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English Cities Fund unveils Salford plans

The transformation of Salford Central took a major step forward today with the submission of a reserved matters planning application for Plot E3 - a key development site which forms part of the wider Salford Central regeneration scheme.

The planning application follows a public consultation, which saw 53 local residents, workers and business owners gather to hear about, and share their views on, the proposals for the plot.

This major regeneration site in Salford, which sits between Chapel Street, Islington Way, Barrow Street and Wroe Street, is being developed by English Cities Fund (ECf).

The proposals will see the construction of a complete block of new buildings, ranging from six storeys fronting onto Chapel Street to three storeys facing Barrow Street. These buildings will contain new apartments, townhouses and commercial premises, including a local convenience store.

Images are now publicly available to view at www.salfordcentral.com

The new development will also see the main façade and distinctive roof of the Bell Tower building being retained and refurbished, to ensure the character of the street remains.

Community feedback has shown residents are extremely supportive of the plans. Hessel de Boer, of Rodney Street, said: "I was delighted with the pre-planning presentation and subsequent consultation event in St Philips Church. I was impressed by the grandeur of the scheme, frontage design, quality and colours of materials, space provision and sustainable energy credentials. I'm positive the development will be a welcome addition to the Chapel Street corridor, and looks to be the catalyst needed to bring Chapel Street alive."

Salford Central, which is a major 44 acre regeneration scheme, is set to transform a key area of the city. The scheme is being delivered by ECf - a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal & General and the Homes & Communities Agency - working closely with development partner Salford City Council.

Phil Mayall, development director at ECf, said: "The submission of this planning application marks a significant point in bringing new development to Chapel Street. It shows that the scheme is gathering pace and residents will soon start to see physical improvements in the area."

When complete, Salford Central - which is made up of two inter-dependent, but distinct areas, Chapel Street and New Bailey - will create around 11,000 new jobs, 220,000 square metres of commercial space, 849 new homes and 390 hotel rooms.

The Reverend Andy Salmon, a local resident and chair of the regeneration forum, said: "We're really pleased with the plans and look forward to the new properties being built. The reaction has been positive and the changes for Salford are warmly welcomed."

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