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Green Corridor and Links Review

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1. Introduction

1.1. In the Unitary Development Plan (UDP), adopted 2006, paragraph 11.73 states:

'Green Corridor and Links are a special feature of the Borough, thanks mainly to its river valleys, canals and features such as Oldham Edge, and are valuable both for wildlife and recreation. By linking together habitats they help to support a richer diversity of species than would exist in isolated natural areas and, because of their proximity to major residential areas, they allow local people a break from the pressures of urban living.'

1.2. Paragraph 11.814 adds that some *'are identified solely because they assist the movements of wildlife, for example the existing railway lines, while others assist the movement of both people and wildlife.'*

1.3. Therefore, Green Corridor and Links served a wildlife role primarily and, in some cases, also a recreational role.

1.4. The [Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document \(the Core Strategy\)](#)¹, adopted November 2011, carried these designations forward from the UDP.

1.5. This review, which has been carried out to inform the Oldham Local Plan, seeks to assess whether the Green Corridor and Links are still justified.

1.6. The review has used the [Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy \(LNRS, 2025\)](#)² to determine whether the Green Corridor and Links are still considered to be important for connecting areas of biodiversity.

1.7. The LNRS sets out a vision for nature recovery in Greater Manchester and priorities, targets and actions for different habitats and species. Actions that are not mapped are applicable for consideration across the borough wherever they are relevant.

1.8. Maps of a Greater Manchester Nature Network have been developed and are made up of:

- Core local nature sites - existing valuable areas for nature which include our nature designations; and
- Opportunity Areas - opportunity areas where action should be focused across the city-region.

1.9. The Council has not determined that the full Greater Manchester LNRS area is a 'Green Corridor and Link' as this would make the whole of the nature network a development constraint which it was not intended to be. Instead, this review considers whether the existing Green Corridor and Link designations are still justified, informed by whether they fall within the nature network.

1.10. Consideration has also been given to Natural England's Priority Habitats Inventory.

¹ The Core Strategy and Development Management Development Plan Document can be found at https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/978/joint_core_strategy_and_development_management_policies_development_plan_documents_dpds

² The Greater Manchester LNRS can be found at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/natural-environment/our-plan-for-nature-recovery/>

- 1.11. Oldham's [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#) (2022)³ provides an up-to-date assessment of current Green Infrastructure provision and opportunities using existing data sets. The spatial data sets produced within the Green Infrastructure Strategy, highlight opportunity areas aligned to local need and can be used to inform development decisions.
- 1.12. The Green Infrastructure Strategy identifies place-based opportunities including Nature Recovery Networks. As part of this assessment, regard has been had to the Green Infrastructure Strategy, particularly in terms of checking for suggested nature networks.
- 1.13. The Council has also prepared a Local Green Space Assessment which in some places overlaps with Green Corridor and Links.
- 1.14. Local Green Space is land which is of particular importance to the local community and where it is:
- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves;
 - b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
- 1.15. The Green Corridor and Links review has been informed by the Local Green Space Assessment, noting where land is being proposed as a Local Green Space due to the presence of wildlife.
- 1.16. Open space, recreational routes and Public Rights of Way (PROW) have been noted however they do not inform whether a site should remain as a Green Corridor and Link since the designation primarily reflects the movement of wildlife, not people.
- 1.17. Boundary amendments have been proposed to reflect the LNRS nature network better either by removing land where there does not appear to be evidence that land would help join up the nature network or by adding land in to reflect areas of the nature network adjoining the existing Green Corridor and Link.
- 1.18. In some cases, the Green Corridor and Link designation has been amended to reflect changes in land use such as development, including a new linear park, that has taken place at Foxdenton.
- 1.19. Maps of the Green Corridors being de-designated or where boundaries are being amended can be found in Appendix 11 of the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan.

³ Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy can be found at:
https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2183/oldham_green_infrastructure_strategy

2. Summary of changes proposed to Green Corridor and Links

2.1. Table 1 below provides a summary of the proposed changes which are covered in more detail within the assessment.

Table 1: Summary of changes to Green Corridor and Link designations

Green Corridor and Link	Designation being taken forward	Boundary changes
Alexandra Park	Yes	No
Ashton Road / Simkin Way	No	N/A
Cemetery rear of Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth	No	N/A
Cemetery / Cricket Ground south of Duchess Street	No	N/A
Chadderton Cemetery	Yes	No
Chew Valley Road to Halls Way, Greenfield	Yes	No
Clayton Playing Fields, Broadway	No	N/A
Egerton Street to Shaw Road (Oldham Edge)	Yes	Yes
Foxdenton Hall Park	Yes	Yes
High Crompton Park, Rushcroft Road	No	No
Hill End Road to Gatehead Croft, Delph	Yes	No
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (1)	Yes	Yes
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (2)	Yes	No
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (3)	No	N/A
Long Clough Broadway, Royton	No	N/A
Lydgate Tunnel / Rear Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (1)	Yes	Yes
Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (2)	Yes	Yes
Manchester Road Greenfield to Ryefields Drive, Uppermill	Yes	Yes
Mill Lane / Thorp Road, Royton	Yes	Yes
Northdowns / Rochdale Road, High Crompton	No	N/A
Oaklands Road	Yes	Yes
Railway – Morton Street, Hardman Lane, Failsworth	Yes	Yes
Rear of Broadbent Road / Whetstone Hill Lane (up to here)	No	N/A

Green Corridor and Link	Designation being taken forward	Boundary changes
Rear of Somerset Road, Failsworth	No	N/A
River Tame from Delph New Road to Mow Halls Lane	Yes	No
Rear of Elk Mill	Yes	Yes
Spurn Lane, Diggle	Yes	No
Stock Lane	No	N/A
Stonebreaks Road, Cooper Street	Yes	Yes
Sholver Lane	Yes	Yes
Wall Hill Road, Dobcross	Yes	No
Wall Hill Road / Hudsteads, Dobcross	No	N/A
Wrigley Head, Failsworth	No	N/A
Wrigley Head, Failsworth (1)	Yes	Yes

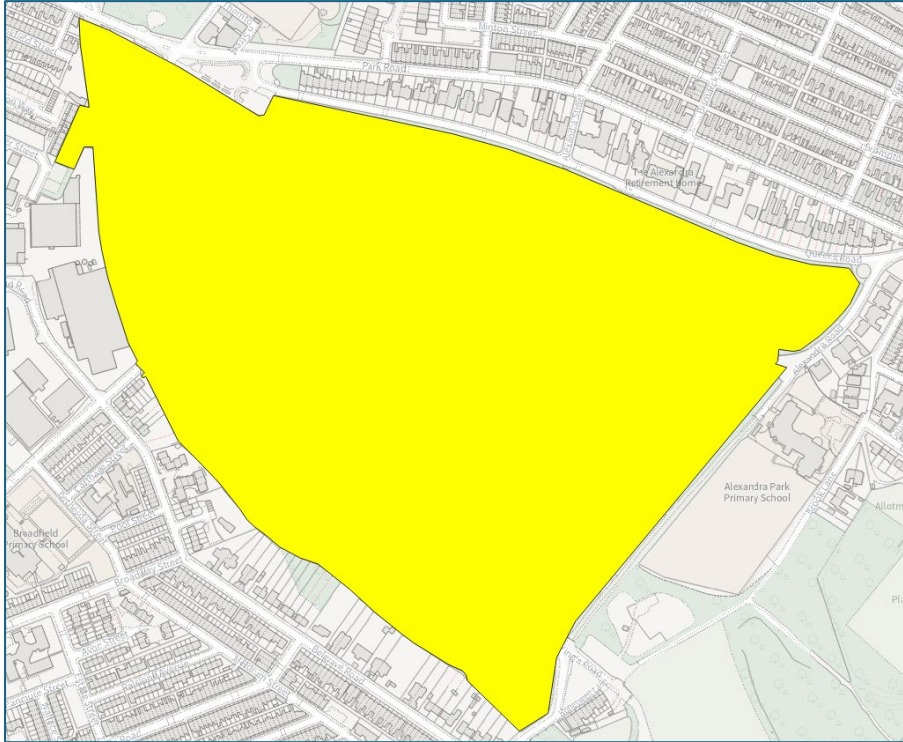
2.2. The review looks at each Green Corridor and Link currently designated in the Core Strategy and includes:

- A map of the existing Green Corridor and Link boundary;
- Nature / Green Infrastructure justification;
- Recreation Justification;
- Conclusion; and
- A map of the revised boundary, where relevant.

3. Green Corridors and Links Review

Alexandra Park

Map 1: Alexandra Park Green Corridor and Link:



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

Local Nature Recovery Strategy:

3.1. The Green Corridor and Link falls within the LNRS opportunity area for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow which has actions including:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

3.2. The Green Corridor and Link includes priority habitat.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

3.3. The Green Corridor and Link is classed as open space. A recreational route runs along the western boundary.

3.4. The Green Infrastructure Strategy identifies Alexandra Park as a major green infrastructure asset. The strategy notes opportunities for a nature recovery network linking Alexandra Park, Glodwick Lows Local Nature Reserve and Oldham Edge using

open spaces as stepping stones⁴. It also notes active travel routes with National Cycle Network Route 601 running south of Alexandra Park connecting with potential future off-road links across Oldham Way to Oldham Town Centre and Oldham Edge. The Green Corridor and Link is identified for tree planting and tourism opportunities.

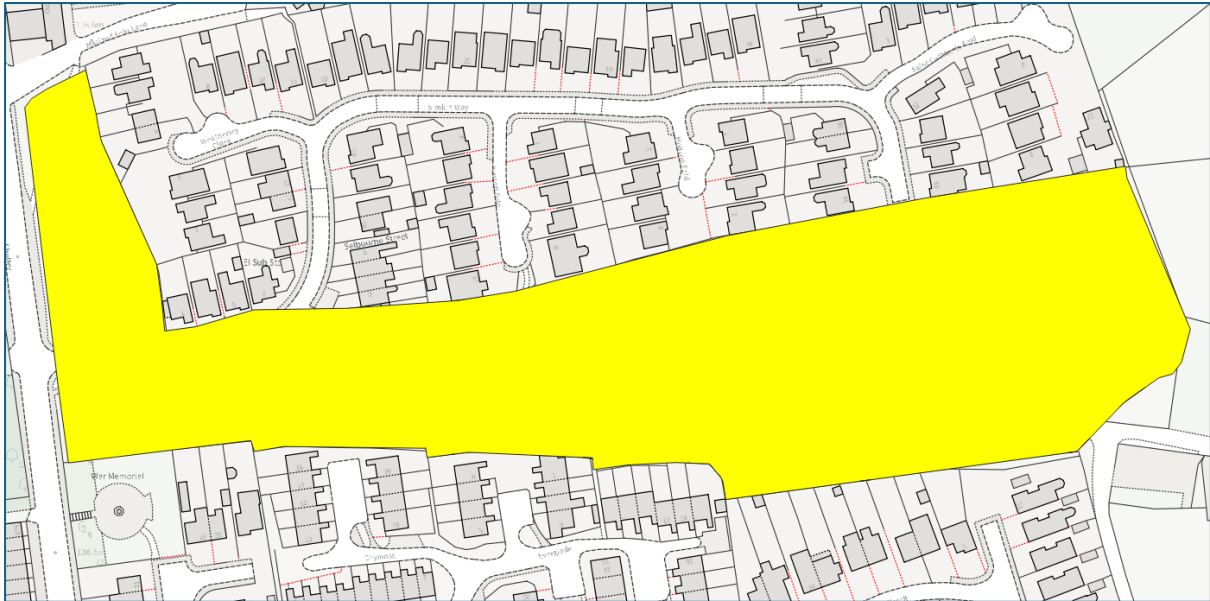
Conclusion

- 3.5. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife and recreational role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 1 above.

⁴ National Planning Policy Framework defines stepping stones as: Pockets of habitat that, while not necessarily connected, facilitate the movement of species across otherwise inhospitable landscapes.

Ashton Road / Simkin Way

Map 2: Ashton Road / Simkin Way Green Corridor and Link



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.6. The Green Corridor and Link does not form part of the LNRS. The Green Corridor and Link is proposed to be designated as a Local Green Space however this is not due to it being locally significant for ecology.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

3.7. Only a strip of the corridor by Ashton Road is identified as open space. The Green Corridor and Link does not include any recreational routes. However, the road is a PROW and in the Green Infrastructure Strategy a Greater Manchester cycle route is shown on the place-based opportunity map⁵.

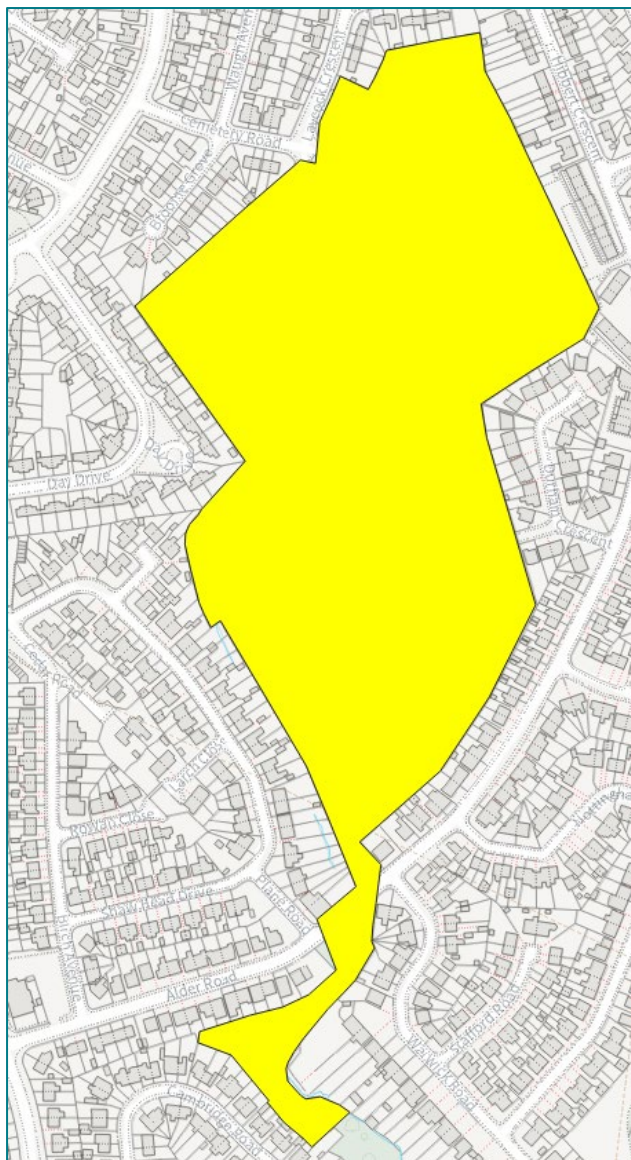
Conclusion

3.8. There is limited justification to support this Green Corridor and Link designation. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. Whilst proposed for de-designation the land will be afforded protection through its proposed designation as a Local Green Space.

⁵ This map can be seen at https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/7634/green_infrastructure_opportunity_map_-_south_district

Cemetery rear of Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth

Map 3: Cemetery rear of Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.9. Only the tip of the Green Corridor and Link falls within the LNRS, rear of Alder Road which includes priority habitat (deciduous woodland).

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

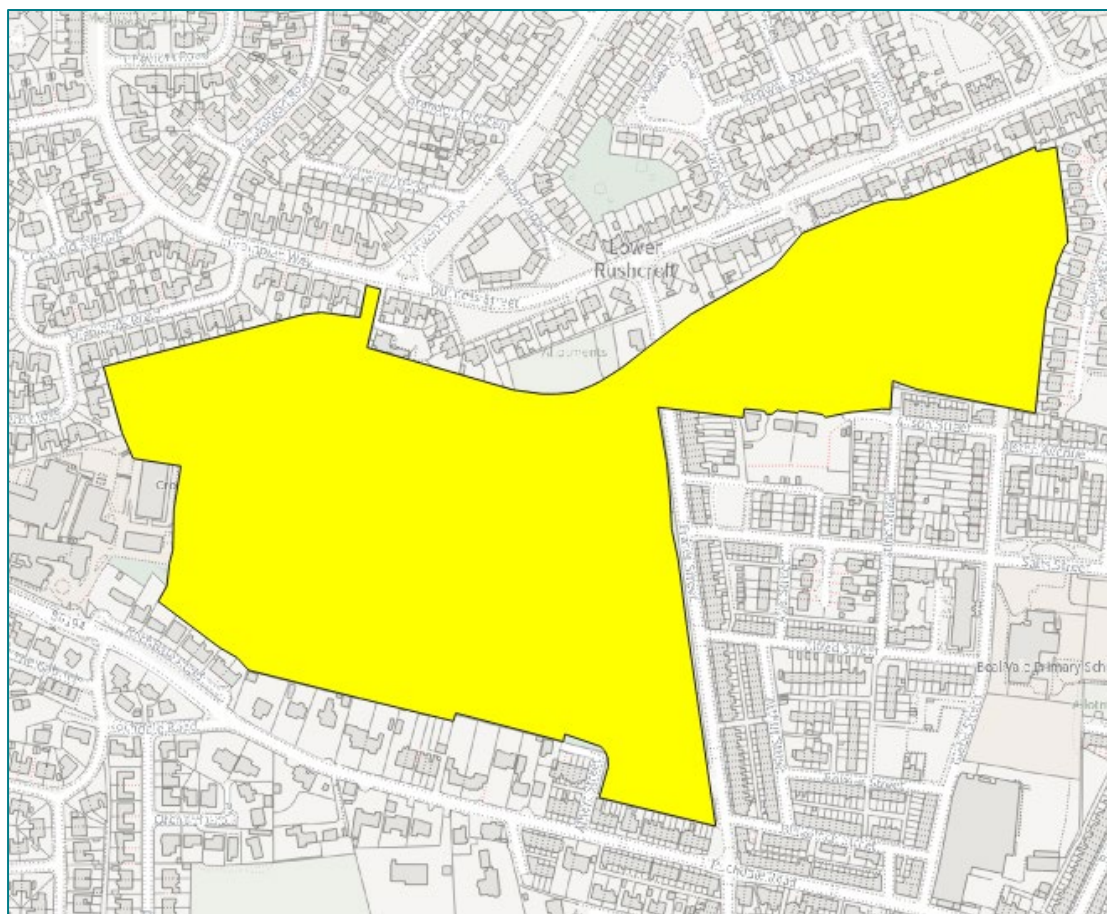
3.10. The corridor does not include any recreational routes. However, there is a PROW through the cemetery. The cemetery is classed as public open space.

Conclusion

3.11. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. The cemetery would continue to be protected as open space, however.

