

# Birmingham Bauhaus Bites Action Plan 2024 – 2027

Bauhaus Bites (BB) is an EU Horizon 2030 funded project aiming to contribute to the EU Food 2030 agenda. Birmingham is part of a consortium of seven cities and several academic international partners who were successfully awarded the Horizon Europe funding in 2024. The project is from 2024-2027 and the consortium is led by the Norges Teknisk Naturvitenskapelige University (NTNU), Norway.

The EU fund seeks to address the largest food system challenges faced by cities across Europe, in a way that is sustainable and environmentally positive. The Bauhaus Bites project will test how the New European Bauhaus (NEB) principles of beautiful, inclusive, and sustainable and principles of participatory, co-creative, and transdisciplinary can reinforce sustainable diets, and how these can be anchored locally through multi-functional nature-based solutions to enhance biodiversity and human well-being, and address climate change. This includes a focus on nutrition for sustainable healthy diets, climate, biodiversity and environment, circularity and resource efficiency, innovation, and empowering communities.

The three Trailblazer cities of Birmingham (UK), Fundão (Portugal) and Zagreb (Croatia) are delivering pioneering pilots that meet the needs of local people and contexts and align with the NEB principles.

The learning captured from these pilots is being collated in a Bauhaus Bites Playbook which aims to provide solutions to health, environmental, and food challenges. It will summarise experiences, methods, tools, policies, financial models, and best practices. The final output will be a resource sharing how to work with diverse stakeholders to build and maintain environments that incorporate NEB principles, and address health, environmental, and societal food challenges with integrated and holistic solutions. The four Twin cities of Ostend (Belgium), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Palermo (Italy) and Murska Sobota (Slovenia) are adapting and replicating the innovative approaches from the Bauhaus Bites Playbook in their own contexts.

The Birmingham pilot will build on the Birmingham Food System Strategy 2022-2030. It will involve a cross-sector community partnership co-producing solutions tailored to the specific needs of East Birmingham. Core to the project is taking an asset- and place-based approach and utilising food and food environments to bring benefits to communities. The guiding principles include being inclusive and empowering the diverse communities involved with the pilot, building pride in the community and strengthening and celebrating the diverse community and community assets, improving the health and wellbeing of everyone involved, and supporting nature and sustainability.

### **Birmingham's Bauhaus Bites Vision**

To strengthen East Birmingham's food environment by celebrating cultural diversity and fostering inclusivity and access to healthy, sustainable food through community-led initiatives that strengthen social spaces at the heart of communities. (See Appendix 3 for a list of wards in East Birmingham).

### **Birmingham's Bauhaus Bites Goal**

To harness the power of diversity, promote social inclusion, increase food literacy, support sustainable diets, and enhance green spaces.

### **Birmingham Bauhaus Bites Objectives**

1. Unite a diverse community through social spaces and food.
2. Support diversity in growing as a nature-based solution.
3. Increase food system literacy and utilise creative arts to empower communities.
4. Develop a legacy where New European Bauhaus principles are embedded into community spaces, and the diversity of communities and food is celebrated.

### **New European Bauhaus (NEB) Model Principles**

At the core of the Bauhaus Bites programme are the New European Bauhaus (NEB) principles. The NEB Principles, and the CrAFT NEB Impact Model that can be used to assess NEB impact in complex urban interventions, are shown in Appendix 1.

### **Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)**

Birmingham's Food System Team are in the process of developing an outcomes and indicators framework called the Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC). Central to this compass are goals that describe desired food system outcomes. Each goal is

characterised by four domains that identify priorities in the food system. A visual representation of the TUFSOC can be found in Appendix 2.

### **Monitoring Progress of the Action Plan**

To achieve the objectives and actions Birmingham City Council Food System Team will be working with partners to develop and deliver an action plan. The progress in achieving these actions will be measured using the RAG progress indicators described in the table.

