

# HULME

## NEWS

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## SHOPPING IN HULME AND MOSS SIDE THE FUTURE !

**W**ith the closure of the Moss Side District Centre, and the massive changes underway in the City Challenge area, the lack of shopping facilities is a major problem.

However, all this is about to change! HRL is about to produce proposals for a major new shopping facility on the site of the former Moss Side District Centre. A vital stage in this process is to canvass views from local people in Hulme and Moss Side on the proposals and the suggested new layout, via a series of open days - more details inside.

The new "high street" retail centre is the linchpin of the retail strategy for the area. In the future it will be complemented by a new neighbourhood centre on Stretford Road at the heart of the proposals for the replacement of the crescents; and a combination of other smaller shopping areas and individual local shops within the new housing developments.

In the centre pages you will find more details on the plans for the new centre along with an advisory layout and information on how you can have your say.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

June is a very busy month in the Hulme City Challenge Area. Here are a few events, that you may be interested in.

**June 1st**

- ★ Visit of Sir Robert Key - Minister for Manchester
- ★ Claremont Community Resource Centre - Open Day
- ★ Official Opening Ceremony of St. Wilfrid's

**June 2nd**

- ★ Shopping Centre Open Day - Amani Centre

**June 3rd**

- ★ Shopping Centre Open Day - Hulme Tenant Participation Project Offices

**June 5th**

- ★ Shopping Centre Open Day - Moss Side Leisure Centre

**June 10th**

- ★ Street Party in Hulme 2 - phase 1

**June 12th**

- ★ Dynamiting of Medlock Court

**June 15th**

- ★ Finals of Manchester Leisure Squash Championships - Moss Side Leisure Centre

**21st June**

- ★ Official opening of Proctors Agora Space playground

**June 24th-28th**

- ★ Global Forum



# NEW HIGH STREET CENTRE - PROPOSALS IN DETAIL

**A**s with every other aspect of the regeneration, the new shopping facility must complement not only the remaining businesses and buildings in its immediate vicinity, but the whole area of Hulme & Moss Side. It must be a facility which local people are proud to use, and which also attracts those living further afield, to bring more business into the area. IT MUST BE RIGHT.

With this in mind, the suggested layout shown opposite, proposes a flexible and imaginative design to accommodate the retention of Moss Side Leisure Centre and the office block, the City's Council Tax Offices, together with basement parking for over 200 cars. To the east is the thriving Moss Side Industrial Enterprise Park on Denhill Road, and to the west the development will merge with the group of buildings around Loreto College and St. Mary's Church.

## So what are the details and timings for the proposals?

It is envisaged that the new high street district centre will provide more than 100,000 sq. ft. of shopping facilities including a major supermarket, along with a mix of service and business uses and housing.

Once demolition of the former district centre is completed in July 1994, work can begin on the first phase of the scheme, the essential construction of a "High Street" between Moss Lane East and Greenheys Lane West, which will link the new shopping facilities into the adjacent residential areas.

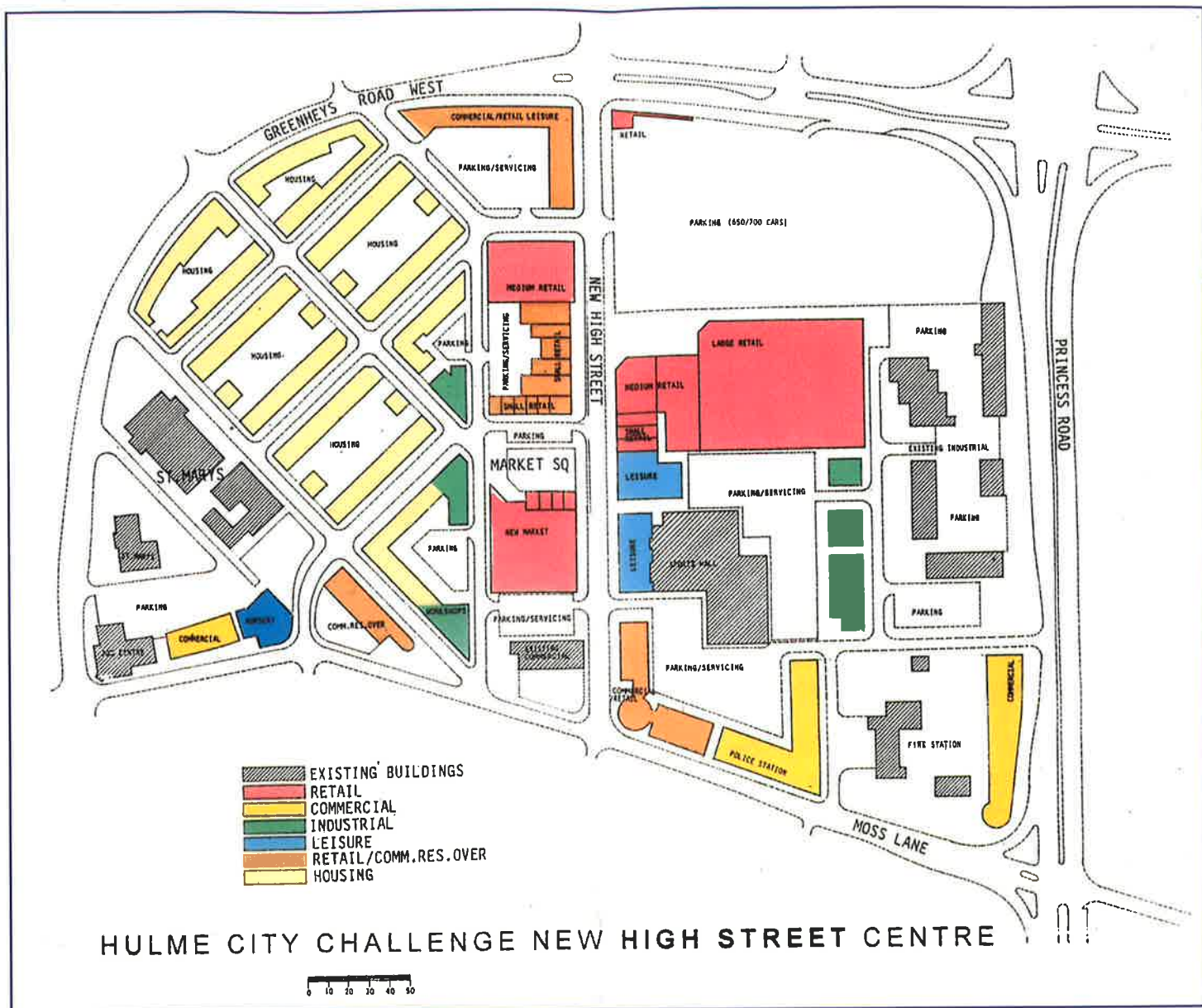
## Key features of the development include:-

