

# Ideas for Huyton

## An exhibition of Huyton Village High Street Renewal activations and regenerations by Studio Pen and Inc

**Sandy Britton LSA**  
**Project Director**  
**Dr Fei Chen LSA**  
**(Urban Form and**  
**Social Space**  
**research group)**  
**Project Director**  
**22-29th June**  
**6-8 Derby Road**  
**Huyton Village**

*Thank you to:*  
Exhibition and Event  
Team: Patrick Allan,  
Samantha Evans,  
Xhesika Bicaku,  
Amira Al Najjar,  
Nihaad  
Choudhury, Leontina  
Frunza, Harvey  
Munro, Donny  
Dailyda, Yuan Zhang,  
Qifeng Hou,  
Guyu Bao, Molly  
Fitzpatrick, Emma  
Smith, Conor Foster,  
Holly Knight Parfitt,  
Tony Lees

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/architecture/research/urbanformandsocialspace/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/architecture/research/urbanformandsocialspace/)

[www.architectural-emporium.co.uk](http://www.architectural-emporium.co.uk)  
[www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

The exhibition, *Ideas for Huyton*, brings 'home' the high Street visioning projects of BA3 Studio Pen and Inc to Derby Road, Huyton. The students' work was displayed on the street, across the threshold of the venue 'Common', and in the windows of an empty shop unit on Derby Road. The exhibition generated conversations and interests from passers-by about their high street.

The launch event in 'Common' was attended by the public, the council and industry professionals creating a forum for discussion and reflection.

*"The students have delivered some fantastic designs and ideas and have clearly taken on board some of the feedback about what residents and visitors want to see. The plans for Huyton Village Centre are really exciting and the Council are keen to explore ideas to make best use of the space."*

Cllr Tony Brennan, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development

<https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/architecture-students-showcase-their-designs-for-huyton-village-centre/>

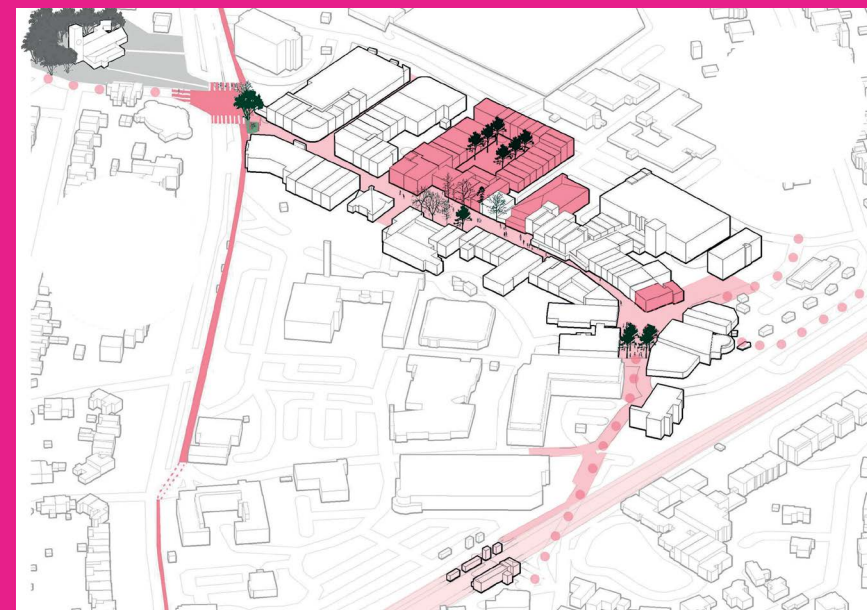
The studio has worked in collaboration with: Architectural Emporium, a Liverpool based chartered practice, Dr Fei Chen from the research group *Urban Form and Social Space*, and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council to identify the post-pandemic challenges faced by Huyton and to test design solutions.

In semester 1, students envisioned a micro-plan and a meanwhile proposal for the Signature High Street. Projects provided either a temporary, reusable solution to a current challenge, or acted as an activator to test a specific need or a specific activity.

In semester 2, after consultation with the public in Huyton through an online survey, students visioned three types of building complex on three high street sites which had the

# Ideas for Huyton

: by young Architects in the making



Huyton Village Samantha Evans

**Dates** : 22nd June – 29th June 6 to 8 Derby Road

**Launch** : 22 June 2022. @COMMON, 24 Derby Road. 11 – 3 pm

### Speakers at Noon Include:

James Duncan Executive Director (Resources) Knowsley Metropolitan Council  
Luke Cooper Director Architectural Emporium  
Dr Fei Chen Urban Form and Social Space. University of Liverpool.  
Sandy Britton RIBA Liverpool School of Architecture.

