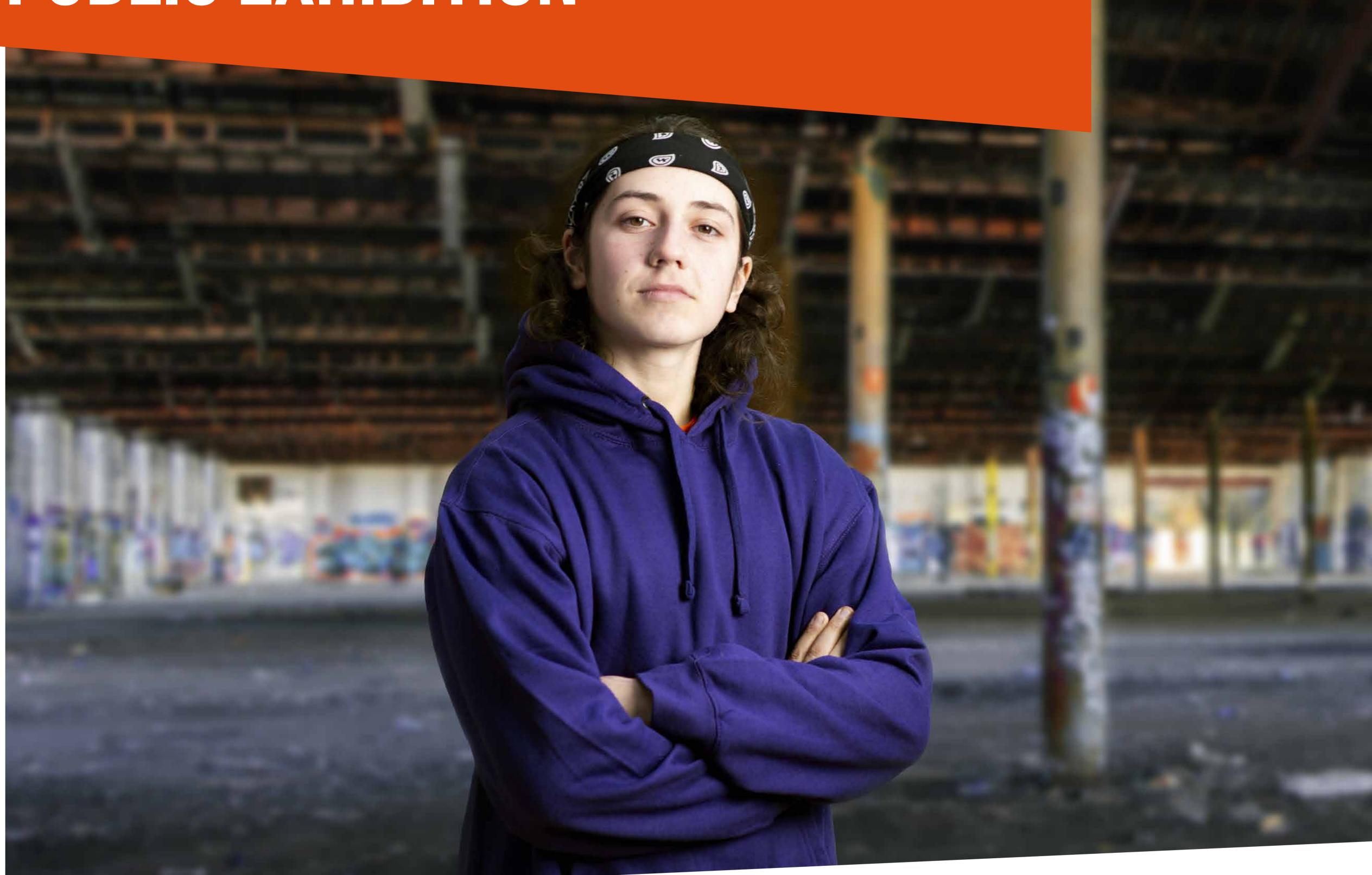


# WELCOME TO OUR PUBLIC EXHIBITION



# CHANGING THE STORY WITH INDEPENDENT LIVING Plans for genuinely affordable homes in Gorton for 18-25 year olds in work.

Working in partnership with Manchester City Council, the plans are part of Centrepoint's groundbreaking Independent Living Programme which aims to provide independent homes for young people aged 18 to 25 who are employed, with rent contributions at just one-third of their gross annual salary.

