

Manchesters' waterways, its canals and rivers, are a major asset and provide a fantastic recreational opportunity for the people of Manchester. We recognise and value our watercourses. They are excellent places to work near, to live next to and to explore.



The waterways add value to life in Manchester. The Ashton and Rochdale canals are now navigable, and many of our rivers have healthy and fast-growing fish populations. The green network of open spaces radiating out from the waterways are important places for a variety of wildlife.

The waterways are an important focus for regeneration and provide a vital link with our industrial heritage.