

[PRESTWICH VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:](#)

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The qualitative data was collected from social media posts on a range of FB sites.

The data was thematically analysed during the period of September 8th 2023- October 8th 2023. The responses are anonymous to maintain confidentiality and have been presented to align with key PVNF Aims and Objectives (please note Education A&O has been included in Infrastructure on this occasion to reflect the redevelopment challenges).

(NB: *Inclusion* and *Safeguarding Vulnerable children and adults* are the golden threads which run through all PVNF Aims and Objectives) -

1. Economy: -

- To sustain a thriving village with mix use shopping and service provision
- To encourage independent retailers offering goods and services to the local community and visitors
- To support a sustainable community that promotes employment creation across the commercial retail and industrial sites using **local** contractors as far as possible.
- To retain and improve on local retail and service provision including accessible community space and facilities to encourage social interaction between all age groups and providers.

2. Housing: -

- Mix; sizes; materials and type of housing which will provide for both current and predicted future population needs of Prestwich residents; including affordable Social Housing.
- To protect and maintain the heritage assets and historic character by guiding developments to be sympathetic with existing buildings and surroundings.
- To promote principles of good design and high quality that supports the local context and locality.

3. Environment*: -

- To protect and enhance local open spaces and improve accessibility.
- To promote good practices to reduce global warming.

- Ensure that any new development meets the highest standards of excellence with regards to sustainability and longevity at least for 50years.

**(PEF will be submitting a separate report – please note PEF; IEPAD are both affiliated groups of PVNF).*

4. Infrastructure

- To ensure there is adequate capacity, capability and accessible provision to deliver high quality, effective and efficient Primary and Community Health Care and Social Care services at a local level.
- To improve and extend the local educational facilities in line with future housing developments.
- To promote cycle networks and disabled accessible pedestrian friendly pathways through and around the village.
- To reduce the impact of road traffic pollution and on road parking in the local community by the provision of free short term parking space to provide access to the village centre and longer-term parking associated with public transport options in accordance with the GM integrated transport aspirations.
- Timely and effective maintenance of existing and future infrastructure

5. Health and Well Being

- provision of accessible Healthcare and Social Care facilities for residents, visitors with disabilities and reflective of the future demographics
- to promote spaces which encourage activities and social interactions which contribute to general well being

6. Leisure: -

- promote spaces which encourage activities that promote social interactions which contribute to general well-being.
- Secure long-term future and improvement of existing community, leisure and cultural facilities for all ages and abilities.


ECONOMY: Businesses; Employment; Market Hall; Retail; Banking etc)

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Lots of the supermarkets have now closed their butchery, fish, deli, bakery departments so maybe this is the chance for independent shops to reappear on the high street.</p> <p>Good to bring more money to local businesses</p> <p>I want to see vibrant community projects, local shops, bars, cafes, space, green areas, children's activities, a local hub of everything Prestwich, something for everyone and all age groups. Something local, a post office, which you don't have to cross a major road to use.</p> <p>We want a market like environment, something like a Deli, a proper butcher, cheese n wine, ice cream parlours, patisserie, fish n sea food monger, back to basics of community living</p> <p>It looks great especially compared to what's there now, but what we really want to know is how the spaces will be let out to ensure the local independent vibe of the area isn't lost</p>	<p>We have plenty of restaurants and bars we don't need a food court.</p> <p>I don't want to see any new bars, restaurants or cafes in the development except those already residents of the Longfield Centre who have simply relocated.</p> <p>The butchers, deli etc could be in the building designated as the glorified canteen (Market Hall), to make it a true market hall, but would these businesses be financially viable?</p> <p>We have plenty of restaurants and bars we don't need a food court!</p> <p>Pushing high street brand shops out, I feel will be the death nail to Prestwich. People come for shops they know what they can buy- Home bargains/ Iceland/ Superdrug. Small deli shops/ cheese shops etc have been and failed. I am not dismissing any independent shop but I think there needs to be an element of familiar shops to draw people in, who will then look at the independent ones too</p>	<p>Unclear how delivery vans are meant to access what looks like a loading bay for these retail units.</p> <p>What about the shops on the square on the precinct?</p> <p>What they are calling a market hall -is this actually a market hall or is it a food court?</p> <p>If it's actually a market hall, do they have businesses interested?</p> <p>Keeping the existing businesses and giving them suitable rental space should be a top priority.</p> <p>What they are calling a market hall is this actually a market hall or is it a food court?</p> <p>I'm hoping there will be community banking facilities, shared between banks with a safe secure inside cash point remaining for everyone Business - The retail spaces to be constructed should have lease/rental costs priced at a level which are appealing to independent businesses. I fully understand this £100M project which will require institutional investors to find the project, and who will want to see a ROI and as such, I do</p>

