

NORTHFIELD WARD ACTION PLAN

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	What's the Issue?	Where is it?	What do we want to see done about it?
1.	Parking (including schools)	Parking Enforcement – too many vehicles inconsiderately parked near hotspots such as train stations. Schools are an issue but these are limited to certain times. Small islands and cul-de-sacs are suffering with lack of visibility near the stations.	Regular enforcement notices placed on vehicles in nearby residential roads (revenue to Council). The City needs to encourage train usage for jobs and leisure but not at the misfortune of local residents, If cars need to be placed slightly further away then so be it. What incentives can the city give? Also High Street areas requiring more enforcement from parking Officers who need to navigate several hours per day in each Ward.
2.	Grass verges (management & maintenance)	Fleet and Waste struggle into small cul de sacs thus damaging the corners, this becomes unsightly	Ensure drivers drive more accurately, place posts on the edge. The recent Grass Verge Ward Allocation was inadequate. E.g. It has minimal impact for areas requiring extra metres of double kerbing. The Ward allocation of £6,250 supplies approx. 70 metres of double kerbing to protect verges. 2018 will be limited to £2,000 per member with even less impact in areas requiring protection. What other funding is available from Highways (please provide other than the Minor Ward Transport budget of £8,000).
3.	Litter / clean streets / litter bin collections	71 bins were taken out of Northfield District in 2016/17.	Please replace them and add dog “poop”bins.
4.	Parks & open spaces (management &	Parks budget has reduced.	Work with Justice system on community

	maintenance)		hours/upkeep.
5.	Community libraries	West Heath Library was closed.	Oddingley Hall is to be used instead as a CAT, what is the update and ensure residents will be informed.
6.	Amey roads / pavements / lights / trees	Conservation Areas.	Correct regulation of lighting and pavements in these historic areas.
7.	Road safety	Schools areas.	
8.	Neighbourhood policing / community safety	All over Ward, in particular known hotspots of trouble.	PCSOs are actively seen on the street and engaging with local communities. Northfield Tasking meetings were reduced in our Ward but need replacing with alternative community cohesion from Police.
9.	Housing & private renting	Capital Work Programmes to be strictly monitored within Northfield.	Capital work programmes to be strictly monitored. If properties have requested repairs several times, ACT ON IT e.g. holes in a BCC roof causing leaking and damp in property. Several visits to say the same outcome wastes money.
10.	Nursery schools, school admissions, Statement of Educational Need provision	The Fair Access Protocol has now been completed.	Greater cohesion with schools from the LA on future demand and demographic growth so schools can plan ahead.
11.	Local jobs & skills	NEETS in Ward.	YPP and Prospects provide regular updates on area to all elected members.
12.	Older people's care	Promoting health in the elderly with therapeutic and physical sessions.	Work with local care homes. Are surveys carried out asking what elderly require from their latter years?