

SELLY OAK DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER

Present:- Councillor Karen McCarthy, Councillor Mary Locke and Karen Cheney, District Head

1. Purpose of Meeting – to identify road safety hot spot areas across the Selly Oak district and themes that create particular difficulties/concerns for an area eg congestion, travel, parking. Ward meetings to be requested to identify top 3 priority locations and top 3 themes.
2. Hot Spots
Main roads in general but especially Pershore Road, Linden Road, Reservoir Road, Middleton Hall Road, Warstock Road, Yardley Wood Road, Allens Croft Road and area around children's centre
3. Themes
Cycling
Speeding on side roads in particular and rat running
Traffic congestion in Cotteridge & Stirchley
Areas around schools – parking, lack of 20mph limit outside Cotteridge School, parking
Lack of road signs identifying transition from motorway to residential area (Cotteridge area especially)
Traffic congestion across the District leading to poor air quality and impact on health – better air quality monitoring required
Lack of co-ordination during road closures leads to grid lock
Roads across the District are linear therefore while travel to the city and out was simple traveling across the District was difficult, especially if relying on bus use.
Private Hire Drivers (Uber) coming into area from outside Birmingham to drop off at university, hospital etc do not know the area well and cause traffic hold ups, potential accidents (low priority)
Education was key – eg benefits of walking to school rather than driving, residents involvement
Infrastructure eg average speed cameras on Pershore Road, 20mph limits
Cycling – cyclists not satisfied with the way schemes were being put together
4. Action
Ward meetings to be provided with a template to generate discussion on road safety hot spots and themes.