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DOCUMENT FOR THE EDGBASTON RESERVOIR MASTERPLAN
- Strategic Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability

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Report to the Leader & the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods

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Subject: Public consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document for the Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To seek authority to undertake a second round of public consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan (Appendix 1).

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Approves the Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) at Appendix 1 for public consultation for a period of six weeks.
- 2.2 Notes that following the consultation, a further report will be produced for Cabinet to adopt the SPD as part of the City Council's planning framework.

3 Background

- 3.1 Edgbaston Reservoir is a key green and blue asset in the city. Part of the land within the masterplan boundary is a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The reservoir covers 32 hectares of land, including 24 hectares of open water. The reservoir plays an important role in providing green, open space for new and existing communities. It also has a rich and diverse history and is an important part of Birmingham's industrial heritage.
- 3.2 The Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) was adopted by the City Council in January 2017 and is part of the city's statutory planning framework. It guides decisions on development and regeneration activity. Policy Growth Area Two of the plan identifies Greater Icknield as an area for growth. It describes Edgbaston Reservoir as: 'one of the city's most significant areas of open space'. The BDP identifies Icknield Port Loop and the Tower Ballroom Site as major opportunities and allocates them to provide a mix of innovative family housing, commercial, and community uses. The SPD will provide further guidance on the BDP allocations, providing a clear vision for their delivery.
- 3.3 In 2019, the Council prepared a draft SPD for Edgbaston Reservoir and undertook public consultation between May and July where approximately 420 individual representations were submitted. In January 2020, the Council established a Community Partnership Forum to engage with representatives from the local community and existing water users on the masterplan redraft. The forum consists of Council officers and members from the Edgbaston Reservoir Community Consortium. The Community Consortium formed in response to the public consultation and submitted a community-led vision for the reservoir. It represents a wide range of community and user-group interests. The aim of the forum is to better align the Council's aspirations with those of the community to establish a clear vision for the reservoir that everyone can work towards. Each formal representation from the public consultation has also been considered during the masterplan revision.
- 3.4 Since the previous consultation there has been several significant changes to the proposals within the draft masterplan. Therefore, a second round of focussed public consultation is now required. This will also enable the wider community and other interested parties (beyond the forum) to make representations on the redrafted plan.
- 3.5 The main revisions to the draft masterplan are:

- The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed and the draft masterplan now aims to enhance the open space and play facilities as an important element of the vision for the reservoir.
- Following the ongoing engagement with the Community Partnership Forum, the masterplan now includes their suggested 'Community Principles' that aims to ensure future development benefits both people and the environment.
- Further details have been added to the masterplan on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced. This includes a development principle covering Sustainability. Information from the revised Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan that has been produced to support the masterplan process has also been included.
- The suggested proposal to relocate the existing water users (sailing and rowing club) into new or a combined facility have now been removed following detailed discussions with the clubs around their preferences and the practicalities of relocation. The masterplan now includes proposals for the facilities to be improved in their existing locations. It also includes references to support the clubs in continuing their community outreach work.
- Further details have been added to all the opportunities around design, especially on sustainability and green infrastructure to ensure any development reflects the Local Nature Reserve setting of the reservoir.
- Additions have been made to better reflect the opportunities for community and leisure activity at the reservoir. This includes the potential for community, commercial and leisure uses on the ground floor of the Tower Ballroom site, the use of Reservoir Lodge for community activities and the role of the Birmingham Settlement Site.

3.6 The purpose of the SPD is to provide a clear vision and principles to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment and inform future investment at the reservoir. Views will be sought from the public and other stakeholders on the guidance the draft SPD contains.

3.7 The masterplan will enable the Council to progress the future use of the Tower Ballroom site and secure investment. Following Cabinet Member authorisation, an application for prior notification for demolition of the building was submitted and approved in November 2021. Demolition is scheduled to commence in Spring 2022. The demolition of the Tower Ballroom building and the adoption of the SPD, provides a clear course of action for the delivery of the Tower Ballroom. This is crucial in optimising the potential of this Council-owned site for a mix of uses including residential, community, leisure and commercial.

3.8 Draft Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan:

3.9 In summary the draft SPD includes:

- A **Vision** to set out the Council's aspiration for Edgbaston Reservoir, including a number of **Opportunities** that will deliver the vision.
- **Development Principles** to provide planning guidance and advice to developers on matters covering Activity, Character, Connectivity and Sustainability.
- **Delivery and management** requirements to support a comprehensive, partnership-based approach.

3.10 An engagement strategy has been developed to set out how the public consultation will be carried out on the draft SPD. This meets the requirements of relevant regulations and guidance, including the adopted Statement of Community Involvement. A broad range of specific and general stakeholders will be informed of the draft SPD. As this is the second round of consultation on a draft SPD, and given the continuous engagement with the forum, it is proposed this round of consultation is focussed on the changes to the masterplan following the last round of public consultation. The consultation will include the following:

- Online questionnaire using BeHeard;
- A notification letter/email to the planning consultation database and all who responded to the previous consultation;
- Posters around the reservoir detailing the consultation date, how to access the masterplan Draft SPD and how to respond;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- Online presentation setting out how the plan has changed from the last consultation and how people can have their say;
- Press release and social media posts signposting the public to consultation material;
- Printed copies of the plan, and questionnaire with freepost address will be available at local libraries and the council's Woodcock Street office;
- Use of existing networks and organisation operating near the reservoir to encourage the wider community to have their say; and
- An in-person drop-in event if a covid-safe venue is available.

3.11 The SPD needs to be adopted by the City Council in a timely manner to ensure the guidance can influence planning applications and investment decisions at the reservoir. To ensure this happens, the preparation of the SPD will progress as follows:

- Public consultation on Draft SPD – February and March 2022 (six weeks)
- Review comments and prepare final SPD – April to June 2022
- Adoption of final SPD by Cabinet – August 2022

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 Option 1 – Do nothing. Should the Council decide not to publish the draft and consult on the SPD, it would result in a lack of strategic direction and vision for the Edgbaston Reservoir area. This would impact on the Council's ability to deliver inclusive growth and optimise potential investment.
- 4.2 Option 2 – Rely on policies in the BDP. It is not intended that the SPD becomes a statutory planning tool. However, once endorsed, it will provide a greater level of direction that the BDP does not provide and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.
- 4.3 Option 3 - Recommended Option – Prepare and consult on the redrafted Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft SPD. The Council will seek views on proposals within the draft SPD.

5 Consultation

5.1 Internal

- 5.1.1 Officers from City Design and Conservation, Transportation Services, Legal Services, Neighbourhoods Directorate, and Property Services have been consulted during the preparation of the draft SPD. Local Ward Councillors have also been regularly briefed on the draft SPD, with comments incorporated into the document throughout its production.

5.2 External

- 5.2.1 The draft SPD has been prepared in collaboration with Sport England and the Canal and River Trust. Representatives from the local community and reservoir user groups have been actively involved in shaping the final draft masterplan through continuous engagement with the forum. Existing water users have been engaged with throughout the process, including: Midlands Sailing Club, Birmingham Rowing and Canoe Club, and TS Vernon Sea Cadets. Landowners such as Birmingham Settlement, Urban Splash and the Canal and River Trust have also been engaged with throughout. Further detail on the continuous engagement undertaken is available as part of the Consultation Report in Appendix 2.
- 5.2.2 In addition to the ongoing engagement, all the formal representations received in response to the last stage of public consultation have been taken into consideration when redrafting the masterplan. A summary of the consultation undertaken, the responses received and how these have informed the draft SPD is available in the Consultation Report in Appendix 2.
- 5.2.3 Building on the detailed continuous engagement undertaken in producing this second draft masterplan, formal views will now be sought on the document as part of the public consultation on the draft SPD. The consultation will follow the principles set out in the Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement and align with Covid-19 restrictions or guidance in place at the

time of consultation. The consultation document will be published online and all those on the Planning Policy Consultation Database, including all Birmingham City Council Elected Members, will be notified. The database includes a wide range of consultees covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and business groups, statutory bodies, agencies and other key stakeholders. All feedback and comments received will be taken into consideration in formulating the final version of the SPD which will be presented to Cabinet for adoption alongside a summary of the comments received.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 There are several risks associated with this decision. One risk is the draft SPD will not be supported by stakeholders and the public. This risk has been significantly reduced by the involvement of the forum, existing water users and landowners in the production of the draft masterplan. Whilst it is recognised that universal support may not be achievable, the redrafted masterplan better reflects the aspirations of the community and water users at the reservoir.
- 6.2 Another risk is that consultation is considered by some to not be meaningful, due to the fact permission has been granted to demolish the Tower Ballroom building. This risk has been significantly reduced as the draft masterplan clearly explains the allocation of the Tower Ballroom for redevelopment in the BDP. The City Council has been transparent about the future of the Tower Ballroom and clear that the masterplan's role is to provide a vision for the site to be redeveloped as a mixed-use housing-led scheme.
- 6.3 A final risk is that consultation will be undertaken during a time of Covid19 restrictions. In order to mitigate this, no face-to-face meetings or public events are proposed. Materials will be available on the website and hard copies of the document and response form can be made available on request. The consultation will be widely publicised, and officers will be available to respond to any questions.

7 Compliance Issues:

- 7.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?
 - 7.1.1 The SPD will contribute towards the vision contained in the City Council Plan: Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great, clean and green city to live in – Priority 8: we will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events. The draft SPD is in line with the BDP.
- 7.2 Legal Implications

7.2.1 The relevant legal powers for preparing and undertaking public consultation on the draft SPD is set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), with detailed requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and the Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement. There is a requirement to publicly consult on SPDs for a minimum of four weeks before they can be adopted. SPDs also need to be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and the BDP.

7.2.2 The City Council has carried out a screening assessment of the draft SPD (Appendix 3), under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. Views from the statutory consultees (Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England), will be sought as part of the consultation for the draft SPD.

7.3 Financial Implications

7.3.1 The draft SPD has been prepared using existing Planning and Development staff resources. Costs from undertaking the public consultation on the draft SPD will be met from approved revenue budgets within Planning and Development service.

7.4 Procurement Implications (if required)

7.4.1 N/A

7.5 Human Resources Implications (if required)

7.5.1 N/A

7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty

7.6.1 An Equality Analysis has been undertaken and is attached in Appendix 4. The initial assessment found that the SPD will have no specific impacts on protected characteristics. The developments will lead to improvements for the local population including improved leisure facilities and new homes. The approach to public consultation on the draft SPD will be informed by the community profile for the area. Relevant organisations with an interest in equalities issues will be consulted. The Equality Analysis will be updated following a review of the consultation feedback and will inform the preparation of the final SPD.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft SPD

8.2 Appendix 2 – Consultation Report

8.3 Appendix 3 – Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening for the Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft

- 8.4 Appendix 4 – Equalities Analysis
- 8.5 Appendix 5 – Edgbaston Reservoir Development Site Plan

9 Background Documents

- 9.1 Birmingham Development Plan 2017
- 9.2 Greater Icknield Masterplan 2016
- 9.3 Draft Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Consultation Document April 2019



OurFuture Edgbaston Reservoir City Plan

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A plan for the sustainable future of
Edgbaston Reservoir
Draft Supplementary
Planning Document
February 2022

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Foreword

Edgbaston Reservoir is one of Birmingham's most important open spaces combining opportunities for sport and recreation with valuable natural habitats and tranquil environments.

I am delighted to be launching this updated masterplan as the next step toward realising the full potential of the reservoir as a wonderfully unique asset for the residents of Birmingham.

Through this masterplan, the city council is promoting the important role of the reservoir and defining a clear vision to protect the natural environment, deliver affordable homes and encourage its health and well-being benefits.

Creating a sustainable plan will safeguard the reservoir for future generations. The Local Nature Reserve will be protected and enhanced to ensure the reservoir continues to play its important role as a valuable natural habitat for wildlife and visitors to enjoy.

Building on its role as a centre for water sports, there are huge opportunities to enhance the reservoir as a public open space and improve its offer to create a leisure destination that provides opportunities for communities to come together.

In promoting its role as a multifaceted place, we can maximise the social, health and environmental benefits of the reservoir, and help underpin the delivery of our sustainable inclusive growth agenda.

Councillor Ian Ward
Leader
Birmingham City Council



Creating a *sustainable* plan will safeguard the reservoir for future generations

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Introduction

Edgbaston Reservoir is a unique open space, a designated Local Nature Reserve, and the second largest body of water in the city. It provides experience of nature and wildlife with natural beauty, expansive skies and views and tranquil surroundings. It serves a wide range of communities and offers a retreat from city living and is home to long established water sports clubs and diverse land-based uses.

The reservoir has played an important role in Birmingham's development history and it provides an opportunity for innovation in sustainability as the city moves to become carbon neutral.

The purpose of the masterplan is to establish the future vision for the reservoir and define how the combination of unique sport and recreation, community, heritage, and natural environment can be protected and enhanced by setting clear principles for development.

The council has produced this revised draft masterplan in response to the consultation undertaken between May and July 2019 where approximately 400 individual representations were submitted. Each representation has been considered when revising the masterplan. We are now asking for your views on whether you support the changes made to this masterplan in response to the first consultation.

In January 2020, a Community Partnership Forum was established as a means for Birmingham City Council to engage with representatives from the local community on the masterplan redraft. The Forum consists of council officers and members from the Edgbaston Reservoir Community Consortium. The Community Consortium formed in response to the previous consultation and submitted a community-led vision for the reservoir. It represents a wide range of community and user-group interests. The aim of the Forum is to align the council's aspirations with those of the community to establish a clear vision for the reservoir that everyone can work towards.

The council has engaged with the community and water-user group representatives of the Forum throughout the redrafting process. This masterplan has also been produced in partnership with key delivery partners: the Canal & River Trust and Sport England.

As part of the commitment to engage with the Forum, the council has endorsed a set of Community Principles that were put forward by the Edgbaston Reservoir Community Consortium. These principles have been incorporated throughout the revised masterplan and will be considered in planning and investment decisions made within the plan area.

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history



*Natural environment
at the reservoir*



An example of the reservoir's engineering heritage

Community principles

The Community Principles were agreed as the priorities of local people and ensure future development benefits both people and the environment.

Developments and proposals within the masterplan boundary will be expected to show how they will:

1. Complement the Local Nature Reserve and status of Birmingham as a Biophilic City by protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
2. Maximise environmental sustainability and make responsible use of resources in how developments are built, their operation and how they interact with their natural surroundings.
3. Actively support and encourage social cohesion to ensure that the reservoir continues to belong to everyone.
4. Encourage personal development for all and provide facilities for life-long learning.
5. Enhance physical and mental health and well-being opportunities by improving access to social, cultural and sporting facilities.
6. Build on the current ways people access and use the reservoir by improving connections to other assets and the wider green network.
7. In line with the Localism Agenda, provide opportunities for meaningful engagement and collaborative working with the community.
8. Support community-based water users to continue to develop high-quality water sports and widen access to these activities.

Purpose of the masterplan

The masterplan sits within the context of the plans for the city centre and the Greater Icknield area. Both areas are seeing major change, delivering new homes, jobs and infrastructure, and attracting greater numbers of visitors.

The reservoir offers an escape from the bustle of the city and a place where all communities can meet to enjoy the unique water setting. It is important the masterplan protects the natural, community and heritage assets, as well as the operational and functional integrity of the reservoir infrastructure. The masterplan must also enable the area to evolve to meet the needs of the city's growing population through the provision of new family homes, water-focussed leisure, and community facilities in line with the Birmingham Development Plan.

Covid-19 has forced many of us to adjust how we live our lives and reflect on what is important. The need to prioritise physical and mental health well-being has been magnified. Access to high-quality open space has proven crucial, especially for households without private gardens. Physical exercise and connecting with nature and water are proven to contribute towards well-being. As such, there is increased recognition of the need to protect and enhance open space. The role communities have played in response to Covid-19 and supporting places recover has demonstrated that investing in communities is crucial to develop resilient neighbourhoods. This masterplan therefore aims to protect and enhance the natural environment to ensure the reservoir continues to provide open space and facilitate community activity.

The masterplan is being prepared as a formal Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), to provide a strong framework for decision-making. This will ensure proposals and developments in the masterplan boundary deliver the vision for the sustainable future of the reservoir. In line with the National Planning Policy Framework, this masterplan SPD will add detail and guidance to the statutory Birmingham Development Plan.

This draft masterplan sets out several opportunities and provides clear development and community principles that maximise the important role of the reservoir, guide development, and deliver the highest-quality environment for the future. It provides flexibility to allow developers, water users and diverse communities to provide innovative ways to deliver the vision and to respond positively to changes over the plan period. Detailed plans for individual sites will be determined through planning applications.

The endorsement of the Community Principles within the draft masterplan ensures community perspectives and aspirations are taken into account in how any future development within the masterplan boundary is delivered and managed.

This masterplan will be a material consideration for all planning applications determined within the boundary. After the consultation on this second draft masterplan, comments will be taken into consideration, and necessary changes made. The council will then seek Cabinet approval for the final SPD to be formally adopted.

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Context

The masterplan area is located to the west of the city centre and is located within the North Edgbaston and Ladywood wards. It is within walking and cycling distance of significant employment, leisure and retail opportunities and has bus links to the city centre.

Most of the masterplan area was nationally designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2010 and is locally designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The Local Nature Reserve covers approximately 32 hectares with 24 hectares of open water. The Local Nature Reserve designation is based on the biodiversity and importance of this open space because of its urban location. It acts as a steppingstone for wildlife in Birmingham, linking core ecological areas together. A variety of woodland, grassland and wetland habitats surround the open water.

The reservoir is a key open space and natural asset that serves a wide community. There are a range of opportunities for community, leisure and recreational activity. Today, one of the reservoir's additional functions is as an established centre for water sports, including Midland Sailing Club, Birmingham Rowing Club and TS Vernon Sea Cadets.

Birmingham Rowing Club and Midland Sailing Club provide training and racing opportunities throughout the year as well as annual regattas. Both clubs have community outreach programmes and several affiliate clubs. Midland Sailing Club is a Sailability Centre with boats specially designed for people with disabilities and runs programmes for children and adults with physical and learning disabilities. Nowka Bais, a community interest company, also run their annual boat race at the reservoir. TS Vernon Sea Cadets run a range of

shore-based and water activities for young people in the local community teaching teamwork, respect, commitment and self-confidence.

The reservoir serves as an important natural resource for local people and visitors. Several active community groups undertake water and land-based activities. These include running and cycling groups, social support and creative arts groups, as well as independent runners, walkers, cyclists, anglers and dog walkers.

The reservoir can be accessed along the Birmingham Mainline Canal. It is approximately a twenty-minute walk to the city centre and the Roundhouse which provides a key focus on the canal. The reservoir also connects to several other open spaces in the city's wider green network including Summerfield Park, Osler Street Park and the Harborne Walkway.

The reservoir is a
key open and natural
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People walking around the reservoir



View across the water to the dam wall and city centre



The reservoir is on the doorstep for many residents in Ladywood and North Edgbaston. There are also several planned residential developments underway including Port Loop and Soho Wharf to the north of the reservoir. As such, the reservoir will need to cater for diverse communities and provide accessible spaces for people to come together to meet, sit, relax and contemplate the natural environment.

In recent years, the reservoir has hosted and inspired a series of community-generated arts and cultural activities. These have been facilitated through various collaborations between arts and social support organisations including Artscoop, Bertz Associates, Eat Make Play, and Birmingham Settlement. The events are part of an ongoing programme enabling local communities to celebrate and share how important the reservoir is to them. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the former Tower Ballroom site became an important

space for recreation particularly among younger generations. The car park space has been used for socialising and a range of art, cultural and exercise activities.

