

# YOUR PRESTWICH

Big changes. Bold plans.  
Your future Prestwich  
is coming to life!

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- Update on progress so far
- Details of our next planning application
- Come along to one of our drop-in events



A £100m+ development  
creating a new beating heart  
for Prestwich Village

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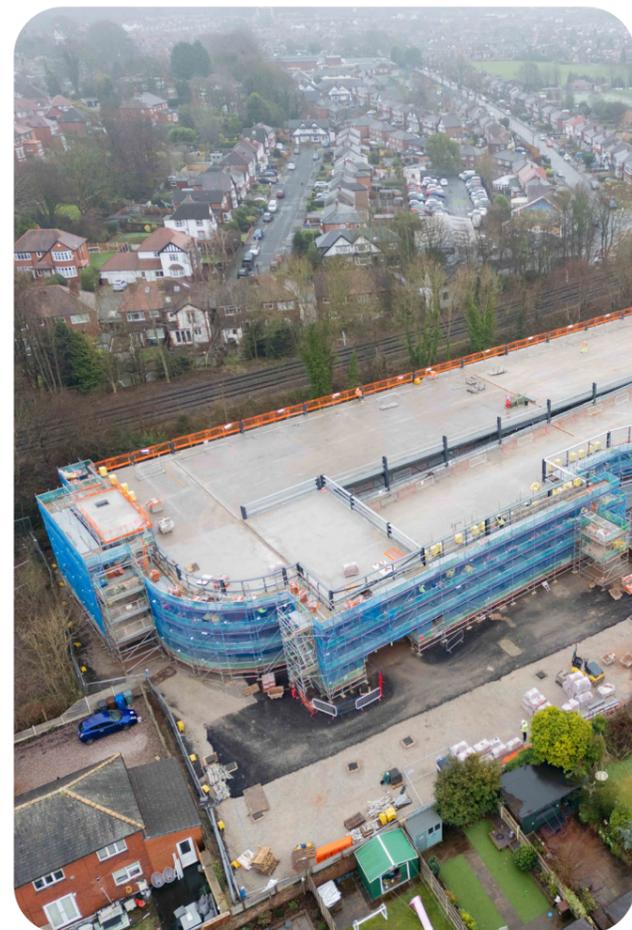
# BUILDING THE PRESTWICH OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES



“As local community representatives living in Prestwich, we know how deeply people care about our village and how strongly residents have called for meaningful change. That’s why it’s so encouraging to see the £14 million travel hub progressing at real pace. And as we gear up for phase two, this momentum is a clear sign that Prestwich is finally getting the regeneration it needs and deserves. The next stage will bring new homes, revitalised retail spaces and welcoming community areas, helping us create a more vibrant, sustainable and accessible village centre.

“Together, we are building a Prestwich that our community can be proud of for many years to come.”

Prestwich Ward Councillors



## THE STORY SO FAR

Your Prestwich is an ambitious **£100m+ plan** by placemaker Muse and Bury Council to transform the Longfield Centre into a new village centre and create a thriving destination for shopping, dining, and community events.

In July 2024, our plans to create a new library, retail units, a new market, community spaces, attractive green public areas, a travel hub and new homes were approved by Bury Council’s Planning Control Committee. This followed two years of listening to the local community with your feedback helping to shape the final vision.

## A MODERN PARKING SOLUTION

Construction of the new travel hub is progressing well with completion expected in summer 2026! This first phase will replace the existing car park off Fairfax Road and will provide over 300 parking spaces, including electric vehicle charging points and accessible bays, alongside extensive cycle storage.

Due to the challenges of undertaking major construction work in a built-up area, we had to introduce a temporary weekday closure of part of Fairfax Road. We understand the frustration that this closure has caused to local residents and businesses but it is essential for everyone’s safety. We’re working hard to ensure it can fully open again as soon as possible.

To improve traffic flow, we’re putting in place a keep clear box on Bury New Road at the junction of St Mary’s Road, and we have plans for additional signage to help alleviate confusion and minimise impact to local businesses. There will also be a temporary pedestrian crossing near the junction with Heys Road and Poppythorn Lane to facilitate safe crossing over Fairfax Road.

