

LIVIA

- Where:** Clifton and Clifton Green in Salford, Ringley in Bolton and Stand in Bury
- Size:** 218 hectares (with a further 41 hectares being considered)
- Planned investment:** currently unconfirmed
- Partners:** Salford City Bolton and Bury Councils, United Utilities, GM Waste Disposal Authority, BIFFA, Groundwork Manchester, Salford and Trafford and Red Rose Forest
- Site context:** The site is crossed by the M62 and the River Irwell and is highly visible from the two main transport corridors: the motorway and the Manchester to Bolton railway. Parts of LIVIA were once a colliery, but has also been home to a power station and sewage work (both now derelict) and a disused and damaged section of the Manchester, Bolton and Bolton canal. The site also still hosts an active landfill site, which is owned and managed by BIFFA. This legacy has left LIVIA with few natural reserves, and the entire site suffers from poor land quality. LIVIA backs onto several large residential areas (including Swinton, Pendlebury and Prestwich) as well as the Forest Bank Prison. Like all the Newlands sites, LIVIA is, at present, one of the most blighted by anti-social behaviour of all kinds – from fly tipping and vandalism to illegal motorbike scrambling which occurs over much of the site. LIVIA also wraps around the Clifton Industrial Estate, which hosts four of the largest companies in the area, and there are a number of additional small industrial estates, factory units and retail outlets in the area. Some reclamation has already been undertaken on site with problem tar pond tackled and long distance cycleway and Irwell sculpture trail provided. The site adjoins Prestwich Forest Park and Clifton Country Park and is linked by footpath networks with Moseley Gate Country Park and the reclaimed Outwood Colliery
- Future:** LIVIA will enhance the local environment to have an impact on new investment and values around Clifton Industrial Estate and Clifton Green residential area as well as the new Westbury Homes and Agecroft Commerce Park developments built to the south side of the site. Through its relationship to the M60, the site can act as a regional gateway with the new uses supporting proposals for the Croal Irwell Regional Park project. Newlands will transform the ecological and environmental state of LIVIA with a restoration programme to develop the site into community woodland. The Mersey Basin Campaign and British Waterways will promote the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal restoration. Socially, LIVIA will increase the quantity and quality of leisure

facilities in the area, for both local communities and as a driver for visitors, linking with the Irwell Sculpture Trail, the Outwood Cycle Trail and existing Parks, and itself offering a high-grade visitor destination.

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