

# Brunswick Neighbourhood Regeneration

# Independent Residents Advisor

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

# Open Communities appointed as your Independent Residents Advisor

Manchester City Council has now been given the go ahead by Government to start developing plans to regenerate YOUR neighbourhood, using a Private Finance Initiative (PFI). The regeneration will include: upgrading council homes; creating high quality new homes for sale and rent, improving the layout of the neighbourhood and enhancing shopping and community facilities.

Because the PFI will bring about such important changes to the area and residents lives, the Council provides an Independent Residents Advisor to support residents during the project. After interviewing several companies, a number of residents from the Consultative Group have selected Open Communities to carry out this role.



## Who are Open Communities?

Open Communities is completely independent of Manchester City Council or any other landlord.

The Open Communities staff team has a vast range of experience and has worked alongside residents on some of the country's most challenging housing and regeneration projects. Our staff have also worked in Manchester and the North West on a range of projects for a number of years.

Our qualified and experienced team will provide you with impartial advice about all aspects of the regeneration proposals in Brunswick.

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### WHO TO CONTACT

Our expert team will ensure you have full information as the proposals develop.

The Open Communities team are:



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## Our role as Independent Residents Advisor.

### Open Communities will:

- Give impartial advice to all residents on what the regeneration proposals mean. If you've received this newsletter this means you!
- Give clear information and work alongside residents to make sure that the regeneration proposals are in line with what local people want.
- Support residents to be able to effectively influence the future of YOUR neighbourhood.
- We will keep in touch with you through newsletters; we will be available to speak to at community open days and events and can provide home visits if required. We are also available on the freephone advice line 0800 073 1051.

### The Consultative Group

- The Consultative Group is made up of resident volunteers who will assist the Council develop consultation activities to help keep you involved and informed during the project. The group are not there to represent your views - there will be lots of consultation over the next two years so you can have a real say in what happens in Brunswick.

### What Happens Next?

- So far, work on the project has been looking at the principles of what is needed and has focussed on getting Government support to allow the PFI to take shape.
- In August 2007, Manchester City Council invited potential partners from development, housing and finance to submit the first regeneration proposals for the area. These first proposals will be shared with the community early in February 2008 and comments received will influence what potential partners are asked to include in detailed plans, at the next stage in the project.
- There will be a lot of opportunity to influence the proposals as they develop over the coming years. Don't miss your chance to influence what happens in your neighbourhood!

## IMPORTANT EVENT: COMMUNITY OPEN DAY "HAVE YOUR SAY"

*It's now time for YOU to get involved and  
let us know what your priorities are!*

**TUESDAY 5th February 2008**

from 2:30pm-7:30pm at  
Medlock Primary School,  
Wadson Road, Brunswick,  
Manchester, M13 9UJ.

Look out for further details in the next few weeks.

This day is important because it will provide an opportunity for residents to look and comment on the first regeneration proposals for Brunswick received from potential partners.

## THE EXCITING CHANGES PLANNED WILL INVOLVE EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE AREA!

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if you can.

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