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ID Manchester's draft Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) has been published, a significant milestone in the project for a new innovation district, which has been masterplanned by Allies and Morrison. The scheme is being brought forwards by ID Manchester Ltd, a joint venture between The University of Manchester and Bruntwood SciTech, working in close collaboration with Manchester City Council.

The publication of the SRF makes the proposed plans public for the first time and marks the launch of a wide-ranging process of engagement with local communities, businesses and special interest groups.

ID Manchester is founded on the belief that ideas flourish where business, education and communities come together. This internationally significant project will provide specialist infrastructure to power the growth of the knowledge economy and unlock the potential to commercialise research and development (R&D) innovation while contributing to city life.

Place design and placemaking will be central to the development of ID Manchester, which when complete will provide over 240,000 sqm of commercial workspace, over 1,500 new homes, and significant investment in the public realm that will create a welcoming and accessible focal point for the city centre.

Routed in context and history, it will be an important combination of heritage assets, with the Sackville Street and Renold buildings repurposed, and new buildings and landscape, all contributing to a strong sense of place. Connections and characterful routes will make the area open and accessible to all while a living landscape will significantly increase biodiversity and boost climate change resiliency.



As a practice, it marks an important moment for our involvement in Manchester with on-the-ground presence in the city and the recent completion of the new Grosvenor East faculty building for Manchester Metropolitan University.

Paul Eaton, Partner at Allies and Morrison said *"It has been a privilege to work with the University of Manchester and Bruntwood SciTech, alongside a wonderful group of collaborators, to develop the ID Manchester masterplan. ID Manchester is a nationally significant project with a global reach. It is also a vital project for Manchester; building on the success of the city as a centre of innovation excellence to create a vibrant, sustainable and memorable place that is stitched into its rich and diverse context."*

More information on the project can be found on the ID Manchester web site

<https://www.id-manchester.com/>



Location	Manchester, UK
Uses	Mixed
Client	IDM Ltd
Status	Current
Size	7.2ha site / 40,000 sqm of total development
Expertise	Masterplanning, Architecture
Collaborators	Architecture: Allies and Morrison, Landscape: SLA, Masterplan Advisor: Stanhope, Planning: Deloitte LLP, Engineering: Arup, Heritage: Stephen Levrant Heritage Architecture, ESG: Useful Projects, Economic Analysis: Ekosgen, Cost: Arcadis

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