

CHAT TRANSCRIPT – BOLTON TOWN BOARD 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020

[9/24 1:20 PM] Mark Head (Guest)

in terms of Cheadle Square, the Civic Trust has been very outspoken on what it considers ought to be the prime elements that are funded: Storm drainage of the Bus Station site finds its low point on the existing green space adjacent to the Hen & Chickens; this could be used to form a major part of a Pocket Park, with a strongly defined purpose for water gardens surrounded by leisure buildings, etc. The strong axis through the Archway needs to be generous and broad, for soft landscaping, hard walkways and meeting places, with development either side, embracing the themes already identified in promoting business, leisure and partner participation. this is SEPERATE from the Pocket Park currently envisaged as part of the immediate Town Funding, which is identified to be on the Odeon site, and only a short-medium term 'temporay greening'

Blackhorse Street and Cheadle Square ought to be considered as one project - they are utterly intertwined.

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Wellness Centre. Not there! this needs to be part of the SUDS / Pocket Park area. it could be formed around a water park, though. Please keep parking away from Blackhorse Street- that ought to be part-pedestrianised with very limited vehicular access.

[9/24 2:00 PM] Roddy Gauld (Guest)

I completely agree that we need a joined up approach to cultural development (whether funded through this or another means). There are a number of cultural investments and opportunities that need bringing together into a strategic overview. Further investment and opportunities can then be seized upon. Cultural assets as a driver of footfall has been key to a number of these presentations

[9/24 2:03 PM] Mark Head (Guest)

Wellspings - completely agree with David Greenhalgh. However, It is a worthy scheme and good for business growth for our young people, but it needs firm and dynamic direction in its operational mechanism.

[9/24 2:03 PM] tim.vaughan@moorgarth.com

Is there a proposal from Council about increasing new technology support by way of super high speed broadband etc, to future proof growth in the future? New companies may not be able to locate to Bolton if the tech solution is not present

[9/24 2:04 PM] Mark Head (Guest)

Thank you David, regarding green space!

[9/24 2:05 PM] Alec Colbeck (Guest)

David, thank you for the perceptive comments which we will fully take on board as the design is progressed.

[9/24 2:05 PM] LOGAN, Mark (Guest)

Absolutely packed presentation - thanks everyone. Look forward to stewing over the slides. Catch you next time. Mark L, Bolton NE

[9/24 2:09 PM] Mark Head (Guest)

Wonderful content, thanks

[9/24 2:09 PM] NEWLOVE, Baroness (Guest)

Thank you Catherine and Patrick for your presentations

[9/24 2:10 PM] Horrocks, Michelle

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[9/24 2:10 PM] Jenkins, Rosie (Cities & Local Growth) (Guest)

Good luck with your new role Cathy

[9/24 2:10 PM] Mark Head (Guest)

Good luck, Cathy! Thanks for all of your efforts and contribution!

[9/24 2:10 PM] NEWLOVE, Baroness (Guest)

good luck Michelle

[9/24 2:11 PM] Roddy Gauld (Guest)

Could I make a suggestion: could the slides be shared in advance of meetings so people can digest the detailed information and be prepared for discussion/questions in the meeting?