



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RESIDENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION DAY**

Residents of Knutton and Cross Heath are being invited to attend an information day to find out about the refreshed masterplan for their neighbourhood.

The information day will take place on Saturday, September 16, from 10am to 2pm at:

- Knutton Recreation Centre
- Ramsey Road Community Centre
- Robertson Drive Sheltered Housing Scheme.

RENEW North Staffordshire and its partners will give details at the events of the refreshed masterplan for Knutton and Cross Heath. Detailed proposals for 2006-08 and outline plans for 2008-10 will be shown to residents.

The draft masterplan for Knutton and Cross Heath was developed together with residents during 2004-05. Seventy per cent of residents supported the proposals at open days in May 2005.

Since then RENEW North Staffordshire and its partners have reviewed the draft masterplan. This was part of a standard process to ensure that plans in the areas of major intervention are realistic and offer value for money.

As a result a refreshed masterplan, along with detailed proposals for 2006-08 and outline proposals for 2008 onwards have been prepared. These will be explained to residents at the information days.

Hardial Bhogal, director of RENEW North Staffordshire, said: “Local people in Knutton and Cross Heath have worked very hard over the past couple of years to help produce the draft masterplan for their neighbourhood.

“Since then we and our partners have reviewed the masterplan to ensure the proposals are achievable within the timescales and budgets available.

“As a result the masterplan has been refreshed to offer a more limited number of targeted changes, while still achieving the overall aim of transforming the neighbourhood into a place that is thriving and popular in the future.

“We now have the money to get on and deliver many of the changes people want to see. This is the beginning of a very exciting time for Knutton and Cross Heath.”

### **Ends**

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### **Notes to editors**

1. RENEW North Staffordshire is the housing market renewal pathfinder for Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Biddulph East. Our aim is to help make North Staffordshire a thriving, diverse conurbation where people want to live, work, invest and study. We do this by working with communities and partners to:
  - balance housing supply and demand
  - retain and attract population
  - provide quality housing that meets the aspirations of existing and new residents
  - transform the environment and make the best of our heritage and green space
  - support economic regeneration.

2. The RENEW North Staffordshire team can be contacted by the public on 01782 232024 or [renew@civic1.stoke.gov.uk](mailto:renew@civic1.stoke.gov.uk). Further information can be found on the website: [www.renewnorthstaffs.gov.uk](http://www.renewnorthstaffs.gov.uk).