

Townscape Heritage Initiative in Chapeltown

Leeds has been given a Stage 1 approval by the Heritage Lottery Fund to bid for funding that will help breathe new life into one of the city's most historic areas.

Buildings blighted by disrepair and dereliction in Chapeltown will be rejuvenated as part of the scheme. Leeds is the only large city in the UK to get a Stage 1 approval, and subject to the Stage 2 approval being successful it Chapeltown could receive £1.1million to develop its Townscape Heritage Initiative. The money is part of more than £13million handed out by the Heritage Lottery Fund's Townscape Initiative programme to regenerate historic parts of towns and cities.

The work will take place within the proposed extension of the Chapeltown Conservation Area. The City Council will work closely with local groups and residents to develop the detailed delivery plans that will help to improve the quality of life for those who live work or visit the area. Businesses will also benefit from the proposals as a result of improvements to the shopping environment.

In Chapeltown, the funding will be used to restore and repair local Victorian and Edwardian properties, replace the historic railings around Buslingthorpe Recreation Ground and carry out restoration work to building facades along the Chapeltown Road