- ★ A large supermarket immediately to the north of the leisure centre with some smaller units alongside.
- ★ On the western side of the new high street there will be a range of high street shops with car-parking to the rear.
- ★ A new permanent market hall and square, which will provide traditional market stalls plus opportunities for permanent kiosks fronting onto the high street and square.
- ★ A pub or restaurant at the northern end of the new street at its junction with Greenheys Lane West.
- ★ A new street frontage for the Leisure Centre, south of which is further retail, office or business space.
- ★ Surface-level car parking for 700, with a possible petrol station, accessed from Greenheys Lane West, and new high street.
- ★ A new police station, hopefully on the corner of Moss Lane East and Denhill Road, is currently under discussion with the police authorities.
- ★ Upper floors of shops could also provide flats and business and workspace for local businesses.

Details of the open days are across the page, make sure you come along and help to shape the future of your area.







## HOUSING

Indicated on the western section of the plan is an area which is to be developed for a mix of 200 homes for sale or private rental. The creation of a significant amount of housing within the overall site of the new centre is an essential part of HRL's "Vision" for an integrated and lively mix of uses. The available sites are located immediately opposite the "listed" Loreto College and St. Mary's Church and North British Housing Association's newly constructed scheme, providing an exceptionally attractive outlook for the new housing areas.

## WORKSPACE

The integration of innovative workspace is high on the agenda once the new centre is underway. This will provide the opportunity for new premises to be available for the local businesses affected by the demolition programme. Their proximity to the new high street will provide them with opportunities for the development of retail and service related activities, and sites for this have been identified on Denhill Road and between the market square and new housing on the western side of the development.

## AN AFRO-CARIBBEAN FOCUS

**O**ne unique aspect of the new centre will be the development of specialist African and Caribbean outlets and attractions. Members of Manchester's black business community are anxious to harness and direct the wealth of creative talent which exists within it and to build on the relationships with its international partners, towards the improvement of the economic status of local black people within the wider community. For this reason they have developed proposals for an Afro-Caribbean focus within the new centre and investigated the possibility of community asset participation in the development of these facilities, their management and future expansion.

These facilities, the first of their kind outside the USA, will be a focus for the creative talents of Manchester's black community; provide for their specialist needs; educate and interest others in African and Caribbean enterprise; and provide well managed cultural social and educational features available to all. They should provide a range of speciality features such as a food court or restaurants, retail space, integral work space, office, conference and exhibition space.

A SERIES OF OPEN DAYS IS TO BE HELD TO ENABLE LOCAL PEOPLE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSALS, AND TO MEET THE TEAM WORKING ON THEM.

## OPEN DAY DETAILS

### THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

AT THE AMANI CENTRE  
11AM-3PM & 6PM-8PM

### FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

AT THE HULME TENANT PARTICIPATION  
PROJECT OFFICES, OTTERBURN CLOSE  
11AM-3PM & 6PM-8PM

### SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

AT THE MOSS SIDE LEISURE CENTRE  
11AM-3PM

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HRL needs your opinions on this extremely important project: Come and tell us what you think about the proposals, and in particular the following:-

- ★ The design of the advisory layout and the mix of uses. Will it serve your needs?
- ★ Traffic movement along the high street.
- ★ Possible name for the new centre and roads, suggestions include the Greenheys Centre or the Princess Centre and Old Birley Street.





