

Gorton South Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board minutes

Date and Time: Monday 17 August 2026 530pm

Location: Boundary walking tour/ Gorton Hub, Peter Pan Room

Chair: Jo Sharples

Vice Chair: Chris Kennedy

Secretariat: Michael Fletcher, Manchester City Council

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document]

Suzanne Richards, Councillor for Longsight

Julie Reid, Councillor for Gorton and Abbey Hey

Observers and other attendees:

Apologies:

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The meeting commenced with a boundary walk of the proposed Pride in Place boundary extensions.

Boundary Walk (5:30pm)

Meeting Point: 99 Hemmons Road, Levenshulme, Manchester M12 4QG

Route: Walking tour of the proposed revised boundary, 99 Hemmons Road to Gorton Hub.

Discussion

Board members undertook a group walk around the proposed boundary extension areas.

Members paused at various locations to consider the characteristics of each area and discuss the rationale for including or excluding them from the Pride in Place boundary.

Following the walk, board members reconvened to debrief and share their views on the proposed changes.

Each member was given the opportunity to explain their reasoning regarding the inclusion or exclusion of specific areas.

Outcome

It was agreed that a revised boundary proposal should be prepared and segmented into clear extension options.

These options will be circulated to board members for consideration.

A closed vote will then take place, with responses required by **26 August**. The final decision will be determined by majority vote.

The chair summarised the discussions points below for communicating with the survey.

AREA A – Extend the Boundary to Include the Whole of Nutsford Vale up to Hemmons Road

Pros

- Includes the entirety of Nutsford Vale and the homes backing onto it, rather than only part of the area.
- Residents in this area should be consulted on any proposed changes affecting the Vale.
- The whole of the Vale has been raised in numerous resident conversations relating to safety and security.
- Would allow us to consider improved east-west pedestrian connections, particularly for school routes.

Cons

- We can still invest outside the boundary where necessary, as the boundary is intended to be flexible rather than absolute.
- Keeping the boundary smaller allows investment to remain as focused as possible.

AREA B – Extend the Boundary from Hemmons Road to Stovell Avenue and the Cricket Club

Pros

- This area does not strongly identify with either Longsight or Levenshulme and can often be overlooked in local plans.
- It has a stronger connection to Nutsford Vale and the wider PIP area.
- Includes key community assets such as St Richard's Church, St Richard's School and the cricket club.

Cons

- Our approach to community assets on Northmoor Road has been that they can be supported through funding without being included within the boundary. Consistency would suggest the same approach here.
- We can still invest outside the boundary where necessary, as the boundary is intended to be flexible rather than absolute.
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AREA C – Extend the Boundary to Include Housing South of Stanley Grove along Pink Bank Lane

Pros

- Residents in this area should be consulted on any proposed changes to Nutsford Vale and Annie Lees Park, which directly affect homes backing onto these spaces.
- There are a number of smaller routes and connections that could be improved to strengthen access into the parks.

Cons

- We can still invest outside the boundary where necessary, as the boundary is intended to be flexible rather than absolute.
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AREA D – Extend the Boundary to Include Gorton District Centre up to Garrett Way (North Side of Hyde Road)

Pros

- Gorton District Centre is a key destination and the main shopping area used by many residents within the PIP boundary.
- Significant investment is planned in this area over the next 10 years, including 10 proposed social housing plots along Garrett Way (see attached map).
- There may be opportunities to secure additional funding through partnerships with housing associations, businesses and Section 106 contributions.
- Ensuring PIP proposals align with these developments could help avoid future conflicts or missed opportunities.
- The PIP Board may be able to influence and shape aspects of future investment in the district centre.

Cons

- The area is already receiving substantial investment and inclusion may add complexity to the programme.
- Delivering the current programme is already challenging and expanding the scope may increase this further.
- Keeping the boundary smaller allows investment to remain as focused as possible.

Action - Secretariat to prepare and distribute a survey, including maps of the proposed extension options, and facilitate the closed vote.

2. Resident Engagement Workshop – Group Discussion

Location: Peter Pan Room, Gorton Hub (6:30pm - 7:30pm)

Due to the boundary walk taking longer than anticipated, this agenda item was not discussed.

Outcome

The Resident Engagement Workshop will be moved to a future meeting.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

No additional items were raised.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th September 1730 Venue TBC