



# Central Regeneration Continues



Council Officers discuss progress in Central Rochdale with Housing Boss Councillor Zulfiqar Ali, Councillor Khalid Mahmood amongst others.

Central Rochdale have a lot of work to do but have made a good start. Projects like Unique Mill are flourishing and we hope to see more of the same. The party from Sahiwal couldn't believe the positive changes since they last came. Central Rochdale is really benefiting from Liberal Democrat Councillors.

Khalid Mahmood said, "We

# Rochdale Canal Fight!



Councillor Dale Mulgrew has spoken of his anger to news that Rochdale Canal may be under threat due to a Government error.

The Labour Government have bungled payments that may lead to essential work to Rochdale Canal being cancelled. A report in the Daily Telegraph makes the damaging claims.

Dale said, "It is over 200 years since Rochdale Canal started serving the people of our Town and this is a huge cause of concern. The fact is that Labour incompetence has

led to another service in Rochdale being threatened with closure. It is not acceptable that one of the jewels in Rochdale's crown is threatened in this way. There is no way we will give up without a fight and I will work hard to ensure that Rochdale Canal remains a working example of our proud heritage."

MP Paul Rowen has already written an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons to help the fight safeguard our canal.



## It's happening in Rochdale!

The first part of the consultation on the future of our Town Centre is now over. Council Leader Alan Taylor would like to thank all the people who took part. He said, "This is an exciting time for the Town and we are already seeing many positive changes including the demolition of Electric House to make way for the new Bus Station. It's happening in Rochdale!"

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## MEP Nominated for Green Award

NORTH West Lib Dem Chris Davies MEP has been nominated for a prestigious award by the world's largest environment organisation.

The Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) says that over the past year Chris has been the most important individual MEP for parliamentary majorities in favour of strong environmental legislation. WWF also highlight the role the Liberal Democrat MEP has played in convincing a large majority of his party to support a range of environmental issues.

Tony Long, the Director of WWF's European Policy Office in Brussels, has praised Mr Davies' environmental credentials. "Chris is extremely knowledgeable, interested and committed to finding solutions to the big environmental issues that are now confronting us. WWF considers him to be a major champion for the environment in the European Parliament."

