

Birmingham City Council

Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan SPD

Consultation Statement

1. Introduction and purpose of the Consultation Statement

Birmingham City Council consulted on the Revised Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from 4th March to the 15th April 2022. This statement sets out the engagement strategy, describes the level and type of responses received, the main issues raised and how they have been addressed in the redrafted masterplan. The statement demonstrates that the process has been in accordance with the adopted Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

2. Consultation frontloading

Public Consultation and Engagement

The Council undertook a first round of public consultation for twelve weeks from 3rd May to the 26th July 2019.

A “Community Consortium” formed in response to the public consultation and submitted a community-led ‘alternative’ vision for the reservoir as a formal representation. After the consultation period closed, following requests for the Council to work more closely with the community and water sport clubs, the Council set up a Community Partnership Forum with representatives of the Community Consortium.

The council worked closely with the Community Partnership Forum, sharing drafts of the masterplan and incorporating their suggested changes where appropriate and feasible. Details of the Community Partnership Forum can be found in Annexe A.

The first round of consultation, and the work with the Community Partnership Forum, informed the document which has now been consulted upon.

Further details of the first round of consultation and of the work of the Community Partnership Forum were included in a Consultation Statement which formed part of the Executive Report which gave authority for the second round of consultation, and was published as part of the consultation material. This can be viewed at:

https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/revised-edgbaston-reservoir-masterplan/supporting_documents/Consultation%20Statement.pdf

Strategic Partner engagement

During the production of the Draft Masterplan SPD an Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Steering Group was set up. The group consists of the Birmingham Parks and Planning Department as well as the Canal & River Trust and Sport England due to their role in land ownership and delivery. The group meets regularly to shape the masterplan and will continue to work together to deliver the masterplan vision.

3. Formal Public Consultation

A second round of public consultation that built on the frontloading discussions and addressed where appropriate the representations made at the previous formal consultation, was held for six weeks from 4th March to 15th April 2022. The consultation followed the principles set out in the Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Consultation materials consisted of:

- The revised Draft Masterplan (available at https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/revised-edgbaston-reservoir-masterplan/supporting_documents/Revised%20Edgbaston%20Reservoir%20Masterplan%20Draft%20Supplementary%20Planning%20Document.pdf)
- Exhibition material shown at a public consultation event (further details in section 4 below)
- Notification letter (Annexe B(i)) sent to all addresses (homes and businesses) within the plan shown in Annexe B(ii)
- 10 posters that set out how to access the plan, the details of the consultation event, and the lead planning officer's contact details (see Annexe C(i)) put up around the reservoir (see Annexe C(ii))
- A Frequently Asked Questions document (available at https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/revised-edgbaston-reservoir-masterplan/supporting_documents/Edgbaston%20Reservoir%20Masterplan%20FAQs%20March%202022%20.pdf)
- Online questionnaire on Be Heard (see Annexe D)
- A paper questionnaire (see Annexe E)
- A 12-minute video which explained the changes made to the previous masterplan, provided an overview of the vision, development principles and opportunity sites and explained how consultation responses could be submitted, available at <https://youtu.be/tqNTjft7EHA>
- Press release and social media posts signposting the public to the consultation material including a video from the Leader of the Council encouraging people to read the masterplan and submit feedback.

Emails and/or letters were also sent to all those who responded to the first round of public consultation and all contacts on the Planning and Development Consultation Database, including but not limited to:

- Residents' associations
- Community groups
- Neighbourhood forums
- Ward councillors
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local educational institutions

- West Midlands Combined Authority
- Neighbouring local authorities
- Chambers of commerce
- Local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
- Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership
- Disability user groups
- Landowners
- Developers and agents

Paper copies of the Draft Masterplan SPD and questionnaire were available at the locations listed below. A freepost address was also provided for consultees to submit comments.

- The Library of Birmingham
- Spring Hill Library
- Woodcock Street Offices
- Ladywood Health and Community Centre (available for the last four weeks of the consultation)
- Red Shed, Selwyn Playing Field (available for the last four weeks of the consultation)

Members of the public and other stakeholders were able to respond to the consultation via the online questionnaire, email or letter. Printed copies of the document and a response form were also made available on request, including more than 30 copies shared with representatives of community organisations.

4. Consultation Event

A drop-in event was held at Ladywood Health and Community Centre on Tuesday 15th March between 3pm and 7pm.

Consultation materials were available to view which provided information on the masterplan content and explained how to respond to the consultation. These materials comprised a series of exhibition posters – one for each ‘chapter’ or section of the masterplan, and one which explained the changes made as a result of the first consultation and the work with the Community Partnership Forum.

Planning Officers were present to answer questions and printed copies of the document were available to take away. Contact slips were also available for the public to take away. These set out details of how to contact the planning team and the masterplan website.

Approximately 50 people attended over the course of the drop-in event and several issues were raised and discussed, including:

- Support for the amendments made to the previous draft masterplan
- Opposition to housing development and / or commercial uses on the former Tower Ballroom site
- Concern about privatisation of public space
- Support for the retention and improvement of Osler Street Park

- Creative restoration/reuse of the existing Tower Ballroom would be more environmentally friendly
- Requests for affordable and social housing
- Requests the building line of development on the Tower Ballroom site is further set back from the waters' edge
- Concerns future development and increased visitors will have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve
- Concerns new development will destroy existing views around the reservoir including from the dam wall
- Concerns proposals will intensify traffic issues on the local road network
- Requests for more detail in the masterplan regarding the location and management of car parking

Stakeholders had the opportunity to submit written comments during the event on the consultation materials that were on display. These are set out in Annexe F.

5. Consultation undertaken by Edgbaston Reservoir Collaborative (ERCO)

It is understood that ERCO organised several activities during the consultation period including:

- Producing and handing out postcards at the reservoir encouraging people to respond to the consultation
- Running an event with a presentation to discuss the masterplan
- Producing and sharing a template consultation response to be submitted to the council

6. Key findings from the formal consultation

Approximately 380 representations were submitted to the consultation. This included 83 questionnaires completed online and 128 emails and letters and 167 postcards submitted. It should be noted that some individuals may have responded multiple times through different channels. Overall, the council's 12-minute video explaining the masterplan has been viewed over 530 times.

