

Briefing Note.

Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership Regeneration Activity

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide members of the District Partnership with brief details of the current range of regeneration activity taking place across the 3 constituent wards.

2 Regeneration Activity

District Wide

2.1 A62 Corridor

Detailed proposals for the length between Wrigley Head and Mersey Road North have been developed in consultation with the ward councillors specifically to address traffic safety issues. The scheme however also seeks to establish a level of improvement and greening that can be replicated along the length of the A62 from the Manchester boundary to Oldham Town Centre.

The initial Wrigley Head safety scheme is programmed to commence on site in July 2013.

Failsworth East

2.2 Hollinwood Junction

Langtree appointed as our development partner. They have appointed planning consultants, commercial agents, branding and marketing team with a view to launching the opportunity in 2013.

The outline planning application is being considered at Planning Committee on the 29 May 2013 with a recommendation for approval. Discussions are on-going with National Grid regarding the removal of the Gas Holder and a feasibility study is underway. This work is linked to a 2nd stage Greater Manchester Investment Fund application.

2.3 Kaskenmoor School

Demolition of the former school is now complete. Temporary works to the former artificial pitch are to be undertaken to provide New Bridge School with interim outdoor play space.

Failsworth West

2.4 Lancaster Club, Broadway

A Planning Application has been submitted for the replacement Allotment site and a decision is anticipated at the end of June 2013. Subject to approval the works to create the new allotments will be completed by October 2013 and the existing allotments be decommissioned by December 2013.

2.5 Failsworth District Centre

Environmental improvement scheme to be undertaken to complement works to Failsworth Town Hall, and the new developments, Quayside and Aldi supermarket.

The District Centre pedestrian movement study has been completed. Proposals for improving the pedestrian safety and vehicle movements are being prepared for approval

with ward members. Initial investigation works are also being commissioned to establish the need for and cost of moving statutory undertakers equipment to enable the new junction to be created.

Hollinwood

2.6 Limehurst Estate

Regenda in partnership with the Council are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the estate. They have appointed architects who aim to have the draft plan completed in March/April 2013 with a view to seeking to commence the process of procuring a developer.

2.9 Playing Fields at Higher Lime Road

The scheme at the Lancaster Club includes for relocation of the playing fields to the site at Higher Lime Road. The Site Investigations have been undertaken and an agreed scheme prepared.

2.10 Medical Centre, Clive Street.

The Planning application for the proposed new medical centre was approved on the 10th April 2013.

3 Land Disposal Programme

3.1 The following Council owned sites within the District Partnership area are currently on the disposal register:

Former Limeside Library, Elm Road; Disposal for convenience store. Planning permission granted on 31 October 2012. Contracts now exchanged.

Partington Street, Failsworth. Consent to dispose now received Site particulars being prepared with a view to marketing the site. Closing date for offers early June 2013

Oldham Road / Peel Street – disposal of public open space to adjoining industrialist. Legal being instructed

4 Community Asset Transfers

4.1 None currently being pursued

5 Recommendation

5.1 Members are asked to note the report.