

Hyde and Longdendale Community Forum

Question	Answer
What contingencies, safeguards or fallback arrangements have been set aside to prevent a repeat of previous regeneration programme failures - specifically the loss of Mottram & Hattersley ABC, which closed during earlier regeneration cycles? How will the new Pride in Place and Community Forum structures ensure that community led provision, such as boxing, is protected rather than displaced in future regeneration activity?	The Pride in Place Programme will be supported by local people and will be led by a Chair that is independent from the Council and local politics. The Chair will establish a group (known as the Hattersley Neighbourhood Board) made up of local people to support the work of the Pride in Place Programme. These people must either live, work or have strong local connections to the Hattersley area and the Board will be responsible for preparing a plan for Hattersley that sets out the local priorities for how the funding should be spent. In addition, the Board will set out how local people can get involved in the Plan and ensure that their voices are heard. This local engagement will continue over the next 10 years. The Pride in Place Programme funding lasts for 10 years - this works out £2m per year for 10 years meaning that this funding is not just for the short term but also ensure that residents in Hattersley will benefit in the long term. The Council are the 'accountable body' for the funding, meaning that the Board must follow all of the rules and regulations for spending the fund that the Council has to follow.
Please could residents have an update on plans for heavy goods traffic in Hollingworth village? Additionally, are national highways/the Department for Transport open to proposals for improved goods traffic management?	National Highways provided the following response: "We appreciate residents' concerns about traffic levels and the number of HGVs travelling through the village and we're grateful for the opportunity to comment. At present, there are no restrictions on heavy goods vehicles using the A628 through Hollingworth. Currently, National Highways has no plans to introduce any. The A628 forms part of the Strategic Road Network and is an important

