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NOT FOR  
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**Demo against plans  
for fracking at Barton Moss**



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MANCHESTER  
A CITY  
UNITED

NO

AGAINST  
FRACKING

NO  
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DIRTY  
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## Blow to 'zombie car parks': Northern Quarter fire site has planning permission for car park rejected

19 Feb 2014 - 10:06AM | [By Elena Arena](#)

*Green space campaigners are celebrating as planning permission for a Northern Quarter car park has been officially refused at a council meeting.*

The car park, on the former Dobbins site on Oldham Street of Manchester, has already been built.

But now the applicant Craig Jones sought retrospect planning permission for up to two years.

While a previous Manchester City Council planning committee



Firefighters battle Oldham Street second hand store blaze in middle of Manchester's bustling Northern Quarter



Firefighters STILL battling Oldham Street blaze in Manchester's Northern Quarter more than 17 hours later

# Questioning 'Zombie Car Parks'





**Skyping Raw  
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**Spring Clean Your  
Bike at Bike Friday**





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Sunday	10.30am	11.15am	5.00pm
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Soil  
NOT  
Oil!

Welcome to the desolate North.  
Now Frack off!

NO DRILL  
NO SPILL

**Frack Free Manchester  
Solidarity March**





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**Earth Hour at  
Palace Theatre**





**National FoE directors  
visit Barton Moss**

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## Greater Manchester Cycling City Region

The Greater Manchester Cycling Strategy builds on the previous Local Transport Plan policy and the investment secured through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and the Cycle City Ambition Grant. It sets out a regional approach to prioritise future investment in capital and revenue spend on cycling, and challenges policy makers to ensure that programmes are in place to influence, enable and encourage individuals, families and communities to take part in physical activity and adopt active travel choices.

Increasing cycling levels will have a dramatic impact on the region's health and economic prospects. A high quality network of cycle routes that are fit for purpose, connecting people to the places they want to go to, alongside infrastructure improvements and a comprehensive programme of training and support are instrumental to bring about a cultural shift to cycling. Achieving greater levels of sustainable transport into and around the regional centre are critical to continue on a trajectory of growth and prosperity, not least with regard to city centre living.

It's not just about the regional centre, though. This strategy reaches to and connects the ten districts of Greater Manchester and, through improved cycle route connectivity to key destinations, including town centres, new and existing interchanges and Metrolink stations, ensures that it becomes a more connected city region for all 2.7 million residents and beyond.

To do this, we will work with partners to develop Action Plans to deliver a sustained and strategic programme of investment in cycling from both the public and private sectors. Within a generation, we are aiming to make cycling a mainstream, everyday and aspirational form of transport for all, regardless of age, ability or background.

A number of supporting documents to this Strategy will provide greater levels of technical detail.



# Commenting on the GM Cycling Strategy

# Anti-fracking petition signed by 3,000 sparks debate at high-level town hall meeting

Apr 07, 2014 06:00

By Dan Thompson

Protesters expected to gather outside Swinton Civic Centre on Tuesday morning as Salford council bosses consider the issue at a cabinet meeting.

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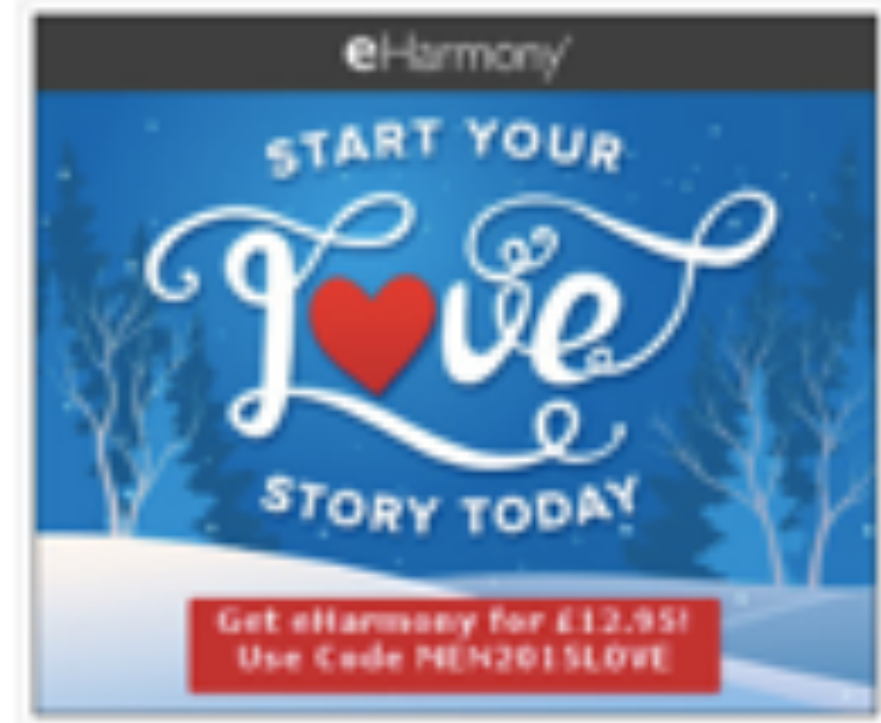
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# FURY AS SALFORD MAYOR REFUSES FRACKING DEBATE