<p>Charity shops and a library open half the hours it could be. Bring in the changes I say.</p>	<p>The response to our request to support local independent businesses is to once again trot out the Market Hall which will have units of either 200 or 400 sq. ft, so tiny in comparison with the current size enjoyed by Village Greens, Perceval's, Keg & Bottle etc</p> <p>Don't see the likes of the Halifax or Iceland returning, which are a godsend to a lot of elderly. Shame there is no opportunity to open out the space to Bury New Road as that would as I do think that has been a problem over the years. Passing traffic doesn't realise what is available as well as natural surveillance. Are the council thinking of offering businesses on the other side the grants to upgrade their frontages? I've seen this done elsewhere to good effect. It would be a shame to do lots of work one side of the road and still have the other side scruffy in parts.</p>	<p>not expect to see heavily subsidised lease/rental costs in these new, high tech and energy efficient retail spaces.</p> <p>Employment - The demolition of the existing site, and consequent development phases should accommodate the local workforce and various construction trades in Prestwich over the 3-4 project timeline. Further employment will be created once retailers and other businesses take up residence.</p>
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Housing /Buildings: Housing; Village Square; Retail Units; Streets and Walkways

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Given the buildings will be constructed to the Passivhaus Standards, and the estimated costs are to be circa £100 Million, will all the buildings be Passivhaus Certified? If so, it will enable Bury Council and Muse to trumpet an exemplar of urban development driven by forward thinking and sustainability, in the North West. And it would certainly put Bury on the environmental construction map!</p> <p>If the buildings are not to be Passivhaus Certified, what is the reasoning behind this decision? “</p> <p>Looks ten times better than it does now. This will be amazing Any development over rubbish that we have now is an improvement. 20 years too late tbh Looks better than it does now in my opinion</p> <p>There’s a housing crisis and any flats/apartments built in this regen project is a bonus. The new housing units in Prestwich may well enableto get their own home, in a town they have lived most of their lives, and want to contribute to live in, like many other young adults who were brought up in Prestwich but can’t live here because there aren’t any suitable 1/2bed housing units for them to live in.</p>	<p>I don’t want to see any houses or apartments in the new precinct.</p> <p>Soulless!!!</p> <p>No social or affordable housing then? It looks more like a business park and a hotchpotch one at that! I am old enough to remember Prestwich a long time before the Longfield was built. Hopefully I'm old enough to be dead and gone before this monstrosity is finished!</p> <p>More housing!!</p> <p>It looks like a business park!</p> <p>AHH sweet the new Prestwich slum in a few years, all in the name of gentrification and shoe box Flats The retail units look like a factory or farm building and are underwhelming - they look cheap and uninspiring. They look exactly like the Farm Foods building. A shocking piece of architecture with a lack of creativity and vision. Whoever came up with that industrial nod to the past just ripped off L S Lowry and should be embarrassed!</p>	<p>Why don't the council save a load of money and ask the residents to design a village that's easy on the eye while creating more homes? And I bet they would at least halve the cost, while doing a far better job of it!</p> <p>Can Art Deco leaded windows be incorporated into the buildings proposed in Prestwich?</p> <p>Where will all the cars from the new homes park? I haven’t seen anything mentioned! Needs quality. Stone work reflecting stone cobbled cladding in the village. More trees. Somewhere to feel proud.</p> <p>Opportunity to name streets/square & art opportunities.</p> <p>Need to learn from many continental small towns where the local centre space is the town hall square. Surrounded by bars, cafes, restaurants and during summer, a covered stage and is a community focal area. Buildings need to be flexible as time changes needs. Not an easy issue to resolve. Just hope they manage to remember our special needs members of our community and look to provide facilities such as the Changing Places rooms.</p>