<b>RAG progress indicator</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Complete</b>	The action has been fully implemented.
<b>On target</b>	The action is actively underway and progressing as planned.
<b>Potential delay</b>	The action is encountering obstacles. But there are mitigation actions in place, and the action will still be delivered.
<b>Delayed</b>	Delayed and impacting ability to deliver plan, and there is a risk we cannot complete delivery.
<b>Yet to start</b>	The action has yet to be started and so unable to be measured.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the Birmingham Food System Team at  
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# Delivery Plan Summary

Birmingham Bauhaus Bites Delivery Plan	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026	2027	2027	2027	2027
<b>Objectives and tasks</b>	October November December	January February March	April May June	July August September	October November December	January February March	April May June	July August September	October
<b>Objective 1: Unite a diverse community through social spaces and food</b>									
1.1 Develop an understanding of existing community food assets in East Birmingham through mapping									
1.2 Apply participatory approaches through a Shared Decisions Fund to co-produce and fund initiatives that strengthen community spaces									
<b>Objective 2: Support diversity in growing as a nature-based solution</b>									
2.1 Develop a Culturally Diverse Food Growing Database									
2.2 Produce a Community Land Use Exploration Report and recommendations for action									
<b>Objective 3: Increase food system literacy and utilise creative arts to empower communities</b>									
3.1 Develop a Food System Literacy Competency Framework									
3.2 Co-produce innovative approaches to increase food system literacy									
<b>Objective 4: Develop a legacy where New European Bauhaus principles are embedded into community spaces, and the diversity of communities and food is celebrated</b>									
4.1 Co-produce resources with people from food environments identified in objective areas 1, 2 and 3									

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# Action Plan Summary

<b>Objective 1: Unite a diverse community through social spaces and food</b>							
Action 1.1	Develop an understanding of existing community food assets in East Birmingham through mapping						
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating			
Task 1.1.1	Scope out existing community asset maps and develop a Community Food Asset Mapping Framework that includes the methodology for developing a map and database.	BCC Team	November-December 2025	Completed			
Task 1.1.2	Co-create a community food asset map and database.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	January 2026	On target			
Task 1.1.3	Implement methodology to ensure map and database are living documents and are kept up to date. Monitor, evaluate, capture learning and embed continuously evolving approach.	BCC Team	February-May 2026	Yet to start			
<b>Example KPIs</b>							
1) <b>Number and type of community assets identified and mapped</b> – Total count of assets (faith settings, schools, businesses, etc.) included in the database.	3) <b>Accessible and functional asset map</b> – Ensure there is a functional asset map which partners are able to use.						
2) <b>Diversity of community assets mapped (age, culture, background, etc)</b> – Ensure inclusivity and representation in project activities.	4) <b>Metrics to evaluate asset map engagement</b> – Provides clear indicators to measure how effectively the map supports its intended purpose and user engagement.						
<b>Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)</b>							
Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):							
B1.1 Use a whole system approach	D1.1 Actions are accessible, appropriate and support dignity and choice	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology					
B1.4 Consider the role of food in society, social connection and transforming places	D1.2 Access to affordable, nutritious, sustainable, and culturally appropriate food	D1.5 Community access to food growing land and spaces					
B2.4 Strengthen the role of food as a catalyst for community building and cohesion							

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## Objective 1: Unite a diverse community through social spaces and food

Action 1.2	Apply participatory approaches through a Shared Decisions Fund to co-produce and fund initiatives that strengthen community spaces			
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating
Task 1.2.1	Develop a community participatory Shared Decisions Fund methodology, guidance and co-produce a prioritisation tool for allocation of funding.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	January-March 2026	On target
Task 1.2.2	Deliver a Shared Decisions Fund programme and award funding.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2026	Yet to start
Task 1.2.3	Deliver funded projects and create a local learning community to share learning and strengthen projects.	Funded Project Leads, BB Partnership	May 2026-May 2027	Yet to start
Task 1.2.4	Monitor and evaluate the funded projects and capture learning through a process evaluation.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	June 2027	Yet to start

### Example KPIs

- 1) **Number of project applications received** – Reflects the level of demand and effectiveness of outreach efforts.
- 2) **Number of projects funded** – Measures scale of support provided.
- 3) **Number of community spaces enhanced with NEB model principles** – To demonstrate how this project is promoting the principles of New European Bauhaus (see Appendix 1).
- 4) **Community space case studies** – Provide insights into the impact, challenges, and overall effectiveness of the funding programme from the recipients' perspective.
- 5) **Shared Decisions Fund recommendations report** – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to design and implement a Shared Decisions Fund, including key learnings and potential benefits

### Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)

Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):