The Canal & River Trust are the 'undertaker' of the reservoir and have statutory duties under the Reservoirs Act, to ensure the operational and functional integrity of the reservoir, dam and its ancillary structures. Any development or projects within the masterplan boundary should not risk the safety of the dam.

The Canal & River Trust also have a statutory duty to provide safe water navigation and protect the biodiversity and water quality of the wider canal network. The water levels within the reservoir fluctuate depending on the need of the canal system. On occasions the water may need to be significantly lowered or drained for maintenance, operational and safety requirements.

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PLAN 1 Context

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Canal network
- - - - - West Coast rail line
- Greater Icknield Growth Area
- Local Nature Reserve



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Historic context

Completed in 1829, Edgbaston Reservoir is an important part of Birmingham’s industrial heritage, having been designed by Thomas Telford. The reservoir’s original purpose was to refill Birmingham’s canals, and that important function continues today. The improvements Telford made to the canal network between Birmingham and the Black Country were principally to accelerate the delivery of coal for the steam-driven machinery that was turning Birmingham into a world-renowned manufacturing centre.

Historically the reservoir also performed cultural and public health functions. In the Victorian era, illnesses such as tuberculosis, and increased levels of pollution in the city, led to great importance

placed on access to fresh air and open space. During the early part of the twentieth century, a masterplan was produced for an extensive Pleasure Garden at the reservoir. These plans were never fully realised, however, the area continued to serve the population as an escape from inner city life.

The reservoir’s heritage is reflected in the range of historic assets across the site including the Grade II listed Reservoir Lodge and depot buildings, as well as the locally listed dam, reservoir, and ancillary structures. Other historic buildings of interest within the area include Perrott’s Folly and Edgbaston Waterworks Tower. These towers are thought to have influenced J R R Tolkein to write ‘The Two Towers’ in the Lord of the Rings series.

The Tower Ballroom, to the south of the reservoir, has played a key role in providing space for people to come together. Originally built in 1827 as a roller-skating rink, it became a hugely popular venue for various forms of culture including dance, music, boxing matches and a venue for weddings. More recently, it hosted performances by the Birmingham Opera Company. The reservoir has attracted famous visitors including Charles Blondin the tight-rope walker of Niagara Falls fame, Jack Turpin the first black British World Champion boxer, Muhammad Ali Heavyweight Boxing World Champion and Ellen MacArthur, the record-breaking round-the-world sailor.

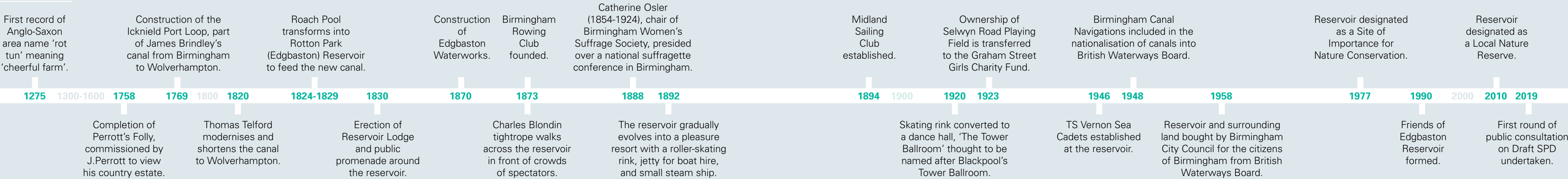
An event at the reservoir towards the end of the 19th century

William Haywood’s 1918 scheme for the Pleasure and Zoological Gardens

The original Victorian entrance to the reservoir

William Haywood’s 1917 masterplan for the central area of Birmingham

Timeline



Policy context

This masterplan document sits in context with several other documents and plans prepared by Birmingham City Council including the following:

Birmingham Development Plan

When adopted, this masterplan will add detail to the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP). The BDP was adopted in 2017 and forms part of the statutory development plan that guides decisions on planning and regeneration. The city's population is projected to grow by an additional 150,000 people by 2031. The BDP provides a strategy for addressing the challenges of growth across the city, with particular reference to climate change, the natural environment, quality of life, infrastructure and an inclusive economy.

The boundary of this masterplan is located within Policy Growth Area Two (GA2) of the BDP. This policy relates to the Greater Icknield area which is anticipated to provide 3,000 new homes for the city's growing population. This policy allocates the Tower Ballroom site and Icknield Port Loop as key development sites to support future growth in the area:

'As the largest development opportunity in the area their transformation will provide innovative family housing close to the city centre along with a mix of commercial and community uses including a new swimming pool'.

Policy Growth Area Two (GA2) also allocates Severn Trent Waterworks for residential use: *'Severn Trent Waterworks will be brought forward mainly for new residential development'.*

The masterplan needs to demonstrate how these identified development opportunities (Tower Ballroom Site, Icknield Port Loop and Edgbaston Waterworks) can deliver family housing along with community and commercial uses, to ensure it is in general conformity with the BDP. The main function of the masterplan therefore is to build on these housing allocations to ensure the reservoir is protected as a natural asset and a facility for all of the community.

As required by the BDP, housing provided within the masterplan area will need to include a wide choice of housing sizes, types and tenures to meet community needs in accordance with BDP Policy

TP31 'The type, size and density of new housing'. This includes homes for families, the elderly and appropriate levels of affordable housing. BDP Policy TP31 'Affordable housing' seeks 35% affordable homes as a developer contribution on residential developments of fifteen dwellings or more. Affordable housing should be fully integrated within the proposed development and any proposals that are unable to meet the 35% requirement will need to evidence why this is not possible using a viability assessment.

Greater Icknield Masterplan 2016

The Greater Icknield Masterplan, which formed part of the evidence base for the Birmingham Development Plan, identifies the Tower Ballroom and the Waterworks Site as development opportunities. It also recognises the role the reservoir plays in biodiversity and recreation stating that it should be promoted and enhanced. These principles have been carried through to the draft masterplan for the wider reservoir area.



Rowing boats at the reservoir



View of the former Tower Ballroom



Sailing at the reservoir

New family housing at Port Loop
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Cyclist using the upgraded section of footpath around the reservoir



The reservoir is a unique green asset within the city



*South Loop Park and repurposed buildings at Port Loop
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Birmingham Transport Policy

The Birmingham Connected White Paper (2014), is a twenty-year transport strategy which aims to create a sustainable transport system for all. The Birmingham Transport Plan adopted in October 2021, builds on this and sets a vision for a sustainable, inclusive, travel anywhere network. This will be achieved through a fully integrated public transport system that will support sustainable and inclusive economic growth, tackle climate change and promote the health and well-being of Birmingham's communities.

The Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy was adopted in January 2020 and aims to make walking and cycling an everyday choice for local journeys and leisure activities. It identifies opportunities to improve safety and better-connect existing networks.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the council published a draft Emergency Transport Plan in May 2020 to support increased walking, cycling and public transport initiatives. The masterplan reflects these adopted policies by prioritising improvements to walking and cycling connectivity to ensure the reservoir is an accessible and sustainable destination.

The Birmingham Parking SPD adopted in November 2021 sets out updated parking standards for development and seeks to support sustainable modes of travel and efficient use of land, whilst providing an appropriate amount of parking that is well-integrated, high-quality and in secure locations.

The masterplan sets out the principle of providing sufficient levels of parking in safe locations for those who need to access the reservoir by car. The amount of car parking and its future layout will be determined through planning applications in accordance with the Birmingham Parking SPD.

Emerging Birmingham Design Guide

The emerging Birmingham Design Guide sets out the design aspirations of the city. It includes guidance to ensure all development aids the creation of high-quality; people-focused places that are resilient, innovative and healthy. The document will become the primary planning guidance used to assess and guide the design of all development across the city.

The Climate Emergency and 'Route to Zero'

Birmingham City Council declared a climate emergency in June 2019. The ambition was set for the council and city to become net zero carbon by 2030, or as soon as possible thereafter as a 'just transition' allows. A 'Call to Action' action plan, approved by Full Council in January 2021, set out an initial set of actions the council would take to achieve 'Route to Zero (R20)'. Citizens are able to input into the agenda via the R20 community assembly, which meets quarterly and acts as a valuable platform for external engagement. The council and the R20 community assembly are working together to develop recommendations for how everyone in Birmingham can contribute to tackling climate change. This commitment has been reflected in the masterplan to ensure sustainability is at the heart of the plan.

Localism in Birmingham

The Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods White Paper (January 2019), sets out a clear commitment to work with local neighbourhoods and communities to empower them to have more influence over services and decisions that affect their lives. This commitment

has been reflected in the approach to the revised masterplan, which has been produced by extensive work with local communities and water users through the Community Partnership Forum.

Biophilic Cities

Biophilic Cities is a global network of cities that work collectively to pursue a vision of a 'natureful' city. Birmingham has been a Biophilic Cities member since 2013 and has declared its intention to be a green and sustainable city and improve connections between health and nature. As a unique green asset, the reservoir has an important role to play in delivering this commitment.

City of Nature

The council is developing a 25 year vision for a city of nature which will lay the foundations for how we build our city.

It should be noted, other local plan and supplementary planning documents may be relevant, and this SPD does not reiterate these.

3

Vision

Edgbaston Reservoir will be protected and enhanced as a tranquil oasis in the heart of the city, set within an ecologically-rich Local Nature Reserve.

It will provide a destination where local residents and visitors can enjoy a mix of land and water-based leisure and recreation activities with a strong community and family focus. The reservoir will be connected to a wider network of green and blue open spaces and be accessible to everyone. It will be celebrated as a safe distinctive place that supports the improved health and well-being of all.

New development will demonstrate high-quality sustainable design that reflects the unique

character of the reservoir as a natural landscape, heritage site, and social and cultural asset for a diverse range of communities.

The transformation of key opportunities around the reservoir will provide new homes and activity for community engagement that complement the water setting. Opportunities will be provided for new and existing residents to come together, to improve citizens' quality of life and enhance the visitor experience.

Innovative design solutions, flexible usage, and collaborative working with communities will safeguard the reservoir for future generations.

Opportunities will be provided for new and existing residents to come *together*



Illustrative artist's sketch demonstrating the vision at Osler Park and Osler Place

4

Development Principles

The following development principles will guide future development to ensure it delivers the vision:

- Activity
- Character
- Connectivity
- Sustainability

These Development Principles are reflected under each of the Opportunities listed in the masterplan to demonstrate how they will contribute to delivering the vision.

Reservoir Lodge, a key heritage asset making a positive contribution to the character of the reservoir



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Example of cycling
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Example of school trip to learn
about the natural environment.
The Wildlife Trusts
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Sailing at the reservoir
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Pontoon with purpose built wet area, integrated storage and
viewing platform used to support water sports activities.
Floating Kayak Club, Vejle Fjord, Denmark. FORCE 4 Architects
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Activity

Edgbaston Reservoir is an important leisure and learning destination. A mix of land and water-based activities will be encouraged to create a sustainable destination for Birmingham's residents and visitors. Activities should encourage leisure and creative arts, interaction with nature and support physical and mental health and well-being. New homes will bring life to the reservoir and help meet the housing need.

All activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan for the reservoir provides further guidance and has recently been revised by the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust. The document sets out details on the ecology and natural environment at the reservoir and how it can be managed and enhanced in the future.

Land-based activities including walking, cycling and bird watching are popular at the reservoir and will continue to be encouraged. The reservoir and surrounding land provide an important open

space for visitors to enjoy and interact with nature. Additional activities should enhance this where possible, for example through the sensitive development of nature walks, bird hides, wildlife education and accessible outdoor spaces.

A broad range of activities will be encouraged to meet the needs of the diverse population. Other additional uses could include outdoor gyms, play equipment or shared spaces for communal gardening. Appropriate temporary events to facilitate sporting, community and leisure activities will be supported. Facilities such as public toilets will be required to enable visitors to spend more time at the reservoir.

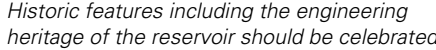
Multi-functional spaces will be encouraged to enable spaces to be used for a variety of activities. This will help future-proof development and improve economic and social sustainability.

The existing water sport clubs play a key role activating the water and encouraging participation. To support their work, the clubs in conjunction with

Sport Birmingham, have produced a Community Water Sports Activity Plan. It aims to widen access to water sports and increase participation levels in all parts of the community, creating a hub of water sports activity for the city that is a partnership between water sports groups. The council will continue to work with the clubs and support their ongoing outreach work with local communities.

Additional water activity will be supported where it meets the vision for the reservoir and encourages broader participation. Access to the water is managed by Birmingham City Council; the Water Users Agreement will be reviewed as necessary to ensure the water is used efficiently. New and existing activities should, where possible, use the reservoir throughout the weekdays and evenings to optimise water use.

Fluctuations in water levels, from natural weather patterns and the use of the reservoir to support the canal network, have a direct impact on the natural environment as well as the level of water sports activity able to take place at the reservoir.



The unique character, history and natural environment of the reservoir will be protected and enhanced. As a designated Local Nature Reserve, the natural environment is a fundamental part of the reservoir's character. Its sense of place and value as an escape from busy city life provides an opportunity for all to experience nature, heritage and water.

(both locally listed). Where appropriate, these buildings will be integrated with sympathetically-designed new development. Other historic features such as the dam wall and sluice gate gears should be celebrated.




Water is fundamental to the reservoir's sense of place. It is the reason many people visit, to enjoy the landscape setting and to take part in water-related activities. Opportunities will be taken to enhance paths and spaces, and could potentially include a floating structure, to allow visitors to feel closer to the water.

The role the reservoir played in the city's industrial heritage leaves a legacy of historic features with a story to tell. Sustainable uses will be sought for historic buildings including Reservoir Lodge (Grade II listed), Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage

Views are also an important feature of the reservoir and an integral part of the visitor experience. These are shown on the 'Views' plan opposite. This includes both vistas across the water and views out from the dam wall towards landmarks in the wider area, such as the Buddhist Vihara Peace Pagoda, St Augustine's Church spire, Edgbaston Waterworks Tower, Perrott's Folly, Port Loop and the city centre skyline beyond.

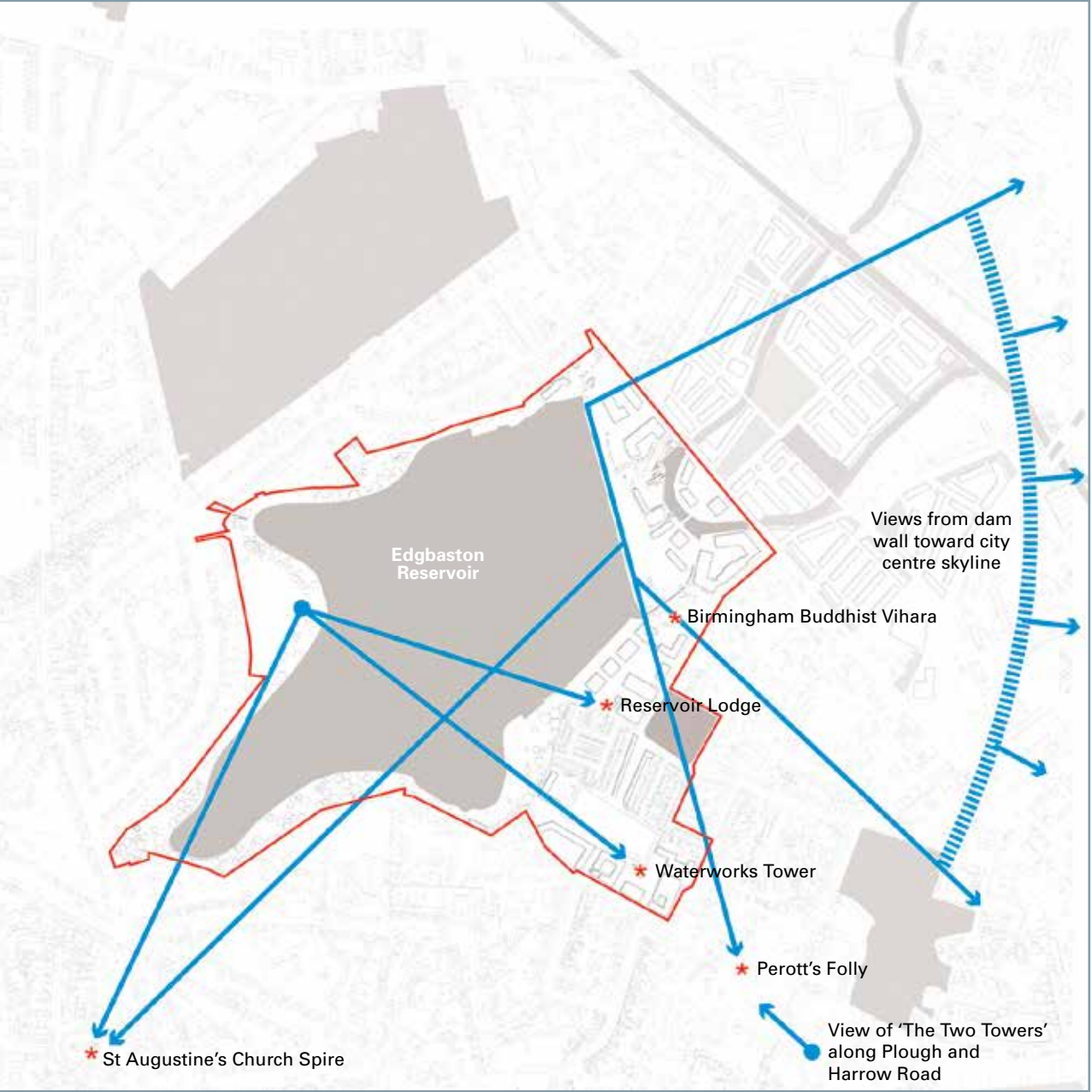
Development will be expected to respect key views and positively add to existing vistas and landmarks through high-quality design.

Key

-  Masterplan boundary
-  Key viewpoint
-  Key landmark



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Activity on the water adds to the unique character of the area
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Development at Edgbaston Reservoir will be high-quality and reinforce the reservoir's distinct character and identity, including its natural environment and waterside location. It should embody the principles of sustainable design (see page 32) and embrace the potential for innovation that sets a benchmark for future design in the city.

New development will recognise the role the reservoir plays as an active water sport location. Activity on the water adds to the unique character of the area and should be celebrated. Any development close to the water will need to demonstrate exceptional and innovative design that addresses its setting and adds to the quality of place. Activity at ground level will provide uses that complement the water setting and bring a

mix of people to the reservoir. Residential uses at upper levels will help create a safe environment by increasing natural surveillance and levels of activity in the evening.

Building height, scale, form and density will be required to be appropriate to its context and development should be welcoming and suitable for all. New development will contribute to the setting of the reservoir, with shared public spaces and strong physical and visual links to the water.

Potential pressure to provide buildings with views over the water must be balanced with the primary need to protect the reservoir's unique character, historic features, natural environment and significant views. Proposals for development

around the reservoir should carefully consider key vistas highlighted in the view plan (see page 25) and ensure these views are protected where appropriate.

New buildings and spaces should be designed to enhance views out from the reservoir. 3D massing models and computer-generated imagery visualisations should be used as necessary to assess impacts of proposed development on key views.

Public art will contribute to the reservoir's clear identity. Opportunities should be taken to engage with the local community to develop clearly marked entrances, signage and temporary and permanent artwork across the site.