<p>When I spoke to one of the architects in March, he said that the buildings won't be as high as the Radius, just four or five storeys high!!! Well one building looks higher. The village square looks tiny and the whole area looks too crowded</p> <p>Think it looks a lot better than currently.</p> <p>Jon the Architect was very good he explained there will be several town houses and not just apartments and the highest building will only be four storeys.</p> <p>I think it's amazing what they are doing and can't wait for it to be built! I think people have to accept we need more home and it's this or green belt.</p> <p>. Housing - The current 200 units proposal is actually lower than the original proposed number after a residential unit has been removed. It is my view it was the wrong decision to remove the residential block as we are in a housing crisis and this project presented a great opportunity to increase the number of Social Homes to Rent (flats and some 2/3bed homes), for those in the Prestwich Community - the young people, over 55's and those with young families. The proposed height of the buildings is</p>	<p>What part of this is keeping Prestwich's heritage? They said they'd looked around and seen some lovely old houses and wanted to bring those features in. They specifically showed a picture of a house they had seen - possibly Nursery Road - and talked about the features and preserving Prestwich "heritage". Oblong blocks - and possibly all flats now not houses - doesn't fit in with that.</p> <p>There aren't enough third generation Prestwichians to fill all those flats There are too many apartments - 200 is way too many and will exacerbate the already poor traffic flow in the area.</p> <p>No community driven art - look at 'the retreat' I it's an eyesore, cheap looking and tacky. Even worse, read the quotes - absolutely dreadful. Everyone has their own opinion on what art is. If you want affirming positive quotes, put them on your living room wall!</p> <p>Yuk. Can't understand why it's been designed so badly; ideas are good and we need to get rid of Longfield but that plan looks like something from the 70s soviet block or a home office secure prison. Designed for developers not for people.</p> <p>That thing in the middle looks like an old-fashioned factory!!!</p>	<p>No information provided relating to covered walkways or drainage in the streets</p> <p>How much of Housing will be for social housing?</p> <p>The new centre building should go and then leave a much wider entrance to the market area.</p> <p>There ARE other methods of increasing housing supply - and we should be exploring all of them!</p> <p>This block isn't marked as a residential block, so will/can this be a public access garden?</p> 
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<p>acceptable and I have been informed that all the buildings will be constructed to Passivhaus Standards, although Passivhaus Certification will not be sought. This will mean all the buildings will be constructed to the current highest environmental and sustainability standards, which is excellent. It will also mean that both commercial and housing residents will see much lower heating and power costs going forward. Constructing to the Passivhaus Standards also means the Embodied and Operational Carbon, as well as End-of-life Embodied Carbon would have been more rigorously addressed and calculated. The Whole Life Carbon Assessment will give more detail on this when it is drafted and released.</p> <p>At least a million times better. it's got to be better than walking past empty shops and that horrible fountain Prestwich village needs updating Looks great, people welcome apartments if they're actually affordable and won't be sat empty Looks great get it done!! More homes, more businesses I reckon it will be belting. Wow, it looks incredible</p>	<p>This will be a total wreck for Prestwich village it's a monstrosity waiting to happen with all the neglect. It is a grotesque pile of carbuncles. Whoever designed this brutalist puke-fest needs a communist treatment. Stylistically out of place, already obsolete, and clearly not a single suggestion by the public has been taken on board.</p> <p>The retail bit that looks like a factory is terrible. Architecturally it looks cheap - like the Farm Foods building. there's talk of a gym on the upper floor of this building. has anyone been to Pure Gym or Total Fitness? Those buildings are a lot bigger & taller than the one proposed here.</p> <p>Looks like a concrete jungle that will last approx. 40 yrs at the most! Not what we want for Prestwich! Even more soulless than the last concrete monstrosity it looks like after an apocalypse has happened & the grass has grown over all the abandoned building It looks like a business park and those brown buildings are brutal It looks bloody awful. So disappointed that there is a proposal to build 200 apartments and not 1 house. I distinctly recall at the zoom event one of the official speakers mentioning, streets and houses</p>	
