



North Manchester Health Campus Strategic Regeneration Framework Consultation: 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.

The Vision

We share the vision of a new high quality and sustainable civic campus where people will want to get well, learn, work and live rather than just a hospital complex. This is important to many of our individual members, however as this is a response on behalf of the group as a whole it will focus solely on those aspects that fall within our area of expertise.

Guiding Principles

Improved access to green travel options including safe walking and cycling routes connecting seamlessly to public transport networks and the surrounding area, is the single most important objective for us.

We would also support, high quality landscape and waterscape features with opportunities for improved biodiversity across the site including tree planting, allotments and wooded areas.

Zero Carbon Manchester

Promoting sustainable transport would be the main priority for our group, along with protecting and enhancing site biodiversity and reducing energy demand.

Benefits

Promoting sustainable transport options – Encouraging people to move away from the private car and travel to the site using greener transport options such as foot, bike or public transport and Contributing to a net zero carbon city are important to the Ramblers.

Other Comments

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. Stage 4 of the Trail comes from Heaton Park and Blackley Forest to Crumpsall Park and then follows the Public Right of Way mentioned on p 73 of the consultation document. We would be keen to liaise with designers and planners on making the most of this connection.

For more information on the Green Trail, [here is the link](#).

We would also very much support examination of the opportunities to create footpath / cycle connections to the River Irk and would be happy to be involved in the process of developing ideas and routes.