B1.2 Increase the influence of representative voices from across the food system	B2.4 Strengthen the role of food as a catalyst for community building and cohesion	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives
B1.4 Consider the role of food in society, social connection and transforming places	D1.1 Actions are accessible, appropriate and support dignity and choice	D2.6 Maximise opportunities for food growing across the built and natural environment
B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D1.2 Access to affordable, nutritious, sustainable, and culturally appropriate food	D4.1 Food meets animal welfare quality standards
B2.2 Increase awareness and adoption of transformative practices	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology	D4.2 Food meets ethical standards
B2.3 Strengthen the role of social spaces in places	D1.5 Community access to food growing land and spaces	D4.3 Food meets nutritional standards
		D4.4 Food meets environmental standards

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Objective 2: Support diversity in growing as a nature-based solution						
Action 2.1	Develop a Culturally Diverse Food Growing Database					
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating		
Task 2.1.1	Co-create the methodology for developing the Culturally Diverse Food Growing Database including the purpose and scope of the growing database and identifying existing initiatives that can be built upon.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	November-December 2025	Completed		
Task 2.1.2	Create and populate the database.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	January-February 2026	On target		
Task 2.1.3	Launch and promote the database.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	March 2026 onwards	Yet to start		
Task 2.1.4	Monitor, evaluate, capture learning and embed a continuously evolving approach. Disseminate learning and outputs to shape policy and practice.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	May 2026 onwards	Yet to start		
<b>Example KPIs</b>						
1) <b>Number of culturally diverse crops represented in the database</b> – Captures the breadth of crops captured in the resource.	2) <b>Functionality metrics for the database</b> – Establishes clear criteria to assess how well the database meets its intended goals and supports user needs.	3) <b>Growing database recommendations report</b> – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to design and implement a methodology to develop a growing database, including key learnings and potential benefits.				
<b>Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)</b>						
Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):						
A1.2 Consume at least 5 fruits and vegetables per day	B3.6 Improve food security and resilience	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology				
A1.4 Consume a diverse diet	B4.3 Improve infrastructure that increases the availability and affordability of ethical, nutritious, safe, and sustainable food	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives				
A2.1 Reduce nutritional deficiencies	C2.1 Increase biodiversity of agricultural land and other land used for growing	D2.6 Maximise opportunities for food growing across the built and natural environment				
B1.1 Use a whole system approach	C2.2 Improve soil quality and microbiome					
B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D1.2 Access to affordable, nutritious, sustainable, and culturally appropriate food					
B3.4 Improve public health outcomes related to the food system						

Objective 2: Support diversity in growing as a nature-based solution				
Action 2.2	Produce a Community Land Use Exploration Report and recommendations for action			
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating
Task 2.2.1	Co-develop a methodology for developing a Community Land Use Exploration Report, including the purpose and scope of the report, to empower partners to utilise tools that support growers to match soil conditions, local climate, and culturally relevant food.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2026	Yet to start
Task 2.2.2	Implement the methodology and capture insights and recommendations.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	May 2026 onwards	Yet to start
Task 2.2.3	Disseminate report and shape policy and practice.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2027	Yet to start
<b>Example KPIs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Stakeholder engagement</b> – Number of community groups actively engaged in the consultations.</li> <li>2) <b>Number of priorities and perspectives addressed</b> – Capture the breadth of priorities and perspectives captured and represented in the Community Land Use Exploration report, including in relation to communities, nature, resilience, and health.</li> <li>3) <b>Community Land Use Exploration Report</b> – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to design and implement a methodology to strengthen community land use.</li> </ul>				
<b>Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)</b> Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):				
B1.1 Use a whole system approach	B2.2 Increase awareness and adoption of transformative practices	D1.5 Community access to food growing land and spaces		
B1.2 Increase the influence of representative voices from across the food system	B3.6 Improve food security and resilience	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives		
B1.5 Aim for co-benefits across the food system and consider unintended consequences	C2.1 Increase biodiversity of agricultural land and other land used for growing	D2.6 Maximise opportunities for food growing across the built and natural environment		
B1.6 Consider the priorities of people and planet in addition to profits	C2.2 Improve soil quality and microbiome			
B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology			

