

Special Eastwood Masterplan Edition

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Have **your** say on the future for Eastwood



This is a special edition of the Eastwood and Springwell Gardens Neighbourhood Management newsletter.

Rotherham Council are working with the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder, and the Rotherham Housing Market Renewal Team to prepare a Masterplan to improve the Eastwood Area.

The Council have asked a team of consultants, led by Building Design Partnership (BDP) with PS Consultants and King Sturge, to carry out the **Masterplan** and over the last few months BDP have spoken to community representatives, Council Officers, Councillors and others about ideas to regenerate and improve the Eastwood Area.

This newsletter explains what the ideas to regenerate Eastwood are, and how you can have your say on the future of Eastwood.

Better homes, better roads, a better Eastwood?

Demolition and redevelopment of some homes in Eastwood?

New homes for sale and for rent?

Improvements to the Eastwood environment?

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More details inside this Newsletter

The Eastwood Masterplan

The plan below summarises all of the various ideas for Eastwood, and how they relate to each other. More detail is available at the Have Your Say Events advertised in this newsletter, but whether you live in Eastwood or if you just work in the area, it is important that we find out what you think about these different ideas.

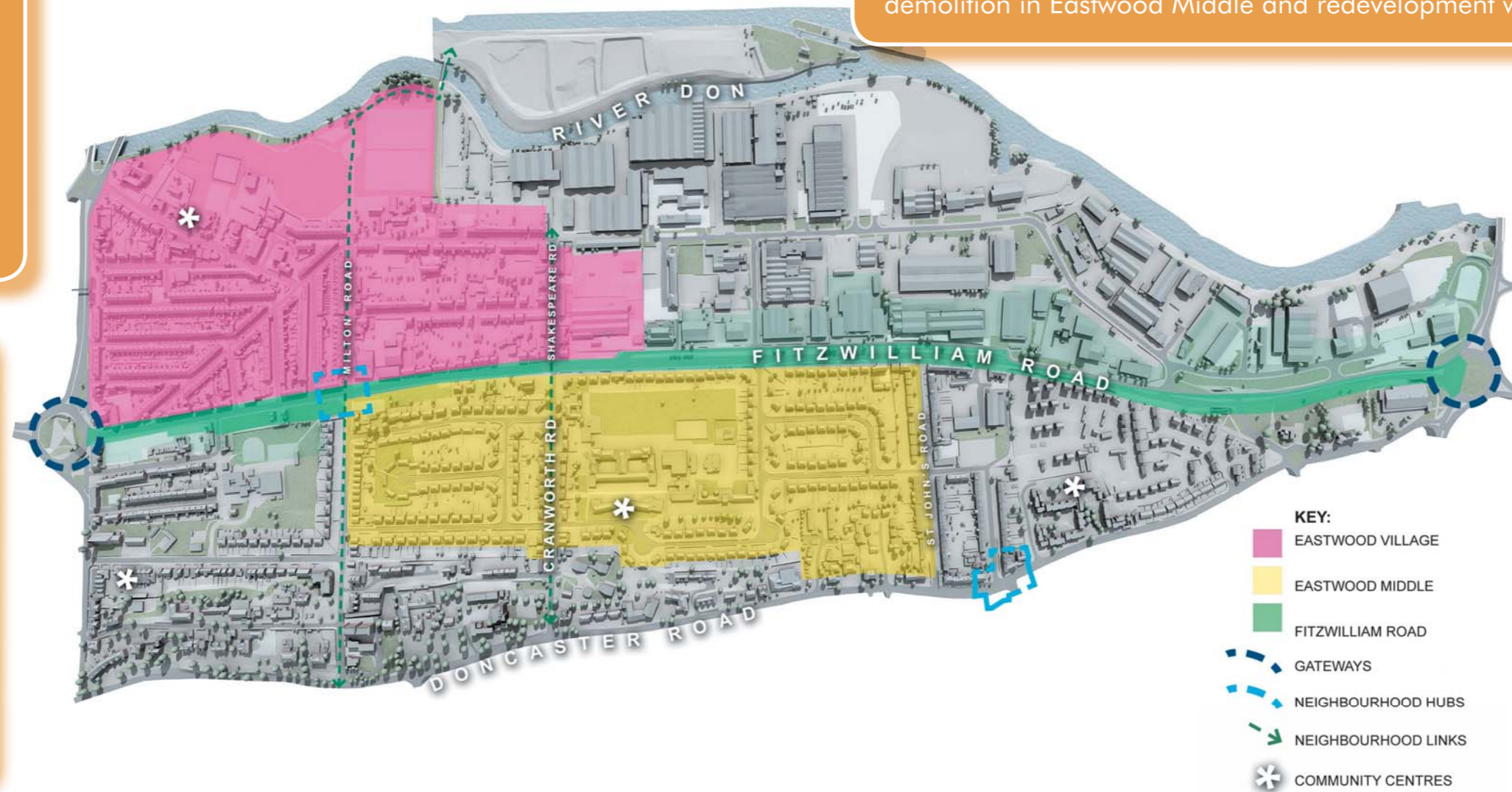
Eastwood Village has seen a lot of investment in recent years – but we think it would still benefit from some extra investment – ideas for Eastwood Village include providing new and improved housing, improving access to the open space and improvements to the residential environment.