The main points raised during the consultation are summarised below:

- Support for the vision and principles in the masterplan
- Support for the Sustainability chapter and increased emphasis on the natural environment
- Objections to the principle of housing on the former Tower Ballroom site
- Opposition to commercial uses on the former Tower Ballroom site
- Requests for affordable and social housing
- Concerns that new development will create private ownership of the site
- Requests that the building line is further set back from the waters' edge
- Concerns that future development and increased visitors will have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve
- Concerns that development will generate traffic on local road network
- Requests that public car parking is available for disabled and vulnerable groups

- Requests for more detail in the masterplan regarding the location and management of car parking
- Requests for the historic and natural environment to be protected and enhanced
- Requests that the reservoir is accessible to all
- Detailed representations from site owners requesting some amendments to the wording on projects
- Concerns that there is insufficient infrastructure (education and medical), to support increased residents.

Organisations as well as individuals responded to the consultation. These include but are not limited to:

- Midland Sailing Club
- Birmingham Rowing Club
- The Canal & River Trust
- Sport England
- Karis Medical Centre
- Worcester Birmingham And Droitwich Canals Society
- Historic England
- National Gird
- Natural England
- House by Urban Splash
- The Environment Agency
- Inland Waterways Association (Birmingham, Black Country and Worcestershire Branch)
- Marine Society and Sea Cadets
- Birmingham Settlement
- Push Bikes
- West Midlands Police
- Birmingham Civic Society
- Calthorpe Estate
- Severn Trent
- The Coal Authority
- Premier Living Group

7. Outcomes of the Consultation

The representations received during the consultation period, from responses to the Be Heard questionnaire and letters, emails, and postcards, are summarised and responded to in a table in Annexe G. A summary of the representations received from the ERCO event, and the council's response to these, is provided at Annexe H. These tables also identify any changes to the masterplan as a result of the consultation.

The main revisions to the Draft Masterplan SPD as a result of the consultation representations are:

- Amendments to the context chapter to reflect policies that have been adopted since the previous consultation.
- Amendments to the proposed design of the Osler Park and Osler Place (former Tower Ballroom Site) to set the building line further back from the waters' edge to create a wider public walkway with increased green infrastructure and deliver a public square.
- Amendment to reopen the existing car park at the reservoir to deliver a reduced number of spaces in a secure and well-managed way.
- Amendment to guidance regarding Biodiversity Net Gain to ensure the SPD aligns with latest national guidance.
- Addition of definition of short, medium, and long-term in the Delivery and Management chapter to inform future delivery.

Community Partnership Forum

After the first public consultation period had closed, following requests for the Council to work more closely with the community and water sport clubs, the council decided to set up a Community Partnership Forum with representatives of the Community Consortium who submitted an 'alternative plan'. The purpose of the forum is to enable the council to work with the community to better align the vision of the Draft Masterplan SPD with the vision of the alternative plan.

Members of the forum comprise both council officers (mainly from the Planning and Parks departments), and an individual to represent the following organisations:

- Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir;
- Midland Sailing Club;
- TS Vernon Sea Cadets;
- Birmingham Rowing Club;
- Birmingham Settlement;
- Artscoop Central;
- Eat Make Play;
- Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Committee; and
- Save Osler Street Park Campaign

A Terms of Reference was set written and agreed by members of the forum. It sets out the membership of the forum and was updated in June 2020 to reflect the new approach to working due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Five forum meetings were held in person between 8th January and 6th February 2020, these covered the following topics:

- Launch and masterplan vision;
- Community Principles;
- Tower Ballroom site discussion with urban design officers;
- Connectivity with transport planners; and
- Natural Parkland with ecology officer and representative from the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust

The forum methodology was amended in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. As members of the forum were unable to meet in person, the meetings were moved online, and community members of the forum commented on and redrafted parts of the masterplan over the course of several months. Planning officers were the ultimate pen holder but worked closely with community members to reflect their additions and opinions and seek compromise where possible. Five meetings were held online using zoom to discuss masterplan content, one meeting was used to explain and discuss financial viability.

Letter to local community re: consultation



Planning and Regeneration



Planning and Regeneration
PO Box 28, Birmingham B1 1TU



Dear Sir/Madam,

Public Consultation on the revised draft Supplementary Planning Document for Edgbaston Reservoir.

On 4th March 2022, Birmingham City Council launched the public consultation for the revised Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

You have been notified of this consultation because you live or work near to the reservoir.

The reservoir is an important open space for the city. It provides significant value in terms of ecology, biodiversity and heritage, and is a destination for water-based sport and recreation. Part of the land within the masterplan boundary is a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

In 2017, the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) was adopted by the city council as part of the city's statutory planning framework, guiding decisions on development and regeneration activity. This plan identified Greater Icknield as an area for growth, and highlighted Icknield Port Loop and the Tower Ballroom Site as major opportunities. It allocated them to provide a mix of innovative family housing, commercial, and community uses. The masterplan will provide further guidance on the BDP allocations, providing a clear vision for their delivery.

The purpose of this masterplan is to provide a shared vision for the reservoir, and ensure future development adds value to the area.

In 2019, the council prepared a draft SPD for Edgbaston Reservoir and undertook public consultation between May and July. In January 2020, the council established a Community Partnership Forum to engage with representatives from the local community and existing water users on the masterplan redraft. The masterplan has now been revised to take into consideration the response to the formal consultation and the ongoing engagement with the forum and existing water clubs.

Since the previous consultation there has been several significant changes to the proposals within the draft masterplan. Therefore, a second round of focussed public consultation is now being undertaken.

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The public consultation on the draft masterplan runs for six weeks. You can get involved in the public consultation by:

- Heading to www.birminghamheard.org.uk/people-1/revised-edgbaston-reservoir-masterplan where you can view the draft masterplan, and submit your comments via the online survey.
- Viewing paper copies of the draft masterplan at Spring Hill Library, the Library of Birmingham, and 10 Woodcock Street, Birmingham, B7 4BL.
- You can also submit comments to planningandregenerationenquiries@birmingham.gov.uk, or North West Planning and Development Team, Birmingham City Council PO Box 28, Birmingham, B1 1TU.
- Attending our event on 15th March between 3pm and 7pm at Ladywood Health and Community Centre, 204 - 206 St. Vincent Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham B16 8RP

The public consultation on the draft masterplan closes on the **15th April 2022**. Following this, comments will be taken into consideration and the final document will be prepared. It is the intention to seek city council approval to adopt the SPD in late summer 2022 as part of the city council's planning framework.

Please contact the North West Planning team on the details below if you require any further information. I encourage you to share your views.