We have on display a range of banners on different topics. Members of the project team are available today to speak to you about the project, answer questions and listen to your views.

We value your feedback, so please do take the time to fill in a feedback form or visit our project website to let us know what you think.

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# The site is bounded by Chapman Street to the east, Carfax Street to the west, a pedestrian route to the north and Cross Lane to the south.

The site, disused land in Gorton, is well-located, being within easy walking distance of Tesco Extra, Gorton Market and a medical centre, as well as on several bus routes, and 3 miles from the centre of Manchester.

We propose upgrading the pedestrian route through the introduction of lighting and windows facing the pathway to enhance its appeal.















## One of the biggest barriers to ending youth homelessness is a lack of affordable housing that is suitable for young people.

The average wait time for social housing is now 20 years, and 89% of those living in supported accommodation say they cannot afford private rented accommodation.

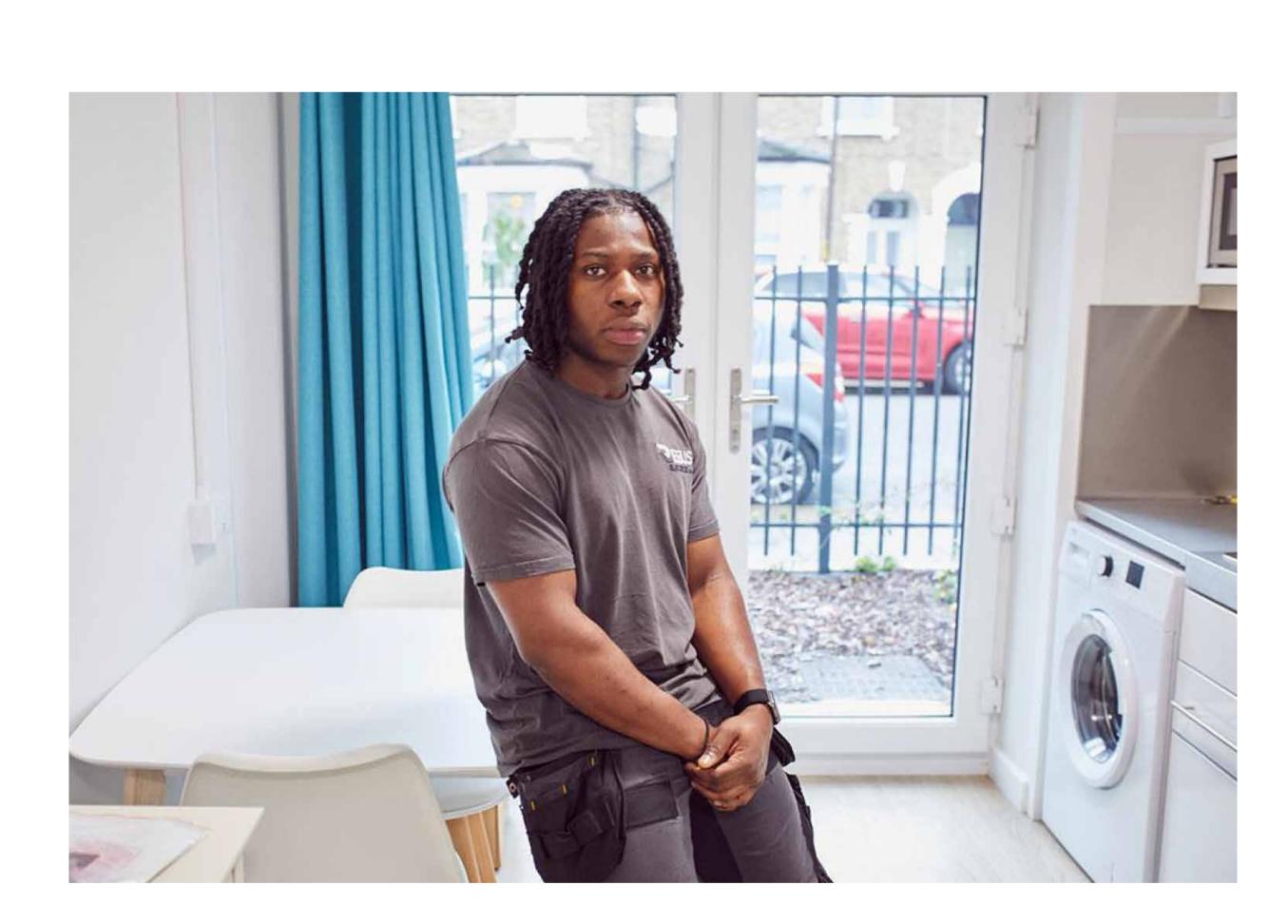
Centrepoint provides housing and support for young people regionally in London, Manchester, Yorkshire and the North East and through partnerships all over the UK.

