



# SuRF-UK: Sustainable Remediation

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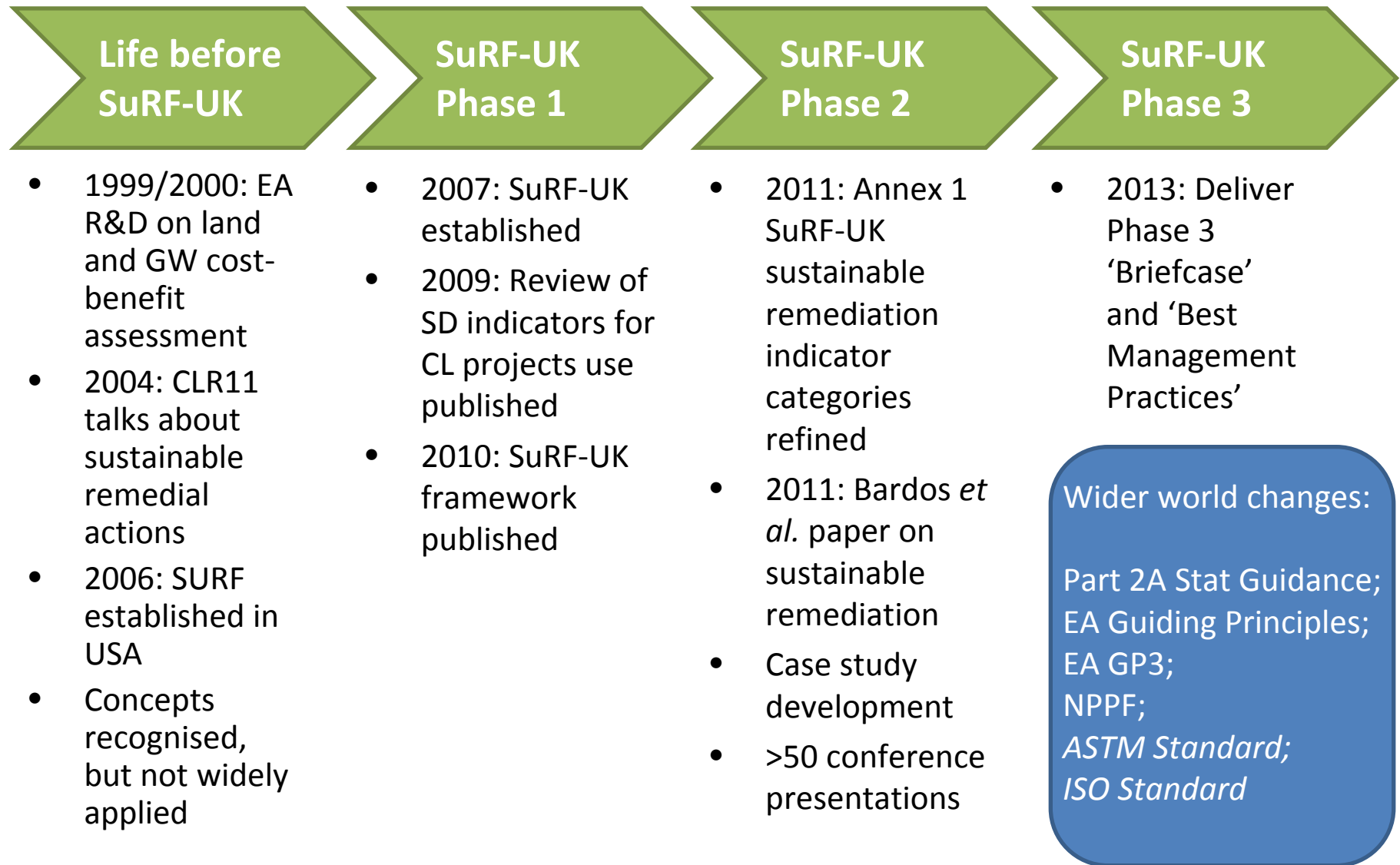
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# Drivers

