

The importance of Green Infrastructure from a local authority perspective

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Green Infrastructure is part of a complex agenda for local authorities

- Quality of life and quality of place
- The North West region – Regional Spatial Strategy
- Greater Manchester – economic growth
- Local – community expectations

What do we want Green Infrastructure to deliver?

- Green Infrastructure – not just an environmental benefit
- Who delivers ? – not only the local authority
- Who benefits? Who doesn't?

We are all very worried about climate change...

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- 60% disagree that they are tired of the fuss made about the environment.
- 74% say we are heading for environmental disaster if we don't change our habits.

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- 59% say they are doing nothing about it.
- 70% say the Government should take the lead, even using the law to change people's behaviour.
- 56% say Government is just using environmental issues as an excuse to raise taxes

Think Globally Act Locally – Think Locally Act Globally

- GI doesn't respect political or administrative boundaries
- Local actions have cumulative benefits
- GI needs planning and investment like any other key infrastructure

A Green Infrastructure Strategy for Rochdale

- Highlights GI, what it does and where
- Supports growth and regeneration objectives in the borough
- Will help to deliver the Community Plan and the Local Development Framework
- Will establish Rochdale's GI role in Greater Manchester



A GI tour of Rochdale

- The good.....





The surprising.....



The could be better.....



The ugly.....



**The need for strong governance
and partnership**

- Greater Manchester and local

Thank you