Star date: 8th April 2014

SALFORD MAYOR 'HIDES BEHIND PROCESSES' TO AVOID FRACKING ISSUE

*"Ian Stewart is a joke, a jellyfish....he's got no backbone" Steph, Ordsall*

*"Democracy? They don't know the meaning of the word" Jean, Irlam*

Salford City Mayor, Ian Stewart and his Cabinet this morning refused to debate the issue of fracking, after a petition with three thousand signatures was handed over condemning the controversial gas extraction process.

After a five minute speech by the petitioner, Stewart said there would be "no further debate". It left campaigners - half of whom weren't allowed into the meeting - horrified... "I get the feeling that they are hiding behind processes" said petitioner Ali Abbas from Manchester Friends of the Earth.

*Full details here...*



... but Salford ignores petition



## You must be yolking... chickens on the roof? The Printworks unveil addition to Manchester menagerie

17 Apr 2014 - 11:20AM | [By Tim Hyde](#)

*Bez's bees residing on top of Manchester's Printworks now have some company - as a clutch of chickens are the latest edition to the roof-top menagerie.*

As well as utilising the roof space, the Printworks are also hoping the animal antics will raise money for charity as some of Manchester's businesses have splashed cash on sponsoring a chicken.

The likes of Chiquito's and Bierkeller (but notably not Nando's!) have each selected a hen as an 'eggcellent' addition to each business.



Chicken hunter skinned: KFC-lover loses pants jumping fence leaving him dangling naked and a Facebook hit

'Talking chicken' will lurk around cupboards to help dieters lose weight, claim Manchester uni scientists

Manure night-mare: Pony trapped up to neck in 4ft deep chicken poo dragged to safety by Manchester firefighters



Saving the bacon: Firefighters rescue three pigs and six chickens from dangerous blaze at Tyldesley farm