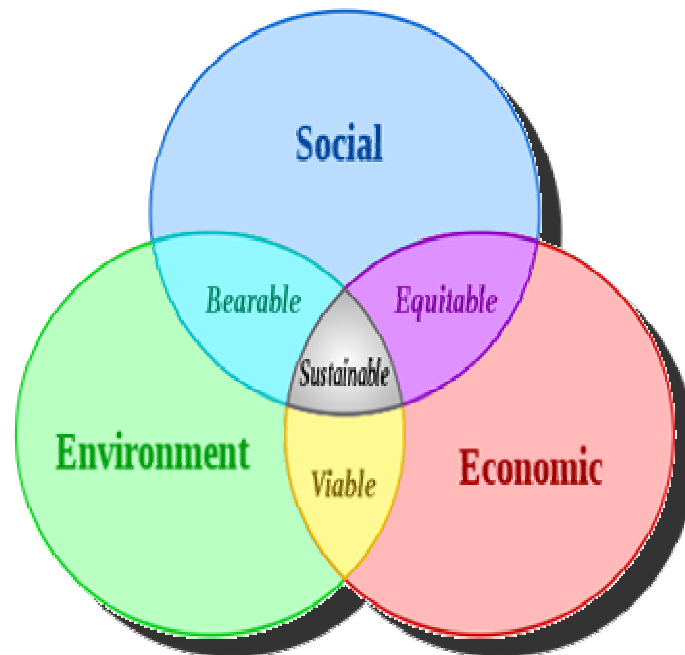
- Cross-sector backing in the UK
  - Need something aligned to current regimes and not expensive to use
- Industry (SAGTA)
  - Good practice, business ethics, sustainable procurement, CSR
  - A way to enable communication and facilitate transparency with all parties
- Regulatory
  - Appropriate and reasonable solutions
  - Soil Framework Directive (draft); Water Framework Directive
- Planning
  - Sustainability tests in planning applications
- Also response to worldwide interest:
  - EU (NICOLE, SuRF-UK, SuRF-NL, EURODEMO+)
  - USA (e.g. SuRF, US EPA “green remediation”, ASTM)
  - Canada, Australia, etc.

# SuRF-UK so far



# SuRF-UK Definition

- *'the practice of demonstrating, in terms of **environmental**, **economic** and **social** indicators, that the benefit of undertaking remediation is greater than its impact and that the optimum remediation solution is selected through the use of a balanced decision-making process'*

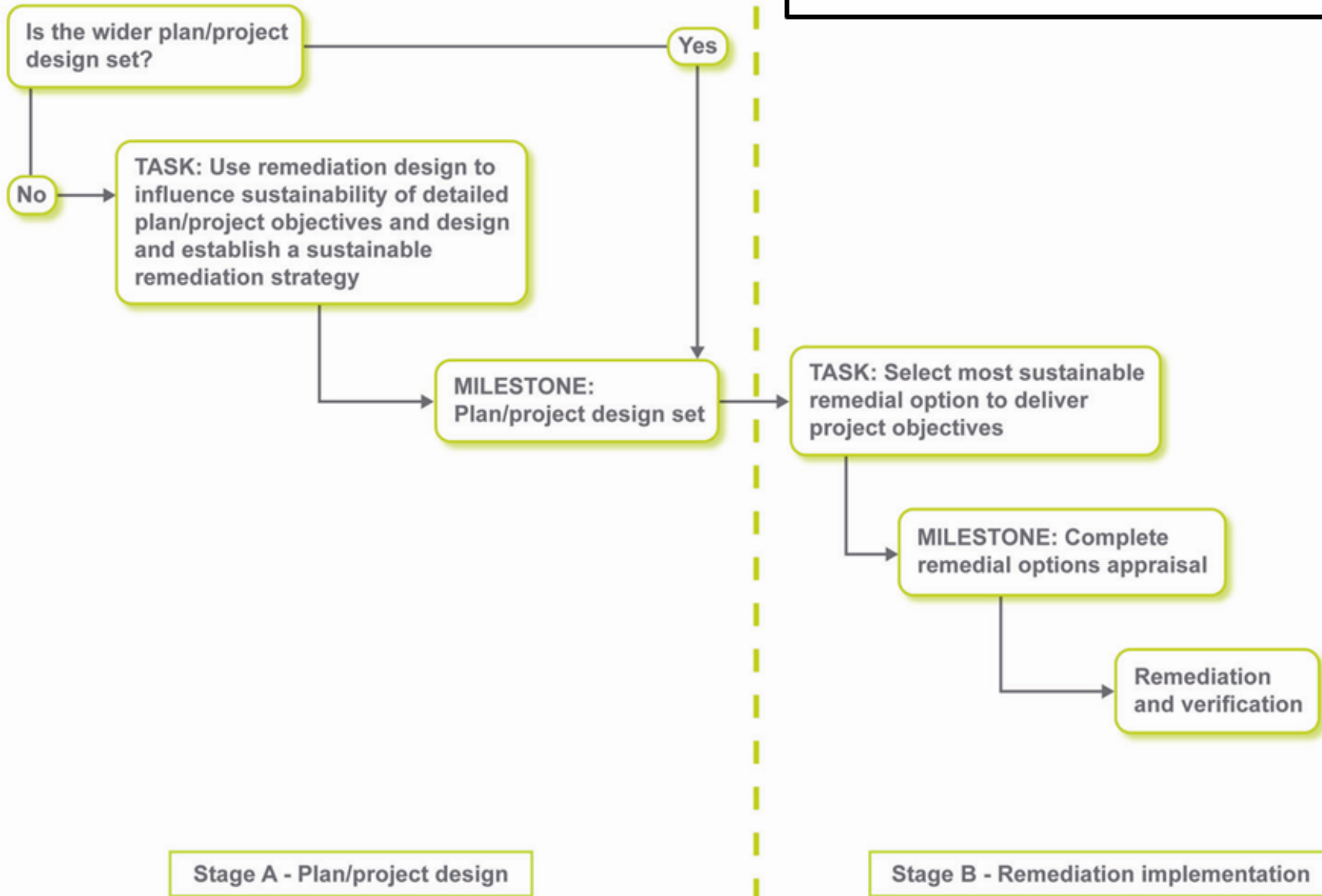


'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' (1987, Brundtland)

