



Minutes of the Meeting of the
Haughton Green Residents' Steering Group
held on 2nd July at the Oasis Centre

Attendees

Present: More than 25 members of the public (some came and went throughout the meeting)

Chair: First meeting, no chair selected yet

Officers: Sarah Walker - Head of Communications, Laura McBride – Senior Project Manager, Jennifer Smith – Engagement Lead, Alex Scapens Communications and Engagement Specialist

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1. Welcome and Introductions Sarah welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the new Residents' Steering Group, its purpose, and the latest updates on the Haughton Green redevelopment project – you can read more in the presentation here. Residents agreed that future Steering Group meetings should: • Take place on Wednesdays at 6pm to make it easier for people to attend after work. • Be held every six weeks, although this can be reviewed if needed. • Have a membership of up to 20 residents. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 August 2026.		

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2. Keeping residents updated Residents discussed how they would like to receive information about the redevelopment project. Suggestions included: • Emails • Text messages • Printed updates • Phone calls • Social media updates • A dedicated Facebook page • Digital noticeboards Any new channels or formats to be launched will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. The feedback will help shape future communications so that information reaches as many residents as possible.		
3. Steering group chair Donna, a resident of Southey Court, was proposed as the interim Chair until a permanent Chair is appointed. Several residents expressed an interest in the permanent role. Anyone who would like to be considered is invited to send a short written statement explaining: • Why they would like the role		

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What they could bring to the Steering Group Submissions should be emailed to: haughtongreen@irwellvalley.co.uk by Monday 3rd August. Queries/questions drop-in Sarah proposed that, before future Steering Group meetings, staff would be available from 5.30pm for residents to raise any personal issues or queries ahead of the meeting beginning.		
4. Redevelopment update Laura provided an update on the redevelopment project. Key points included: - Irwell Valley is currently appointing specialist consultants for the re-build project. - There will be extensive resident consultation during Autumn 2026 and Spring 2027. - An outline planning application will form part of the early stages of the planning. Residents also shared ideas for the design of the new homes – for example, a suggestion that balconies could be included to help improve quality of life.		
5. Rehousing and return options Residents living in the three tower blocks affected by the redevelopment were reassured that: - They will have a choice about whether to move into the new replacement homes. - They will receive priority for rehousing through both Tameside Council and Jigsaw. - Those who move out to a different housing provider during the redevelopment will have the option to return to the new homes once they are completed.		

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6. Questions and concerns raised Residents raised several questions and concerns, including: - Whether sprinklers would be removed from empty flats. It was explained that this would not be possible. - Concerns about empty flats attracting anti-social behaviour or unauthorised access. Residents were reassured that security would be added further into the future as the buildings become empty, to provide peace of mind and reassurance for those still living in the building. Looking ahead Donna requested that future meetings include a standing update on redevelopment progress so residents can clearly understand where the project is up to and what the next steps are. Sarah and Laura agreed that this would be a standing item for all meetings.		
No any other business. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.		