

# News

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## **CPO Outcome for Salford Central**

The Secretary of State has confirmed the compulsory purchase order (CPO) for the Salford Central regeneration scheme. The decision gives Salford City Council and English Cities Fund the green light to push the development forward.

Plans for the area include 850 new homes, 200,000 sq m of commercial office space, along with ancillary leisure and retail space. The plans will unlock the area around Salford Central railway station and provide much needed comprehensive regeneration along Salford's historic Chapel Street.

Some work has already started in the area, with the completion of road improvement work along Chapel Street creating a more inviting environment for investors, developers, business and residents.

The new bridge in New Bailey, linking the development to Spinningfields, will support the scheme and improve accessibility.

Councillor John Merry, leader of Salford City Council, said: "This is excellent news for the continued regeneration in the city and is the culmination of many years of planning and work from ourselves and English Cities Fund.

"But, now that the order has been granted the work will really begin, and English Cities Fund can progress its planning applications to drive this development forward.

"This is one of the most historic areas of the city and we want to restore it to its former glory, while bringing in new businesses and tenants who can boost the city's economy and create sustainable jobs and opportunities for the future."

Phil Mayall, development director at English Cities Fund (ECf), commented: "Salford City Council and ECf are delighted that the Secretary of State has accepted the recommendation of the Planning Inspector to confirm the Salford Central CPO in full.

"While the two parties already own the majority of land required to deliver the scheme, or have agreements in place with the owners, this decision marks another significant milestone in the delivery of this comprehensive regeneration scheme.

"The partners will continue to work together with those parties affected by the order to ensure that any disruption or disturbance will be kept to a minimum. ECf is now working towards submitting a planning application for the first phase of development and a further announcement will be made in due course."