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New Islington. Resident Steering Group Statement

“Those of us who live here are really pleased that our community is going to be turned into one of the most attractive places in Manchester in which to live. It’s a sad fact that this place has spiralled downwards over the last 30 years. Now something is going to be done to get rid of that reputation.

The Millennium Community Initiative has been a real learning experience for everyone involved, not just the residents. We’ve all had to test out the ground to find out how we fit into the process.

The most crucial thing in all of this for us is that existing residents get a decent home. It’s been really important for us to make sure that our community is protected and retained at the heart of the new development, and that people who have had to move away previously get the chance to come back and enjoy New Islington.

We’re looking forward to developing our role further as the project moves forward, working together with the partners to build a better future here on our doorsteps. In particular, we are working closely with Manchester Methodist Housing Association, the chosen housing association partner, to look at how our homes will be designed and managed.

We believe we have the opportunity to make a real difference and we’re looking forward to the proposals that have been put forward being delivered.”

Issued on behalf of New Islington Residents Steering Group

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