Cemetery / Cricket Ground south of Duchess Street

Map 4: Cemetery / Cricket Ground south of Duchess Street



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.12. The corridor is not within the LNRS. There is a small section of priority habitats to the south of the cemetery and school grounds.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

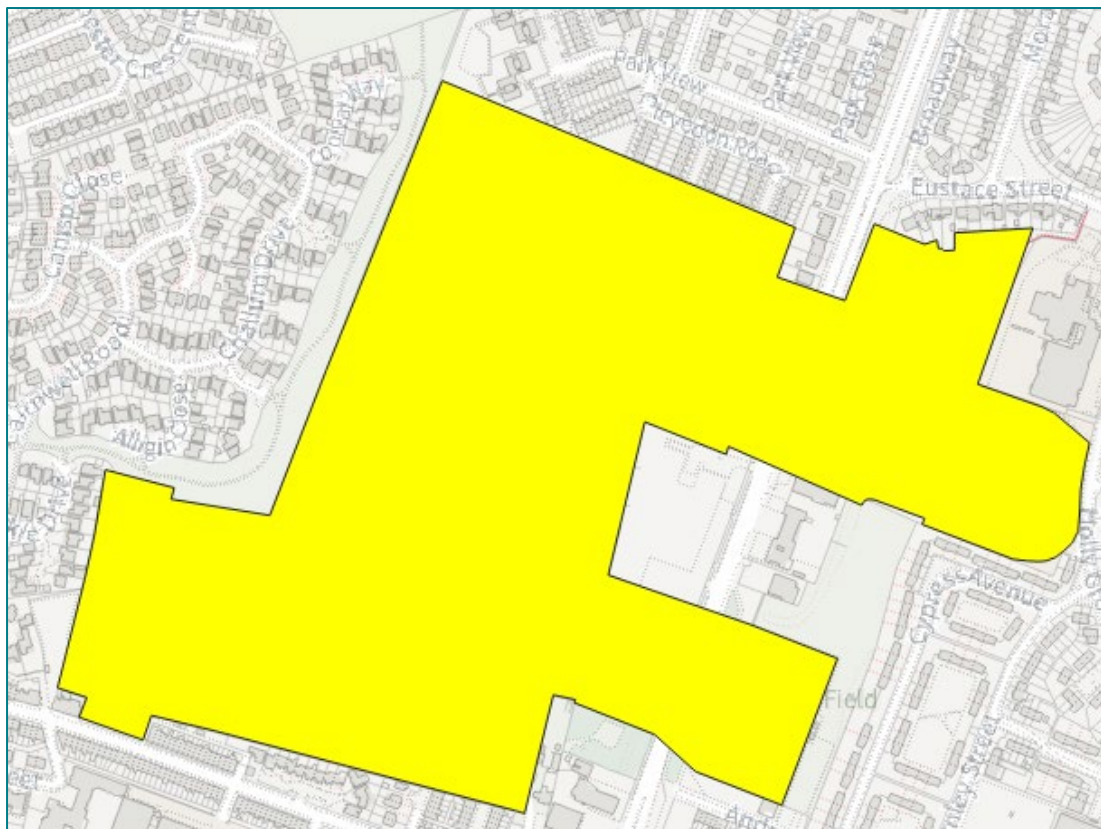
3.13. The Green Corridor and Link is classed as open space. However, there are no recreational routes or PROW passing through the site.

Conclusion

3.14. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. The land will continue to be protected as open space, however.

Chadderton Cemetery

Map 5: Chadderton Cemetery



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.15. The corridor is not within the LNRS. The site does however support extensive priority habitats. The Green Infrastructure Strategy also identifies an opportunity to promote a nature recovery network linking the River Irk to Chadderton Cemetery.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

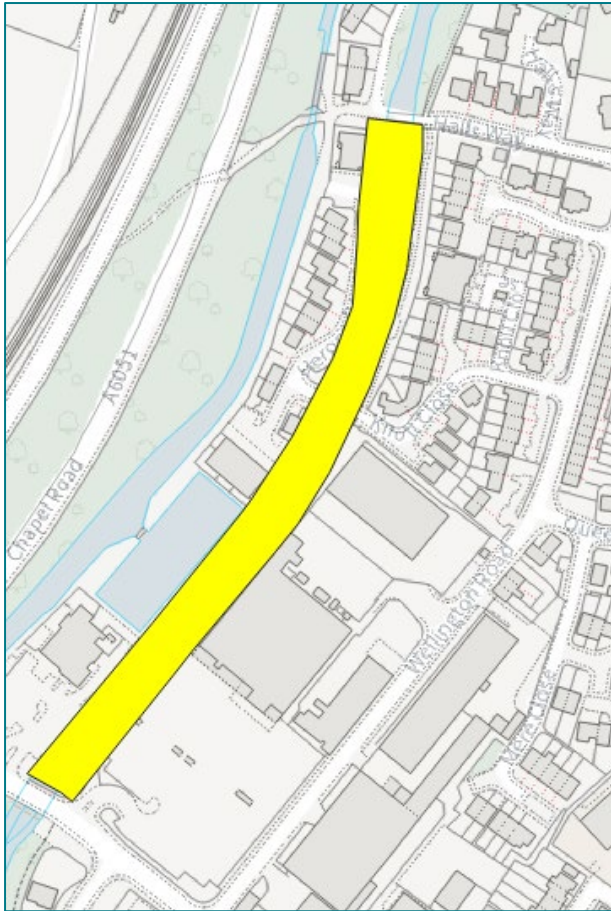
3.16. The Green Corridor and Link is classed as open space. There are no recreational routes or PROW passing through the site.

Conclusion

3.17. The site does provide space for priority habitat and is identified as being able to serve a nature recovery network in the Green Infrastructure Strategy. There are nearby Green Corridor and Links and proposed Local Green Spaces forming a wider network. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife and recreational role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 5 above.

Chew Valley Road to Halls Way, Greenfield

Map 6: Chew Valley Road to Halls Way, Greenfield



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.18. The corridor is within the LNRS for river, canal and waterbody opportunities with actions including:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Restoration and reconnection of canal side habitats, including targeted woodland creation and tree planting.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.19. A small part of the site to the north includes priority habitats.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

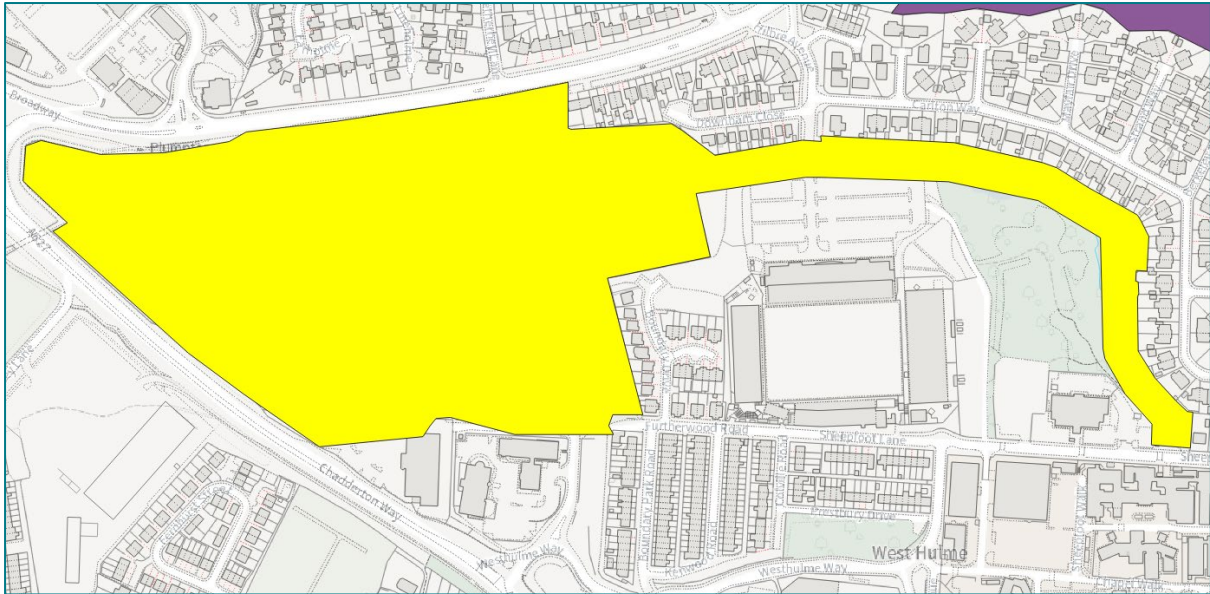
3.20. There are no recreational routes or PROW passing through the site.

Conclusion

3.21. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 6 above.

Clayton Playing Fields, Broadway

Map 7: Clayton Playing Fields, Broadway



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.22. The corridor is not within the LNRS.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

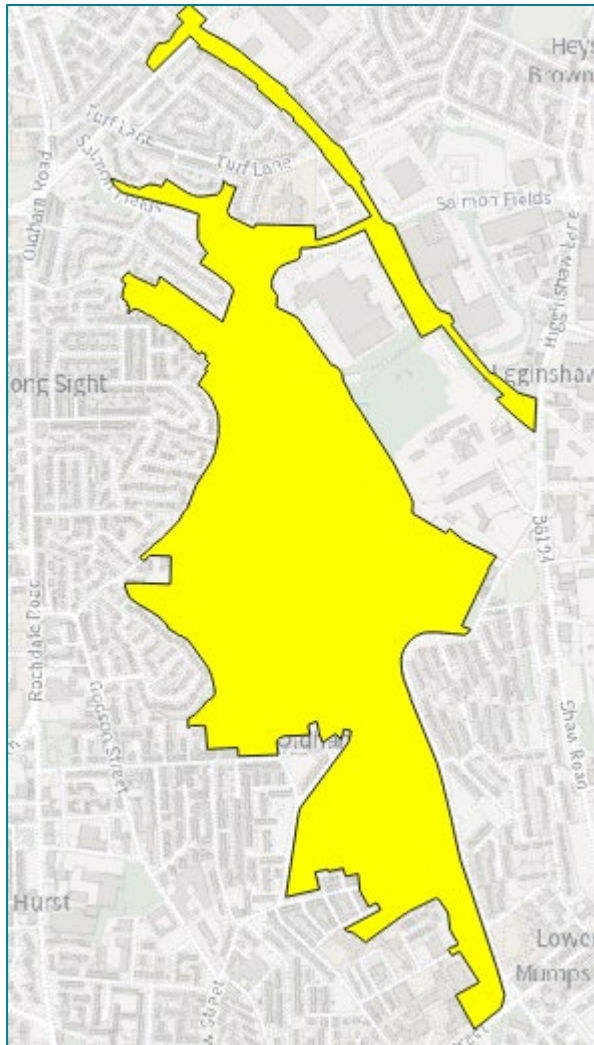
3.23. The corridor is identified as open space. There are no recreational routes but there are PROWs throughout the site.

Conclusion

3.24. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. However, the land will continue to be protected as open space.

Egerton Street to Shaw Road (Oldham Edge)

Map 8: Egerton Street to Shaw Road (Oldham Edge)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.25. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS as an opportunity area for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow with actions including:

- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

3.26. It is also within the upland moorland opportunity areas where actions include:

- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.
- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.

3.27. A small part of the site to the north has opportunities for rivers, canals and waterbodies priorities with the action being to:

- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.28. The Green Corridor and Link is also proposed as a Local Green Space due to its significance in ecology with the site having substantive nature conservation value supporting a range of priority habitats including broadleaved woodland.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

3.29. The Green Corridor and Link includes a recreational route adjacent to Leonard's Way and there are PROWs throughout the site. The site is identified as open space.

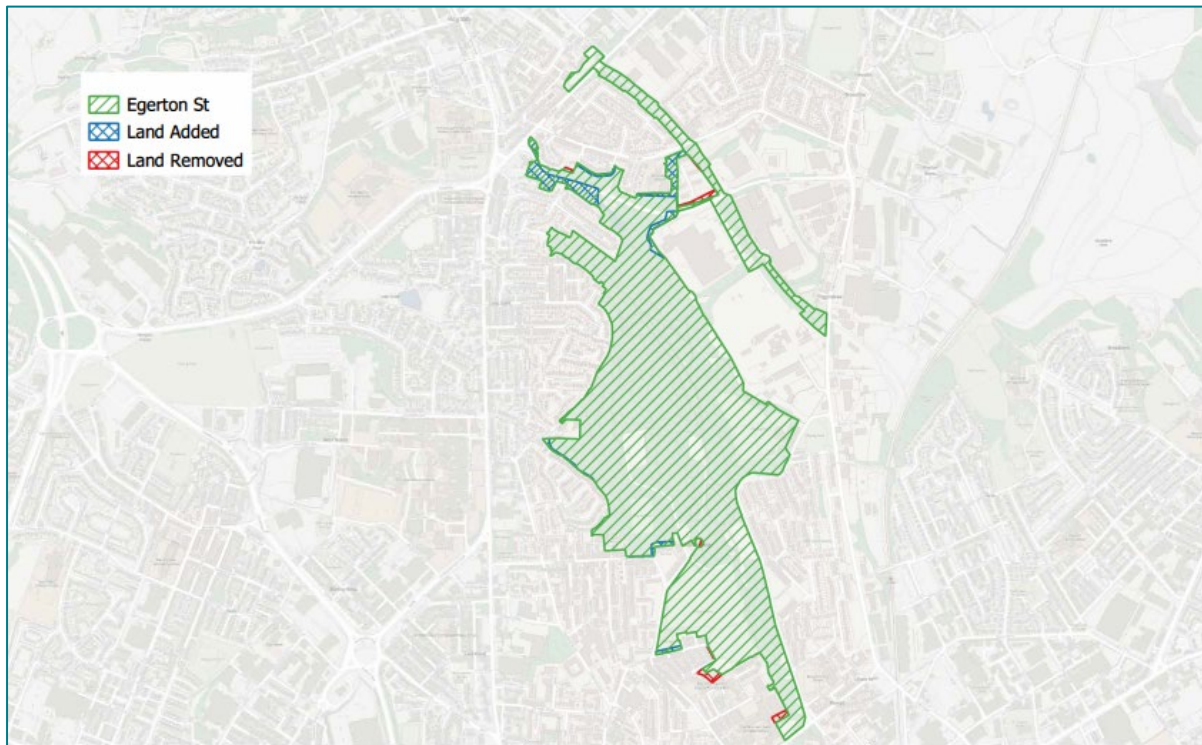
3.30. The Green Infrastructure Strategy makes many references to Oldham Edge and identifies the corridor as a major Green Infrastructure asset. The Strategy notes opportunities to create nature recovery networks stating an additional corridor could be promoted extending northwards from Alexandra Park across Oldham Town Centre (with suitable stepping stones) towards Oldham Edge, the Beal Valley and Royton. It also identifies opportunities for cycling routes from Oldham Edge to Royton providing active travel.

Conclusion

3.31. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

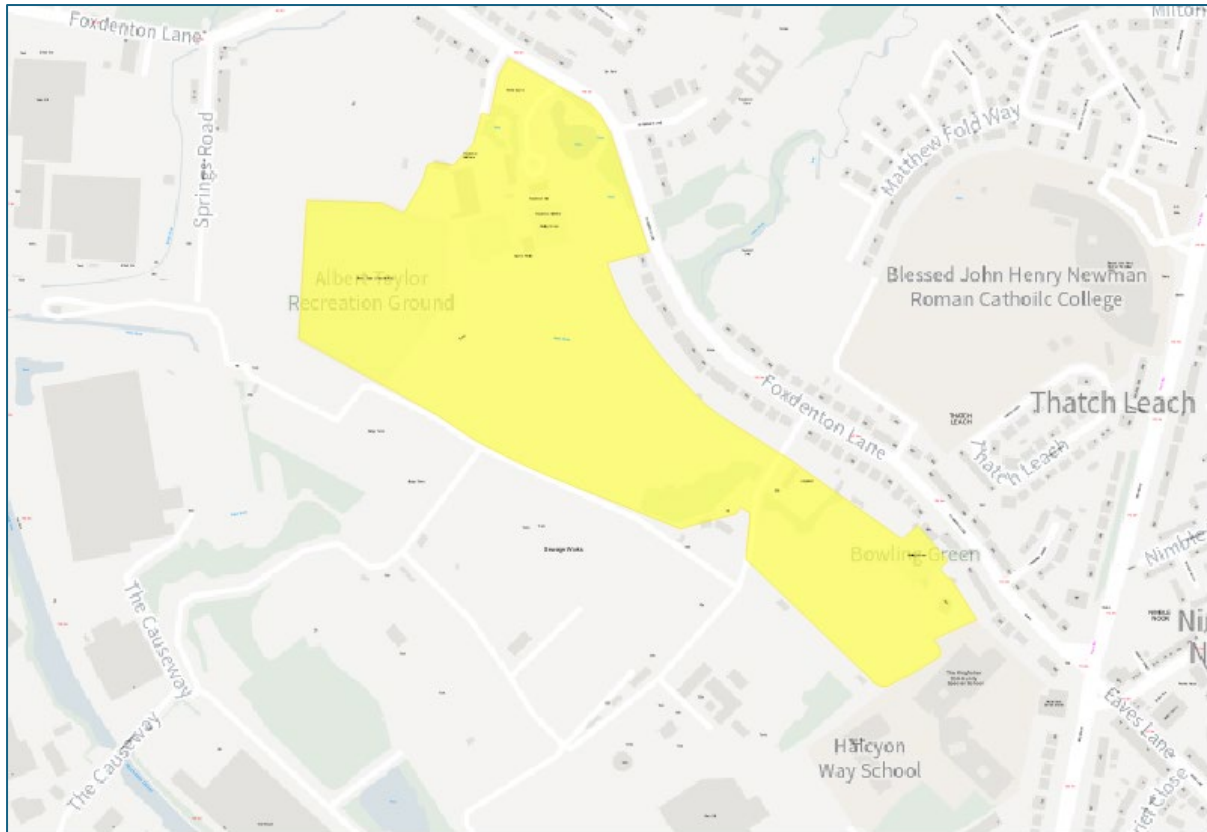
3.32. The Green Corridor and Link should reflect the proposed Local Green Space as well as the addition of land around Salmon Fields that falls within the LNRS nature network. The amended boundary can be seen at Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and in Map 9 below.

Map 9: Amended boundary for Egerton Street to Shaw Road (Oldham Edge) Green Corridor and Link:



Foxdenton Hall Park

Map 10: Foxdenton Hall Park



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.33. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS nature network.

3.34. The corridor falls within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals and waterbodies where there are opportunities to:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.35. There are opportunities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow including action such as:

- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

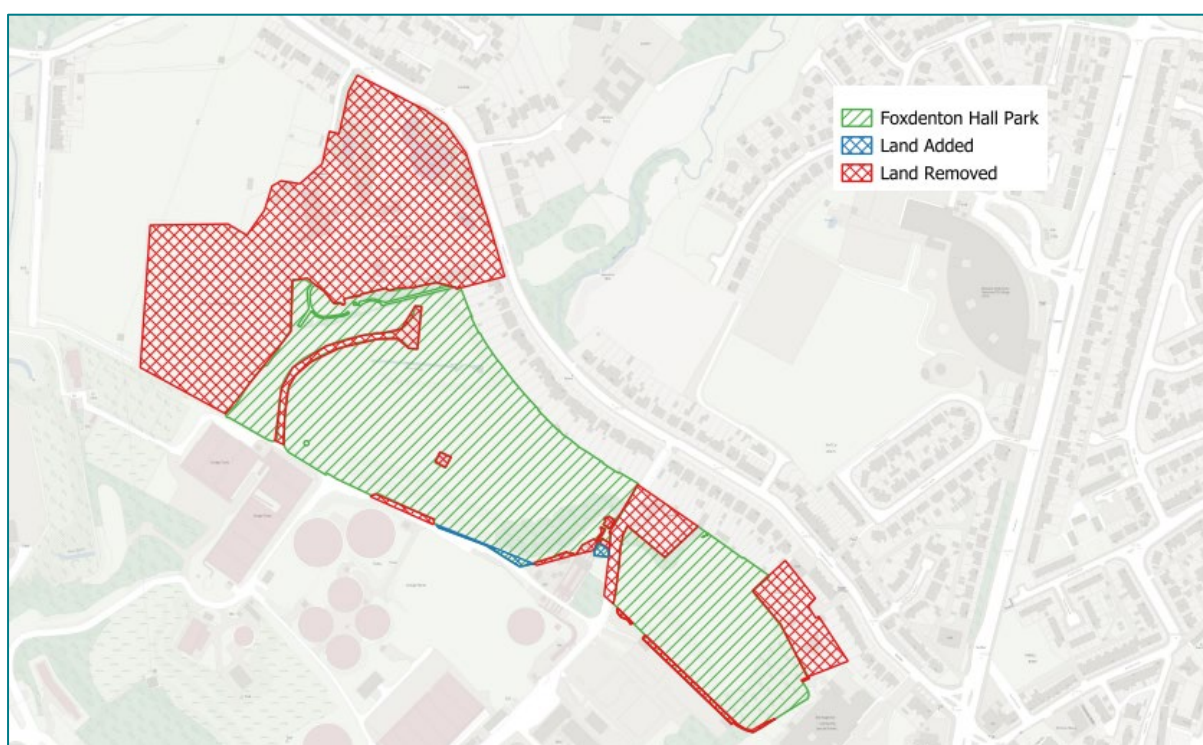
3.36. The corridor includes open space and is proposed as a Local Green Space due to wildlife and recreation.

