

## EDGBASTON WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES RECORDING

<b>WARD:</b> Edgbaston	<b>DATE:</b> Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>VENUE/ VIRTUAL:</b> Edgbaston Community Centre, 40 Woodview Drive, B15 2HU	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7:00pm – 8:12pm
<b>COUNCILLOR/S:</b> Deidre Alden & Matt Bennett	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 9
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Preety Sohpal – Community Governance Manager, Beverley Edmead – Community Governance Manager	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b> Stuart Cross – Kier Highways

### CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

*Ward plan currently in progress*

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

#### 1. Welcome & Notice of Recording

Councillor Alden & Councillor Bennett welcomed all to the meeting and advised that members of the press/public may be present, could record and take photographs of the meeting.

#### 2. Highways Update

Stuart Cross introduced himself from Kier Highway. He notified residents of the upcoming resurfacing to start on Vicarage Road, Highfield Road, Priory Road, Somerset Road and Richmond Hill Road which will be completed between September-November. The resurfacing of Augustus Road started on 7<sup>th</sup> July and Willow Avenue is to be completed in 2 weeks. Pavements on Yateley Road have also been redone.

He explained to residents that they're also responsible for the maintenance of all drains in the city too with every gulley being checked once a year. They're also responsible for tree pruning and maintaining street lights.

#### **Questions for Stuart**

A resident asked Stuart how are the Gulleys' cleaned and what do they do if there is a vehicle/obstruction blocking access to the gulley? Stuart explained

that they do take a vacuum into the drains to give it a good clean. If there are cars parked or any obstruction giving them no access to the gulley, they make a total of 3 attempts to revisit the gulley. If they are still unsuccessful due to an obstruction, they write and send letters to all residents on the road to ensure that the area of the particular gulley is kept clear and if this fails, then in rare extreme cases they will obtain a traffic regulation order and will have to get a car physically moved from the gulley to be able to gain access to it.

Another resident asked about the garage demolition on the Roman Estate and when this would be happening as there have been signs for a while on the garages regarding the demolition. Stuart explained that he is aware of this however this is not his area as it is a private housing estate. The double yellow lines around the garages are also not enforceable as it is on private land.

Councillor Alden asked Stuart which part of Somerset Road is being resurfaced as it is over the bridge that is the biggest problem. Stuart explained that they were having trouble with Network Rail as the bridge goes over the train line and are in talks with getting this resurfaced. They also asked about the flooding on Priory Road and if this was due to poor maintenance of the drains. Stuart explained that this is an issue with Severn Trent Water. Residents commented how the flooding is causing a wall to crumble on Edgbaston Park Road and debris scattered across the footpath making it impossible to walk on and residents having to walk on the road along this stretch. They also raised that if the Earth behind follows through along with a flood behind the damaged walls then this would be catastrophic. Stuart explained that as the wall is privately owned and they had written to them already pre-Commonwealth Games however they received no response. It has now been escalated to the city enforcement team.

### **3. Ward Action Plan and Ward Funding**

The Councillors briefly went over the old Ward Action Plan and the priorities were read out from page 12 which are;

- Dealing with Parking Issues
- Keeping Edgbaston Clean and Green
- Protecting Conservation areas and making sure any new development is sympathetic to the area
- Supporting the police in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
- Supporting and developing local community groups

These priorities are mostly mirrored in the new Ward Action Plan however will be adding parking schemes into the plan due to the ward being on the edge of the Clean Air Zone. The funds and allocations were discussed as below;

- Brum Breathes - £40,000
- Community Chest - £20,000
- Celebrating Communities - £22,200
- Minor Transport Measures Budget - £20,000

The Councillors informed the meeting that a proposal was being developed for a residents' parking scheme on Yew Tree Road and Elvetham Road, which currently have no parking restrictions and are being used as an unofficial "park and ride" by people with CAZ non-compliant vehicles. It was proposed and agreed that this scheme, subject to cost, should have first call on the Brum Breathes funding for the following reasons:

- It complies with the ward plan priorities dealing with Parking Issues and Keeping Edgbaston Clean and Green
- These roads are currently in a minority that have no parking restrictions and therefore feel the impact of vehicles avoiding the CAZ the most

#### **4. Local Updates**

The Councillors addressed the very public situation of the financial position of Birmingham City Council. They explained that there is no further information yet as to if/how this will affect funding for the ward and would hope to have an update for residents at the next ward forum meeting.

The reminded residents to make use of the Mobile Household Recycling Centre's and informed residents that the Calthorpe Resident Society share the dates on their website in the rolling news section.

Residents were reminded that they could request a second recycling bin from the Council if they wished to

They informed residents that if there any further additions or suggestions for the Ward Action Plan, to contact the Councillors directly to put any ideas forward.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
1. To send ideas for usage for funding or additions to Ward Action Plan to the Councillors	1. Residents	1. Not Applicable