

Welcome!

Garston Masterplan

Meet the team

In January 2013, URBED, Eye and Fore Consulting were appointed by Liverpool City Council to develop a masterplan for the Garston area. Our team includes:

URBED are masterplanners and urban designers who specialise in community engagement. We believe people should have the chance to have a say in the future of their area to promote more inclusive and sustainable developments.



Eye are chartered surveyors and planners. For this project they have researched the scope of new housing in the area and carried out research into the proposals for the high street.



Fore are transport engineers. For this project they focused on pedestrian, cycle and road network improvements, and looked into achieving funding for such projects in the Garston area.



This exhibition showcases our ideas and proposals for the Garston area. These ideas have been influenced by:

Policy

The South Liverpool Strategic Regeneration Framework

Research

An urban design analysis of the site

Research into housing, the economy and the high street

Consultation

Two consultation workshops with local people

Meetings with stakeholders and land owners in the area

History of Garston

Garston has a long history. Its existence as a settlement long predates Liverpool. The introduction of a railway line and the port in the 1840s brought about significant growth as many workers were housed in terraces in the surrounding area. The distance of the town from Liverpool City Centre also meant it provided for itself, with a long and thriving high street. A decline in industry and the introduction of a bypass in the 1960s has brought about considerable changes to Garston.



Garston Today

Garston today is a tale of two neighbourhoods and a declining high street. Previous regeneration efforts in the past have lacked momentum but our ideas and proposals for Garston have the potential to bring about real changes and investment in the area.



Your Thoughts

We held two consultation sessions with local people and stakeholders over the last 3 months. Here are some of the things you told us about Garston today:

"The high street is depressing"

"Get rid of the derelict shops"

"The name of Garston is being lost"

"We need to improve the image of Garston and attract people to the area"

"Landlords need to take responsibility for their shop fronts"

"People need to take ownership of the high street, we need competitions like 'village in bloom' or 'best-kept shopfront'"

"More housing in the area will open up sites and bring people into the area"

"We need to get back that wonderful feeling of all-togetherness"

"The site next to the Gas Works site should be an eco-park"

"Garston should be an incubator for small businesses"

"There is a lack of facilities for young people"

"Garston needs better cycling facilities and safer footpaths"