Conclusion

3.37. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

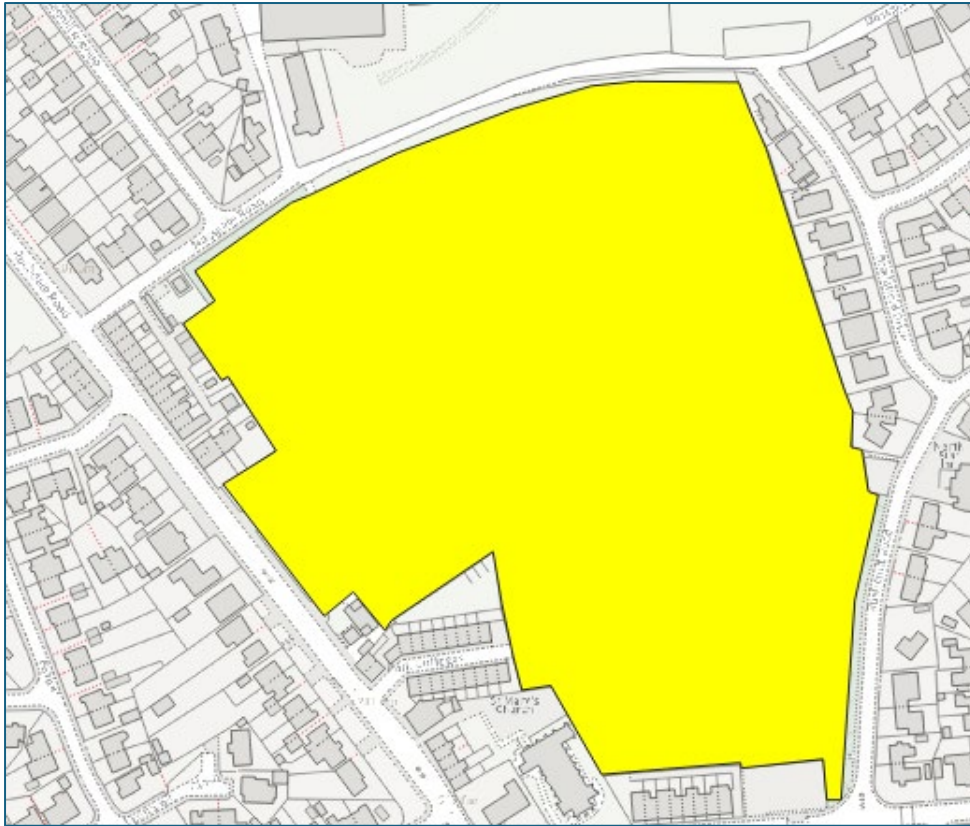
3.38. It is proposed to amend the boundary to follow the nature network as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and in Map 11 below.

Map 11: Amended boundary for Foxdenton Hall Park Green Corridor and Link



High Crompton Park, Rushcroft Road

Map 12: High Crompton Park, Rushcroft Road



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.39. The Green Corridor and Link is not within the LNRS and is not identified as having priority habitats.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

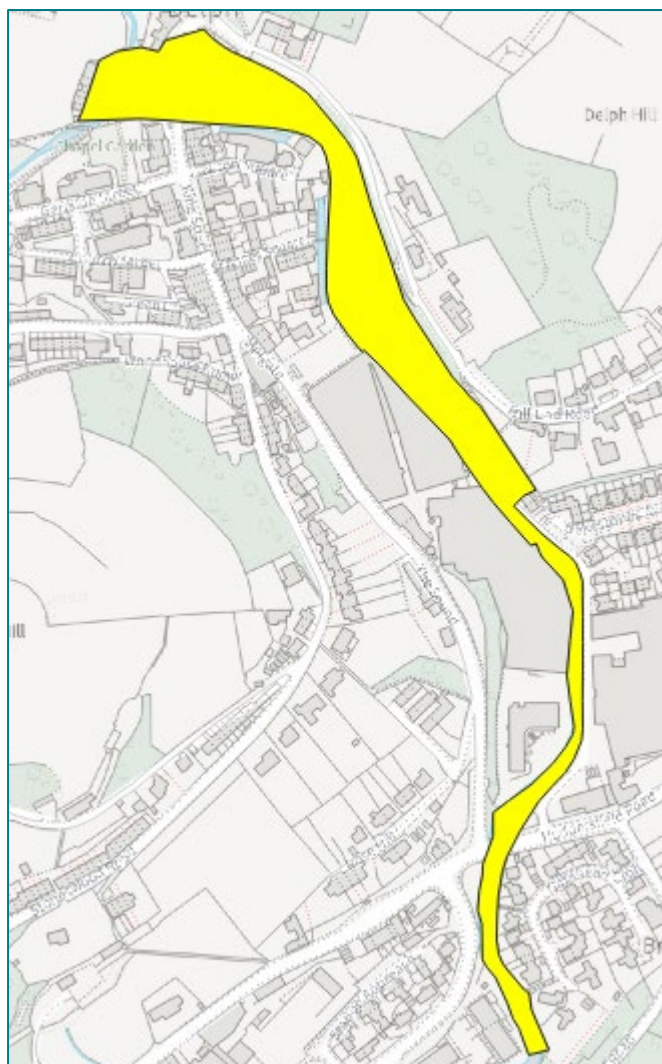
3.40. There is a PROW within the park and the Bee Network surrounds it. There are no recreation routes.

Conclusion

3.41. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation.

Hill End Road to Gatehead Croft, Delph

Map 13: Hill End Road to Gatehead Croft, Delph



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.42. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities with actions including:

- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

3.43. It is within the LNRS nature network for river, canal and waterbody opportunities with actions including:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.

- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.44. It is also within the upland moorland opportunity area with actions including:

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.
- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.

3.45. Priority habitats cover the corridor.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

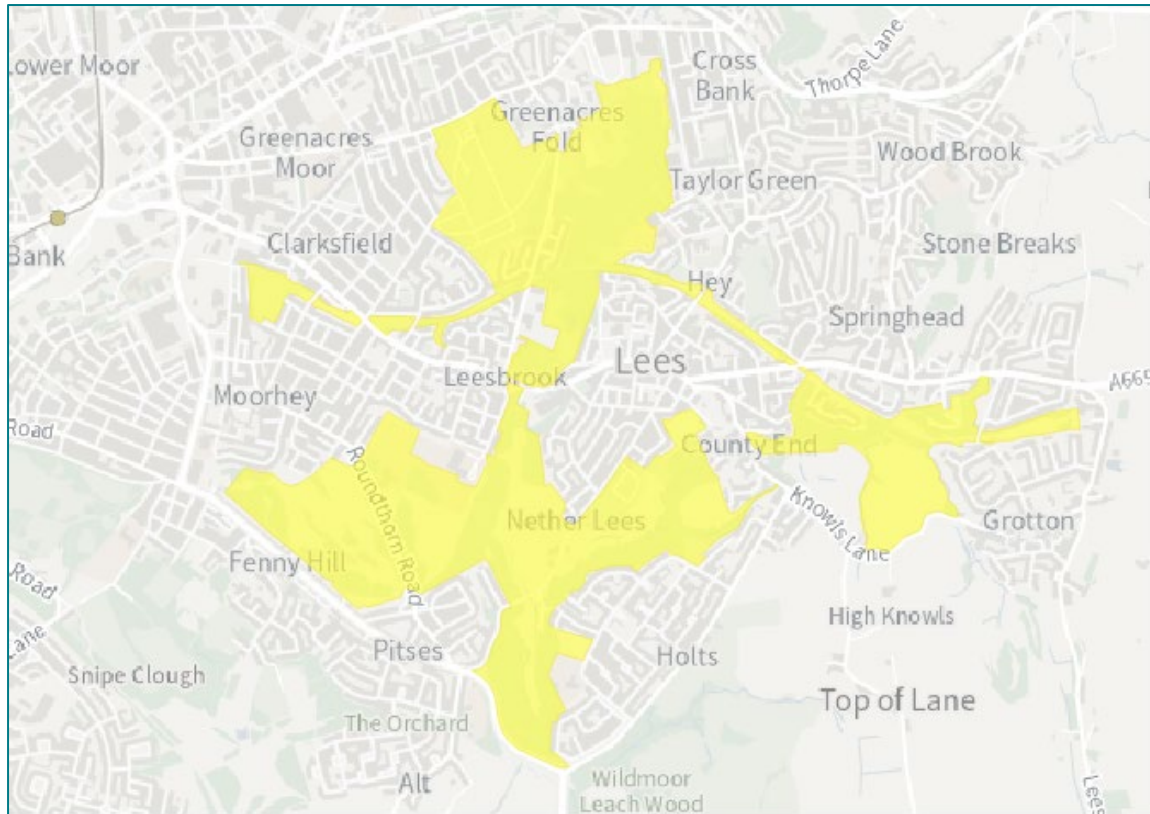
3.46. There are PROW's either side of the corridor.

Conclusion

3.47. The Green Corridor and Link provides a strong role with the LNRS and has a recreational role. It is justified in remaining as a Green Corridor designation. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 13 above.

Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (1)

Map 14: Lees New Road to Greenacres Road



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.48. The south-west of the Green Corridor and Link designation at Glodwick Lows is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Local Nature Reserve and is therefore a core part of the LNRS. Most of the corridor is within the LNRS.

3.49. The south of the Green Corridor and Link is identified for its woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities with actions including:

- Identify, safeguard and enhance ancient, long-established and designated woodlands, veteran and notable trees.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.
- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.50. The south-west of the site around Glodwick Lows is identified for its grassland, farmland and lowland heath opportunities with actions including:

- Identify and safeguard remaining notable semi-natural grasslands.
- Enhance and manage improved or semi-improved grasslands to boost species richness.

- Creation or restoration of species-rich grasslands and lowland heath, particularly where they will expand or act as stepping stones or corridors.

3.51. The River Medlock provides river, canal and waterbody opportunities with actions including:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.52. Parts of the site to the centre and east have lowland, wetland and mossland opportunities with actions including:

- Enhance, maintain and manage existing and remnant areas of lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats over the long term, to improve diversity.
- Enhance patchworks of semi-natural habitats surrounding our remaining lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats to improve resilience.
- Restore degraded wetland sites and areas of restorable deep peat, particularly where they will connect remaining wetland habitats.
- Create more patchworks of wetland habitats and transitional habitats, particularly around remaining and restored lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats.
- Reintroduce lost species across a range of mossland and wetland communities.

3.53. The majority of the Green Corridor and Link has upland moorland opportunities with actions including:

- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.
- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

3.54. The Green Corridor and Link is also proposed as a Local Green Space - recognised for its significance due to wildlife, having substantive nature conservation value.

3.55. The corridor is also recognised within the Green Infrastructure Strategy with opportunities for a nature recovery network⁶.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

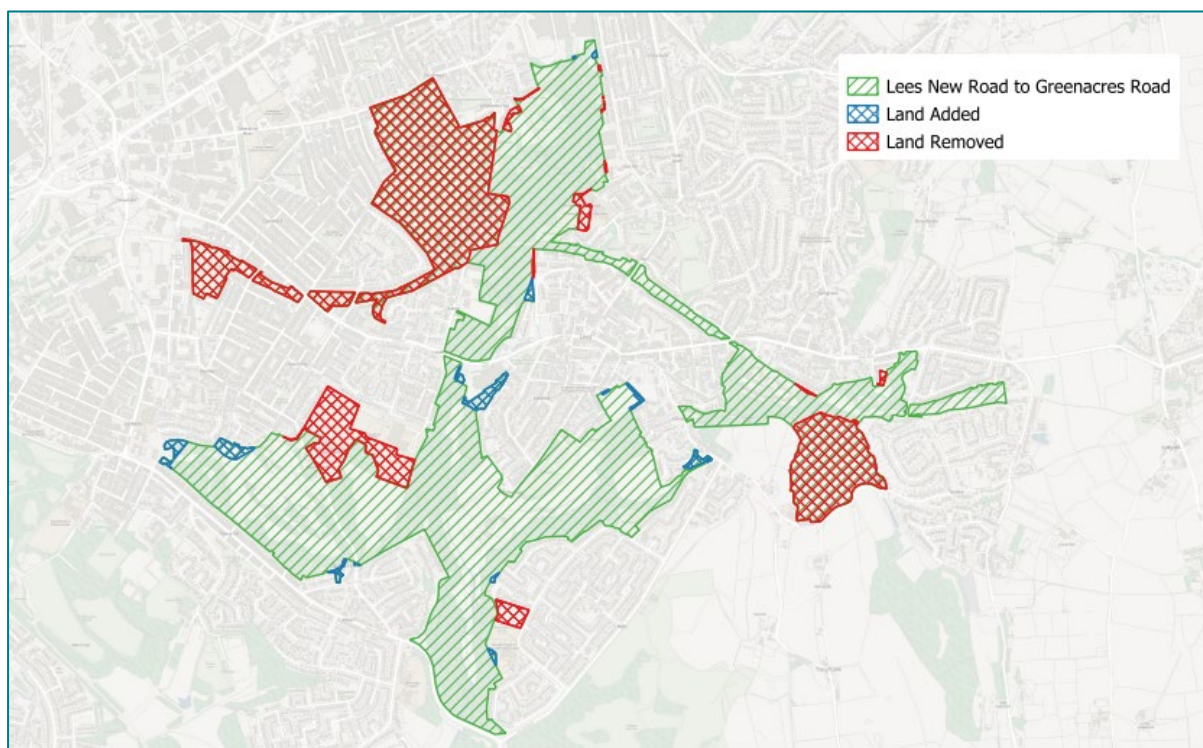
3.56. There are extensive PROW's throughout the corridor and a recreational route passes through the corridor in the north section.

Conclusion

3.57. The Green Corridor and Link provides a strong role with the LNRS and has a recreational role. It is justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

3.58. Boundary amendments are proposed as set out in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 15 below.

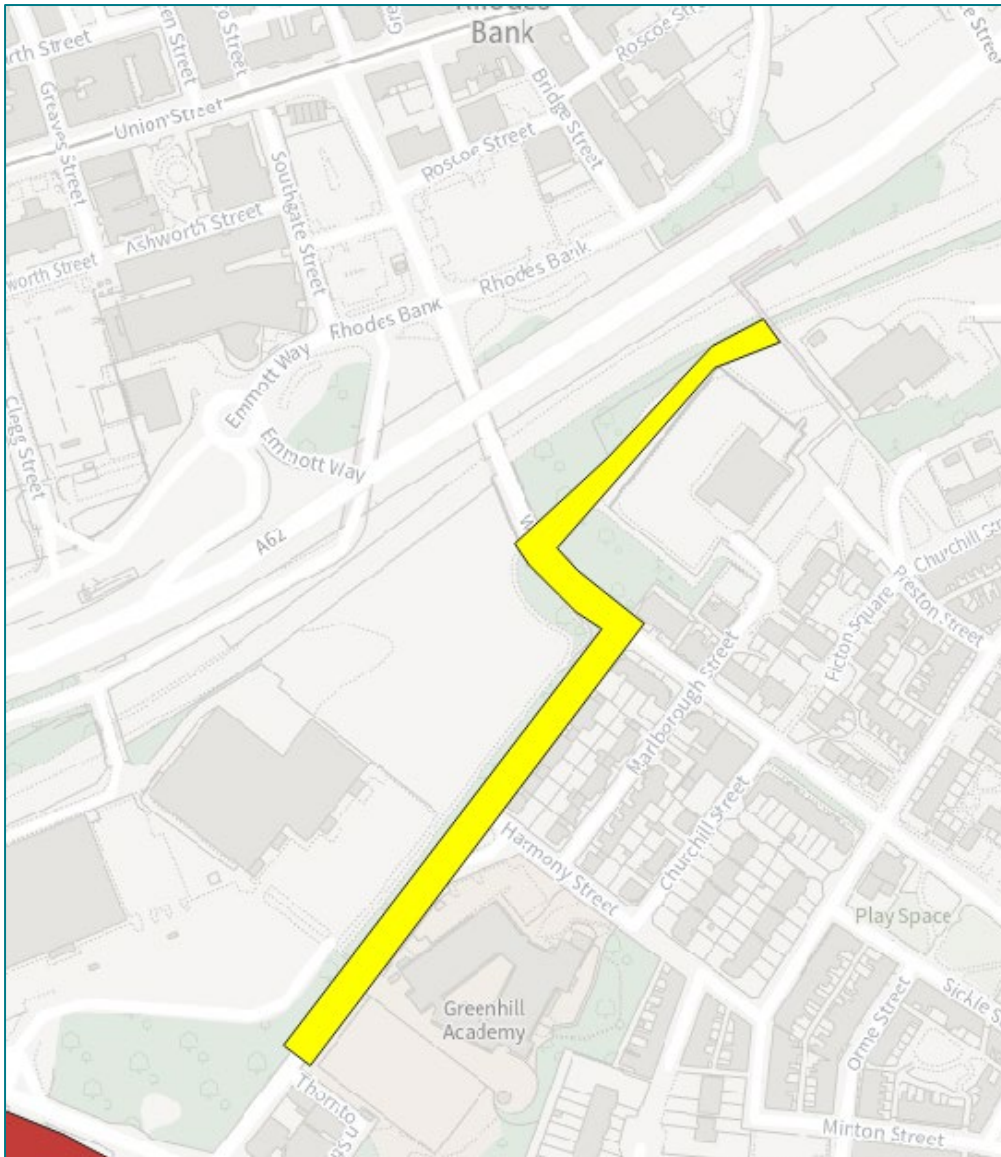
Map 15: Amended boundary for Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (1)



⁶ See Opportunity Maps for Central and East District at https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2183/oldham_green_infrastructure_strategy

Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (2)

Map 16: Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (2)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.59. The corridor is within the LNRS nature network.

3.60. It falls within the nature network for uplands moorlands with opportunities to:

- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

3.61. There are opportunities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow including action such as:

- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.62. The corridor contains priority habitat (deciduous woodland).

