

WARD PLAN 2017-18

Name of Ward

Sutton Vesey – a modestly affluent suburban residential area with a mix of older, long-established residents, and younger families more recently moved into the area. Most properties are owner-occupied but there are pockets of social and private rented premises. There is a popular local shopping centre in Boldmere with a mix of independent retailers and a growing evening economy, and a large retail complex at Princess Alice New Oscott serving a wider catchment. Smaller parades at Beeches Walk and Banners Gate serve more local communities. There is relatively little accessible local public open space but the ward is bordered to the north by Sutton Park, with main entrances at Boldmere Gate and Banners Gate.

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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 SUTTON VESEY WARD
(September 2017 – May 2018)

1. **Road Safety** Priority is to include initiatives to make the Ward a safe place for residents and drivers. Improve parking around schools. Supporting Modeshift and increasing enforcement with additional staffing. Need for more pedestrian crossings, more parking spaces and support roll out of 20mph in appropriate roads. Stop obstruction on pavements. More grit bins.
2. **Community Facilities and Initiatives** Priority is to ensure the Community drives its own agenda to help all residents. Support community initiatives in the ward e.g. Age UK and Boldmere Futures Neighbourhood planning. Encourage other groups to do same. Ensure Library kept open and encourage volunteer staffing. More play areas and upgrade of existing.
3. **Health and Wellbeing.** Priority is to aid in the Health, Social Care and Well Being of residents. Improve access for disabled. More dropped kerbs. Open a Dementia Cafe. Support walking groups. Support initiatives that tackle loneliness and isolation. Encourage volunteer visitor scheme. Support carers. Improve air quality. Support Park Rangers and Education initiatives in Sutton Park.
4. **Youth Work.** Priority is to encourage young people to be active citizens. Support Community outreach initiatives through YMCA and Age UK Youth Worker and any other community group.
5. **Environment and Street Scene.** Priority is to create a clean and pleasant locality for residents. Stop parking on grass verges. Need for more frequent grass cutting. More tree planting and floral displays. Cut back overhanging trees. Support more community clean-ups involving active citizens. Cleaner streets, more litter bins, more action on dog fouling, more toilets, more benches. Improve pavements, install walking route signage, more Heritage signage. More bike racks.