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	<p>with doors facing outwards onto Rectory Lane (leaving me with the impression there would be houses with a contemporary design expressing the Victorian heritage) - more fool me!</p> <p>Absolute monstrosity, nothing like a 'Village' feel to it, more like a town centre full of bird boxes they call apartments. These aren't apartments! They look like prison blocks!</p> <p>Social Housing needed – utilisation of Brownfield Sites outside of the village needs to be considered Prestwich hospital has acres and acres of brownfield land not being used. There's acres and acres of brownfield land not being used all along the metro line from Mcr to Radcliffe to Bury. There's acres and acres of brownfield land near Rainsough/ Agecroft. There's land for apartments next to Bailey's funeral building. There's brownfield land down Clifton Road. There's brownfield land in parts of Heaton Park. There's land at Moor Lane/Singleton Rd. Acres of Brownfield land in and around Simister. There are lots of huge pockets of land not being used and utilised for lots of different types of housing- as alternative sites.!!</p> <p>Way too many flats!</p> <p>It may lead to Airbnb and investment companies to profit from the project. I cannot see affordable</p>	
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	<p>housing here that would help our young Prestwich families to purchase at reasonable prices</p> <p>Why is all the greenery on the roof? The only people to benefit from that (if it's looked after) are people in apartment blocks looking down at greenery that it looks like they won't be able to access. Why can't we have some greenery on the ground?</p> <p>I was born in Longfield and lived in Prestwich for most of my life. I remember when it was 'the Village'. I'm so glad I don't live there anymore. That plan is horrible!</p> <p>Prestwich has always been the village and the Longfield was intended as our shopping and amenities area.</p> <p>Too many accommodation units for me, 200+ family homes.</p> <p>Looks too built up, no more houses needed, green space, its cube wanting to make money</p> <p>Looks very over-developed with far too many apartments and not clear how it relates to land & buildings not included in the scheme.</p> <p>The green roofs are misleading as the amount of public / green space looks very limited.</p> <p>I think they need to reduce the number of apartments and keep the buildings low.</p>	
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	<p>Doesn't need 4 levels or more housing, will and does look built up. We don't need more housing!!!!</p> <p>By adding 200 new flats, this process pays for the regeneration and also creates a profit for the developer!</p> <p>Why does it seem to be a 'how many flats can we fit in this space?' Again? All i see on that picture is blocks of flats- yes i call them flats as that's what they are</p> <p>This is a dreadful design – I agree that the current situation is not ideal but sticking a load of high-rise rabbit hutches in what is prime development land is not for the benefit of the people of Prestwich.</p> <p>The picture carefully hides the huge high-rise flats that will dominate the entrance to the village from the Metrolink – hardly a great way to bring people into the area for the day or evening. And in the far corner you can see a huge multistore carpark ready to cause permanent misery on Fairfax Road (traffic survey please?) I have lived in places like this and they are dark and dingy on the lower floors and when walking between the 'alleys' – and the green trees in the picture won't live for more than 12 months.</p>	
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	<p>And the village square – which everybody thought was great – has vanished! As we have seen from recent Prestwich Market days, you don't need this infrastructure as people bring their own stalls.</p> <p>There are already enough apartments in the so-called VILLAGE -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rectory Green which must have over 200•The Radius must have over 150.•Planning permission for a further 20 apartments next to the tram station. 600 apartments – DENSITY OVERLOAD! <p>It looks awful, I have lived in Prestwich for over 60 years and watched its decline to what it is now, yes, we need regeneration but the village feel will be gone forever when those high-rise monstrosities are built, I imagine if you haven't lived in Prestwich very long and won't know how good it was, we want more houses not ugly apartments</p> <p>I do like the grass roofs, fantastic idea, but I don't believe they will followed through on and are simply there to make the picture look 'greener' than it will be – it will just be a concrete and brick jungle when complete – not something we want with global warming set to get far worse than it is now</p> <p>They definitely need challenging on 200 apartments. For reference, Radius has 150 on a</p>	
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similar footprint so anything they build at that scale will be small and cramped.




