

Regenerating Collyhurst



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Welcome

Hello and welcome to this summer 2022 edition of your Collyhurst Community Newsletter.

It's now been more than four years since we introduced plans for the regeneration of Collyhurst as part of the Victoria North project, and a lot's happened since then. As we get ready to move forward with the next steps of regeneration in Collyhurst, we thought it would be helpful to look back in this edition at what's happened so far and how we got to this point.

We've also got an update on some of the things we've been up to in the community recently, including the team's continued work with local schools and involvement in local environmental projects.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue. And don't forget, if there's a story you'd like to see in a future newsletter, get in touch with us and let us know!

What are the plans for Collyhurst?

With a strong and proud community at its heart, the regeneration plans for Collyhurst seek to revitalise the neighbourhood for existing and future residents alike.

The regeneration journey started in 2018, when the Council and Far East Consortium (FEC) came together to develop a Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) for the whole area running north from Victoria Station up to Collyhurst: a project which is now known as Victoria North.

An SRF sets out a big picture plan for the future of an area. The overall vision for Victoria North is to create 15,000 sustainable new homes and to deliver improved transport links, community facilities and a network of green public spaces, including a new City River Park.

In Collyhurst, the SRF set out a vision to make this historic neighbourhood an even more welcoming, well-connected and enjoyable place to live.

This SRF vision will be delivered in stages over the next 15-20 years and at each stage the Collyhurst community will be consulted on the proposals.

244 new homes, a shop, community space and a new park in Collyhurst Village and 30 new homes in South Collyhurst are planned in this first stage of regeneration. You will see construction activity starting later this year.

The timeline over the page shows more information about what's happened so far.



Collyhurst Regeneration: The story so far

2018: Manchester City Council and FEC announce they will be working together to regenerate the neighbourhoods running north of the city centre along the River Irk, from Red Bank up to Collyhurst. At this point, the project is called the **Northern Gateway**.

We held a consultation on the SRF - the big picture plan - in summer, 2018 with community events across Collyhurst and in the city centre. The SRF was approved by the Council in February 2019.



Visualisation of the new homes coming to Collyhurst Village as part of Phase One

2021: The working title of the overall project, Northern Gateway, is replaced with a new name: **Victoria North**. This better reflects the nature of the whole area, as it stretches northwards from Victoria Station.

We secured planning permission for the site in Collyhurst Village and the site in South Collyhurst.

Enabling works start on the development site in Collyhurst Village, behind Rochdale Road.

2018

2020

2021

2022



The seven interconnected neighbourhoods shown in the SRF

2020: We started consultation on the first phase of development in Collyhurst. This includes plans to build 274 new homes across two different sites: one in Collyhurst Village and one in South Collyhurst.

Of the 274 new homes being delivered in this first phase, 130 will be new council homes.

Consultation continued during 2020 and 2021, with local people in Collyhurst asked to give their views.



Visualisation of new homes looking over New Collyhurst Park

2022: Enabling works continue on the Collyhurst Village site, preparing the site for main construction activity to get underway.

Due to challenges in the construction industry, it is taking longer to agree a construction plan with a contractor. However, we still expect construction activity to start later this year.

Your questions answered

In this section, we've tried to give clear answers to some of the questions we get asked about the regeneration plans for Collyhurst.

Is Collyhurst going to be renamed "Victoria North"?

Absolutely not! Victoria North is the name that's been given to the project to regenerate the collection of seven neighbourhoods that runs north of Victoria Station along the River Irk Valley, which includes Red Bank and New Cross as well as Collyhurst. Each of these neighbourhoods has its own identity and character, which the regeneration activity will seek to keep.

When will we know how the regeneration activity will affect our street?

While the SRF provides an overall framework for development, it doesn't set out detailed plans for individual streets. Development is coming forward on a phase-by-phase basis, with Phase One starting on land which is mainly unused so that current residents can move into new homes before any existing homes are demolished.

Now that the first phase of development is getting underway, the team will start to think about the next phases of development. As with Phase One, there will be lots of consultation with current residents when plans start to move forward.

Will current Collyhurst residents be pushed out when new residents move in?

Again, definitely not! To ensure Collyhurst remains affordable to people on different budgets, each phase of development will see a mix of different types of homes, including homes for private sale as well as new affordable and social rented homes.

In the first phase of development in Collyhurst, new homes will be built before demolition happens so residents can move straight into a new home and not have to move out of the area. We intend to follow this approach across future phases too.

If you have any other questions about the regeneration plans for Collyhurst, please feel free to call us on 08081 699 993 or email info@collyhurst-regeneration.co.uk

A busy few months for our team

"What's My Job" Event

What's My Job is an initiative run by the North Manchester Business Network, whereby local businesses visit local primary schools to work with pupils and teach them about potential future career pathways. The event held at St Patrick's RC Primary School in Collyhurst was attended by a variety of business sectors. Two members of the FEC team supported the day by telling the children about their jobs.



Pupils from St Patrick's RC Primary School with Rebecca Kirkland from FEC



Some of the Easter eggs donated by FEC

Easter Egg Donation

Recognising that this is a challenging time for many in our communities, the Victoria North team continue to work with and support the Family Zone Project run by the Manchester Communication Academy.

In the run up to Easter this year, the FEC team donated 100 chocolate Easter eggs to the project, which were then distributed to families at The Bread & Butter Thing run every Tuesday from the Academy.

Eastford Square

Plans for the demolition of the shops and maisonettes at Eastford Square are moving forward, with the disconnection of services (gas, electricity, and water) to the block as well as asbestos and bat surveys taking place over the next few weeks. The team at the Council are working closely with Metrolink, whose tunnel runs under the square. The sculpture in the square will be relocated nearby. The demolition should be completed before the end of the year and there'll be further details about this in our next edition.

Keep in touch

If you want to be kept in the loop as we progress with construction in Collyhurst, make sure you sign up to our E-newsletter mailing list for regular updates straight to your inbox by visiting our website.

You can also get in touch by phone or email if you have any questions. Our consultation team are always happy to help.



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