

GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
AT 58 RICHMOND STREET
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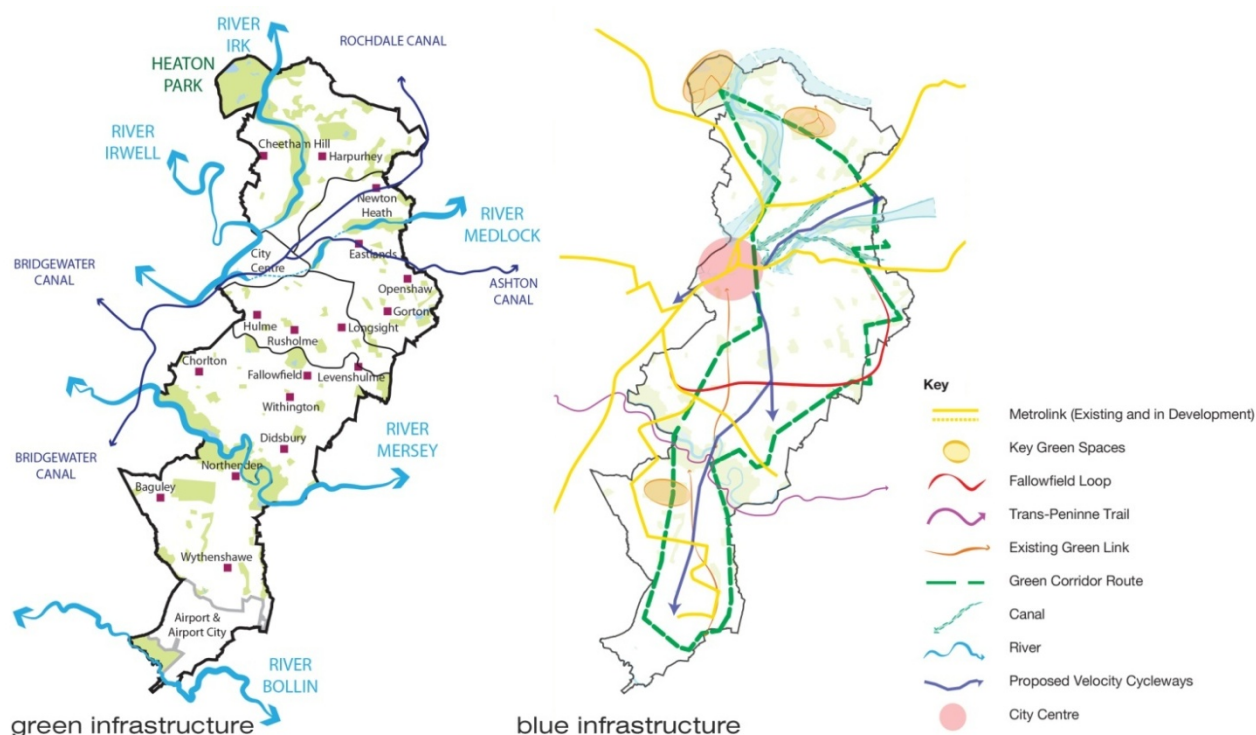
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1.1 VISION

By 2025 high quality, well maintained green and blue spaces will be an integral part of all neighbourhoods. The city's communities will be living healthy, fulfilled lives, enjoying access to parks and green spaces and safe green routes for walking, cycling and exercise throughout the city. Green and blue infrastructure will be supporting Manchester's growth. Businesses will be investing in areas with a high environmental quality and attractive surroundings, enjoying access to a healthy, talented workforce. New funding models will be in place, ensuring progress achieved by 2025 can be sustained and provide the platform for ongoing investment in the years to follow.

The delivery of the strategy will mean;

- Our river valleys are well managed, accessible and safe – providing a key recreational resource to residents.
- Our canal network is rejuvenated as a key asset for the city centre and beyond;
- Our parks and green spaces are attractive and accessible to residents;
- Our networks of smaller scale urban green connect more residents with urban nature and provide corridors and stepping stones for biodiversity
- Our green spaces, both permanent and temporary, work harder, providing multiple social, economic and environmental benefits to the city.
- Our growth is supported by green and blue infrastructure, as a key part of creating attractive, successful neighbourhoods.



Major areas of blue and green infrastructure in Manchester

1.2 PROPOSAL

The proposal's scope is to enhance and contribute in the increase and maintenance of the local green and blue infrastructure.

The retention of the existing trees will improve the sense of place and provide a more pleasant and welcoming environment for neighbours and users, as well as contributing to the bio-diversity of the area.

The proposal will participate in creating a new public realm which will improve pedestrian and cycle access to the site and area, and link it with the existing infrastructure.

An appropriate street lighting will be beneficial towards improving safety and creating a more pleasant and cheerful environment.

Enhancing and complementing the quality and accessibility of the nearby parks and green spaces.

Site is in a very strategic location within city centre, being right next to the Ashton-Bridgewater canal, within 100 m to Sackville gardens and in a reachable distance of the green corridor and cycle routes.

