



HELPING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MATSON

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT



Newsletter 3 – February 2018

HAVE YOUR SAY:

**Friday 23rd February 3.30pm – 6.30pm
at Matson Baptist Church**

The next Community Consultation event is on Friday 23rd February from 3.30 – 6.30 at the Matson Baptist Church on Matson Avenue.

Please come along to see and discuss the developing masterplan for Matson.

Who is behind this initiative?

Gloucester City Homes, Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire County Council have worked together to develop a wide partnership which involves local residents, community groups, local schools, health services, the police and environmental groups.

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The next meeting of the Neighbourhood panel will be late February/early March.

If you want to be involved but were not able to make the meeting on 1st please contact us on regen@gch.co.uk or **01452 424344**.



RESIDENTS DISCUSS PLANS FOR MATSON IN THE FUTURE...

The latest Community event was held at the Matson Baptist Church on Saturday 13th January.

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This was a well-attended informal drop-in session where residents had the opportunity to see and discuss the initial ideas and options for Matson and ask questions about them directly to staff from GCH, Tibbald's (the master planners) and KMA (the Community engagement team) on a one-to-one basis.

This event featured the first illustrative plans suggesting potential changes to street layouts, buildings, community facilities and green space.

Residents were invited to complete a feedback form either in hard copy or online. If you were not able to come to the event your feedback is still really important.

Please view the illustrative plan video at www.gch.co.uk/helpshapethefuture and give your views on the plans by completing the online feedback form, contacting GCH's customer services team or coming along to one of the Regeneration Drop-In sessions held every Tuesday between 11am and 2pm at the Shape the Future Hub on Matson parade.



RESIDENTS FEEDBACK SO FAR

Feedback so far from residents who came to the January drop-in is a mixture of responses to the suggested options for targeted re-development.



The following comments are a selection of these;

- It's really important that we regenerate old housing stock
- Very impressed/Good/It looks like a suitable plan for the area
- Improving and integrating the open spaces will be good as will new shopping areas
- Welcome new housing, improved layout and better shops and community spaces
- Better cycle and walking routes throughout Matson and specifically to Robinswood Hill and Matson park are important.

But there were also some concerns about

- The potential increase of traffic from the new development on the old Winneycroft farm site
- Potential loss of green space
- The focus on certain areas of Matson and not others
- Whether this will actually happen and when
- Whether the proposed changes to road layout and new linkages will help with current traffic and parking issues
- A focus on centrally located community services
- What type of new housing will be available

All residents at the event were keen to see more detailed plans and have the opportunity to comment more fully, particularly about the design of the suggested retail area and the new community centre.

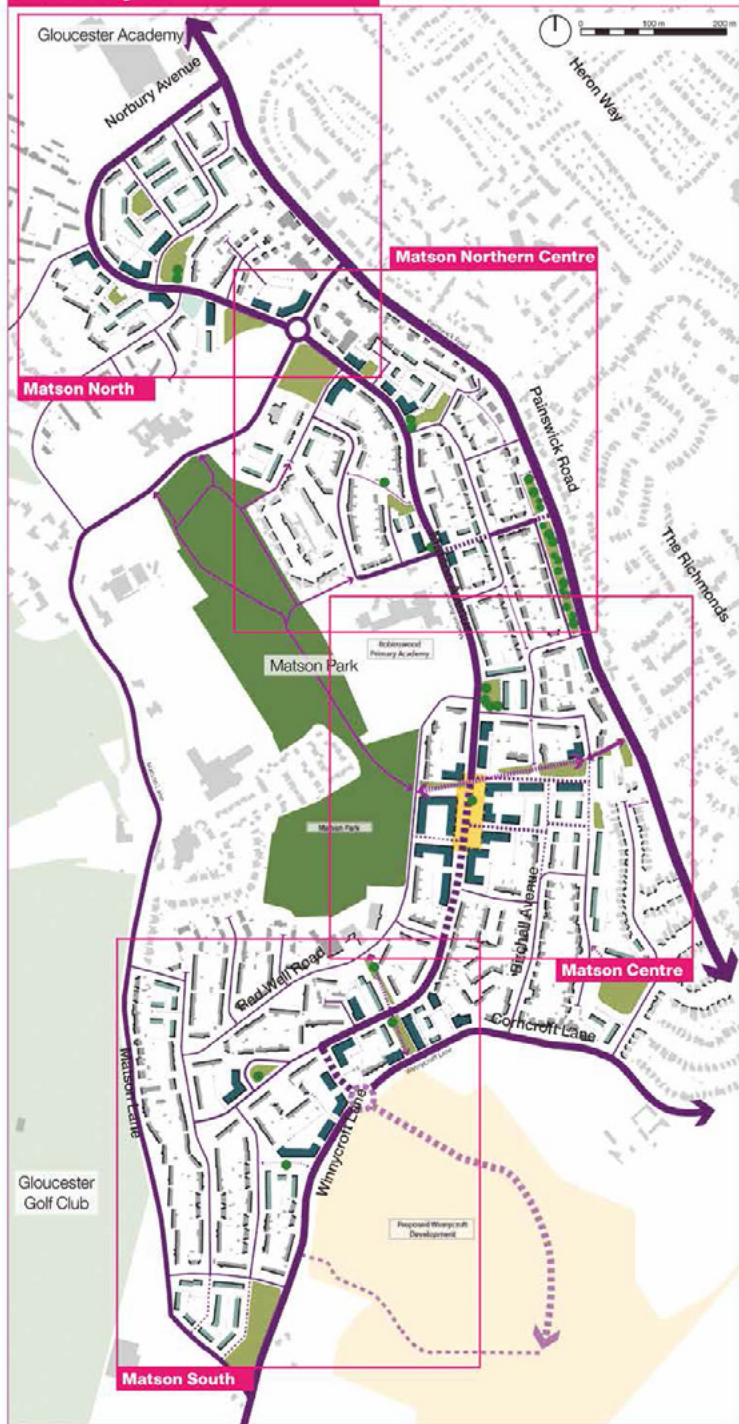
Take a look at the illustrative plans at www.gch.co.uk/helpshapethefuture or visit our drop in.



