

South Workington ECO Plan



URBED recently ran a two-day workshop with the people of South Workington to develop an 'eco' plan for their neighbourhood.

Through a series of case studies we examined opportunities for making energy, food, resource use and transport more sustainable at a local scale. We focused on practical projects that are achievable at a neighbourhood level. For example, super-insulating homes and a 'Community Green Deal' for household refurbishment, improving cycle and pedestrian routes to encourage reduced car use, and developing a community composting scheme to deal with organic waste and supply fertilizer for local food growing.

Working together in small teams, local residents, young people and housing association officers mapped out a tailored action plan. These plans were collated at the end of the workshop and have since been drawn up by URBED in a formal report which has been presented to local stakeholders. Further feasibility and design work will be required on some of the suggested projects, but others, such as small scale community food growing on vacant land, can start almost straight away.

This plan is now informing next steps in the development of the area through mechanisms such as local community agreements and housing association asset management plans.



South Workington Eco-Neighbourhood Workshop Proposals

The ideas shown on this plan were developed during a community workshop in September 2011

Ref	Proposal	Priority	Timeline
P1	Propose a new street layout for the central area of the eco-neighborhood, including a new main street and several smaller streets branching off it.	High	2012-2013
P2	Develop a new park area in the central part of the neighborhood, featuring a playground, sports field, and walking paths.	Medium	2013-2015
P3	Install solar panels on the roofs of several buildings in the central area to generate renewable energy.	Medium	2012-2014
P4	Plant trees and shrubs along the new streets and in the central park area to improve air quality and aesthetics.	Low	2012-2013
P5	Create a new community center in the central area to provide a space for social activities and meetings.	Medium	2013-2015
P6	Develop a new cycle path that connects the eco-neighborhood to the surrounding urban area.	Medium	2012-2014
P7	Install water-saving devices in all homes in the eco-neighborhood to reduce water consumption.	Low	2012-2013
P8	Develop a new street layout for the southern part of the eco-neighborhood, including a new main street and several smaller streets branching off it.	High	2013-2015
P9	Plant trees and shrubs along the new streets in the southern part of the neighborhood to improve air quality and aesthetics.	Low	2013-2015
P10	Develop a new park area in the southern part of the neighborhood, featuring a playground, sports field, and walking paths.	Medium	2014-2016
P11	Install solar panels on the roofs of several buildings in the southern area to generate renewable energy.	Medium	2013-2015
P12	Plant trees and shrubs along the new streets and in the southern park area to improve air quality and aesthetics.	Low	2013-2015
P13	Create a new community center in the southern area to provide a space for social activities and meetings.	Medium	2014-2016
P14	Develop a new cycle path that connects the southern part of the eco-neighborhood to the surrounding urban area.	Medium	2013-2015
P15	Install water-saving devices in all homes in the southern part of the eco-neighborhood to reduce water consumption.	Low	2013-2015