Objective 3: Increase food system literacy and utilise creative arts to empower communities				
Action 3.1	Develop a Food System Literacy Competency Framework			
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating
Task 3.1.1	Co-create the methodology for developing the Food System Literacy Competency Framework including developing the purpose and scope of the framework and identifying existing initiatives that can be built upon.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	September 2025 onwards	On target
Task 3.1.2	Co-create the framework.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2026	Yet to start
Task 3.1.3	Launch and promote the framework.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	June 2026	Yet to start
Task 3.1.4	Monitor, evaluate, capture learning and embed a continuously evolving approach. Disseminate learning and outputs to shape policy and practice.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	July-September 2026	Yet to start
<b>Example KPIs</b>				
1)	<b>Stakeholder participation</b> – Number and diversity of community members, educators, artists, and food system experts engaged in framework development.	3)	<b>Usability and accessibility</b> – Feedback from pilot users on clarity, ease of understanding, and practical application of the framework.	
2)	<b>Food System Literacy Competency Framework</b> – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to increase food system literacy.			
<b>Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)</b>				
Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):				
A4.1 Increase food literacy related to nutrition	B1.2 Increase the influence of representative voices from across the food system	B3.4 Improve public health outcomes related to the food system		
A4.2 Increase food literacy related to food safety and hygiene	B1.3 Utilise behavioural and social science	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology		
A4.3 Increase food literacy related to food origins	B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives		
A4.4 Increase food literacy related to obtaining food and being an informed consumer	B2.1 Increase research and innovation			
A4.5 Increase food handling and preparations skills	B2.2 Increase awareness and adoption of transformative practices			
B1.1 Use a whole system approach				

Objective 3: Increase food system literacy and utilise creative arts to empower communities				
Action 3.2	Co-produce innovative approaches to increase food system literacy			
Task no.	Action / task	Partners supporting	Delivery dates	RAG rating
Task 3.2.1	Co-create the methodology for the co-production of innovative approaches to increase food system literacy.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	September 2026	Yet to start
Task 3.2.2	Launch the call for contributions and use community engagement to develop project ideas that embed New European Bauhaus principles and creative arts.	BCC Team	February 2027	Yet to start
Task 3.2.3	Deliver innovative co-produced projects.	BB Partnership	March 2027 onwards	Yet to start
Task 3.2.4	Exhibit the projects that have been delivered and celebrate achievements.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2027	Yet to start
Task 3.2.5	Monitor and evaluate the projects and capture learning through a process evaluation.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	April 2027	Yet to start

**Example KPIs**

1) **Number of contributors involved** – Total individuals, groups or projects contributing ideas to increase food system literacy.

2) **Diversity of contributors** – Breakdown by age, cultural background, gender, and community groups represented.

3) **Types of innovations contributed** – Capture the range of the types of innovations contributed (e.g. artwork, stories, performances, creative arts).

4) **Metrics of engagement** – Capture the engagement with the innovative approaches that are delivered.

5) **Food system literacy innovation toolkit** – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to co-produce, design and implement innovative approaches to increase food system literacy, including key learnings and potential benefits.

**Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)**

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A4.1 Increase food literacy related to nutrition	B1.2 Increase the influence of representative voices from across the food system	B3.4 Improve public health outcomes related to the food system
A4.2 Increase food literacy related to food safety and hygiene	B1.3 Utilise behavioural and social science	D1.1 Actions are accessible, appropriate and support dignity and choice
A4.3 Increase food literacy related to food origins	B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology
A4.4 Increase food literacy related to obtaining food and being an informed consumer	B2.1 Increase research and innovation	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives
A4.5 Increase food handling and preparations skills	B2.2 Increase awareness and adoption of transformative practices	
B1.1 Use a whole system approach		

