

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF FEEDBACK FROM URC CONSULTATION IN WEASTE & SEEDLEY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Seedley & Langworthy Trust (SALT) agreed to conduct consultation on behalf of the URC to capture feedback from local residents, workers and interested parties from the Weaste and Seedley regeneration boundary area regarding the draft vision for Central Salford.

SALT worked with a small team of local people to conduct initial consultation on the vision through door-stop consultation and drop-in sessions at community venues like the local café to try and generate interest and capture initial views/first impressions on the draft vision and framework for Central Salford.

The main outcomes of this activity are detailed below.

### **OUTCOMES**

There were a total of 160 people who participated in the consultation. Their initial views on the draft vision and framework are summarised below:-

- 56% strongly support the general approach
- 26% agree with it to a certain extent
- 11% neither agree nor disagree
- 5% slightly disagree with the approach
- 2% strongly disagree with the approach

The majority of people who were consulted agreed in principle with the vision, with just over half of respondents strongly supporting the vision in principle. This has however, got to be put into context with the modest numbers of people consulted. The consultation process proved extremely challenging. Door-step consultation proved to be very time-consuming and difficult for people to absorb the information and comment, “on the spot”.

Further information and discussion regarding the vision was delivered by members of the team at a number of groups and events in and around the area. These groups and events are highlighted below:-

- S.L.A.D.S. Drama Group
- Students at Pendleton College
- Brookfield Project
- Metro Resource Centre/New Weaste
- Community Lunch for Claremont/Weaste & Seedley
- Community Committee meeting
- Rotary Club (Salford)

### **POSITIVE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE IDEAS**

People generally responded favourably to the concept of the vision, acknowledging a need for the city to move forward, and that investment opportunities for the city could be increased if the vision goes ahead.

The emphasis on green space and waterside development showed some positive responses; in particular that it may provide increased opportunities for child and youth provision. Most agreed that they would like to see the green spaces and rivers restored for public use.

### **CONCERNS ABOUT THE VISION**

Some of the major concerns centred around the issues such as:-

- Timescales – people already frustrated with the slow progress of their own/immediate regeneration programmes – how will this differ?
- Implications for traffic? – where will it go if Chapel Street becomes the main artery and becomes more of a pedestrian area?
- What will be the direct benefits be to our area?

### **WHAT'S GOOD AND BAD ABOUT MY AREA**

The people and the locality were highlighted as positive things about the area with crime and anti-social behaviour noted as negative factors.

### **BENEFITS FROM THE PROPOSALS**

Making the area cleaner, greener and safer were deemed as potential positive benefits that the vision could display. The major asset or strength of the city was identified as its people or sense of community spirit.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

The positive responses to the general approach of the vision displayed a sense of something needing to change for the better. Only more specific, targeted consultation will reveal if this vision can go some-way towards enabling this to happen.

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