

GROWGREEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE-SITE VISIT OPTIONS 27TH MARCH

CLAYTON VALE

Once an industrial ash waste tip from the East Manchester power station, greened up in the 1980's it is now a local nature reserve and a place for visitors to enjoy woodland and riverside walks, fishing and picnics. It is also home to one of the largest mountain bike trails in the NW providing a unique sporting facility in the area. Clayton Vale forms a green hub in the heart of this regenerated part of the city, bringing investment, jobs and other co-benefits.



MOORLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL – NBS PLAYGROUND

In 2018 Moorlands Primary School adopted an innovative new solution to their rainfall drainage by constructing the first NBS rain garden in any school playground in Manchester. This new rain garden absorbs rainwater which previously went directly in to the drainage system. The result is an attractive new playground, increased biodiversity and reduced drainage bills. This is a primary example of the financial benefits of NBS, with huge potential for replication.



ANGEL MEADOW PARK & NOMA HQ OF THE CO-OPERATIVE GROUP

Angel Meadow Park is a park near to the centre of Manchester, originally the largest cemetery in Manchester and used for the burial of people too poor to afford a proper funeral. In 2004 with considerable regeneration in this part of the city the park was re-landscaped to form an attractive public park and a friends of the park group was established. It is now one of the city centre's much loved parks.

The flagship HQ buildings of the Co-Operative Group is one of the most iconic modern buildings in the city and its design has been compared to a 'sliced egg' or 'ship' because of its shape. When it was opened in November 2013 it was named 'the most sustainable building in the world'.



MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM – THE ETIHAD

Home to Manchester City Football team and one of the most iconic buildings in this part of East Manchester. It was built in 2002 to host the commonwealth games and has won several architectural awards for its innovative design particularly for its stunning wave shaped stadium roof.

The club has transformed a former largely derelict, toxic and unusable heavy industrial estate into a community and business hub. With sustainability at its focus it has incorporated a range of energy systems to lower emissions, including rainwater and bore-hole water harvesting with waste water from all ground activities being recycled and reused across the academy and stadium. It is one of the most sustainable sports complexes in the city.