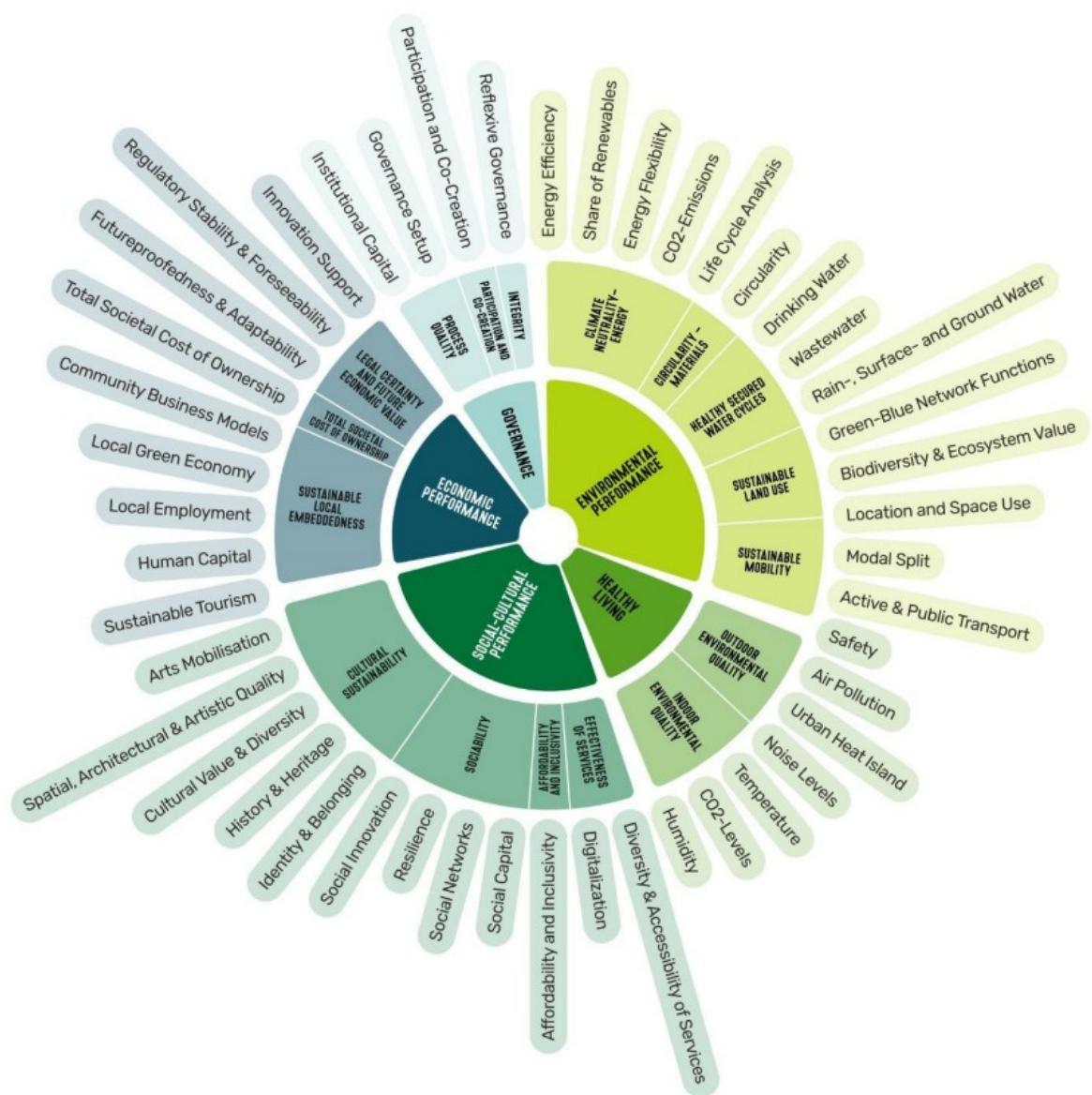
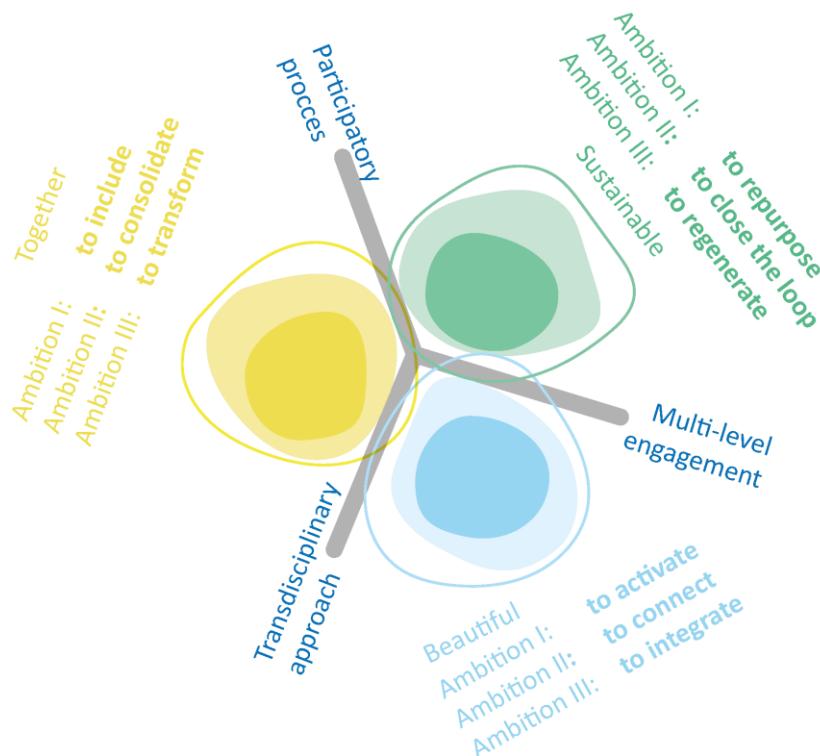
<b>Objective 4: Develop a legacy where New European Bauhaus (NEB) principles are embedded into community spaces, and the diversity of communities and food is celebrated</b>				
<b>Action 4.1 Co-produce resources with people from food environments identified in objective areas 1, 2 and 3</b>				
<b>Task no.</b>	<b>Action / task</b>	<b>Partners supporting</b>	<b>Delivery dates</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>
Task 4.1.1	Co-create the methodology for developing Bauhaus Bites Community Space Resources that will share how community spaces and growing sites can embed NEB principles and build on the strengths of the community and place.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	January 2027	<b>Yet to start</b>
Task 4.1.2	Co-produce the Bauhaus Bites Community Space Resources.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	February 2027 onwards	<b>Yet to start</b>
Task 4.1.3	Test and refine the Bauhaus Bites Community Space Resources in community spaces.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	March 2027	<b>Yet to start</b>
Task 4.1.4	Launch and promote the Bauhaus Bites Community Space Resources.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	May 2027	<b>Yet to start</b>
Task 4.1.5	Monitor, evaluate, capture learning, and embed continuously evolving approach.	BCC Team, BB Partnership	May 2027 onwards	<b>Yet to start</b>
<b>Example KPIs</b>				
1) <b>Number of people and organisations involved with co-producing a Bauhaus Bites Community Space resource</b> – Reflects breadth of local collaboration.	3) <b>Bauhaus Bites Community Space resource recommendations report</b> – A resource for community and system leaders outlining how to design and implement a similar programme, including key learnings and potential benefits.			