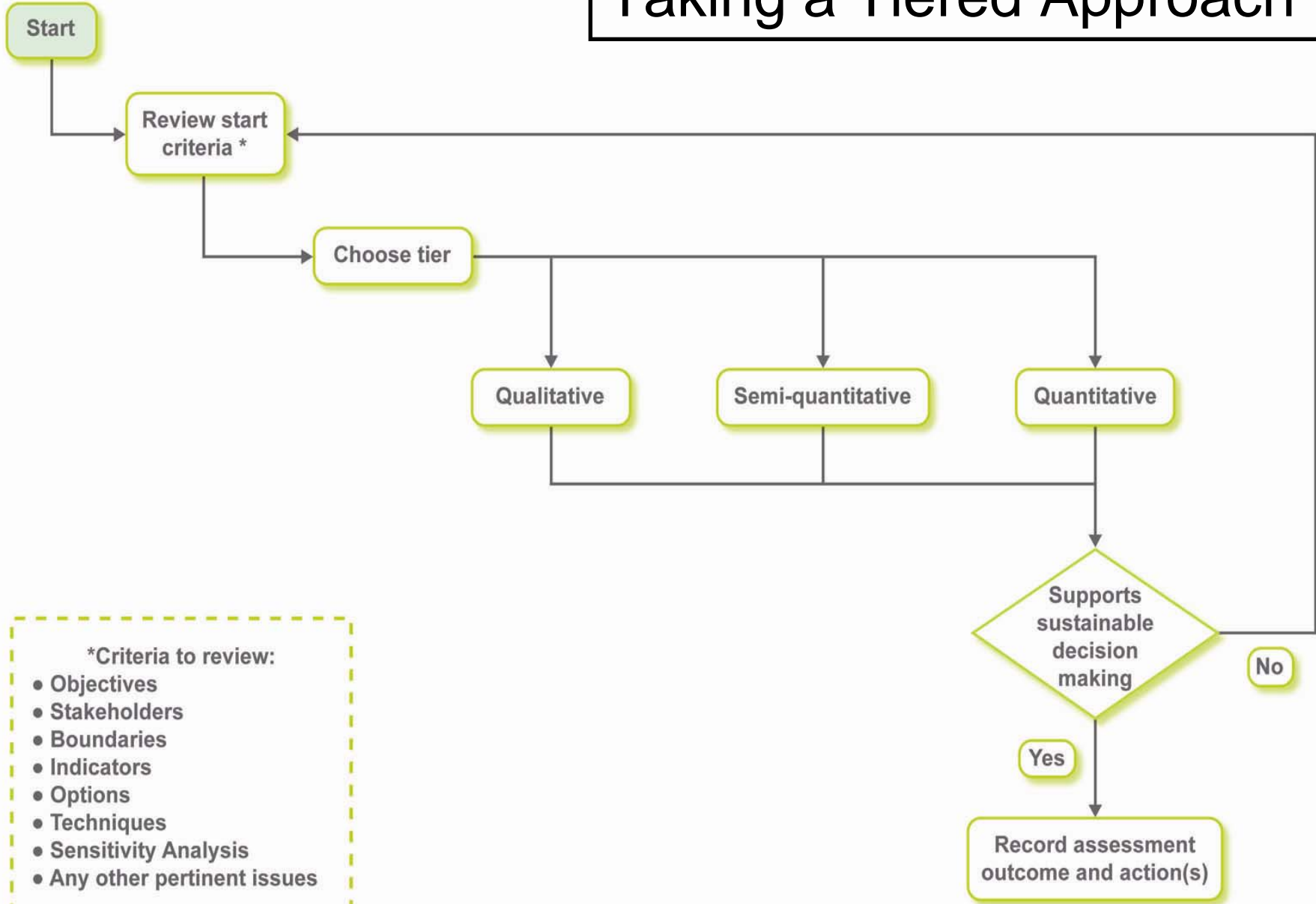
# SuRF-UK: Key principles

- Optimise risk-management based on consideration of social, environmental and economic factors, but always ensure:
  - Principle 1: Protection of human health and the wider environment
  - Principle 2: Safe working practices
  - Principle 3: Consistent, clear and reproducible evidence-based decision-making
  - Principle 4: Record keeping and transparent reporting.
  - Principle 5: Good governance and stakeholder involvement
  - Principle 6: Sound science

