A new transport interchange for Tameside

Public consultation
Please tell us what you think by 15 September 2015

We are delivering the vision to provide a modern transport interchange for Tameside, for the benefit of transport users and the wider community.

The new interchange will make it easier for people to switch between travelling by bus, tram, bicycle, train and taxi. It will provide a modern, attractive concourse and offer greater access for all passengers as well as better facilities; modern waiting areas, improved security and easier access to travel information and tickets through the redevelopment of the current bus station in Ashton.

Being delivered by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), the Tameside interchange scheme forms part of the Greater Manchester Local Growth Deal Programme.

By making it easier for people in Tameside to access jobs, learning and leisure, the new facility also supports the Vision Tameside strategy for the borough. Available at
it aims to bring greater economic prosperity and transform learning and skills in Tameside.

With the interchange being more compact in size and “wrapping” around the existing Metrolink stop, a large area of land will be released for future development opportunities. This development will aim to ensure long term economic returns to further support the regeneration of the borough and would be subject to further consultation prior to commencement.

You can find out more about the proposals and have your say on what we are planning by visiting one of the public exhibitions being hosted; the details of these are listed on the back page. Or, visit www.tfgm.com/tamesideinterchange to read more about the interchange and give your views.

We plan to start work on site in winter 2016/17, with the interchange open for use in 2018.
Frequently asked questions

Q. What is an interchange?

A. An interchange is a transport hub which allows passengers to change from one type of transport to another, for example metrolink, bus, train, taxi or bicycle. This makes transport more accessible; easier to use, safer, more reliable and enjoyable by enabling better service integration.

Q. Why are you carrying out a consultation?

A. The consultation will help inform our proposals before they are submitted as part of a full planning application to Tameside Council. Comments will be considered before finalising our proposals and prior to submitting the planning application.

Q. What improvements will the new interchange offer over the existing interchange?

A. The new interchange will provide a single modern covered concourse building with enhanced links for pedestrians between Ashton town centre and the interchange. A new interchange will facilitate the growth of the town and allow it to support the rest of the borough by providing access to
employment opportunities, education and leisure. The new interchange will operate more efficiently and will improve the public’s experience of public transport.

Q. What will the new interchange offer?

A. The interchange will be fully accessible and have improved passenger facilities including:

• A direct link to Metrolink
• Ticket and information outlet, retail and café facilities
• High quality, fully accessible toilets, and baby changing
• A covered concourse and seated waiting area
• Secure cycle parking facilities
• Enhanced passenger security
• Clear and concise electronic passenger information
• Improved taxi facilities.

Q. How will bus services be maintained during construction?

A. We will maintain all bus services. Any disruption to passengers and services will be kept to a minimum. Information will be available at the current bus station, in the rail station and online.
Next steps

Once the consultation has ended we will consider all the comments which we have received and we will review the proposal. We will then submit a planning application to Tameside Council for formal approval to build the new interchange. If this is successful, we will then finalise the design. We will publish a summary of the consultation findings at www.tfgm.com/tamesideinterchange before the planning application is submitted.
Your views on the proposed new Tameside interchange

Please go to www.tfgm.com/tamesideinterchange or fill in this form. Please enclose additional sheets if needed.

**Q1.** How important are each of these facilities to you? (Please rate 1-5, with 5 being the most important and 1 being the least important)

- A covered bus station and seated waiting area
- Bus/Metrolink/rail information screens
- New fully accessible toilets, including baby changing facilities
- Cycle storage facilities improved security
- A ticket and information outlet
- The proposed layout of the new interchange
- Retail/Newsagents
- ATM/Cash machine
- Wi-Fi internet access
- Improved security
- Café / Coffee shop
- Easy access to bus station staff
Q2. What are your views on the initial design concepts for the new interchange? Visit [www.tfgm.com/interchanges](http://www.tfgm.com/interchanges) to view the designs.

Q3. How would you use the new interchange; as a starting point, end point, or changing point of your journey?
Q4. Any other comments?
About you:

To help us understand which part of the community is taking part in the consultation, please answer the following questions.

**Q5.** Which is your main means of travel to/from Ashton town centre? (Please tick one):

- [ ] Bus
- [ ] Rail
- [ ] Coach
- [ ] Metrolink
- [ ] Taxi
- [ ] Car
- [ ] Cycle
- [ ] On foot
- [ ] Other
Q6. Are you?

☐ Male

☐ Female

Q7. Which age group are you in?

☐ Under 16

☐ 16-24

☐ 25-39

☐ 40-59

☐ 60-74

☐ 75 and over
Q8. Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or the work you can do?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If yes, what type of disability or impairment do you consider yourself to have? Please detail below.
Q9. Which ethnic group do you consider that you belong to?
Ethnic group (please specify)

☐ Prefer not to say

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**Exhibitions**

You can find out more about the proposals by visiting one of our exhibitions. Our team will be available to answer any queries you may have about the proposals for the new interchange.
The exhibitions will be held on the following dates:

**Ashton-under-Lyne Bus Station**
Saturday 15 August 2015, 10am – 5pm

**Ashton-under-Lyne Train Station**
Monday 17 August 2015, 4pm – 8pm  
Saturday 22 August 2015, 10am – 5pm

**Arcades Shopping Centre, Ashton-under-Lyne**
Saturday 29 August 2015, 10am – 5pm  
Tuesday 1 September 2015, 10am – 5pm

All comments received will be considered as part of the interchange design development.

If you have any questions about this consultation please contact us:

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