2) <b>Number of NEB embedded within the Bauhaus Bites Community Space resource</b> – To demonstrate how this project is promoting the principles of New European Bauhaus.				
<b>Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)</b>				
Measurements will be taken to measure the impact of this action, and these may relate to the following TUFSOC objectives (see Appendix 2):				
B1.1 Use a whole system approach	B2.4 Strengthen the role of food as a catalyst for community building and cohesion	D1.5 Community access to food growing land and spaces		
B1.2 Increase the influence of representative voices from across the food system	C2.1 Increase biodiversity of agricultural land and other land used for growing	D2.5 Access to resources, knowledge, capital, technology, infrastructure, and capacity for community food initiatives		
B1.4 Consider the role of food in society, social connection and transforming places	C2.2 Improve soil quality and microbiome	D2.6 Maximise opportunities for food growing across the built and natural environment		
B1.8 Actions are appropriate and meet the needs of those they serve	D1.1 Actions are accessible, appropriate and support dignity and choice	D4.1 Food meets animal welfare quality standards		
B2.2 Increase awareness and adoption of transformative practices	D1.2 Access to affordable, nutritious, sustainable, and culturally appropriate food	D4.2 Food meets ethical standards		
B2.3 Strengthen the role of social spaces in places	D1.3 Access to knowledge, fuel, equipment, and technology	D4.3 Food meets nutritional standards		
		D4.4 Food meets environmental standards		

