

Greens set sail on boatyard vision

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WORK has begun on transforming a former boatyard on the Lancaster Canal into a public green space.

Green party councillors from Dukes Ward have drawn up proposals to open up and improve the former boatyard site between Aldcliffe Road and the canal towpath, and a team of people began clearing the site over the weekend.

The land, which includes two dilapidated buildings, is the responsibility of Lancaster City Council which has it on long term lease from British Waterways.

Plans include reducing the height



Volunteers help get the project under way.

of the towpath wall and forming access points, planting, and bringing the buildings back into use.

A spokeswoman for Lancaster City Council said: "We have recently been made aware of a proposal and are currently looking into the viability of it with British Waterways."

Dukes Ward Coun Dave Brookes said: "The site is currently an eyesore and attracts anti-social behaviour."

"It is a shame that it has been allowed to get into this state, but with some work it could be an enjoyable space for local residents and users of the towpath alike."