PLAN 3 Character

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Opportunity site
- - - - New connection
- - - - Existing connection
- - - - Existing connection to be improved
- Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
- Reservoir Loop - complete
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- ✱ Key landmark
- Park/parkland
- New building
- Existing building
- Historic building with enhancement works
- Private residential amenity



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Connectivity

The reservoir provides opportunities for all communities to come together to enjoy the waterside location and natural environment. A key part of the masterplan vision is to ensure the reservoir is accessible to all to promote health and well-being. Priorities include connecting the reservoir to existing and new communities in the surrounding area and ensuring visitors can access the reservoir using a range of sustainable transport modes. Improved walking and cycling routes, alongside the creation of a high-quality public realm and managed vehicular access, will enhance the area.

Improvements to the footpath around the water's edge will encourage greater use and activity and contribute to a safer environment. Communities should be able to access the reservoir on foot and by bike through new and improved entrances that are clearly marked and create a welcoming environment. Pedestrians will have the priority

and any potential conflict between pedestrians and cyclists at the reservoir should be managed through signage and the design of pathways. Cycle parking facilities should be provided at appropriate entrance points, and cycle hire facilities would be supported at suitable locations.

Existing pedestrian and cycling connections to nearby neighbourhoods will be strengthened and enhanced. This will include links to the Harborne Walkway, Summerfield Park, Ladywood Leisure Centre and the canal network via Port Loop. A new pedestrian crossing will be delivered at Icknield Port Road to ensure pedestrians can cross safely. The dam wall presents a visual and physical barrier between the reservoir and the wider canal network via Port Loop. Improved connectivity between Port Loop and the reservoir will be essential and innovative design solutions that respect the function and heritage of the dam wall will be explored to address this.

Links to the city centre, the Roundhouse, Summerfield Park and Ladywood Leisure Centre will be improved and promoted. Walking and cycling will be encouraged from the city centre along the canal network and other sign-posted routes. Work to improve these routes has started, the Canal & River Trust has delivered an initiative called Revolution Walk, a 4.5 mile section of the Birmingham Canal Navigations from the Roundhouse to Chance Glassworks in Smethwick. The walk recently received Green Flag status and celebrates the Brindley and Telford canals, railways and roads. Further improvements to the canal will be sought and the ambition for the reservoir to gain Green Flag status will be supported. There will be improved access and signage on existing bus connections on local roads and via key transport hubs, such as the planned Metro and Sprint stops on Hagley Road.

PLAN 4 Connectivity

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- - - - New pedestrian and where appropriate cycle connection
- - - - Existing key walking and cycling connection*
- Reservoir Loop** - proposed upgrade
- Reservoir Loop** - recent upgrade
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- New pedestrian road crossing
- Water taxi stop
- Bus stop
- P Parking facilities

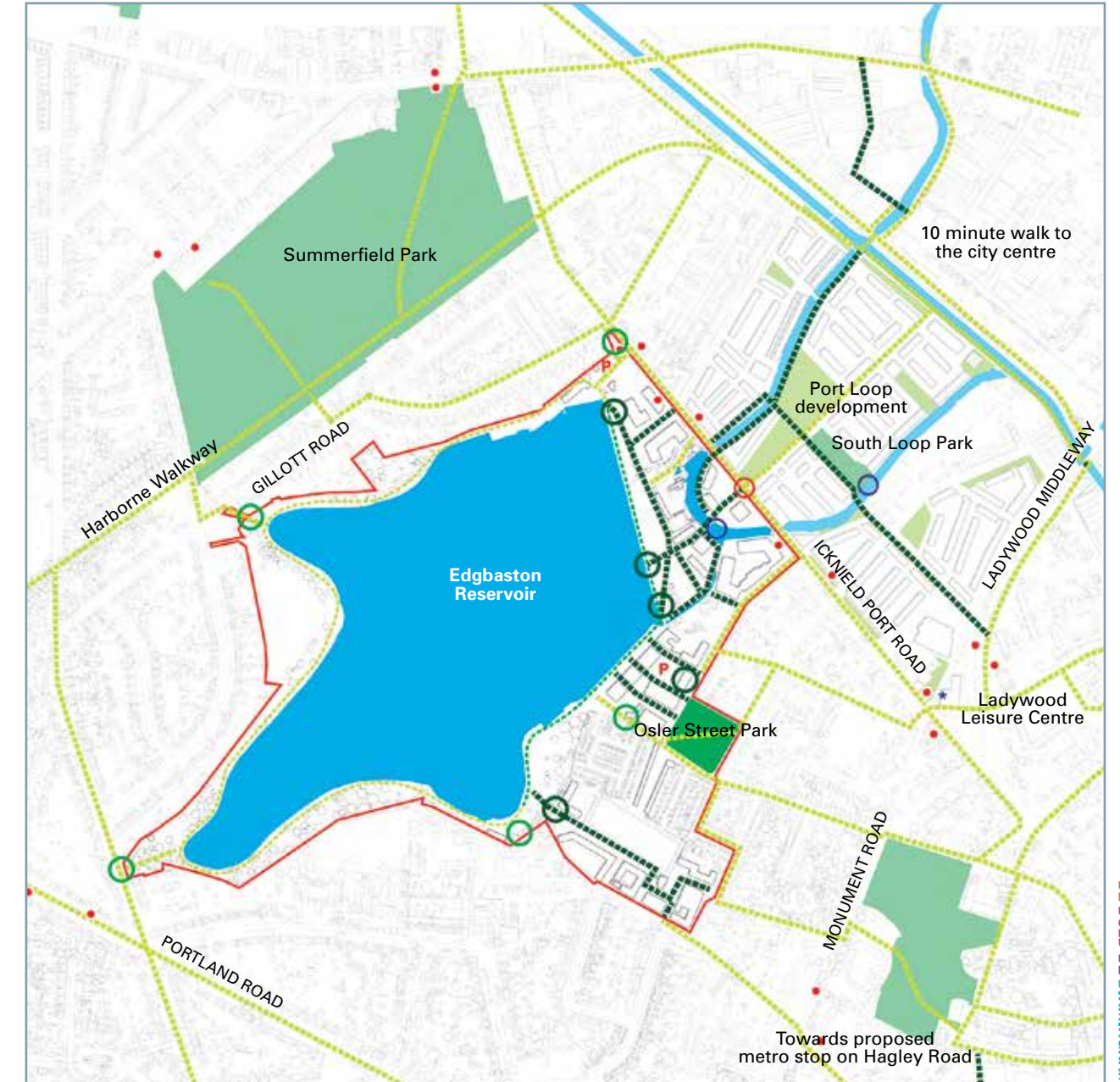
* Informed by the Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020

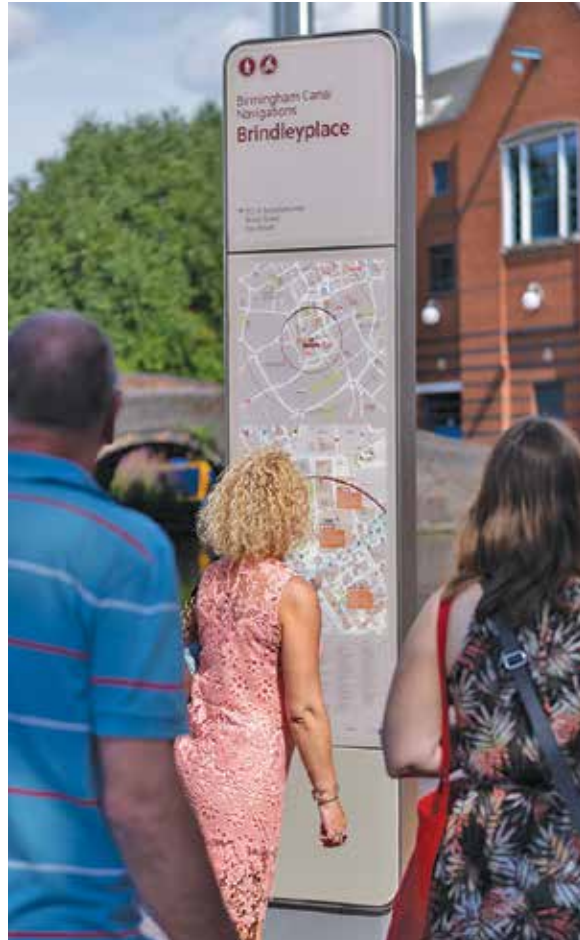
** Reservoir Loop includes pedestrian and cycle access



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An Interconnect navigation totem aiding wayfinding around the city



Cycling infrastructure integrated into the public realm. Wapping Wharf. Alec French Architects
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Waterside walk with regular vantage points. Bondi to Bronte Coast Walk Extension, Sydney, Australia. Aspect Studios
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Kayaking on the canal, Port Loop
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Visitors will be encouraged to use sustainable modes of transport. Safe and secure car parking is required for those who need to access the reservoir via car. It is recognised that many people with a disability rely on the private car as their primary mode of transport. Provision will need to be made for well-located designated disabled parking bays in line with the Birmingham Parking SPD and Birmingham Design Guide.

Parking will need to be coordinated and shared across the site. This approach is supported by the updated city-wide Car Parking Supplementary Planning Document which states that Edgbaston Reservoir falls within the Zone B 'Edge of City Centre' area. This means parking will be managed through:

1. Implementation of a controlled parking programme in areas close to the city centre and other transitional areas, to control parking capacity and protect the amenity of local communities.
2. Large new developments with off-street parking provision must consider making their parking publicly available to make efficient use of land, reduce parking pressure in local areas and support the local economy.
3. Applications for temporary car parks or time extensions for temporary car parks will not be supported unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

The Parking SPD identifies the reservoir as being within an area of high public transport accessibility which is reflected in the parking standards with a high provision of cycle parking and car clubs.

It is recognised there may be a need for occasional additional parking to support events hosted at the reservoir. Provision for boat, trailer and minibus facilities will need to be delivered to meet the needs of activity providers. The design of parking and servicing should make efficient use of land, be located away from the waterside and be well-managed to minimise impacts on the reservoir and create a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Specific details of the amount of car parking and how it is managed for each of the opportunities within the masterplan will be determined once the mix of uses and number of residential homes are finalised. This will therefore be agreed through the planning application process in line with policy described above.

Sustainability

Edgbaston Reservoir is an integral part of Birmingham's natural environment. It is designated as a Local Nature Reserve and a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. It has a broad range of habitats including marginal vegetation and willow scrub which are not common in Birmingham and the Black Country.

The reservoir plays a key role as a foraging and nesting resource for birds, including summer and winter migrants, and bat populations. It acts as a stepping stone for wildlife in Birmingham, linking core ecological areas together, as highlighted by the Birmingham and Black Country Nature Improvement Area Ecological Strategy (2017-2022).

All development and proposals at the reservoir should support the biodiversity objectives and targets set out in the Edgbaston Reservoir

Local Nature Reserve Management Plan 2021. Development should strengthen connections to open space and wildlife corridors in the wider area, including Summerfield Park, Birmingham Canal and the Harborne Walkway. The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan should be read in conjunction with this draft masterplan.

All projects and development within the plan boundary need to meet the challenges of the climate emergency and contribute positively to the sustainability of the Local Nature Reserve. All development within the Local Nature Reserve boundary that needs planning permission will be required to deliver a minimum of 20% biodiversity net gain.

All development outside the Local Nature Reserve but within the masterplan boundary will be required to deliver a minimum of 15% biodiversity

net gain. This requirement excludes householder planning applications. Biodiversity net gain delivers measurable improvements for biodiversity by creating or enhancing habitats in association with development. Biodiversity net gain can be achieved on-site within the red line boundary of a planning application, off-site or through a combination of on-site and off-site measures.

In addition to the biodiversity net gain requirements, development will be expected to meet the policy and guidance for sustainability standards. The creation of sustainable developments will involve measures that reduce energy and water consumption, minimise waste and use sustainable, locally-sourced building materials.



The reservoir has a broad range of habitats



*Example of education with nature.
The Wildlife Trusts
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*Examples of floating habitat installations
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Development should be designed and constructed in ways which maximise energy efficiency and use low carbon energy in accordance with BDP Policies TP3 and TP4. This could include the use of passive solar gain and incorporate low or zero carbon energy generation technologies. Non-residential developments of a certain threshold will be expected to meet Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards (BDP Policy TP3). BREEAM is an assessment of the environmental, social and economic sustainability performance of a development. The application and certification of WELL Building Standards is also encouraged to assess how buildings impact and influence human behaviours related to health and well-being.

Outdoor spaces should be designed to take account of sun, wind and shelter to create microclimates that maximise their positive use. Opportunities should also be taken to include green infrastructure within the plan boundary.

The re-use of existing buildings of historic character at the reservoir will be supported where it will help deliver the vision of the masterplan. Where this is not possible, features of historic value should be retained and celebrated where possible. All developments that involve the demolition of buildings will be expected to recycle buildings materials in line with current guidance.

Measures to enhance the Local Nature Reserve could include habitat creation, provision of floating islands, bird and bat boxes and screen bird hides. Any activity at the reservoir will need to work in harmony with the natural environment and support the vision to increase green links between the Local Nature Reserve and wider green network. Activity and development that has a demonstrated adverse impact on the Local Nature Reserve will not be supported.

The reservoir is managed and maintained by Birmingham City Council. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Committee

has a key role to play organising community volunteering to enhance biodiversity. There is an opportunity for increased community stewardship and participation in managing the open space surrounding the reservoir. This includes potential for education about the natural environment.

Securing green flag status for the reservoir and surrounding open space should be an aspiration. This would mean the reservoir would be recognised for achieving a high standard of its management and maintenance.

All proposals should include uses that are economically sustainable to optimise the potential of the reservoir. Developments should be flexible in their design and use to ensure they can adapt to change in demand over time. Developments should support the social sustainability of the area by providing opportunities for community capacity building, jobs and training for residents, and uses that support the local community.

PLAN 5 Sustainability

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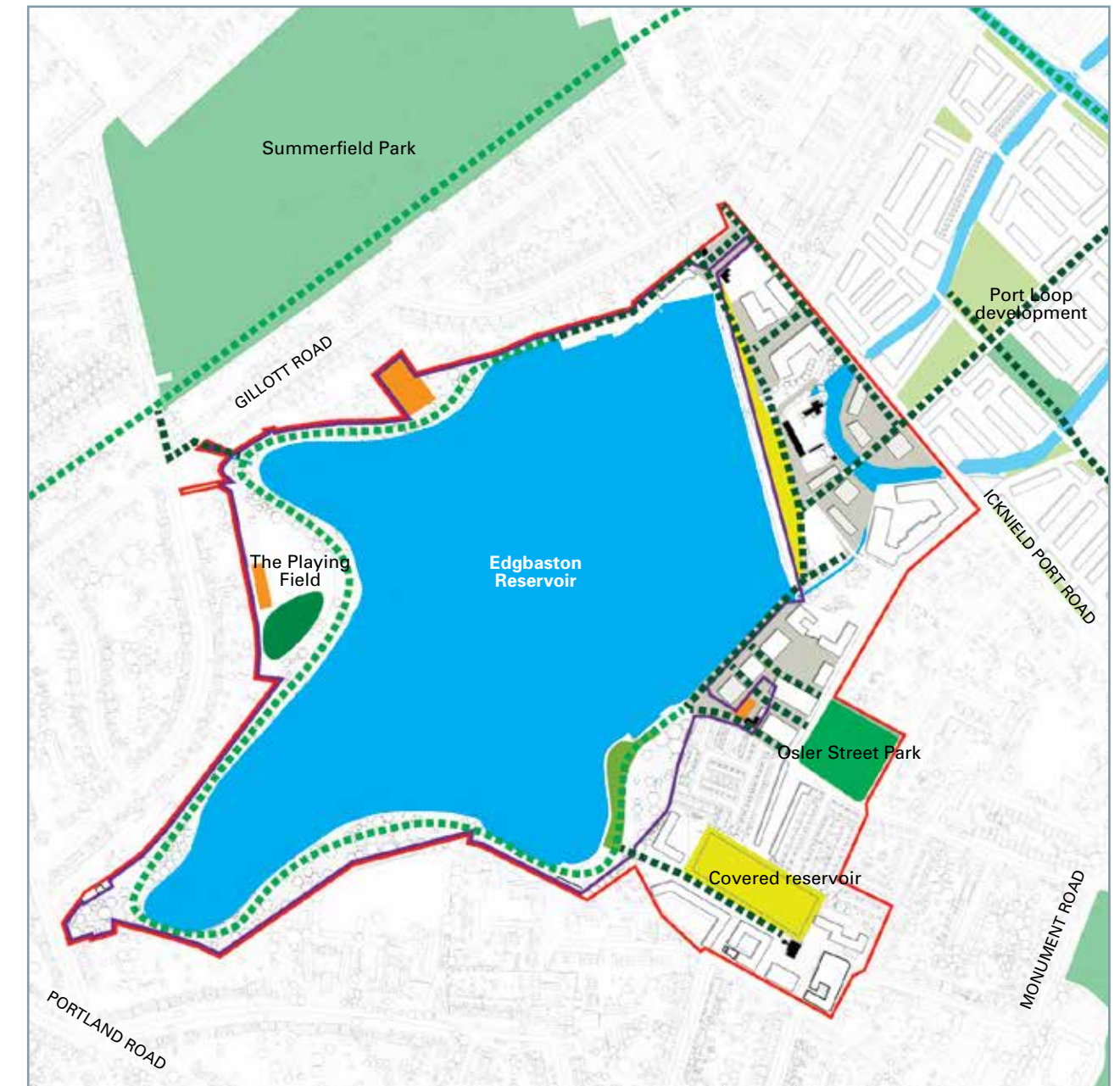
- Masterplan boundary
- Local Nature Reserve boundary
- - - - New green link*
- - - - Existing improved green link
- Woodland tree planting
- Greening of existing waterfront car park (retaining flexibility for event overflow)
- Potential wildflower planting
- Community food growing space or orchard (additional locations to be confirmed)
- Public realm with greening
- Historic building with enhancement works

*Predominately multifunctional walking and cycling routes that link green areas together and contain different types of green infrastructure such as tree planting, low level planting, wild-flower planting, green boundary treatments, permeable surface treatments, verges, swales or green walls.



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Opportunities

The vision for Edgbaston Reservoir will be delivered through the following opportunities:







- Osler Park and Osler Place
- Reservoir Loop
- Reservoir View
- Reservoir Link
- Natural Parkland
- Edgbaston Waterworks
- Celebrating the Reservoir

Each opportunity area includes guidance to explain how the four development principles of the masterplan should be delivered. This includes how to protect and enhance the natural environment and characteristics that make the reservoir a unique location.

It also sets out the opportunities to make best use of the existing built form at the reservoir and provide uses to complement and activate the water setting.

PLAN 6 Opportunities

Key

-  Osler Park and Osler Place
-  Reservoir Loop
-  Reservoir View
-  Reservoir Link
-  Natural Parkland
-  Edgbaston Waterworks

Celebrating the Reservoir encompasses the masterplan boundary and beyond



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Opportunity

Osler Park and Osler Place

Osler Street Park will be protected and enhanced as an important open space. Osler Place will provide new homes and visitor facilities with strong green links between the reservoir and Osler Street Park. High-quality contemporary buildings and public spaces will complement the reservoir's historic environment to positively add to its character and create a focal place.

This opportunity comprises redevelopment of two sites, the former Tower Ballroom Site adjacent to the reservoir and Tower Mount off Reservoir Road. Improvements to Osler Street Park open space will also be delivered. Future development should be complementary and ensure a joined-up approach to public realm improvements and treatment of the park.