Housing project under any other name.
Just take a trip to Salford around the Chapel Street / Oldfield Road area to see the future. Pile 'em high.
I find some of the spin in this document hilarious. They say you “expressed a need for a mix of homes” & offer “a mix of apartment sizes”! How is that a ‘mix’ exactly? Does a 1, 2 & 3 bed apartment could as 3 different types of homes?!?

	<p>it's all about building abhorrent high-rise monstrosities and that is what will happen, the end of the village feeling is nigh, sad but true. Sad to be getting rid of the village</p> <p>NO!!!!</p>	
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ENVIRONMENT: Open Spaces; Greenery; Traffic and Car Parking

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/ OPPORTUNITIES
<p>For me it also feels that the whole development ‘faces’ the tram stops rather than Bury New Road. But that was possibly inevitable once they failed to secure the option to buy up & demolish The Istanbul.</p> <p>Love the idea of a rooftop bar (or two), also helps solve the issue of the street level public space being in shade, avoiding gas heaters etc</p>  <p>Environment - The base level of a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain which will be part of the planning permission has been</p>	<p>Unfortunately, a member of Bury Council told us on Saturday that they wouldn't be incorporating green walls into any of the buildings now due to there being a potential "fire hazard" risk</p> <p>All those new homes will need parking. That'll be all the proposed parking spots used up. Move in, and your car is parked 1/4 mile away but as we all know; we are not supposed to be driving cars these days</p> <p>It's just not been thought out fully agree and especially not thinking of our elderly that need those parking spaces, not everyone can walk or get public transport easily Traffic through the village is already really bad then add in all these it will be horrific</p> <p>With even more cars being invited onto the extended Fairfax Road car park, yet again Highfield Road area will feel the brunt of these, due to all the rat run traffic avoiding all the traffic lights along Bury New Road!</p>	<p>No information given about drain and flood risk maintenance of village streets.</p> <p>Where will all the cars from the new homes park? I haven't seen anything mentioned! The little village green that was there before they built the fountain was so much nicer! Wonder if the parking will be free ... Has anybody thought if bury new rd. will be more congested?</p> <p>If they are going to keep using Poppythorne Lane how will the trucks & HGV's get passed the trees & street furniture?</p> <p>Parking has always been free and hope this continues</p> <p>The car park should have 4 levels - the ground level for blue badge holders, levels 1 & 2 for short stay (up to 2 hours) free car parking, level 3 for longer stay (up to 12 hrs) which is chargeable, and the exterior walls of the MSCP to be covered in moss panels to help address air pollution and vastly improve the appearance of the MSCP.</p> <p>Have they included sufficient parking spaces?</p> <p>Will there be any time restrictions on this car park to prevent all commuter traffic, thus allowing spaces for people actually wanting to use the shops etc?</p>

<p>achieved, and surpassed quite considerably with the inclusion of the roof gardens and other ground level foliage. There's no requirement for any further 'green spaces' as this is a retail/housing development and not the creation of a new 'green space'.</p> <p>There is 100% more green space than is currently there, it's great they have used trees to shade all the walkways.</p>	<p>No underground parking available, so all cars from the project will have to park in the new car park</p> <p>The green roofs are misleading as the amount of public / green space looks very limited.</p> <p>Lots of questions about access & parking,</p> <p>Why is all the greenery on the roof? The only people to benefit from that (if it's looked after) are people in apartment blocks looking down at greenery that it looks like they won't be able to access. Why can't we have some greenery on the ground? Imagine the amount of extra traffic and congestion that would bring</p> <p>Car parking is nowhere near the houses, will be a gift for car crime in the area (which is already terrible)</p> <p>Those looking for green spaces could maybe make use of the green spaces we have already? Prestwich is incredibly lucky to have as much green space as we do when we're so close to</p>	<p>Someone told me one staff member told them the flats would have underground parking and then another staff member said the flat owners would get an offer to have a parking space in the multi-story parking??</p> <p>When its autumn/winter is there shelter for people transferring from car/bike/bus/tram. If this is to be a transport hub then there should be a magic triangle between the three points of transport. I see bus & tram are linked but what is the path from the mscp/cycle hub to the bus stop? and all need to be covered, cyclists especially are fair weather friends and should be encouraged to use the hub for tram/bus transfers on the less fair days.</p>  <p>Will there be parking? The free car parks were always a plus when you popped into use the shops</p>
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the city centre, you can walk for miles, there's playgrounds, flower garden, Heaton Park.