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

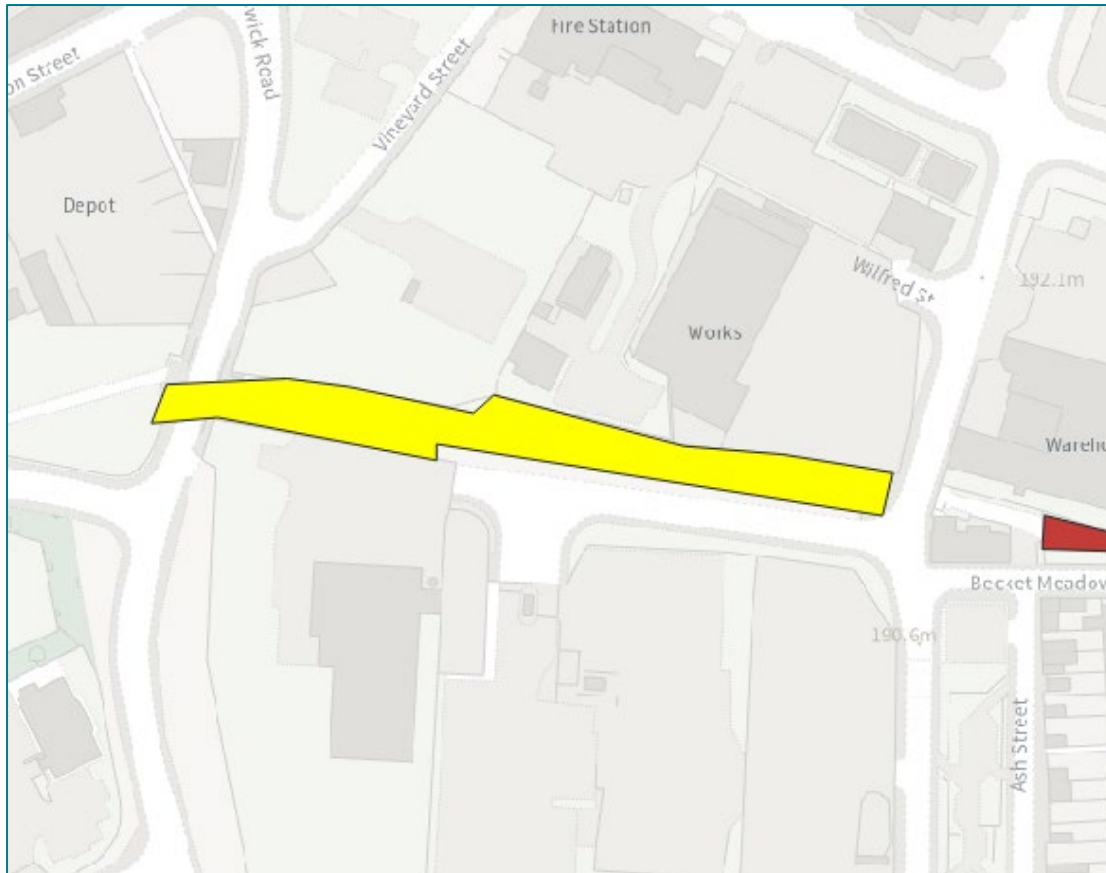
3.63. The corridor is identified as open space and is a recreational route.

Conclusion:

3.64. The Green Corridor and Link provides a strong role with the LNRS and has a recreational role. It is justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 16 above.

Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (3)

Map 17: Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (3)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.65. The site is not within the LNRS nature network and does not contain priority habitat.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

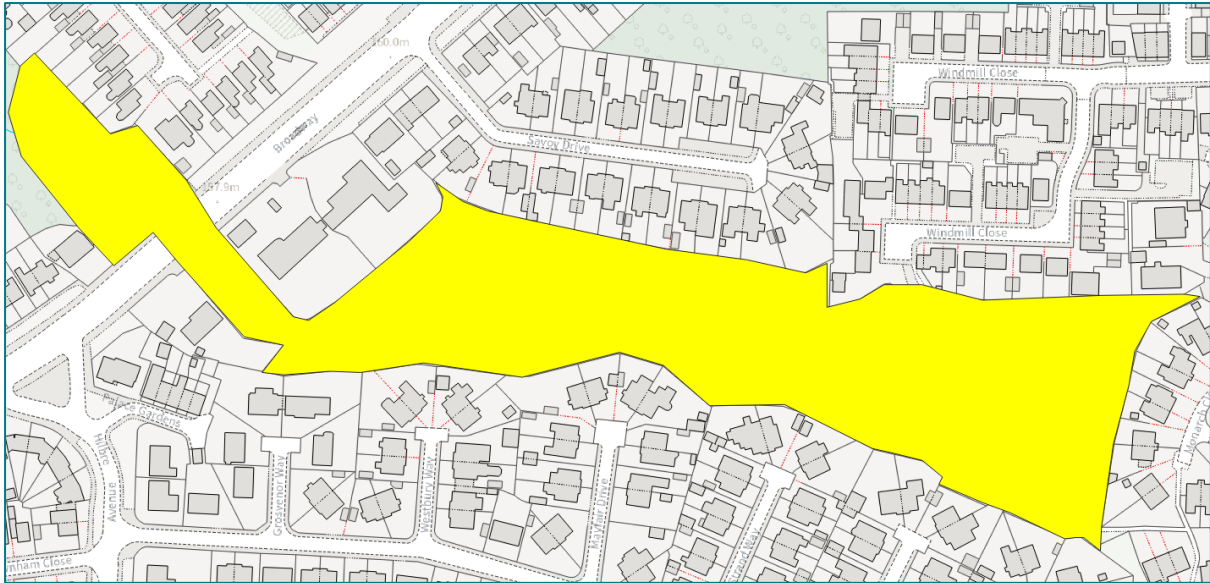
3.66. The corridor is identified as open space and has a recreational route running through it.

Conclusion:

3.67. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. However, the site will continue to be protected as open space.

Long Clough Broadway, Royton

Map 18: Long Clough Broadway, Royton



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.68. The site is not within the LNRS, has no priority habitat identified or other designations and is landlocked.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

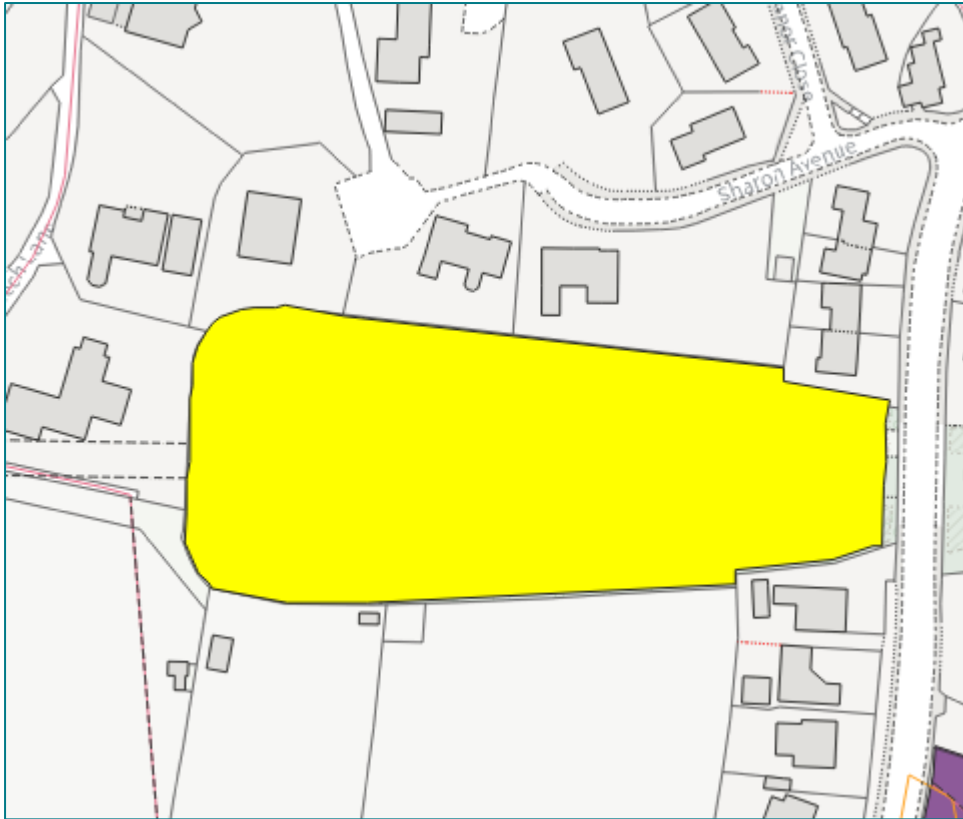
3.69. A small part of the site (west of Broadway) is identified as open space. There is no recreational route or PROW.

Conclusion

3.70. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation at present. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. The land that is identified as open space will continue to be protected from loss of open space.

Lydgate Tunnel / Rear Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (1)

Map 19: Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (1)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.71. The site is within the LNRS nature network for grasslands, farmland and lowland heath opportunities where actions include:

- Enhance and manage improved or semi-improved grasslands to boost species richness.
- Creation or restoration of species-rich grasslands and lowland heath, particularly where they will expand or act as stepping stones or corridors.

3.72. The site is also within LNRS nature network for upland moorland opportunities where actions include:

- Stabilise, rewet and restore deep bare peat towards active blanket bog.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

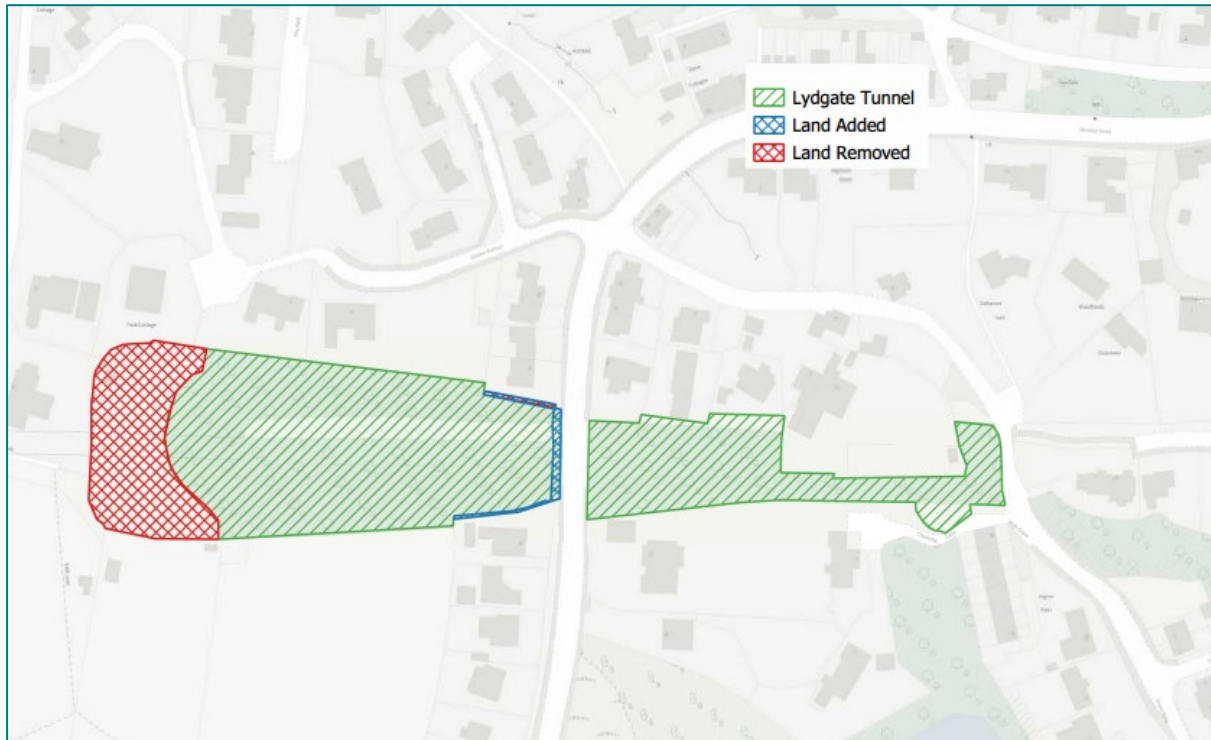
3.73. There are no PROW or recreational routes within the site.

Conclusion

3.74. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

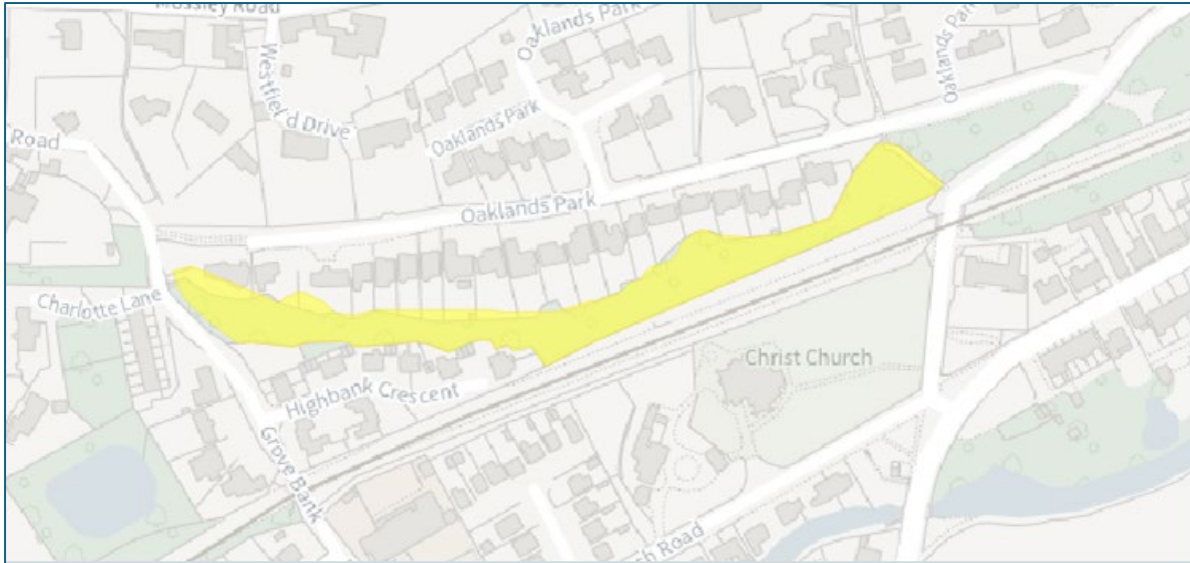
3.75. The Green Corridor and Link is proposed to be extended to the east to include more of the nature network and tidied as set out in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 20 below.

Map 20: Amended boundary for Lydgate Tunnel / Rear Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (1) Green Corridor and Link



Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (2)

Map 21: Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (2)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.76. The site is within the LNRS for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities where actions include:

- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.77. The site is also within LNRS for upland moorland opportunities where actions include:

- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.
- Restore more naturalised wet areas, flushes and ponds.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

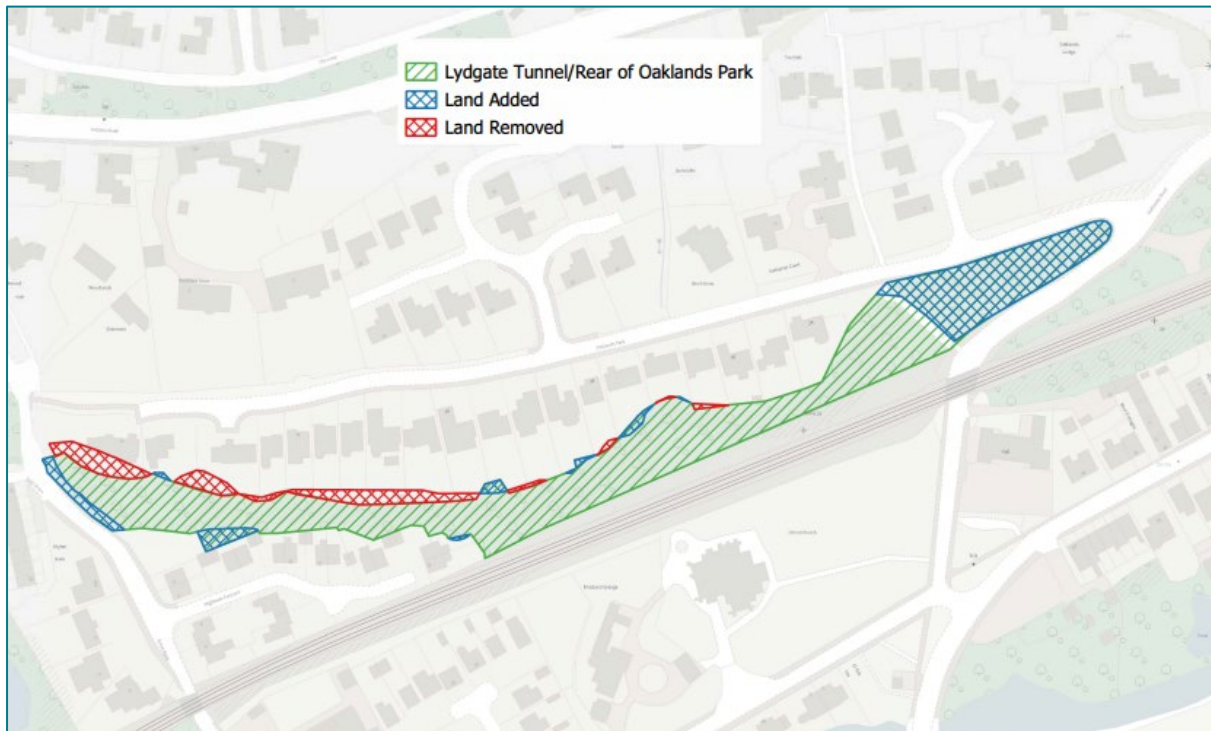
3.78. A PROW cuts through the east of the site.

Conclusion

3.79. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and evidence to support its recreation function. It is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

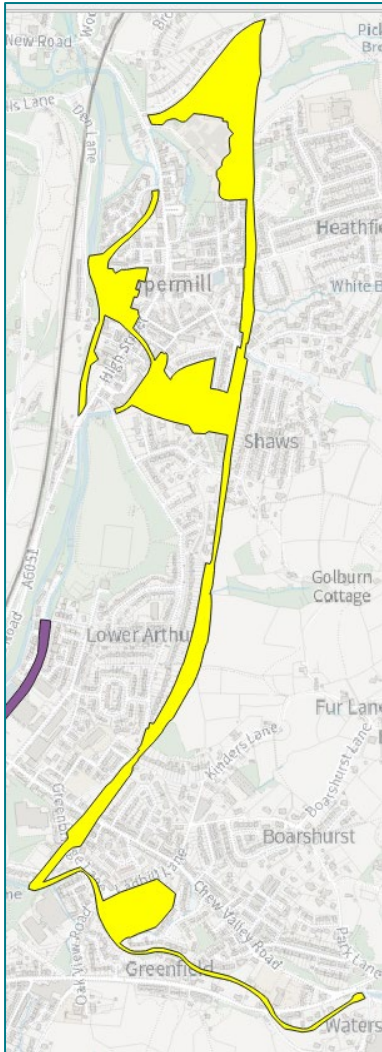
3.80. The Green Corridor and Link is proposed to be amended to reflect the nature network boundary as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 22 below.