Fitzwilliam Road is many people's first impression of Eastwood – and we think it gives a poor first impression and needs improving – our ideas include landscaping, new developments and changes to the road layout to provide a better introduction to Eastwood.

Eastwood Middle is the area that we think needs improving the most.

Our ideas for Eastwood Middle include options for major improvements to the estate environment, but we also think we need to consider some selective demolition in Eastwood Middle and redevelopment with new homes.

We think there are also other ways we can change and improve Eastwood – through encouraging new housing in the area – improving the local shops on Doncaster Road or wider environmental improvements.



Do you want to know more about these proposals and have your say?

You can find out much more about the ideas for the area by coming to one of our Have Your Say Events or by viewing the proposals at one of the "Consultation Stations" in the area (details of which are on the back of this newsletter)
 You can also view the proposals in the lending library at Rotherham Central Library from 22nd until the end of January.
 You can also see the ideas online and download our survey form from:-
www3.rotherham.gov.uk/hmr/rotherham-east/news.asp or finally you can call our freephone on 0800 0852207

How can I have my say?

We want to know what you think about the proposals for Eastwood. Much more detail about the proposals is available. We're running 3 Have Your Say Events where you can come, meet the Masterplan Team and tell us what you think about our ideas. These are at:

Venue	Date	Times
Eastwood Village Community Centre, Erskine Road	Wednesday 24th January	3pm - 7.30pm
HVFC, Coleridge Road	Thursday 25th January	3pm - 7.30pm
Eastwood Mission Methodist Church, Next to St. Anns Roundabout	Friday 26th January	3pm - 7pm

If you can't come to these events, but would still like to know more about the ideas for Eastwood, you can check out the ideas at Rotherham Central Library, where they will be on display from 22nd until the end of January.

Complete a survey form and tell us what you think.

What are the problems we're trying to tackle?

The Consultant team have been looking around the Eastwood area and talking to community groups and people who work in Eastwood. We have also looked at the previous community consultation in the area. We think the Masterplan has to tackle a range of problems and issues, to improve the Eastwood Neighbourhood. Some of the key problems are listed below.

Along Fitzwilliam Road and on the Trading Estate

- Derelict industrial buildings on the road give a bad impression of the area.
- Busy traffic on this main road divides Eastwood in two
- There is a limited choice of local shops, and some are in poor condition

In Eastwood Middle

- There is a poor quality environment – large parts of the estate badly need improvements - above and beyond improvements to the homes themselves
- There are parking issues – due to narrow streets and a lack of off-street parking
- There is a limited choice of housing and a lack of new homes available to buy.

In Eastwood Village

- There are parking and transport issues, especially with lorries accessing Eastwood Trading Estate cutting through the area.
- The alleyway between Eldon and Bethel Road causes problems for families living nearby
- Many residents are living in homes that are too small.

The Masterplan tries to tackle each of these issues to improve Eastwood. No decisions have been made on how to do this, and we want to know what residents think, before making any final decisions.