one car park next to the church?
Parking already a struggle.

This block isn't marked as a residential block, so will/can this be a

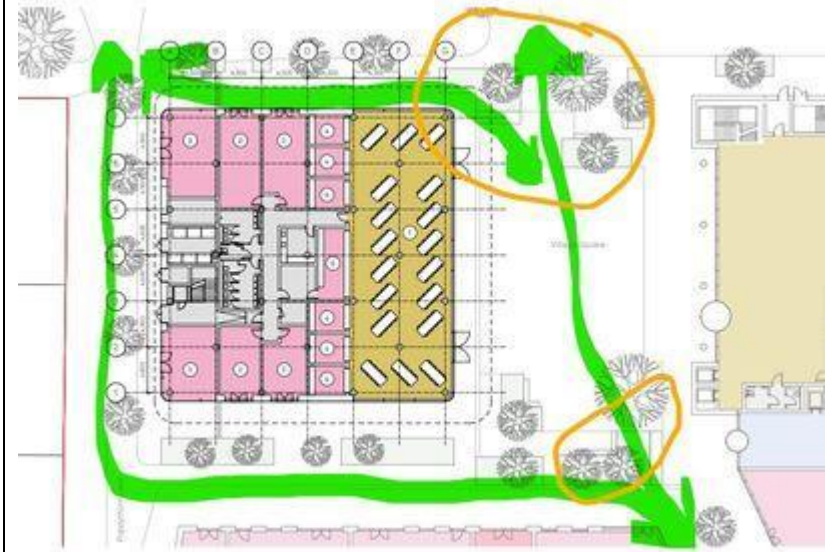


public access garden?

These spaces should have green planting in the mix also Don't you think otherwise it will be grey stone walkways like what is there now.

yep, green is good, they just need to be careful with the orange blockers, ground based trees are fine but raised beds need to be considered more, these look to be creating pinch points and should

be considered to move them e.g. There are none shown between the two doorways on the market hall



Here's the potential of stifled space versus possible space. how good is a swimming pool that you have to get out of the get to the next pool? also the through flow of bus to tram and bus to msc pedestrians needs to be encouraged if this is to be a transport hub.



INFRASTRUCTURE: Maintenance of existing and future infrastructure; maintenance of public areas; schools; health social care provision; cycling; traffic pollution; roads; highways

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Infrastructure - The current capacity of the MSCP cannot be increased. Travel to and from Prestwich is the responsibility of the community and how those visiting Prestwich choose to access the town centre - walk, cycle or use a vehicle for journey. There are already excellent tram and bus links either side of the site for people to access and use, should they choose to do so. Additionally, the paradigm shift in younger people from owning and using vehicles to using public transport - trams and buses, and the use of the 'local car rental clubs' - would suggest the residents of the new 200 flats would not add any significant number of vehicles to the roads around Prestwich. Maintenance and security of the building will be the responsibility of the management company of the completed development, when they are appointed. That said, Muse have used NABERS in the design of the buildings and this will translate into a more efficient ongoing maintenance strategy. Schools and education opportunities - in my opinion this project doesn't warrant the need for any additional schools in the area. As for educational opportunities; I am sure the JV partners will accommodate all local schools throughout the whole regeneration project with regular updates and possible site visits so the children can see</p>	<p>The population increase is too much for the infrastructure to handle</p> <p>Re Tree lined walkways- Bury Council have proved, long standing, they neglect the grass areas, planters and trees of Prestwich. Why will this be any different?</p> <p>After having a few hundred new homes in very recent years by the post office and behind Tesco, and now many many flats within the village area itself, what extra input will there be for GP's/ dentists/ schools/ nurseries/ leisure places/ playgrounds etc, as I have seen none so far?</p> <p>I worry about there not being enough doctors and school places for such a large number of new homes.</p>	<p>Need to learn from many continental small towns where the local centre space is the town hall square. Surrounded by bars, cafes, restaurants and during summer, a covered stage and is a community focal area. Buildings need to be flexible as time changes needs. Not an easy issue to resolve. Just hope they manage to remember our special needs members of our community and look to provide facilities such as the Changing Places rooms.</p>