Map 22: Amended boundary for Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (2)
Green Corridor and Link



Manchester Road, Greenfield to Ryefields Drive, Uppermill

Map 23: Manchester Road, Greenfield to Ryefields Drive Uppermill



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.81. The site is within the LNRS for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities with actions including:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.82. There are also opportunities for upland moorland and actions including:

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

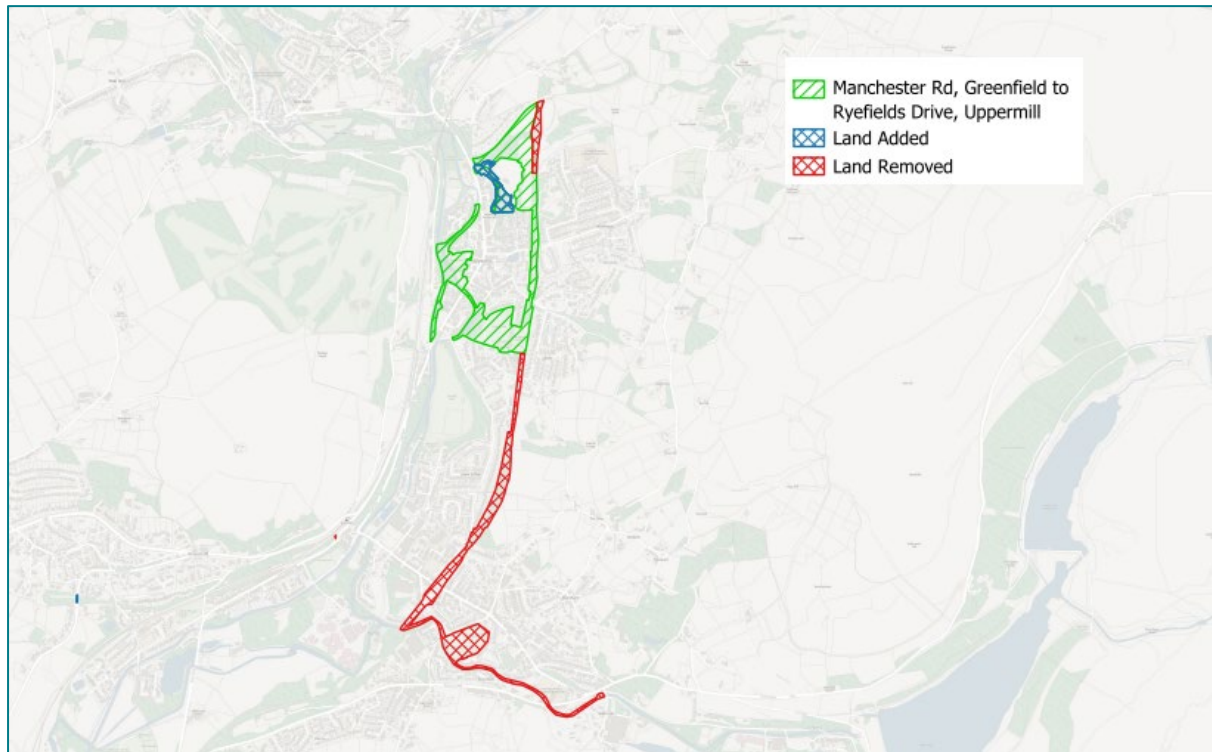
3.83. A recreational route runs through the corridor. There is PROW throughout the site.

Conclusion

3.84. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and the recreation to the north and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

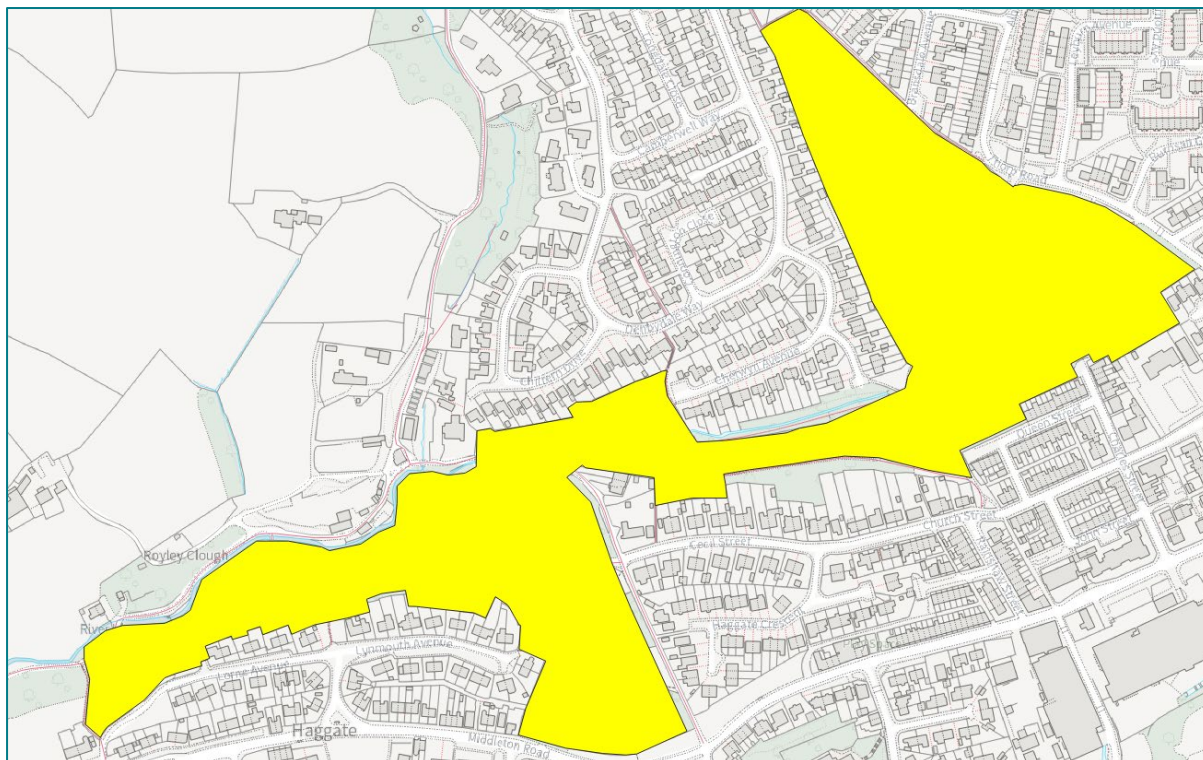
3.85. The Green Corridor and Link is proposed to be amended to reflect the LNRS nature network better as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 24 below.

Map 24: Amended boundary for Manchester Road, Greenfield to Ryefields Drive, Uppermill Green Corridor and Link



Mill Lane / Thorp Road, Royton

Map 25: Mill Lane / Thorp Road, Royton



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.86. The site is within the LNRS nature network for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities where actions include:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.87. It is also within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals and waterbodies opportunities where actions include:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.88. It is also within the LNRS nature network for upland moorland opportunities where transitional habitats to link uplands and lowlands could be created and actions include:

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

3.89. The site is proposed to be designated as a Local Green Space due to wildlife and recreation.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

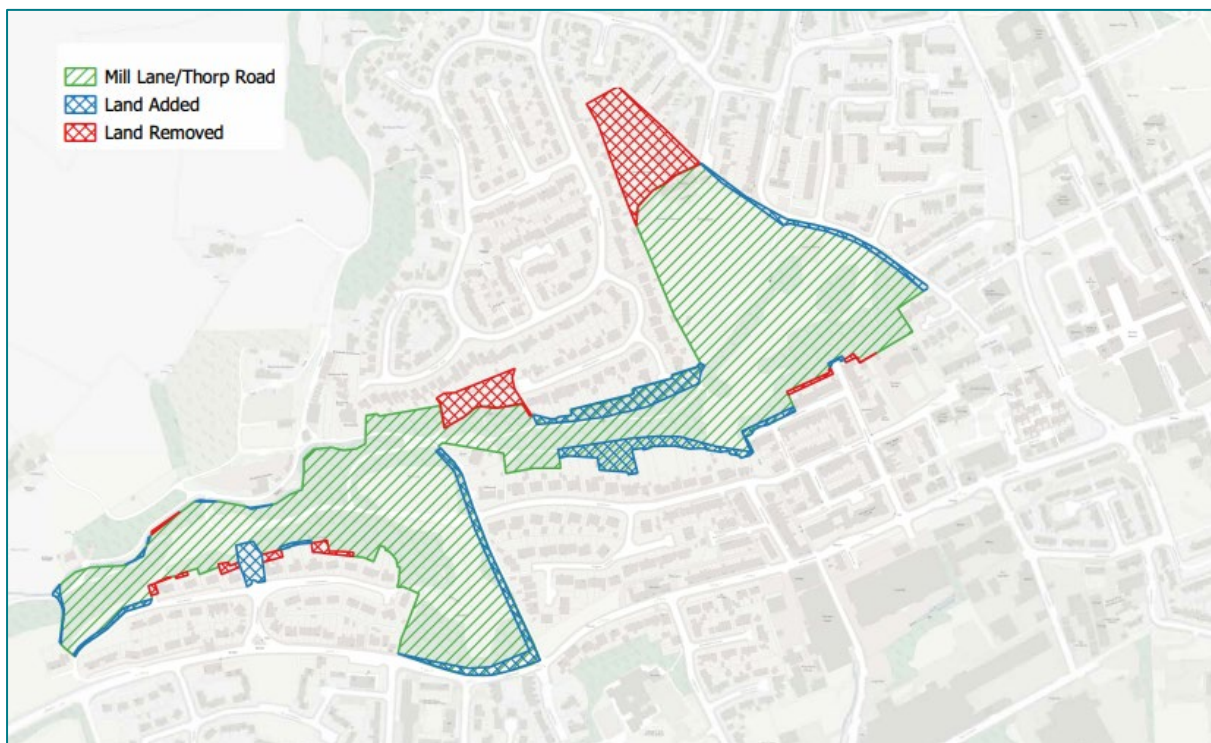
3.90. There is PROW throughout the site. The site includes open space.

Conclusion

3.91. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and evidence to support its recreation function. It is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

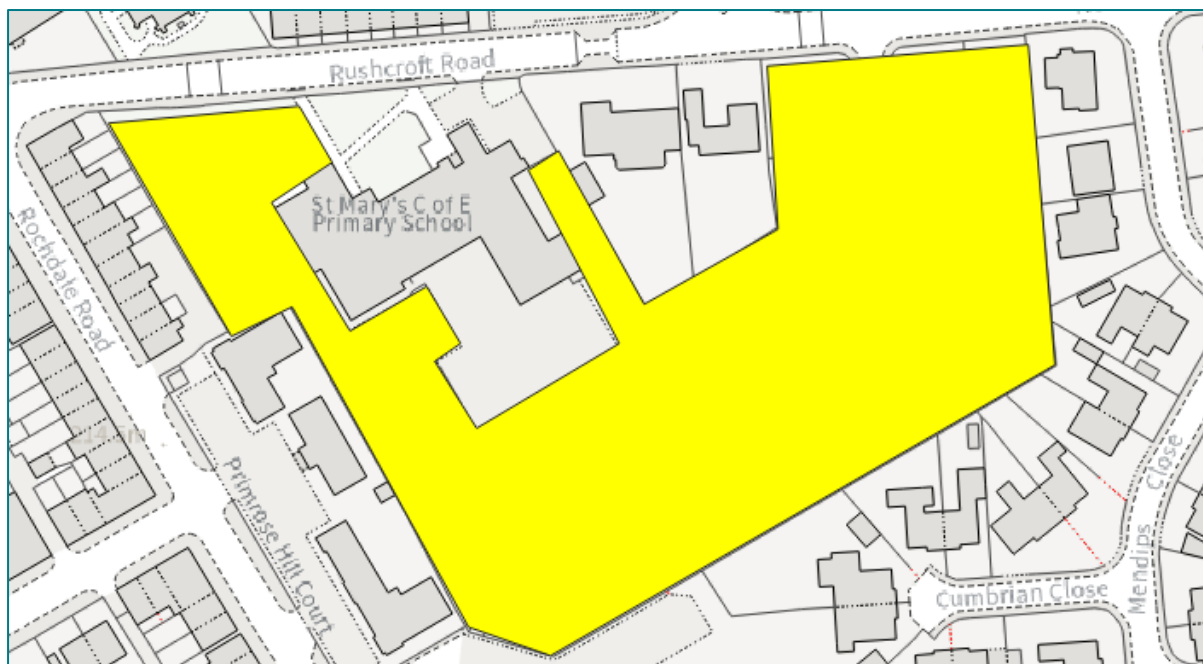
3.92. The boundary is proposed to be consistent with that of the proposed Local Green Space as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 26 below.

Map 26: Amended boundary for Mill Lane / Thorp Road, Royton Green Corridor and Link



Northdowns / Rochdale Road, High Crompton

Map 27: Northdowns / Rochdale Road, High Crompton



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.93. The Green Corridor and Link is not within the LNRS.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

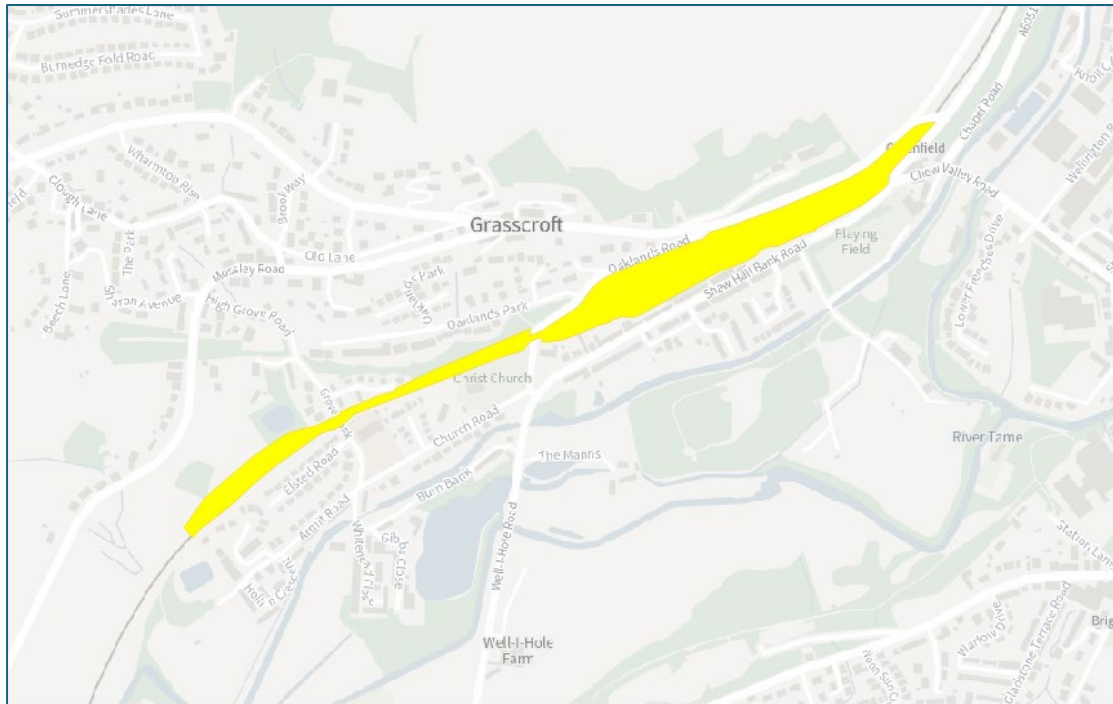
3.94. Most of the corridor consists of school grounds and is identified as open space. There are no PROW or recreation routes. Part of the corridor has now been developed for housing.

Conclusion:

3.95. There is no justification for the Green Corridor and Link designation. The school grounds would continue to be protected as open space. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation.

Oaklands Road

Map 28: Oaklands Road



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.96. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities where actions include:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.97. The corridor is within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals and waterbodies where actions could include:

- Restoration and reconnection of canal side habitats, including targeted woodland creation and tree planting.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.

3.98. The corridor is also within upland moorlands opportunity area where actions include:

- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.
- Create rough, diverse grasslands around flushes and wetlands, wet in some areas with rushes around flushes and springs.
- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.

3.99. A small section is also within the LNRS nature network for lowland, wetland and mossland opportunities where actions include:

- Create more patchworks of wetland habitats and transitional habitats, particularly around remaining and restored lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats.

3.100. The corridor includes some priority habitat and is adjacent to a Site of Biological Importance (SBI).

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

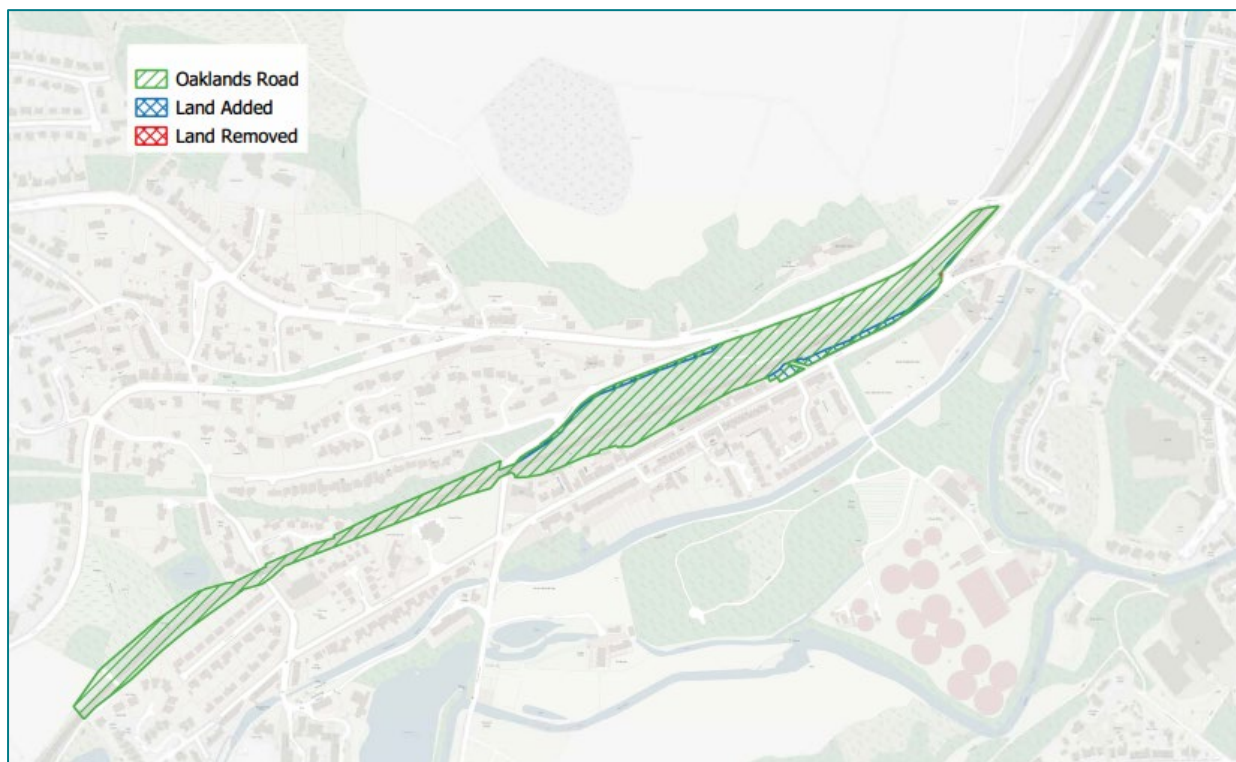
3.101. PROW and a recreational route pass through the Green Corridor and Link.

Conclusion:

3.102. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and evidence to support the recreation and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

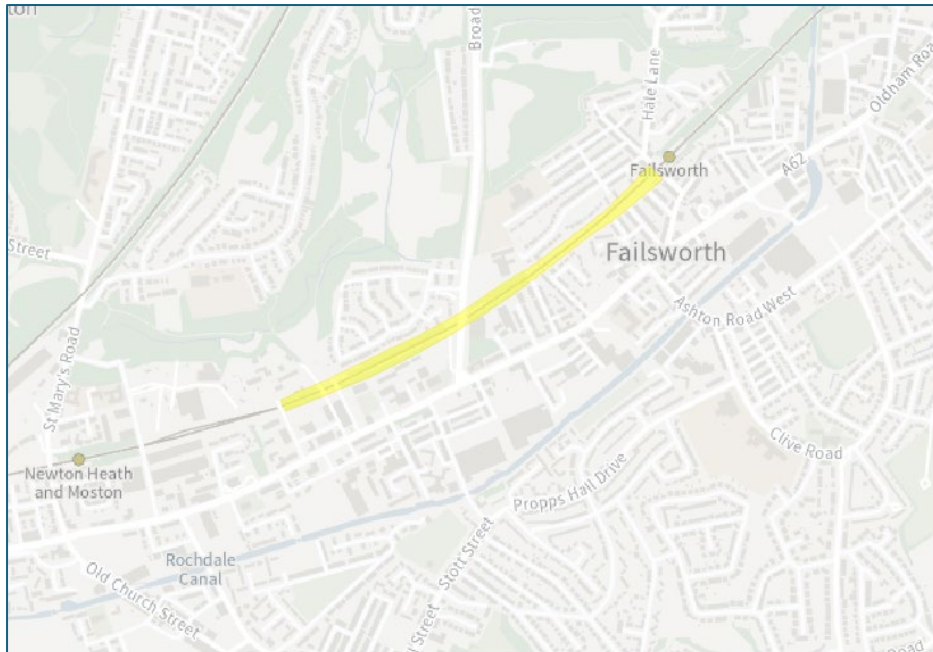
3.103. The boundary is proposed to be tidied to include the nature network up to Shall Hall Bank Road and Oaklands Road as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 29 below.

