

Public Questions

	Questioner/ Respondent	Question
1	Jonathan Moss (not attending)	Please could the council confirm if the road markings are to be reinstated on Bridge Street in Ramsbottom? There are 2 areas that require attention: The junction with Railway Street, which sees well over 100 HGV movements a day has lead to no road makings existing anymore, combined with an extremely poor quality of the surface in that area. Bridge Street itself received some large patching in May 2026 organised by the council. Nobody returned to repaint the double yellow lines that previously existed, this would be expected of a utility company but the council don't seem to apply the same rules to themselves.
	Councillor L Smith	An order to reinstate the road markings on Bridge Street, Ramsbottom is with our contractor. The markings are scheduled to be reinstated before the end of September.
2	Andy Hay (attending)	Could an update, including timescales, be provided on progress with the Prestwich Regeneration Programme, specifically the position regarding the shop demolitions and arrangements for the library?
	Councillor O'Brien	Extensive progress continues to be made on the Prestwich Village Regeneration Project. The first phase (Phase 1A Travel Hub) is almost complete and will be handed over to the Council by end September/early October 2026. APCOA (the procured car park operator) is currently working closely with the Council to ensure that their parking management equipment is installed as quickly as possible to enable the facility to be operational shortly after handover. Good progress continues with the preparation of the next phase (Phase 1B and 2) that will see the new library, market hall, retail, leisure and public realm, as well as new homes.

		The Joint Venture is currently in discussion with the GMCA with regards to the funding strategy. Once confirmed and planning is approved, detailed design will commence before appointment of a contractor. It is expected that work on site will commence from next year. Demolition: Work is underway to demolish the Longfield Shopping Centre. Internal demolition will take up to 12 weeks to complete before the buildings can start to physically be demolished. All demolition works are expected to be complete by early next year which will leave a cleared site ready for development. There will be regular liaison with the surrounding businesses during demolition with signage to confirm its 'business open as usual'. There will also be designated pedestrian routes and clearly signposted diversions in place throughout the demolition programme to ensure pedestrian safety. Regular social media comms will be posted Library: The temporary library located in the Phoenix Centre (St Mary's Park) has been open since 28th May 2026 and will continue to operate from this fully refurbished location until its new permanent home is ready back in the village centre. Timescales for moving will be in line with the delivery of Phase 1B/2.
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