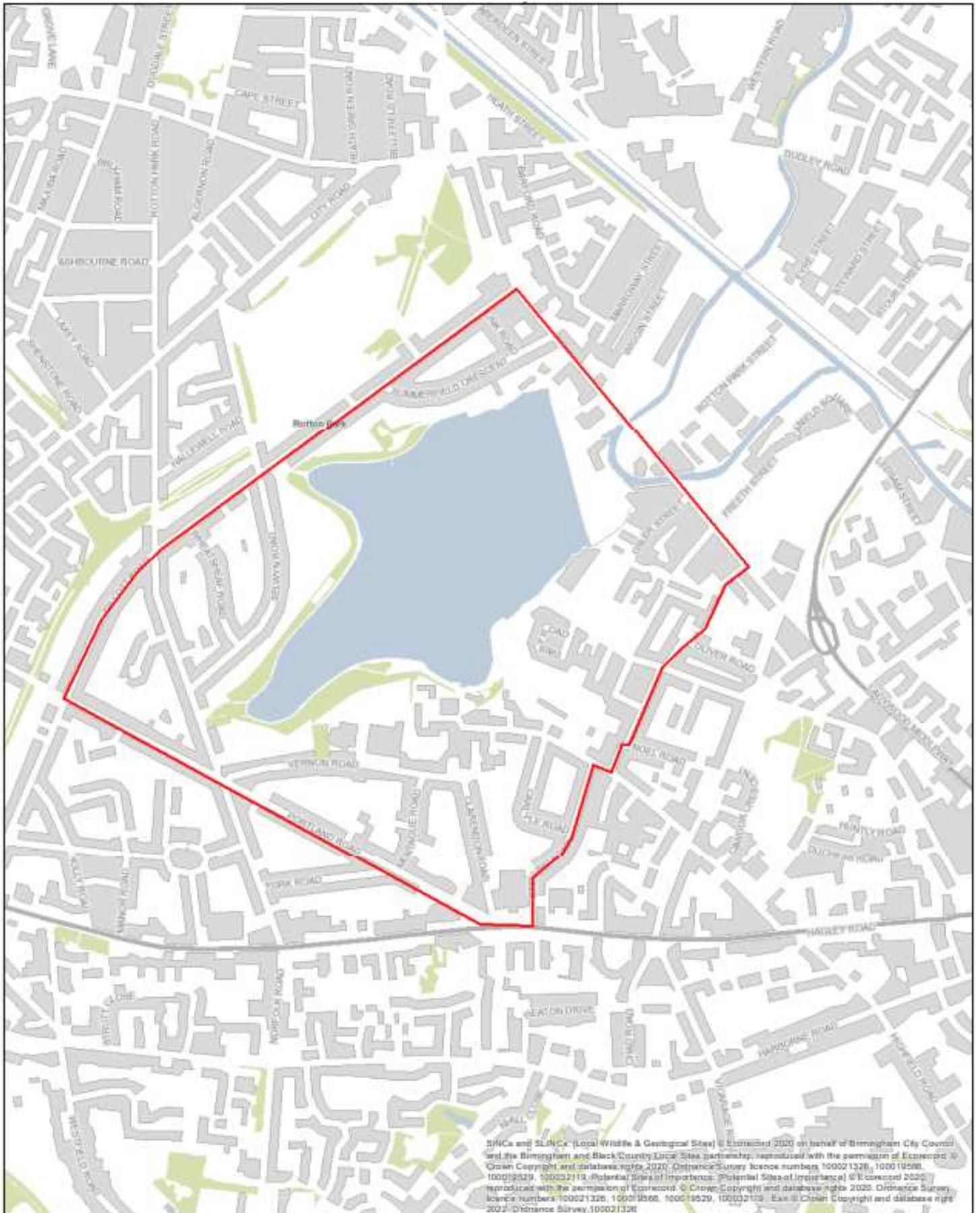
Yours faithfully,

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Consultation on the revised Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document

Birmingham City Council would like your views on the revised Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document.

The public consultation is open from 4th March to 15th April 2022

To have your say, you can:

Visit www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/revised-edgbaston-reservoir-masterplan to read the revised draft masterplan and complete the online questionnaire.

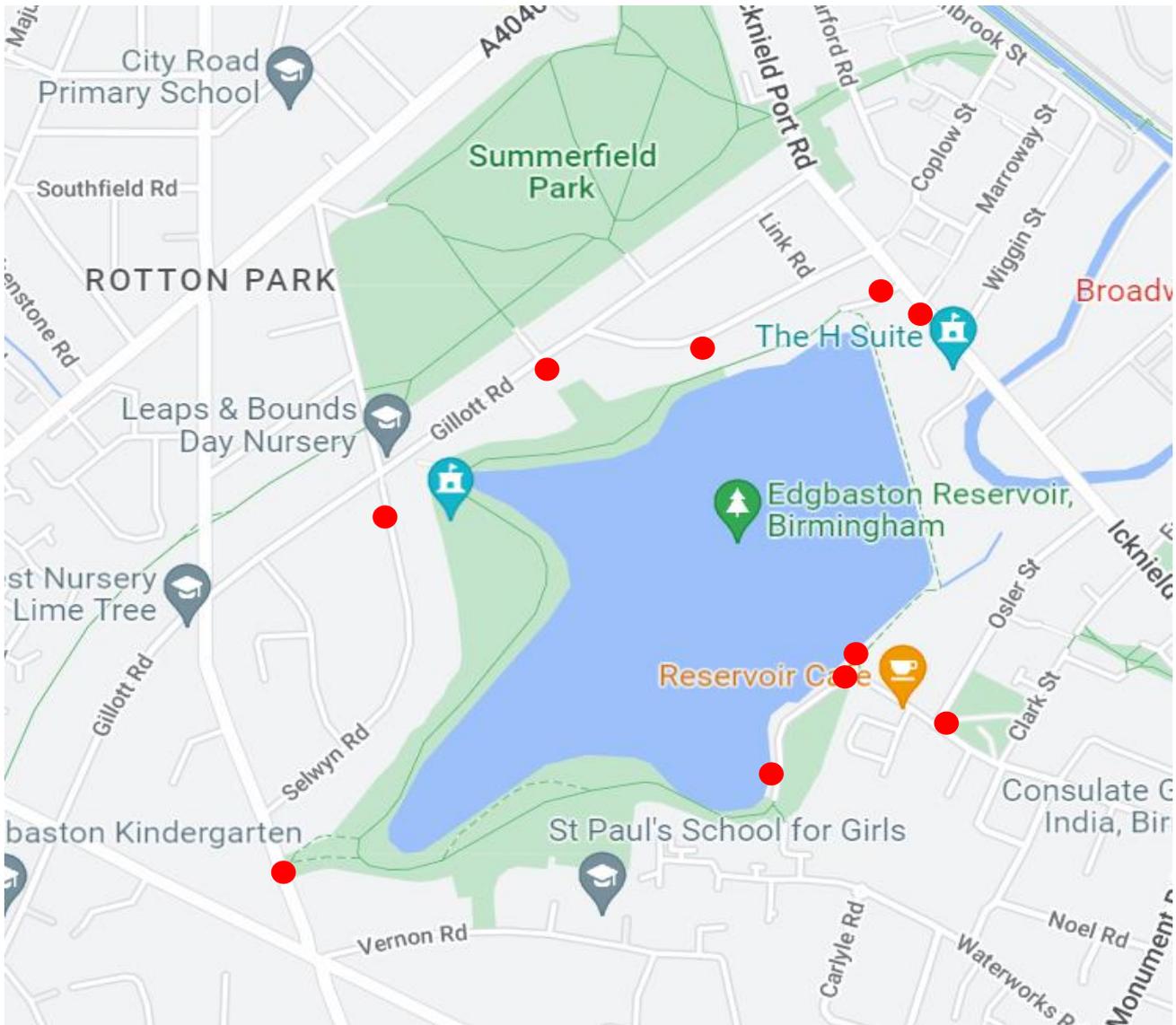
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Location of site notice posters



