



HOLLIN NEWS

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URBED invite Hollin Tenants and Residents to a masterplanning workshop

On November 24th of last year, URBED, a group of urban designers based in Manchester came to Hollin in their red bus to ask people in the area what they think of Hollin, what they think the neighbourhood lacks and how they see the area's future development. This was done on behalf of Housing Market Renewal who are funding URBED to come into the area and assess what, if any, need for change there is in the housing and other physical stock. Many people told URBED about the area's lack of facilities, lack of adequate bus connections,



problems with parking provision and lack of things for young people in the area to get involved with. Although URBED did not get many people attending the bus stops and giving their views they are keen to try and explore potential solutions to some of the issues highlighted through a process called masterplanning.

A masterplan is a plan for an entire area that seeks to create a long term vision for the development of the area. This plan is then used as a common goal by all the different departments that work in the area so that all key services, developers and facility providers know how their actions fit into the wider picture for the growth and development of an area. Over the page is an example of how you can get involved in the Hollin Masterplan.





The plan to the left shows areas of Hollin where there is work planned or the future potential for redevelopment (shown in red on the plan). These areas need to be planned with the community so that the end result is something that empowering and owned rather than against the wishes of those who live in the area. URBED have developed a workshop over the years that can engage both members of the community and stakeholders that deliver the projects to ensure best results for tenants and residents...

URBED would like to work in greater detail with the community in Hollin and help them create a blueprint for the future development of their area. We would like to invite any tenants and residents on a three day masterplanning course called Design for Change. This course explores the principles of urban design, takes residents on a site visit and has a masterplanning exercise where tenants can learn and be involved in the redesign of their own community. This plan can then be used as a guide for the future development of the area so that tenants and residents aspirations are met by any new build that takes place in the area. Pictures of various aspects of the course are shown to the right.

We will do the course in the neighbourhood for ease of access but we need at least 20 tenants and residents for the course. Register your interest by going into the Estate Management Board Office and giving your name and details to a member of the staff. Deadline for sign up is Friday 31st March and the course will be run in mid April (dates and venue to be confirmed).

For more information on the Design for Change course head to www.urbed.com or call 0161 200 5500 or head to the Estate Management Board office to speak to someone there.

