing recycled materials.
- Monitoring and evaluating the environmental credentials of suppliers.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & AWARENESS RAISING

There are opportunities for public engagement in the work of many public authorities, including the provision of training or educational events and use of interpretation.

CLIMATE CHANGE WILL HAVE A HUGE EFFECT ON OUR WILDLIFE Taking action to reduce your individual and corporate carbon footprints **is** biodiversity conservation

To get involved with your local Biodiversity Action Planning process, visit www.bioportal.org.uk
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