

# Moston Vale

- Where:** Harpurhey, North Manchester,
- Size:** 24 hectares
- Planned investment:** Currently unconfirmed
- Partners:** Manchester City Council, New East Manchester Ltd, Ask Akeler, Red Rose Forest, Irk Valle Project, Groundwork Manchester Salford & Trafford
- Site context:** Originally the valley of Moston Brook, the area was once at the centre of the city's industrial development and has enjoyed a colourful past. At one time overlooked by the employees and patients of the now demolished Manchester Fever Hospital, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century the stream was culverted to create space for the site to be used as a domestic waste tip. Once filled the site was resurfaced for use as public open space, but to historic standards. In places the open flat featureless landscape has suffered from obvious subsidence with 'flush manhole covers now standing some feet into the air, in others the soil cover is wearing thin with glass and other materials emerging at the surface, just part of the site's legacy leading to under use and neglect. More recently this has attracted serious anti-social behaviour including fly tippers and joy riders. Investing in further reclamation has been a long-standing priority for the local community and Manchester City Council and Newlands has physically secured the boundaries of the site to limit further abuses whilst arrangements are finalised. The site is now the interface between the regionally strategic site, Central Park, and the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder area
- Future:** A new landscape with enhanced security, management, maintenance and community involvement are key to turning this damaged land into a benchmark for quality 'urban countryside'. A recreation, leisure and amenity asset to support both the activities of the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder in the residential area adjoining, but also to create a quality setting for new investment to help achieve the critical mass necessary for the Strategic Regional Site, Central Park, to be successful. Central Park has already secured developments for the new regional HQ of Fujitsu and the Manchester Science & Enterprise Centre.