



Consultation on a draft Neighbourhood Development Framework for Ardwick Green: Submission by Manchester and Salford Ramblers

Introduction

This submission is on behalf of the Manchester and Salford Ramblers. We are the local organisation of the national walking charity, the Ramblers, and we help everyone, everywhere, enjoy walking and protect the places we all love to walk.

Neighbourhood Development Framework

We would very much endorse a key objective of the NDF, the protection of Ardwick Green Park as a local green space at the heart of the neighbourhood to provide community and health benefits and to improve the overall accessibility of the area through walking, cycling and other modes of active travel.

Walking Connections

We would particularly like to see high quality pedestrian connections between Ardwick Green and any future crossing between the NDF area and the important new public park and realm at Mayfield to the north.

Ramblers with support from Manchester City Council, TfGM and MCR Active have developed the Manchester Green Trail. This is a walking circuit made up of 14 stages which connect many of the beautiful green spaces and tree-lined streets around the city. Two of the stages include Ardwick Green. Specifically; Walk 5 comes from Queens Park in via Angel Meadow, part of the Ashton Canal and the Lower Medlock Valley to reach Ardwick Green Park and in the future, we hope to make use of the Mayfield Park to connect with Ardwick Green. Walk 6, starts from Ardwick Green Park and goes on to Gartside Gardens and continues to Rusholme and Platt Fields finishing at Whitworth Park

We would be keen to see this Trail help to promote the green spaces within and adjacent to the NDF Area.

For ease of reference here are the links for more information on these two stages of the Manchester Green Trail:

https://www.manchesterandsalfordramblers.org.uk/images/group/ManchesterGT/Walk_5_Map_Let_aflight.pdf

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