

The 25-Year Environment Plan (2018)

The UK's plan for the future health of the environment



1. RSB advice to Committee (extract):

“...there is a lack of concrete targets and milestones to allow the effective monitoring of progress towards [the 25 Year Environment Plan's] aims.”

“Natural capital management in the built and urban environment should be a high priority with a large portion of the population living, investing in and being influenced by urban settings.”

2. Committee recommendations to Government:

“...the Government should bring forward specific, measurable and achievable targets across the 25 Year [Environment] Plan's aims.”

“Urban environments are equally important [as rural] and do not receive the same attention in the Plan”, “The Government should set out [...] how it intends to take forward more effective funding of urban environmental enhancement...”

3. Government's decision:

“We have committed to report on policy targets and on environmental outcomes overall, and Parliament will have a role in scrutinizing Government's performance against its commitments.”

“...we commit to define what ‘good’ green infrastructure is in order to create a level playing field for investors and to help focus attention on areas where provision is insufficient.”

The *then Secretary of State* when giving oral evidence said: “one of the things that we need to do is to think about the effective funding of environmental enhancement in urban areas.”

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