Existing layout - Aerial Photograph



Possible layout



STUDY VISITS



*Leisure and Neighbourhood Centre
at the Spirt Quarters Estate*

On Saturday 20 and Wednesday 24 January, residents from both Matson and Podsmead joined GCH staff and representatives from Gloucester City Council, Gloucester Police, Gloucester Care Commissioning Group and Kevin Murray Associates on visits to Spirit Quarters neighbourhood, in Coventry and Upper Horfield in Bristol, where they met with local residents and stakeholders who have and continue to be involved in the community-led regeneration of their estates.

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The visits began with brief presentations giving information on what both estates were like prior to the regeneration taking place and some of the problems residents faced, followed by a bus tour (in Coventry) and walkabout (in Bristol) to see first-hand the changes that had taken place.

Both estates shared similar problems to Matson and Podsmead including:

- Poor quality housing – damp, cold
 - High levels of anti-social behaviour
 - Community demographic was changing
 - Lack of good quality community facilities
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Those who attended found the visits very informative and agreed that there were some good ideas for the regeneration of Matson and Podsmead, including:

- Benefits of community-led regeneration
- Well-designed homes – including lifetime homes
- Energy efficient homes
- Safe streets
- Attractive and well maintained parks and play spaces
- Good transport and access to jobs and services
- Apprenticeship schemes as part of the regeneration process

YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Interested in establishing a Neighbourhood Panel that gives your community a stronger voice?

The first meeting to explore how best to set up Neighbourhood Regeneration Panels for Matson and Podsmead was held on Thursday 1st February.

The meeting focussed on possible ways to set up representative Panels for Matson and Podsmead and agreeing the terms of reference.

The purpose of panels is to act as a local steering group, giving the community a stronger voice in the regeneration process.

These groups would be supported to evolve and deepen their level of engagement as the regeneration process transitions from the early masterplanning stages into a formal planning programme for the next decade or so.

The role of an Independent Residents Advisor was also discussed and residents volunteered to assist with the appointment of the advisor with the intention of having them in place by the end of March 2018 if possible.



The role of the Independent Residents advisor will be to support the Neighbourhood Panels, providing independent advice and support to residents whilst working with GCH, the City and County Councils, the NHS and other regeneration stakeholders.

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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

From 6th February a regular
Regeneration Drop-In will be
provided every Tuesday from
11am – 2pm at the Shape the
Future Hub on Matson parade.

The drop-in will be staffed by a member of the
Regeneration team, so if you want to look at
the illustrative plans in more detail and ask any
questions please just come along and talk to us.



**Got a question or
want more information?**

Email: regen@gch.co.uk

Visit: www.gch.co.uk/helpshapethefuture

Join the Facebook Group:

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Photos from the study visits

