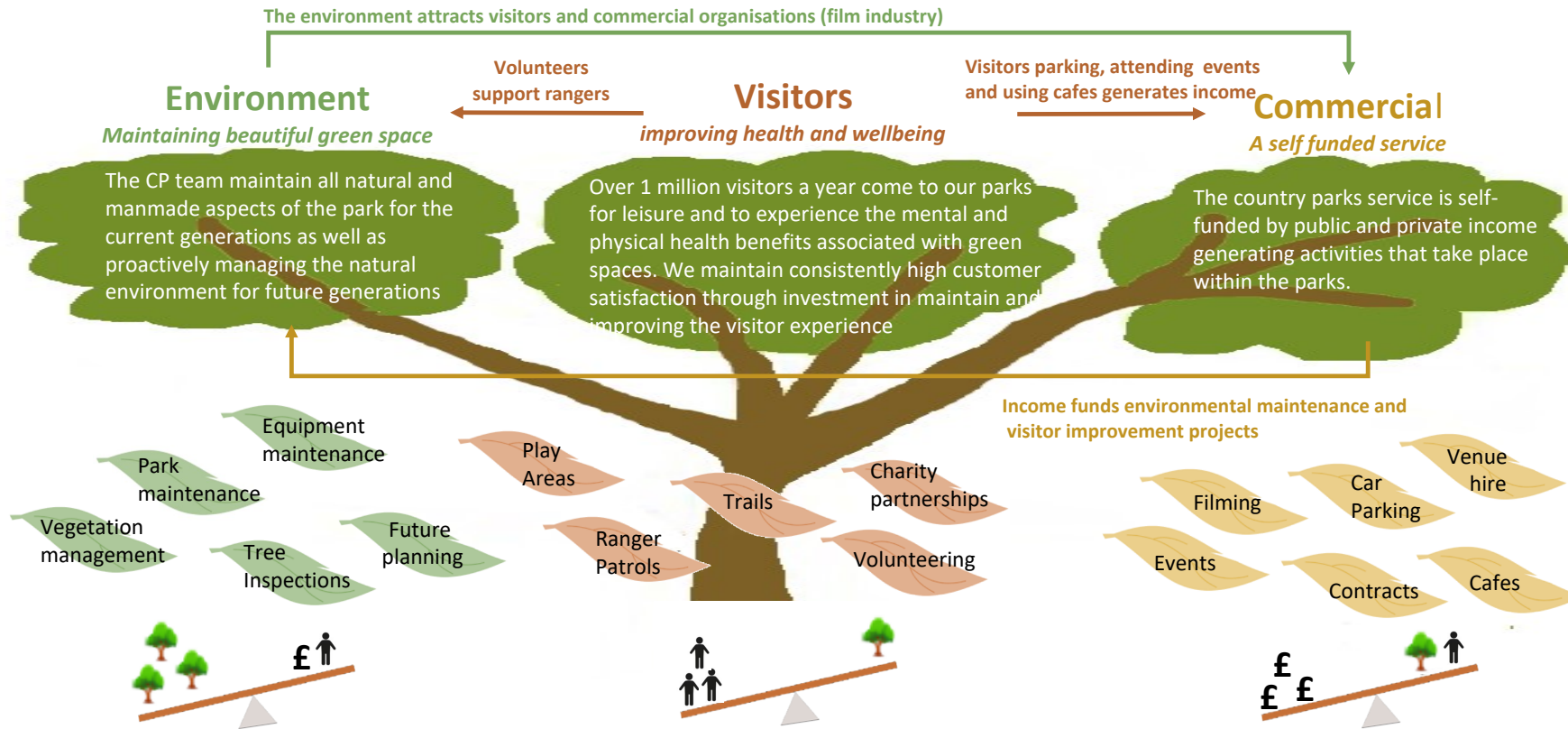


Appendix 3 – Service on a page

Country Parks

The parks offer areas of **woodland and heathland where natural habitats can flourish** and which the **public can enjoy**. The work of the country park team falls into three interrelated areas which are shown below, along with examples of key activities in each area.



A BALANCING ACT: While each of the three work streams feeds into the others to a greater or lesser extent, there are also tensions between them.

Long term environmental management can negatively impact visitors and income generation in the short term. For example reducing the attractiveness of a location through forest clearance required to replicate natural succession

We want to encourage people to visit our country parks, but we must be mindful of how a large footfall through the parks can damage the natural environment. E.g. through littering and erosion.

Activities that generate income, such as events and filming, can damage the natural environment. For some visitors these activities detract from the natural beauty of the park .

Key Challenges



Climate change: threat to certain tree species and habitat preservation.



Intergenerational tension: need to clear areas today to preserve forest for future generations Short-term vs long-term



HS2: clearing areas of Denham Park as part of the construction.