

Heritage Rochdale: Rail Corridor



Location
Rochdale Town Centre

Rochdale Rail Corridor is an ambitious scheme to revitalise neighbourhoods throughout Rochdale by building homes and workspace near to the Borough's five railways stations.

There are huge advantages to building near train stations. Commuting by train reduces carbon emissions, and people who live near stations tend to walk or cycle, further cutting environmental footprints while improving health. Living near a station allows more residents to work in Central Manchester or other parts of the region and also enjoy the quality of life advantages of living in Rochdale, which benefits the local economy.

What the Rail Corridor scheme involves

In total, the Rail Corridor strategy proposes around 7,000 homes and 2.5m sq ft of employment space along the Calder Valley rail corridor, including:

- 1,500 new homes around Rochdale station, catering for 3,500 people
- 43,000 sq ft of new retail and commercial space around Rochdale station
- 26,000 sq ft of offices or managed workspace around Rochdale station
- A new public square at Rochdale station
- 1,500 new homes around Castleton station
- The extension of the Manchester Metrolink to Bury and Heywood via Castleton
- An £11m cycle corridor connecting Castleton to Rochdale

The plans also include development around a potential sixth railway station in the borough, which would be at Slattocks in Middleton.

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Station Gateway

As part of the Rail Corridor scheme, Station Gateway will offer a new, more welcoming entry point to Rochdale for visitors and residents. It will improve the sense of arrival, and - as the name suggests - provide a fitting getaway to the heritage, retail and leisure attractions of Rochdale town centre. Station Gateway plans include:

- A new, more welcoming platform and station experience
- The creation of a new Station Park
- A new pedestrian square to provide arrival, community and event space
- A clear sense of place and wayfinding
- A gateway node to the wider region
- An interchange between transport modes

Neighbourhood

Station Gateway will be the first scheme in the UK to deliver Capital & Centric's new housing concept 'Neighbourhood'. This puts people first in a development of high quality design-led homes, and will also include green space, a community hub and a cafe-bar. Neighbourhood will create a modern, forward-thinking identity for the Station Gateway area.

If you would like to find out further information about the this project, or any of our other projects, please get in touch with The Regeneration Team:

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