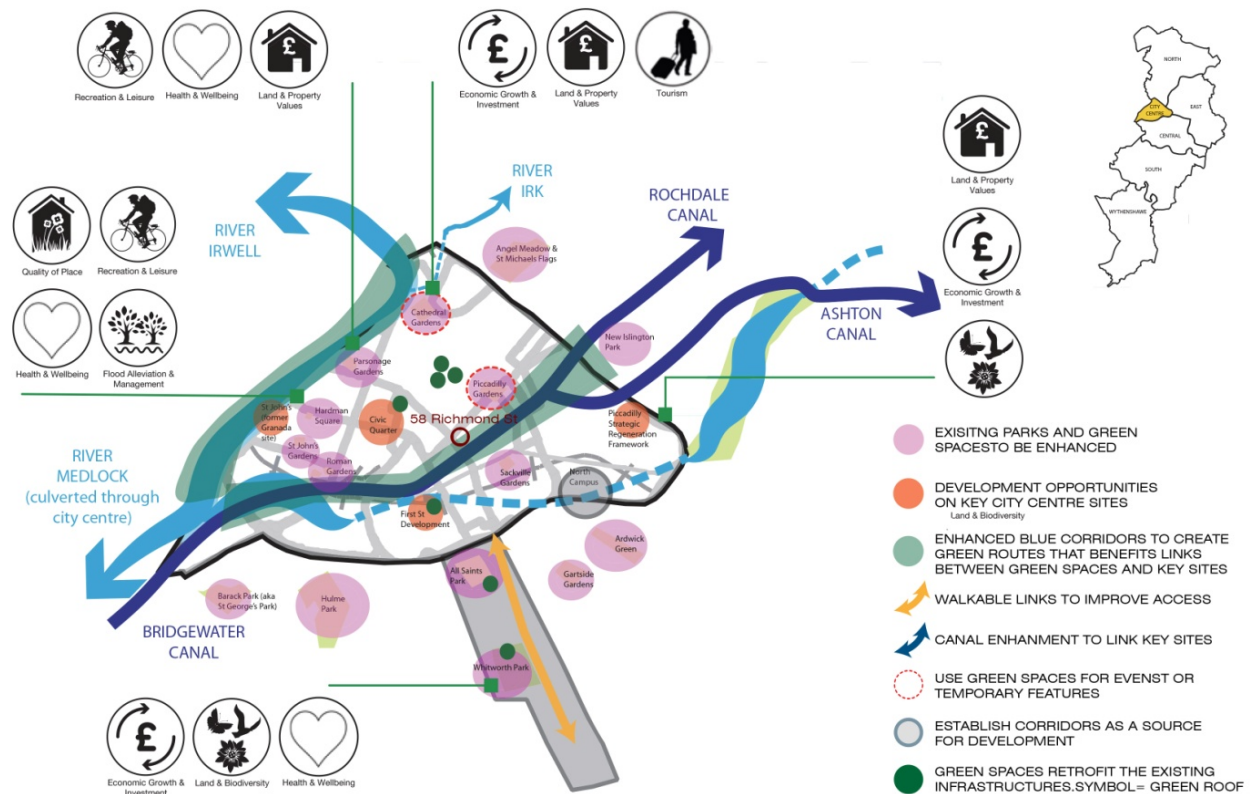
2.1 OBJECTIVES

The following objectives are based on the context and analysis in section 2, and the accompanying Technical Report. They are set within the unique Manchester context, one of ongoing population growth and development, at the heart of a growing city-region, and with access to green and blue spaces within the city and Greater Manchester, and beyond to nationally significant parks and green spaces in locations such as the Peak District, Lake District, and Snowdonia National Parks.

In order to realise the city's vision Manchester and its stakeholders will:

- Improve the quality and function of existing green and blue Infrastructure, to maximise the benefits it delivers.
- Use appropriate green and blue infrastructure as a key component of new developments to help create successful neighbourhoods and support the city's growth.
- Improve connectivity and accessibility to green and blue infrastructure within the city and beyond.
- Improve and promote a wider understanding and awareness of the benefits that green and blue infrastructure provides to residents, the economy and the local environment
- Provide bird and bat boxes within the proposed extension in order to allow animal life to breed enhancing the biodiversity of the area.

Headline citywide actions have been identified for each objective, providing the framework for all stakeholders in the city to play an active part in the strategy's delivery. They are set out in the following sections, with further detail on specific projects provided in the Implementation Plan.



City centre infrastructures

On both side elevations of the proposed extension bird and bat boxes will be set within the external wall, in order to make sure the breeding species will be secured by a sustainable and eco friendly development, providing a solution that won't affect the aesthetic of the scheme and still helps to secure biodiversity enhancing the local green infrastructure.

The proposed bird and bat boxes will be hidden within the brickwork at a certain height in order to avoid vandalism but reachable for maintenance if needed. Both side elevations are ideal as they provide an open side that will allow species to get in and out easily.



