

Section 3: Development Proposals

- The introduction of a new pathway routed along an east to west axis and the removal of some perimeter fencing to open up the site and improve pedestrian permeability.
- Replace the broken and muddy pathways with recycled Yorkstone from the site, to improve site accessibility;
- Resurface the Roman Road with a resin bound gravel surface which has more permanence and longevity.
- Introduce a 'time-line' feature alongside the Roman Road, raising awareness and educating visitors on both the Roman Gardens' and Manchester's heritage;
- Create a 'community area' which will be maintained by the Castlefield Forum, which will include grow boxes, a timber stage, and seating opportunities. This will help create a sense of ownership with the Forum.
- Light the area appropriately at night.
- Introduce new park furniture.
- Provide new interpretation information for the gardens and branding.
- Introduce a rain garden, trees, bulbs, Roman-garden inspired planting and wildflowers.
- Sculpting of some grassed areas to create raised mounds and gentle slopes, which will invite children to play
- Introduce larger and more formal relaxation spaces for the adjoining public houses
- Construction of an informal stage area for relaxing and starting point for tours of Castlefield.
- Removal of worn asphalt on Stone Street and renovation of cobbled road

