

Appendix 5 - Stretford Masterplan Workshop - Victoria Park Junior School 15 October 2013

A workshop was held with 60 Year 6 pupils at Victoria Park Junior School on 15 October 2013. The Council explained that it was preparing a Masterplan for Stretford Town Centre which could be developed over the next 10-15 years. Pupils were shown images of the sites within the Masterplan and asked to identify them. Pupils were asked what they think makes a good town centre, what they currently enjoy about Stretford and what they think is currently missing from the town centre offer.

The following comments were made as part of the workshop session:

What makes a good town centre?

- Variety of shops
- Clothes shops
- Coffee shops
- A food court
- Lively and colourful environment
- Interesting attractions
- Outdoor food stalls
- Modern buildings
- Cleanliness
- Cinema
- Activity centres eg) Laser Quest

What do you enjoy about Stretford?

- Events and the themes at different times of the year eg) Christmas, Halloween etc.
- Market stalls in main areas of Stretford Mall, not in the market Hall
- Lots of space
- Affordable shops
- Charity shops
- Close to where people live

What should Stretford Town Centre have?

- A more traditional looking town centre that is not all undercover (Chorlton and Urmston were given as examples)
- Better variety of shops eg) clothes shops, sports shops, Games shop, toy shop
- More unusual / distinctive shops
- Somewhere local people can use instead of going to the Trafford Centre or The Lowry Mall
- More greenery
- A skate park
- More attractive car parking areas
- Recycling facilities
- An attractive welcome point to the town centre
- More cycling racks
- Better frontages to the Mall building
- Safe pedestrian routes
- More promotion of what's in the centre and the offer
- Stretford needs a landmark so that everyone knows that they are in Stretford
- Better signage to Stretford Mall
- Attractions eg) a mini Legoland

- A gym
- More restaurants
- A play area
- Music studios
- Entertainment in the Essoldo building
- A cinema
- Climbing walls
- A place for homeless people
- More people friendly
- Easy to cross main roads eg) slower traffic, more crossing points.