

PRESS RELEASE

Neighbourhood Agreements Take to the Road

The draft of the first NDC Neighbourhood Together Agreement to be piloted in the NDC area will go out to public consultation across Hathershaw & Fitton Hill on 15th and 16th January.

The roadshows will aim to give residents the chance to find out more about how Neighbourhood Agreements will work in Hathershaw & Fitton Hill and the opportunity to comment on them.

This first pioneering Neighbourhood Agreement has been 12 months in the making and will be launched and live on 29th February at an event at The Honeywell Centre.

Neighbourhood Agreements developed jointly by local residents and service providers are designed to give the opportunity to develop, plan and identify how, where and when services should operate in the area for the benefit of everyone.

The Neighbourhood Together Group of local residents in the NDC area has put a great deal of effort and enthusiasm into working with service providers to develop the agreements.

The first of the five proposed agreements will focus on keeping Hathershaw and Fitton Hill clean and tidy and will be called 'Green and Clean'.

Kirsty Roberts local resident and member of (TNT) The Neighbourhoods Together Group said.

"I have been involved with this project for the last year and have been really pleased at how seriously agencies have taken our views. Now that the first agreement is nearly ready I'm really excited about getting other residents involved and being the pilot area for a project that will eventually reach the whole of Oldham"

The agreements represent an important step forward for localism across the Borough and will be supported by key Chief Officers of services from Oldham Council including Tom Flanagan from Regeneration and Mark Odell Service Director Clean, Green and Parks Scene.

The rest of the Agreements will be published throughout the year. The second will be in the summer and will focus on crime and community safety, The third will be published around September on Housing and the fourth will be later in the year and will focus on Community issues. The final agreement will follow early in 2009 and be on Health issues.

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The consultation will take place on the Youth Bus and the schedule of stops in Hathershaw & Fitton Hill over the two days is as follows: -

Hathershaw - Tuesday 15th January

10.00 – 10.50 Broadway Street

11.00 – 11.50 Schofield Street

12.00 – 12.50 Crofton Street

1.0 – 2.00 pm Dowry Street

Fitton Hill - Wednesday 16th January

10.00 – 10.50 am Rosary Road

11.00 – 11.50 Park Lane

12.00 – 12.50 Fitton Hill Youth Centre

1.00– 2.00 pm The Green

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