#### Our ambition is to end youth homelessness by 2037.

We have embarked on a programme to build around eight new buildings, mostly in London, which will provide 300+ homes for independent living for young people.

The aim of the programme is to provide genuinely affordable housing, at a rent of approximately 1/3 of annual salary, for young people who would otherwise be unable to live independently. The intention is to provide medium-term housing: tenancies will be on a fixed-term basis of two years, with the opportunity to extend for a further three years if required.

The first development in the programme was Reuben House, in the London Borough of Southwark. This was completed in 2023, and is currently fully occupied with young people working in a variety of roles, including within hospitality, the building industry and social services.



"Reuben House not only provided me with a safe place to sleep but also offered me a sense of hope and dignity during a challenging time in my life. The kindness and compassion shown by your staff and volunteers have made a profound impact on me, and I am forever grateful for your generosity."

Andrew, Reuben House



Illustration of proposals looking north west from Cross Lane and Chapman Street junction

Centrepoint has negotiated a lease for the land at Chapman Street from Manchester City Council (MCC). This will help MCC deliver 34 more genuinely affordable homes for young people.

#### To qualify for a tenancy a young person will:

- Be aged 18-25
- Have lived successfully within supported accommodation or is at immediate risk of homelessness
- Be in full-time employment, or has undertaken a registered apprenticeship
- Have no embedded or complex support needs

Under the lease, MCC will have the right to nominate eligible young people for a place in the completed development.

#### Our proposals for this unused site include:



34 genuinely affordable selfcontained homes



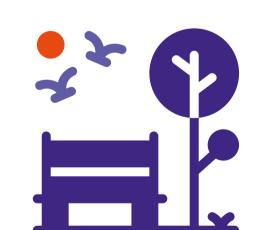
Internal store for 34 bicycles



Car-free development



Communal room



Communal outdoor courtyard area





Our proposed two-storey building will be surrounded by attractive landscaping and have a communal courtyard area for tenants.

12 trees are to be planted in the courtyard to provide shade, habitat for wildlife and visual interest.

6 trees are to be planted around the building, together with shrubs and other landscaping to provide privacy for tenants and an attractive setting. The new trees will replace the 14 which will be removed.





### CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

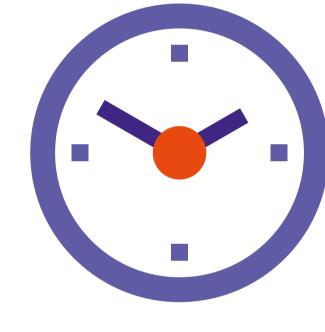


Centrepoint is committed to being a good neighbour during construction. A Construction Management Plan will be agreed with Manchester City Council to minimise disruption to residents and will form part of the planning application.

#### This means:



A residents' liaison officer will be available as a point of contact for any queries



Restricted working hours for construction



A secure and safe site with 24-hour security



Agreed routes to streamline construction traffic



Managed deliveries to minimise neighbour impact





## Thank you for coming today. Please let us know your thoughts by filling out a feedback form

Our consultation banners can be downloaded from www.centrepoint.org.uk/chapmanstreet for information and for anyone unable to attend our event.

We have provided feedback forms on tables around the Atrium. Do tell us your views about the proposals, before we submit our planning application to Manchester City Council. Alternatively, you can email your comments directly to us via the email address or you can submit feedback online via our project webpage (details below). Please send your feedback to us by **Tuesday 6th January 2026.** 

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#### What happens next?

(Indicative timeline)

December 2025
Consultation

Late January 2026

Centrepoint submits planning application to Manchester City Council

Summer/Autumn 2026

If the planning application is successful, work commences on site

January 2026
Project team reviews
feedback

Spring 2026

Planning application determined by Manchester City Council

Summer 2027
Delivery of 34
independent living
affordable homes