

HARBORNE WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES RECORDING

WARD: Harborne	DATE: Tuesday 12 th March 2024
VENUE: Harborne Pool & Leisure Centre, Lordswood Road, B17 9QS	START/FINISH TIMES: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
COUNCILLOR/S: Martin Brooks & Jayne Francis	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 27
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lana Forrester – Brum Breathes, Evie-Rae turner – Public Health Programme Officer, Helen Bissett – Public Health Senior Officer, Rachel West – Community Support & Development Officer	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Stuart Cross – Kier Highways

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

Ward plan currently in progress...

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Welcome & Notice of Recording

The Councillor welcomed all to the meeting and advised residents that members of the press or public may record and/or take photographs of the meeting.

2. Ward Funding – Brum Breathes

Lana Forrester went through some examples of what can be funded through Brum Breathes. If a project proposal is successful, expenditure needs to be allocated by the end of March 2025. A tangible asset must be created at the end of a funded project. A question was asked about how ongoing revenue costs be covered if these are necessary. It was confirmed that any ongoing costs need to be revenue neutral. There are five themes within the Brum Breathes scheme which promote cleaner air, and applications must show how they meet one or more of these five themes. Applicants must be a constituted group with UK bank account, or an application can be made through the Ward councillor. Applications must align with the Ward Priorities which are in the Ward Action Plan.

3. Kier Highways Update – Stuart Cross

Highways repairs and maintenance currently are not affected by the Section 114 notice. A resident asked how highways repairs get progressed. Stuart Cross stated that a pothole is assessed in terms of depth, position on the road, what type of road it is (main road or cul-de-sac). A resident asked about low light levels on their road, which were assessed over one year ago, including by photometric testing, but they have had no feedback since then? They also asked will the light levels be further negatively affected by the 'trimming and dimming' proposed as part of Birmingham City Council savings.

4. Controlled Parking Zone Information Update

No officers are present to feedback on this, but a briefing note in relation to the proposed work was circulated to the meeting. Please see appendices one for all documentation on the parking scheme. Two parking schemes are proposed. These two schemes are proposed to be delivered in August 2024. All affected residents who live on these roads will be notified between March and April. Councillor Francis stated that the two schemes which are going ahead are the less controversial proposals. However, they are impacted by parking for the QE Hospital. It was commented that the consultation for these proposals had not been well implemented.

5. Public Health – MMR Vaccine

- Raising awareness on the recent Measles outbreak in the city
- Upcoming dates for pop up clinics in the city

Please see attached appendices two for more information on this.

Evie and Helen from Public Health to deliver awareness raising in relation to the increase in measles infection. Never too late to catch up on measles immunisations. Adults can catch up with two jabs a month apart. Immunisation is the most effective prevention for this infection. Biggest infection group is in children under 10. 15th March 2024 there will be vaccination for pupils at Lordswood Girls only if you believe that you may not be up to date with your injections, then please contact your GP to confirm this and arrange an appointment for your injection as necessary. There is a type of injection which does not contain pork, so please ask for this when making the arrangement.

6. A.O.B

- A resident asked a question about the future of Harborne Library? Councillor Brooks has set up a petition that can be found on the internet. Separately, Councillor Brooks will also be arranging a public meeting which will be taking place sometime in early April regarding the future of the library and residents should look out for information on local noticeboards and on social media. Cllr Brooks also said that residents could look into listing the building as an Asset of Community Value. A question was asked about the history of Harborne when it became a part of Birmingham, when it was believed that an agreement was reached regarding the provision of the library in perpetuity. Can this agreement be found and is it still relevant?
- A resident wanted to raise awareness of a protest and a bike ride in Birmingham City Centre on 24th March 2024 in relation to young people who are growing up in relative poverty. They distributed flyers in relation to this.
- A question was asked about the 20 mph speed signs which are not being adhered to. Is there any follow up action if people don't follow the rules? Some police officers have told a resident that they will be issued with portable speed cameras, but they are not sure if this will be actioned.
- A question was asked about illegal electric scooters in the area and whether any action being taken on these? This question could be raised with Cllr Clements if she attends a future meeting.
- A question was asked about an update about the roadworks at the top of the High Street? Cllr Martin made it clear that this is not related to BCC, but it is a utility issue. High incidence of gas leaks.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Ward Action Plan to be updated in relation to Brum Breathes Funding	1. Councillor Brooks/Councillor Francis	1. N/A
2. Set dates as soon as possible for the other Ward Forum Meetings (possibly one in June and one in September) so that these dates will be used as deadlines for applications	2. Councillor Brooks/Councillor Francis	2. N/A
3. To find out what has been achieved elsewhere through similar funding schemes across the country and feed this back to the Ward Councillors before the next Ward Meeting	3. Lana Forrester	3. N/A
4. To feedback to the Councillors before the next ward forum about the light levels affected by the tree trimming	4. Stuart Cross	4. Before the next ward forum
5. Invite Councillor Clements to the next ward forum as the Cabinet Member responsible for transport	5. Councillor Brooks/Councillor Francis	5. N/A
6. To find out if the agreement regarding the history of Harborne is still relevant and if this can still be found?	6. Councillor Brooks	6. N/A

