



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

See how your feedback
has helped shape the
plans for Stockport 8
and have your say on
the updated masterplan.

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ECF + STOCKPORT MDC

A PLACE FOR ALL

Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) and the English Cities Fund (ECF) – a joint venture between Homes England, Muse and Legal & General – are working in partnership to create an exciting mixed neighbourhood to the west of Stockport town centre — known as Stockport 8. Together we want to create a place for all. A place to thrive. A place that is distinctively Stockport.

Thanks to everyone who took part in our first community conversation earlier this year. We had lots of great feedback from local people and businesses which has helped to shape the development of the masterplan over the last few months.

We're going to be back out in the community over the next few weeks to share some of the key themes that have come out of the first conversation and show how the plans have evolved. This second community conversation closes on **Sunday 1st September 2024**. Look inside to find out what's in store and how you can get involved.



WHAT YOU SAID

We had over **300 responses** to our first conversation and this feedback has been really important in helping to shape the plans. Here are some of the most common things we heard – you can find more detailed information on our website.



A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

You told us how important it is to celebrate Stockport's strong community spirit. We're planning an inclusive neighbourhood, fully connected to surrounding communities and with a diverse mix of homes.

The neighbourhood will be centred around new public spaces to bring the community together, providing exciting settings for people to meet, relax and enjoy.

GREEN AND OUTDOOR SPACES

There was lots of support for the green and outdoor spaces proposed in the masterplan, with plenty of you keen to see space for live events, pop ups and outdoor seating, as well as areas for more trees to be planted and green spaces for people to enjoy.

A green 'spine' runs through the masterplan connecting two main public spaces – the new public square and a children's play space behind Hollywood Park Nursery School. We're also planning residential courtyards and areas for green roofs to the buildings, providing a home for wildlife.

COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY SPACES

You told us that Stockport needs more shops, especially independents like in The Underbanks, and that we should include space for a market and new restaurants, bars and coffee shops.

As well as the new square, which could be used for markets and pop-ups, we're also planning to have spaces for businesses on the ground floors fronting public spaces. These could also be used for community uses such as a pharmacy or dentist. We'll be careful to create a mix of uses that complements what's already in the town centre.

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

You said that Stockport has great rail links but that congestion can be an issue in the town. You'd like to see more cycle lanes and additional parking.

Next to the new bus interchange and a short walk from Stockport train station, the town centre and Edgeley, the neighbourhood is ideally located for sustainable travel.

We're working with Stockport Council to improve the environment around the busy and vital road network that runs through this part of Stockport. We'll create a safe environment for all, that promotes active, sustainable travel with dedicated cycle routes and a pedestrian-only street running through the centre of the scheme. Car parking, car clubs, electric vehicle charging and plenty of cycle parking will ensure that the neighbourhood is accessible to all.



CELEBRATING HISTORY

You had lots of great memories of the local area and you told us how important it is to celebrate Stockport's rich heritage and character, especially the viaduct.

Our plans will open up and create inclusive public spaces around the viaduct with a new public square that can host markets, food festivals and live events.

We've carefully considered the design and layout of the masterplan to maximise views of the viaduct. By removing the bus depot at street level there will be direct views of the arches. The new buildings will also step further away from the arches so that spaces can be created where people can get closer to them and celebrate their scale. We've also analysed historic maps of this area and plan to reintroduce the historic street pattern and street names.

HOMES FOR EVERYONE

You told us that you'd like to see a mix of homes for people at every stage of life, including affordable homes. We're planning up to 1,200 homes with a range of housing types and tenures to suit first time buyers, renters, families and downsizers. We're also looking to maximise affordable housing in line with Stockport Council policy.

UPDATED MASTERPLAN

HOUSING

An inclusive neighbourhood with up to 1,200 high-quality homes for the people of Stockport.

CONNECTIVITY

A fully walkable neighbourhood that is connected into the wider town centre and surrounding communities.

THE ARCHES

Open up and create inclusive public spaces around the viaduct.

FUTUREPROOFED

A place that embraces digital technologies and design innovation with great broadband speeds as standard.

COMMUNITY

New spaces for local businesses and community facilities which complement the existing town centre offering.

OUTDOOR

A new public square will host a range of events, including markets and live events, alongside outdoor and green spaces to promote health and wellbeing.

GREEN

Improve the environment with energy efficient buildings, a low car neighbourhood and plenty of green spaces.

TRANSPORT

Car parking, car clubs and plenty of cycle parking ensuring that the neighbourhood is accessible to all.

