

Regeneration

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Dear Mr Lockett

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The regeneration strategy for Oldham is indeed Boroughwide and Failsworth has much to contribute to the regeneration process. It has attracted investment and will continue to do so.

The Rochdale Canal has been reinstated, a major new health centre has only recently opened and new house building is proceeding on land between the two. Environmental improvement works are currently on site to restore the area around Failsworth Pole and on the A62, funded by a combination of Housing Market Renewal and European Regional Development Funding.

The intention is that all of these major investments and improvements in Failsworth town centre and the public realm should make Failsworth attractive to still further activity, investment and development. This should be seen as benefiting both Failsworth and Oldham as a whole, rather than the one at the expense of the other.

Regeneration projects touching the various other parts of the Borough are similarly seen as contributing to community cohesion in the same way.

Yours sincerely

CIIr David Hibbert

