

# Community Workshop

## College Bank

### Repair, Refresh, Re-think

What do you think should happen in your neighbourhood?

There is an opportunity to plan for major investment in College Bank. RBH is working with Levitt Bernstein Architects to prepare a plan for the future of your neighbourhood. The team will be working closely with your community to develop these ideas over the next three months. This is your chance to say which ideas are the most important, and whether there are other ambitions that we should plan for at this stage.

Our first workshop will be held at:

**Community Room - Mitchell Hey**

On the **6 February 2017**

from **4pm – 7pm**

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RBH saw you in November 2016. This workshop covers what we learnt from you during the last year's session. We would also like to discuss with you three main scenarios for change in the area – these are:

#### **Repair, Refresh and Re-think**

You have the opportunity to drop in and share your ideas and help the design team to prepare a vision for your neighbourhood.

**College Bank and Lower Falinge have had lots of bad media coverage focussing on the poor quality of homes and high unemployment. There is also massive investment in Rochdale Town Centre and there is a real opportunity to better connect people living in College Bank and Lower Falinge in to this. Over the next three months there are some workshops which we would encourage all those living or working in and around College Bank and Lower Falinge to get involved with. Now is the time to let us know what you think of the areas, what you like or don't like and anything you think could be better. From April all this work will be pulled together to provide clear options to consult on and work up further.**

## So come along and have your say!

## Ambitions for College Bank:

There are four key issues to address in looking at the future of your neighbourhood:

- A more positive identity for College Bank
- Improving the streets and public spaces
- Improving the homes and buildings
- Improving access to jobs and work opportunities in your area

## What do the options mean?

The options will look at short term and long term benefits. Improving the neighbourhood as it is, is a possibility but funding will be a challenge. The Re- think option is a long term approach which looks at greater change on the neighbourhood, this will provide new homes for residents, better open spaces and play spaces and opportunities for better facilities within and close to the neighbourhood. The options are explained here below:

### Repair: 'Do minimum' approach

- retain all existing buildings with major repairworks
- improve streets and lighting
- maintain existing open spaces and parking

### Refresh: 'Do medium' approach

- demolish few of the existing buildings
- develop new homes or facilities on available sites
- repair and refurbish existing buildings
- improve streets, connections and lighting
- improve existing open spaces
- create jobs and apprenticeships for local residents

### Re-think: 'Do more' approach

- demolish some more of the existing buildings
- develop new homes or facilities on available sites
- repair and refurbish existing buildings
- new and improved streets and lighting
- re- provide better open spaces and play areas
- provide better access to retail and facilities
- maximising jobs and apprenticeships for local residents

## Unable to come along?

If you want to be involved but the day and time is not convenient, please visit the webpage:

[www.rbh.org.uk/collegebanklowerfalinge](http://www.rbh.org.uk/collegebanklowerfalinge)

to see the workshop boards online. We also have an online

### Feedback Form /Questionnaire

which you could fill online.

This leaflet contains the main points that RBH want to review with you in this consultation, and this has been sent to households within and around your neighbourhood. Please fill the feedback form at the workshop session or do this online.

The information in this document can be made available in alternative formats and in different languages. If you require further assistance please call into RBH Reception, St Alban's House, Drake Street, Rochdale, or email:

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