Based on your feedback, we have updated the masterplan to include:

- 1 INCREASED COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY SPACES
- 2 MORE GREEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPED AREAS
- 3 MORE FAMILY HOMES
- 4 ADDITIONAL CHILDRENS' PLAY SPACES
- 5 GREENER, SAFER STREETS
- 6 MORE RESIDENT PARKING
- 7 DESIGNS DEVELOPED TO REFERENCE STOCKPORT'S HERITAGE



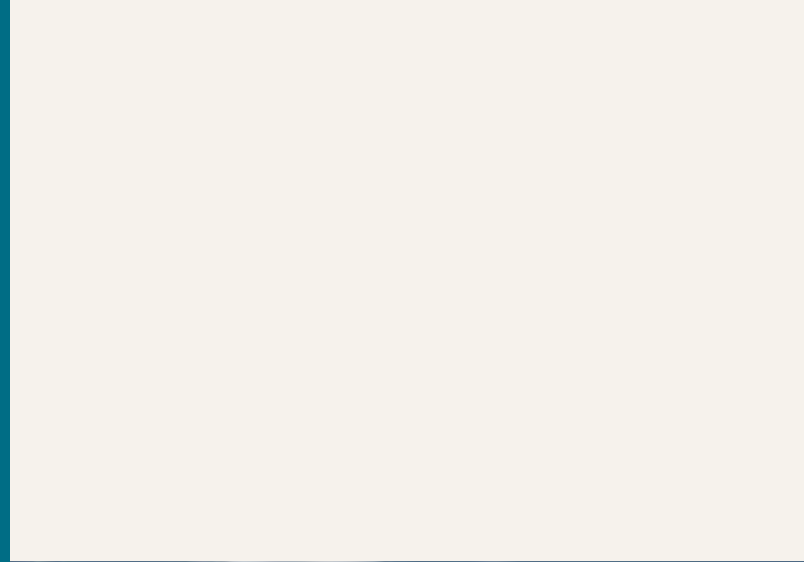
DESIGN VISION

We've drawn inspiration from Stockport's unique character in the design of the new buildings, responding to the historic buildings in the Cheestergate area, but at the same time, creating a contemporary, bold and desirable place with its own character. The buildings will be crafted using high-quality, long-lasting and sustainable materials. Built mainly in brick the neighbourhood is designed to complement its surroundings. The new public square creates a setting for all to get close to the viaduct. The team is working to re-establish the historic street patterns to celebrate the history of this part of Stockport.

Modern industrial inspired design
(Brentford Lock West, London, Muse)

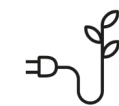
New neighbourhood square
(Cutting Room Square, Ancoats,
Manchester City Council)

Responding to historic buildings
(Timekeeper Square, Salford, ECF)



SUSTAINABILITY

We're designing to the highest standards to create a low-carbon neighbourhood to support a sustainable future and enhance the environment for future generations in Stockport. Our plans are being developed to help Stockport Council achieve its ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2038 and include:



LOW CARBON

Highly energy efficient buildings with renewable energy and smart technology



CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Reducing carbon in construction with sustainable and recycled materials



WATER CONSUMPTION

Managing water in the environment with sustainable drainage



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Promoting sustainable travel choices with walking and cycling routes



WELLNESS

Promoting health and wellbeing



BIODIVERSITY

Enhancing wildlife, planting and biodiversity



SOCIAL VALUE

We're creating a neighbourhood that will have a positive impact on people and the planet. We've developed a Social Value Strategy to outline how the development can improve the quality of life for communities locally; a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver significant benefits to Stockport and attract investment.

We held a number of community social value workshops and pop ups earlier this year to understand the views of local young people, community groups, service providers and social businesses on how they feel social value initiatives can improve the quality of life for people living in Stockport.

Stockport MDC and the ECF are looking at how the joint venture can respond to the findings from the social value engagement and we will be publishing further information on this at a later date. Where relevant some of these ideas have been incorporated into the masterplan - for example providing spaces for independent shops and green outdoor public areas.

HAVE YOUR SAY



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Your feedback will help us to develop an inclusive and vibrant place which Stockport can be proud of. There are lots of ways that you can contact us and share your views. Just make sure to get your comments in by **Sunday 1st September 2024** when the consultation closes.

Alternative formats of this newsletter are available upon request

QUESTIONNAIRE

Fill in the questionnaire included with this leaflet and return in the Freepost envelope enclosed.

ONLINE

Visit **stockport8.co.uk** and complete the online feedback form.

ONLINE Q&A

Attend our online Q&A on **Tues 23rd July** 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Sign up on the website.

DROP-IN EVENTS

Attend one of our drop-in events.

SAT 20TH JULY

10:00am - 3:00pm
Merseyway Shopping Centre,
54 Great Underbank, SK1 1PD

THUR 1ST AUGUST

12:00pm - 5:00pm
Outside Edgeley Co-op
84 Castle St, Edgeley,
Stockport SK3 9AL



WHAT NEXT?

JAN - FEB 2024

First
conversation

MAR - JUNE 2024

Refining
the plans

JULY - SEP 2024

Second
conversation

AUTUMN 2024

Submission of
planning application
to Stockport Council

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