



**TRAFFORD  
COUNCIL**

**Request to reconsider specific reference to  
a bridge link at Clippers Quay in response  
to MMIQ 3.32**

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## Introduction

At the third Hearing session of the Trafford Core Strategy Examination the Inspector considered, in relation to MMIQ 3.32, that in the absence of a specific development for the land at Trafford Wharfside adjacent to ‘Clippers Quay’ the requirement of policy SL2 to provide new pedestrian bridges at this precise location may be inappropriate. For flexibility, the location for this requirement should be described more generally in the policy text and the associated implementation table.

## Council’s Response

A bridge link between Salford and Trafford at Clippers Quay is identified as a principal infrastructural element in the Irwell City (now River) Park , (which is a joint long-term strategic project between Salford, Manchester and Trafford Councils) and is included in Irwell City Park informal planning guidance (CD7.3.8) Policy ICP 30 bullet point 2 (also see Maps 10.5 and 10.12). Policies ICP13, ICP14 and ICP15 refer to the need to link Irwell River Park to other routes. This planning guidance was subject to the same type and level of public consultation that is required for an SPD although it was not formally adopted by either Salford, Manchester or Trafford Councils. It is therefore considered that, whilst the exact location of the bridge link could vary, the existence of an appropriate bridge link is an essential element of the Irwell River Park scheme. Further information on Irwell River Park can be found at [www.irwellriverpark.com](http://www.irwellriverpark.com).

To make the CS position clearer, it is suggested that the following text would replace the third bullet point of Policy SL2.4.

**Suggested Changes 300.08 and 300.09** as detailed in the Schedule of Proposed Changes (CD 12.4).

Policy SL2.4

- [A new bridge crossing that will provide a link within the Irwell River Park scheme and is closely related to other existing or proposed routes such as the strategic processional route referred to above;](#)

In addition the following is suggested to replace the current reference in the Implementation Table:

<p><del>Direct Pedestrian Link Across Manchester Ship Canal at Clippers Quay</del>  <a href="#"><u>New bridge crossing as part of the Irwell River Park scheme</u></a></p>	<p>Priority <del>2-3</del></p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p><b>Irwell River Park/</b> Private Developer</p>	<p>Private Developer/ Section 106</p>
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For the avoidance of doubt this would replace Suggested Change SC6 in CD6.1.2