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Post-war Infrastructure of Manchester

A public exhibition of original maps, architects' drawings and artefacts from the planning, construction and promotion of Manchester's post-war urban dreams, ambitions and disappointments.



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CUBE & RIBA Hub, Portland Street, Manchester, M1 6DW



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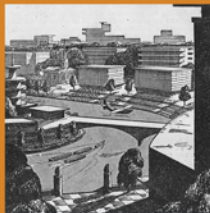
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Infra_MANC is a public exhibition about the planning, construction and promotion of four infrastructural projects in central Manchester: two were completed, two were to remain unrealised. The essence of recovery in post-war Britain was speed: of movement and of communication – these propositions epitomise this spirit. To traverse the city two of these schemes would seek to bury themselves and two to take to the skies.

The Mancunian Way, the never realised Picc-Vic railway tunnel, the Guardian telephone exchange and fanciful dreams for a city centre heliport are all examined. These proposals are set against the optimism of the immediate post-war recovery, the reality of construction in the 1960s and the economic and political upheaval of the 1970s. Original maps, engineering schematics, architects' drawings and marketing 'machines' not normally seen by the public will be displayed to explore the role of infrastructure in the contemporary city and to introduce historical context to these overwhelmingly technological propositions.



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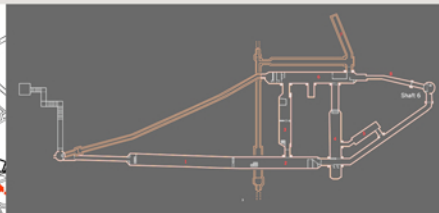
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Artist's perspective [train + station] edited from an original by David Fricker working for EGS Architects.

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