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Appendices One

Briefing Note – Update on Parking Scheme Delivery

Transport Projects, Transport and Connectivity

Attendance for meeting

Unfortunately, both Nick and Zak will be on leave **on 12th March** and we are unable to send someone to the meeting who would be able to discuss the scheme in any detail. Please pass our apologies to the meeting.

Parking Update

Officers are working on the 6 months operational review of Area 1B, the deadline for completing online survey was 23rd Feb 24. We are now analysing the data.

We are currently working on the delivery of Area 3B, 3C and 2B schemes working towards delivery around autumn 2024. Please see attached OS Plans for proposed parking layout for Areas 3B and 3C. Currently our resources are fully committed with implementation of the current programme of the above 4 parking areas. Additional funding will however be required to undertake the delivery of the remaining 4 areas of Areas 2C, 3A, 3D & 5.

Due to the delay in implementing the scheme, the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for Areas 3B, 3C and 2B have lapsed. It is therefore necessary to readvertise the Traffic Regulation Order to ensure compliance with the legislation. As part of the Statutory Consultation, we will notify by letter all postal addresses within Area 3B, 3C and 2B, giving them 21 days period to respond to our formal parking proposals. This process will take place shortly with the residents receiving the necessary information March-April 2024. In addition, we will place within the proposed area the formal TRO Notices, notifying all road users of the parking proposals. In parallel to this, we will commence the Procurement process for Area 3B, to engage with a contractor. As there are a number of variables for TRO and Procurement stages, we are not able to outline a specific date. We can state, that the delivery of Area 3B is towards Autumn 2024. Once we have confirmed key milestones, and have better information, and we can then better inform Ward Members and residents of Area 3B. This will be followed by Area 3C, and then Area 2B.

The remaining Areas 2C, 3A, 3D and 5 will require additional funding of around £200,000 to undertake further consultation and complete the delivery process. A bid has therefore been made for this to be included within The Transportation & Highways Delivery Programme 2024/25 and is due to go to Cabinet in April 2024. Provided funding is approved for the remaining four areas, the Project Team will be able to prepare and instigate the consultation of the revised proposals. If there is agreement in principle from residents to the proposals this will be followed by the advertising of the TRO Notices. Depending on the outcome of this process and if there are no valid objections then we would be looking at starting delivery late Winter 2024/Spring 2025.

