

## What is a Greenway?

Greenways are a special type of green infrastructure that are increasingly seen in urban regeneration programs in Europe and elsewhere. In the UK a Greenway is an integral element of the London 2012 Olympic Park. Exemplar Greenways have also been developed in Paris (Avenue Plantee) and in New York (the High Line Project).

Unlike conventional parks or greenspace which tend to be scattered and isolated within the existing urban fabric, greenways are linear and connective.

**A unique selling point (USP) is that greenways aim to bring the park to the people rather than people to the Park.**

The best greenways are interactive rather than passive in character, meaning they are multi-functional; able to support a wide range of local and civic needs including connectivity, sustainability, amenity recreation, health and wellbeing.

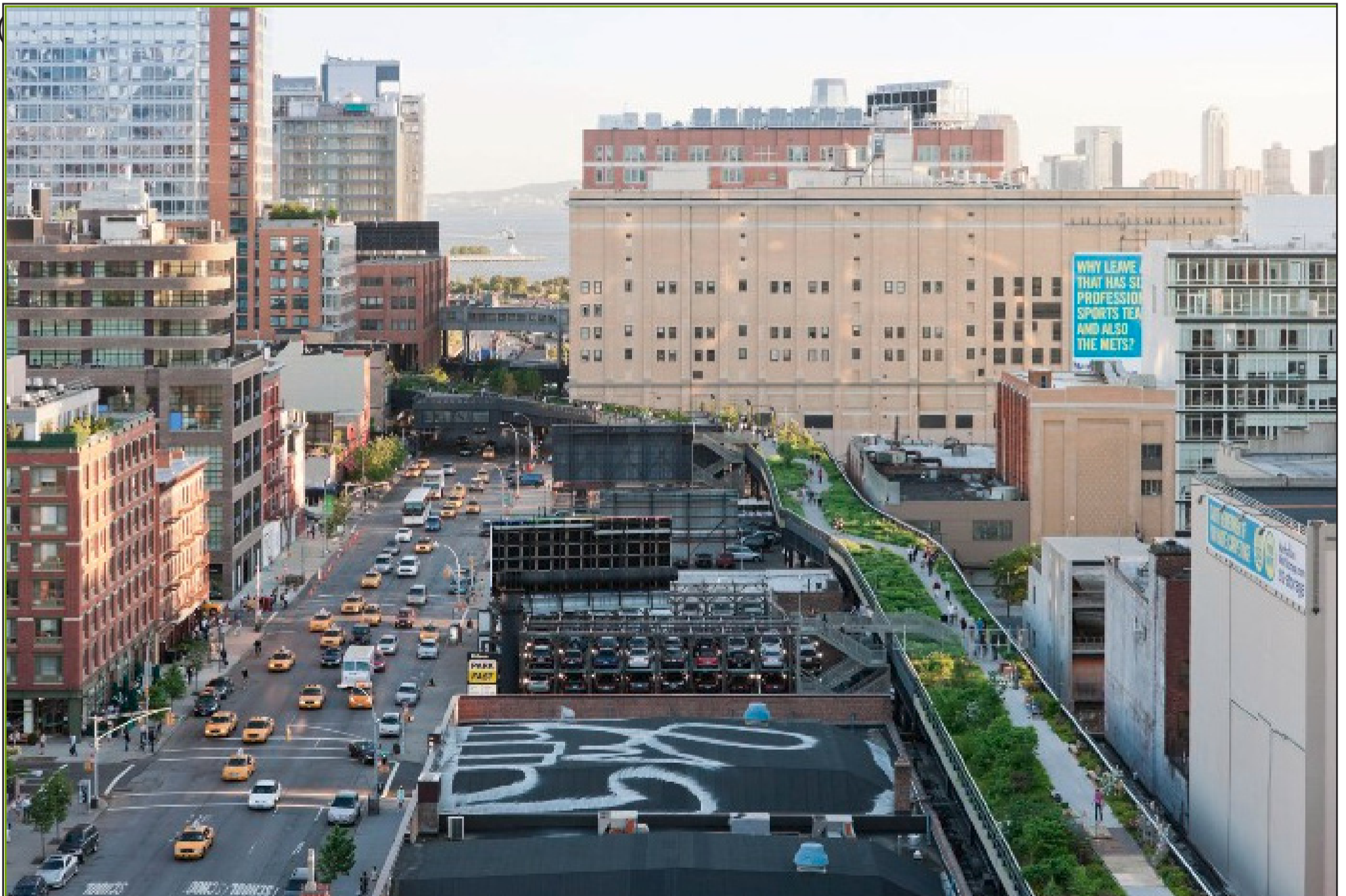


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### **New Yorks High Line ([www.thehighline.org/](http://www.thehighline.org/))**

An elevated urban Greenway based on the innovative use of a redundant railway, originally threatened with demolition.

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