



STALYBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE

Key themes and priorities from engagement

Stalybridge is Tameside’s nominee for the Mayor of Greater Manchester’s Town Centre Challenge, which brings together housing providers, public and private landowners, developers, community groups and other key stakeholders to support Tameside Council in unlocking the town centre’s potential. Work is underway to attract new investment and develop a plan for a revitalised town centre. To put together that plan the views of local people – whether that is residents, businesses or visitors – are key.

The Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Board set out some of their aims for the town centre under the following aspirations. A Vibrant Town; A Visited Town; A Sustainable Town; A Prosperous Town and A Liveable Town. Engagement activity was undertaken in October 2018 to test the public’s views of those aspirations and to allow them to have their say, and to share their ideas for Stalybridge. The feedback received will help the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Board develop a shared vision for the future of Stalybridge.

The response to the consultation was considerable and positive. Nearly 600 surveys were completed and over 350 comments posted on the exhibition boards at the drop in event held on 6 October at the Market Hall. The feedback received through the consultation demonstrated support for the objectives outlined by the Board. A range of ideas and suggestions were made, alongside commitments to get involved with future work to improve Stalybridge.

It was clear, from the vast array of comments received, that people want change, whether it was to prioritise the better use of our civic buildings, support for local shops and new businesses, the reuse of derelict buildings, a river walk way or better car parking. The findings from the consultation will now be used by the Board to develop more detailed plans for Stalybridge.

Below is a summary of the consultation findings. The more detailed report is available on the Tameside Council website at www.tameside.gov.uk/stalybridgechallenge

Over **170** people attended engagement event (6 October 2018)

Over **350** exhibition board comments

Nearly **600** survey responses

Input from local schools (Copley, West Hill and St.Peter’s)

YOUR PRIORITIES (in order of preference):



1
Reinvent the Market Hall



2
Support new and existing shops and businesses



3
Improve parking



4
Develop a river walkway



5
More varied nightlife – restaurants and bars



6
Better transport including Metrolink



7
New cultural and arts activities / venue



8
Build a new residential community



9
New cycling routes



10
Establish a new health hub



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In February this year (2018), Andy Burnham, the Greater Manchester Mayor, launched the Greater Manchester Town Centre Challenge – an ambitious new initiative to regenerate urban centres across Greater Manchester. Stalybridge was agreed as the Tameside town centre.

While the Town Centre Challenge itself does not bring with it extra pots of money, it is an opportunity to raise the profile of Stalybridge and attract investment from a range of organisations.

You can find out more about the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge on the Tameside Council website at www.tameside.gov.uk/stalybridgechallenge.

If you want to get involved in the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge please Councillor Adrian Pearce (Chair of the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Board) adrian.pearce@tameside.gov.uk or Paddy Dowdall paddy.dowdall@tameside.gov.uk.