	trans-Pennine route connecting Manchester and Sheffield. It is designed to accommodate all types of traffic, including HGVs. We recognise HGV movements can have an impact on local communities. However, we would not support introducing restrictions on HGV traffic along the A628. The only realistic alternative route is the A57, which has been subject to a 7.5-tonne weight restriction since 2022. This is following landslips that affected the road's structural integrity. Restricting HGVs on the A628 would therefore create significant challenges for freight movements across the area. National Highways remains committed to working with local authorities, stakeholders and communities to understand concerns and consider opportunities to improve the operation and safety of the road network. While there are currently no proposals to restrict HGV traffic through Hollingworth, we remain open to discussions regarding traffic management and will continue to engage with partners on matters affecting local communities. Thank you again for raising this important issue." National Highways can be contacted via their 24 hour Customer Contact Centre by email at info@nationalhighways.co.uk or by telephone at 0300 123 5000
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Residents are concerned that Hyde is a dying town with no investment. The town centre looks scruffy with shops boarded up and buildings in disrepair. Residents don't have a sense of pride and there's litter everywhere. There's a sense of disengagement with Councillors, and only a few are locally active. What can the Council do to make Hyde a place to be proud of? My specific areas of concern are as follows: a. Derelict shops and shops with scruffy and dirty exteriors. Can TMBC hold owners of these properties/ businesses to account to repair and develop the buildings, or could TMBC repossess them and develop them to smarten up the Town and create revenue for TMBC in rent etc? b. The Clarendon Shopping Mall Market Hall is almost empty. Please can the Forum give an update as to why, and what the plans are for the Mall and Market Hall? Business owners enquiring to rent stalls in the Market Hall have been turned down which makes no sense. Is there a plan to demolish it and redevelop it for housing, aligned with the plans for Ashton? c. Please can you provide an update as to when development will begin at the Old Hyde Library building, or is the building going to degrade to such a state that it will all have to be fully demolished? d. Please can you provide an action plan at the next Forum explaining what is being done to address the issue of littering, fly tipping and commercial bins blocking residential streets in Hyde Town Centre.	a. The Council does have powers under Section 215 to tidy up untidy land. If there are specific addresses the Council needs to look into at then please get in contact with the planning enforcement team. The link to the form to log an enquiry is as follows: https://www.tameside.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement-complaint-form b. At present, the Council is pausing consideration of new stall holders within the Market Hall, due to identified required remedial works. The Facilities Management Team are assessing the building and works required to support the operation of the Market Hall. c. The redevelopment and extension of the building is subject to an approved planning application for 102 apartments. Planning permission was granted in mid-2025 and details of the application can be viewed online on the TMBC Planning Portal: https://publicaccess.tameside.gov.uk/online-applications/ No. 25/00324/FUL. Following this approval the site was sold to the developer in January 2026. The Council is advancing with the discharge of conditions applied to the approval. While the site is no longer the responsibility of the Council, because of the importance of the
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e. The community is unhappy that the Market Place is not a Market Place anymore and is underutilised. This is something Hyde Together CIC is looking to change by holding events. Would TMBC work with all Community Interest groups to support this? Will TMBC listen to the community and remove the parasols and large plant pots and replace them with proper seating and market stalls to be used by the community? There are not enough seating areas for people. f. I have been reliably informed that the CCTV system across the Market Square and in Hyde Town Centre does not work. The Square is a haven for antisocial behaviour. Please can you update at the next Forum when the CCTV system will be replaced and operational. g. I escalated to Andrea Colborne 3 years ago that barriers on bridges across Halton Street and Clarkway, including pedestrian bridges, were dangerously low in height. Since then there have been multiple incidents including fatalities and Highways England have still not done anything about this. As a matter of urgency, please can this be escalated to Highways England for urgent remedial works to replace these inadequate barriers. This is a public safety issue.	scheme the Borough, the Council is in close contact with the developer primarily via planning colleagues. There is activity on site, hoardings have been erected and site cabins have been delivered for the compound. There is a small group who are working on the initial strip out of the building this includes damaged material incurred from water ingress. The full construction team should be activity onsite by the end of September, there will be measures implemented to protect the original fabric of the building during the construction process. d. Two Street Cleansing Operatives are permanently based in Hyde Town Centre, and their duties include litter picking and emptying of the street litter bins. There is wider support from the Cleansing Team where any reports of fly tipping is removed. The Team is aware of concerns regarding litter, fly tipping and commercial bins obstructing residential streets. The Council investigates reported fly-tipping and works with businesses to promote appropriate waste storage, although powers to address bins stored on the highway are limited. Monitoring and enforcement action will be taken where sufficient evidence is available. e. The Council recognises the importance of the Market Square as a central community space in Hyde and understand the desire to see it used more actively for markets, events, and community activity. The Market Square continues to offer 16 fixed stalls and 20 flexible pitching areas for regular market days, speciality markets, events and community led activity. The Council's Arts & Engagement and Markets Teams offer support and advice to
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community groups and organisations across Tameside. They welcome queries from groups, organisations and Hyde CIC regarding their planned market-place events and activities.

You can email them at:

events@tameside.gov.uk

Or

markets@tameside.gov.uk

- f. The CCTV across the whole of the borough is currently undergoing review. The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team are working closely with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) in relation to ASB in Hyde.
- g. Thank you for sharing your personal experience. The Council recognise the gravity of the safety issues associated with some of the bridges and structures in Hyde and across the Borough, particularly around motorway and rail corridors.

Many of the most challenging bridges and structures in the Borough form part of the Strategic Road Network and are the responsibility of National Highways, with some infrastructure falling under the ownership of Network Rail. As a result, the Council has limited powers to directly deliver infrastructure interventions. The Council regularly engage with National Highways and Network Rail and will continue to emphasise the critical importance of investment where assets fail to meet needs of residents.

At present, officers are undertaking a study into infrastructure and suicide prevention across the

