



Delivering the Green Network in the Clyde Gateway

LOCATION

The Clyde Gateway takes in an area of Glasgow and South Lanarkshire totalling 3.3 square miles, of which almost a third is derelict, vacant or underused land. The opportunity exists to transform the area into a thriving location for the 21st century for the benefit of existing communities such as Bridgeton, Dalmarnock, Parkhead and Rutherglen, whilst also encouraging new businesses and visitors to the area.

REGENERATION

The Clyde Gateway regeneration initiative aims to be at the heart of a physical, social and economic programme that will improve the image, perception and fortunes of its communities. Supporting Glasgow's ambition to be a world class city region, the objective is to establish the Clyde Gateway as a premier location in which to live, work and invest. The Clyde Gateway Green Network Strategy has been prepared to provide a framework for development and illustrate how the Green Network should integrate and function in this area.

OUR ROLE

The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has a vital role to play in supporting regeneration of the Clyde Gateway and connecting the area to surrounding communities and the city centre. The development of the Strategy will help create a new sense of place and improve the quality of life in the area, enhancing the Clyde Gateway's attractiveness as a place to invest, locate and recruit. The Vision for the Clyde Gateway is of an area with new pedestrian and cycle routes, sustainable urban drainage schemes and enhanced biodiversity all connecting and contributing to quality greenspaces; to a place where people will want to live, work and visit.

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Green Network Strategy diagram for the Clyde Gateway area



Aspirations

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT

Masterplan designs should identify what contribution the Clyde Gateway Green Network Strategy will make to redevelopment and consider how quality can be maintained over the long-term. Opportunities to improve the Green Network include:

- the enhancement of the Clyde Walkway
- the creation of public spaces incorporating walking and cycling routes, and
- the enhancement of business and industrial areas to provide connectivity and a more appealing environment.

GREENING TRANSPORT ROUTES

London Road and the new East End Regeneration route will provide vital access to the Clyde Gateway. The Partnership's recommendations for integration of the Green Network include:

- upgrading the landscape of London Road to create a sense of arrival, greenness and quality
- combining formal tree planting with hard landscaping along the East End Regeneration Route to create a quality setting and mitigate against the visual impact and pollution.

THE RIVER CLYDE

The River Clyde offers an excellent setting for both new developments and existing housing and business areas. To take advantage of this setting the Strategy recognises the need to:

- improve public access routes and create public spaces along both river banks
- create new river crossings at key points
- sympathetically manage and improve the network of wildlife habitats associated with the river.

SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE

Green Networks provide the opportunity for more sustainable and naturalised approaches to urban drainage. The creation of water features, if designed carefully, can result in enhanced biodiversity, recreation and education opportunities and have aesthetic value as well as providing a resource to manage flood risk and treat water. The Sustainable Urban Drainage System (or SUDS) approach is promoted by the Partnership in the Clyde Gateway.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



The 2014 Commonwealth Games provide a superb opportunity to build a positive legacy for the Clyde Gateway's Green Network. There are particular opportunities for:

- the provision of a high quality public realm adjacent to the Athlete's Village,
- the creation of new public space in, and connections to, the Cuningar Loop
- the upgrade of key walking and cycling routes.

This legacy will leave future residents and visitors with greatly improved opportunities for recreation and an enhanced local environment.



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