Map 29: Amended boundary for Oaklands Road Green Corridor and Link



Railway – Morton Street, Hardman Lane, Failsworth

Map 30: Railway – Morton Street, Hardman Lane, Failsworth



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.104. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities where actions include:

- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

3.105. However, the nature network does not extend beyond Broadway.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

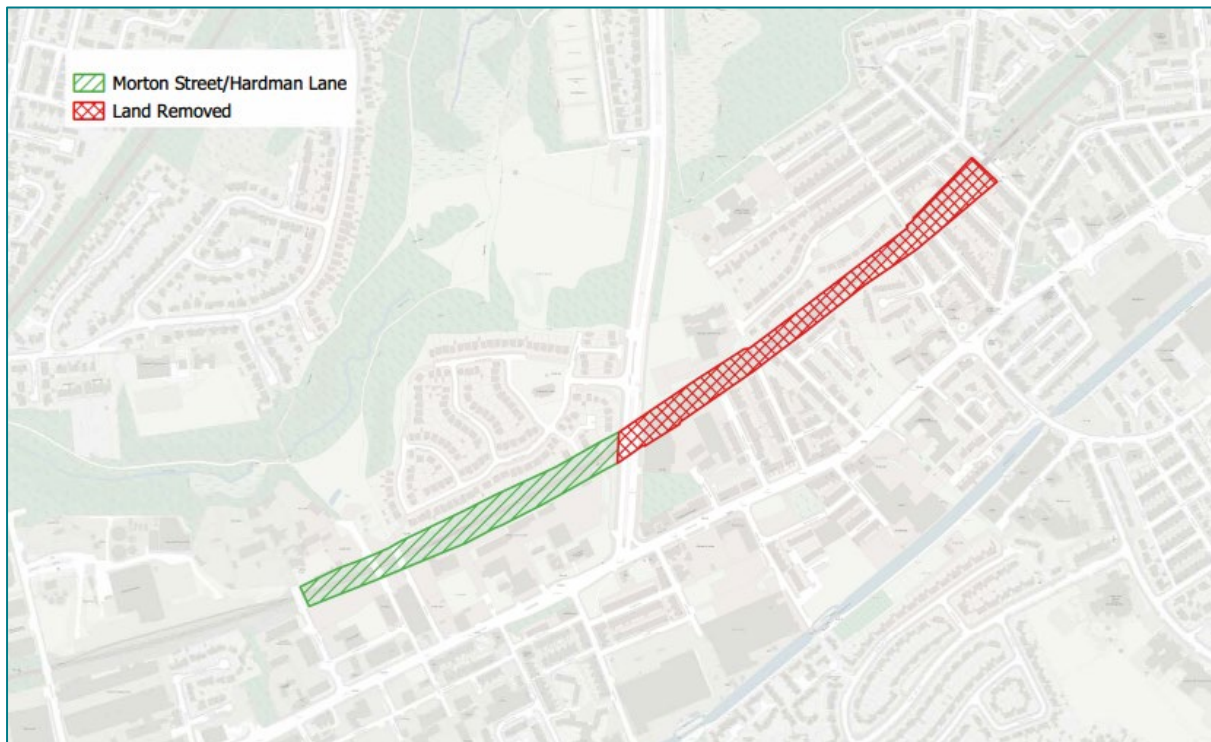
3.106. A small section of a PROW runs along the corridor.

Conclusion:

3.107. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by evidence to support its wildlife role and evidence to support its recreation function. It is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

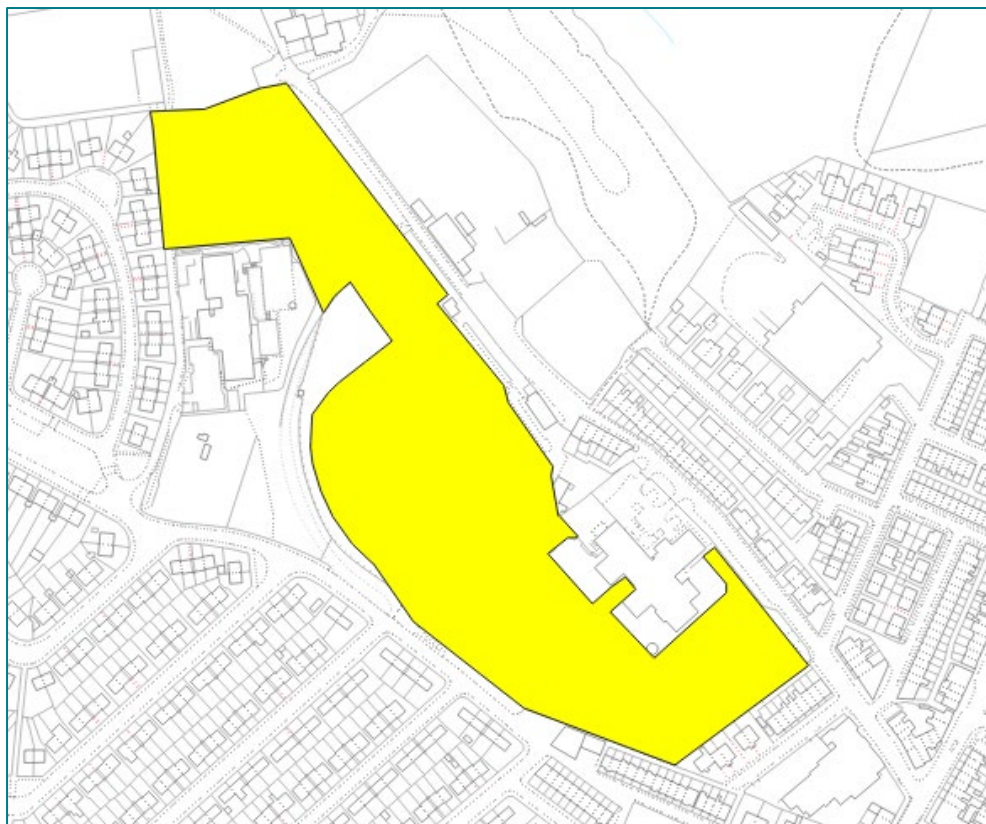
3.108. However, it is considered that the corridor should be amended to not extend beyond Broadway as set out in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 31 below.

Map 31: Amended boundary for Morton Street, Hardman Lane, Failsworth



Rear of Broadbent Road / Whetstone Hill Lane

Map 32: Rear of Broadbent Road / Whetstone Hill Lane



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.109. The Green Corridor and Link is not within the LNRS nature network and is not covered by priority habitat etc.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

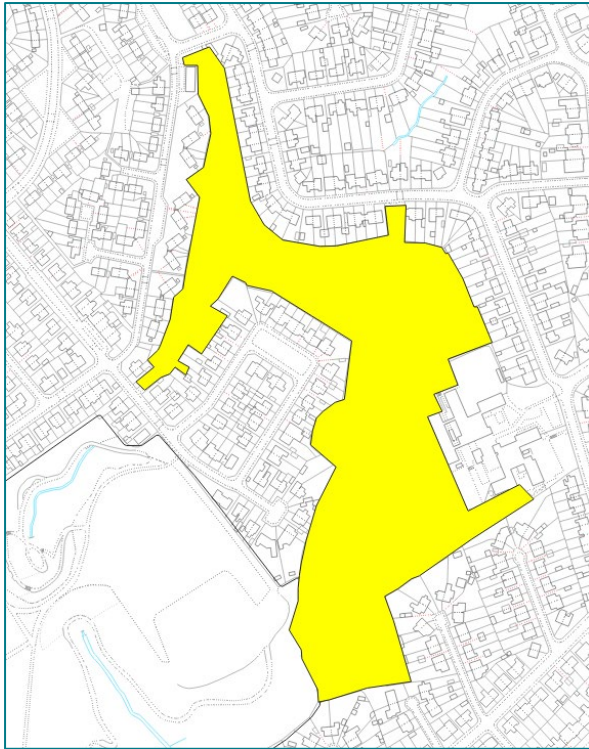
3.110. The Green Corridor and Link is identified as open space. There is a PROW running along the north-west boundary.

Conclusion:

3.111. There is no justification for the Green Corridor and Link designation. The corridor would continue to be protected as open space. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation.

Rear of Somerset Road, Failsworth

Map 33: Rear of Somerset Road, Failsworth



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.112. Only a small part of the Green Corridor and Link to the southern tip is within the nature network for woodlands and priority habitat where there are opportunities to implement actions including:

- Identify, safeguard and enhance ancient, long-established and designated woodlands, veteran and notable trees.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

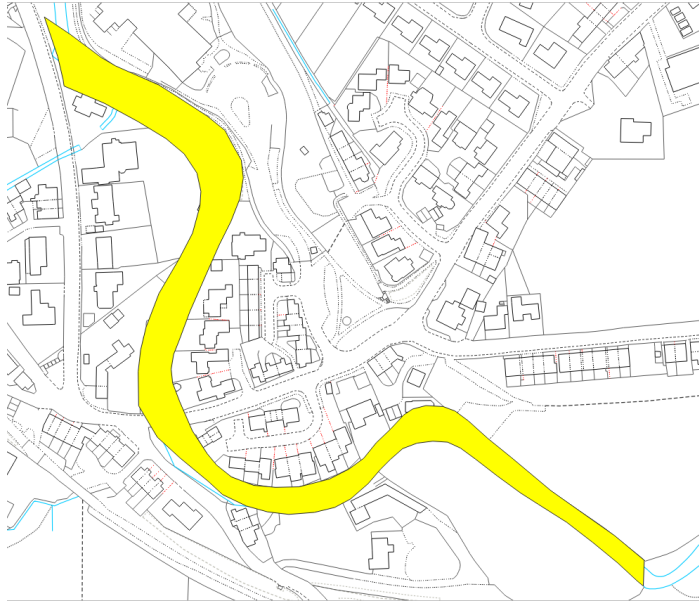
3.113. Almost the whole corridor is identified as open space. The corridor has a PROW running through it to the north.

Conclusion:

3.114. It is not considered that the Green Corridor and Link is justified overall. The area would continue to be protected as open space and in line with policy for priority habitat. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation.

River Tame from Delph New Road to Mow Halls Lane

Map 34: River Tame from Delph New Road to Mow Halls Lane



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.115. The corridor falls within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals and waterbodies where there are opportunities to undertake actions including:

- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.116. The corridor includes priority habitat.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

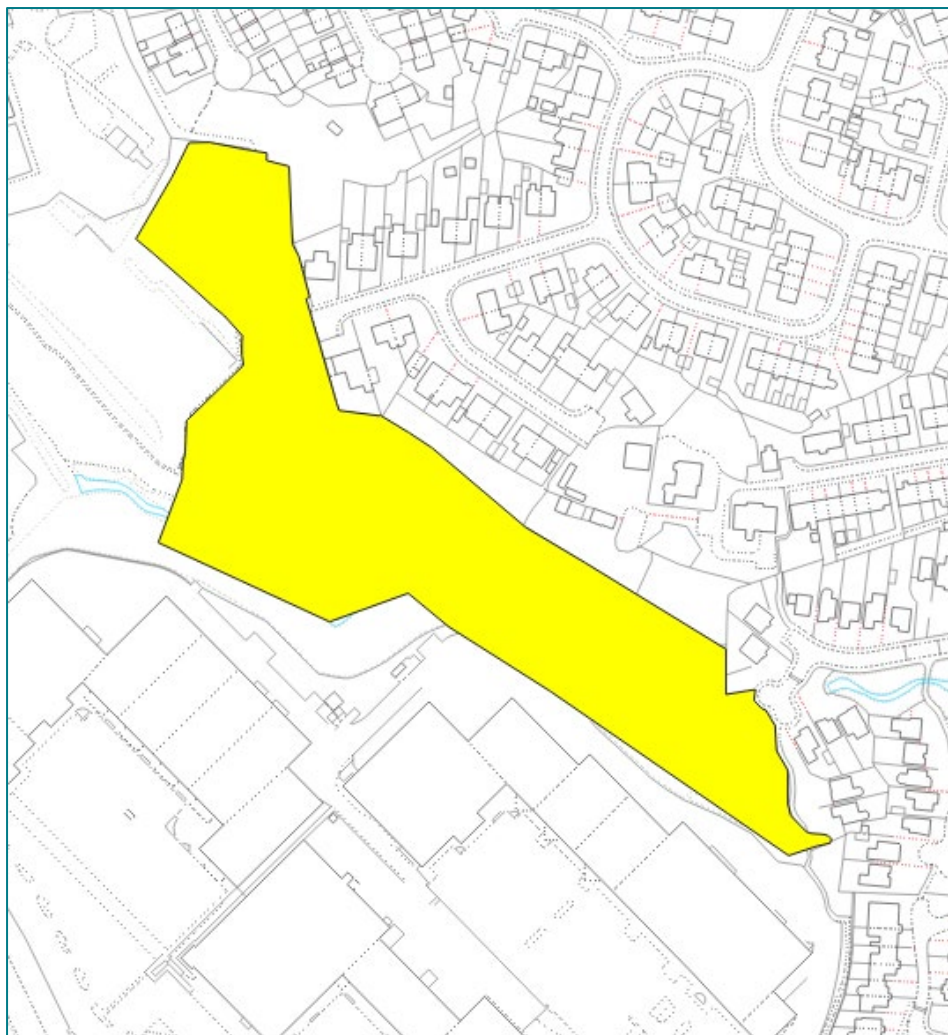
3.117. There are no PROW or Recreation Routes.

Conclusion:

3.118. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 34 above.

Rear of Elk Mill

Map 35: Rear of Elk Mill



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.119. The corridor falls within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals and waterbodies with opportunities to implement actions such as:

- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.120. It also falls within the nature network for woodland, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunities including actions to:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.

- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.121. The corridor is proposed a Local Green Space due to its richness in wildlife owing to the priority woodlands.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

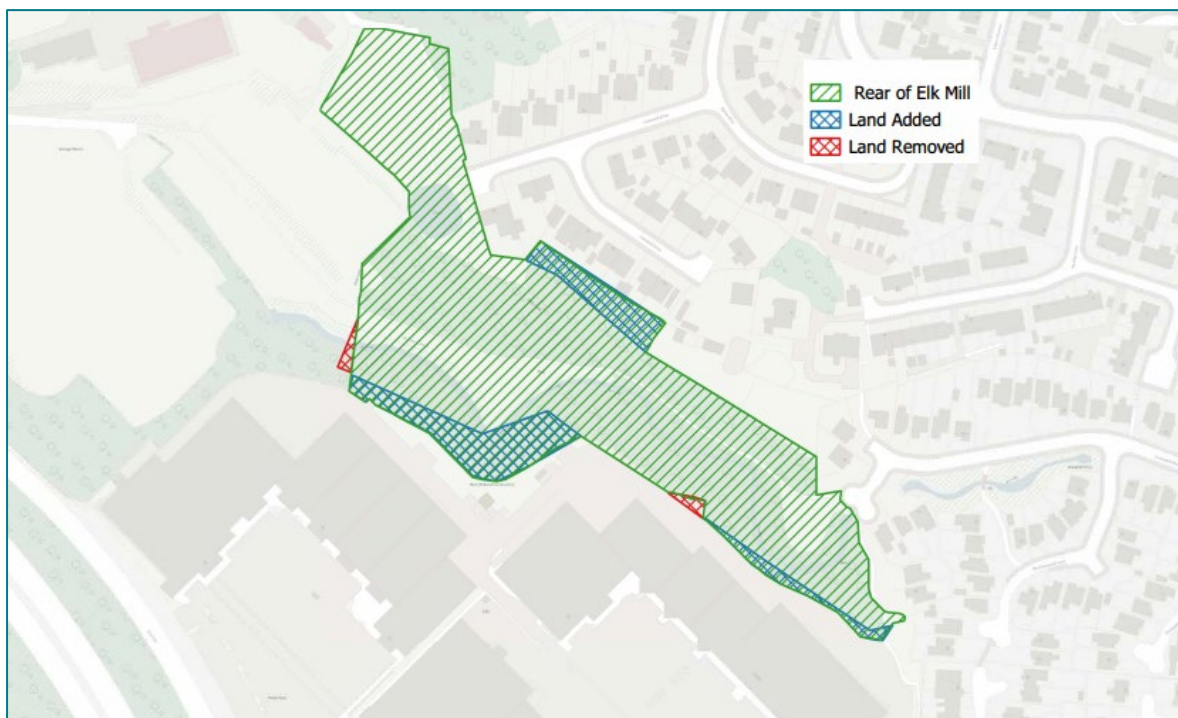
3.122. The corridor has PROW running through it and is recognised as a potential Local Green Space due to recreation due to the walking and fishing provision.

Conclusion:

3.123. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and its recreation function and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated.

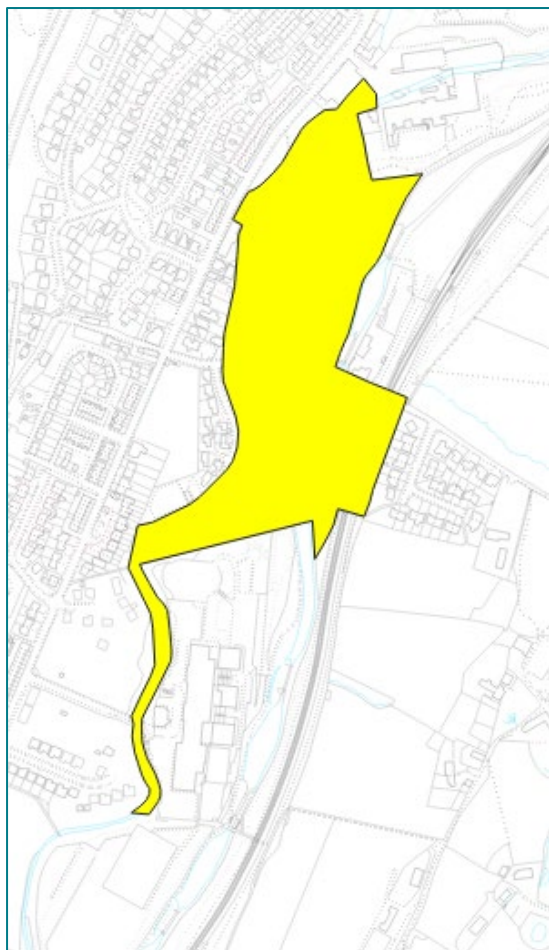
3.124. The boundary of the Green Corridor and Link is proposed to be consistent with that of the proposed Local Green Space as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 36 below.

Map 36: Amended boundary for Rear of Elk Mill Green Corridor and Link



Spurn Lane, Diggle

Map 37: Spurn Lane, Diggle



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.125. The corridor falls within the LNRS nature network for rivers, canals, and waterbodies with actions including:

- Restoration and reconnection of canal side habitats, including targeted woodland creation and tree planting;
- Softening manmade canal banks using natural materials and native plants.
- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.126. It also falls within the nature network for uplands moorlands with opportunities to implement actions such as:

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.
- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.
- Restore more naturalised wet areas, flushes and ponds.
- Create rough, diverse grasslands around flushes and wetlands, wet in some areas with rushes around flushes and springs.

