

# Capital Regeneration Funding Stalybridge

March 2023



# Stalybridge Town Centre

- Stalybridge Town Centre identified as a growth priority, supporting delivery of the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy 2021-26.
- Significant progress has been made in recent year delivering the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Action Plan which set out the aspirations for the town, including securing £2.55m for the Stalybridge High Street Heritage Action Zone, Brownfield Homes Funding of £360,000 for the redevelopment of the former Stalybridge Police Station, the launch of Stalybridge Street Fest and securing GM Town of Culture status for 2022.
- Despite this progress significant challenges remain with vacant sites, poor public realm and walkability, and poor condition of the Civic Hall and Ashley Cheetham Library & Art Gallery

# Stalybridge Capital Funding

- LUF bid prepared for Stalybridge Town Centre and submitted to Round 2 in July 2022.
- On 19 January 2023 it was announced that the bid had been unsuccessful although the Council received positive feedback.
- On 15 March 2023 it was announced in the 2023 UK Budget that Government had identified further funding to support strong LUF2 bids that were initially unsuccessful.
- Following an assessment process the Stalybridge bid was selected as one 16 Capital Regeneration Projects to be funded and therefore the Council has been awarded £19.9m.

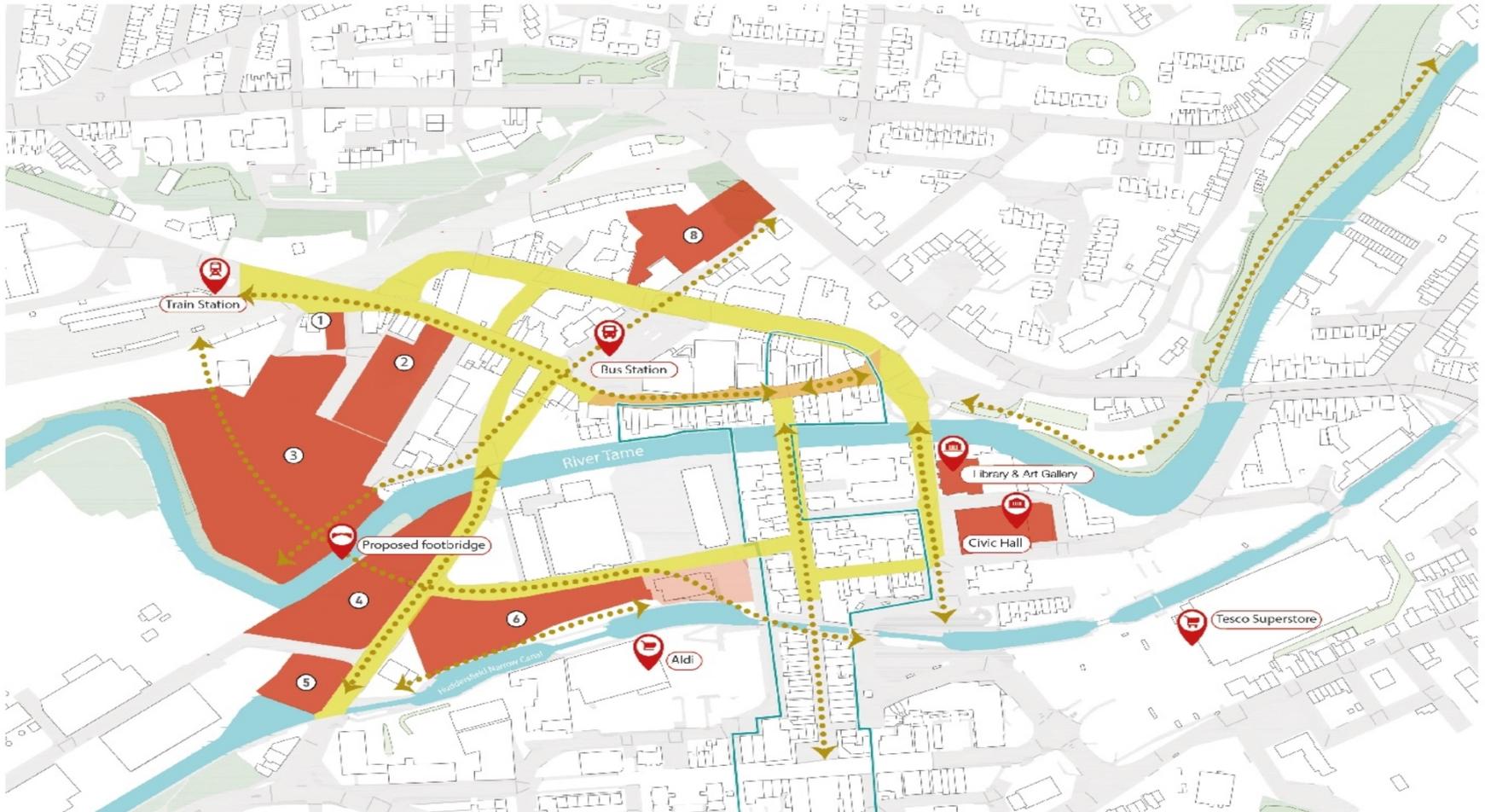
# Stalybridge Opportunities



# Stalybridge Proposals

- Focus on enabling infrastructure to bring forward vacant sites for redevelopment at Stalybridge West in parallel to the work underway to prepare a delivery strategy and procure a developer partner.
- Public realm and active travel works with improved access to public transport.
- Delivery of the Stalybridge 'Cultural Quarter' at the Civic Hall and Ashley Cheetham Art Gallery.
- The proposals support the positive changes in recent years including growth of independent businesses, events such as Street Fest and the role of Stalybridge Rail Station.
- These interventions will help the Town Centre to reach its full potential and deliver further comprehensive regeneration, attracting additional investment.

# Stalybridge Proposals Map



- ① Current land: Nightclub and disused land  
Proposed use: Residential development
- ② Current land: Warehousing and storage space  
Proposed use: Commercial and residential development
- ③ Current land: Derelict land  
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- ⑤ Current land: Surface car park and vegetation  
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- ⑧ Current land: Surface car park and banked vegetation  
