

Prestwich Village Regeneration: Environmental specifications. Approved October 2023.

In March 2023, during the first consultation for the Prestwich Village Regeneration, PEF undertook member, public and stakeholder engagement and produced [a report](#) on the environmental aspects relating to Prestwich Village Regeneration.

PEF has engaged with the second phase of consultation (closing 8th October 2023). PEF have reviewed images and documents released for consultation. A representative has attended all organised public events and the Consultation Liaison Group meeting. To assess the updated plans for the Village, PEF has engaged with its members, the public (at consultation events and other local events), and with key stakeholders, which include the Plastic-Free Prestwich project, Prestwich Village Neighbourhood Forum, Incredible Edible Prestwich & District, WalkRide Prestwich & Whitefield and CleanTeam Prestwich.

Total specifications - 58

Fundamental (minimum) specifications - 29

Strong suggestions - 18

Suggestions - 11

Category	Specification	Notes	Priority
1 Built in a way that minimises impact on climate & environment. 1.1 Measuring & reporting.	1.1.1 Publicly publish clear targets in all environmental impacts, benefits, and offerings to the local community.	These should include carbon use (scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions), environment, climate, biodiversity and air quality.	Fundamental
	1.1.2 Regularly and publicly report on progress against targets in all environmental impacts, benefits, and offerings to the local community.	These should include carbon use (scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions), environment, climate, biodiversity and air quality.	Fundamental
	1.1.3 Equalities impact assessment carried out and published publicly.		Fundamental
	1.1.4 Specifically ambitious targets around biodiversity gain (given poor baseline) and air quality in hot-spots around schools.		Strong suggestion
1.2 Built to high environmental standards.	1.2.1 Well-insulated homes and buildings.		Fundamental
	1.2.2 Building materials ethically-sourced, safe and where possible include recycled materials.		Fundamental
	1.2.3 Buildings built to last into the future, taking account of environment & weather changes.		Fundamental
	1.2.4 Photovoltaic and/or solar panels, where viable.		Strong suggestion
	1.2.5 Include green roofs to support biodiversity, water management and insulation.		Strong suggestion
	1.2.6 Include methods for energy sharing, energy saving and community buy-in.	This could include circular energy usage for businesses, shared battery systems, shared heat recovery systems and other forms of community buy-in projects.	Suggestion

	1.3 Allocation of resources & funds.	1.2.7 Include biodiversity supporting materials.	Bat & swift nesting boxes, bee bricks, green roofs.	Suggestion	
		1.3.1 Accessibility of all public and commercial space for all users.	This may require greater resources and/or funds to be focussed on particular groups which may otherwise be overlooked.	Fundamental	
		1.3.2 Fair allocation of funds, resources and space for active travel and other non-vehicular travel.	The lower costs for active travel should not be used as cost-saving but an opportunity for significant investment.	Fundamental	
		1.3.3 Adequate disabled parking places at all key locations.	Including public spaces, the health centre and the community hub.	Fundamental	
		1.3.4 Investment to support changing behaviours over time.	Improved walking & cycles routes outside of the project red-line, walking & cycles routes within the red line to link to travel routes outside, improved pedestrian crossings with greater pedestrian priority, larger & uncluttered pavements, well-lit & safe streets, traffic-calmed streets, plentiful & secure cycle parking across the regeneration (at all key sites, not just at the car park), free bike pumps, and a free cycle repair facility within the community hub.	Strong suggestion	
	1.4 Considerate building.	1.4.1 Contractors to follow sustainable construction practices.	Including using renewable and recyclable materials during the build, reducing embodied energy in materials and reducing on-site waste wherever possible.	Strong suggestion	
		1.4.2 Effectively managed site traffic during construction through development of a Construction Traffic Management Plan.	Include: deliveries and removals being made at times to minimise contribution to congestion, no vehicle idling on site, support contractors and workers to use public transport or active travel to arrive at work.	Strong suggestion	
		1.4.3 Co-create meanwhile space with members of the community and use it as a trial area to inform the final community hub design.	Space to trial progressive ideas around community-nurtured green spaces, an environmental hub and use of environmentally-friendly materials.	Suggestion	
	2 Built to protect the community against climate & environmental changes into the future.	2.1 Green spaces.	2.1.1 Key green spaces accessible for all publicly.		Fundamental
			2.1.2 Type of planting based on viability within each space to ensure long-term success, with a long-term maintenance plan.	Suggestions include: native species, wildflowers, hedging, wildlife-friendly, biodiversity supporting, green walls and green roofs.	Fundamental
2.1.3 Abundant new trees with species choice based around properties of carbon capture, water capture, shade, wind protection and air-quality improvements.			Consider space for taller trees for their greater environmental properties such as cooling.	Fundamental	
2.1.4 Lighting to be considered sympathetically to the needs of nature and wildlife.				Strong suggestion	
2.1.5 Consider a meanwhile space to trial a community orchard and/or garden.			To assess viability of a long-term term version.	Suggestion	
2.1.6 Regenerated village to form part of 'green trail' linked with other green spaces in Prestwich.			Could consider linking-routes and possible installation of chainsaw sculptures such as those in the Clough & Warwick Street Green.	Suggestion	

