

WARD PLAN 2017-18

Name of Ward: Harborne

Harborne is part of the Edgbaston constituency. The neighbourhood has a busy & popular shopping area, and is close to Birmingham University and the QE hospital. There are good local schools which are frequently over-subscribed. There are good public transport links, but significant problems with parking. There are, however, variations across the Ward, with pockets of serious deprivation in areas such as Welsh House Farm, and very expensive housing in other parts of the Ward. There are high numbers of rented flats and houses. Accordingly, the Ward Plan needs to acknowledge that there are different priorities for different residents and interest groups. As we continue, as a city, to experience the full force of government austerity measures, we should recognise the need to manage realistic expectations.

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Birmingham City Council Vision and Priorities 2017-2020

OUR VISION –A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters

OUR PRIORITIES

- **Children** – A great city to grow up in
- **Housing** – A great city to live in
- **Jobs and Skills** – A great city to succeed in
- **Health** – A great city to grow old in
- **The importance of neighbourhoods** – Our neighbourhoods have an important role in shaping the lives of citizens and the city we share

OUR 5 KEY LOCAL WARD PRIORITIES FOR THE HARBORNE WARD

(September 2017 – May 2018)

1. **Community Safety:** neighbourhood cohesion is vital. We are aware of a worrying increase in crime in the Ward, and note the reduction in a police presence. The Ward Committee and its community and organisational members will continue to work closely with the police in an effort to reduce crime and to ensure that Harborne remains a safe and attractive neighbourhood to live and work. We will also work with other partners – housing, health & social care – to ensure that homeless people are supported and referred to appropriate agencies.
2. **Environmental issues:** The Ward Committee acknowledges significant increases in parking across the Ward, with much of the increase as a result of the expansion of the QE Hospital. We will work with Officers, the police and the QE to address problems for local residents and consider, where applicable, a range of Traffic Regulation Orders. Further, we will work with Amey to determine road surfacing and road marking priorities, address issues in respect of street lighting and tree surgery. We will also ensure that Queens Park and Grove Park are properly maintained. We will continue to monitor and deal with fly tipping and litter.
3. **Children and Young People:** we will work closely with local schools and parents to encourage walking to school and to improve child health. We will also work closely with the police and traffic enforcement officers to ensure that drivers who obstruct the pavement and/or park on double yellow lines are the recipients of legal action. We will also continue to support the efforts of Harborne Library to attract children and young people to encourage reading and homework clubs.
4. **Addressing inequalities:** we note significant disadvantage in some neighbourhoods In Harborne, and will work with partners to identify and support any interventions to address inequality. We will make good use of available economic analyses and ward profiles, and ensure that this data is shared and understood by the Ward Committee and local residents.
5. **Businesses and employment:** We will continue to support Harborne High Street, working with local businesses and local residents to ensure that it continues to be a destination for shoppers and those working in the area. We will work with all stakeholders in support of a vibrant business and commercial community and with those involved in the night-time economy. We will support the further development of Harborne BID. We will attempt to address resident and business concerns regarding parking and litter