# Appendices

## Appendix 1: New European Bauhaus Principles and CrAFT's NEB Impact Model

Below: New European Bauhaus principles

Right: CrAFT's NEB Impact Model is an assessment and guidance tool geared at a whole systems approach for use in complex urban interventions. For further information of the NEB model click the link here: [D1.1-CrAFT-NEB-Impact-Model-updated.pdf](https://www.craft-cities.eu/1-1-craft-neb-impact-model-updated.pdf)

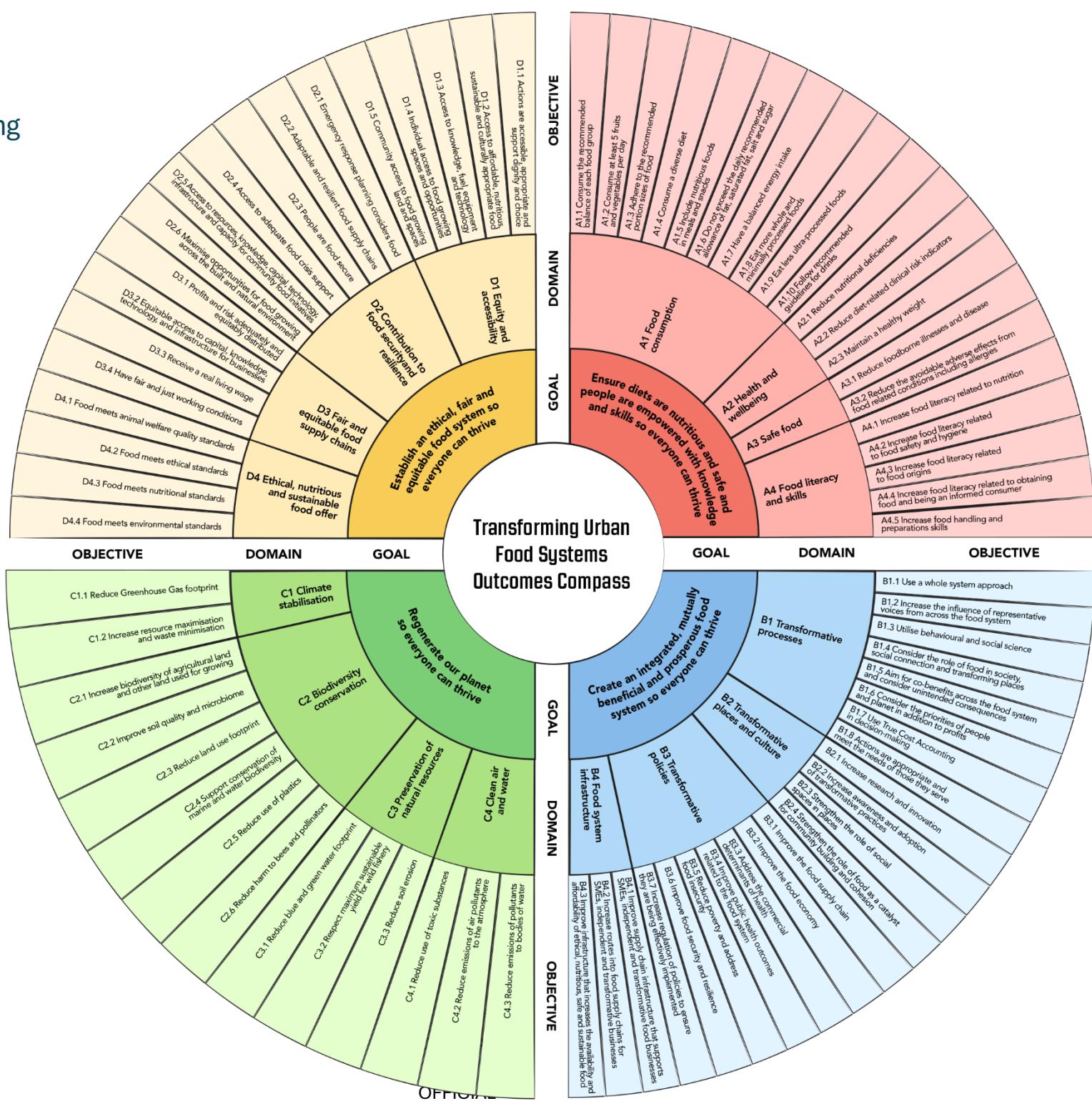


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# Appendix 2: Transforming Urban Food Systems Outcomes Compass (TUFSOC)

Developed by the Birmingham Food System Team (2025)



## Appendix 3: The East Birmingham wards that the Bauhaus Bites project will cover.

Alum Rock	Pype Hayes
Bordesley & Highgate	Shard End
Bordesley Green	Sheldon
Bromford & Hodge Hill	Small Heath
Castle Vale	South Yardley
Garretts Green	Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	Tyseley & Hay Mills
Gravelly Hill	Ward End
Heartlands	Yardley East
Nechells	Yardley West & Stechford

## East Birmingham North Solihull Levelling Up Zone