## SUPPORT FOR ENTERPRISE IN HULME

**T**he Enterprise Working Group is part of the Hulme Economic Assembly. It brings together representatives from various local enterprise support organisations and businesses to discuss issues important to the successful development of the local business community. Still in its formative stages, it is currently considering a report prepared by HRL which assesses all the support provision currently available and identifies recommended ways forward for the group, in developing and encouraging an effective local network.

For further information contact  
Deborah Glen on 226 2323.

## INTERESTED IN BUSINESS PREMISES?

**T**he Moss Side and Hulme Community Development Trust in partnership with Hulme Regeneration Limited are pleased to announce a new service available at the Trust Centre. A new PROPERTY DATABASE has comprehensive details of all business premises for sale or lease, both in Moss Side & Hulme and in other districts. This information is available on-line, within seconds. Enquiries will also be notified of any new suitable properties becoming available, until their requirements are satisfied. To take advantage of this service, which is completely free, please ring the Trust on 061 226 8705, or better still call in person to:-

The Trust Centre  
44 Moss Lane West  
Moss Side, Manchester  
M15 5PD

and ask for Roger Kelly.



Another project funded by Hulme City Challenge

## GRAND MET TRUST

**G**rand Met Trust are involved in the running of the Government's 'Community Action', a scheme devised and set up to help long-term unemployed adults get back into the world of permanent jobs. Community Action allows participants to re-use their existing skills, learn new ones and pass on their skills and talents to others.

To this end and in partnership with local agencies, various projects have been set up locally to the benefit of the community.

Projects already in operation in this area include the following:-

- ★ **Wesley Centre** - to assist in a cafe style drop-in centre with a small clothing counter, and to provide assistance with a furniture delivery service.
- ★ **Local schools** - small landscaping projects carried out to create an environment for insects and wildlife for the educational benefit of the schoolchildren.
- ★ **Salt Shaker** - the renovation of a disused public house into a community centre.

If you would like further information, please contact either:

Stuart Fowler on 226 2323 or Peter Done on 205 9123

## TRAINING DAYS IN HULME

**A**ttendance was good at the Zion Institute for the two training fairs organised recently by HRL to share information in the Caring and Construction industries.

Choosing to Care was attended by over 250 people of all ages, who took advantage of the free careers advice on offer from over 21 organisations including local hospitals, the City Council Social Services Department and other branches of the caring professions.

Construction Day was also a success with over 20 organisations, including construction firms such as Roland Bardsley, Cruden and AMEC on hand to give people an insight into training for the construction trades.

Training advice days are the latest in a series of training initiatives undertaken in City Challenge, and Stuart Fowler the Training and Employment Consultant at HRL is planning two more for the autumn in Hotel and Catering and Retail. The provisional arrangements are as follows, but watch out for more information nearer the time:

- ★ **Retail Day**  
28th September 1994 - Zion Institute
- ★ **Hotel & Catering Day**  
19th October 1994 - Zion Institute

For further information on the training and employment opportunities City Challenge has on offer, please contact Stuart Fowler on 226 2323.





# COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR KIDS IN HULME - THROUGH DANCE!

**L**ast year it was drama in Hulme schools with the much acclaimed "Mike's Story" - this year it is dance with Gestures Dance Group.

Hulme City Challenge has been involved with schoolchildren from the outset. It is important that they understand the changes going on in their area and why they are happening.

One of the most important aspects of the redevelopment for children is, of course, safety. With so much necessary demolition and new build it is essential they understand the dangers. However, to keep children interested, the learning process has to be as exciting as possible and, as any teacher will tell you, it is a constant challenge!

One such programme has involved Gestures Dance Group visiting all primary schools within Hulme and, through dance workshops, teaching children to express their ideas on danger and safety.

All these workshops will culminate in a mega dance event in a major venue in Hulme, where all the children will be taking part in a special production - watch out for further details.



## THE PIONEERING SOD

On Saturday 23rd April, one of the most adventurous projects in the Hulme City Challenge area turned its first sod, celebrated in true Hulme style with a party!

Homes for Change/Work for Change is at present the largest co-operative scheme in the Country and the £7 million project involves the construction of 60 eco-friendly homes grouped around a central courtyard and garden encouraging national surveillance and a safe area for children to play, 16,000 sq. ft. of workspace for shops, offices, workshops, studies, a cafe and even a new theatre. All of which will provide much needed space and jobs for new and existing young local businesses. One such business is Build for Change who will be undertaking some of the sub-contracted work on the scheme.

Homes for Change, developed in partnership with the Guinness Trust, has already won a national award for "green conscious design plans" and is the first scheme in Hulme to win the Secured by Design Award from the police. The project will take 18 months to complete.



If you have any comments on Hulme News or information you would like to see in the next issue, contact Cathy Burchill, HRL, Briarfields, Boundary Lane, Hulme M15 6EB. Tel: 061-226 2323.

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