3.127. The corridor includes an SBI and priority woodland.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

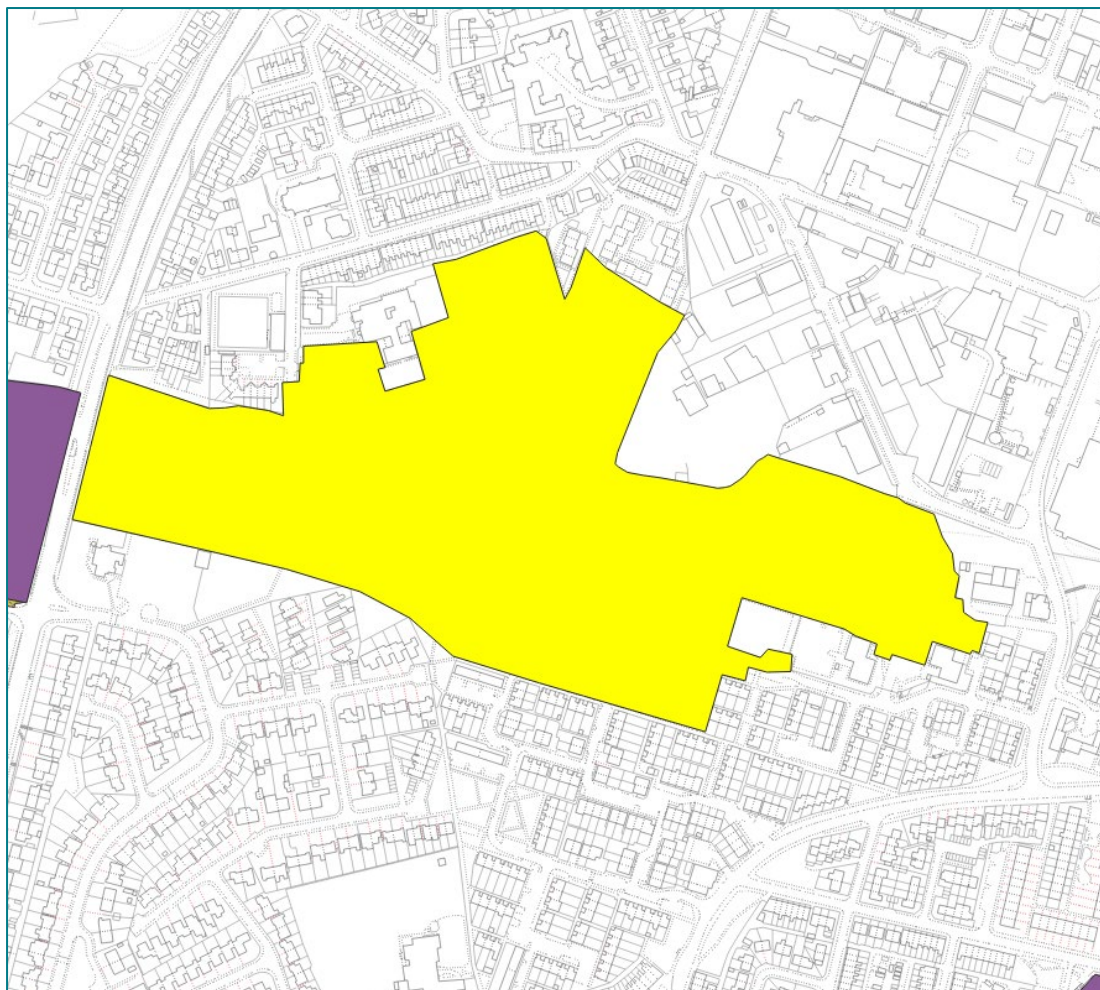
3.128. The corridor includes a recreation route and PROW.

Conclusion

3.129. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 37 above.

Stock Lane

Map 38: Stock Lane



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.130. The Green Corridor and Link is not with the GM LNRS nature network. It is proposed as a Local Green Space, but this is not for wildlife reasons.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

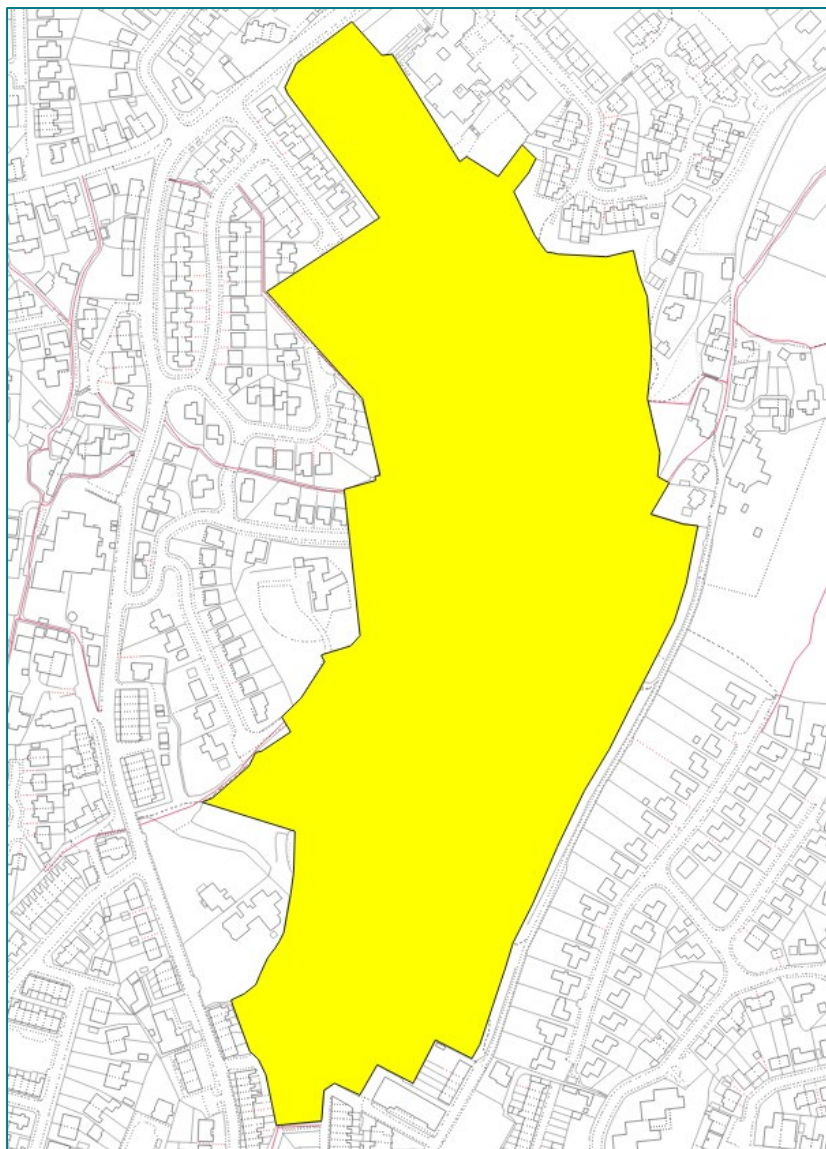
3.131. The Green Corridor and Link does not have any PROW or recreation routes within it. The corridor has playing pitches in it which supports its proposed Local Green Space designation. The playing pitches are identified as open space.

Conclusion

3.132. There is limited justification to support the Green Corridor and Link designation. The open space will continue to be protected. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation.

Stonebreaks Road, Cooper Street

Map 39: Stonebreaks Road, Cooper Street



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.133. The full Green Corridor and Link falls within the GM LNRS nature network.

3.134. There are opportunities for upland moorlands actions including:

- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.
- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.

3.135. There are also opportunities for grasslands, farmland and lowland heath with actions such as:

- Enhance and manage improved or semi-improved grasslands to boost species richness.

- Creation and maintenance of transitional areas or more mosaics of habitats, on the boundaries between grasslands and other habitats.
- Creation or restoration of species-rich grasslands and lowland heath, particularly where they will expand or act as stepping stones or corridors.

3.136. Ecology evidence supporting Local Green Space Assessment confirms that the Green Corridor and Link has substantive ecological value, supporting a range of notable habitats and species.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

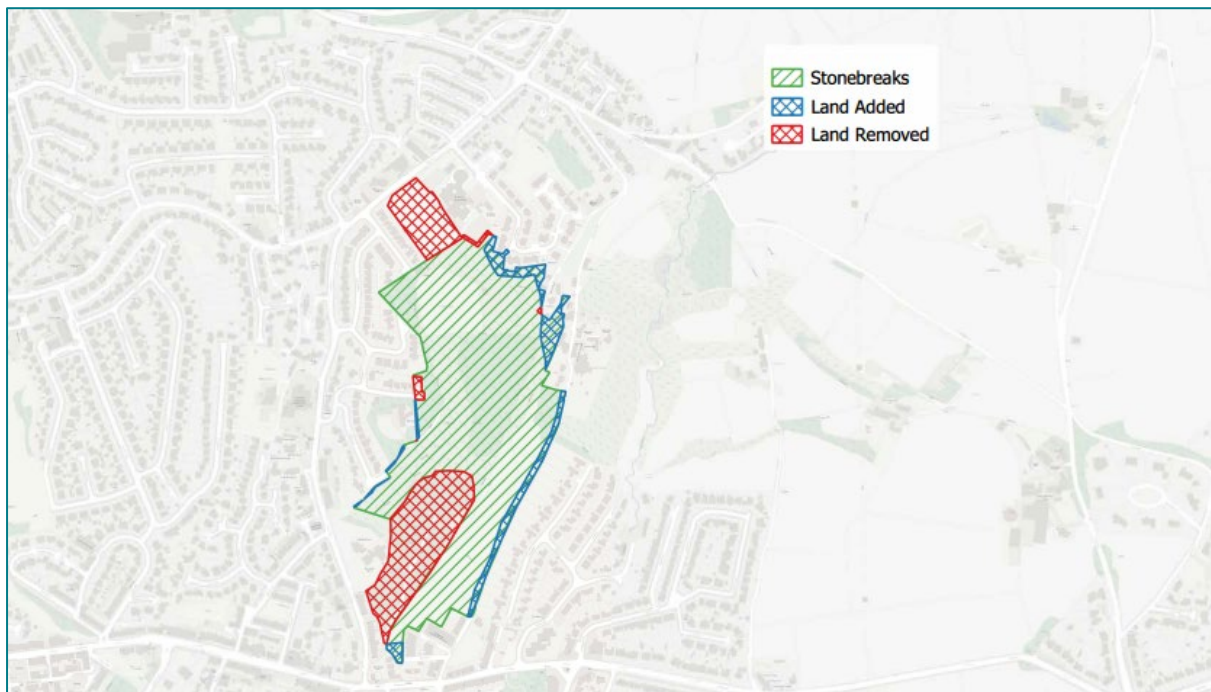
3.137. The Green Corridor and Link is identified as open space and has PROW running through the site.

Conclusion:

3.138. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated.

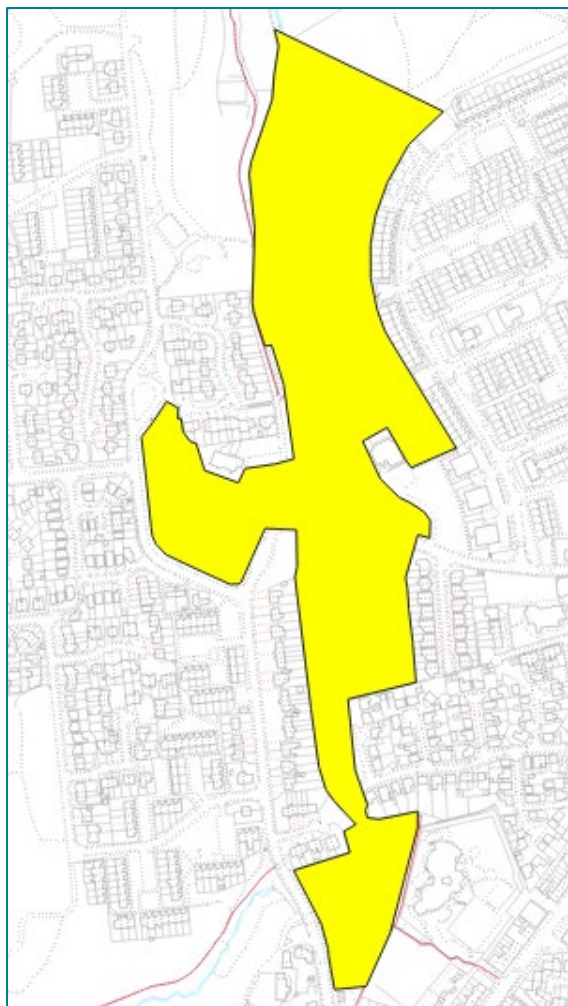
3.139. The boundary of the Green Corridor and Link should be consistent with that of the proposed Local Green Space as set out in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 40 below.

Map 40: Amended boundary for Stonebreaks Road, Cooper Street Green Corridor and Link



Sholver Lane

Map 41: Sholver Lane



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.140. The north section of the corridor is within the nature network.

3.141. There are opportunities for upland moorlands including actions such as:

- Encourage more diverse native vegetation and more flower-rich habitats on existing upland moorlands.

3.142. There are opportunities for grasslands, farmland and lowland heath including actions such as:

- Enhance and manage improved or semi-improved grasslands to boost species richness.
- Creation or restoration of species-rich grasslands and lowland heath, particularly where they will expand or act as stepping stones or corridors.

3.143. The north part of the corridor also includes priority habitat and as such has a high value for wildlife. The corridor is proposed as a Local Green Space due to its richness in wildlife.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

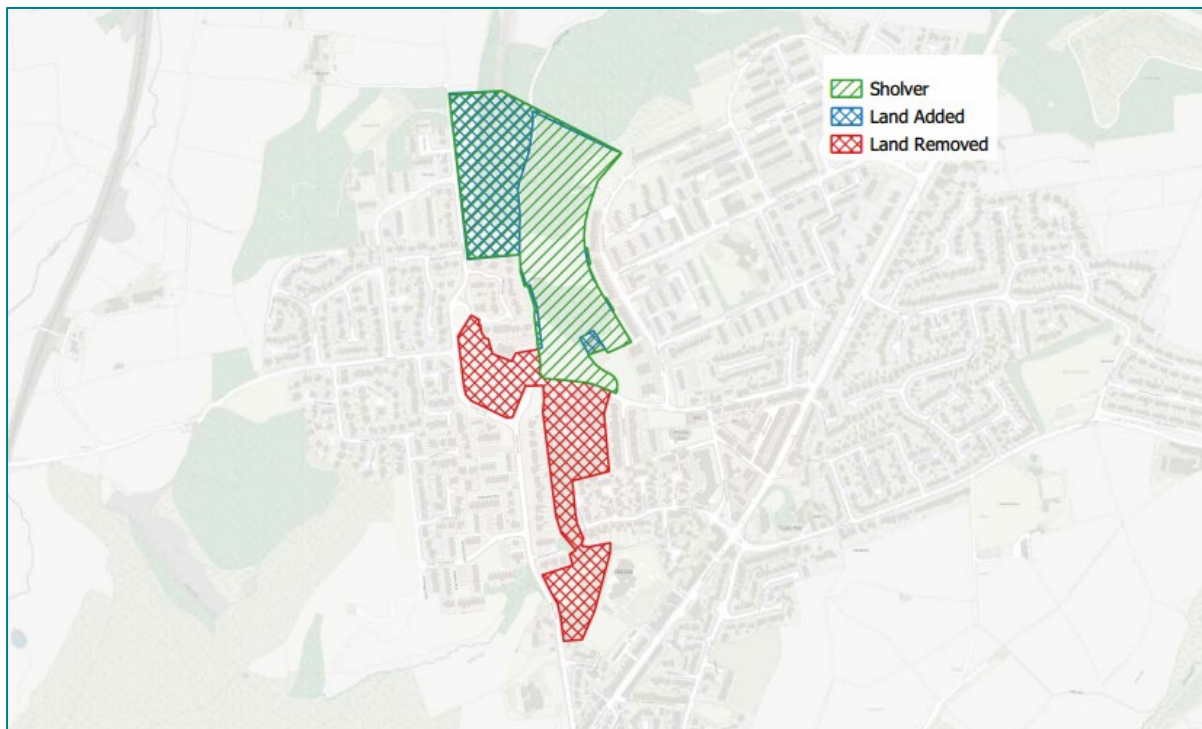
3.144. The corridor includes open space and PROW.

Conclusion:

3.145. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated as a Green Corridor and Link.

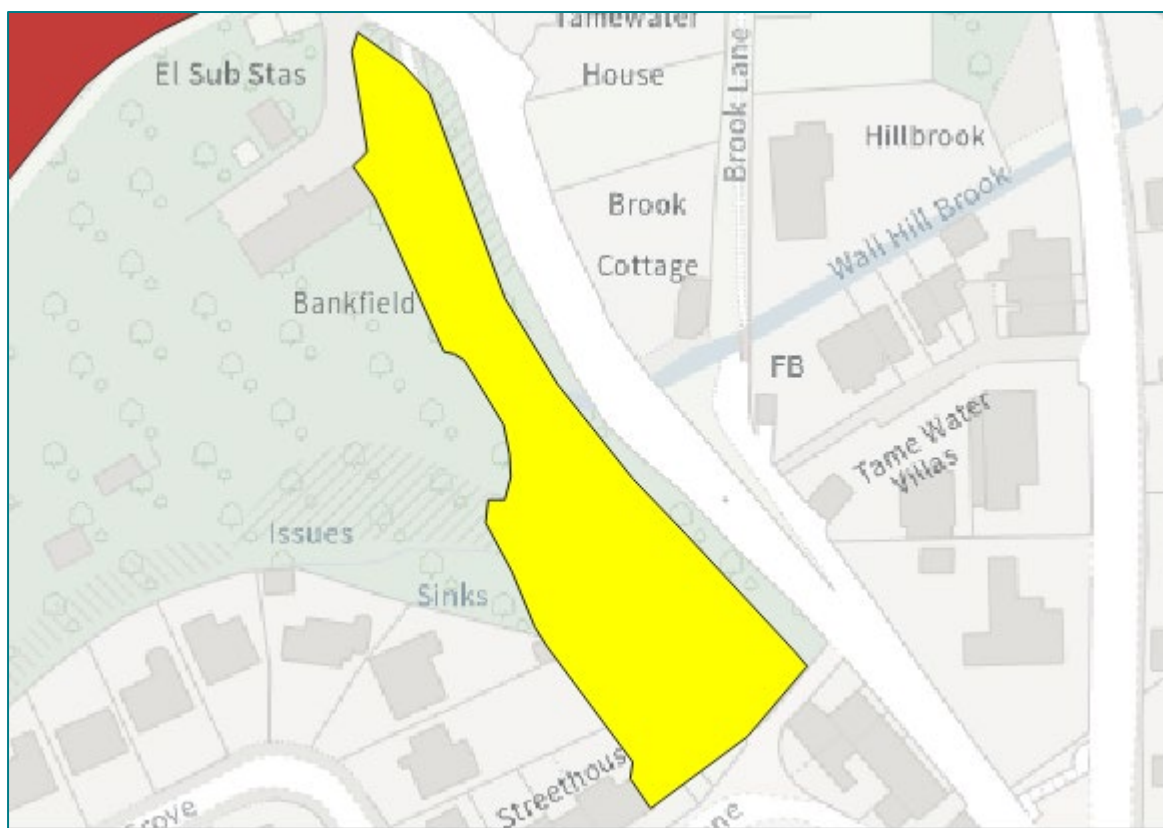
3.146. However, it is considered that the boundary should be amended to reflect the nature network and follow the boundary of the proposed Local Green Space as shown in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 42 below.