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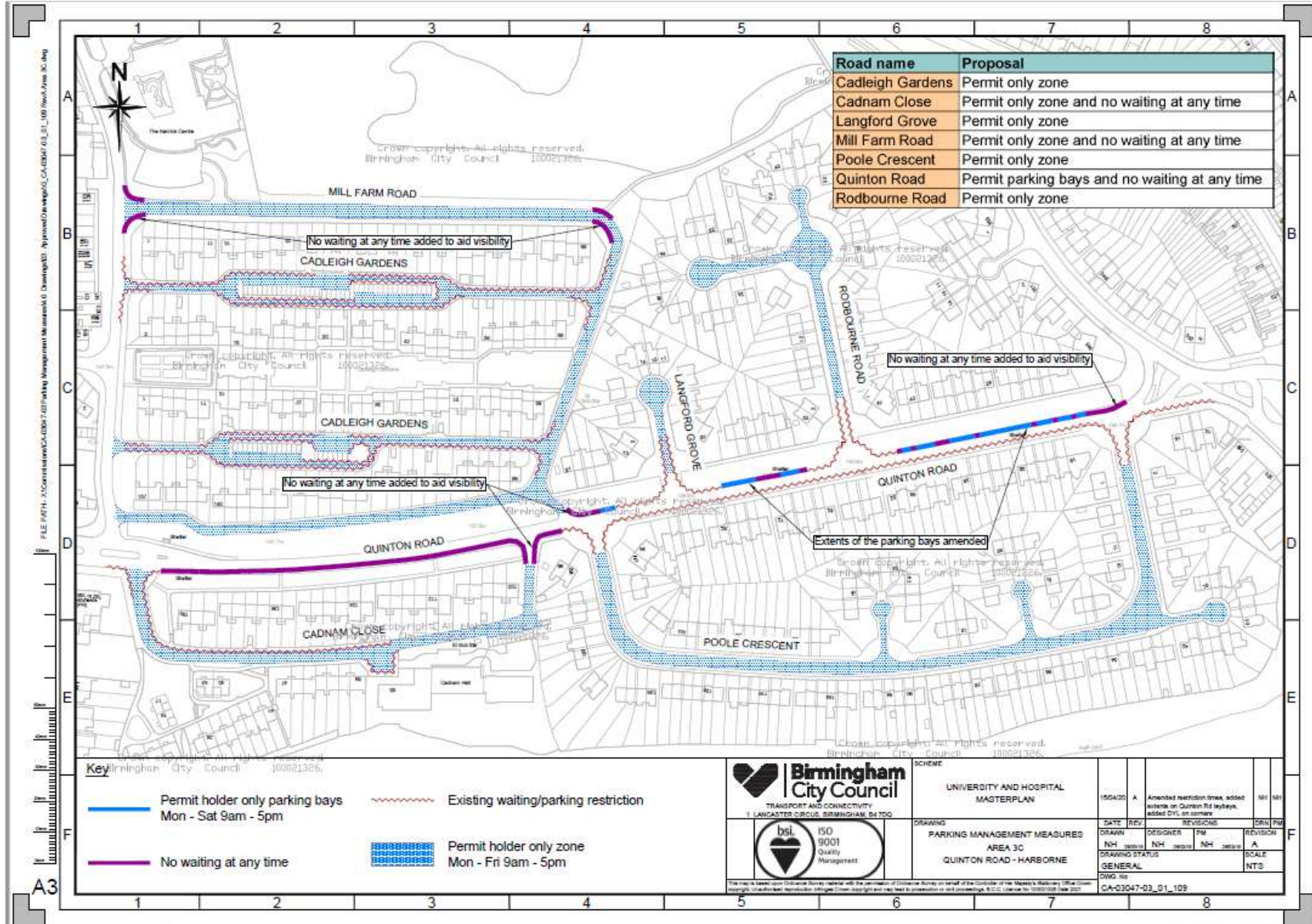
Our Delivery Programme is indicating late 2024- early 2025 for advancement of areas 3A and 3D and is dependent on local support. From experience, we do encounter challenges from local areas to parking proposals and trying to resolve these as far as possible does delay the implementation.

With specific reference to 370 Harborne Lane there is a proposal for a single yellow line (operating Monday-Friday 8am-8pm) along that side of Harborne Lane as part of Area 3D. This will be subject to the statutory process as set out above.

