

Matson and Podsmead Community Regeneration

A Joint Future Vision

There is a possibly once in a lifetime opportunity for the government and local councils to work together with Gloucester City Homes and local residents to build better homes and a better future for communities living in Matson and Podsmead.

GCH and the City Council, supported by the MP, have successfully won a £1.25 million bid to start work on an Estate Regeneration Plan, with the future vision for each community completed by September 2018. As we start on this ambitious journey to support new and better homes, more local jobs and opportunities and a better quality of environment, it will be important to consult widely and reach agreement with residents and stakeholders.

If each of our organisations purely acts out of what is best for itself, the result for residents will be less inspiring than if we all start from what is best for the two communities, bearing in mind two key current truths:

1. Some of the housing in Matson and Podsmead is not necessarily what is required to meet the needs and aspirations of the current community and future residents.
2. There is a need for a better mix of social, affordable, shared equity and owner occupied housing in both communities, and more of it so that the next generations have choices of tenure.

A Joint Commitment

GCH, Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire County Council, together with the City's MP Richard Graham intend to work together to identify land and funding opportunities to improve housing, local shops and facilities, education, employment, health and environment to achieve the vision, and we will commit to:

“Work together as partners to bring positive change, co-ordinating resources, land, planning and community consultation”

Our aims for the Matson and Podsmead Communities

We see the following aims to help Matson & Podsmead residents and local stakeholders develop new approaches rooted in the individual characteristics and needs of both communities:

Stronger & Cohesive Communities

- Meaningful Resident empowerment/active citizenship
- Support tenants to sustain their tenancies

Safer Communities

- Reduce antisocial behaviour
- Reduce crime and the fear of crime

Thriving Economy

- Better access to training, skills and employment opportunities
- Improved local shops and amenities for residents

Sustainable Environment & Housing

- Provide homes that meet the needs of local people
- Create greener cleaner communities and improving the quality and use of green open space

Health & Wellbeing

- Improve access to activities and healthcare
- Encourage healthier lifestyles



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