

Regeneration Projects – Bury Council

- Bury has a real mix of towns each with their own challenges and opportunities. It is a location which benefits from being one of ten Greater Manchester authorities whilst having distinctive towns in the more rural north of the Borough. Bury Town Centre is a successful place by most measures but needs some strategic interventions if it is to continue to thrive, it has a strong retail base, great transport links and an outstanding traditional market. The town faces the same threats all do, but it has assets and opportunity as well.
- Initial Projects in Bury Town Centre, are working on plans to bring forward a new modern day transport interchange, a comprehensive regeneration scheme around the wider Markets area, a new public hub building, the development of the education estate and plans to increase the level of commercial space in the centre. We have recently appointed a Master planning practice to support the work. They will work closely with institutional investors, developers, local people and our Members.
- Prestwich is a thriving suburban district which has a really strong cultural identity, it is full of thriving small businesses and entrepreneurs. Our focus is on providing the town with a new town centre, one which is focussed on a public hub building, creative workspace, new housing and independent trading. Following the recent acquisition of the shopping centre the Council is about to embark on a Joint Venture with Muse Developments to realise its ambitions for the town.
- Radcliffe is an industrial town that faces many of the challenges of de-industrialisation. It has great potential with some fine buildings, a river, a new and thriving Market Hall and direct Metrolink access. We want to build on this and implement the recently published Strategic Regeneration framework to improve the town for all its residents. This will include a new town centre with hub building, leisure centre, housing, and school. <https://www.bury.gov.uk/radclifferegeneration>
- Outside of our main Towns there are plans for large scale land development in the Northern Gateway area. This is opportunity on a grand scale and presents the potential for enormous economic and job growth. It is a major strand of the northern powerhouse and most of the land is in Bury.
- Elsewhere, through our extensive land and property portfolio there is an opportunity for the Council to invest selectively across the whole Borough. We have identified some key opportunities in other towns in the Borough, such as Whitefield and Ramsbottom, the latter of which has been through an amazing two decade transformation.
- There is variety and mix in the borough of Bury, there is large regeneration and localised opportunity. The Business, Growth and Infrastructure Directorate has been formed to take advantage of the opportunities we have.