



The Occupier

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Dear Resident/ Occupier

Proposals on plans to regenerate Back o' th' Moss & South of the Town Centre

As you may have read in recent copies of Heartbeat, we have been working closely with residents and partners in Heywood on ideas to improve the whole of the town, including Back o' th' Moss and South of the Town Centre. We have now produced a set of proposals that could deliver those improvements over the **next 15 years**. These ideas are only proposals at this stage and will be subject to full consultation.

Your home is in an area that has been highlighted for potential redevelopment within the proposals. This means that during the next fifteen years, it is possible that your home could be demolished to make way for new, modern housing.

These proposals are by no means set in stone. There will be much more consultation with yourself and the wider local community before any final decisions are made. It will also be dependent on attracting a housing development partner and securing funding.

We realise this news may cause concern and want to reassure you that if the ideas are developed into definite plans, a full range of support will be on offer including re-housing options and compensation. It is also one of our key priorities to start building new homes during the first five years of delivery, before any demolition takes place and some sites have been identified where this could happen. During years five to fifteen we may begin to implement change in other areas, depending on feedback from the consultations.

Included with this letter you will find a newsletter explaining the proposals. A copy of the newsletter is being sent to the rest of the homes on Back o' th' Moss and South of the Town Centre in the next two days. Anyone affected by demolition will be entitled to a range of compensation and support, the details of which would be negotiated nearer the time. We have included further information that demonstrates the kind of support that has been provided in other cases where redevelopment has taken place in Rochdale Borough.

We realise this is a lot of information to take in. However, our team is standing by to offer you the opportunity to discuss this with someone confidentially. Please call **01706 692000** to arrange a personal meeting with an adviser. You can arrange an appointment at Heywood Housing Partnership office on Pine Street or call into the housing office on Cedar Ave.

The phone line is open from now until 10th October. **The line will only be open Monday to Friday – 2pm to 7pm and on Saturday 29th September from 10am to 1pm.**

Please remember, your views are important and all comments, positive or negative will be taken on board. There will also be an area event and an open day held during October to allow further consultation with yourself and people from the wider area (Further information on these is shown in the centre pages of the enclosed newsletter)

Yours faithfully,



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