	KINGS NORTON WARD FORUM MEETING		
	THURSDAY 7 JULY 2016 AT 7PM AT ODDINGLEY HALL, ODDINGLEY ROAD B31 3BS		
	ACTION NOTES		
In Attendance	Councillor Valerie Seabright and Councillor Peter Griffiths		
	Bali Paddock, Development Project Manager Sergeant Kaur, West Midlands Police		
	Mark Rees, Kier Living Ltd Lucy O'Grady, Amey		
	Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager		
	There were 13 residents in attendance		
Agenda Item		Action	
1.	Election of a Chair for 2016/17	Cllr Seabright elected as Chair for 2016/17	
2.	Notice of Recordings	Noted	
3.	Notes of the Last Meeting	Noted	
4.	<u>Petitions</u>	None Submitted	
5.	Police Update Sergeant Kaur provided the following update:- - Since January 2016 teams had been re-configured to provide 3 duty teams & 1 operational team to allow 7day per week patrols - In response to issues raised at the last meeting officers had worked with Greaves Hall to take out a civil action. The ASB did not relate to people attending the youth club. Arrests had also been made relating to criminal matters. Dedicated patrols were still being made around Greaves Hall. - General crime had reduced based on the same time last year - Unfortunately ASB had not reduced significantly. Off road bikes remained a main issue and residents were asked to forward any details so that bikes could be seized. - The next Tasking meeting would be 12 July. A resident referenced a quad bike being driven in an anti- social	Police patrols ongoing at Greaves Hall Residents	

manner regularly along Ansty Road.

6. <u>Update on Ward Issues</u>

a) <u>Regeneration</u>

Bali Paddock outlined the details of the final year of the 5 year programme. House building on the Primrose estate would begin following completion of the road scheme with the project taking about 2 years. There were still issues with the supermarket but plans for a store as part of the development was still progressing. Mark Rees added that the road layout needed approval which was due in the autumn with work starting on site in January 2017 and the supermarket planned for start in September/October 2017.

Residents made the following comments;

- Proposed use of the land if not used for a supermarket?
- The scale and gradient of the site was evident and therefore issues identified by the supermarket were questioned
- Garages and properties behind Campion/Saffron Houses had been vandalized and there was concern for the new properties being built before they were occupied
- Fly tipping on Redditch Road
- Disruptions due to the road works
- Travellers were in the area
- Would bus routes be affected?
- Reference made to the damage caused to existing roads during the building works

The following responses were made;

- There had been no discussions regarding the supermarket stepping away from the site
- If the site was not used for a supermarket it was a prime site for housing
- The condition of the site had been known and this had been argued with the supermarket and the requirement for a flat site was causing the hold up.
- The travellers would be moved on and the process to close off the road had been started. Residents advised that the travelers had not used the road but had gained access across the grass. Bali undertook to talk to the District Engineer.
- Presentation re house types/street scene/tenure etc made
- Some disruption was anticipated during the build but Mark Rees undertook to attend any community/residents meetings if invited
- Bus routes would be maintained along the A441 and some temporary bus stops would be installed

Bali to take up with District Engineer

Mark Rees undertook to attend residents meetings

- It was Kier's responsibility to make good any damage caused to the road during the build to the Local Authority's satisfaction
- 20 apprenticeships would be delivered with events held at local schools to promote; also on offer work experience and graduate placements
- Commitment made to continue working with the Ward Councillors on the Christmas Sparkle
- Further updates would be made to the Ward Forum

Further updates to the Ward Forum

b) Amey

Lucy O'Grady outlined Ameys responsibilities.

The Chair expressed concern re the lack of notification of planned works and highlighted issues with works around The Green that had impacted traders and residents.

Reference made to a drain cover repair on the A441 (Bridge Lane nr The Man in the Moon) which had been rectified but the road had been patched and was now breaking up. Tarmac had not been removed from the trees.

27 Hawkesley Crescent – slabs had been repaired recently but the concrete had broken up and the slabs were unsteady

Work done in Hawkesley Crescent to Coneygreen Lane was not fit for purpose

60-62 Selcombe Way – the water drain had been tarmacked over and the manhole cover required repair – a meeting had been held on site regarding the length of time taken for the repairs

Query regarding work being undertaken off Rednal Road.

Lucy to investigate issues raised and report back to Councillors

c) West Heath Library

The Chair referred to the recent consultation re the future of the library and an option to move to Oddingley Hall. She added that she had met with the Deputy Leader who was looking at the library service as a whole. No decision had yet been made re West Heath Library.

Friends of Birmingham Library expressed concern regarding future of library and consultation which had been limited. Residents did not want the library re-located to Oddingley and the situation was totally unacceptable.

Residents commented that the consultation had not been publicized, access could not be gained to Oddingley Hall on the publicized date to look at plans, officers had not been available to explain, residents felt badly treated, money had been identified but had been used for other purposes.

	Cllr Griffiths referred to the mis-information there had been around the library. Councillors had requested the consultation be undertaken again. The Chair suggested that the District Lead be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Library service and advise on the funding and situation with West Heath Library.	District Lead to be invited to next meeting re Library Service
7.	Update on Housing Strategy Councillor Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Housing & Homes set out his responsibilities and his plans for a Housing Strategy for Birmingham. He was keen to work with the partners and investigate other models of working and to look at empty homes, rough sleepers and house building. Lessons learnt during the 3 Estates regeneration would be taken forward to future regeneration projects. Residents made the following comments; - Pre-fab houses would make perfect temporary accommodation for residents in clearance areas so they did not have to move out of the area - Kit houses were an further option - More care needed to be taken when planning major repairs - One bedroomed properties were required Councillor Griffiths undertook to bring the Housing Plan to a future meeting. He requested residents to advise him of any empty properties.	Cllr Griffiths to present Housing Plan to future meeting. Resident to advise of empty properties
8.	Report Back from District Committee District Committee held on 24 June discussed feedback on Neighbourhood Challenge and cycling strategy which would be discussed again further at a future meeting.	or empty properties
9.	i) More bins required on Rednal Road ii) The brook near to Oddingley Hall was overflowing as it was blocked and this was causing flooding to neighbouring houses. A community clean up was not possible due to the number of needles in the brook.	The Chair to take up

10.	Ideas for Future Meetings	
	i) West Heath Library Update	
	The Chair asked residents to contact her with any suggestions for the next meeting.	Residents to advise Chair of items for future meetings
11.	Authority to Chairman and Officers	Agreed

Meeting ended 8.50pm