

Wigan Stations Gateway

GM Emerging Development Hotspots

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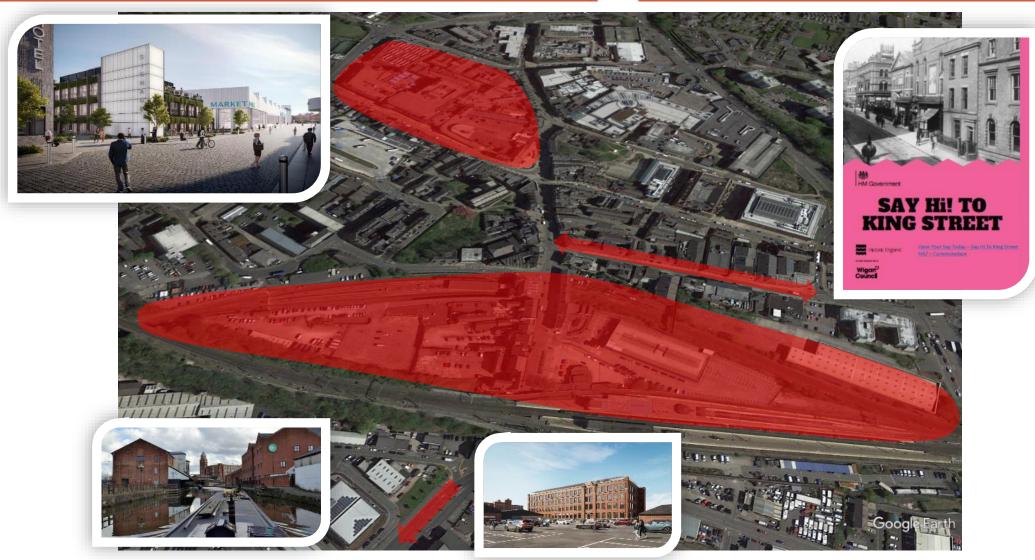
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Wigan Town Centre







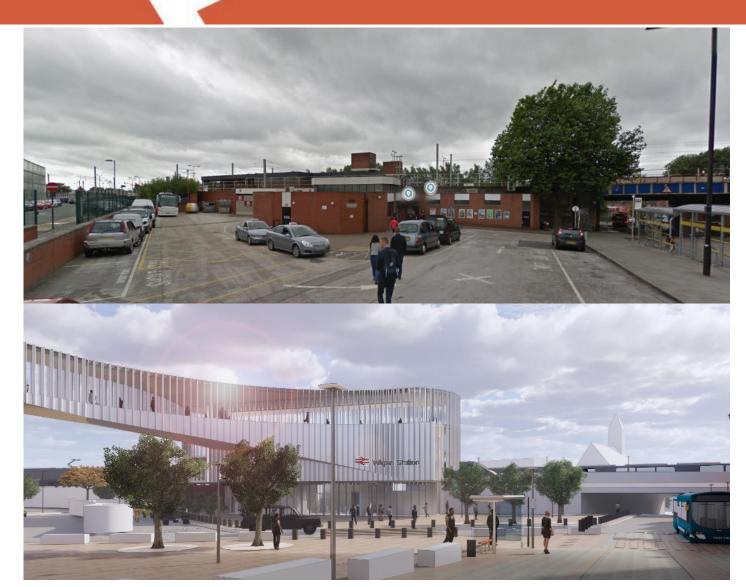
What:

An opportunity in two parts

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Part One - Reconfiguration of North Western and Wallgate stations to:

- Transform the external environment and arrival / departure experience – 3.2 million passengers per year
- Improve connections and interchange
- Capitalise on HS2
- Drive footfall
- Maintain quality of corridor spanning Galleries to Wigan Pier



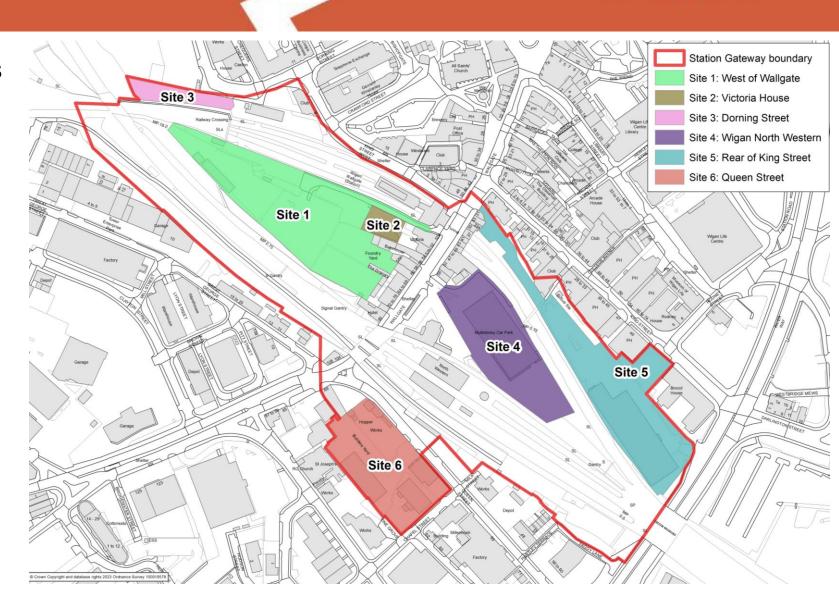
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Part Two - Development of sites in the wider Gateway