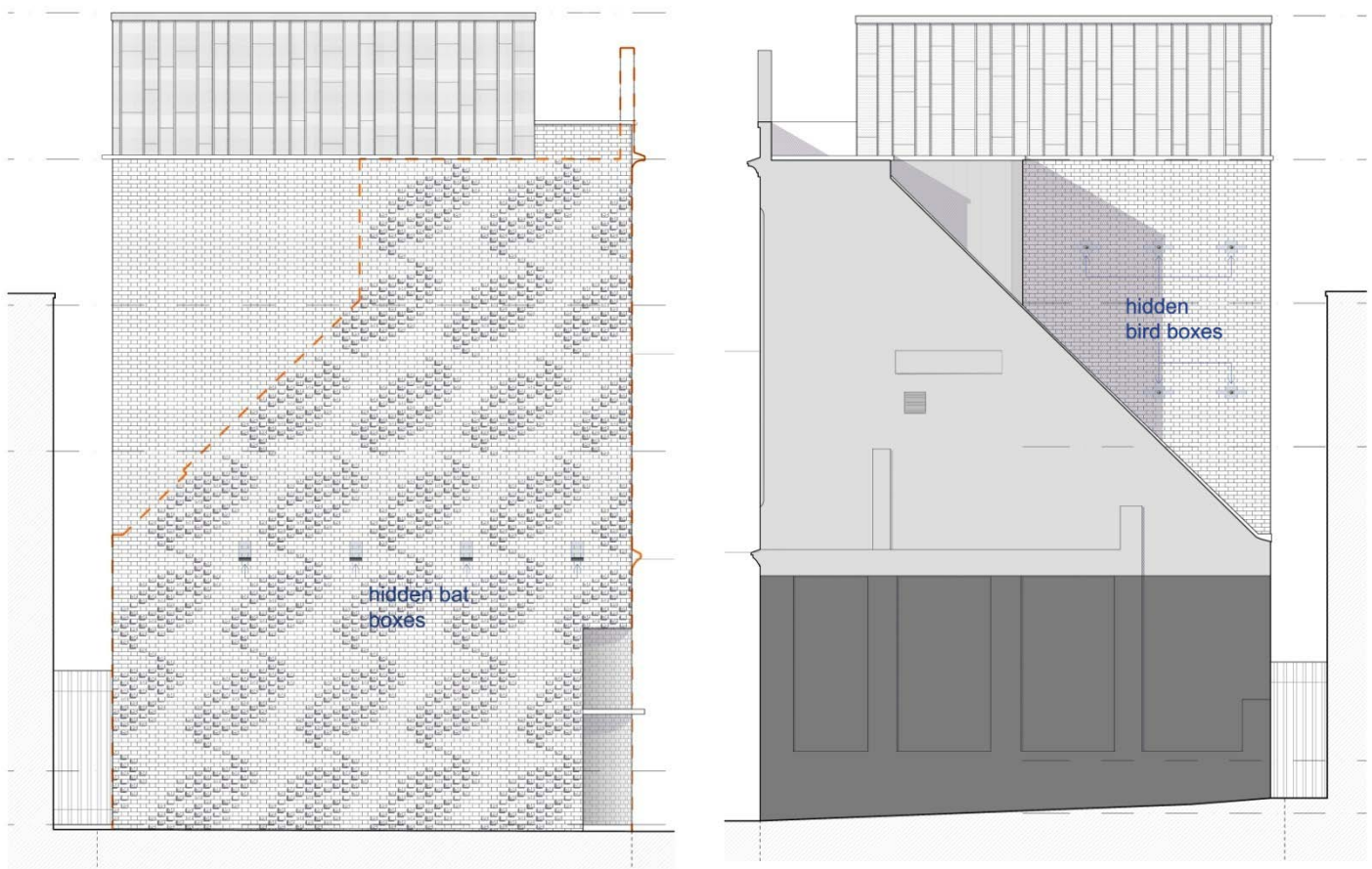
bat box to be set inside the external wall





Final location and amount of boxes can be adjusted due to improving the chance to help local species to settle on the proposed boxes to suit the adequate conditions for them to breed.

bird box to be set inside the external wall



proposed location on both side elevations

2.2 APPLICATION

Becoming part and improving the blue corridor to provide safe, pleasant and attractive green routes that encourage users to access the site by feet or bicycle, minimising the use of private vehicles on Manchester city centre.

The site is adjacent to the canal, which will provide an ideal connection to many key sites in town as well as being an unique way to travel by foot or bike without interfering at all with any vehicles.

Improving the local sense of place and contributing to the linkage between city centre and the rest of the city through the canal, green corridor and nearby cycle lane on Princess Street.

Providing a new public realm, predominately hard landscaped to reduce the potential loitering in order to improve the experience of walking around as well as minimising sources that lead to incident of crime.

The proposed development will regenerate Richmond street, a street of the gay district that will be enhanced, offering a more welcoming path to go through and reducing the chances and risk of crimes.

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