

# MP4 Green Estate project



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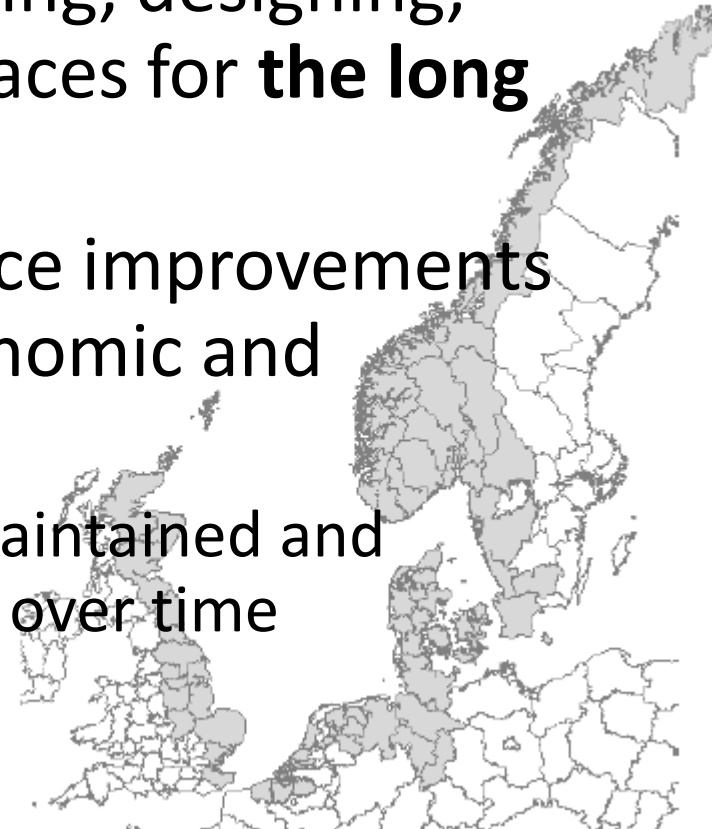
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# The project



- Part of EU-funded Interreg **MP4** project
- Focus on '**place-keeping**'
- Innovative approaches to planning, designing, maintaining and using public places for **the long term**
- Aims to examine how open space improvements can provide positive social, economic and environmental benefits
  - And how these benefits can be maintained and enhanced for residents and users over time



# The survey

- 5 Pictorial Meadow sites (3 housing clearance)
  - Sheffield (3), Leeds (1), Wakefield (1)
- Survey questions to residents include:
  - Perceptions of the site now and in the past
  - Perceptions of the planting
  - Perceived benefits of the planting
  - Feelings when in the site (e.g. safe)
  - Perceptions of site maintenance



# Key messages from residents

- Residents (50-90%) **like** the sites
  - ‘lovely’, ‘beautiful’, ‘wonderful’, ‘green’, ‘open’
  - But the housing is missed by some (BR)
- Majority say sites are **better** than 3 yrs ago
  - ‘the flowers’, ‘tidy’, ‘pretty’, ‘nice’, ‘colourful’
- Consistently positive feelings in the sites
  - **happy, safe, calm** and **relaxed**
- Benefits of planting: **visual** and **biodiversity**
  - **educational** and for **children** (W)
- Most residents say sites are **well-maintained**
  - But don’t know who does it: council most often cited
  - Some perceive the intervention to be high-cost



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**More project findings on the way!**  
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