

The existing historical features, including Warburton Toll Bridge, Irlam Locks, Barton Swing Bridge, the Bollin Aqueduct and Manchester Ship Canal are important features.

Guidelines:

- ✓ Development should conserve and enhance historical features of the area where this does not prejudice the commercial and operational requirements of the waterway.
- ✓ Opportunities to improve the setting and appearance of these features should be encouraged.

4. Conserve and promote the ecological areas

There are several sites of ecological interest, providing links to habitats in adjacent areas. There are instances where pressures of adjacent areas have had a detrimental impact on these sites.

Guidelines:

- ✓ Development should conserve and promote ecological diversity.
- ✓ Opportunities to enhance existing sites should be encouraged.
- ✓ Opportunities to enhance the ecological corridor should be encouraged.
- ✓ Where appropriate measures to control access should be encouraged.

5. Enhance ecological diversity and appearance of the river bank

The engineered riverbanks have destroyed the ecological diversity and visual appearance of these areas.

Guidelines:

- ✓ Development should enhance the ecological diversity and appearance of the riverbanks.
- ✓ Opportunities to improve existing engineered banks should be encouraged.