PLAN 7 Osler Park and Osler Place Opportunity Site

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Opportunity site
- New connection
- Existing connection to be improved
- Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
- Existing landmark
- Main vehicular access point
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- Tree planting
- New building
- Existing building
- Historic building with enhancement works
- Play equipment
- Park
- Community garden/grow space
- Arrival square with landscaping and parking
- Street with traffic calming measures
- Public realm with greening
- Public promenade with active building frontages
- Private gardens



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Community pocket park. Derbyshire
Street Pocket Park, London, UK.
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Osler Street Park



Sea cadets undertaking a water-based training exercise
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Existing entrance to the reservoir
from Reservoir Road

Osler Street Park

Osler Street Park open space plays a crucial role in the local community. It provides a safe and welcoming place for children and young people and should be protected and enhanced. The park is suitable for a range of ages with play equipment and a multi-use games area and is extremely popular.

Opportunities for improvements to the play equipment and the natural environment at Osler Street Park will be sought. The position of the park provides an opportunity to use the park as an extension of the reservoir in terms of green space for wildlife and members of the public. As such, the park could be enhanced with features such as fruit trees and wildflower grassland areas. These could be incorporated with a natural play trail to create a semi-natural play area for children and provide a further resource for birds and invertebrates. Any proposed changes to the park will be developed in collaboration with the local community.

Residential development at Osler Place will improve public safety through natural surveillance, whilst new landscaped walkways will improve visual and pedestrian links between Osler Street Park and the reservoir. Vehicle access and parking at Osler Place will need to be designed and managed to benefit movement of pedestrians around the park.

Tower Mount site

This site is currently occupied by a disused social club and lock-up garages. The site is under-utilised and should be redeveloped to provide family housing to meet the needs of the local population and add to the vibrancy of the area. New housing should reflect the layout, scale and massing of adjacent traditional houses; however, the opportunity to create interesting contemporary homes that add to local character should be explored. The built form should provide a distinctive frontage to Reservoir Road and face Osler Street Park to improve natural surveillance and safety. Development will be required to safeguard the provision of a pedestrian connection through the site to the Edgbaston Waterworks site.

Tower Ballroom area

The site includes the former Tower Ballroom building, the Grade II listed Reservoir Lodge, the TS Vernon Sea Cadets and car parks south and east of the Tower Ballroom building. This building has been vacant since 2019 and is due to be demolished prior to its redevelopment. The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan to provide innovative family housing with a mix of commercial and community uses.

Redevelopment should provide new homes and a range of accessible facilities for the local community and visitors. A mix of types and tenures of homes will be required to meet local need. Activity at the ground floor fronting the reservoir should be publicly accessible, activate the water and create a safe, welcoming environment. Development on the site should deliver a wide walkway that connects with the circular footpath (Reservoir Loop) and creates a public space for visitors to enjoy.

The Grade II listed Reservoir Lodge building should be brought back into a positive use. TS Vernon Sea Cadets have planning consent to develop a new regional facility in their current location which will bring further life and activity to the site. There is potential for a new publicly accessible pontoon that extends over the water to provide boat storage and the opportunity for visitors to better-connect to the water.

Improved pedestrian entrances and connections to public transport will ensure most visitors can access the reservoir without requiring car parking facilities. This, in combination with careful management of vehicular movement and car parking on the site will reduce conflict between vehicles and pedestrians and create an environment that is safe for all.

Activity

- Create a mix of uses that positively contribute to the vision of the masterplan and enhance the unique character of the reservoir.
- New homes will be provided fronting Osler Street and the new arrival space, these will respect the scale of houses in the surrounding area. There is opportunity for higher levels for buildings fronting the waterfront due to the topography of the site.
- There will be an appropriate mix of types and tenures to provide homes for families including potential for town houses with flexible live-work spaces, and apartments above non-residential uses on the waterfront. As set out in the Policy Context section, housing will be expected to meet the affordable housing provision requirements.
- Non-residential uses could include community, cultural, commercial, leisure, and educational facilities on the ground floor of buildings along the waterfront. These uses should support activity at the reservoir and help meet the needs of the community and visitors. Buildings should be multi-functional and flexible to enable a variety of activities to take place.
- A new arrival space is proposed at the heart of the site which will include green infrastructure, public realm and shared car parking. Landscaped green walkways will link the reservoir, arrival space and Osler Street Park.

- A waterfront walkway will be delivered with a combination of hard and soft landscaping to provide places to sit, walk, cycle and to watch activity on the water. Green natural landscaping on the walkway will help integrate this area of the reservoir with Reservoir Loop and the Local Nature Reserve.
- The potential for a publicly accessible pontoon extending over the water will be further explored. It could provide boat storage for water users and/or improved access to the water to enable visitors to feel better-connected to the reservoir. It would need to be secured sufficiently and designed to accommodate the rise and fall of water levels.
- TS Vernon Sea Cadets will redevelop their existing building to provide modern, expanded facilities.
- Reservoir Lodge will be brought back into a positive community or commercial use that supports the overall vision of the reservoir. There is potential for the building to provide space to celebrate the heritage and natural environment of the reservoir. A contemporary extension to the building that complements the historic listing would be supported where it facilitates the vision in the masterplan. There is potential for outdoor spill out space to connect the building with its surroundings and possibly provide community growing space.

- Osler Street Park play and sport facilities will be improved and better-connected with the reservoir. The potential for more creative play that connects to the unique character of the reservoir should be explored. Any changes to the park should be in collaboration with local people and park users.

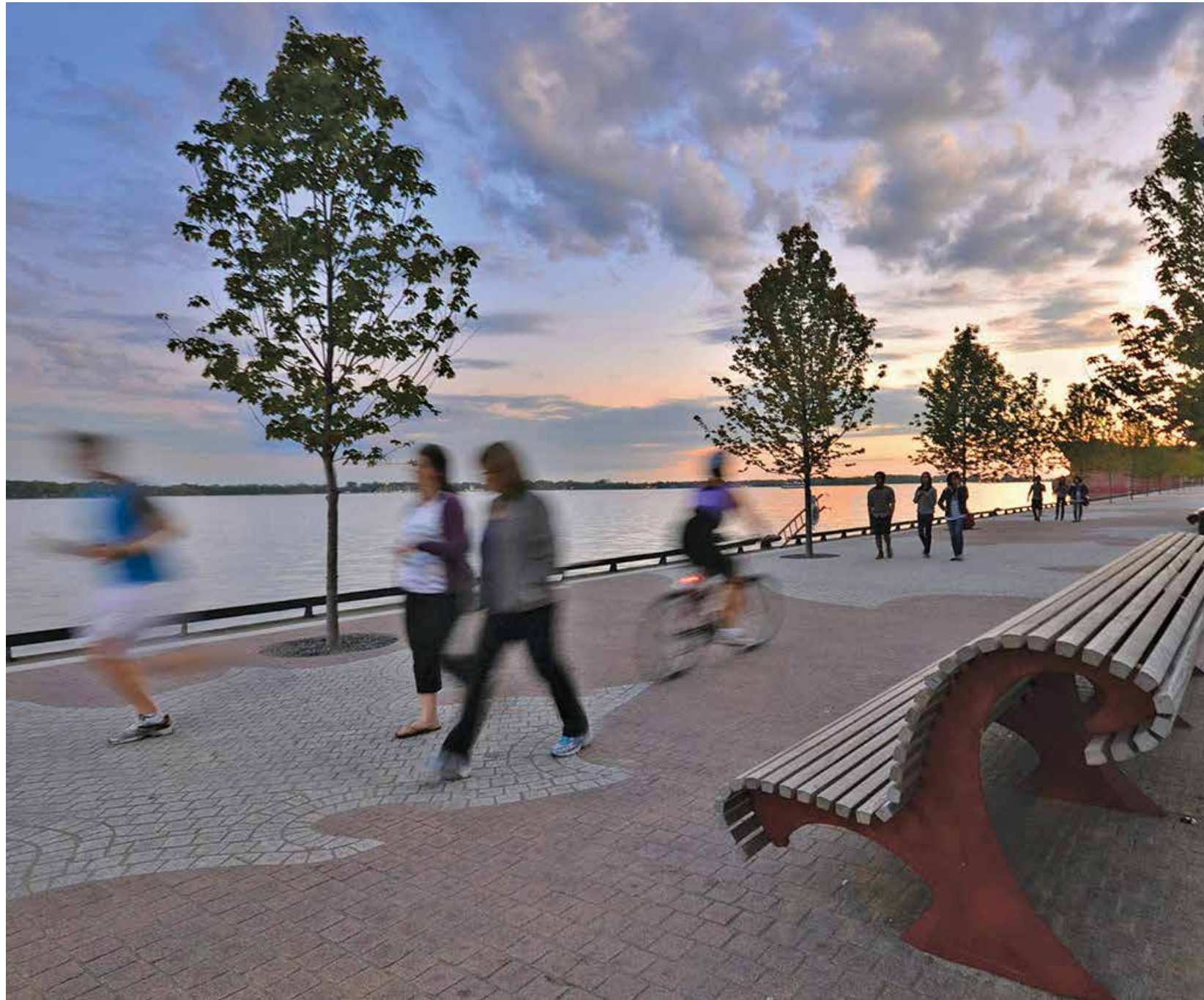
Character

- Development should respect and add to the reservoir's historic character through modern high-quality design.
- The new public walkway between the water and new development will be expected to deliver sufficient space for the public to walk, cycle, and enjoy the waterside location. It is expected to be around seventeen to twenty metres width, varying to accommodate the shape of the reservoir and ensure a linear building line is created.
- Buildings fronting the water will be a variety of heights up to a maximum of four storeys. They should be designed to make the most of their outlook over the water and to sit comfortably in the landscape when seen from viewpoints around the reservoir.

- Houses on the higher land at the rear of the site will be no taller than three or four storeys. This will provide an appropriate scale fronting Osler Street and Osler Street Park and relate well to Reservoir Lodge.
- The historic relationship between Reservoir Lodge and the reservoir will be maintained so that the building's distinctive canted frontage will continue to look out over the water.
- Distinctive public spaces including the walkway, central arrival space, terraced gardens adjacent to Reservoir Lodge and pedestrian-friendly streets will form a key part of the character of the development.
- Green infrastructure will be integral to the design of streets and spaces. This will include new links to Osler Street Park and new planting on the walkway.
- The appearance of Osler Park will be enhanced to embed its status as an important greenspace within the local area.
- Built form will protect existing key views and create new vistas towards Edgbaston Waterworks Tower, Perrott's Folly, the Buddhist Vihara Temple and the water itself, to reinforce the local sense of place.



Example of Passivhaus housing using high-quality materials and detailing. Goldsmith Street, Norwich, UK. Mikhail Riches Architects
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Example of a walkway with high-quality materials and detailing. Toronto Waterfront. West 8 and DTAH
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Connectivity

- New physical and visual connections will be made between Osler Street Park and the reservoir.
- The new walkway will be publicly accessible and form part of Reservoir Loop, a circular walking and cycling route around the reservoir.
- Streets within the development will be prioritised for pedestrians and cyclists.
- There will be some provision for car parking at this area of the reservoir. This will be prioritised for those who are unable to access the reservoir by walking, cycling or public transport. A central arrival space, designed with the character of a public square, should provide visitor car parking accessed from Osler Street. This will create a more pleasant route for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the reservoir via Reservoir Road.

- The existing car park adjacent to the water will be greened to provide a pleasant waterside location and contribute to the natural environment. It will no longer be open for general car parking, although there is potential for it to be used for overspill parking when required by specific events.
- Changes in ground levels across the former Tower Ballroom site create the opportunity for waterfront buildings to be serviced at basement level and to provide residential parking below buildings in under crofts or basements.

Sustainability

- Development should make use of passive solar gain and incorporate low or zero carbon energy generation technologies that are appropriate to

- the site. This could include ground or air-source heat pumps or photovoltaic panels on suitably designed and oriented roofs as well as water source heat pumps, using the reservoir and local canals. Buildings should be highly energy-efficient, constructed using sustainable materials and waste should be minimised.
- Outdoor spaces should be designed to take account of sun, wind and shelter and use sustainable materials and green infrastructure to create attractive microclimates that maximise their use.
- The public spaces will incorporate green landscaping with opportunities for planting, trees and natural habitats that contribute towards the overall biodiversity of the reservoir and Local Nature Reserve.

Opportunity

Reservoir Loop

To enhance the circular route around the perimeter of the reservoir for pedestrians and cyclists. This will provide the opportunity for everyone to explore the reservoir, including space to pause and enjoy the reservoir's character.

Much of the pathway has been sympathetically enhanced to improve accessibility and stay in keeping with the Local Nature Reserve setting. The walkway proposed as part of the development at Osler Place will provide a high-quality section of the route and create space for people to walk, sit and enjoy the reservoir. Hard and soft landscaping will help integrate the new development into the Local Nature Reserve setting.

PLAN 8 Reservoir Loop Opportunity Site

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- ... Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
- ... Reservoir Loop - complete
- ➔ Existing exit from Reservoir Loop
- ➔ New exit from Reservoir Loop



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Activity

- The footpath around the reservoir will create a continuous high-quality pedestrian and cycling route for all.
- The path will be a shared surface with signage to reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.
- The use of the loop for adaptive bikes for disabled cycling would be welcomed.
- Increased activity due to the former Tower Ballroom site being redeveloped will contribute to improved public safety. At other entrance points around the reservoir it is proposed to introduce lighting to enhance safety, being aware that any lighting should minimise light spill and must not cause an adverse impact on wildlife.

Character

- The site of the former Tower Ballroom building is an uninviting environment for pedestrians with poor visibility. It will be demolished, and the site redeveloped to deliver a wide publicly accessible walkway that completes the loop. This will include improved public realm with spaces for people to stop and enjoy the water setting.
- The route will also be enhanced where it runs behind Midland Sailing Club, to make this a more welcoming environment.
- The path over the dam wall allows visitors to enjoy dual aspect views of the water and city centre skyline. There is an opportunity to replace all or part of the palisade fencing over the dam wall with a boundary treatment that improves visibility and better complements the character of the reservoir. Signage that highlights buildings of interest in the skyline and heritage features associated with the reservoir would be supported. The dam wall provides an important practical function and any alterations will need to protect the integrity of the structure.

Connectivity

- Reservoir Loop will improve connections with the city's wider walking and cycling networks, including a direct link with the canal over the dam wall. This will encourage more people to use active travel to access the reservoir and enjoy the health and well-being benefits it has to offer.
- Entrances to the reservoir will be improved to ensure they are accessible to all and include features that make the reservoir welcoming such as clear signage and artwork that reflects the identity of the reservoir.

Sustainability

- Opportunities should be explored to green the pathway, especially in areas outside of the Natural Parkland where there are fewer trees. This could include planting and habitat creation.

Example of family friendly environment
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The footpath around the reservoir



Example of sensitively integrated lighting.
Jorpelandsholmen, Norway. Light Bureau
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Example of signage at Perry Hall Park

Opportunity

Reservoir View

To provide a welcoming gateway to the reservoir with complementary uses that create activity and utilise the potential of the heritage buildings Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage.

Reservoir View, to the north of the reservoir, is a gateway for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the reservoir from Icknield Port Road and the canal network. It also provides the main entrance to Midland Sailing Club. Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage are locally listed and owned by the Canal & River Trust. Reservoir House is currently unoccupied, and Reservoir Cottage and part of the adjoining land is currently leased to Midland Sailing Club.

Midland Sailing Club has been based at the reservoir for over 125 years. It runs sailing, windsurfing and paddle-boarding activities throughout the year. This includes 'Sail Birmingham' a community outreach programme that provides activities for children and adults with disabilities and a wide range of open-access sessions for the local community.

In recent years, the club has improved their facilities by investing in new equipment, installing a disabled access lift, outdoor viewing balcony, new changing rooms, indoor and outdoor boat storage and a pontoon. In the medium term the club's ambition is to improve the energy efficiency

of its building and is developing an Environmental Sustainability Plan to inform its next steps. The club currently leases Reservoir Cottage and adjoining land from the Canal & River Trust. There is an aspiration to renovate, modernise and improve the environmental energy efficiency of the building. Any future proposals for the building will need to maximise its use and celebrate its industrial heritage and support water activity.

Careful management of car parking will be required to ensure the area is not dominated by cars. Parking will be shared with priority given to those user groups who need designated car parking to partake in activities at the reservoir.

The existing pathway behind Midland Sailing Club creates an uninviting environment. Measures should be taken to improve the visitor experience. These could include additional lighting and windows to improve safety and onlooking, and public art to create a welcoming environment and celebrate the reservoir. The rear brick wall of the club's main storage shed could provide an opportunity for a mural to be created in conjunction with young graffiti artists. This would encourage community ownership and minimise vandalism. Low level planting next to path and along the boundary with the houses that back onto the reservoir would enhance the natural environment and improve the overall appearance of this stretch of the pathway.

The club is also working with the Local Nature Reserve Committee to improve the boundary of the boat storage with high-quality fencing to improve views across the water.

PLAN 9 Reservoir View Opportunity Site

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Opportunity site
- New connection
- Existing connection to be improved
- Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
- Reservoir Loop - complete
- Tree planting
- Main vehicular access point
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- New building
- Existing building
- Arrival square with landscaping and parking
- Historic building with enhancement works



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Example of cafe in heritage building
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Example of a repurposed heritage asset
including a cafe and cycle hire workshop.
Hassop Station, Peak District National Park
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View of the Midland Sailing Club and
Reservoir Cottage from the dam wall



Midland Sailing Club boat storage area



Example of sensitively integrated lighting.
Jorpelandsholmen, Norway. Light Bureau
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Example of a mural used to improve the
appearance of a building. Digbeth

Activity

- Future uses for Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage could include leisure, community, commercial and educational facilities that support activity at the reservoir. Activity should complement proposed uses at Port Loop, The Playing Field and the former Tower Ballroom Site.
- Opportunities for the sailing club to build on their offer and expand their work with the local community will be supported.

Character

- The entrance to the reservoir and sailing club from Icknield Port Road should be prominently marked and redesigned as an attractive public space that provides a welcoming, safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Opportunities should be taken to introduce clear signage and information for visitors.
- The setting of Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage should be enhanced. Any ongoing or future use of the buildings will need to animate the area and protect their heritage value. Modifications to the non-listed elements of the two buildings may be supported where they enhance the overall character of the building and facilitate their use.

- Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage should retain a visual link to the water and their entrances should be activated. There is potential for future uses at Reservoir House to take advantage of views directly over the reservoir.
- The buildings could be part of a sign-posted heritage walk, with a point of interest being the view along the dam wall to Perrott's Folly.
- There is potential to further upgrade the appearance of the sailing club building and associated boat storage as an asset to the reservoir setting and to give it more presence from the Icknield Port entrance.

Connectivity

- The entrance from Icknield Port Road should be clearly marked and prioritise pedestrians and cyclists.
- Vehicular access and priority parking needs to be carefully managed and designed to ensure the area is not dominated by cars. Parking should be shared by all users and prioritise those who are unable to access the reservoir by foot, bike or public transport. Opportunities for prioritisation to support water activation should be explored.

- The section of Reservoir Loop running behind the sailing club should be enhanced to improve the visitor experience. Steps should be taken where possible to maximise visibility from the path through the boundary treatment of the club to the water.
- If the sailing club site were to be reconfigured in the future, consideration should be given to relocating the public footpath that forms part of Reservoir Loop from behind the sailing club to run along the water's edge to improve visitor experience. This is a long-term aspiration of the council who would work with the sailing club to address any potential issues to ensure this proposal did not have an adverse impact on the club's ability to operate.

Sustainability

- Opportunities to increase the level of green infrastructure in this area of the reservoir should be sought.
- Improvements to the environmental sustainability of all buildings will be supported.
- Reservoir House will be brought back into a sustainable use.

