

Hollinwood gasholder dismantling complete



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National Grid has completed work to dismantle an unused gasholder on its site off Albert Street in Hollinwood.

The site was cleared as part of National Grid's on-going nationwide gasholder dismantling programme. Gasholders are no longer required due to investments made to improve the national network, meaning gas can be stored in the pipe system underground.

Hannah White, Land Regeneration Manager for National Grid, said: "We're delighted to have successfully completed the dismantling of the gasholder and to have played our part in the future regeneration of this brownfield site."

The dismantling works have been undertaken in partnership with Oldham Council and the site will now form part of the Hollinwood Junction development.

Councillor Sean Fielding, Leader of Oldham Council, said: "Hollinwood Junction is an excellent location and has attracted a lot of interest from major brands.

"Now that this site has been cleared and, coupled with the opening last year of the Euro Garages site, we can move forward with our plans to create jobs, boost the local economy and improve the appearance of the area.

"We're looking to create an alternative business location to Manchester City centre, based upon better value and great transport links.

"This is one of a number of sites, such as the new Oldham Heritage and Arts Centre and the Broadway Green development, where we are working to transform the borough."

Commenting on the news, Neal Biddle, Langtree's group development director said: "Hollinwood's position on the M60 has real appeal to occupiers and its wider transport links mean that there's a big pool of skilled workers that employers can tap right in to. Greater Manchester's graduate pool is substantial and can reach the site easily, so for knowledge-based businesses seeking an alternative to the city centre's high costs Hollinwood Junction is an ideal option."

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