

	LADYWOOD WARD FORUM	
	MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2016 at 7pm at LADYWOOD HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST VINCENT STREET WEST.	
	ACTION NOTES	
In Attendance	Councillor Kath Hartley & Councillor Sir Albert Bore Will Savage, Calthorpe Estates Glenn Howell, Ralph Minott, Nicci Giberson & Ben Cartwright – Garden Square Development PC Uddin, West Midlands Police Pat Whyte, Neighbourhood Development & Support Unit Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager There were approximately 35 residents in attendance	
Apologies	Councillor Carl Rice	
Agenda Item		Action
1.	<u>Election of a Chair for 2016/17</u>	Cllr Kath Hartley elected as Chair
2.	<u>Notice of Recordings</u>	Noted
3.	<u>Petitions</u>	None Submitted
4.	<u>Ladywood TV News</u>	Unable to show Deferred to next mtg
5.	<u>Icknield Port Loop Development - Update</u> Councillor Bore gave a brief update on the current situation with the Icknield Port Loop development and made the following main points; – An agreement between BCC, Urban Splash and Places for People had been signed with the outline for phase 1 of the development (Wiggin Street) due to come forward at the end of the year. The delay had been in signing off the necessary agreement between partners as it had to fit into the Master Plan for the area. – The swimming pool – the city council had to provide a site & planning permission by end April 2017 therefore discussions with Serco would proceed with the IPL residential development. BCC would bring developers together so all were working in conjunction. – Community gain was scheduled for contributions towards Ladywood Health & Community Centre, provision for a	

	secondary school, upgrading of Summerfield Park & George Dixon School, although this might be revisited. – Edgbaston Reservoir master plan had also been commissioned to include the Tower Ballroom & former rubber works. Information would be gathered and first stage consultation envisaged for March 2017 at which time a special meeting, with Edgbaston ward would be arranged for all affected residents. This would also tie in with IPL and the swimming pool. In response to a question it was confirmed that initial master planning had ensured no intrusion onto the dam. – Item for a future meeting when planning application etc submitted. – There would also be the statutory consultation on the planning applications as they were submitted. In response to a question regarding a website the meeting was advised that details were on the council's website although the rate at which it was updated was queried. St Johns and St Peters Church was offered as a venue for the consultation meeting.	Special Meeting to be arranged early 2017 re Edgbaston Reservoir Master Plan Future meeting Further update on IPL to future meeting
6.	<u>Garden Square Development</u> A detailed presentation was made and the following main points raised; – Listed buildings & mature trees would be retained and a garden square created using remnants of existing Victorian gardens – Office space would be replaced on a like for like basis and the Plough & Harrow would be linked in – New residential properties and cafes/shops would be incorporated and the car park would be removed from the centre of the development and a multi-story replacement built. – Following further preparatory work planning permission would be sought in 12 months with an anticipated start in 2018 In response to questions the following answers were given; – Consideration would be given with BCC about how this development fitted with the Birmingham Cycle Revolution. The office buildings would have cycle facilities – The current 'wind tunnel' effect had been planned out and	

	the sun allowed through. Concerns were raised regarding the proximity of the new office buildings to residential properties and a request made for smaller buildings. It was also noted that many existing office buildings were empty and existing shops were struggling. It was also feared that a new multi- story car park would add to the traffic chaos in the area, especially when events were held at the Barclaycard Arena. Councillor Bore explained office space was empty as it was low grade and this needed to be replaced with high grade accommodation. It was confirmed that the space available would not be increasing and the height of the office accommodation was decreasing. The same number of car park spaces would be available as currently. It was suggested that car parking be put underground where possible eg Broadway Plaza and that a relationship be developed with local schools to take account of local history. There was a rat problem in the area which should be considered before demolition started. The meeting was advised that the plans were not fixed and that resident's comments would be taken on board.	
7.	<u>Local Innovation Fund</u> Councillor Bore explained the concept of the Local Innovation Fund, the criteria and the process for spending the allocation in the ward. A project to support the School of Music was suggested and a project to showcase young and local entrepreneurs. Residents were asked to email the councillors with any suggestions.	All
8.	<u>Ward Boundary Changes</u> Maps of the new boundaries were circulated. Councillor Bore explained the changes.	
9.	<u>Residents Issues/Concerns</u> a) <u>Edgbaston Reservoir – Rangers & The Lodge</u> Concern was expressed regarding the withdrawal of the ranger	

	service from the Reservoir. The Reservoir had LNR status and a respective Board but no proposals had been put before it. There had also been news of the possible disposal of the Lodge. The meeting was asked that action be taken to ensure this was not the case and that the status of the Reservoir was protected. Councillor Bore advised that the ward councillors had objected to any sale of the Lodge, especially as a master plan was currently being drawn up and he undertook to try to ensure that the Lodge became part of the plan. A report was requested. b) <u>Update on 20mph Streets</u> Residents welcomed the introduction of the 20mph limit but said that since the launch the limit had been ignored by drivers, rat running had been made worse, signage was inadequate and there was no enforcement or further education. Bumper stickers on taxi's, buses & F&WM vehicles could be used to promote as currently the scheme appeared to have been forgotten. The Chair undertook to raise at the NTG and with National Express. She requested an update to the next meeting c) <u>St Marks Estate</u> - the Chair said a residents group was reconstituting and she would pursue representation. d) <u>Sadlers Walk - Trees</u> The Chair undertook to pursue with Amey issue with trees obscuring light from properties and roots damaging pavements. e) <u>HLB Environmental Improvement Budget –</u> Councillor Bore requested that a list of projects in question be forwarded to him for investigation.	Report requested for future meeting Report to next meeting Chair
10.	<u>Authority to Act</u>	Agreed

Meeting ended 9pm