

The aim of my thesis is to describe public - private partnership (PPP) approach in the context of urban regeneration and particularly in the brownfield redevelopment process in the England. I examine the outcomes of urban government policy and then particularly in Sheffield. The thesis is built up from three different parts. The first part is a general review of the PPP literature. It begins with uncovering the notion of public and private sectors, different definitions and perceptions of PPP. It also describes the changing roles of key actors within the partnership process. The second part looks into the british approach to urban regeneration in the context of PPP. At the beginning different forms and types of urban regeneration partnerships are being examined in the England and then the evolution of PPP is outlined since 1980s. The different natures and characters of PPP are also introduced here from the conservative Thatcherism policies to the Labour party government. I am closely interested in the evolution after 1997 and in the term known as „Third Way “. After that I try to highlight the reasons for sustainability and brownfield re - use. Finally I examine the brownfield redevelopment practice in the England and the forms and types of PPP. The third part of this thesis is the case study of Sheffield. This part takes a close look at Sheffield`s responses to the general theme and changing climate of the national policy. It outlines the evolution of PPP in Sheffield since 1980s, and also explores the character of brownfield sites in Sheffield city centre. Here I try to find out what particular forms of „brownfield partnerships “ have occurred in the city centre regeneration and how the partnership approach has been used generally. 8 The Czech Republic and the England are two countries sharing the same problem. That are urban brownfields as kind of spatial outcomes of their industrial past. PPP approach in England has been succesfull. Better understanding and implementation of PPP could help with cities regeneration in Czech republic.