Opportunity

Reservoir Link

Reservoir Link will connect the reservoir, canal and Port Loop together, addressing the visual and physical barriers of the dam wall. It will maximise the canal side location and heritage assets to deliver high-quality housing-led development.

Reservoir Link consists of three development opportunities that lie between the reservoir dam and the loop canal: the H Suite site, canal basin (part of Port Loop), and the former Auto Services site off Osler Street.

Future development in this area should take a joined-up approach that integrates these sites with the reservoir, canal and wider Port Loop development through improved linkages, and complementary uses. Development is expected to be residential-led, with an emphasis on innovative family housing, together with other uses that activate the canal side.

Development must be based on high-quality place making, where well-designed buildings and spaces respect the character of the reservoir, complement the historic environment and protect key views from the dam wall and from around the reservoir.

New pedestrian routes will connect the reservoir with the canal, Icknield Port Road and Osler Street.

H Suite and adjacent land

The site is located immediately south of Reservoir House. It is currently occupied by a banqueting suite and day nursery, with car parking to the rear and several units fronting Icknield Port Road. There is potential for the site to deliver a housing-led scheme that is comprehensive, makes efficient use of land and complements heritage features.

Osler Street (Former Auto Services site)

Outline planning permission was granted (subject to a legal agreement) in December 2020 to redevelop the land fronting Icknield Port Road and Osler Street for up to 260 residential apartments in buildings of three to nine storeys. A gym is also proposed adjacent to a new publicly accessible canal side space. A new pedestrian route will be created alongside the boundary with the Buddhist Vihara Temple. This will connect Osler Street to the Port Loop canal basin development and to the reservoir.

Canal Basin

This site is centred on the loop of the Birmingham Canal Old Line and includes the Grade II listed Icknield Port Yard. At one time, the site was busy with wharfs but is now largely vacant and has underused land to both sides of the waterway. It forms a later phase of the on-going Port Loop redevelopment and will become a focal place within the new neighbourhood incorporating the main pedestrian connection to the reservoir. Development should deliver a mix of high-quality housing, commercial and community uses to create a hub of activity that animates the canal side and provides facilities for residents and visitors.

PLAN 10 Reservoir Link Opportunity Site

- Key**
- Masterplan boundary
 - Opportunity site
 - New connection
 - Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
 - Main vehicular access point
 - Entrance - new
 - Tree planting
 - New building
 - Historic building with enhancement works
 - Public realm with greening
 - Private residential amenity



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Activity

- Commercial uses at Reservoir Link should complement and not compete with Dudley Road local centre and carefully consider proposals for Port Loop and the former Tower Ballroom site.
- Icknield Port Yard is a historic maintenance yard owned by the Canal & River Trust. As a working yard, it is an important part of the Birmingham canal network and operations. There may be potential to develop its role as an asset for the area through activities such as public open days.
- The Canal Basin will be a focus of activity providing facilities for residents and visitors. The canal side will be opened up by commercial and residential frontages, providing opportunities for moorings, water taxis and temporary water markets.
- Development at the H Suite should be predominantly residential. This could be as apartments, houses or a mix of typologies. It should include buildings and uses that front onto and animate Icknield Port Road and should provide natural surveillance to create safe public spaces and routes within the site.

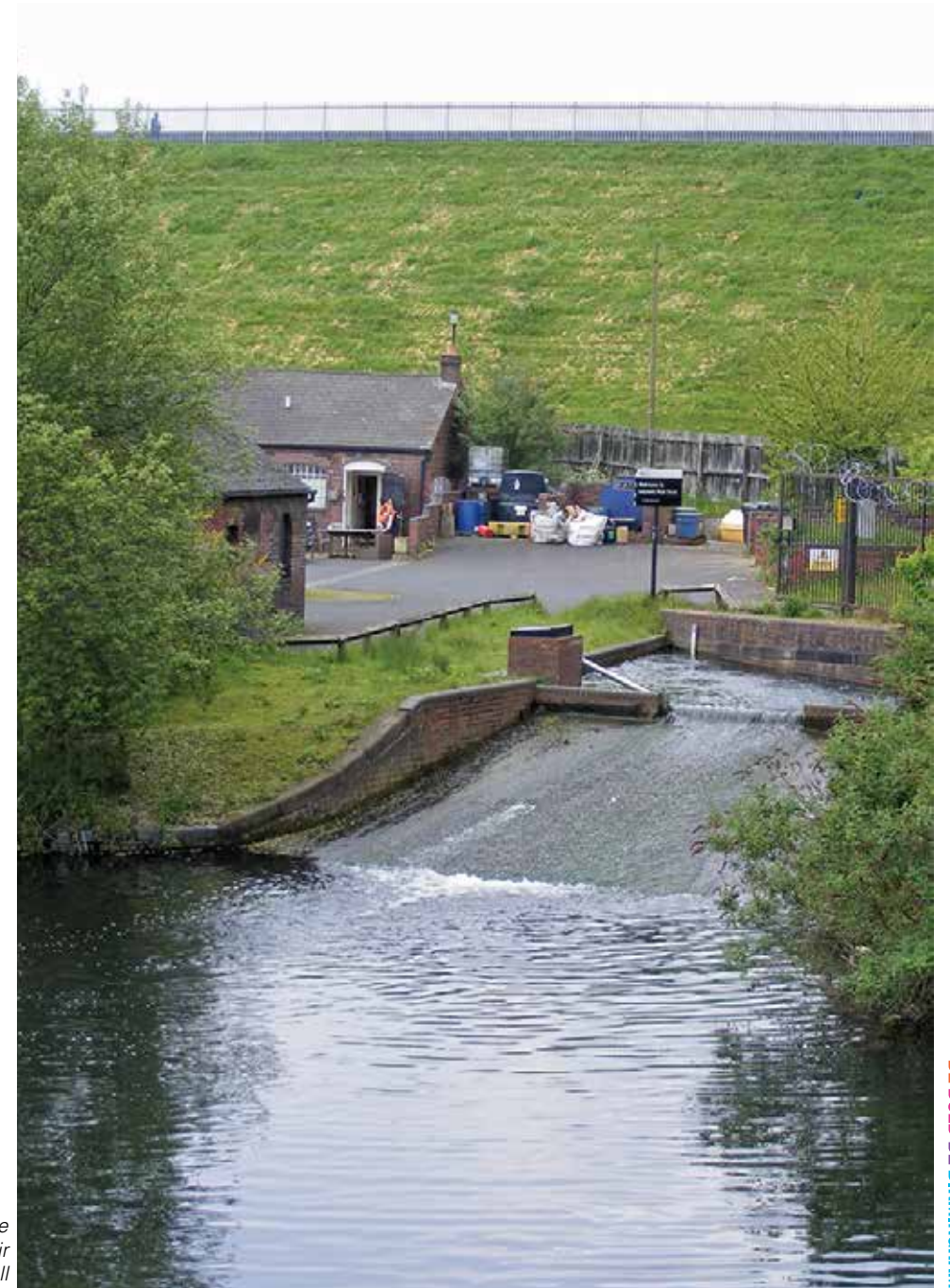
Character

- All development must be of high-quality, contemporary design to protect and enhance the character of the reservoir and dam, and the setting of heritage assets.
- Key views to and from the reservoir particularly along the dam wall towards the city centre skyline should be protected. This will need to be demonstrated through appropriate 3D models and computer visualisations at the planning application stage.
- Proposals for buildings taller than the dam wall will only be allowed where they protect key views and make a positive contribution to local character. They will also be required to demonstrate that wind shadowing effects would not have undue adverse impacts on water sport activity.
- The roofscapes of buildings need to be carefully considered. Roof top infrastructure and equipment should not be visible from the top of the dam wall and roofs overlooked from the dam wall should be green to enhance views and promote biodiversity.

- At Osler Street, the site furthest from the dam, planning permission has been granted for development of buildings of three to nine storeys.
- The H Suite site lies immediately below the lowest part of the dam. It is considered development here should generally be two to three storeys to remain below the top of the dam wall.
- At the Canal Basin there is potential for a range of building heights and forms, subject to respecting both the historic character of the canal yard and retaining views from the reservoir to the city centre and wider area. Outline planning permission for Port Loop allows for buildings of a range of heights from two to ten storeys high.
- Development across all the sites should contribute to making Icknield Port Road an attractive environment for pedestrians. Development at the H-Suite site should create a strong built frontage. At the Canal Basin, buildings and public spaces should open up the waterfront and maximise the canal's contribution to the character of the area.

- The pump house and feeder chamber at the base of the dam within the H-Suite site are heritage assets that are part of the function and history of the reservoir. They should be enhanced and integrated into public space and could form part of a heritage walk.
- An existing area of trees below the southern end of the dam should be retained and integrated with new green infrastructure.
- All development proposals should be developed in discussion with the Canal & River Trust to ensure features such as the feeder channel, sluice chamber and dam structure are protected and accessible to the Trust.

Icknield Port Yard illustrating the level change between the reservoir and the base of the dam wall





Example of residential development with active frontage at ground floor. Wapping Wharf. Alec French Architects
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Example of cantilevered, sculptural staircase. Vlooyberg Tower, Tielt-Winge, Belgium.
Architects/Engineers: Close to Bone
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Green roof providing amenity space and harvestable garden. The Commonground at Eskenazi Health, Indianapolis, USA. David Ruben, LAND Collective
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Example of repurposed heritage asset and new footway integrated into the public realm. Wapping Wharf. Alec French Architects
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Connectivity

- A new pedestrian bridge over the loop canal at the Canal Basin site will connect the reservoir with the Port Loop development, public transport connections on Icknield Port Road and the main line canal towpath to the city centre. The new bridge and associated walking infrastructure should be designed to enhance the distinctive character of the area.
- This new walking route should form part of an expanded network of pedestrian and cycle-friendly routes that include: opening up access to the canal side as part of the Port Loop scheme, a secondary public route between Icknield Port Road and the reservoir through the H Suite site, the new route connecting Osler Street with the canal basin proposed by the former Auto Services site development, and a new path along the base of the dam.
- Development at the Canal Basin should explore the potential of creating a direct link to the reservoir over the dam wall. This should be a distinctive feature of innovative design and local character that protects the heritage and structural integrity of the dam wall.

- A secondary public route connecting Icknield Port Road with the reservoir should be created through the centre of the H Suite site and be focussed on the Pump House. An existing ramped path to the rear of the site could be adapted to connect to the top of the dam by Reservoir House.
- The proposed development on the former Auto Services site has limited public access to the canal. The opportunity to provide further access which should be explored.
- Vehicle access and parking should be carefully designed and managed to ensure vehicles are subsidiary to buildings and well-screened from the public realm. Where appropriate, undercroft or basement parking should be considered.
- The use of water taxis will be encouraged.

Sustainability

- Green infrastructure should be a key element of development, informed by tree and ecological surveys of the site. It should add visual and ecological value by incorporating features such as wildflower meadows and trees. Any green infrastructure on or near the dam wall will need to be discussed with the Canal & River Trust to ensure it does not impact the integrity of the structure.

- Significant trees should be retained and integrated into development proposals.
- The potential to include fruit trees and connect to the wider network of community orchards should be explored.
- Green roofs that promote biodiversity and sustainability should be provided to low and mid-rise buildings, especially where they can be seen from the dam wall.
- Development should make use of passive solar gain and incorporate low or zero carbon energy generation technologies that are appropriate to the site. This could include ground or air-source heat pumps or photovoltaic panels on suitably designed and oriented roofs as well as water source heat pumps, using the reservoir and local canals. Buildings should be highly energy-efficient, constructed using sustainable materials and waste should be minimised.

Natural Parkland

The natural environment will be protected and enhanced to create a tranquil setting for the local community and visitors. This family-friendly environment will broaden the reservoir offer and ensure biodiversity is protected.

PLAN 11 Natural Parkland Opportunity Site

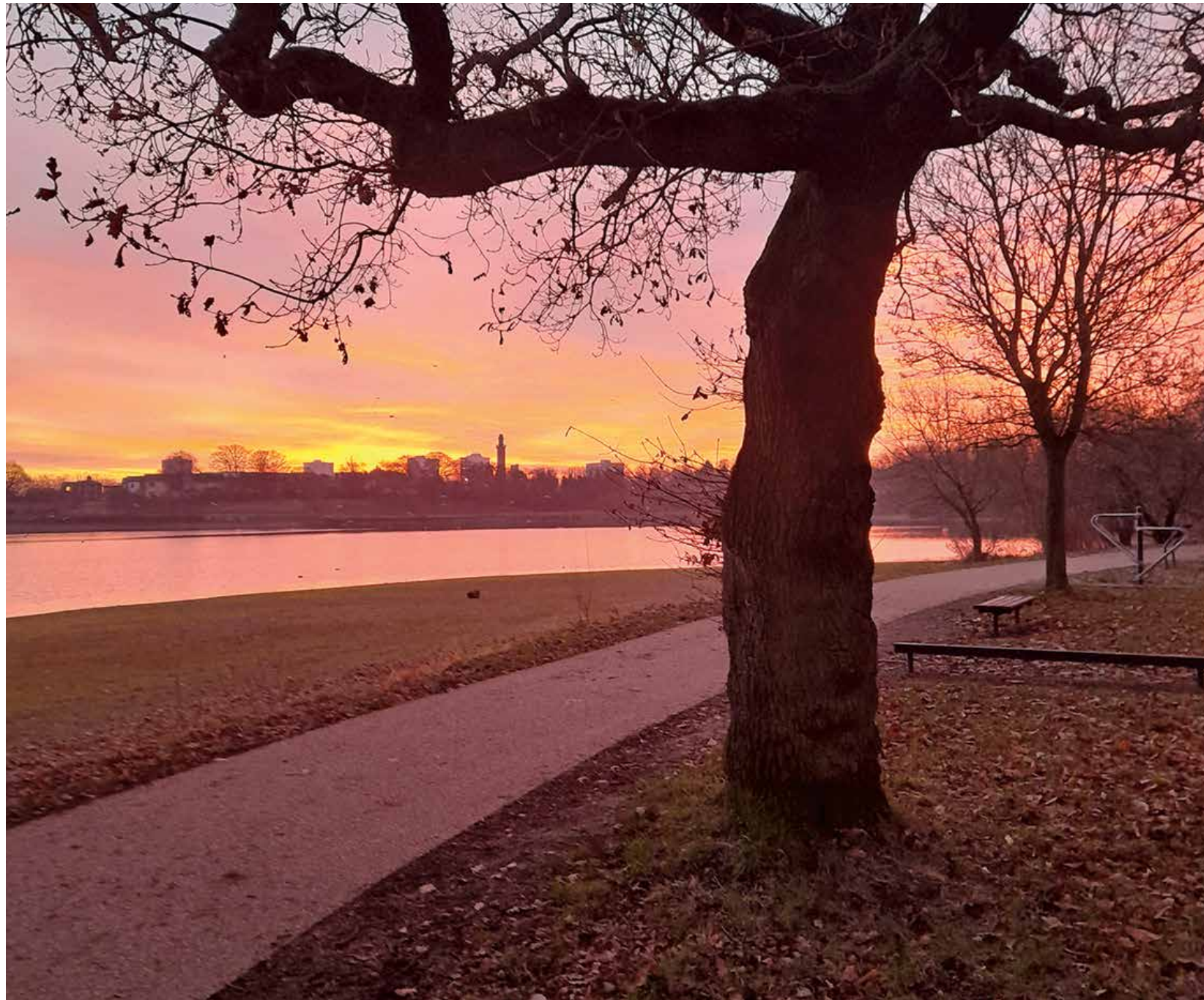
Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Opportunity site
- Reservoir Loop - proposed upgrade
- Reservoir Loop - complete
- Existing connection to be improved
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- Existing building
- Natural parkland
- Greened existing waterfront car park (retained for event overflow parking)
- Birmingham Settlement



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Sunset at Edgbaston Reservoir
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Local Nature Reserve

The natural environment will be protected and enhanced to ensure activity and development at the reservoir does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.

The existing car park on the water's edge will be re-greened and integrated into the park landscape for visitors to enjoy. The space could be used to host temporary events including community events encouraging participation in sports, nature, art and culture. There is potential for the space to also provide overflow car parking when required by events and temporary uses.

Rangers Bungalow

The Rangers Bungalow has been vacant for several years. There is an opportunity to convert the building for a new use that supports activity at the reservoir. Appropriate uses could include leisure, community, commercial and educational facilities. Activity should complement plans at the Birmingham Settlement Playing Field, Port Loop and the former Tower Ballroom Site. If an appropriate viable use does not come forward for the building it should be demolished and returned to nature.

Birmingham Rowing Club

Birmingham Rowing Club sits within the Natural Parkland area at the eastern edge of the reservoir. It was established at Edgbaston Reservoir in 1873 and plays a vital role in activating the water. It runs courses for beginners of all ages and caters for racers and recreational rowers. The club is home to the charity B-Row that runs access to rowing programmes for the local community and young people. Several other clubs use the facilities, these include Aston University Rowing Club, Birmingham Canoe Club, Birmingham City University Rowing Club and the University of Birmingham Boat Club.

The club's existing facilities are no longer fit-for-purpose and need to be replaced. Proposals by the club to upgrade their facilities and invest in a new premise at their existing location will be supported. This would help create a welcoming facility that better meets the club's needs, attracts new members and supports community outreach work. Investment in facilities should also improve the environmental sustainability of the building. Vehicular access should be provided for the drop off and collection of boats and associated parking to support the running of the club.

The Playing Field

The charity Birmingham Settlement owns the three-acre Playing Field that borders the reservoir to the west. The Settlement has recently developed a small eco-friendly Well-being Centre for community use which will provide a safe, sheltered space for people to meet and engage. The Playing Field will provide activities to support and encourage learning, leisure and social interaction including environmental learning and awareness, arts, crafts, sports, and opportunities to learn about the history and heritage of the reservoir, canals and surrounding area.

Further plans are being developed to provide an activity building, performance area, orchard, and growing areas in line with the history and natural heritage of the site. These developments will create additional community spaces in line with the Settlement's ambition for the field to become a space to learn, relax, and enjoy with flexible, multi-purpose spaces to improve mindfulness and well-being while meeting the interests and needs of differing communities.

Improvements to access should be delivered to ensure the Playing Field is accessible to all and is well-integrated with the wider reservoir site. The Playing Field is adjacent to the Local Nature Reserve and will be expected to make a positive contribution to the sustainability and biodiversity of the reservoir site overall.

Activity

- This area of the reservoir should be protected and enhanced for biodiversity in line with the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan.
- Activity should complement and celebrate the natural environment and provide opportunities for people to enjoy connecting with nature.
- Education and recreation activity will be supported, particularly where it promotes interaction with the natural environment.
- The existing car park on the water's edge will be regreened to provide space for people to enjoy the reservoir and for temporary events.
- Birmingham Rowing Club will be supported in their existing location as long as their building and activities remain in keeping with the character of the Local Nature Reserve.
- The Rangers Bungalow could be sensitively re-used rather than be demolished.

Character

- The redevelopment of existing buildings within the Local Nature Reserve that are beyond their current footprint is unlikely to be supported unless it can be demonstrated it is needed for operational purposes and is in accordance with the masterplan vision. Proposals will need to demonstrate there will not be a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
- Buildings should reflect the surrounding natural setting.

Connectivity

- The existing car park on the water's edge will be landscaped and vehicular access restricted to temporary use for events.
- Pedestrian and cycle links to the Playing Field should be enhanced.
- Entrances to the reservoir will be improved.