● Location of site notice posters erected 4th March 2022

Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan: Be Heard Questionnaire

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Does this chapter provide a useful introduction to the masterplan? Do you have any suggestions for how this chapter could be amended?

- 2) The first chapter also introduces the Community Principles. These were put forward by the Edgbaston Reservoir Community Consortium and are a new addition to the revised masterplan.

Do you agree with the Community Principles? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 3) Chapter two sets the context for the reservoir including its history. A new section has been added to the revised masterplan to provide further details on the planning policy framework.

Does this chapter provide useful context to the masterplan? Do you have any suggestions for how this chapter could be amended?

- 4) Chapter three sets out the masterplan **Vision**. The Vision has been amended since the last version of the masterplan to better-reflect the unique environment of the reservoir, the natural environment and the role of the community.

The Vision:

Edgbaston Reservoir will be protected and enhanced as a tranquil oasis in the heart of the city, set within an ecologically-rich Local Nature Reserve.

It will provide a destination where local residents and visitors can enjoy a mix of land and water based leisure and recreation activities with a strong community and family focus. The reservoir will be connected to a wider network of green and blue open spaces and be accessible to everyone. It will be celebrated as a safe distinctive place that supports the improved health and well-being of all.

New development will demonstrate high-quality sustainable design that reflects the unique character of the reservoir as a natural landscape, heritage site, and social and cultural asset for a diverse range of communities.

The transformation of key opportunities around the reservoir will provide new homes and activity for community engagement that complement the water setting. Opportunities will be provided for new and existing residents to come together, to improve citizens' quality of life and enhance the visitor experience. Innovative design solutions, flexible usage, and collaborative working with communities will safeguard the reservoir for future generations.

Do you agree with the revised Vision? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 5) Chapter four sets out the four Development Principles that will guide future development at the reservoir to ensure it delivers the vision. '**Activity**' is the first Development Principle and the section sets out what uses will be supported and encouraged at the reservoir.

Do you agree with the principles set out under ‘Activity’? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 6) In the previous version of the masterplan there was a Design Development Principle. This has been replaced by ‘**Character**’ in the amended masterplan and includes more detail on how the character of the reservoir will be protected and enhanced. The section also now includes details on the approach towards views at the reservoir.

Do you agree with the principles set out under ‘Character’? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 7) ‘**Connectivity**’ is the third Development Principle and this section sets out the overall approach to how the reservoir will be accessed and how people will move around the site.

Do you agree with the principles set out under ‘Connectivity’? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 8) The last Development Principle is ‘**Sustainability**’. This is new to the amended version of the masterplan. It provides details on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced. It also provides an overview on how new development will be expected to deliver high-quality sustainable design and enhance the Local Nature Reserve.

Do you agree with the new Development Principle ‘Sustainability’? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 9) Chapter five of the masterplan sets out the **Opportunities**. Each opportunity area includes guidance to explain how the four development principles of the masterplan should be delivered.

Osler Park and Osler Place replaces the ‘Thomas Telford Place’ Big Move from the previous draft masterplan. This opportunity comprises redevelopment of two sites, the former Tower Ballroom Site adjacent to the reservoir and the Tower Mount Site off Reservoir Road. It also includes proposals for the enhancement of Reservoir Lodge. The revised masterplan no longer proposes to build on Osler Street Park. The vision for this opportunity is:

“Osler Street Park will be protected and enhanced as an important open space. Osler Place will provide new homes and visitor facilities with strong green links between the reservoir and Osler Street Park. High-quality contemporary buildings and public spaces will complement the reservoir’s historic environment to positively add to its character and create a focal place”.

The principle to demolish the Tower Ballroom building and deliver homes on the site is well-established. This has been set out in the Planning Policy section of the revised masterplan. The revised masterplan builds on the policy framework to provide a vision for the opportunity area and set principles for how the site is developed, including the design, character and mix of other uses suitable on the site.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 10) **Reservoir Loop** replaces the ‘Promenade Loop’ Big Move from the previous draft masterplan. The vision for Reservoir Loop is:

“To enhance the circular route around the perimeter of the reservoir for pedestrians and cyclists. This will provide the opportunity for everyone to explore the reservoir, including space to pause and enjoy the reservoir’s character”.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 11) The **Reservoir View** opportunity area has been updated since the previous draft of the masterplan to focus on the entrance from Icknield Port Road, Midland Sailing Club, Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage. Following discussions with the existing water sport clubs, the revised masterplan no longer includes the option of the Midland Sailing Club relocating as part of a water sports hub. This opportunity area now includes support for the club to improve their facilities in their existing location. The vision is to:

“To provide a welcoming gateway to the reservoir with complementary uses that create activity and utilise the potential of the heritage buildings Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage”.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 12) **Reservoir Link** is a new opportunity area that includes sites previously covered by Reservoir View in the previous draft masterplan. Reservoir Link consists of three development opportunities that lie between the reservoir dam and the loop canal: the H Suite site, canal basin (part of Port Loop), and the former Auto Services site off Osler Street. The vision for the opportunity area is:

Reservoir Link will connect the reservoir, canal and Port Loop together, addressing the visual and physical barriers of the dam wall. It will maximise the canal side location and heritage assets to deliver high-quality housing-led development.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 13) The **Natural Parkland** opportunity has been updated since the last draft masterplan to provide more details on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced. It includes details of the projects Birmingham Settlement are delivering at the Playing Field. Following discussions with the existing water sport clubs, the revised masterplan no longer includes the option of Birmingham Rowing Club relocating as part of a water sports hub. This opportunity area therefore includes support for the club to improve their facilities in their existing location.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 14) **Edgbaston Waterworks** site was included in the previous draft masterplan but has been included as its own opportunity in the revised draft. This is a long-term opportunity as its still in operation by Severn Trent. The vision for the site is:

Subject to the site becoming available for development, Edgbaston Waterworks will deliver high-quality housing-led development that protects and enhances heritage assets.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

15) The final opportunity is **Celebrating the Reservoir**. This replaces 'Tolkien Walk' from the previous draft masterplan and has been expanded to cover other ways in which the character, natural environment, heritage and social history of the reservoir could be celebrated.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

16) Chapter six is **Delivery and Management**. This has been updated to provide more detail than the previous draft masterplan. It includes a table that summarises the delivery of each of the projects within the opportunities.

