

sufficient resources being allocated to manage trees and woodlands based on their range of benefits and value as a strategic asset.

## **Geographical Assessment**

The strategy should cover all trees within the borough's geographical boundary, whether these are on public or private land. It should also cover the full spectrum of the treescape from individual street and garden trees to stands of trees in parks and if present woodlands. Included within this approach should be an overview of the topographical conditions that exist in terms of opportunities as well as constraints and the implications for the tree resource planted amongst the different land use types.

The six major land use categories recommended in Trees in Towns II (2008) are:

Low Density Residential Areas (LDR).  
Medium Density Residential Areas (MDR).  
High Density Residential Areas (HDR).  
Town Centres and Commercial Areas.  
Industrial Areas.  
Open Space (including four sub-categories).

These land use categories cover all of the following land use forms that may be found in the urban situation:

Highways, roads, streets, railways, canals, schools, hospitals, institutional buildings, public housing estates, terraced, detached, semi-detached, villas, townhouses etc., industrial and business districts. public open space, private gardens/open space and woodlands.

More detailed descriptions of these categories may be found in Trees in Towns II. 2008, Dr Mark Johnston (published by Department for Communities and Local Government).

## **Geological Assessment**

The strategy should acknowledge and identify the geological strata and sub-surface soil conditions that exist to create the complexities associated with trees planted in urban soil types and adjacent to different geological formations and urban infrastructure.

## **Benefits of Trees and Woodlands**

The strategy should highlight the social, economic and environmental benefits that trees and woodlands bring to an area and the positive improvements for residents that flow from these benefits, in particular in regard to their health and well being. The relatively new initiative of valuing all the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to an area is extremely important. This concept of valuing trees in a borough is based on