Sustainability

- The environmental sustainability of this area of the reservoir will be enhanced in line with the Local Reservoir Management Plan, this could include:
 - Creating natural bank edges and marginal planting
 - Infilling hedgerows with native species
 - Creating meadow-type grassland areas and insect-friendly wildflower strips
 - Reed bed creation
 - Installing hedgehog and bat boxes
 - Planting native fruit and nut-bearing trees

Example of bespoke, natural play featurer
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The reservoir shoreline

The existing outdoor exercise equipment adding to the activity at the reservoir



People walking around the reservoir



Birmingham Rowing Club activity



The Red Shed, Selwyn Road Playing Field
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Edgbaston Waterworks

Subject to the site becoming available for development, Edgbaston Waterworks will deliver high-quality housing-led development that protects and enhances heritage assets.

Edgbaston Waterworks is located on the eastern side of the reservoir. It is owned and operated by Severn Trent and incorporates operational facilities including a covered reservoir. It also features important historic buildings and landmark structures including the Grade II listed Waterworks Tower (pumping station incorporating engine house, boiler house and chimney). The building dates from 1862 and represents an important part of the City's industrial heritage as well as having cultural associations with Tolkien.

The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan for a residential-led development and should the site no longer be required by Severn Trent, it has the potential

to provide high-quality housing designed to complement historic buildings with direct access to the reservoir.

The site is a functioning waterworks facility operated by Severn Trent and, although some of the land and buildings are underused with potential for future redevelopment, facilities such as the covered reservoir are likely to remain in-situ for some time. The site is therefore a long-term opportunity and consideration will need to be given to how it can be redeveloped whilst retaining any required waterworks functions.

On-site improvements to support Severn Trent's operations will be supported, as long as they protect and enhance the setting of historic buildings within the site. In the shorter-term, the site could form part of a trail or other activity that provides information on heritage and the importance of water as a resource.

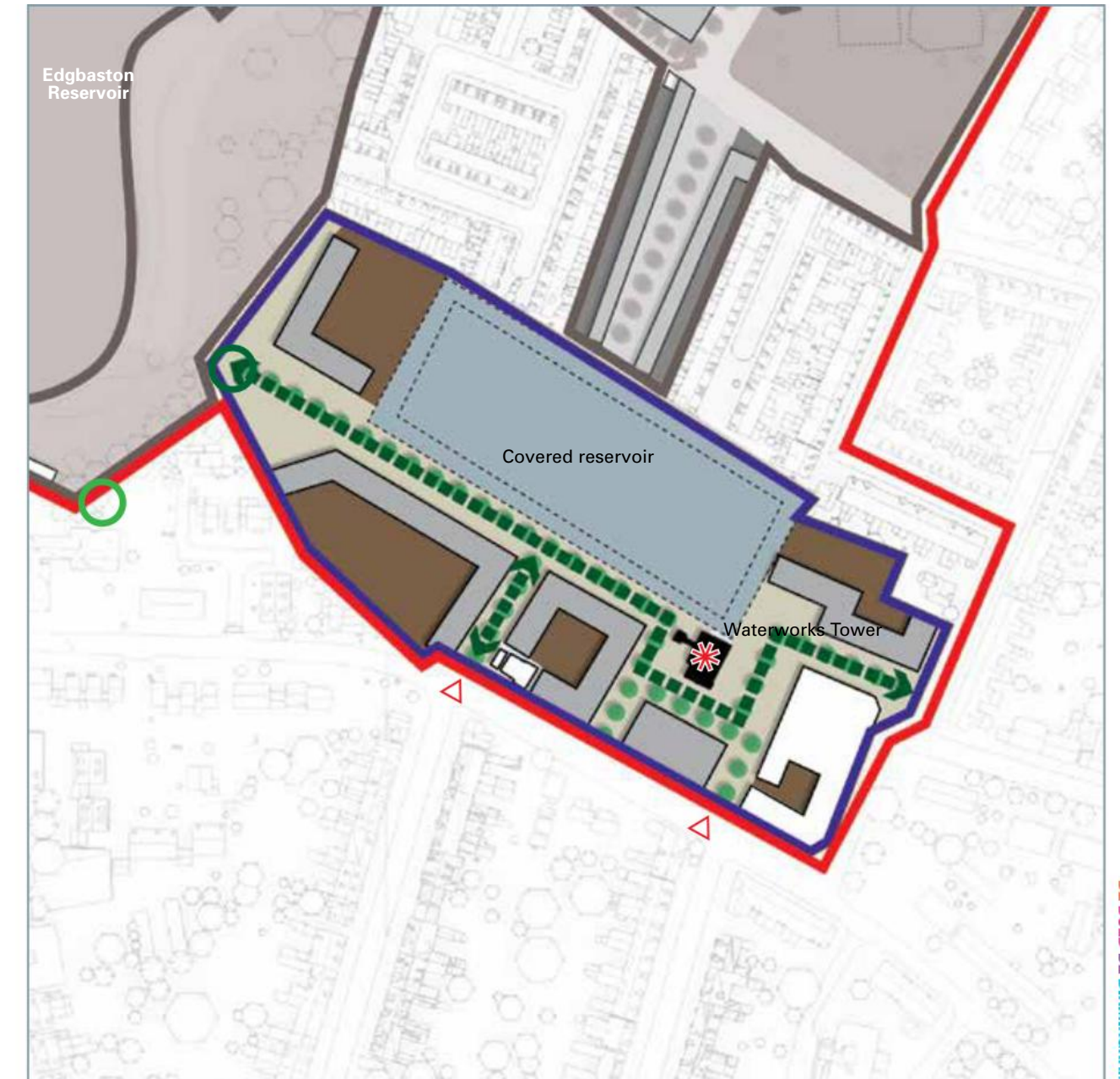
PLAN 12 Edgbaston Waterworks Opportunity Site

Key

- Masterplan boundary
- Opportunity site
- New connection
- Existing landmark
- Main vehicular access point
- Entrance - existing/improved
- Entrance - new
- Tree planting
- New building
- Existing building
- Historic building with enhancement works
- Public realm with greening
- Private residential amenity



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Activity

- Increased operations of Severn Trent at the site should bring activity and life to this area of the reservoir through an increased workforce and presence.
- The Waterworks Tower is an important local attraction and there are opportunities to provide information about local history with a 'water theme'. The Tower could also form part of a heritage trail around the reservoir.
- In the longer-term, the site could be an exciting place with a mix of new homes and commercial uses around contemporary public spaces.

Character

- The Waterworks Tower, as well as other heritage assets including the 1930s building marking the corner of Harold Road and Waterworks Road and the Victorian cottage fronting Waterworks Road should be reused, safeguarded and their setting enhanced.
- New buildings will respect the setting of the site's heritage assets and existing housing to the north and south.

- Buildings should generally be three to four storeys high.
- Trees along the western edge of the site should be retained but allow a new, safe walking link to the reservoir.

Connectivity

- Development will provide high-quality public streets and spaces within the site forming attractive pedestrian and cycle connections between Waterworks Road and the reservoir. This will contribute to a sign-posted walking route to the water from the planned tram stop on Hagley Road.
- The possibility of a route over the covered reservoir towards Osler Street Park via Tower Mount should be explored as part of the site redevelopment for housing in the longer-term.
- Enhanced pedestrian linkages should be provided through the site to Edgbaston Reservoir and the wider area.
- The site should form part of a new walking and cycling route between Edgbaston Reservoir and Waterworks Tower, Perrott's Folly and surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

Sustainability

- There is potential to better support biodiversity on the site through the introduction of green infrastructure in particular green roofs.
- The site has several historic and interesting buildings that should be sensitively re-used rather than being demolished.
- The covered reservoir, which is likely to be retained as an operational facility for Severn Trent, offers an opportunity to enhance biodiversity and visual amenity through treatment of the roof structure which covers about 1ha of the site. This could include a wildflower meadow.
- Development should make use of passive solar gain and incorporate low or zero carbon energy generation technologies that are appropriate to the site. This could include ground or air-source heat pumps or photovoltaic panels on suitably designed and oriented roofs as well as water source heat pumps, using the reservoir and local canals. Buildings should be highly energy-efficient, constructed using sustainable materials and waste should be minimised.
- Consideration should be given to whether sustainable drainage can be designed to maximise its location next to the reservoir.
- Green infrastructure should be incorporated as part of the main route through the site connecting to the reservoir.

The Edgbaston Waterworks Tower



Opportunity

Celebrating the Reservoir

The rich character, history and natural environment of the reservoir will be celebrated through art, walking trails, information and cultural activity.

An example of the reservoir's engineering heritage which positively contributes to the rich character of the area



Activity

- Building on work already undertaken by the community in collaboration with the Roundhouse a signposted walking trail could celebrate the heritage and culture at the reservoir and provide a key visitor attraction. The route could connect the reservoir to the historic Roundhouse in the city centre along the canal network. The Roundhouse is a collaboration between the Canal & River Trust and the National Trust to develop a creative hub (visitor centre, café, exhibition and office space) and the base for a range of city and canal tours based in a Grade II* Listed former Birmingham Corporation stables and stores.
- The proposed walking trail will encourage movement between buildings such as Perrott's Folly and Edgbaston Waterworks Tower. These towers are thought to have influenced J R R Tolkien to write 'The Two Towers' in the Lord of the Rings series. This could also help to highlight the important role the reservoir played in the industrial history of the city and highlight the historic features at the reservoir.
- Information boards will provide material on the natural environment, habitats and species found at the reservoir. This could be expanded to provide information on the function of the reservoir and its relationship with the canal. There is potential to link to the role of water more widely, connecting with Severn Trent who own the Edgbaston Waterworks site.

- Trails and information boards should, where possible, celebrate the social history, people and communities that have shaped the reservoir as well as the built and natural assets.
- The former Tower Ballroom site and the Playing Field will provide opportunities for communities, local groups and visitors to come together and celebrate the reservoir through culture, art and learning. This could include spaces and facilities that enable neighbouring communities to continue engaging in creative and cultural activities focused on the social significance of the reservoir.
- Opportunities to celebrate and promote the role of the reservoir as a location for water sports will also be encouraged and supported.

Character

- Signage, improvements to entrances and information boards will be expected to enhance the reservoir and reflect its character.
- Opportunities for new public art that celebrates the reservoir and its unique character should be explored in collaboration with reservoir users. This could include relocating the Charles Blondin Statue that depicts his tightrope walk across the reservoir in 1873.

- There are potential locations for murals, street art and other forms of public art that celebrate the reservoir and the activity that takes place in this unique location. This could include walls at Midland Sailing Club and the wall next to Birmingham Rowing Club. The use of temporary hoardings as part of development opportunities for public art, street art or to display information of the reservoir will also be supported. Any such projects should bring the community together in their creation and involve young people from surrounding communities.

Connectivity

- The introduction of trails and signage in and around the reservoir should support improved connectivity to the surrounding area. This will encourage visitors to access the reservoir via walking, cycling and public transport.

Sustainability

- Features and activities that promote education on sustainability and nature conservation will be supported. This could include space for learning such as forestry schools, information boards or public art that reflects nature.
- There is the potential to expand fruit tree planting around the reservoir area, linking to a linear orchard along the canal.



Example of community growing activity
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The Charles Blondin statue



Example art mural, Perry Park



Perrott's Folly

Delivering the vision and principles of this masterplan will require a comprehensive, partnership-based approach.

Partnerships

The long-term success of the site will be dependent upon continuing engagement with stakeholders, local residents and reservoir users. This will include partnership working with the Canal & River Trust, Sport England, landowners and the existing water user groups.

The management of the natural area within the Local Nature Reserve boundary will be managed in line with the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan 2021. This provides guidance on the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the natural environment. The Local Nature

Reserve Committee are anticipated to play an increased role in the management of the natural environment, providing the structure to facilitate increased community participation and stewardship at the reservoir in order to maintain and enhance the natural environment.

Opportunities for partnership working with Homes England, West Midlands Combined Authority and Transport for West Midlands and others will be explored to support growth in the area.

Funding

The masterplan will provide a basis for the council and partners to bid for funding for projects to improve the reservoir. To date, the council has secured Section 106 funds which have been used to support infrastructure investment, including

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Examples of award winning housing projects, integrating innovative architecture, high-quality materials, detailing and green spaces

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pathway improvements at the reservoir. The masterplan will be used to guide how further Section 106 money is spent if more becomes available as a result of future development.

Planning proposals that state the reservoir contributes to their open space provision in order to meet the requirements set out in BDP Policy TP9 and the Public Open Space in New Residential Development SPD, will be expected to financially contribute to the enhancement of the reservoir. Contributions will be used to deliver the vision and proposals within this masterplan.

Other public sector funding will also be explored to deliver the vision for the reservoir. The council will work with partners, including the community and existing water user groups, to unlock funding at the reservoir.



Waterside walkway. Paprocany Lake Waterfront, Tychy, Poland. RS+ Robert Skiteck Architects
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Opportunities

The council will actively work with stakeholders in the area to deliver the vision for the reservoir and secure high-quality development. Early engagement will be essential throughout the planning process. As set out in the Community Principles developers will be expected to explore opportunities to work in collaboration with the community and existing water user groups.

The council will utilise its land assets to maximise regeneration benefits and secure the overall masterplan vision. A partner(s) will be secured to bring forward a comprehensive redevelopment of the former Tower Ballroom Site. The development partner(s) will be required to work closely with the community and demonstrate how the vision,

and development and community principles of the masterplan, can be achieved in order to deliver a high-quality place. The redevelopment will need to integrate the proposals for the Sea Cadets’ site, and the creation of the walkway and public open spaces within the overall scheme.

The following table summarises the opportunities identified within the masterplan as projects and highlights who would be responsible for delivering the project, including where partnership working will be required to achieve an optimal result. The table also outlines potential methods to deliver the projects and is ordered by the suggested timescales. All projects will require further design and/or technical studies and, in many cases, public consultation throughout the process.

Opportunity area	Project	Proposed delivery partners	Proposed method/ funding source	Timescale for delivery
Reservoir Loop	Pathway improvements work Phase 1 and 2.	Birmingham City Coucil.	S106 funding.	Short-term.
Reservoir Link	Improve design of dam wall fence.	Canal & River Trust.	Landowner delivery.	Short-term.
Reservoir Link	Rubber Works site - residential scheme.	Landowner, developer.	Landowner and developer partnership.	Short-term.
Reservoir View	Improvements to pathway behind the building and the environmental sustainability of the building.	Midland Sailing Club, Sport England, Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, Severn Trent.	Sport England funding for first stage of improvements to building. S106 funding	Short-term.
Osler Park and Osler Place	Reactivate Reservoir Lodge.	Birmingham City Council, occupier, Historic England.	Partnership between Birmingham City Coucil and future occupier.	Short-term.
Osler Park and Osler Place	Improvements to facilities at Sea Cadets.	Birmingham City Council, Sea Cadets, Sport England.	Sea Cadet funded redevelopment of existing site.	Short-term.

Opportunity area	Project	Proposed delivery partners	Proposed method/ funding source	Timescale for delivery
Natural Parkland	Secure Green Flag status for the reservoir.	Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, Local Nature Reserve Committee, Wildlife Trust, Severn Trent.	Environmental/biodiversity project funding sources.	Short-term.
Natural Parkland	Birmingham Settlement Well-being Centre.	Birmingham Settlement.	Funded by Birmingham Settlement.	Short-term.
Celebrating the Reservoir	Art/culture/history trail/promoting water sports information boards and public art etc.	Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, Severn Trent, Urban Splash, community groups, National Trust, existing water clubs.	Art/cultural/sports project funding sources.	Short-term.
Natural Parkland	Reactivate the Rangers Bungalow and find a use that supports the masterplan vision.	Birmingham City Council, future occupiers.	Potential partnership between Birmingham City Council, future occupier and/or developer.	Medium-term.
Natural Parkland	Green the existing car park.	Birmingham City Council.	Transport infrastructure funding.	Medium-term.
Natural Parkland	Improvements to facilities at Rowing Club.	Birmingham Rowing Club, Birmingham Canoe Club, Sport England, Universities.	Community sport funding sources.	Medium-term.
Reservoir Link	H Suite - residential led redevelopment.	Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, developers, landowners.	Landowner/leaseholder delivery.	Medium-term.
Reservoir Link	Deliver a new pedestrian crossing at Icknield Port Road.	Birmingham City Council, Urban Splash.	Urban Splash.	Medium-term.
Reservoir Link	Canal Basin - residential led redevelopment.	Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, Urban Splash.	Partnership between landowner and developer.	Medium-term.
Reservoir View	Optimise the use of Reservoir Cottage and Reservoir House.	Canal & River Trust, Midland Sailing Club, future occupiers, other partners subject to detailed plans for the future use of the site.	Partnership between Canal & River Trust and existing/future occupiers.	Medium-term.

Opportunity area	Project	Proposed delivery partners	Proposed method/ funding source	Timescale for delivery
Osler Park and Osler Place	Redevelop Tower Ballroom site to provide a residential, community and commercial mixed-use scheme.	Birmingham City Council, Social Housing Providers, Birmingham Rowing Club, Sea Cadets, Sport England.	Developer partnership.	Medium-term.
Osler Park and Osler Place	Walkway and public realm.	Birmingham City Council, developer partner.	Developer partnership/ contributions.	Medium-term.
Osler Park and Osler Place	Deliver new homes on Tower Mount site.	Birmingham City Council, landowner.	Landowner and developer partnership.	Medium-term.
Osler Park and Osler Place	Improve facilities at Osler Street Park.	Birmingham City Council, others depending on the nature of the scheme.	Developer contributions.	Medium-term.
Reservoir Link	Deliver pedestrian connections between the reservoir and canal.	Birmingham City Council, Canal & River Trust, Urban Splash.	Landowner and developer partnership. Infrastructure funding.	Some medium and some long-term.
Connectivity	Optimise to accessibility of the reservoir by pedestrian, cycle and public transport routes.	Birmingham City Council, Transport for West Midlands, Midland Trains, Canal & River Trust, Sport England, landowners.	Infrastructure funding.	Some medium and some long-term.
Reservoir Link	Protection and enhancement of Icknield Port Yard.	Canal & River Trust.	Canal & River Trust investment with potential for historic or cultural funding sources.	Long-term.
Edgbaston Waterworks	Residential scheme.	Severn Trent.	Landowner and developer partnership.	Long-term.



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Draft Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan SPD
Consultation Summary

Introduction and purpose of the Consultation Statement

Birmingham City Council consulted on the Draft Edgbaston Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from 3rd May to the 26th July 2019. This statement sets out the engagement strategy, describes the level and type of responses received, the main issues raised and how they have been addressed in the redrafted masterplan. The statement has been prepared in accordance with Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

Consultation frontloading engagement

The Draft Masterplan SPD has been subject to detailed and continuous engagement. Early engagement (frontloading) with key stakeholders between October 2018 and February 2019 informed the preparation of the document.

Stakeholders engaged include:

- Midlands Sailing Club;
- Birmingham Rowing and Canoe Club;
- TS Vernon Sea Cadets;
- The Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir Group;
- Birmingham Settlement;
- Sport England;
- The Canal & River Trust;
- Unlock Social and Economic Innovation Together (USE-IT);
- Ward Members for Ladywood and North Edgbaston; and
- Wider involvement with stakeholders through initial master-planning work undertaken by consultants in 2016.

Officers also attended a community-run event (Neighbour Night) to meet the local community and explain the draft engagement strategy for the Draft Masterplan SPD and receive feedback.

During the production of the Draft Masterplan SPD an Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Steering Group was set up. The group consists of the Birmingham Parks and Planning Department as well as the Canal & River Trust and Sport England due to their role in land ownership and delivery. The group meets regularly to shape the masterplan and will continue to work together to deliver the masterplan vision.