Do you agree with the delivery approach outline in the masterplan? If not, what amendments could be made?

17) **Do you think there is anything missing from the document that the masterplan should address?**

18) The masterplan includes several precedent images from other locations and developments along with an artist's sketch of the 'Osler Park and Osler Place' opportunity area. These are all illustrative and have been included to help bring the revised vision of the masterplan to life.

Do you have any comments to make about the images included within the revised masterplan?

19) **Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the revised draft Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan?**

Revised Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Questionnaire

If you would like to comment on the masterplan, please read the draft document and complete this questionnaire. You can complete as many or as few questions as you like. If you need additional space please attach paper and continue your response, clearly setting out which question you are responding to.

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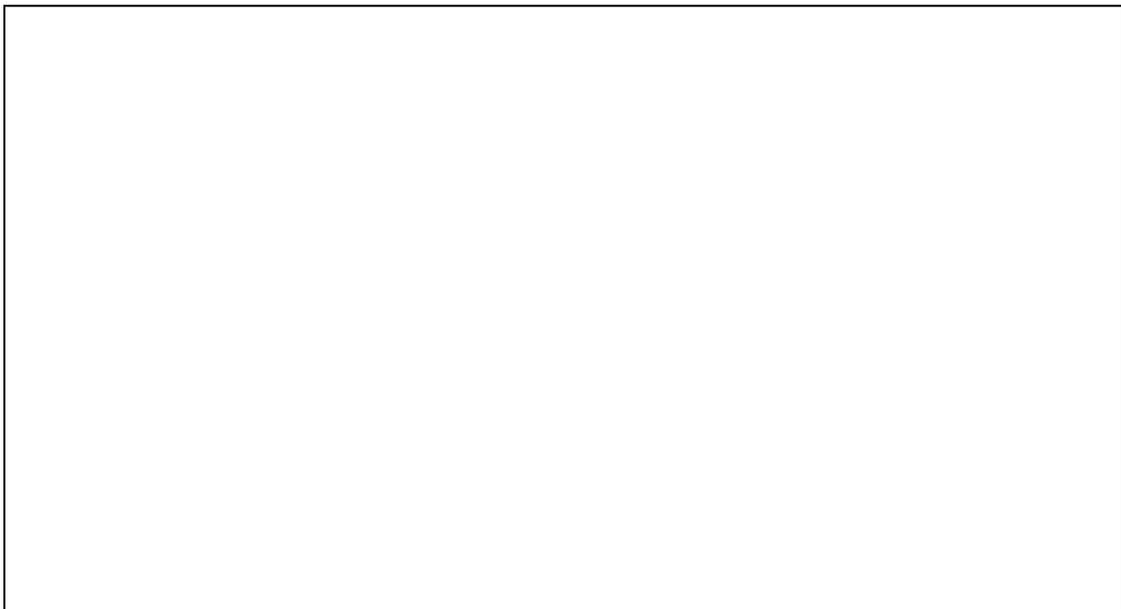
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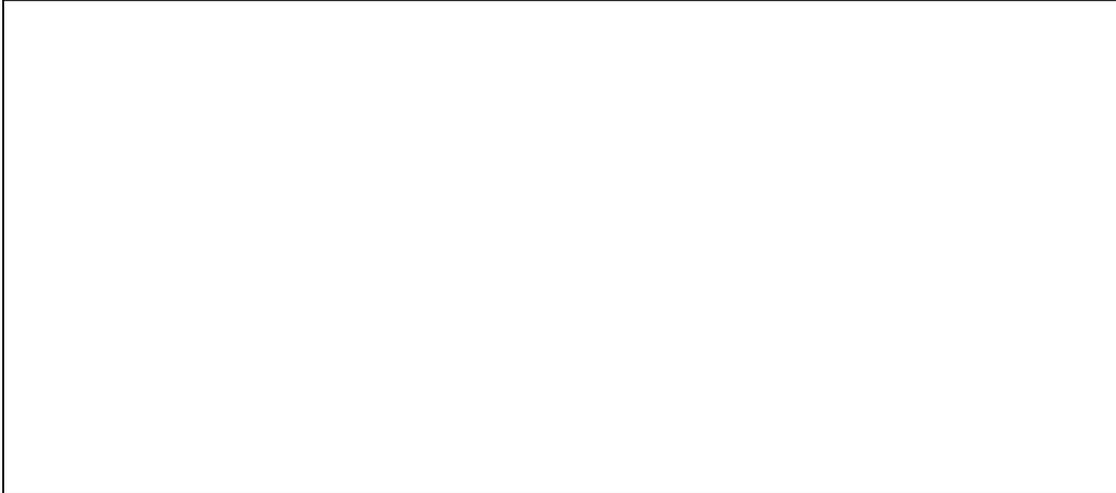
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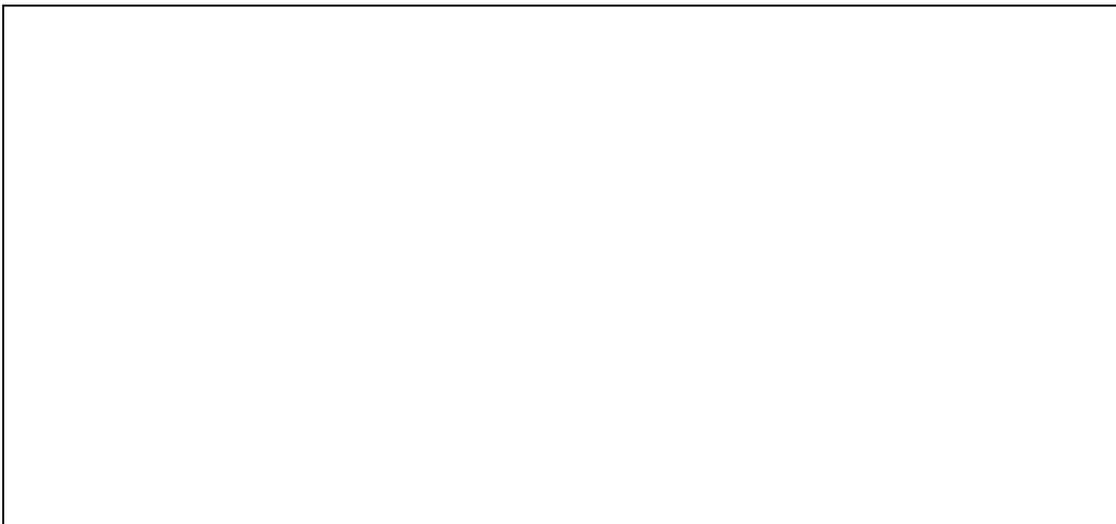
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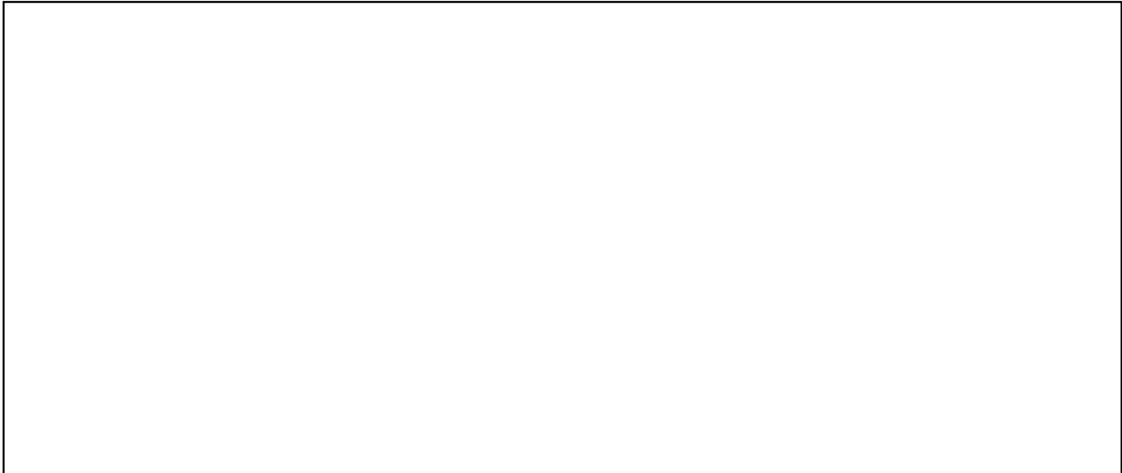
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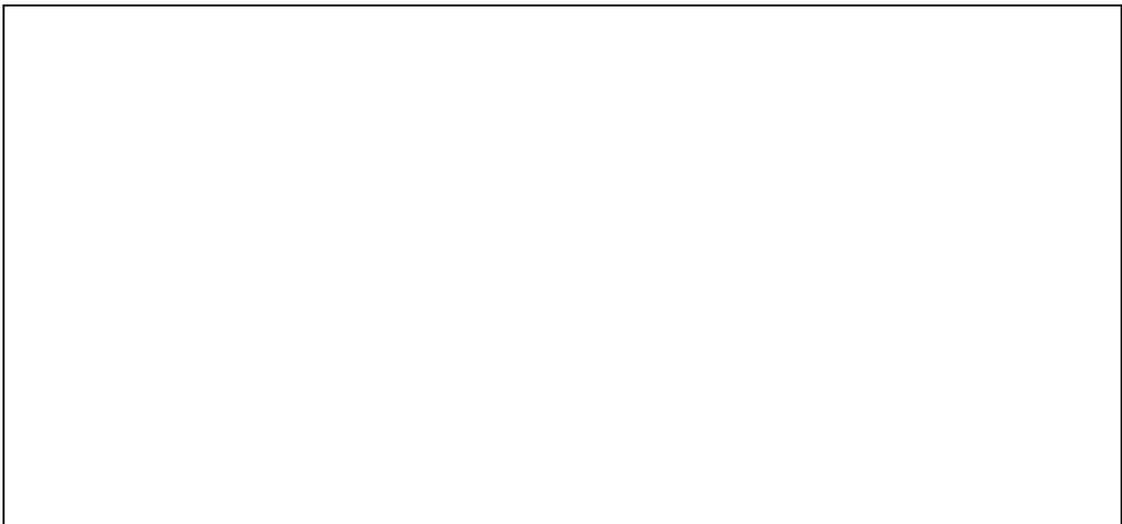
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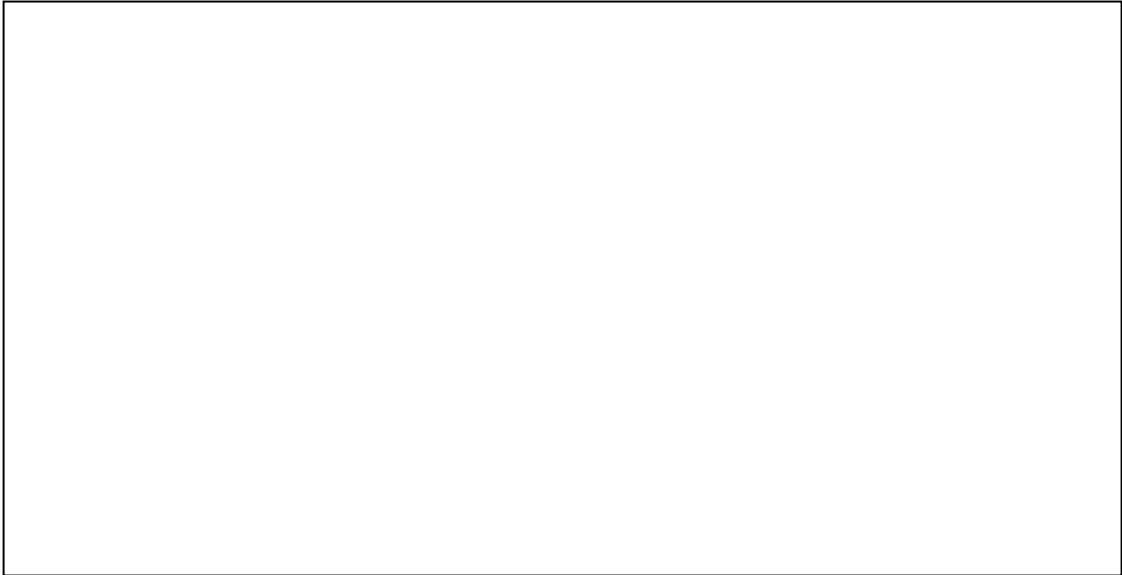
Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 14) **Edgbaston Waterworks** site was included in the previous draft masterplan but has been included as its own opportunity in the revised draft. This is a long-term opportunity as its still in operation by Severn Trent.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 15) The final opportunity is **Celebrating the Reservoir**. This replaces 'Tolkien Walk' from the previous draft masterplan and has been expanded to cover other ways in which the character, natural environment, heritage and social history of the reservoir could be celebrated.

