

SITE ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The more you can read the history and practical logic of a site,
the easier will be the process of developing it.

The principle is to work with rather than against
the nature of the particular site.

FACTORS

AREA SHAPE DIMENSIONS CULTIVABLE ELEVATION GRADIENTS
ASPECT MICRO-CLIMATE ZONES NICHES
GEOGRAPHY TOPOGRAPHY GEOLOGY
SLOPE North-South ALIGNMENT SUN WIND SHADE
SHELTER / EXPOSURE --- HEDGES TREES WALLS STRUCTURES
INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT ACCESS DRAINAGE UTILITIES
INDICATORS EXISTING PLANTING DEFICIENCY WILDLIFE
WEEDS PERENNIALS FRUIT COMFREY HERBS
SOIL(S) & SUBSOIL(S) TYPE DEPTH STRUCTURE TEXTURE
FERTILITY (Residual/Inherited) MINERAL COMPOSITION HUMUS CONTENT
DRAINAGE PH / ACIDITY CONTAMINATION
RISK ASSESSMENT HEALTH & SAFETY SECURITY
VANDALISM PSYCHOLOGY DISSUASION MEASURES
PERSONAL PROFILE APPROPRIATE USE AIMS HARDINESS
PROXIMITY TRAVEL TIME & OPTIONS VISIT FREQUENCY
RESOURCES COLLECTIONS / GATHERING e.g. Nettles Leaves Hay
RECYCLABLES --- WOODLAND STABLES FARMS SHOPS
COMMUNITY --- NEIGHBOURS DEMOGRAPHY SKILLS

PLANNING

Draw a simple baseline diagram to show everything which is permanent.

- Boundary / entrance / paths / structures / trees + North-south

Prioritise improvements on a realistic timescale for your time & resources

RECORDING Maintain a diary of what you plan to do, as a reminder,
and of what you've achieved, for future reference.

INTENTIONAL PROJECTS

Context - Socio-political / Community dynamics / Comparisons

Development Strategies Potential **B**à Actualised

Horticultural à Social / Therapeutic / Cultural / Community / Commercial

Scope / Aims / Targets over time / Outputs / Results / Parameters