Formal Public Consultation

A public consultation that built on the frontloading discussions was held from 3rd May to 26th July 2019. The consultation was originally planned for six but was extended to twelve weeks following a request by a Local Councillor due to the level of interest in the plan. The consultation followed the principles set out in the Birmingham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Consultation materials consisted of:

- Online questionnaire on Be Heard;
- Notification letter /email sent to consultation database;
- Posters around the reservoir and libraries that set out how to access the plan, the details of consultation events, and the lead planning officer's contact details;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- PowerPoint presentation slides from ward meeting presentations on website;
- Pull-up banners used at drop-in events and ward meetings
- Press release and social media posts signposting the public to the consultation material

Paper copies of the Draft Masterplan SPD and questionnaire were available at the following locations:

- The Library of Birmingham
- Spring Hill Library
- Lancaster Circus

Members of the public and other stakeholders were able to respond to the consultation via the online questionnaire, email or letter. Printed copied of the document and a response form were also made available on request.

A variety of events were held during the consultation period at a range of times including evenings and weekends. At each event contact slips were available for the public to take away. These set out details of how to contact the planning team and the masterplan website. Each event, its purpose, engagement methodologies used, and key outcomes is set out in the table below.

Event:	Purpose:	Methodologies used:	Summary of discussions:
North Edgbaston and Ladywood Ward Meetings (9 th and 14 th May)	Share information and encourage the local community to read and comment on the Draft Masterplan SPD.	Planning officers presented the vision and key themes of the Draft Masterplan SPD and answered questions.	Several issues were raised and discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of natural environment, open space and Local Nature Reserve• Concern re proposal to relocate the existing water sport clubs• Concerns regarding anti-social behaviour• Request for more detail in the masterplan• Fluctuating water levels need to be acknowledged

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of community engagement • Concern over housing provision • Car parking and the impact of the Clean Air Zone • Concern increased numbers will have a negative impact on the Local Nature Reserve • Requests more detail regarding future management and maintenance
Drop-in sessions at Reservoir Lodge (Saturday 11th May and 1st June)	Share information and instigate discussions with the local community regarding the reservoir and encourage the community to read and formally comment on the Draft Masterplan SPD.	<p>Officers explained the vision and key themes of the Draft Masterplan SPD and answered questions. Two exercises were available for the public to partake in including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority exercise of writing key issues that are more or less important in relation to the reservoir 2. Commenting using post-it notes on an aerial photograph of the reservoir 	<p>A summary of exercise one has been included in Appendix A of this document.</p> <p>Themes that emerged from exercise two included the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain Osler Street Park • Manage car parking • Improve footpaths and canal towpaths • Protect the tranquil natural environment
Neighbour Night at Summerfield Memorial Hall (3 rd July)	Share information and encourage the local community to read and comment on the Draft Masterplan SPD.	Planning officers attended a community-run 'Neighbour Night' to answer questions from the local community and encourage people to formally respond to the consultation.	<p>Several issues were raised and discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aims and objectives of the masterplan; • The council's approach to consultation; and • The environmental assessments undertaken for the masterplan
Community 'Eat, Make, Play' event at The Playing Field (13 th July)	Share information and encourage the local community to read and comment on the Draft	<p>Planning officers ran a stall to provide information and instigate discussion around the Draft Masterplan SPD. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided written and verbal 	<p>Several issues were raised and discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of Osler Street Park • Concern over housing provision • The importance of protecting the natural environment

	Masterplan SPD.	<p>summaries of the vision for each of the big moves in the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked if people agreed with each of the visions, and if they didn't, why they didn't. • Children had the opportunity to draw a picture depicting what they would like to see at the reservoir. • Officers were available to answer questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of future development at the Tower Ballroom site • The need to ensure the reservoir remains accessible for all
Interactive session with a Local Scouts Group (15 th July)	Obtain views from young people on the reservoir and what they would like to see there.	<p>A variety of activities were undertaken including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing games to choose the best thing about the reservoir and what they'd like to see improved the most; • Using an aerial map and printed symbol to suggest where uses and activities should be around the reservoir including tree planting, rubbish bins, benches, and housing; and • Using play dough and drawing to design a scheme on the former Tower Ballroom site. 	<p>The main themes of activities included the need to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe spaces • Family-friendly activities • Healthy spaces • Activities for children including assault course, football pitch and play area for young children • Homes • Café • Information centre • Education about wildlife and nature • Benches

MELA Workshop

Part-way through the consultation, an engagement workshop was held by a social enterprise MELA coordinated by members of the local community. Planning officers attended the workshop although it was external to the council's consultation. The aim of the event was to provide an opportunity for people to come together, discover more about the Draft Masterplan SPD and further test ideas, thoughts and concepts to inform the revised masterplan.

MELA submitted a community-led review of the masterplan as a formal representation to the council's consultation. The conclusions from the community-led review have been incorporated into the table of responses in Appendix B.

Key findings from the formal consultation

Approximately 420 representations were submitted to the consultation. A summary of the representations received during the consultation from responses to the Be Heard questionnaire and letters and emails received are summarised in a table in Appendix B. This is a summary table of the main points received during the formal consultation period.

Organisations as well as individuals responded to the consultation. These include but are not limited to:

- Midland Sailing Club
- Birmingham Rowing Club
- The Canal & River Trust
- Sport England
- Worcester Birmingham And Droitwich Canals Society
- Historic England
- National Gird
- Natural England
- Urban Splash and Places for People
- The Environment Agency
- Inland Waterways Association
- Lapal Canal Trust
- Marine Society and Sea Cadets
- Birmingham Settlement
- Midland Mencap
- Royal Yachting Association
- Royal Life Saving Society
- West Midlands Police
- West Midland Trains
- The Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust
- The Scout Association for Birmingham
- Bearwood and Hagley Road Business Association

- North Edgbaston Residents Action Group
- Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir
- MAL Explosive Ordnance Disposal LTD
- Crime Commissioner West Midlands Police
- Anglers society
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council – Public Health
- Severn Trent

During the consultation period a petition '**Please save Osler Street Park**' and question to Full Council was submitted. It was also submitted as a formal representation to the consultation. It requested the council remove the proposal to build on Osler Street Park from the Draft Masterplan SPD. The petition consisted of 132 forms completed by children (or parents/guardians of children) aged one to sixteen from 29 schools. Approximately 58% of the responses state they visit the park three or more times a week. The reasons stated for wanting to retain the park include the fact the park is:

- A place to meet new people and socialise with friends and neighbours
- Memories made at the park
- Calm and green setting
- A place to exercise and play
- Feels safe and has a good layout

A **Community Consortium** formed in response to the public consultation and submitted a community-led 'alternative' vision for the reservoir as a formal representation. The consortium represents a wide range of community and user-group interests including:

- Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir;
- Birmingham Settlement;
- Midland Sailing Club;
- Artscoop Central;
- Companions for Hope;
- Link Road Neighbourhood Watch;
- Selwyn and Wheatsheaf Road Residents Associations;
- Summerfield Residents Associations; and
- North Edgbaston Residents Associations.

The alternative plan set out a vision and several proposals including:

- The creation of a heritage and eco-centre on the former Tower Ballroom site;
- Strengthen the ecosystem around the reservoir;
- The creation of a green walkway around the reservoir with trees along the path to extend to both ends of the dam;
- Improved entrance to the former Tower Ballroom site with tree planting and informal landscape;
- Enable the three existing water users to remain in their current location and be supported;

- Retain Osler Street Park and better connect it to the reservoir;
- Strengthen connections between the reservoir and wider green network and to the Port Loop development;
- Improve pedestrian paths and entrances; and
- Ensure the reservoir is recognised as an important piece of natural infrastructure.

The alternative plan can be found at Appendix C.

Continuous engagement

After the consultation period had closed, following requests for us to work more closely with the community and water sport clubs, the council decided to set up a Community Partnership Forum with representatives of the Community Consortium who submitted an alternative plan. The purpose of the forum is to enable the council to work with the community to better align the vision of the Draft Masterplan SPD with the vision of the alternative plan.

Members of the forum comprise both council officers (mainly from the Planning and Parks departments), and an individual to represent the following organisations:

- Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir;
- Midland Sailing Club;
- TS Vernon Sea Cadets;
- Birmingham Rowing Club;
- Birmingham Settlement;
- Artscoop Central;
- Eat Make Play;
- Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Committee; and
- Save Osler Street Park Campaign

A Terms of Reference was set written and agreed by members of the forum. It sets out the membership of the forum and was updated in June 2020 to reflect the new approach to working due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Five forum meetings were held in person between 8th January and 6th February 2020, these covered the following topics:

- Launch and masterplan vision;
- Community Principles;
- Tower Ballroom site discussion with urban design officers;
- Connectivity with transport planners; and
- Natural Parkland with ecology officer and representative from the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust

The forum methodology was amended in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. As members of the forum were unable to meet in person, the meetings were moved online, and community members of the forum commented on and redrafted parts of the masterplan over the course of several months.

Planning officers were the ultimate pen holder but worked closely with community members to reflect their additions and opinions and seek compromise where possible. Five meetings were held online using zoom to discuss masterplan content, one meeting was used to explain and discuss financial viability.

Outcomes of the Consultation

The main revisions to the Draft Masterplan SPD as a result of the consultation representations and the subsequent engagement with the Community Partnership Forum are:

- The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed. The draft masterplan now aims to enhance the open space and play facilities as an important element of the vision for the reservoir.
- The redrafted masterplan now includes the 'Community Principles' put forward by the community members of the Community Partnership Forum. These aim to ensure future development benefits both people and the environment.
- Further information has been added detailing how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced. This includes a development principle covering Sustainability. Information from the revised Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan (2021) that has been produced to support the masterplan process has also been included.
- The suggested proposal to relocate the existing water users (sailing and rowing club), into a new or a combined facility has been removed following detailed discussions with the clubs regarding their preferences and the practicalities of relocation. The redrafted masterplan now includes proposals for the facilities to be improved in their existing locations. It also includes references to support the clubs and their community outreach work.
- Further details have been added to all the opportunities in relation to design, sustainability and green infrastructure to ensure any development reflects and protects the Local Nature Reserve setting of the reservoir.
- Additions have been made to better-reflect the opportunities for community and leisure activity at the reservoir. This includes the potential for community, commercial and leisure uses on the ground floor of the Tower Ballroom site, the use of Reservoir Lodge for community activities and the role of the Selwyn Playing Field.

Further details on how the consultation undertaken has informed the revised version of masterplan SPD area available in the table set out in Appendix B of this document.

Conclusion

Significant changes have been made to the proposals in the redrafted masterplan as a result of public consultation representations received and the Community Partnership Forum. A second round of focussed public consultation is therefore now required. This will enable the wider community (beyond those represented in the Community Partnership Forum), to make representations on the redrafted plan.

Appendix A: Results from priority exercise at drop-in events

Category	Less important	More important	Do not want
New types of sport and leisure	1	5	4
Events	2		1
Play facilities		11	
Tolkien Walk	2	1	1
Connections to the city centre	2	5	
Secure parking away from the waters' edge	1	11	4
Public art	1	3	
Educational training space	3	3	
Reservoir View	3	5	1
Improved entrances	2	3	
Café/restaurant	4	4	1
Connections to Port Loop	2	2	
Opportunities to view wildlife (bird hides)	5	1	
Improved cycling facilities	3	5	
Improving the pathway	4	6	
Future of the Tower Ballroom site	3	5	3
Picnic areas		7	
Affordable homes		1	4
Protecting and enhancing wildlife		19	
Changing facilities		1	
Public toilets		2	
Connections to open spaces		3	
Community facilities		11	
Housing/apartments		1	12
Protecting heritage		7	
Additional comments provided at the events			
Development on Osler Park			23
Zip wire			4
Improve security at the reservoir		1	
More bins		6	
Commercial uses at the ground floor of Tower Ballroom development		1	
Restricted access to waterfront			1
Improved safety and security		7	
Improve management of the site		3	
Encourage clean travel		1	
Activities should be low cost and accessible		3	
Outdoor gym equipment		2	
Provision of green space		2	
Beach area		1	
Do not make any changes to the reservoir		5	
On site warden/ranger		7	
Maintain tranquil feel		8	
Disabled car parking and access		2	
Additional cars			4

Parking provision for residents		3	
Free car parking		1	
Traffic calming measures in the surrounding area		3	
Parking permit charges for local residents			1
Do not demolish the Tower Ballroom building – incorporate it into the new development		1	
Keep water level high		1	1
Signs for visitors to control their dogs		1	
Water fountains		2	
Nature walking trails		1	
Allotments		1	
Ensure long-term funding is available to repair facilities		1	
Sensitive development design		3	
Bars selling alcohol			1
High rise blocks			2
Increased pollution			1
Shopping opportunities			1
Disruption to visitors due to path improvements			1
Changes to the dam wall			1
Concrete and tarmac			1
Additional buildings diminishing green space			1
Improved drainage around the path		1	
Only want light touch improvements		1	

Appendix B: Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Consultation Summary

This table provides a summary of the formal responses received during the consultation period. It is structured around the sections in the previous draft masterplan.

Context and Vision

Consultee	Overview of responses received during consultation:	How changes to the SPD respond to responses where possible:	Proposed Changes to SPD
62 individuals	General support for the vision.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Support for the vision as it recognises the value in the biodiversity and ecology of the reservoir as well as it's underuse as a green space for the city.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has been further strengthened to ensure the role of biodiversity and ecology is recognised and enhanced through the implementation of the opportunities.	No changes required.
23 individuals	Support for the idea of the reservoir becoming more of a destination with facilities for families such as café, picnic areas, toilets, water sports etc.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
1 individual	Support housing proposals on the Tower Ballroom.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
13 individuals	Support for the role of the historic assets in the plan through Tolkien Walk.	Support welcomed. This proposal has been developed further to include other elements of the reservoir character that should be celebrated, such as social history and nature.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for the development of Tower Ballroom and suggestions that this should be a landmark building.	Support welcomed. Further details have been added around the design, scale and massing for former Tower Ballroom site.	No changes required.

5 individuals	Support for the proposed uses and increased activity as this will help make the reservoir safer and more attractive.	Support welcomed. The connection between activity and safety has been made clear in the masterplan.	No changes required.
9 Individuals	Support for the proposed increased connectivity with the canal.	Support welcomed. Connectivity is a key theme in the masterplan and has been enhanced further.	No changes required.
18 individuals	Support for the improved walkway around the reservoir.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
16 individuals	Support for the vision and uses proposed but concerned about the conflict between increased leisure and the natural environment.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. Further details have been included under all the opportunities to explain how they will be in keeping with and enhance the reservoir setting. Additional information has been included on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced, this has been informed by the revised Local Nature Reserve Management Plan.	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. Further details have been included under all the opportunities to explain how they will be in keeping with and enhance the reservoir setting. Additional information has been included on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced, this has been informed by the revised Local Nature Reserve Management Plan.
5 individuals	Support the development for leisure uses and community uses but against housing.	Comments noted. The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of this masterplan is to ensure the site is developed for housing, along with other uses that will complement the water	No changes required.

		setting and provide facilities for all the community while protecting the natural environment.	
8 individuals	Don't support the plan (no reason given).	Comments noted.	No changes required.
98 individuals	Don't support the vision as the reservoir should be left as it is. The reservoir should be protected as a location for a gentle walk and a space for nature rather than promoted as a destination.	The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for development in the Birmingham Development Plan, this masterplan provides information on how this site and other opportunities will be delivered in order to protect and enhance the reservoir. The masterplan recognises the importance of being able to walk around the reservoir and this was captured through the Promenade Loop Big Move in the previous draft masterplan. This is now called Reservoir Walkway. The masterplan has been amended to include further references to the role of the reservoir as somewhere to enjoy nature and the calm water setting. The masterplan has also been strengthened to further clarify that increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment.	The masterplan has been amended to include further references to the role of the reservoir as somewhere to enjoy nature and the calm water setting. The masterplan has also been strengthened to further clarify that increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment.
17 individuals	Don't support the plan as there is a direct conflict in the vision between making it a destination with	The masterplan focuses activity at the existing brownfield (previously developed) sites. It also protects the character of the natural area which	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify this approach and to state that increased activity will be in keeping with the

	increased activity and maintaining the quiet nature of the reservoir.	surrounds the reservoir. This is considered sufficient to provide a balance between increased activity and the creation of spaces to enjoy nature in a calm setting. The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify this approach and to state that increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment.	character of the reservoir and the natural environment.
14 individuals	Don't support the vision as the reservoir is busy enough and cannot accommodate any further people or activities without impacting on the natural environment.	The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of this masterplan is to ensure the site is developed in a way that enhances and protects the existing assets, whilst delivering homes and increased activity that is accessible to all. The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. The redrafted masterplan has been developed in discussion with the Wildlife Trust and the council's ecologist to ensure the proposals would not have a detrimental impact on the natural environment. A new Development Principle on 'Sustainability' has been included in the masterplan to directly draw out the ways in which all	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. A new Development Principle on 'Sustainability' has been included in the masterplan to directly draw out the ways in which all opportunities will enhance the natural environment.

		opportunities will enhance the natural environment.	
4 individuals	Don't support the vision as it lacks ambition and should be encouraging further development and activity.	The site is a Local Nature Reserve and a balance is needed between the scale of new development and the impact on the natural environment. The masterplan has been strengthened to include further details to ensure all opportunities are realised.	The masterplan has been strengthened to include further details to ensure all opportunities are realised.
20 individuals	Don't support the vision as the plan includes a proposal to build on Osler Street Park.	The masterplan no longer proposes to develop on Osler Street Park. The masterplan has been amended to protect the park and provide details on how the park will be better integrated into the reservoir to provide a safe play space. The revised masterplan does not propose to build on any areas designated as open space and focusses development on recognised brownfield (previously developed) sites.	The masterplan no longer proposes to develop on Osler Street Park. The masterplan has been amended to protect the park and provide details on how the park will be better integrated into the reservoir to provide a safe play space.
57 individuals	Don't support the vision as the proposals for the Tower Ballroom and housing at the site will have a negative impact on the reservoir, its character, nature and the views.	The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The masterplan is not proposing to build on designated green spaces and there is no loss of open space within the reservoir as a result of the proposals. The purpose of the masterplan is to ensure the site is developed in a way that enhances and protects the existing assets, whilst	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify how the design of the Tower Ballroom and the uses within it will ensure that it enhances the reservoir and Local Nature Reserve. A new Development Principle on 'Sustainability' has been included to directly draw out the ways in which all opportunities will enhance the natural environment.

		delivering homes and increased activity that is accessible to all. The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify how the design of the Tower Ballroom and the uses within it will ensure that it enhances the reservoir and Local Nature Reserve. A new Development Principle on 'Sustainability' has been included to directly draw out the ways in which all opportunities will enhance the natural environment.	
23 individuals	Don't support and question the motives / benefits of the plan when there is poor standard housing, homelessness and a lack of other social infrastructure. Concerns about gentrification of the area and the Ladywood community not benefiting from the proposals.	The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of the masterplan is to ensure the site is developed in a way that enhances and protects the existing assets, whilst delivering homes and increased activity that is accessible to all. The Tower Ballroom is currently not in use and poses a security risk. Bringing the site forward for a mix of housing and other uses that will benefit the community is considered fundamental in securing the long-term future of the reservoir and meeting the city's housing needs. The proposals have been designed to improve connectivity for all communities and to provide an improved quality of environment that everyone can enjoy. It is recognised there is a need to	It is recognised there is a need to ensure the facilities provided are accessible to all and the masterplan has been amended to place greater emphasis on this issue.

		ensure the facilities provided are accessible to all and the masterplan has been amended to place greater emphasis on this issue.	
20 individuals	Don't support and fully support the alternative plan.	Comments noted. Officers have worked with the Community Consortium who submitted the alternative plan, to better align the council's aspirations with the community.	The masterplan includes several suggested additions that are a result of working with the community – including a set of Community Principles.
19 individuals	Support for the retention of the existing water-uses in their current locations and concerns around the impact of the proposals in the plan on these clubs.	The previous version of the masterplan was deliberately flexible regarding the potential for existing clubs to relocate in acknowledgment that the approach should be led by the clubs. Since then officers have worked with all the existing water users to ensure the amended version of the masterplan reflects their aspirations for the future, including their preferred locations. This has been reflected in the masterplan, which includes positive proposals for all of the club's futures.	The masterplan has been amended to reflect the clubs preferred locations and future plans.
2 individuals	Request that the plan is focussed towards tourism with features such as a visitor centre and museum.	The masterplan aims to ensure the reservoir is accessible to all and meets the needs of local communities and visitors. The vision for Osler Place includes flexibility to allow for uses such as a visitor centre.	No changes required.
12 individuals	Request for more information / clarity in the plan before support can be given to the vision.	The masterplan has been amended to include further details on the development opportunities and how the	The masterplan has been amended to include further details on the development

		vision will be delivered. The second stage of consultation will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on the additional details.	opportunities and how the vision will be delivered
5 individuals	Request for the local community and existing water users to be included in the plans.	The council has developed the revised draft of the masterplan with the community and water users. This includes endorsing their Community Principles in the document. The council will continue to foster strong relationships to ensure the sustainable future of the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to include Community Principles that commits to continued engagement with the community and water users.
28 individuals	Request that the ambition in the plan is scaled back and that the plan should include only small-scale improvements to facilities, use of existing buildings and path / parking improvements.	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. The development proposed is considered to be an appropriate level to ensure the deliverability and long-term viability of the uses, whilst ensuring there is not a negative impact on the character of the reservoir.	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment
4 individuals	Request that plans gives greater focus on physical activity and getting people active.	This has always been a key ambition of the masterplan but further wording has been added around the role of the reservoir in health and wellbeing. The role each of the opportunities can play in supporting active living has been detailed further throughout the masterplan.	Further wording has been added around the role of the reservoir in health and wellbeing. The role each of the opportunities can play in supporting active living has been detailed further throughout the masterplan.