	2.2 Air quality.	2.2.1 Steps taken to tackle growing congestion and vehicular traffic.	Alongside development of green spaces, traffic management, active travel and public transport infrastructure.	Fundamental
	2.3 Drainage & water management.	2.3.1 An overall surface water management plan with capacity to manage the much larger flash rainfalls expected into the future.		Fundamental
		2.3.2 Integrate sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS).	Strongly suggest installation during construction as retrofitting would be extremely difficult.	Fundamental
		2.3.3 Mixed material surfaces and permeable pavements incorporated into green & public space, to provide rainwater drainage and also sustain new plant-life.		Strong suggestion
	2.4 Health & activity.	2.4.1 Health and community hub(s) accessible for all, sitting at the heart of the village and designed to address local health and environmental injustices.		Fundamental
		2.4.2 Accessible opportunities for leisure, recreation and activity, underpinned with the aim of improving quality of life.	Including access to clean, outdoor spaces for exercise and play.	Fundamental
		2.4.3 Properly-funded and appropriately-sized primary and urgent care centre supporting an integrated-care approach.	Size of the facilities should be future-proofed to meet the needs of new residents and beyond.	Strong suggestion
3 Building a community that supports all to adapt to new ways of living for a changing world.	3.1 Vehicles & Sustainable travel.	3.1.1 A shift in the focus of transport policy in Prestwich away from reliance on the private car and towards more sustainable forms of transport.	Active travel & public transport.	Fundamental
		3.1.2 A plan to manage and rationalise vehicular infrastructure in the regeneration.	Including traffic-management plans, adequate car-free areas, public spaces away from congestion hot-spots, particular focus around school hot-spots. <i>Whilst also ensuring adequate disabled parking in key locations.</i>	Fundamental
		3.1.3 The development to be considered within the wider transport strategies for the area.		Fundamental
		3.1.4 Significant improvement and investment in pedestrian, cycling, public transport and disabled access across the whole site and surrounding areas.		Fundamental
		3.1.5 High quality active travel infrastructure.	Segregated, safe spaces & routes for walking, cycling and mobility impaired. This includes well lit-walkways, improved pedestrian crossings, wide and segregated cycle lanes, priority for walkers and cyclists at key junctions, traffic-calmed roads, and ample safe & secure cycling & disabled parking.	Fundamental
		3.1.6 Linking the village to surrounding green spaces including Prestwich Clough and Heaton Park.	Ideas include improved walking and cycle routes between locations and development of a green-trail.	Strong suggestion

	3.1.7 Measures taken to disincentivise driving.	For example overall reduced parking, subsidies for those who travel without car, etc. <i>Whilst also ensuring disabled parking in key locations.</i>	Strong suggestion
	3.1.8 Incentivise use of public transport.	Through measures such as reduced car parking, parking charges, discounts for those arriving without car, subsidised travel.	Suggestion
	3.1.9 Linking the village to the rest of Prestwich to ensure accessibility for residents of Sedgley Park, Simister and other areas.	Ideas include a free electric shuttle bus and improved travel routes between.	Suggestion
3.2 Community.	3.2.1 Independent traders and retailers at the heart of the village.	With a plan for meanwhile support and long-term affordable rents.	Fundamental
	3.2.2 Spaces to address health and socioeconomic needs.	Including vital health services within the community hub, community spaces for activity/sports/play, and considering integration of welfare services within the community hub.	Fundamental
	3.2.3 Library services retained.	With opportunity to expand and modernise amenities.	Fundamental
	3.2.4 Shared spaces that work for persons of all needs and all generations, designed to benefit community interaction, mental health and reduce isolation in both younger and older populations.		Fundamental
	3.2.5 Spaces which support residents, visitors, businesses and the whole community to be green, be active and be healthy physically & mentally.		Strong suggestion
	3.2.6 Adequate shared public spaces alongside a retail district and a community hub	Spaces large enough and well-placed within the village to support current use, new residents, growing populations, changing health needs and changing behaviours over decades.	Strong suggestion
	3.2.7 Encourage green business practices.	Retail rents to be offered with various subsidies/discounts for green business practices and performance, including for small & independent businesses owing to their numerous environmental benefits.	Strong suggestion
	3.2.8 Community spaces to support greener living and a circular economy.	Examples include a reuse centre, repair café, an eco-hub, a dancefloor, sports facilities, community safe-spaces, community organisation bases and a volunteer hub. Consideration to provide a large and adaptable public community space that can be accessed by a variety of community organisations and projects.	Suggestions
3.3 Waste.	3.3.1 Waste and recycling bins provided throughout the village and emptied regularly.		Fundamental
	3.3.2 Free drinking water fountains across the site to encourage refilling.		Strong suggestion

	3.3.3 Facilities locally for difficult to recycle items.	Items such as soft plastics, coffee cups, batteries, bulbs, ink cartridges, small electricals.	Suggestion	
	3.3.4 Underground waste and recycling systems for residential plots.		Suggestion	
	3.3.5 Waste reduction and reuse promoted across retail.	Retaining charity shops within the village and considering the introduction of a repair/reuse centre, a community pantry/fridge.	Suggestion	
4 Additional overarching themes.	4.1 Community ownership & accessibility for all.	4.1.1 The Village can continue to act as a crucial focal point for the community, embracing in all its glorious differences.	Ensuring people have value in continuing to access and use spaces, for users to feel like a community member, and to actively engage with the community of Prestwich Village.	Strong suggestion.
		4.1.2 Provide assets which belong to the community and which are cognisant of and adapt to the accessibility needs of individuals who make up the community.		Strong suggestion
	4.2 Adaptability of the space, facilities & amenities to meet community needs over time.	4.2.1 Designed for longevity of use and the adaptability required for that.	So the Village can adapt to: - Changing people, community demographics, societal expectations, - Changing technology, - Climate change	Fundamental
		4.3 Phasing the delivery of the regeneration.	4.3.1 Building infrastructure sympathetically, allowing the community to continue to use the space and to derive value from it while work is going on.	
	4.3.2 Prioritise areas of the whole project that require the most bedding-in.		Including new green spaces and where changes in behaviours happen over years, such as transition to increased active travel.	Strong suggestion