

BRANDWOOD & KINGS HEATH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Brandwood & Kings Heath	DATE: 20 November 2018
VENUE: Kings Heath Community Centre, Heathfield Rd B14 7DB	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm to 9pm
COUNCILLORS: Lisa Trickett & Mike Leddy	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 60+
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: PC Milburn, West Midlands Police Gavin Smith & Rachel Evans, West Midlands Rail Executive Doug Lee, Development Planning Manager BCC Joe Green, Transportation Behaviour Change Manager Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	APOLOGY: Roger Godsiff M.P.
MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	
1. Police Update 2. Plans for the New Train Station & Clean Air Proposals	
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1. <u>Police Update</u> Meeting advised of a unique team established to work with National Express and BTP in response to complaints from residents & traders of ASB on the High Street. Details left of how to report issues on the bus network. Report of boy racers on Vicarage Road	ALL Police working with BCC re an injunction in response to city wide issue Cllr Trickett referred to speeding/ parking across the ward and that there would be a fuller discussion at a future meeting on how to come up with solutions for roads affected in residential areas Residents urged to use speed reporting portal on BCC website

<p>2. <u>Plans for the New Train Station & Clean Air Proposals</u></p> <p>Gavin Smith made the following points and responded to residents questions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans were underway to open 3 new stations in the south of the city – Kings Heath, Moseley & Hazelwell – on the sites of the former stations. - The stations would offer alternative travel, reduce traffic and improve local economies. - Stations would be up and running by 2021 - Stations would be fully accessible, with 2 platforms that would accommodate 6 carriages, covered by canopies. There would be lifts, information screens, CCTV, public address systems and help points. The stations would not be staffed. - Kings Heath station had presented a challenge for emergency escape as the site of the original station was adjacent to Home Base car park. The current plan envisaged a path from railway to Highbury Park. It was possible that a secondary means of escape from the embankment into the allotments and out into the Park might be needed but the preferred option was a refuge on railway land. - Stations were being designed with pedestrians, cyclists and public transport connections in mind. There would be no car parks as the stations were not designed for park and ride. - Rail network was at saturation so there was ongoing work 	<p>Councillor Trickett emphasised the importance of the allotments and that if the refuge was not possible, there must be consultation with residents <i>before</i> a decision was made about the allotments</p>
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<p>with Network Rail to ensure new train service was compatible with the cross city line. Currently anticipating 2 trains an hour to Birmingham and Kings Norton. Trains would be new model ultra-low emissions diesel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Details of the drop in sessions provided and importance of residents expressing their views stressed <p>Residents then made the following comments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern regarding pavement widths around the proposed station and ability to accommodate footfall. - Planning needed to be mindful of the number of schools for children with special needs in the area and crossings etc needed to take that into account - Promoting cycling and walking was key to prevent on street parking. If cycling to stations was promoted trains needed to be able to accommodate bicycles. - Could the new stations be in-keeping with the local area eg Highbury Hall? - Security concerns expressed regarding unmanned stations - There were 10,000 school children in the local area and the new station opening was an opportunity to promote safety. It was suggested that road safety week be used as an opportunity for representatives to visit schools. - The future for a Balsall Heath Station was queried. 	<p>Meeting advised a triangle of space would be created outside the station and footpath widened. Some specific work also needed to be undertaken around Cartland Rd.</p> <p>Meeting advised that resident's views were sought on the station design and how it could best serve the community.</p> <p>Gavin Smith welcomed the opportunity for the industry to engage with schools and undertook to speak at the conclusion of the meeting about visiting local schools.</p> <p>There were no plans for Balsall Heath Station currently and no funding</p>
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<p>Joe Green spoke about the implications locally of the 3 stations and people travelling around the area and that a transport assessment would be undertaken as part of the planning application. There was concern regarding parking implications and mitigation such as residents parking schemes.</p> <p>Clean Air Zone & Kings Heath High Street – details of the CAZ explained and the mitigation being sought via government funding for businesses, key workers and residents. Cllr Trickett referred to a trial in Kings Heath High Street to improve air quality. Residents suggested using the rear of Kingsway Cinema as a car park to enable parking spaces to be removed from the High Street.</p> <p>Doug Lee responded to requests for a LAAP for Kings Heath in view of the proposals for the area, the importance of the shopping centre and the need for investment. Residents supported the suggestion for a Local Area Action Plan.</p>	<p>Future meeting agree a proposal to trial further solutions to improve air quality as a pilot scheme</p> <p>Doug Lee to take back support from the meeting for a LAAP for the area.</p>
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Next Meeting – 22 January 2019, 7pm at Kings Heath Community Centre	

Councillors (s) Signed: