

## Inner East Preston

Neighbourhood  
Planning in Preston

FOFS

The Neighbourhood  
Plan from the lay  
perspective:  
Strengths and  
Challenges

Issues, Vision and  
Objectives

Lessons from Inner  
East Preston

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# The Inner East Preston Neighbourhood Plan

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**A Community Strengths Based Approach**





# Overview

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- Neighbourhood Planning in Preston
- Friends of Fishwick and St Matthew's (FOFS)
- The Neighbourhood Plan from the lay perspective: Challenges and Strengths
- The Issues, Vision and Objectives paper: Engaging the community
- Lessons from Inner East Preston
- Questions

# Inner East Preston

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITT-2ROhdy4#t=12>

## Inner East Preston

- Inner East Preston – the wards of Fishwick and St Matthew's
- Area profile:
  - Population approx. 12,000
  - Approx. 30% area's population of a BME background
  - Predominantly residential with industrial and shopping areas
  - Generally densely built and densely populated
  - This is a low income area which has features associated with 'multiple deprivation'

But .....

# Community Assets

- People
- Community Associations
- Diversity / faith groups
- Schools
- Shops
- Nature Reserve
- Industrial heritage





## Neighbourhood Planning in Preston

Decentralisation and Localism Act 2012 –  
new community powers but ....

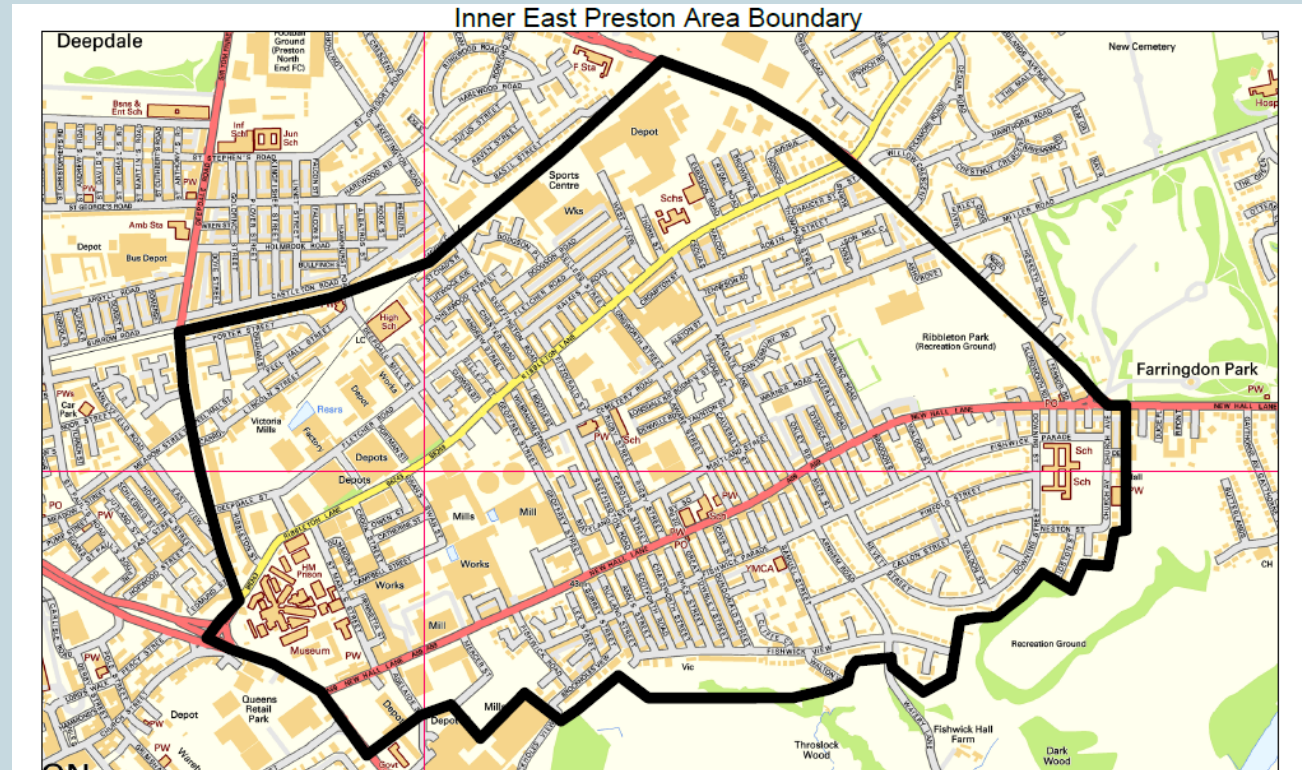
- Must comply with statutory plans
- Inner East Preston Neighbourhood Plan is one of the first in an urban area
  - Designated as a ‘Front Runner’ area
  - Neighbourhood Forum established
  - Development Funding
  - Professional support – Planning Aid Volunteers
- Partnership approach between the Neighbourhood Forum, Local Authority Planning and Community Engagement



## Neighbourhood Planning in Preston

- Community Consultation Plan
- **Priority issues:**
  - Environment and image
  - Housing and Employment
  - Health and Well-being
  - Infrastructure
  - Community Facilities
  - Community Cohesion
  - Crime
- **Statutory processes**
- **Designation examination**
- **Policy Development**
- **Referendum**
- **Part of statutory planning framework**

# Neighbourhood Planning in Preston



# Progress so far ...

- Policy development stage - planning
- Establishing the evidence base
- Site allocation
- Developing and preserving community assets
- Regeneration needs – non-planning
- Government support / funding
- Exchange / study visits
- ‘Champions’ Network

## FOFS

- **FOFS** – set up in 2011 following the closing of the local office of the Neighbourhood Management Partnership
- **Vision:**

“To improve the image and reputation of Fishwick and St Matthew’s and make Inner East Preston a better, safer, cleaner and healthier place for everyone to live and work in.”
- **Priorities:**
  - Regeneration of derelict and run down areas
  - Clean up ‘grot spots’
  - Tackle car congestion
  - Develop a health agenda

# FOFS Activities



# Community Consultation

Survey – what do you like? What would you change?

Prize Draw - incentive

Sessions in schools and parents' evenings

Women-only events

Mobile 'drop-ins'

Community languages

Businesses survey and drop in

Community and Housing Associations

# Inner East Preston Neighbourhood Plan

Issues, Vision and Objectives for:  
Fishwick and St Matthew's

Consultation: October – November 2012



YOUR  
Neighbourhood  
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# Lokalny Plan Działania dla Środkowo-Wschodniego Preston

Problemy, Wizje oraz Cele dla dzielnic:  
Fishwick i St Matthew's

Konsultacja: październik - listopad 2012



TWOJA  
Dzielnica  
TWOJA  
Opinia Jest Ważna

## Fishwick & St Matthew's

### Local Businesses Your Views Count

Your opportunity to help the Friends of Fishwick & St Matthew's  
develop a Neighbourhood Plan from your point of view

Neighbourhood Plans are an important development for local areas. The Government is supporting local communities to decide the future of where they live.

The Friends of Fishwick and St Matthew's (FOFS) is a local residents association who need your views and help to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for this area. The success of the plan will depend on everyone being involved

#### Why should local businesses get involved?

The plan could:

- help improve the image of the area
- help improve infrastructure and links to the city centre
- address security issues
- help local people and business with jobs and training
- say where businesses could go in the future
- say what sort of businesses should be located where

The plan and forum can also support developments or businesses in planning matters

Please join members of FOFS, elected members and local planning officers at an informal networking and information event

**21st March 2013.**  
Drop in between 12:30-3:30pm or 5:30-8:30pm  
at Museum of Lancashire, Stanley Street  
For more information call - 01772 906722 **FREE REFRESHMENTS**

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## Fishwick i St Matthew's

### Twoja Dzielnica, Twoja Opinia Jest Ważna

Twoja szansa aby pomóc Friends of Fishwick & St Matthew's  
opracować Lokalny Plan Działania z Twojego punktu widzenia

Lokalne Plany Działania są ważnym wydarzeniem dla lokalnych dzielnic. Rząd wspiera lokalne społeczności w decydowaniu o przyszłości miejsca, które zamieszkuje.

Friends of Fishwick and St Matthew's (FOFS) jest stowarzyszeniem lokalnych mieszkańców, które potrzebuje Twoich opinii i pomocy w opracowaniu Lokalnego Planu Działania dla tych dzielnic.

Skorzystaj z okazji i zgłoś się nad przyszłością planu w niedalekiej przyszłości!

Poniżej znajdą Państwo szczegóły nadchodzących spotkań:

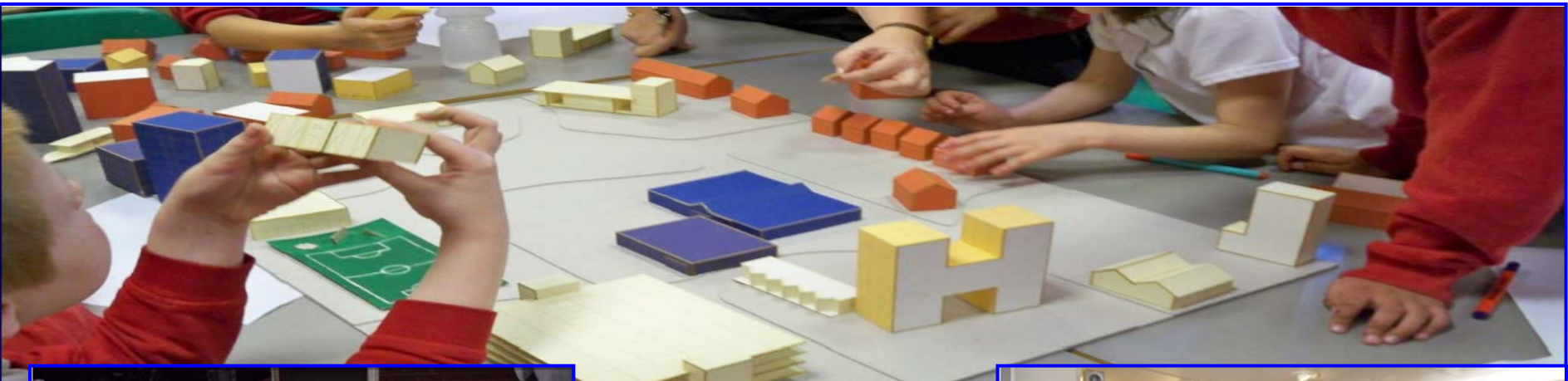
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# Consultation Outcomes

Key issues raised through consultation:

- Improving road safety and car parking
- Preserving community assets
- Protecting, enhancing & improving green space & play areas
- Addressing dereliction (empty properties, empty shops and 'grot spots')
- Addressing Anti Social Behaviour (fly-tipping, litter, dog fouling)

# The Neighbourhood Plan from the lay perspective: Strengths and Challenges

## Strengths:

- An established forum representative of the area
- Skilled and committed individuals
- Support from other voluntary and community groups within the area
- Strong vision and priorities for the area

## Challenges:

- Neighbourhood Plan can be a difficult concept to understand – explain in a way which makes the plan personal
- Many non-planning issues raised
  - Language limitations – production of Polish language documents
  - Local business involvement
  - Loss of confidence – previous failed initiatives and negative experiences with Local Authority

## **Issues, Vision and Objectives**

### Strengths:

- Involvement of local residents and organisations early in the process
- Identification of main themes relevant for the area for the plan to address
- Created a focus for a series of consultation events – helped to introduce the Neighbourhood Plan to other residents
- Created a slogan: ‘Your Neighbourhood, Your Views Count’
- Received a good response to the consultation
- Political support locally
- Generating interest nationally

## **Lessons from Inner East Preston**

- Forming good relationships between local authority staff and local residents is both essential and possible; develop respect, tolerance, confidentiality and honesty
- Learning to speak the same language is both essential and possible (...well, generally!)
- Achieving resident representation equals finding the holy grail!
- Gaining resident support for an official sounding initiative in a deprived area will always be challenging

## **Lessons from Inner East Preston**

- Be realistic about the resources of the residents' group (time/resources/skills) and consider carefully your expectations
- Don't underestimate the amount of local knowledge/history of the area the forum have
- Be flexible and adaptable – in the approach to support and advise
- Don't use complex terminology – explain processes and guidance clearly
- Address aspirations, be realistic about delivery – in an area where many schemes have failed to materialise, it is important to be open and honest about how the plan will be delivered
- Be patient, and the likelihood is that the result will be very rewarding

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