first hand how a project such as this takes shape and is completed.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: provision of healthcare; access for *disabled (NB* PVNF provided Inclusion protocol to Council at 1st conversation)

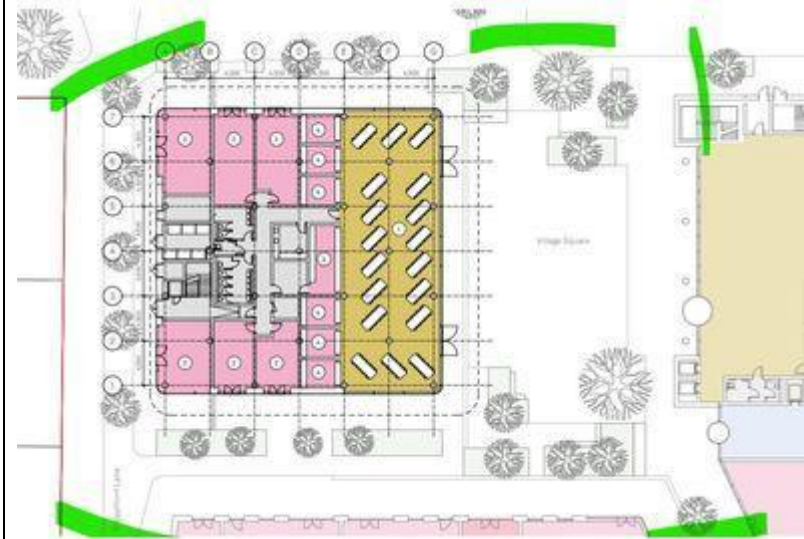
FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/ OPPORTUNITIES
<p>The promised community hub -are we having a new health centre?</p> <p>I think we need two separate buildings one community and one healthcare.</p> <p>The health and wellbeing Hub is a great idea- will it be large enough to accommodate all professionals and allow access for patients with range of needs and abilities?</p>	<p>I would be interested to know the sq. footage of the community hub compared with the Longfield suite, library and doctors that we have at the moment.</p> <p>My personal view is that we should have a separate health centre and then a community centre. They serve such completely different purposes I don't see the sense in combining them</p>	<p>Is the Hub big enough for a Health Centre and all its facilities?</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing - this is the responsibility of these stakeholders to agree what facilities they will offer from the buildings being provided for them</p> <p>What is going to happen to Fairfax Medical Practice, it's turned into a block of flats, if I'm reading that picture correctly</p> <p>HC and the Primary Care team and social care services have enough room to service the existing population and another Will Prestwich 200 residents (400 if couples living in apartments excluding kids)?</p> <p>Are Social Care (adults and children) and Health Community teams being accommodated together in the Hub? An integrated adult health and social care provision would be excellent neighbourhood resource.</p> <p>Will there be a council contact /customer service provision at the health and well-being hub?</p>

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LEISURE :the Community Hub ; activities; culture; art etc