# SuRF-UK framework



# Taking a Tiered Approach

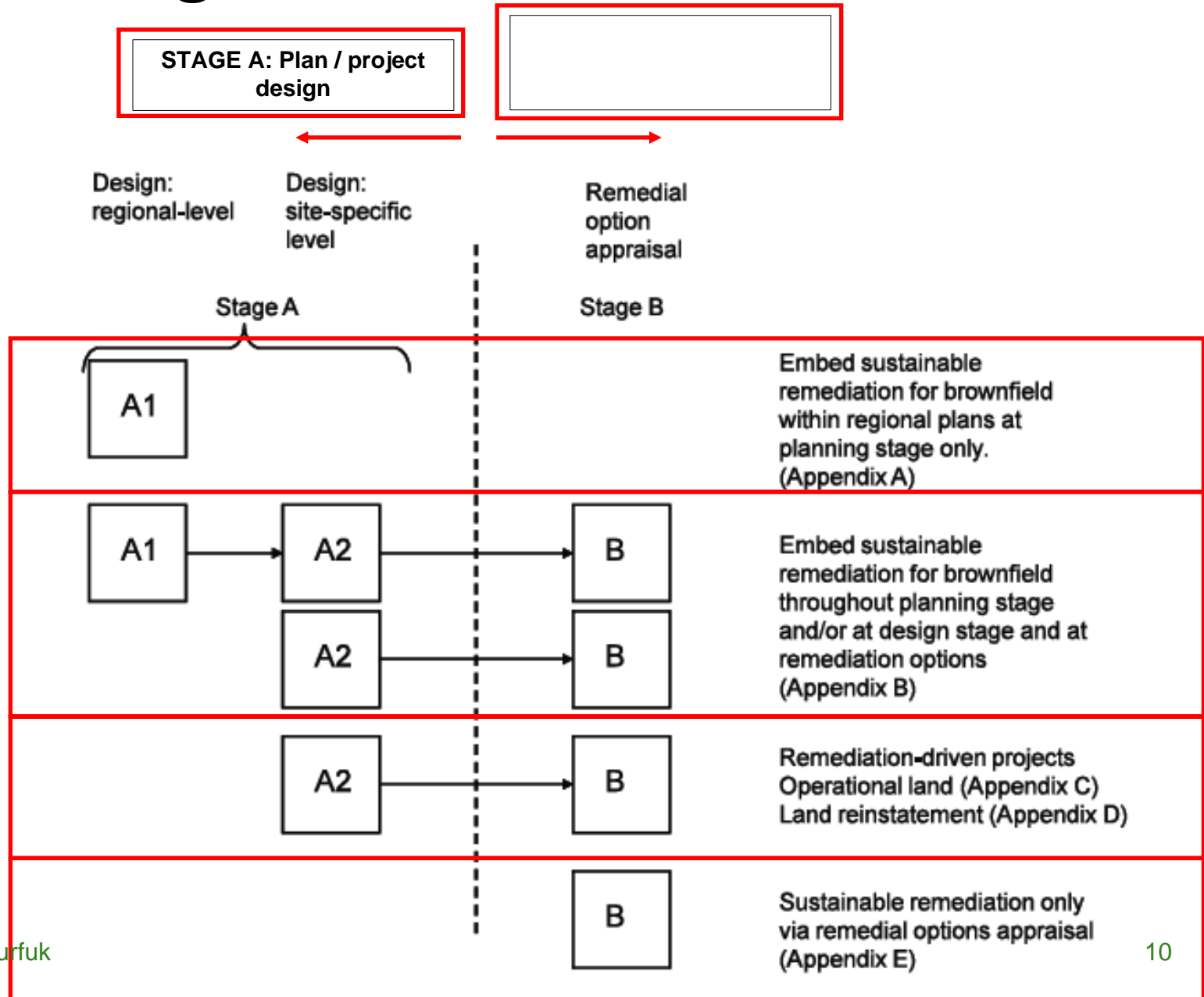




# Indicators

Environment	Social	Economic
ENV 1: Air	SOC 1: Human health and safety	ECON 1: Direct economic costs and benefits
ENV 2: Soil and ground conditions	SOC 2: Ethics and equality	ECON 2: Indirect economic costs and benefits
ENV 3: Groundwater and surface water	SOC 3: Neighbourhoods and locality	ECON 3: Employment and employment capital
ENV 4: Ecology	SOC 4: Communities and community involvement	ECON 4: Induced economic costs and benefits
ENV 5: Natural resources and waste	SOC 5: Uncertainty and evidence	ECON 5: Project lifespan and flexibility

# Using the SuRF-UK Framework



**Thank you.  
Any questions?**

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