Map 42: Amended boundary for Sholver Lane Green Corridor and Link



Wall Hill Road, Dobcross

Map 43: Wall Hill Road, Dobcross



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.147. The Green Corridor and Link is within the LNRS nature network.

3.148. There are opportunities for upland moorlands including actions such as:

- Encourage the restoration and regeneration of existing upland woodlands and clough woodlands.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

3.149. There are opportunities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow including action such as:

- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.

3.150. There are also opportunities for rivers, canals and waterbodies including actions such as:

- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.

3.151. The Green Corridor and Link includes priority species for deciduous woodland.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

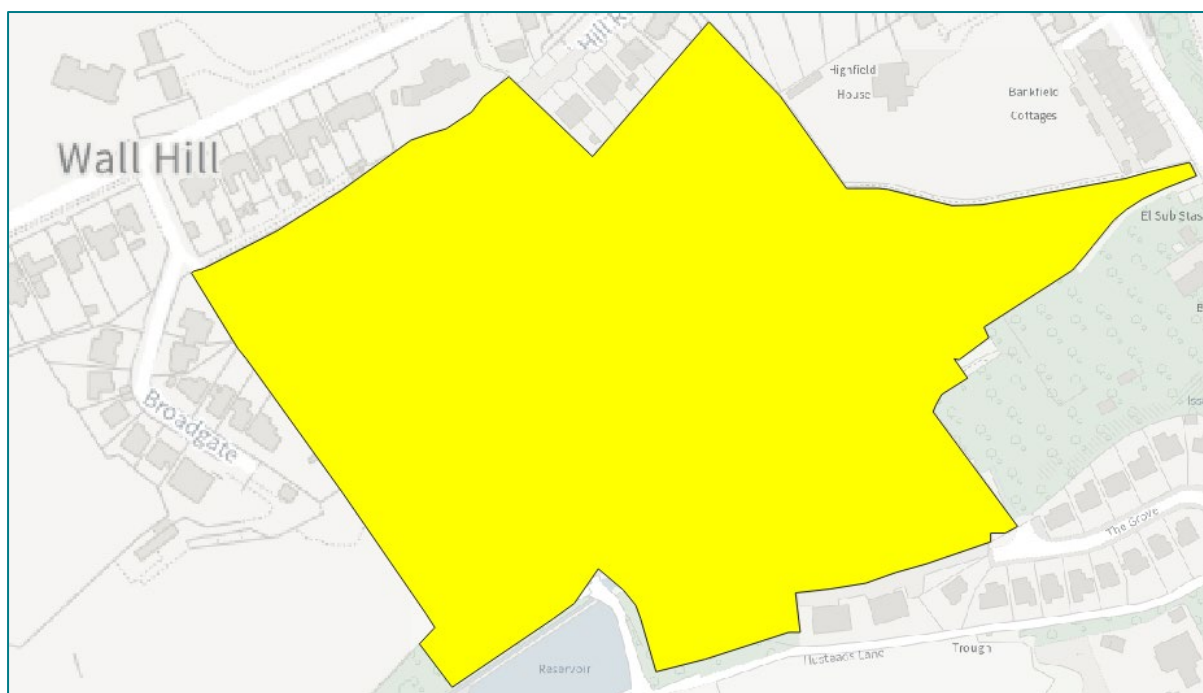
3.152. A recreational route runs through the Green Corridor and Link. The corridor is also identified as open space.

Conclusion:

3.153. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated. No boundary changes are proposed, and the boundary is as shown on Map 43 above.

Wall Hill Road / Hudsteads Lane, Dobcross

Map 44: Wall Hill Road / Hudsteads Lane, Dobcross



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.154. The majority of the Green Corridor and Link is not within the LNRS nature network. Sections to the east and south are within the LNRS nature network.

3.155. Within these areas there are opportunities for upland moorlands including actions such as:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.
- Create transitional habitats or corridors to increase linkage between our uplands and lowland habitats, where conditions allow.

3.156. There are opportunities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow including actions such as:

- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

3.157. Priority habitats (deciduous woodland) runs along the southern boundary.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

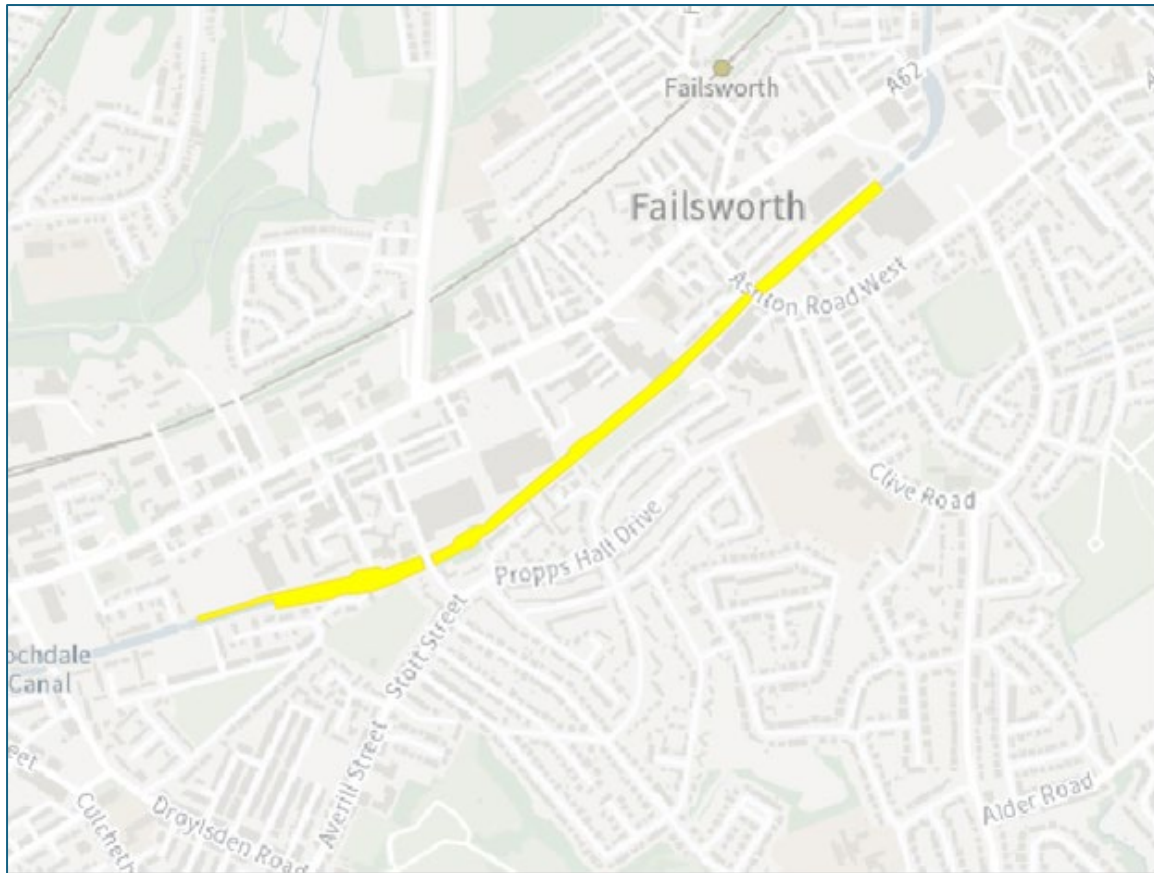
3.158. There are PROWs running through the Green Corridor and Link. The east part of the site contains open space.

Conclusion:

3.159. The majority of the Green Corridor and Link is not within the LNRS nature network. It is therefore proposed to de-designate (delete) the Green Corridor designation. The site is proposed as a Local Green Space which reflects the parts of the site that are within the nature network as well as other reasons of significance. Therefore, the land will be protected from development in line with policy on Local Green Space.

Wrigley Head, Failsworth

Map 45: Wrigley Head, Failsworth



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.160. The canal consists of the Rochdale Canal SBI (Lowand Fens). The corridor falls within the core LNRS nature network.

3.161. There are opportunities for lowland wetlands and mosslands with actions including:

- Reintroduce lost species across a range of mossland and wetland communities.
- Enhance, maintain and manage existing and remnant areas of lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats over the long term, to improve diversity.
- Create more patchworks of wetland habitats and transitional habitats, particularly around remaining and restored lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats.
- Restore degraded wetland sites and areas of restorable deep peat, particularly where they will connect remaining wetland habitats.

3.162. There are also opportunities for rivers, canals and waterbodies including actions such as:

- Softening manmade canal banks using natural materials and native plants.
- Restoration and reconnection of canal side habitats, including targeted woodland creation and tree planting.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.

- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

3.163. The corridor is also designated as open space and is classed as a recreational route as well as the PROW.

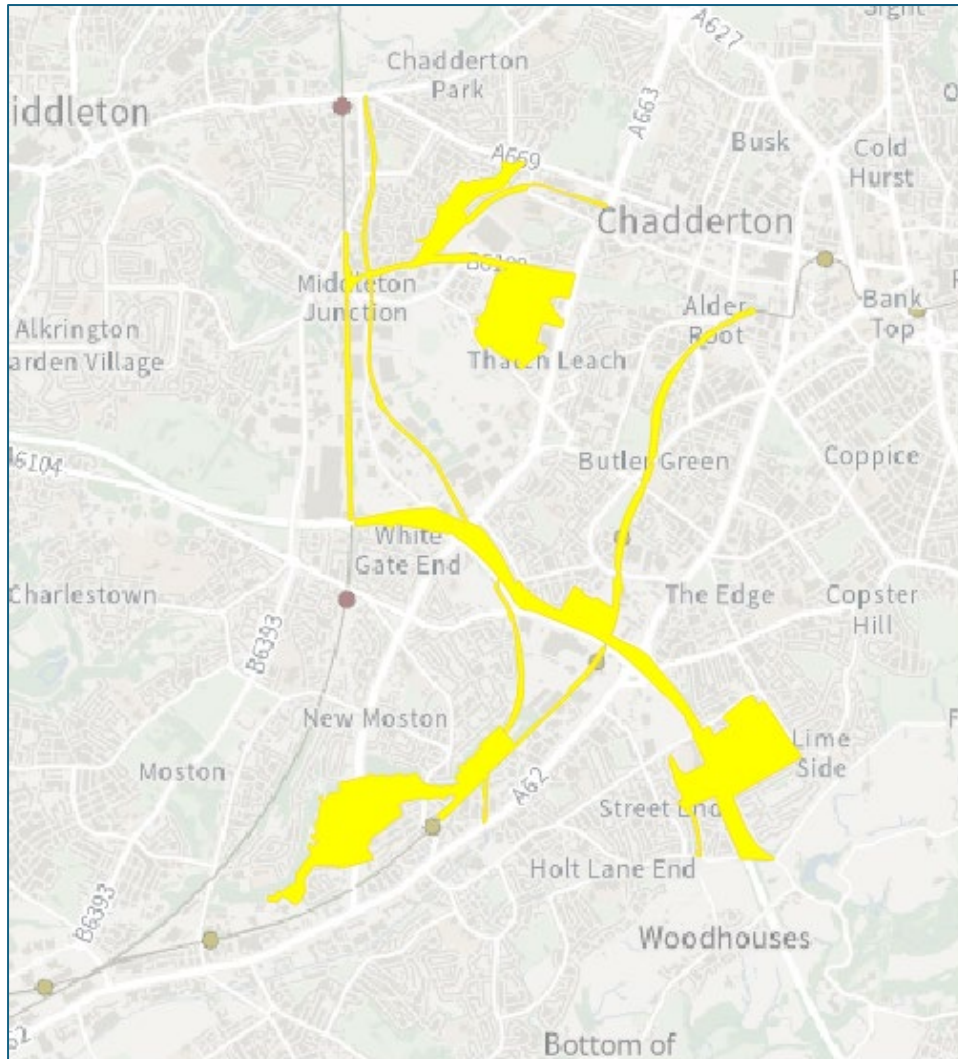
Conclusion:

3.164. Whist the Green Corridor and Link is justified it is not considered necessary to have the designation in addition to the SBI designation and core local nature network.

3.165. The Green Corridor and Link designation can be de-designated (deleted) to avoid policy confusion, and the canal corridor can still be enhanced in line with the LNRS. The corridor will be protected by policy on nature designations.

Wrigley head, Failsworth (1)

Map 46: Wrigley Head, Failsworth (1)



Nature / Green Infrastructure justification:

3.166. There are opportunities for lowland wetlands and mosslands with actions including:

- Enhance patchworks of semi-natural habitats surrounding our remaining lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats to improve resilience.
- Enhance, maintain and manage existing and remnant areas of lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats over the long term, to improve diversity.
- Create more patchworks of wetland habitats and transitional habitats, particularly around remaining and restored lowland raised bog, fens and other wetland habitats.
- Restore degraded wetland sites and areas of restorable deep peat, particularly where they will connect remaining wetland habitats.

3.167. There are also opportunities for rivers, canals and waterbodies including actions such as:

- Make water channels more natural and complex, re-meander channels and reconnect to floodplains where feasible.

- Restore and maintain more natural banks, in appropriate locations, and reduce invasive species.
- Softening manmade canal banks using natural materials and native plants.
- Restoration and reconnection of canal side habitats, including targeted woodland creation and tree planting.
- Improve mobility for aquatic creatures by removing barriers, daylighting buried or covered waterbodies or installing by-pass structures, where feasible.
- Expansion, creation or restoration of a variety of waterside habitats, including woodlands, wetlands and meadows, where they will better connect existing habitats.
- Enhance and maintain existing habitats within our waterbodies and adjacent grassland, wetland and woodland habitats to increase species richness.

3.168. There are opportunities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow including action such as:

- Identify, safeguard and enhance ancient, long-established and designated woodlands, veteran and notable trees.
- Enhance existing woodlands, scrub and hedgerows through positive management, diversify them and increase their resilience to pests, disease and climate change.
- Target native woodland and scrub creation or establishment, where it will connect existing woodland and scrub.
- Expand existing woodland and scrub and other woodland fringe and transitional habitats.

Recreational (movement of people) justification:

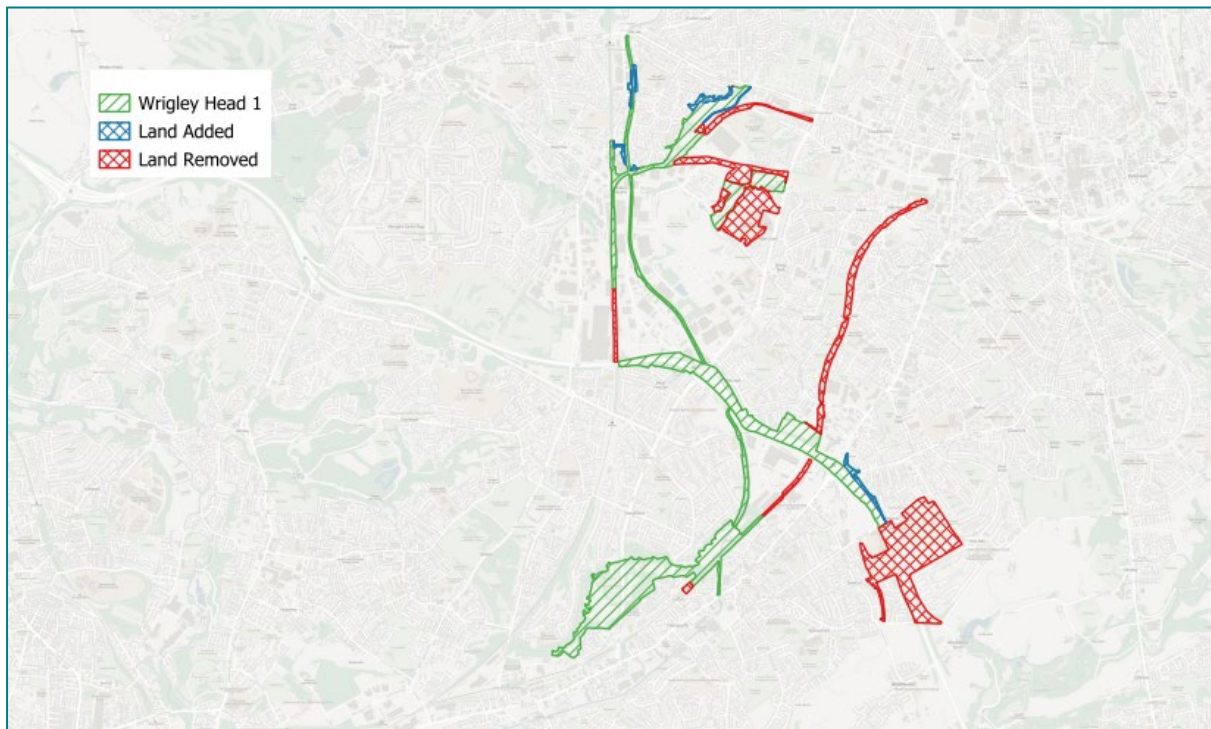
3.169. The corridor includes areas of open space, recreational routes and PROW.

Conclusion:

3.170. The Green Corridor and Link is supported by strong evidence to support its wildlife and recreation role and is therefore justified in continuing to be designated.

3.171. However, it is considered that there should be boundary changes to reflect the Foxdenton scheme, including the linear park and the LNRS as proposed in Appendix 11 of the Publication Plan and Map 47 below.

Map 47: Amended boundary for Wrigley Head, Failsworth (1) Green Corridor and Link



4. Conclusion

3.172. The Green Corridor and Links review has provided up to date assessment and justification for the Green Corridors that are proposed to remain designated as part of the Local Plan review as set out in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Summary of changes to Green Corridor and Link designations

Green Corridor and Link	Designation being taken forward	Boundary changes
Alexandra Park	Yes	No
Ashton Road / Simkin Way	No	N/A
Cemetery rear of Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth	No	N/A
Cemetery / Cricket Ground south of Duchess Street	No	N/A
Chadderton Cemetery	Yes	No
Chew Valley Road to Halls Way, Greenfield	Yes	No
Clayton Playing Fields, Broadway	No	N/A
Egerton Street to Shaw Road (Oldham Edge)	Yes	Yes
Foxdenton Hall Park	Yes	Yes
High Crompton Park, Rushcroft Road	No	No
Hill End Road to Gatehead Croft, Delph	Yes	No
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (1)	Yes	Yes
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (2)	Yes	No
Lees New Road to Greenacres Road (3)	No	N/A
Long Clough Broadway, Royton	No	N/A
Lydgate Tunnel / Rear Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (1)	Yes	Yes
Lydgate Tunnel / Rear of Oaklands Park, Grasscroft (2)	Yes	Yes
Manchester Road Greenfield to Ryefields Drive, Uppermill	Yes	Yes
Mill Lane / Thorp Road, Royton	Yes	Yes
Northdowns / Rochdale Road, High Crompton	No	N/A
Oaklands Road	Yes	Yes
Railway – Morton Street, Hardman Lane, Failsworth	Yes	Yes

Green Corridor and Link	Designation being taken forward	Boundary changes
Rear of Broadbent Road / Whetstone Hill Lane (up to here)	No	N/A
Rear of Somerset Road, Failsworth	No	N/A
River Tame from Delph New Road to Mow Halls Lane	Yes	No
Rear of Elk Mill	Yes	Yes
Spurn Lane, Diggle	Yes	No
Stock Lane	No	N/A
Stonebreaks Road, Cooper Street	Yes	Yes
Sholver Lane	Yes	Yes
Wall Hill Road, Dobcross	Yes	No
Wall Hill Road / Hudsteads, Dobcross	No	N/A
Wrigley Head, Failsworth	No	N/A
Wrigley Head, Failsworth (1)	Yes	Yes