Area 6 – Hulme

HU9 The former Birley Playing Fields site adjacent to Princess Road is allocated for business, industrial or commercial uses. A detailed design brief to be prepared for the site will recognise its strategic importance and its importance to the overall regeneration objectives of Hulme City Challenge.

**Reason:** The Birley Playing Fields site is of strategic importance to Hulme, the City and the county owing to its location, close to the city centre and on the main route out of the city to the airport and motorway to the south, and its size, offering opportunities rarely found so close to the Regional Centre. The development of the site for commercial uses accords with the Council’s plans for Hulme’s regeneration to be facilitated by the City Challenge Initiative, and is a contribution to the requirements of Strategic Planning Guidance. In particular the site is suitable for biotechnology or telecommunications industries.

HU10 Sites within Manchester Science Park are allocated for science and research based businesses.

**Reason:** To ensure this important development between the City, private enterprise and Higher Education continues to develop and expand to provide a range of skills and opportunities for new enterprise. In particular the Science Park is considered suitable for the location of Britain's second Teleport (a telecommunications centre and satellite link). Development generally will be required to have regard to the detailed requirements of the Manchester Science Park Board and should ensure a high quality of landscaping.