

Information briefing- 3B's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report from: Planning and Regeneration to Perry Barr Ward Committee

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Summary

A community group in Perry Barr, known as the 3B's (Beeches, Booths and Barr) Neighbourhood Planning Forum, wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the majority of Perry Barr Ward. Neighbourhood Planning is a way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work, by identifying where new shops, houses and employment sites could be built. In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, the Forum has submitted an application to the Council to be formally designated as the relevant body to prepare a NDP. The application also seeks designation of the Neighbourhood Area to which the NDP will relate. The Council is publicising the application for a 6 week period, and any comments received will be considered by the Council when designating the Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum.

Background information

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) are community-led plans for guiding the future development and regeneration of an area, which are prepared by designated Neighbourhood Forums. They can deal with a range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment and transport) and need to be prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. The process for preparing a NDP consists of a number of key stages, the first of which is the designation of the Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum. In September 2016, the Beeches, Booths and Barr (3B's) Neighbourhood Planning Forum submitted an application to the Council to enable the group to progress with the preparation a NDP. The application, which needs to be determined by the Council, seeks designation of the Neighbourhood Area (the geographical area the NDP will cover) and Neighbourhood Forum.

Neighbourhood Area

The A34 (Walsall Road) runs through the heart of the proposed Neighbourhood Area, with Queslett Road to the north, the railway line and Old Walsall Road to the west and the M6 and Aldridge Road to the east. See the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area attached.

Neighbourhood Forum

The 3B's Neighbourhood Planning Forum wish to be designated as the relevant body to prepare a NDP for the Neighbourhood Area identified. The Forum meets the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations as it's been established for the purpose of improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area, its membership is open to those who

live, work or are elected members within the area, it consists of a minimum of 21 members and has a written constitution. The Chair of the Forum, Cllr Jon Hunt, and the Secretary, Mrs Janet Summers, will be the main points of contact for the NDP.

The Council is publicising the application for a 6 week period from Monday 24th October- Monday 5th December 2016. A copy of the application can be accessed on the Council's website from 24th October:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/3Bsneighbourhooddevelopmentplan

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations require that the application is brought to the attention of those who live, work and carry out business in the area. Aside from the website, the Council is also publicising the application at a local level, including articles in the Perry Hall Community Association newsletter and Great Barr Observer and site notices throughout the proposed Neighbourhood Area. Publicising the application will give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the Forum as the relevant body to prepare the NDP and the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

Next steps

The application seeks the designation of the 3B's Neighbourhood Area and the 3B's Neighbourhood Planning Forum as the relevant body to prepare a NDP. Comments on the application should be submitted to the Council by Monday 5th December 2016 (see contact details below), and any representations received will be considered after this date.

If the designation is made, no other body can be designated to prepare a NDP for the specified area, until the designation expires or is withdrawn in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

Upon successful designation, the Forum will start to draft the NDP, with a focus on housing and employment opportunities, flood risk, open spaces and revitalising local centres. Consultation with the community will be led by the Neighbourhood Forum and will inform policies within the document. Other key milestones include submission of the NDP to the Council, independent examination, referendum (subject to a successful outcome at examination) and adoption. When adopted, NDPs form part of the statutory development plan and will shape future development within an area.

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If you wish to get involved with the NDP, please contact the Forum by email (jsumm0121@aol.com). Anyone who lives, works or is an elected member within the Neighbourhood Area is welcome to join the Forum.

Proposed 3B's Neighbourhood Area

