# CITY COUNCIL

12 SEPTEMBER, 2023

AMENDMENTS TO
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### **AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

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#### DELETE:

This Council resolves that a Statement of Community Engagement should be developed, which would commit the Council to open and detailed consultations with all neighbourhoods affected by any significant redevelopment initiatives before initial draft plans are publicised. This process should continue until completion, and afterwards as appropriate.

### In particular:

- 1) Consultation should engage with all residents, particularly targeting harder to reach groups such as those with poor English and young people. Care should also be taken to ensure that good samples of residents in all property types and forms of ownership are engaged.
- a. Each proposed development should be able to clarify with demographic data, the groups who will be impacted by, or benefit from, the development e.g. young people for lengthy redevelopment, local businesses, families, commuters etc. Targets should be identified for each group and met before design work is commenced.
- 2) Initial draft plans, subsequently published, should include a comprehensive report on the outcome of pre-consultation explaining what residents wanted, with detailed reasoning for any differences between those objectives and what the draft plan will deliver.
- a. This should be communicated widely using different media so that people know their views were documented and responded to. This is crucial to building trust with the community.
- 3) Pre-consultation should be the start of a process of ongoing significant input from residents throughout the redevelopment or regeneration process.
- 4) Oversight boards should include community and elected member representation.
- 5) Plans should give due weight to community developed statutory neighbourhood plans and ward plans.
- a. Where any variation is proposed from community plans, the statement of community engagement should specify how this will be communicated and should also be the subject of consultation with elected members and appropriate community forums.

### AND REPLACE WITH:

The Council developed a Statement of Community Involvement which was adopted by Cabinet in 2020 and sets out how the Council will work to encourage more people to participate in decision-making in Planning. The statement sets out the Council's minimum standards for consultation on new policies and planning applications.

The Council resolves to call on the Executive to work with relevant officers to assess the impact of the Statement of Community Involvement, taking into account how the statement delivers effective engagement with all stakeholders of Birmingham in accordance with the Consultation Principles outlined in the SCI.

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### **AMENDMENT TO MOTION 11A**

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### Add to end:

- 6) Plans should include a full 'right-to-return' policy to strengthen the existing 'option-to-return' policy, as originally called for by opposition parties at the time of the Druid's Heath estate regeneration proposals.
- 7) Plans should include full community involvement in the development of Design Guides, including the ability to choose palettes of materials in their area. It should also include ways to protect existing heritage and character of their local area for this and future generations. Suburbs of Birmingham have a wide variety of character and heritage, it is vital that each area has the ability to produce their own customised design guides to reflect their local area.
- 8) All development should adopt an 'infrastructure first' approach to ensure that facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc. are provided in a way that avoids increased stress on existing facilities

This Council further notes the concerns raised by the residents of Ladywood regarding current proposed works in the ward and calls on the Executive to properly consider these concerns before moving ahead.

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Councillor Ewan Mackey

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### Add after third paragraph

It is also vital there should also be meaningful consultation and engagement on draft plans once published, as well as before plans are developed. It's also crucial to communicate that these are draft and can be changed based on community feedback.

The Council also notes that developments, and in particular Council-led developments, can take a long time to bring to fruition. This has also led to communities and housing having minimal repairs and improvements once redevelopments are proposed.

Furthermore, housing earmarked for demolition is often left undemolished, or empty sites left derelict, sometimes for months and years. This leaves communities in limbo, with residents not knowing what's going on. Once plans are agreed they should be progressed as quickly as possible with regular updates to the community.

Too often the default for development is to knock properties down and start again. While demolition will be the best option for some properties, this should not be the default. The Council should be led by residents' views when deciding what properties to demolish.

### Add under point 1

Consultation and engagement should include proactively visiting residents where they live, and not rely on residents coming to Council events or returning Council surveys. Unsuccessful events that are poorly attended should not be counted as consultation.

#### Add under point 3

The Council should make clear that these plans are draft and can be changed based on community feedback.

#### Add at end

- 6) Development Plans should come with clear timelines and milestones, with communities regularly updated to show evidence of progress and momentum.
- 7) Developments should be well managed so there are no avoidable delays, and ways should be found to make developments happen as quickly as possible once there is community agreement.
- 8) There should also be an interim plan showing communities how housing and community infrastructure will be maintained and enhanced while development is being planned and progressed, and "quick win" improvements brought forward.
- 9) Demolition of properties should not be the automatic default, and the Council will be led by residents' views on demolition and refurbishment, as well as considering the comparative environmental cost.
- 10) Where demolition is occurring, developments should be phased so that new homes are built first before residents are rehoused from old ones, so residents only need to move once to stay in their community.

11) Development Plans should also show how properties not earmarked for demolition will benefit from retrofit and refurbishment.

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### **AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

### 1 to 11B

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Adds to the end:

"Council notes that making any significant impact on the issue of trauma and it's related impacts, will be extremely difficult in the current financial situation, and calls for specific priority list of zero cost actions that can be taken to support those who have suffered from trauma."

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