# Working with Bez to green the Printworks' Roof



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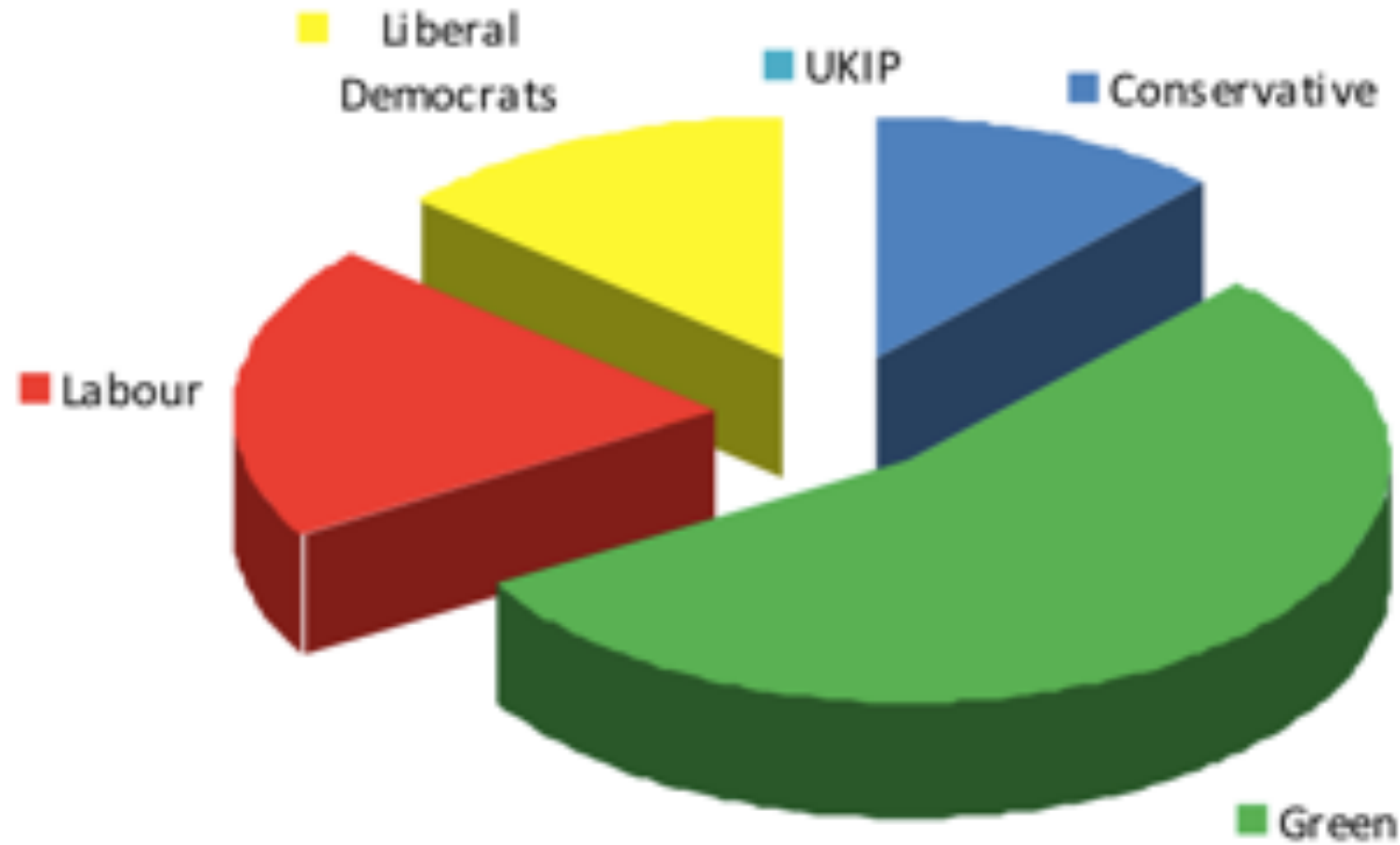
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## Response rate as % of party candidates



**Survey of local and  
EU election candidates**





**Bee World,  
Ashton-on-Mersey**





**Stall at Envirolution**





# School Bee Drawing Competition







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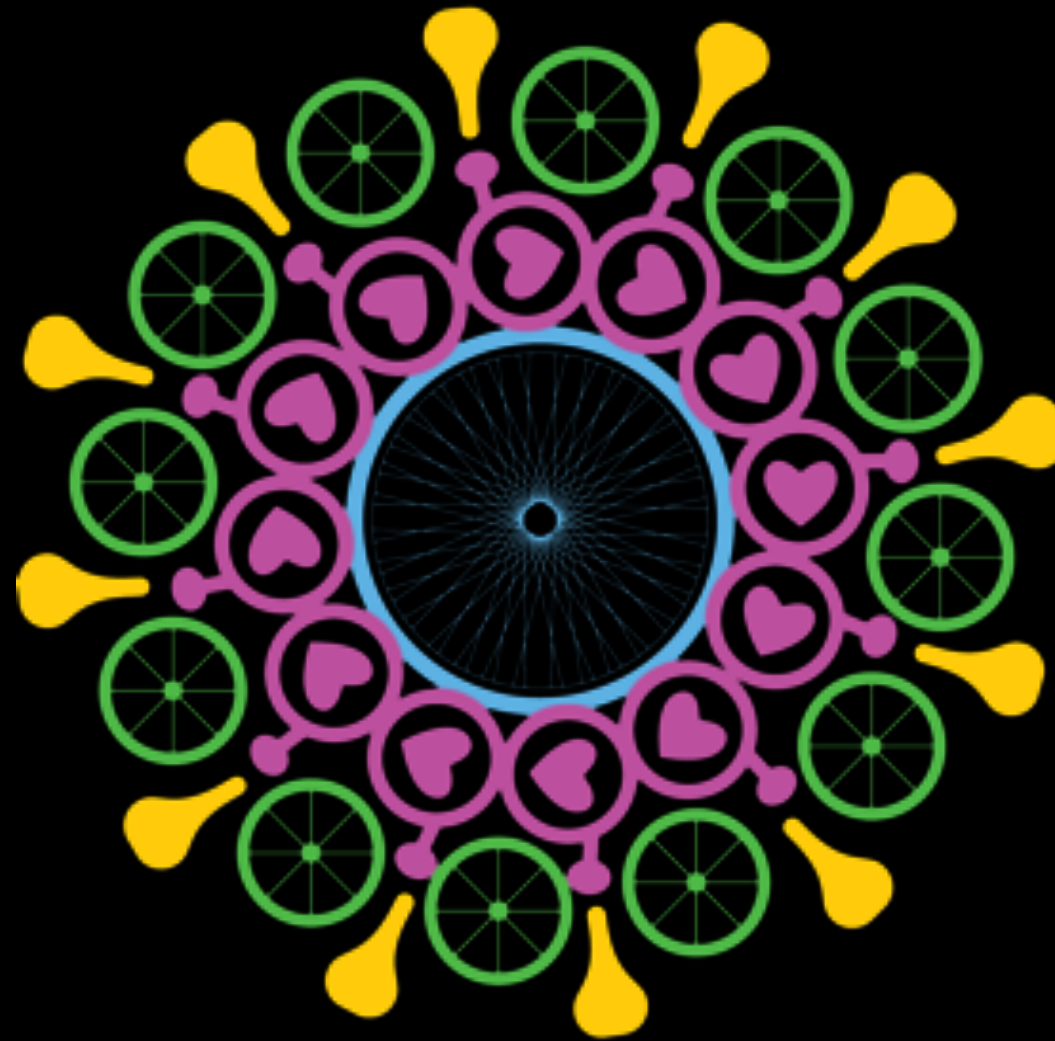
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**Going Dutch at  
Manchester Day  
Parade**