	Borough. The purpose of the work is to provide an evidence base which the Council can use to support partners in National Highways, Network Rail and the voluntary and community sector, to secure and prioritise investment into addressing the issues you have highlighted both in Hyde, and more broadly across the Borough. If agreeable, officers would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your concerns in more detail and to better understand your lived experience.
Why are businesses on Market Street allowed to store their commercial bins on the pavement on Nelson Street? This encourages littering and fly tipping, and the area has become a hotspot for repeat fly tipping. Do businesses have an amenity area for the storage of bins and what can be done to address the issue of repeat fly tipping?	Businesses are expected to store their commercial bins within the curtilage of their own premises wherever possible. Enforcement powers relating to the storage of bins on the public highway are limited, and action can only be considered where specific legal thresholds are met. Fly tipping should be reported to the Council so that these incidents can be investigated. Reports can be submitted online at: https://lite.tameside.gov.uk/ReportIt/
If you bid for funding, do you need to put forward a business case setting out financial sustainability?	Applicants for the Pride in Place Impact Fund are not required to develop a full business case on their own; Council officers are on hand to support with the development of proposals, and anyone is welcome to submit suggestions. This question raises an important point about sustainability of projects which was discussed at the meeting.
Now that the Community Forum is established, will the Chair of the Forum be arranging Christmas events in Hyde?	Hyde Together CIC will be delivering the Hyde Christmas Lights Switch On event in partnership with Tameside Council.
Flowery Fields and Hyde Newton Train Stations are not accessible and need to be more community focused. Residents have concerns	The question was discussed at the meeting, and Cllr Owen responded as a member of the Bee Network Committee of the Greater Manchester

around anti-social behaviour. Are the Council working with TfGM to improve the stations?	Combined Authority (GMCA) to confirm that accessibility of public transport is always on the agenda. Additionally, Cllr Owen responded that she will raise the state of these stations at the next meeting of the Tameside Council Bee Network Working Group. The Community Forum can request that Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) attend a future meeting to provide an update on their plans for transport development in the area.
There is a lack of activities for young people in Hyde, resulting in high numbers of children hanging around in the town centre where they are at risk of exploitation. How are you improving Children's Services to stop children out on the street and to protect young people from child sexual exploitation?	The Council has established a Youth Partnership Board to oversee the development of a borough-wide Youth Strategy. The Partnership is attended by a large group of youth providers who are sharing information about their services and how young people can access them. Once the review of the existing youth offer is completed it will be shared with the Partnership Board as well as informing the direction of services provided by the Council's own Youth Services. Information about existing services in Hyde can be accessed from Tameside Youth Service who deliver from Hyde Youth and Community Centre on Bennett Street. There has been a programme of preventative work delivered across schools and in public spaces to raise young people's awareness of exploitation which Greater Manchester Police (GMP), health partners and the Council have jointly supported. Further sessions will be developed with young people's feedback. In response to concerns around exploitation and community safety, partners including GMP, health services and the Council have delivered preventative programmes in schools and community settings. These initiatives aim to raise awareness of exploitation, build resilience, and ensure young people know how and where to

	access support if needed. Feedback from young people continues to inform the development of future sessions, helping to ensure they remain relevant, engaging and effective. <i>Could you spot a child who is at risk of CSE or CCE?</i> Spot the signs of child exploitation: changes in behaviour; not coming home when they say they will or going missing; changes in appearance; reluctant to talk about friends/relationships and becoming secretive; struggling to engage in school; overly protective of their messages/social media; having more than one phone; accompanied by individuals older than them; concerns surrounding the use of alcohol or drugs; sudden changes/fear of people/friends; unexplained gifts or money; sexual discussions/language which is not usual; evidence of sexual images being shared (by themselves or by others). If something doesn't feel right – report it. If you are concerned about a child's welfare or have any information regarding any activities being carried out that are worrying to you, you are asked to contact GMP via gmp.police.uk or by dialling 101. You can also share information anonymously via the independent charity – Crimestoppers – on 0800 555 111.
What update can you provide on how you're improving services and how you're going to safeguard our children?	Ofsted have published an update report on the Council's improvement journey. The report was published on Monday 22 June and is available online here: https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80569 If you have any immediate concerns about a young person or if you are able to provide any

	information regarding the exploitation of children and young people you should contact GMP directly.
Why are Greater Manchester Police and other strategic partners not represented at the meeting?	A number of statutory partners, including GMP, the NHS Greater Manchester ICB, and Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service (GMFRS) were invited to the meeting and will be invited to all future meetings of the Forum. Due to the timescales involved in the first round of meetings, some of the Council's partner organisations were unfortunately not available to attend all five Forums on this occasion. There is an ongoing commitment from partners to attend and bring agenda items as appropriate to future meetings of the Community Forums.