Do you support the vision and principles for this opportunity area? If not, what amendments could be made?



- 16) Chapter six is **Delivery and Management**. This has been updated to provide more detail than the previous draft masterplan. It includes a table that summarises the delivery of each of the projects within the opportunities.

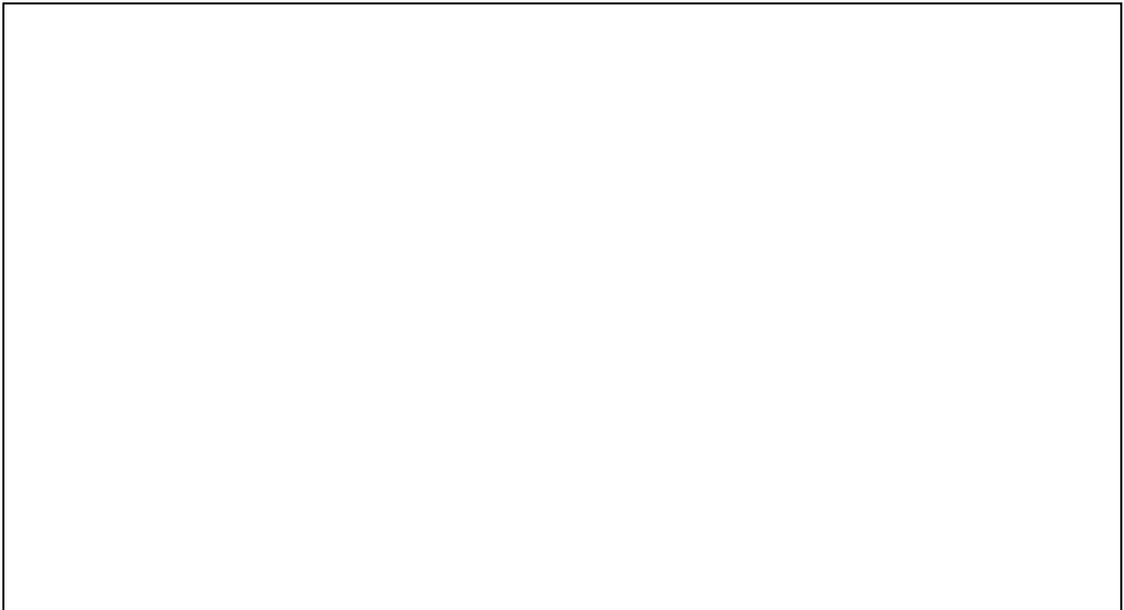
Do you agree with the delivery approach outline in the masterplan? If not, what amendments could be made?

- 17) **Do you think there is anything missing from the document that the masterplan should address?**

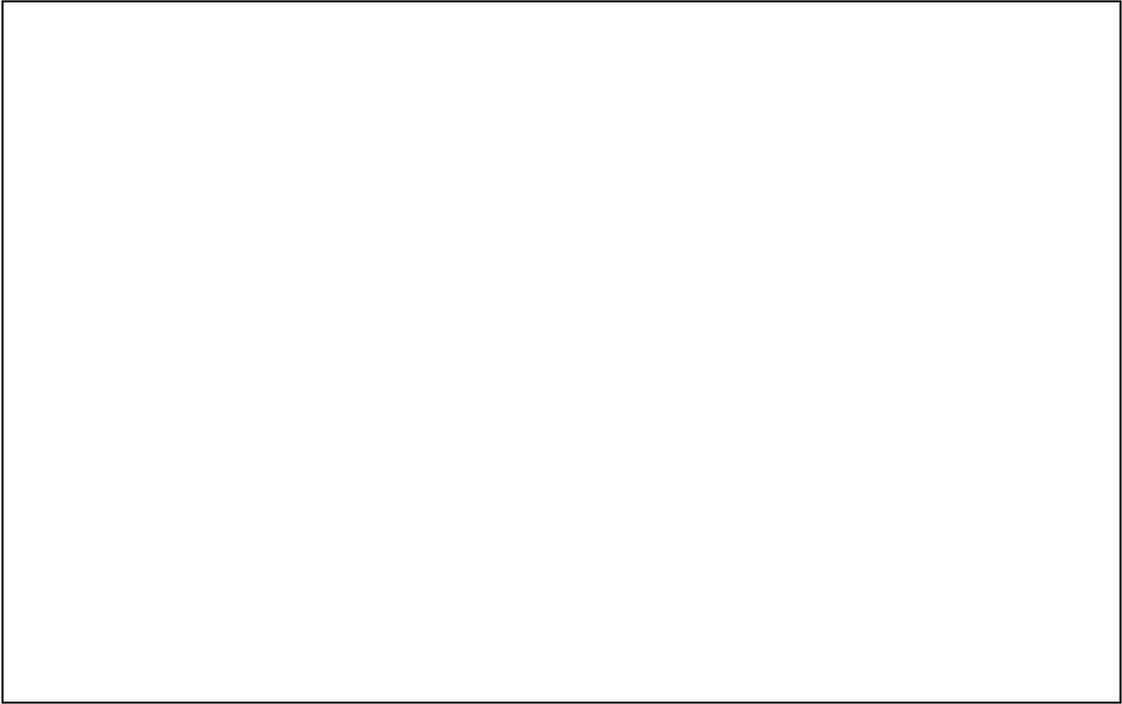


- 18) The masterplan includes several precedent images from other locations and developments along with an artist's sketch of the 'Osler Park and Osler Place' opportunity area. These are all illustrative and have been included to help bring the revised vision of the masterplan to life.

Do you have any comments to make about the images included within the revised masterplan?



- 19) **Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the revised draft Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan?**



20) In order to make sure we capture a wide mix of views, it would be helpful if you could provide the following information. These questions are completely optional.

Age:

Ethnicity:

First half of postcode:

If you would like to be kept informed on masterplan, please provide your details below.

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Thank you.

