

IDM Renold Meanwhile Use - Management Plan

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1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The proposed re-activation of the Renold Building will form part of the first phase of works to develop a new Innovation District for Manchester.

ID Manchester is a joint venture between The University of Manchester and Bruntwood SciTech that will see the transformation of the University's former North Campus into a new mixed-use neighbourhood. The masterplan envisages a range of new-build and renovated or restored significant/historic buildings, that could contain offices, laboratories and creative studios, alongside homes, shops, leisure and arts venues, all underpinned by a series of high-quality public spaces.

The reactivation of the Renold Building will see it become a home for forward-thinking entrepreneurs and SMEs to develop new ideas and solutions that help tackle some of the world's biggest challenges. Forming the heart of the ID Manchester innovation ecosystem, the Renold Building will honour its history as an educational hub by building an inclusive, purpose-driven community for the next wave of science and technology innovators. It will support collaboration between researchers, entrepreneurs, businesses and partner organisations and help accelerate the growth of Greater Manchester's most promising start-ups and university spin-outs. New events and exhibition spaces will be accessible to local businesses, community groups and arts and culture organisations to host and participate in events and activities.

2. OPENING HOURS

The building will largely operate within the business hours of 8am - 6pm. There is an ambition to host events outside of standard business hours and enable occupiers to continue operating if required on a 24/7 basis.

Events will be managed/facilitated/coordinated via an Events Manager, employed by Bruntwood SciTech. The type of events is likely to include roundtable and theatre-style business events, public exhibitions, community meetings and workshops. The frequency of events will increase as the ecosystem becomes more established. Initially events could be on a monthly basis but this could grow to 2-3 events per week in time.

3. ACCESS

The Renold Building currently has three public points of entry. One from the landscaped area to the south of the building – this is via a series of steps covered by a porte cochere type structure. This approach will remain in use as one of the main public access points for the building. The second route is from the pathway to the eastern façade of the building. This location enjoys level access and automatic / electrically assisted opening doors. This entrance point will remain in use for access to the building. The third entry point is situated on the upper ground floor and is accessed via a link bridge structure from Altrincham Street. This again provides level and ramped access when approached from the northern direction along Sackville Street and through

Vimto Park. This final entry point will only be used for events taking place within the lecture theatres or designated event spaces within the building. This entrance will be suitably staffed, and all attendees will be notified and 'signposted' towards this entrance when an event is occurring.

Internally the building will have use of three existing passenger lifts serving all customer and public floors. The building also has two staircase cores, and both are protected means of escape leading directly to final evacuation doors. Both also include a refuge area fitted with call points to allow for safe assisted evacuation as required.