Over the coming months, there will be another period when Fairfax Road will not reopen Friday to Monday. Further information will be communicated in advance. However, after this we’ll be starting a phased re-opening of Fairfax Road and will continue to keep you informed. Thank you for your continued patience.



## DEMOLITION OF THE LONGFIELD CENTRE

We’re moving at pace to transform the tired Longfield Centre into a new beating heart for the village, with its demolition starting in the coming weeks. This marks an exciting next step towards unlocking the next phase of the village’s regeneration.

We are planning to start demolition of the Longfield Centre in the next couple of months to pave the way for the wider regeneration. This will see the library temporarily relocated to the Phoenix Centre in St Mary’s Park. This will ensure that residents continue to benefit from library services during the transition period.

Demolition will take place in two phases - first the building that includes the library, followed by the remaining retail units in the other Longfield Centre buildings. The programme of works to adapt the Phoenix Centre is currently being finalised, and the dates for temporary closure and reopening will be confirmed soon.

We are providing support and remain committed to working closely with all affected businesses and the wider community to ensure that Prestwich emerges stronger, more sustainable, and better equipped for the future.

## £6.8M SECURED FOR NEXT PHASE

The Joint Venture partnership between Muse and Bury Council has secured £6.8 million funding from the Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund. This means that the next phase of the regeneration – to deliver new community spaces and homes can move forward. Our objective is to fund the whole scheme from external funding and income from the new development.

We’re now preparing a planning application for this next phase which builds on the outline planning consent we have in place.

# MASTERPLAN

Since the plans were approved, we've been refining the masterplan to make the most of the site.



## A New Homes

Up to 248 homes, including a mix of affordable homes.

## B Market Hall

A market hall, providing smaller spaces for local retailers to thrive and grow.

## C Village Square

A village square for events, markets and festivals, with family friendly social places for all the community to meet and relax.

## D Retail Spaces

New retail spaces across the site, which will complement the high street and cater for Prestwich's diverse business community.

## E Community Hub / Library

A brand-new library, which we've doubled in size, with flexible spaces for the community to use alongside a children's library area on the ground floor.

## F A Gym

A gym to promote healthy lifestyles

## G Future Phase

Redevelopment of the NHS site at a time that works best for them to deliver modern, fit for the future health facilities. Existing service provision to remain unchanged for now.

# THE PLANS IN DETAIL



By merging two of the buildings but keeping them the same height we've been able to increase the number of homes from 200 to up to 250, whilst maintaining pedestrian links through the site, and reducing construction impacts.



We've reworked the arrangement of the buildings, which has allowed us to open up the village square and allow more sunlight in, creating a larger, more open and inviting public space for events, markets and festivals.



Maintaining and improving a strong connection to public transport offers, such as the tram stop and local bus links, and through to the wider village.



Plenty of green spaces, trees and places to wander, relax and sit across the masterplan.



Working closely with our NHS partners, we are helping to shape a joint service offer across Prestwich that will deliver modern, fit for the future health facilities. Whilst this part of the project is still in development, there will be no change to existing service provision and patients will be able to benefit from the wider improvements. Redevelopment of the NHS site will be delivered at a time that works best for them.



The community hub will feature a larger library with flexible community spaces and independent leisure and retail businesses located on the ground floor.

An information session on the library's temporary relocation is coming soon. Look for posters around the village for further details.

# GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

This is just the start of our ongoing work with our contractor VINCI Building and the community to ensure the village's regeneration brings lasting benefits to people locally and beyond.

**130**

jobs created during construction

**58%**

supply chain spend gone to local businesses



**600+**

training hours delivered on site

**350**

new jobs once complete





## HAVE YOUR SAY

Before we submit a planning application in the coming months, we want to hear what you think about the updated plans.

### Attend our drop-in

Thursday 12th February,  
4pm – 7pm

Sunday 15th February,  
10am – 2pm

Former Village Greens Unit,  
Longfield Centre  
Prestwich, M25 1AY.

### Questionnaire

Fill in the questionnaire attached to this newsletter or complete it online via the QR code below or at [www.yourprestwich.com](http://www.yourprestwich.com).



You have until **Wednesday 25th February** to submit your feedback.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Fill in the questionnaire attached to this newsletter or complete it online.

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