Summary and response to representations collected at BCC drop-in consultation event

Consultee	Representation summary	Officer response	Proposed changes to the SPD
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the potential impacts of new housing on existing residents has not been fully considered.	Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development under the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). Due to high projected population growth up to 2031, new homes are required to meet increased housing demand and the masterplan is expected to contribute to meeting this demand.	No change required.
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development at Osler Park and Osler Place. Or demolition of the Tower Ballroom building. Suggests the land should be used for sports and activities or events.	Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The decision to demolish the former Tower Ballroom building has been made through cabinet process. The vision for the site is for a mixed-use residential-led scheme that is set back from the waters' edge with a wide walkway in front. The retention of the Tower Ballroom building would make delivering this vision unachievable.	No change required.
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the Artist's sketch on page 19 in misleading as it minimises the potential impacts for residents and the environment. Requests the Osler Park and Osler Place is used for social housing and community uses instead, as community facilities in the Ladywood are inadequate.	<p>Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for mixed-use residential-led development in the Birmingham Development Plan (2017).</p> <p>The sketch has been included to illustrate the vision at Osler Park and Osler Place. Non-residential uses will also be delivered on the site overlooking the water to create an active frontage and could include community, cultural, commercial, café, leisure, and educational facilities. Details will be determined at the planning application stage.</p>	No change required.

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		All housing development will need to be in line with policy requirements for affordable housing and the masterplan includes references to this policy requirement.	
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development close to the water's edge at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the development will create light and noise pollution in the environment, with particular impacts for the mature trees. The site should be used for community uses instead, as facilities in the Ladywood area are currently inadequate.	<p>Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development under the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). Due to the high rates of projected population growth up to 2031, new homes are required to meet increased housing demand and Osler Park and Osler Place is expected to contribute to meeting this demand. Non-residential uses will also be delivered on the site overlooking the water to create an active frontage and could include community, cultural, commercial, café, leisure, and educational facilities. Details will be determined at the planning application stage.</p> <p>The masterplan is clear proposals and developments should protect and enhance the natural environment and contribute to the objectives set out in the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan (2021).</p>	The masterplan has been amended to set the building line further back from the waters' edge and increase the level of greenery / soft landscaping on the walkway to soften the impact of development on the Local Nature Reserve.
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development close to the water's edge at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the reservoir should be solely a Local Nature Reserve for use by the public.	Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). The masterplan has been amended to set the building line further back from the waters' edge and increase the level of greenery / soft landscaping on the walkway to soften the impact of development on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been amended to set the building line further back from the waters' edge and increase the level of greenery / soft landscaping on

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			the walkway to soften the impact of development on the Local Nature Reserve.
Representative from Karis Medical Centre	Holds concerns as to proposed development. States that the new residents will require GP services but that Karis Medical Centre is at full capacity and is unable to expand without additional funding. States the provision of new health infrastructure must be carefully considered.	<p>Comment noted. The masterplan states a comprehensive partnership-based approach is required for successful delivery to be achieved.</p> <p>The masterplan has been updated to include reference to ongoing assessments required to identify infrastructure needs; this is also central to Birmingham's local plan and engagement with the Integrated Care Partnership.</p>	The masterplan has been updated to include reference to ongoing assessments required to identify infrastructure needs.
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development at Osler Park and Osler Place. States that a space should be created in front of Reservoir Lodge.	Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development under the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge and to create a public square in front of Reservoir Lodge.	The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge and to create a public square in front of Reservoir Lodge.
2 Individuals	In support of proposals for improvements to the existing pathways and the creation of a link between the reservoir and Port Loop site. States that public interest in walking as an activity has increased since the Covid pandemic and that new facilities along the canal routes are required, to support increased activity e.g. café and WCs.	Support welcomed. The masterplan aims to ensure there are sufficient facilities for visitors. It also seeks to strengthen connectivity and activity along the canal pathway between the reservoir and Port Loop and the city centre.	No change required.

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1 Individual	Not in support of housing development close to water's edge at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the proposed density level is too high and new homes will be unaffordable for Birmingham residents. The Local Nature Reserve (LNR) should be enhanced instead.	<p>Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development under the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). Due to high rates of projected population growth up to 2031, new homes are required to meet increased housing demand and Osler Park and Osler Place is expected to contribute to meeting this demand.</p> <p>The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge.</p> <p>All housing development will need to be in line with policy requirements for affordable housing and the masterplan includes references to this policy requirement.</p> <p>The masterplan is clear the Local Nature Reserve should be protected and enhanced. It further states the masterplan should be read in conjunction with the updated Local Nature Reserve Management Plan (2021).</p>	The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge.
1 Individual	Not in support of housing development close to water's edge at Osler Park and Osler Place. States the proposed density level is too high and that housing numbers should be reduced, with green opens spaces retained at the water's edge.	<p>Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development under the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). Due to high rates of projected population growth up to 2031, new homes are required to meet increased housing demand and Osler Park and Osler Place is expected to contribute to meeting this demand.</p> <p>The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge and increase the level of greenery / soft landscaping on the walkway to soften the impact of development on the Local Nature Reserve.</p>	The masterplan has been updated to further set buildings back from the waters' edge and increase the level of greenery / soft landscaping on the walkway to soften the impact of development on the Local Nature Reserve.

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1 Individual	Asks if the reservoir will be accessible at night.	Comment noted. The reservoir is not gated at night so can be access in the day and at night.	No change required.
1 Individual	Not in support of proposed development. States there are multiple issues with proposals, in terms of density, constrained infrastructure, limited car parking provision, creation of noise pollution from events and potential increase in anti-social behaviours and poor accessibility for visitors with disabilities. Suggests the viability of the site for development should be re-considered.	<p>Comment noted. The Tower Ballroom site was allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan (2017). All proposals and development within the masterplan boundary will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment. Details will be determined at the planning application stage and proposals will be assessed against adopted policy.</p> <p>The masterplan seeks to create a sustainable plan to safeguard the reservoir for future generations and it is considered that the final version of the masterplan proposes a well-balanced approach to meeting a diverse range of needs. The masterplan will provide a framework for decision making and assessing planning applications that come forward for development within the masterplan area.</p>	No change required.
1 individual	Asks why Daisy Road is included in masterplan boundaries and requests confirmation from the council, that homes on Daisy Road are not to be subject to Compulsory Purchase Orders? States that Daisy Road does experience on-going issues in relation to HMOs, drug dealing, parking and general safety.	<p>Comment noted. The approach to consultation was in line with Planning Regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement. The masterplan boundary was approved in a Cabinet member report in 2019. It is important to have a coherent masterplan so that a comprehensive approach can be taken to development in the area, but it is not the case that masterplan proposals affect every property within the boundary.</p> <p>A key part of the masterplan vision is to create improve safety and accessibility for all. Increased activity at the reservoir will help address anti-social behaviour and the council will work with partners to address issues that arise.</p>	No change required.