**‘Group of the Year’  
at Basecamp**





# Launch of Run on Sun at Ashton-Mersey

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**Evening of fundraising  
and entertainment**













# People's Climate March in Manchester



Not wishing to LABOUR the point

BUT... ..

Fracking is a really BAD idea!





# Against new peak rail fares

Government:  
**SCRAP  
EVENING  
PEAK FARES  
ON  
NORTHERN RAIL**

**FAIR  
FARES  
NOW**

**RIGHT  
TRACK  
NORTH**

**NO  
MORE  
FARE RISES**

We need  
**#FairFaresNow**

**FAIR  
FARES  
NOW**

**RIGHT  
TRACK  
NORTH**

**RIGHT  
TRACK  
NORTH**

**FAIR  
FARES  
NOW**

FOR THE NORTH'S BUSIEST CORRIDORS  
AND FASTER TRAINS





A group of people are walking along a path on Pomona Island at dusk. They are looking out over a body of water towards a city skyline. The sky is a mix of soft pinks and blues. In the foreground, a man with a long ponytail and a dark jacket is leaning on a black metal railing. A white spherical buoy is visible on the left. The city skyline in the background includes a prominent tall blue skyscraper.

# Nature walk on Pomona Island





# Fracking Fringe Event Labour Party Conference









**The BeeCause at  
Labour Party  
Conference**





**Britain needs  
a strong Bee  
Action Plan**

THE **BEE** CAUSE

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see change at the root





... and Run on Sun

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# Launch of Cycling Manifesto





FARMING  
NOT  
FRACKING

**Mr Frack Head  
on Tour**





**Petitioning against Fracking**





**Davyhulme fracking: Council postpone decision as activists reveal holes in drill plans**







**Supporting Manchester's  
Grow Wild bid**



**Calling on Trafford to pass  
a motion against Fracking...**





**... and they did.**



Poster Making



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# Floral corridor to be planted along Princess Parkway as Manchester wins joint bid for £120k in green cash

Nov 17, 2014 21:47 By **Richard Wheatstone**

Manchester and Liverpool put aside their rivalry to secure the funding from the Royal Botanic Gardens and Big Lottery Fund

1853 Shares



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A corridor of wildflowers leading to the city centre will be planted after bid



## Success in 'Grow Wild City' competition



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# Campaigners say plans for new cycle routes are 'diabolical and dangerous'

Dec 30, 2014 18:00 By **Charlotte Cox**

Pete Abel from the Love Your Bike group says town hall bosses 'need to go back to the drawing board' with scheme

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Campaigners have slammed council plans for new cycle routes



## Commenting on plans for new cycle routes



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