Proposed use: Multi-storey car park

Additional sites identified for development

- ..... New pedestrian flow
- Retail core
- Active travel and public realm works
- Active travel and public realm (match funded) works

# Capital Bid

	Proposal	Description	Funding Amount*
1	Salybridge West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remediation and re-provision of existing surface car parking on brownfield land</li><li>Unlocks the sites for future residential development and helps to facilitate further private sector investment</li></ul>	£11.1m
2	Public Realm and Active Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provision of public realm improvements, improved pedestrian routes, cycle storage and better access to public transport</li></ul>	£6.1m
3	Cultural Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Repair works to the Civic Hall to support its reuse</li><li>Repair works and internal restoration to enhance the provision and accessibility of the art gallery and library</li></ul>	£2.7m

**Total Funding**

**£19.9m**

**BCR**

**2.18**

# Next Steps

- Investment to deliver enabling infrastructure works across the sites identified within the Stalybridge West area to facilitate the viable delivery of new housing and commercial space in the Town Centre.
- A delivery strategy and development prospectus being prepared for Stalybridge West to inform Soft Market Testing followed by procurement of a Preferred Partner.
- Delivery programme for Stalybridge West capital works including replacement car parking and a new footbridge across the River Tame.

# Next Steps

- Heritage Walk improvements will complete by the end of 2023.
- Additional funding will now be utilised for the delivery of the public realm along the remainder of Market Street, Trinity Street and other areas of the Town Centre, subject to consultation and budget.
- This will be aligned with the ongoing work to identify improved integration of bus and rail and improved bus stop facilities at Armentieres Square.

# Next Steps

- Listed Building Consent has been achieved for the main roof works at the Civic Hall and works can start later in 2023 subject to approval.
- Delivery programme for repair works and internal restoration at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery and Library being prepared to enhance the provision and accessibility, including the installation of a new internal lift.
- Delivery of the interventions supported will be progressed as part of a wider Stalybridge Town Centre Regeneration Programme, involving consultation and collaboration with partners.
- The Council are awaiting further confirmation on timescales for spend and delivery.