



Delivering the Green Network in Ravenscraig

LOCATION

Located between Motherwell and Wishaw in North Lanarkshire, Ravenscraig is one of Scotland's largest regeneration projects. This 450ha brownfield site will undergo extensive development over the next 20 years, including the creation of 3,500 new homes, an industrial campus and business quarter, and a new town centre with both retail and leisure provision.

REGENERATION

Ravenscraig offers a unique opportunity to establish a high quality Green Network which will provide both an attractive landscape for development and effective linkages within and beyond the site. This will help realise the potential of Ravenscraig as an exemplar of sustainable regeneration. Establishing a network of access routes and habitat corridors will also provide 'green link' opportunities for residents and visitors.

OUR ROLE

The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership will play a significant role in the Ravenscraig redevelopment, helping to establish the area as an unrivalled location. The Partnership's Ravenscraig Green Network Strategy provides recommendations which offer an opportunity to develop best practice in sustainable urban development at a nationally significant site. The Green Network itself will foster connections between local communities, enhance habitats and biodiversity, and establish an attractive and healthy living and working environment.

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Aspirations

LOCAL NETWORKS

The GCV Green Network Partnership will support the development of sustainable travel. The Ravenscraig Green Network Strategy promotes the provision of a network of attractive walking and cycling routes for local travel around the new town and for access to and between the neighbouring communities of Motherwell and Wishaw.

PROSPECT HILL

The Ravenscraig Green Network Strategy identifies the potential for the Prospect Hill area to act as a focal point in Ravenscraig's new town. This area may be developed into a park environment, providing a network of walking routes, resting places, and gateways into the surrounding communities. Signage and interpretation points would encourage use of this space.

TODHOLE BASIN

In addition to its water management role, Todhole Basin is a significant local feature which will enhance the development of attractive access routes in Ravenscraig. Opportunities exist to develop a network linking with Motherwell, encouraging walking and cycling whilst also protecting and enhancing conservation interests.

SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE

The GCV Green Network Partnership will investigate the opportunity to develop Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) as a key part of the Ravenscraig Green Network Strategy to provide landscape, biodiversity and amenity benefits as well as a practical water management function.

COMMUNITY NATURE PARK

A key Green Network development in Ravenscraig involves the proposed Community Nature Park around the South Calder water gorge woodlands. As well as providing an attractive setting for residential development, the Park will also be a significant recreation resource for local communities. It is envisaged public access will be established at a level which allows for protection of the area's biodiversity interests, and opportunities exist for the involvement of local residents in the management, maintenance and active use of the park.

SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT

On completion of the Ravenscraig development approximately 65% of the site (300ha) will be dedicated to greenspace. It is crucial that this high quality resource is maintained in the long-term. The GCV Green Network Partnership will work with developers to explore innovative management approaches to develop an effective and robust long-term management solution.

WIDER LINKAGES

The Ravenscraig Green Network will establish valuable links between a number of major recreational and environmental sites in North and South Lanarkshire. This will open up opportunities to develop an extensive public access network across the region and will also create habitat networks for wildlife. Key sites in this wider network include Strathclyde Country Park, Dalzell Estate, Baron's Haugh Nature Reserve, Greenhead Moss Local Nature Reserve, the Ravenscraig Green Link, the Clyde Walkway and Chatelherault Country Park.

LOCAL GREENSPACE

The Partnership's strategic approach to the planning and design of greenspace in Ravenscraig will ensure that these areas contribute to the wider Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network throughout the development process.

PARTNERS

GCV Green Network Partnership;
North Lanarkshire Council;
Capella Group (www.ravenscraig.co.uk);
Scottish Enterprise.



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