

Great Reasons to Invest In Bolton...

Every town has its moment. And with over £1 billion being spent on a local regeneration program (Bolton Innovation Zone) Bolton's time is now!



Where is the Bolton Innovation Zone?

The Zone stretches from Le Mans Crescent to the University of Bolton and across to Trinity Railway Station taking in the well-known destinations of the Museum, Library and Art Gallery, Law Courts, Jobcentre Plus, Octagon Theatre, Bolton Market, Mecca Bingo, Morrisons and the bus station.

Why is it important for Bolton?

With new investment and effective planning, Bolton will become a key gateway and create lots of jobs in the process.

Who does it involve?

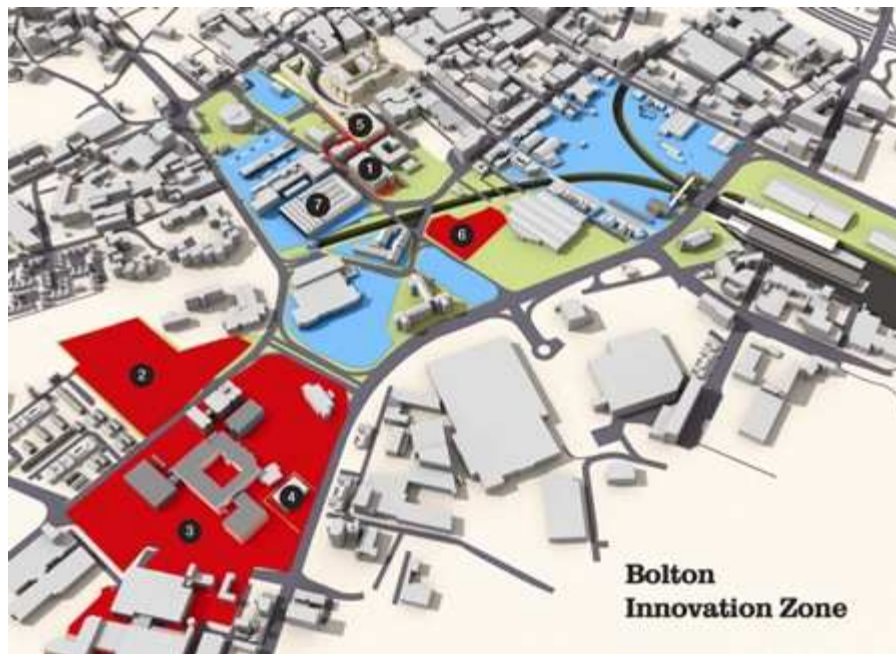
Bolton Council is working with a range of partners including the University of Bolton, Bolton Community College and Sixth Form College, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive, Heritage Lottery Fund, Learning and Skills Council, Northwest Regional Development Agency and the people of Bolton.

What does it involve?

Plans to move the bus station to a site nearer the train station will produce an efficient Transport Interchange and also release land at Moor Lane. Together with other existing sites, a significant development opportunity will be created.

How long will it take?

Development is still at the early stages and will be completed in approximately 10 years. The Council is producing a Development Prospectus in October which will identify the development opportunities within the Zone. The Council will then select a preferred developer, or number of developers, by spring 2008 to take this work forward.



What does it mean to Bolton?

In short, it means that in the future Bolton will benefit from better facilities, better services and more employment opportunities through the following...

1. Le Mans Square

The former Odeon Cinema is to be redeveloped into a mixed-use scheme that includes offices, shops, residential accommodation and hotel.

Anticipated completion date: summer 2009

2. Colleges Co-location

Bolton Community College and Bolton Sixth Form College will co-locate in a town centre site which will form a central education campus, and engineering and construction school. There will also be a new multi-storey car park on the site.

Anticipated completion date: September 2009

3. The University of Bolton

The UK's fastest growing University will concentrate its operations onto its main town centre Deane Road Campus. The University of Bolton and Bolton Council are working together very closely on several of the initiatives within the Zone.

Consolidation onto Deane Road Campus: autumn 2008

4. Town Centre Swimming Pool

An 8-lane 25-metre swimming pool is proposed for location on the University's Deane Road Campus. It will also feature a hydrotherapy pool, 12-station fitness suite, dance studio and the refurbishment of the University's existing sports hall.

Anticipated completion date: end of 2009

5. Bolton Museum, Art Gallery and Aquarium

An enhancement of the Museum, Art Gallery and Aquarium has been proposed in partnership with the University of Bolton's Centre for Materials Research and Innovation. This will provide a new focus for the interpretation of the Museum's collections – particularly those relating to textiles – creating a unique visitor attraction.

Anticipated completion date: 2012

6. Magistrates' Court

A brand-new Magistrates' Court on Blackhorse Street will replace the existing out-of-date facility on Le Mans Crescent. The funding for this £50m project will be shared between Bolton Council and Salford Council.

Anticipated completion date: summer 2010

7. Bolton Market

The Market is a valuable element of the Zone and, as such, will soon benefit from some short-term improvements. These include maintenance, cosmetic work and promotional activity - look out for the branded Bolton Market taxi which will hit the streets soon! In the long-term, we will be looking to our new development partners to generate investment to provide better facilities for traders, customers and the people of Bolton.

Anticipated completion date:

short-term works - October 2007

long-term improvements - 2015

Two other exciting initiatives that have yet to find a home are...

Creative Arts Centre

It is proposed that this will be a place where Bolton's diverse community can come together in a relaxed way to experience and learn from arts and culture, both as participants and audience. It will feature performance space, exhibition space, studios and workshops.

Anticipated completion date: 2012

Knowledge Centre

It is proposed that this purpose-built centre will deliver learning and resource facilities for a thriving student population and the wider community. This exciting new facility will provide a unique service for learners, young and old, academic and general public.

Anticipated completion date: 2015

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