



UPDATING YOU

ON OUR PROPOSALS TO EXPAND EDGELEY PARK



Back in September, we launched a first stage of consultation to present our initial ideas for the expansion of Edgeley Park. As a club rooted in our local community, we want to develop our plans for an expanded Edgeley Park by working closely with our fans, our neighbours, and the wider Stockport community.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you who took the time to engage with the consultation and provide feedback.

In this consultation update, we wanted to provide an update on how we consulted, what we heard and what we'll be doing next.

OUR VISION FOR AN EXPANDED EDGELEY PARK

Edgeley Park has been our home since 1902 and the Club has been a key part of the community in Stockport for 120 years.

Our planned expansion of Edgeley Park is a key part of our seven-year vision of returning the Club to the Championship, providing us with the necessary platform for future success. We want a stadium that matches our ambitions and provides our loyal fans and visitors with the best possible matchday experience. We also want a stadium that respects and complements the residential community within which it sits and that's environmentally conscious and welcoming to people with different needs.

OUR FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

As part of the first stage of consultation, which ran from mid-September to mid-October 2022, we held four in-person drop-in sessions at the Club and provided information via a dedicated page on our website. We asked the local community and our fans to submit feedback via our consultation questionnaire, which was available to complete online and at our drop-in sessions.

4 CONSULTATIONS **221 EVENT ATTENDEES** **558 COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES**

THIS IS WHAT YOU TOLD US:



Of the different elements of our plans, the most popular things were:



YOU ALSO TOLD US THAT THESE WERE SOME OF THE KEY PRIORITIES TO CONSIDER AS WE DEVELOP OUR PLANS FURTHER:

- Ensure the character and identity of Edgeley Park is retained. People praised the atmosphere of Edgeley Park at the minute and requested that this be maintained and enhanced by the planned expansion, not diluted. People said that the new stands needed to be characterful to preserve Edgeley Park's strong identity.
- Improve the parking situation for local residents on matchdays and encourage people to travel to Edgeley Park via public transport. It was suggested that a robust traffic management plan is needed, as well as enhancements to signage and access to enable fans to arrive via train or bus.
- Upgrade the stadium's facilities for people with disabilities or additional needs. Local organisations representing people with additional needs responded to our consultation and we'll be meeting with them in the next few months to understand their needs in more detail.
- Improve the food and drink offerings throughout the stadium, including a wider variety of options.
- Introduce features to improve energy efficiency, use of renewable energy and biodiversity in and around Edgeley Park.

This list is not exhaustive, and we received lots more feedback and suggestions about the design of the stands, matchday management issues, questions about construction and a host of other important topics.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Having taken on board what you told us, we are now working hard to address the points raised to ensure we deliver an expanded stadium that works for both the fans and the wider community.

We will be returning for the second stage of consultation in early 2023, to present our more detailed plans for the new Railway End (East Stand), as well as our masterplan for the stadium as whole, and asking for comments on both. It is the Club's intention to submit two planning applications; a detailed application for full planning permission on the new Railway End, and an outline application for the stadium masterplan, both likely in Spring next year, after we have received feedback during the next consultation and reviewed the proposals to take feedback on board.

OTHER UPDATES...

Thomson Street Footbridge Opening

The new railway footbridge connecting Thomson Street and King Street West is going to be open in time for our next home match on Saturday 17 December. The new bridge will provide an upgraded link across the railway line at Edgeley for pedestrians and cyclists and make it quicker and easier for fans to access Edgeley Park from the train station and the town centre.

Improved car parking for fans on Matchdays

The Club have agreed a partnership with NCP which will allow fans access to the 1000 space multi storey car park at Stockport station, at a heavily discounted rate of £3 for four hours on matchdays and weekday match evenings. Full details on how fans can access this facility have been published on the Club's website. With the opening of the Thomson Street Footbridge fans can now access this car park without walking through the station which means they can park and arrive at the stadium in 10 minutes.

The Club have also been in discussion with a number of local schools about using their facilities for matchday parking and we expect to make announcements on increased car parking capacity within those schools soon.

Fan Travel

The Club has also recently gained planning approval for a temporary car park on land behind the East Stand. As part of this approval, we will shortly be installing a set of Electric Vehicle charging points and also installing new, covered cycle storage in the Cheadle End, to encourage fans and visitors to use more sustainable methods of transport when visiting the stadium.

County Courtyard

Stockport Council has approved plans for an exciting new fan zone at Edgeley Park, which aims to ease congestion around the ground as match attendance numbers go from strength-to-strength.

Now County's dedicated fan zone, named County Courtyard, will be able to cater for up to 1,500 fans thanks to three shipping containers and a stretch tent providing cover from Stockport's unpredictable downpours. There'll be additional seating for fans to enjoy a pre-match bite and drink along with one of the containers housing additional toilets including accessible and baby changing facilities.

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