### Students

Patrick Allan  
Amira Al-Najjar  
Charlotte Bailey  
Amer Balan  
Guyu Bao  
Charlotte Bebb  
Xhesika Bicaku  
Monica Chen  
Nihaad Choudhury  
Donny Dailyda  
Angela Duka  
Duyo Egwudale  
Sam Evans

Amna Farooq  
Leontina Frunza  
Qifeng Hou  
Zoe Huang  
Malak Ismail  
Sunil Kim  
Bettuel Mehdi  
Harvey Munro  
Som Phoeuk  
Emma Smith  
Yifan Su  
Yiqun Tang  
Bo Wang

Alex Wignall  
Jingbo Zhang  
Jingshu Zhang  
Yuan Zhao

### Tutors

Sandy Britton  
Sarah Green  
Tony Lees  
Giles Wheeldon  
Stuart Gee

### Special Thanks

Dr Fei Chen  
Architectural Emporium  
Knowsley Metropolitan  
Borough Council  
Rachel James  
Sian Atherton  
Luke Cooper  
Simon Cadie  
Dave King  
Rowena Creagh  
Trevor Skempton  
Dr Hanmei Chen  
Ardi Rexhepi  
Avison Young  
DK Architects  
Holly Knight Parfitt  
Molly Fitzpatrick



*Ideas for Huyton Poster*



Thank you to  
Launch Speakers:  
James Duncan  
(KMBC)  
Luke Cooper (AE)  
Dr Fei Chen  
(UoL\_UFSS)  
Samantha Evans  
(LSA)  
Emma Smith (LSA)  
Amira Al Najjar (LSA)  
Intro: Sandy Britton  
(LSA)

Thank you:  
Joel Lawson  
Jennifer Mallen  
(Avison Young)  
Mark Bingley  
Jonathan Kearney  
Jonathan Lowe  
(KMBC)  
Cllr Tony Brennan

Thank you to  
our venue hosts  
COMMON and our  
guests and visitors  
on the day

BA3 Studio Pen and  
Inc continued its  
theme Liveable cities  
and Fragile Futures.  
Its work explores the  
balances to be found  
between social,  
sustainable and  
economic demands  
to create vibrant,  
happy and healthy  
places to live and  
love.

highest development potential. Sherbourne Square was to be a Community Housing-based hub; Mayfair Cinema site an Arts and Culture focussed hub, and the William Hill site a Health and Well-being based hub. All proposals aimed to reuse and renew existing buildings which were significant heritage for Huyton.

For stakeholders in Huyton, students' design scenarios provided valuable visions for the high street's future. For the students, the involvement in a real-life development project proved to be a highly effective learning mechanism. For the researcher, the collaborative process of design-led regeneration offered interesting insights.

*"collaboration is essential – a high street should be an eclectic mix of building types and uses and therefore can only benefit from a collection of ideas, rather than a design from a single person or practice."* Luke Cooper Architectural Emporium Ltd

A reflective paper on the collaborative process of design is in the making, and to be presented at the ISUF 2022 Conference.

A report of the project and some valuable design recommendations for local design policies will also be produced in July to assist the street's sustainable and zero-carbon development.

This collaboration between Sandy Britton, Fei Chen, Architectural Emporium and the local council has been supported by the Research Development and Initiative Fund of the School of the Arts and the Flexible Impact Fund of the HSS, University of Liverpool.

- 1 Ideas for Huyton Exhibition 6-8 Derby Road and team
- 2 Councillor Tony Brennan (far left) with KMBC, LSA and AE project collaborators. (L-R James Duncan, Tony Lees, Michael Southern, Mark Bingley, Sandy Britton Dr Fei Chen, Luke Cooper) ©Jonathan Kearney
- 3 Ideas for Huyton Launch. Artificial Intelligence. Patrick Allan and James Duncan (KMBC)
- 4 Ideas for Huyton Launch. Common threshold
- 5 Ideas for Huyton Sandwich Boards
- 6 Ideas for Huyton Launch. LSA Student and Teaching Team