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Hub is great for leisure – great to have community centre space and a library.</p> <p>Leisure - This is a retail/residential regeneration project not a leisure/entertainment regeneration project. There is a proposed space allocated for a gym, and of course a brand new, updated library will be provided. There are already plenty of social spaces for people to meet in Prestwich - choose anyone of the local parks or greenspaces. The new enlarged town square will provide additional space for public events such as the Makers Market. The community of Prestwich already have the option to walk or cycle into Prestwich.... or use their vehicle! Perhaps the de-engineering of Rectory Lane may encourage more members of the Prestwich Community to walk or cycle as parking will be restricted?</p>	<p>The "community centre" has disappeared in favour of making money on ground rent and tenancy of apartments. The new owners of which wouldn't deal with the noise of any entertainment of the likes that we previously enjoyed before the council decided not to pay for the roof of the Longfield centre to be fixed...</p> <p>Not really bothered about developing on the car park, but there was a lot of "community" that went on in the Longfield centre and i don't see it being replace in these plans.</p> <p>How to gentrify a community because of a few bars opening up and a little buzz.</p> <p>Can see it already, noise complaints.</p>	<p>A youth club should be incorporated into community space</p> <p>We need an Everyman cinema – it would be financially viable!</p> <p>So where in this new development do we have a space to listen to local tribute bands at a decent volume, join a yoga class, go to a Weightwatchers meeting, learn to dance on a classic sprung dance floor. Taste a whole array of local beers at a beer festival?</p> <p>In the community space/Hub is there going to be a large space and bar like we had in the Longfield centre for large events?</p> <p>I'd be interested to know if there's a record of the existing artworks and the words/contributors. The ceramics have already partially perished and the wording was never easy to read, so it would be great to have it recorded, especially if you were one of the kids who contributed.</p> <p>The open square seems tiny, go along at 3:30pm any week day, and see the amount of people using the current 'fountain' area, there are many!</p> <p>I'd also like the community hub frontage to be permeable (as it seems a bit small - e.g., can it handle a Bowie tribute act with 300 punters?), this would allow events to encompass the square and</p>

the community hub as one space, maybe even for perimetered, ticketed events, stage indoors, crowd outdoors, taking in eats & food, basically a mini festwich on a less muddy base



Careful consideration needs to be put into the placement of barriers and what their purpose is. benches and greenery can end up choking the space. look at how they put barriers of steps across exchange "square" in Manchester effectively creating loads of benches at the expense of creating a few choke points, forcing pedestrians to walk around the artificial structure rather than head where they want, it also ended up limiting the usability of the square to only the top bit.



MISCELLANEOUS: Communications, Finance, Phasing, Contractors etc

FAVOURABLE	LESS FAVOURABLE	CHALLENGES /OPPORTUNITIES
<p>The team at Muse are very well-respected developers.</p> <p>I went to the Drop-In session and it was good to see all three of the St Mary's Ward Councillors in attendance and answering questions. The project architect as well the landscaping architect were also available to speak with.</p>	<p>Communication' between the JV partners and the community has not been the best</p> <p>The CGI drawings in the Your Prestwich was not inspiring and failed to show the width between streets and walkways</p> <p>Font kept saying it is an Urban Town – when the Council have big massive signs as you enter Prestwich saying VILLAGE!</p> <p>Does anybody actually believe the council/muse joint venture will listen to the people of Prestwich? No, they won't they'll do whatever is good for them, Istanbul I believe was purchased for £500k by the council which has no money but nobody I believe checked how long the current occupier had left on their lease, I also believe all these consultation periods are simply delaying tactics</p> <p>Why has Highfield Road area been missed yet again for the leaflet drop??? It's like 'if they don't know, they can't complain</p>	<p>One issue has become patently clear; the communication between the Council and community in respect of this £100M regeneration project could have been much better, more focused, more informative and accommodating of those who don't have access to the social media channels most of us use every day - Facebook and/or X (Twitter). The other major point which should have been conveyed to the community in detail, and to enable some of those in the community to better understand the whole process, is the RIBA Stages which have to be followed for an urban retail/housing regeneration project, such as this.</p> <p>Given that the Istanbul isn't now being demolished, will we be getting back our £500,000 that was allegedly paid to the owners of the property</p> <p>Thought the Istanbul had been bought to demolish?</p> <p>I also want to ask, what facilities will be put in place for the building contractors' vehicles? When the radius was being built, again Highfield Road area had workers cars and vans parked up outside homes day in and day out. No consideration for the existing residents.</p>

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