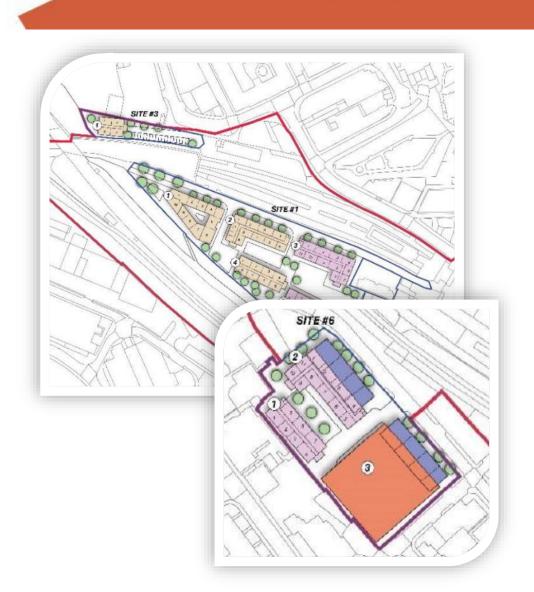
- Six opportunity sites identified, with work under way to identify further opportunities
- Surface car parks
- Existing multi storey car park (relocation)
- Interacts with station improvements (functions / developable area)
- Restructuring of land uses



In Numbers



- Strategic Outline Business Case under way for station intervention
- **Headline Strategic Case** for wider opportunity complete, including testing of concepts for each site
- 4 hectares across 6 sites
- **Core Scenario 552 homes**, food and beverage space and a relocated station multistorey car park
- Alternative Scenario 280 homes, 21,696 sqm of commercial floorspace and the car park
- Land value uplift could total **£5.8m** under the Core Scenario or **£12.1m** under the Alternative Scenario

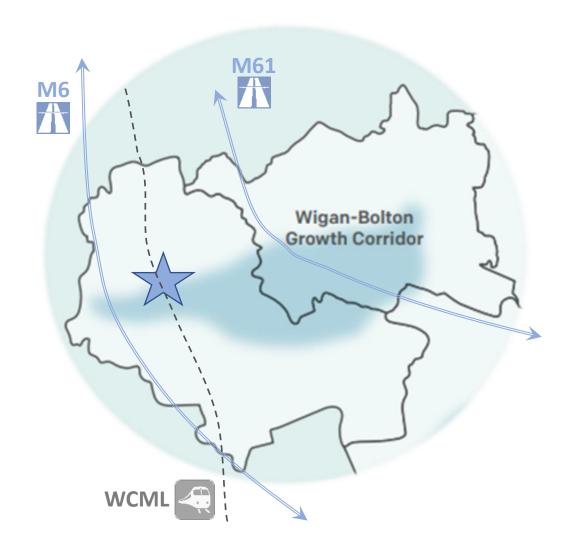


Why:

A key piece of a wider strategy







- 12,000 homes including development of a town centre housing offer
- Key sites at South Hindley (2,000 homes) and
 North Leigh (1,700)
- Employment growth manufacturing, logistics –
 1,000,000 sq m
- Key sites at M6 Junction 25 and west of Gibfield
- Infrastructure delivering decarbonisation and supporting inclusive growth

Why:

Our Strategic Regeneration Framework

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- Approved January 2019
- Single **integrated plan** to guide growth and deliver **transformational change**
- Sets strategic priorities successful
 residential, office, leisure, retail market;
 strong place making; active town centre
 management
- Critical in allowing and demonstrating coordination and long term vision

Build an
ecosystem to
keep young
people and
families in Wigan

Strategic Priorities underpinning the vision for Wigan Town Centre

Diversify the

amenity base

Retain the retail

base through a

defensive retail

strategy

Deliver town centre residential development

Grow the business base to deliver a distinctive town centre

Town centre & street scene management to improve experience for all

Why:

Feeding our pipeline, building on success



- 480 homes with planning permission at Wigan Galleries; Eckersley Mills in planning – ~1,000 homes
- Opportunity to bring forward next cycle of development, at scale, in strategic location within the town centre
- Residential uses to complement Galleries and Eckersleys
- Potential to stimulate commercial office market in Wigan



How:

Opportunities for collaboration

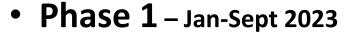


- Track record of public / private collaboration
- Engagement with key stakeholders already under way
- Strategic Governance piece under way; Council in enabling role:
 - ✓ Board level governance established
 - ✓ Coordination of partners' activity
 - ✓ Funding package for project development and due diligence
 - ✓ Political buy-in
- Masterplanning for wider area in progress understanding development opportunity sites and land uses
- Land assembly key business relocations and restructuring of uses



How: Moving forward





Site due diligence Land assembly strategy Stakeholder engagement

Phase 2 – Sept 2023-June 2024

Design and technical due diligence

• Phase 3 – June 2024 onwards

Developer procurement strategy and take to market



The Vision

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- Wigan's front door to the world
- Part of a Wigan town
 centre community –
 a sustainable and liveable
 place
- Seed of a thriving and sustainable
 commercial office
 market in Wigan







Take aways





- Feeding our pipeline and building on success
- Strategic position in Wigan Town Centre
- Council is geared up; funding aligned to priority; partners engaged and active

