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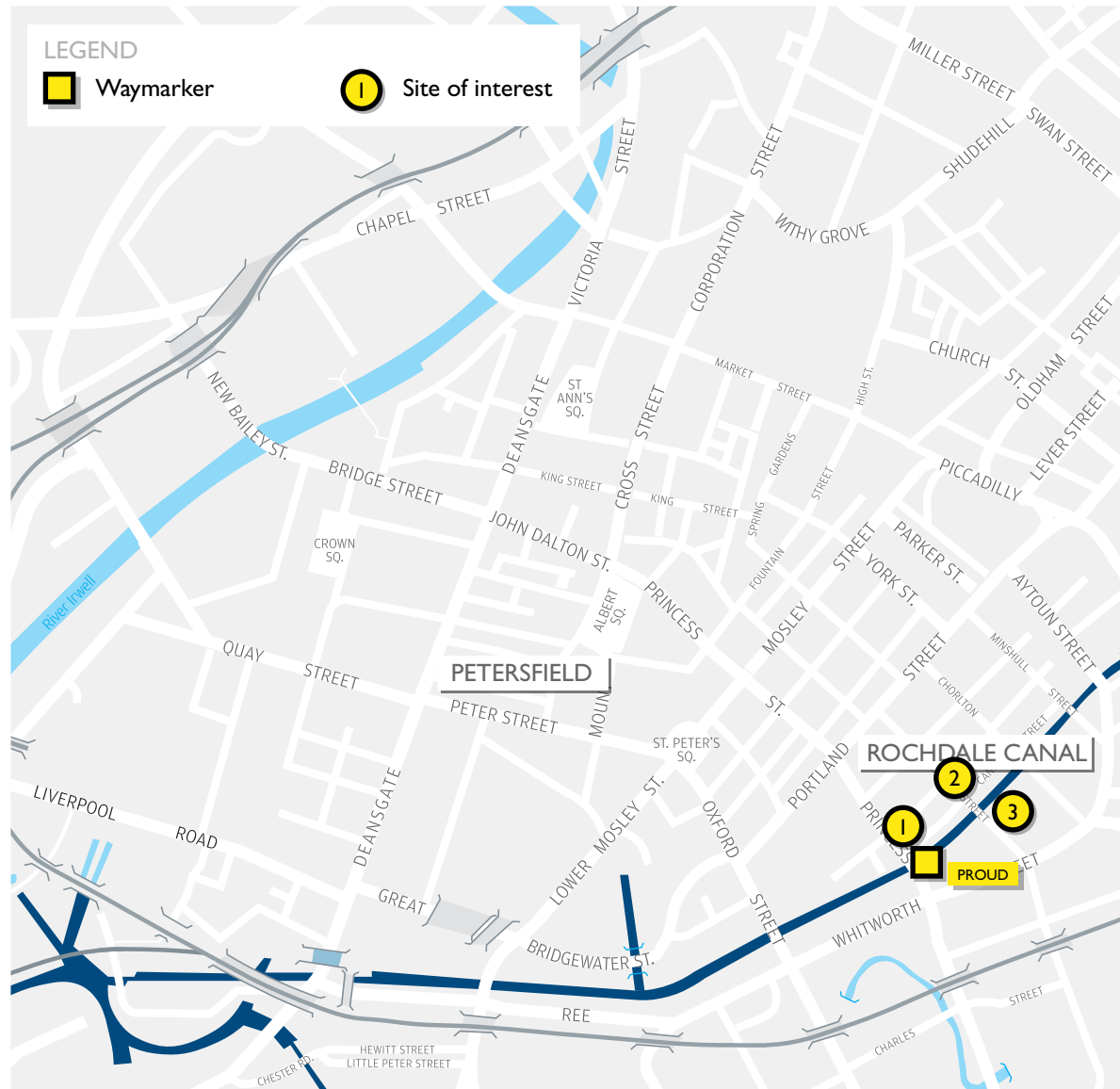
Pride is a word which is well used when it comes to Manchester, particularly so when it comes to this part of the city. This is Canal Street, the heart of the gay village, and symbol of Manchester's vitality and its rich and diverse population.

I Canal Street

Built along the edge of the Rochdale Canal, Canal Street has become the focal point for Manchester's gay community.

As the gay community's confidence in the UK grew, Canal Street developed from a quiet collection of pubs in the 1960s to a booming array of cafes, bars and nightclubs today.

At the turn of the millennium, a Channel 4 TV programme, *Queer as Folk*, brought the district to an even wider audience. Today, tourists from all over the world visit the area, which is one of the largest gay villages in the world.



2 New Union (111 Princess St)

Located on the corner of Canal Street and Princess Street, the New Union Hotel has been a gay venue for as long as anyone can remember. In the 1950s the owner went to prison for running a public house of ill repute. Today, the New Union is a friendly mixed bar with something for everyone.

3 Statue of Alan Turing

After his pioneering work deciphering the Enigma code in World War II, the 'Father of Modern Computer Science' moved to Manchester to work on the Mark I, the world's first electronic stored program computer. Turing was homosexual at a time when that was a criminal offence, and, having been convicted he took his own life in 1954 by taking a bite of a cyanide-laced apple. A statue of Turing, commemorating his life and work, is placed in Sackville Gardens – half way between Manchester University and Canal Street.