

# 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