

£20M TO LEVEL UP ASHTON

**CREATING NEW
SPACES, JOBS AND
OPPORTUNITIES**



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ASHTON UNDER LYNE

With its unique heritage Ashton, like all of the boroughs towns has a distinctive identity. The Market has been at the town's heart for many years and like many town centres there is a need for it be to be made more sustainable for the future to meet the needs of residents for generations to come. Ashton is well connected with excellent local transport links by bus and Metrolink, and is in close proximity to the M60 and M62. By rail, it's less than 10 minutes train ride to nearby cities with Manchester Airport just a twenty-minute drive away.

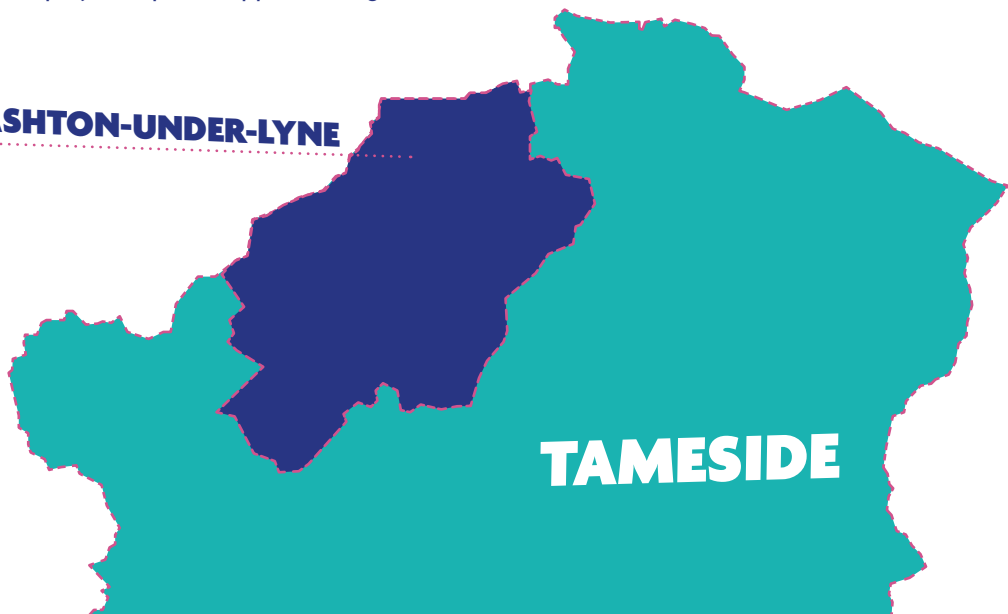
Significant investment has been made with the £63m Vision Tameside programme which brought about high quality facilities at Tameside One for both the Council and a state of the art building for Tameside College. The restoration of Ashton Old Baths and the Transport Interchange were also designed to improve business, leisure, retail facilities and transport throughout the tow to support the economy.

There is more in the pipeline, our aim is to breathe new life into the town centre, to bring more social spaces, jobs and opportunities to help create a safer and more vibrant town centre for everyone.

Ashton also sits in a designated Mayoral Development Zone, which includes St Petersfield and Ashton Moss which are potential key development sites. The development zone will support investment and innovation and brings together key locations in the town centre and work in partnership with Greater Manchester, alongside other key stakeholders and local businesses to join projects up and support local growth.

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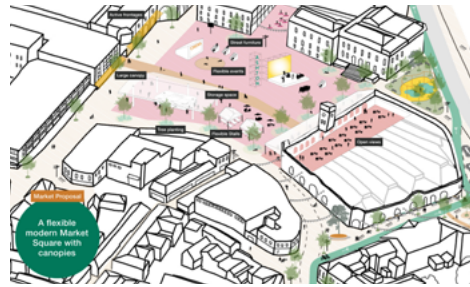
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The £20m fund we received from the Government for Ashton is being used to kick start the regeneration of the town centre.

The funding has the potential to support the construction of new offices, commercial spaces, a new health and wellbeing hub, or homes and retail spaces as well as creating jobs and opportunities. It will also improve access between the town centre and the surrounding areas to make the town centre more accessible for sustainable travel.

The key projects currently underway include:

- **Walking, cycling and public realm improvements**, including a refurbishment of the **market square and Outdoor Market** as the first phase. The improvements to walking/cycling routes and public realm are being delivered alongside the council's existing public realm capital programme and the Mayor's Challenge Fund work in the town centre for a joined up approach. The Market Square will be just the first phase in a larger plan.
- **Support for the restoration of Ashton Town Hall** including essential repairs to the roof followed by a refurbishment/restoration scheme. Further internal restoration will then follow, subject to additional funding.
- **The redevelopment of former interchange site** – we aim to make it an attractive location for potential private sector investment, for a development that could include a mix of new homes, retail, leisure and commercial space.



BACKING BUSINESSES

HOW CAN YOU BENEFIT?

We aren't making these changes based on just our say so we are working with and talking to all our key stakeholders from residents, businesses, community and educational groups and regional partners to understand the issues and opportunities that can drive these plans. All the feedback being given at consultation events and from those who contact us is being used to drive forward our plans.

If you have ideas, or want to find out more about the benefits for your business please get in touch with team and get involved in the conversations, everyone's views are welcome.

We are not just working on Ashton but on all our town centres across the borough, developing local masterplans to adapt them for our strong communities and bring forward opportunities in residential, retail, health, employment and leisure through mixed use developments.

Find out more on our website
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