



Shaping Rochdale's future

Autumn 2014

The story so far...

The remarkable transformation of Rochdale town centre continues to move on at a pace. Since 2010 the town centre and its close surroundings have undergone significant change. The most recent being the opening of the new Transport Interchange and the arrival of Metrolink, making getting into the town centre easier than ever before.

The biggest change in the town centre is now complete following the demolition of the old bus station and the old Municipal Offices (the Black Box). Work has started on a new entrance to The Wheatsheaf Shopping Centre. In the longer term the town centre redevelopment includes a fantastic mixed retail and leisure development, the re-opening of the River Roch and new uses for the Town Hall.

The scale of the proposed changes to improve Rochdale town centre will inevitably cause some disruption. We are working with contractors to keep disruption to a minimum.

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What's happening

Temporary car parking and open space 01

The demolition of the old Municipal Offices and bus station will make way for the new retail and leisure development.

As an interim measure, until the redevelopment takes place, temporary footpaths will be created across the site where the Black Box was located, taking pedestrians across from the new Transport Interchange, Number One Riverside and Metrolink to the main shopping areas.

A temporary car park will also be created on the site of the old bus station until the new retail and leisure development starts.

The old St Andrew's Church and Broadwater Centre on Smith Street have also been demolished. Temporary car parking for around 100 cars will be created on the site.



Ongoing until Late 2014

Wheatsheaf Shopping Centre entrance 02

A new entrance for the shopping centre will be created on Baillie Street and will include new escalators and lifts.

The Baillie Street entrance will remain open throughout the works for shoppers to access the centre.



Started May 2014

Planned developments

Town Centre East

An exciting new retail and leisure development for Rochdale.

The proposals include new shops, a hotel, a cinema and cafes and restaurants to boost the town's evening economy along with new car parking facilities.

The development scheme extends the existing centre down to meet the new Metrolink and Transport Interchange.

In planning

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River re-opening

The river to which Rochdale owes its name was once the principal feature of the town centre, but now runs hidden through a culvert. The £4m uncovering of the river will reveal a historic medieval bridge.

Planned 2015

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Rochdale Town Hall and Square

Repair and restoration works and new uses for the magnificent Grade 1 listed Town Hall and the Town Hall Square.

Planned 2015-2017

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Shopmobility & Cycle Hub

The Shopmobility unit was relocated to a temporary location on Baillie Street in June 2013. A brand new purpose built premises is proposed adjacent to the Transport Interchange along with a new cycle hub facility.

Planned 2015

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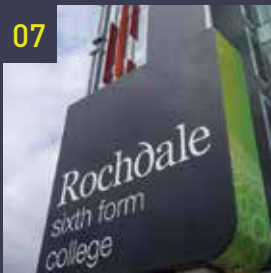


Transforming the town centre - achievements

Rochdale Sixth Form College

£21m state of the art education facility. Rated outstanding by Ofsted & top in the country for value added performance.

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**Opened
September 2010**

Metrolink to the town centre

The Metrolink tram arrived in the town centre in March 2014, with a new tram stop on Smith Street.

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**Opened
March 2014**

Transport Interchange

£11.5m new bus station. The new Transport Interchange provides modern passenger facilities next to the Metrolink stop.

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**Opened
November 2013**

St Andrew's Church

A brand new place of worship on Entwisle Road replaces the old church, demolished to make way for the Town Centre East development.

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**Opened
January 2014**

Hopwood Hall College

£7m re-cladding and improved space for the catering at the Riverside Restaurant & beauty facilities.

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**Opened
Autumn 2013**

Rochdale Police Station

£20m major refurbishment.

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**Opened
December 2010**

Rochdale Pioneers Museum

£2.3m extension to Toad Lane Museum.

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**Opened
October 2012**

Rochdale Leisure Centre

£11m new pool and leisure development.

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**Opened
July 2012**

Number One Riverside

Rochdale's new award winning library, customer service centre, offices and coffee shop. In 2014 Number One Riverside has been named best of the best and the best corporate workplace in the country at the BCO Awards.

Opened March 2013

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Private Sector Investment

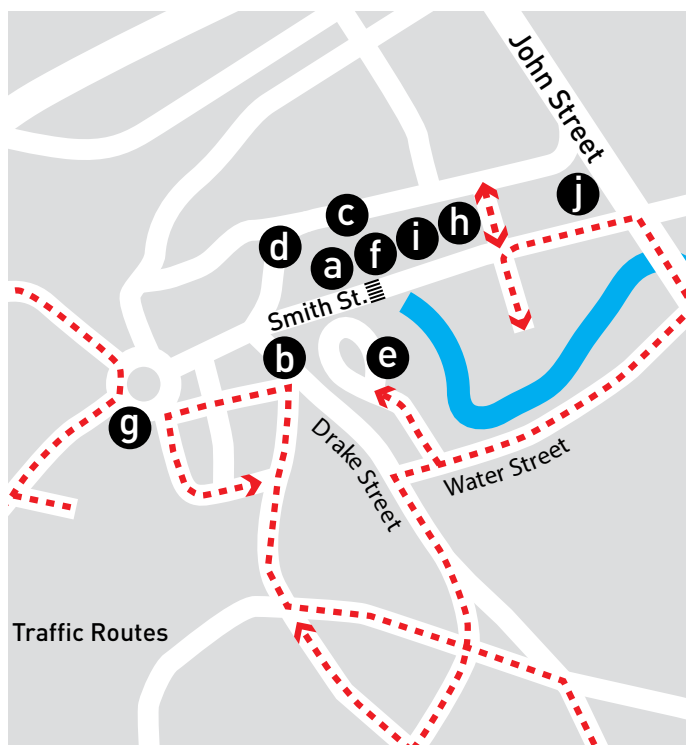
There are encouraging signs that the significant changes taking place across Rochdale town centre are increasing levels of private sector investment.

The major investment being made by the Tetrosyl Group in converting the vacant Newgate House into their corporate headquarters and the proposed new Morrisons store on Smith Street opposite the Metrolink tram stop, is adding to the on-going transformation of Rochdale town centre. Further private sector investment is expected to follow, building on this momentum and helping revitalise Rochdale town centre as a vibrant hub of economic, social and cultural activity.



Highways & Parking

The transformation of Rochdale town centre includes plans to reduce through traffic and make the town centre more pedestrian and cycle friendly.



Schemes complete:

- a) **Smith Street** – buses only between Milton Street and Drake Street
- b) **Lower Drake Street** – buses only uphill between Smith Street and Water Street.
- c) **Baillie Street East** – closed to through traffic outside The Wheatsheaf Shopping Centre
- d) **Constantine Road** – changed to two-way traffic
- e) **New taxi rank and loading bays** on River Street and Faulkner Street
- f) **Smith Street** – new pedestrian crossing

Schemes proposed:

- g) **Removal of the Town Hall Square roundabout** at Newgate/ Esplanade and a new road junction
- h) **Milton Street** – two way traffic to improve access to the temporary car parks
- i) **Temporary car park** on the site of the old bus station
- j) **Temporary car park** on the site of the former Broadwater Centre and St Andrew's Church buildings.

For more information about these town centre development projects please visit www.rochdaletowncentre.com or sign up to our Twitter feed [@RochdaleCentre](https://twitter.com/RochdaleCentre) for regular updates.

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