Nick Richards, Transport Delivery Manager

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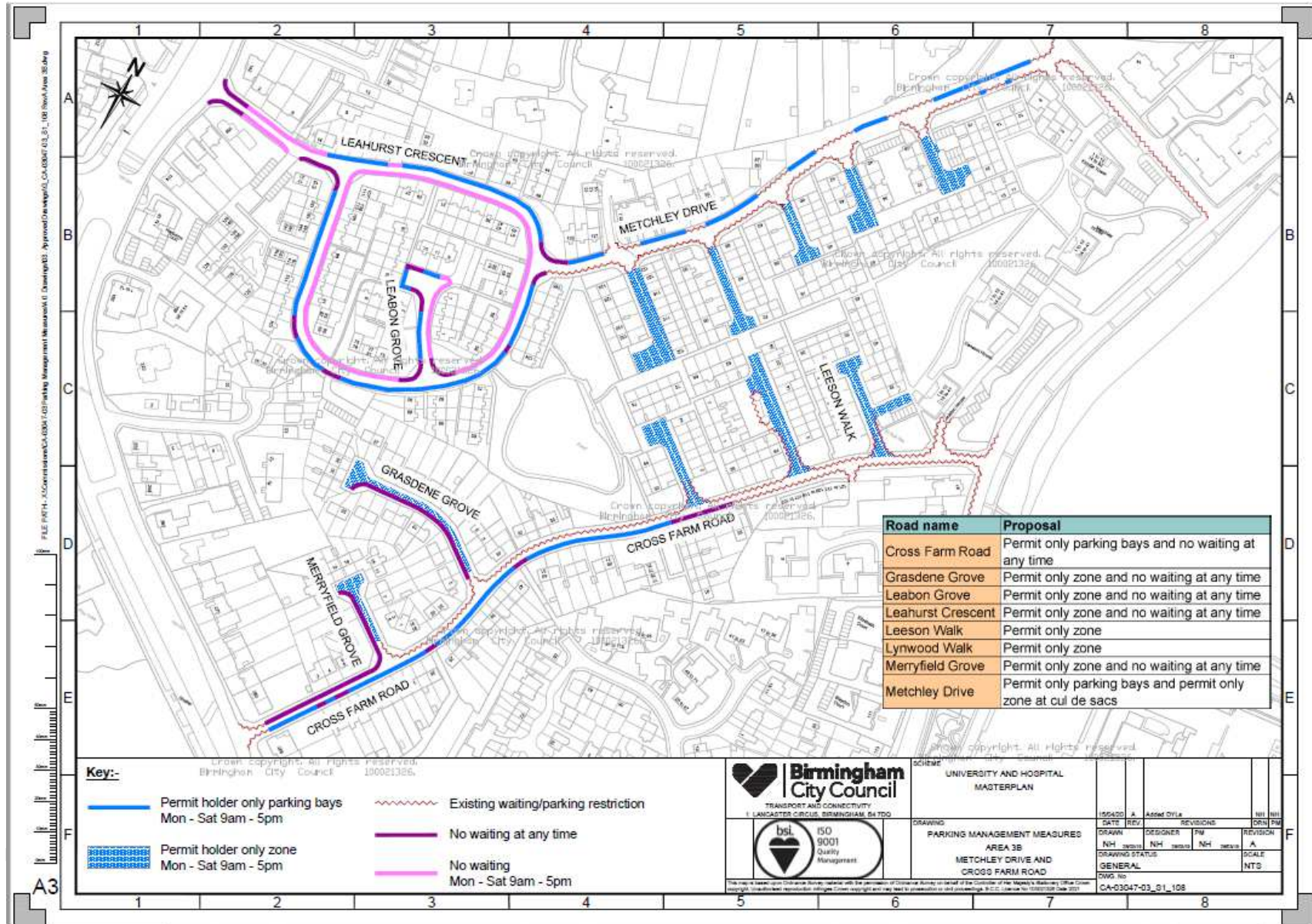
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Appendices Two

Think Measles



Measles is **highly infectious** and can lead to complications, especially in **vulnerable, immunocompromised or pregnant people**.

Being in the same room as someone with measles for **more than 15 minutes** is a significant exposure.

Measles symptoms can include:

- High fever
- Sore, red, watery eyes
- Coughing and/or runny nose
- Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth
- A red-brown blotchy rash, which appears after several days.



Think Measles



- 1 If measles symptoms are suspected, patients should **isolate and not attend any setting in person**, including A&E and GPs.
- 2 Patients should **call their GP practice** who will screen and triage over the phone, or make arrangements for treatment.
- 3 Any spaces where someone with suspected measles was should be **thoroughly cleaned** before being used.
- 4 If anyone is **unsure of their immunity status**, they should speak to their GP practice.
- 5 **Anyone of any age can get a catch up MMR vaccine** for free via their GP practice.



Key messages for all

MMR immunisation provides **best protection against measles**

MMR immunisation that **does not contain pork, Priorix**, is available at all GP surgeries

Contact your GP surgery to catch up with MMR immunisation **at any age**

Anyone with suspected measles should not attend a healthcare setting without **calling ahead first**

Non-immunised close contacts of a measles case may be advised not to come to in-person settings for a number of days

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