5 individuals	Request that the reservoir is a family space with facilities for children.	The overall vision for the masterplan has been revised to include reference to creating a space that is accessible for all and that brings communities together. The vision for Osler Place includes a focus on family-friendly environments. The increased integration of Osler Street Park will ensure the development of the site is safe for children and a space that encourages both local children and visitors to play.	The overall vision for the masterplan has been revised to include reference to creating a space that is accessible for all and that brings communities together. The vision for Osler Place includes a focus of family-friendly environments. The increased integration of Osler Street Park will ensure the development of the site is safe for children and a space that encourages both local children and visitors to play.
29 individuals	Concerns around the safety of the reservoir and anti-social behaviour.	A clear part of the vision is to ensure the reservoir is safe and accessible to all. References to creating a safe environment have been included in the masterplan. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.	References to creating a safe environment have been included in the masterplan. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.
24 individuals	Concerns over the proposals resulting in the reservoir not being accessible to all and local people no longer being able to enjoy the space.	A clear part of the vision is to ensure the reservoir belongs to everyone. The masterplan has been revised to strengthen this commitment further. The masterplan also has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. The masterplan includes proposals that will enhance the environment in which free activities take place at the reservoir - such as walking,	The masterplan has been revised to strengthen this commitment further. The masterplan also has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment.

		cycling or simply spending time sitting outside.	
28 individuals	Concerns that the natural environment, biodiversity and beauty of the reservoir will be compromised by the proposed developments.	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. Further detail has been included under all the opportunities to explain how they will be in keeping and enhance the reservoir setting. Additional information has also been included on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced. This has been informed by a revised Local Nature Reserve Management Plan.	The masterplan has been strengthened to further clarify that the increased activity will be in keeping with the character of the reservoir and the natural environment. Further detail has been included under all the opportunities to explain how they will be in keeping and enhance the reservoir setting. Additional information has also been included on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced.
10 individuals	Concerns that the plan is not sympathetic to the historic features such as the dam wall. Requests that the historic environment should be celebrated further.	The masterplan recognises the importance of the historic character of the reservoir and looks to celebrate these through the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' opportunity. Further details have also been included on how each opportunity area will enhance the historic character of the reservoir. The masterplan has also been revised to state the structural integrity of the dam wall will need to be protected. This wording has been developed in partnership with the Canal & River Trust.	The masterplan recognises the importance of the historic character of the reservoir and looks to celebrate these through the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' opportunity. Further details have also been included on how each opportunity area will enhance the historic character of the reservoir. The masterplan has also been revised to state the structural integrity of the dam wall will need to be protected. This wording has been developed in partnership with the Canal & River Trust.
17 individuals	Concerns around how people will access the site, impact of surrounding roads, increased traffic	The masterplan takes a balanced approach towards providing some car parking to support those who have no	Further details have been added to the masterplan to explain the approach taken to car parking and access.

	and parking. Requests for further car parking. Also concerns over the lack of direct public transport links such as the location of Metro stops.	alternative way to access the site and the promotion of sustainable transport in line with the council's Transport Plan. A key theme of the masterplan is strengthening walking, cycling and public transport connections.	
22 individuals	Concerns over how the uses on the site will be managed and the over commercialisation of the reservoir.	The scale and nature of the development proposed maintains the balance between bringing further activities and facilities to the site, whilst maintaining the existing character. The masterplan is clear that any detailed development proposed should be informed by, and complementary to, the reservoir character and natural setting.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Request that appropriate weight is given to the fact the primary function of the reservoir is to provide water for the canals.	The previous draft masterplan included a reference to the purpose of the reservoir to provide water for the canal network. This has been expanded to explain the need to retain the function and the impact this has on water levels.	Further details have been added to explain the need to retain the function and the impact this has on water levels.
Individual	Request further consideration is given to the Buddhist centre and its role in the area and the feature the building provides.	The masterplan has been amended to include the Buddhist centre in the context section.	The masterplan has been amended to include the Buddhist centre in the context section.
Midland Sailing Club and Birmingham Rowing Club	Welcome the objectives of the masterplan to bring investment to the reservoir and to make it a more attractive destination for the citizens of Birmingham.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.

Natural England	<p>Suggest the masterplan makes reference to the need to provide green infrastructure within new development and incorporate features that are beneficial to wildlife. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green roof systems and roof gardens • green walls to provide insulation or shading and cooling • new tree planting or altering the management of land • bird or bat box <p>Suggests the masterplan provides opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably; and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green infrastructure provision and access to and contact with nature.</p>	Comments noted. The masterplan provides detail on how the unique historic and environmental character of the reservoir should be protected and enhanced.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations. The masterplan has also been amended to state opportunities should also be taken to include green infrastructure within the plan boundary including the delivery of green roofs and bird and bat boxes.
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Tower Ballroom (Thomas Telford Place in previous draft masterplan – now included in Osler Park and Osler Place opportunity)

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
6 individuals	Support redevelopment at the reservoir but Osler Street Park should be retained and incorporated in the development.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been updated to clearly show Osler Street Park will be retained.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities. Additional guidance has been added on how the park can be enhanced and protected. This includes details on the importance of creating visual and physical connections through the development on the former Tower Ballroom site to connect the park to the wider reservoir so it can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.
2 individuals	Support is conditional to there being children's playing facilities.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been updated to clearly show Osler Street Park will be retained with its play facilities.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities.
12 individuals	Support redevelopment. Request inclusion of social/community uses.	Welcome support. The masterplan details that community uses would be appropriate within the development.	The masterplan has been amended to list community uses as appropriate uses for the site.
19 individuals	The document requires more information, unsure as to what is being proposed. Visual design is requested.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to provide more information on the proposed development, this includes an artists' impression and precedent images to	Further details have been added that provides greater guidance on how future development should adhere to the development principles. The artist's sketch and precedent images have also been

		show the level of quality of design that would be acceptable.	updated to better reflect the vision for the site.
2 individuals	Concern over access to facilities, gentrification, lack of social housing and the loss of Osler Street Park.	Concerns noted. The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that the redevelopment should provide new homes and a range of accessible facilities for the local community and visitors. Proposals to build on the Osler Street Park have been removed.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that the redevelopment should provide new homes that meet needs and a range of accessible facilities for the local community and visitors. Proposals to build on the Osler Street Park have been removed.
Individual	Support redevelopment. Requests commercial uses.	Welcome support. The masterplan includes the potential for commercial uses on future development.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Support redevelopment. Requests active outdoor space.	Welcome support. The masterplan supports active outdoor space. Osler Street Park will be retained to continue to provide space for outdoor activity and the masterplan has been updated to further set back proposed development to provide more space for walkers, runners and cyclists.	More detail has been included in the activity section to state the types of activity that would be supported and the benefits this would bring to users of the reservoir.
5 individuals	Concerns around parking and safety. Criticism around lack of security measures.	Concerns noted. Some further detail has been added on the approach to parking within this development opportunity. Details on the amount of parking, its management and security measures will be determined through the planning application process.	Some further detail has been added on the approach to parking within this development opportunity.

42 individuals	Support redevelopment. Suggested uses are toilets, visitor centre, community, culture, social, café/ restaurant and education.	Welcome support. The uses listed are included in the amended masterplan. The exact mix of uses will be determined through the planning application process.	More detail has been included on the types of uses that would be appropriate on the development alongside new homes.
4 individuals	Support redevelopment. Suggests Cannon Hill MAC as an example of a delivery model.	Welcome support and suggestion over delivery model noted.	No changes required.
6 individuals	Concern around parking provision and increased traffic. Requests management of parking fees so that locals can still afford it.	Concerns noted. Some further detail has been added on the approach to parking within this development opportunity. Details on the amount of parking, its management and security measures will be determined through the planning application process.	Some further detail has been added on the approach to parking within this development opportunity.
Individual	Support redevelopment. Requests that uses are focused on water sports and social spaces. Strongly opposed to commercial uses.	Welcome support. The masterplan supports water sport use and the creation of spaces to encourage social interaction. The masterplan also states that commercial uses would be appropriate on the site alongside new homes and community uses. Any proposal would need to demonstrate accordance with the vision in the masterplan and play a role in activating the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Support redevelopment. States that there is a need for an attractive	Welcome support. Suggestions noted.	Plan updated to provide clearer guidance on quality of design required and need to create

	landmark. Suggests creating green links and relocating the play area on Osler Street Park closer to the reservoir.	The updated masterplan includes clearer guidance on the need for future design to be of high-quality. Osler Street Park will remain in its current location, but the masterplan has been updated to provide clearer guidance on the need to create green links between the park and the reservoir through the development on the site. This will improve connectivity and ensure the play facilities are accessible to local residents and visitors.	green connections between Osler Street Park and the reservoir.
49 individuals	<p>General support of redevelopment. Concerns around design principles. Request further detail on scale and form and that the design should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sympathetic to nature • Not overlook the reservoir • Eco-friendly • Modern • Zero carbon living • Set back from the water • Scale should be reduced to around 2-3 storeys • Preserve and enhance walkway – ensure it is complete 	<p>Welcome support and note suggestions. The masterplan has been updated to provide further guidance on the scale and massing of future development on the site and the need for it to be sustainable. The masterplan is also very clear on the requirement for a continuous walkway around the reservoir. The guidance provided strikes the balance between protecting the natural setting of the reservoir and optimising the potential of the site to deliver a mix of community, commercial and residential uses in a high-quality designed scheme.</p>	<p>The character section of the chapter 'Osler Park and Osler Place' provides guidance on the design, scale, massing and setting of the development in relation to the waterfront. Buildings fronting the water will be a variety of heights up to a maximum of four storey and it is expected that the walkway in front of the buildings will be seventeen to twenty metres width, varying to accommodate the shape of the reservoir and ensure a linear building line is created. The sustainability section provides further details on how the scheme will deliver a sustainable development.</p>

15 individuals	Requests more information about design, specifically over the word “blocks”.	The masterplan has been amended to provide more detail on the height and scale of future development. Use of the word ‘blocks’ has been removed.	Further guidance is provided on acceptable design of future development.
13 individuals	Welcome support of the redevelopment of Tower Ballroom site.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
5 individuals	Not in support of redevelopment. Questions the benefits it will bring to the community.	The council is committed to ensuring that the local community benefits from development at the reservoir. Such benefits include the opportunity for community uses as part of the redevelopment of the Tower Ballroom and the Lodge. Improvements to the walkway, linkages and public realm will ensure the reservoir is welcoming, safe and accessible to all.	No changes required.
5 individuals	General support of redevelopment. Not in support of loss of the former tower ballroom building. Suggest it is retained/renovated.	<p>Welcome support. The decision to demolish the former Tower Ballroom building has been made through cabinet process.</p> <p>The vision for the site is for a mixed-use residential-led scheme that is set back from the waters edge with a wide walkway in front. The retention of the</p>	No changes required.

		Tower Ballroom building would make delivering this vision unachievable.	
Individual	Concern over access to facilities such as the park area. Requests that design is eco-friendly as it is in a nature reserve. Opposed to housing and bars. Strongly opposed to any development that may impact the walking loop around the reservoir.	<p>Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to provide clear guidance that Osler Street Park will be protected and enhanced, it will continue to be publicly accessible.</p> <p>The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan for a mixed-use residential-led scheme. The principle of building new homes on the site is therefore well established.</p> <p>The walking route around the reservoir will be protected and the masterplan is clear that this will run around the whole of the reservoir.</p>	<p>The masterplan has been updated to make it clear Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space that is accessible to all. Greater design guidance, including how future development can be more sustainable has been added for this site and the reservoir overall.</p> <p>The masterplan has also been updated to provide more detail on the Reservoir Loop opportunity and how the walkway in front of future development at the Tower Ballroom will connect with the rest of the pathway to ensure a continuous route around the reservoir.</p>
109 individuals	<p>Opposition to development on Osler Street Park for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of children's facilities • It is well used by the community and visitors • Has a strong sense of local history/identity 	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan. The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities. Additional guidance has been added on how the park can be enhanced and protected. This includes details on the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides accessible green space to the wider area which is used for exercise by adults and children • Development will lead to gentrification • Access to open space is important and should be expanded • There is no need for housing/development in this area • Alternative brownfield sites can be built upon • Important space for well-being • Will have a negative impact on existing nature 		importance of creating visual and physical connections through the development on the former Tower Ballroom site to connect the park to the wider reservoir so it can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.
4 individuals	General support.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Requests safe bike parking area.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes references to cycle parking at key locations.	The masterplan has been updated to include references to cycle parking at key locations.
3 individuals	Support redevelopment. Concerns around anti-social behaviour.	Welcome support. The masterplan includes several to creating a safe and secure environment that will address anti-social behaviour.	No changes required.

Individual	Not in support of development at Osler Street Park. Requests that money from development is used to improve and enhance facilities at the park.	<p>Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>The masterplan will be used to support future decisions made around developer contributions in line with existing policies and procedures.</p>	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the park and it's playing facilities will be retained, protected and enhanced.
3 individuals	Not in support of development at Osler Street Park. Requests enhancements and replacement of some playing facilities at Osler Street Park.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the park and it's playing facilities will be retained, protected and enhanced.
Individual	The document is not clear on the future of Osler Street Park.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to provide more guidance on Osler Street Park.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the park and it's playing facilities will be retained, protected and enhanced.
2 individuals	Not in support of changes to Osler Street Park. Criticism that Birmingham City Council is selling the green space to developers.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the park and it's playing facilities will be retained, protected and enhanced.
Individual	Requests that the replacement facilities need to be as large as	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the park and it's playing facilities will be retained, protected and enhanced.

	existing provision of Osler Street Park.	provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.	
Save Osler Street Park Campaign	Not in support of development at Osler Street Park. 132 responses have been received from school children across 29 different schools.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.	More detail has been provided on the future of Osler Street Park which clearly states the park will be retained, protected and enhanced.
Individual	Welcome support of redevelopment.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Supports redevelopment of Osler Street Park.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to protect the park and provide clear guidance on how it will be protected and enhanced.	More detail has been provided on the future of Osler Street Park which clearly states the park will be retained, protected and enhanced.
7 individuals	Supports redevelopment. Suggests arts and culture uses.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been amended to include cultural uses in the details on the mix of uses appropriate as part of Osler Place development.	The masterplan has been amended to include cultural uses in the details on the mix of uses appropriate as part of Osler Place development.
Individual	Support redevelopment. Suggest community and educational uses, especially for those with mental health issues.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been amended to include community and educational uses in the details on the mix of uses appropriate as part of Osler Place development.	The masterplan has been amended to include community and educational uses in the details on the mix of uses appropriate as part of Osler Place development.
The Scout Association - County of Birmingham	Support redevelopment of Tower Ballroom site and the proposed inclusion of a water sports hub.	Welcome support. Following discussions with the existing water users' proposals for a water sport hub have been removed from the masterplan, however additional water activity locating at Osler Place would be in keeping with the vision	No changes required.

		and proposals in the masterplan and supported in principle. Consideration would need to be given to the relationship between any additional water sports provision and the existing water users to ensure that all uses complement each other.	
Individual	Support redevelopment. Requests improvements to general accessibility.	Welcome support. The masterplan includes several references to ensuring the reservoir is accessible to all and a number of the proposals within the masterplan should improve general accessibility.	The masterplan has been amended to include references to ensuring the reservoir is accessible to all.
6 individuals	Support redevelopment.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
9 individuals	Support redevelopment but not in support of housing.	Welcome support. The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan for a mixed-use residential-led scheme. The principle of building new homes on the site is therefore well established.	No changes required.
19 individuals	Not in support due to proposed residential use. The following reasons have been given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern over impact on the nature reserve Increased prices/private flats, issues with affordability 	The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan for a mixed-use residential-led scheme. The principle of building new homes on the site is therefore well established. The site is outside of the Local Nature Reserve boundary and the masterplan has been	No changes required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other brownfield sites are available • Land should not be lost to residential uses as this is not appropriate on a nature reserve • Need to protect existing houses views to the reservoir • Concern over scale of development 	strengthened to provide further details on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced. All housing development will need to be in line with policy requirements for affordable housing and the masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to this policy requirement. Further details have been added on the design, scale, height and impact on views.	
Individual	More information required. Specifically, what is the justification for residential on the reservoir.	Comments noted. Further details have been added on the policy justification for housing at the reservoir.	Further details have been added on the policy justification for housing at the reservoir.
Individual	Support redevelopment. Believes that the location has been underused. Strong support for the affordable housing on the site. Request affordable rented housing as part of the offer.	Welcome support. All housing development will need to be in line with policy requirements for affordable housing and the masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to this policy requirement	No changes required.
2 individuals	In support for the demolition of the former Tower Ballroom building.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern around impact of development on running route around the reservoir.	Concerns noted. The masterplan makes a clear commitment to the retention and improvement of a continuous loop around the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for residential provision that includes social housing element.	Welcome support. All housing development will need to be in line with	No changes required.

		policy requirements for affordable housing and the masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to this policy.	
2 individuals	Support for relocation of car park.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of car parking, the site should be greened.	Comments noted. The masterplan proposes to green the existing car park. This proposal has been made clearer in the masterplan.	The masterplan proposes to green the existing car park. This proposal has been made clearer in the masterplan.
Individual	Support for redevelopment of Tower Ballroom site. Requests that the Tower Ballroom shoreline is reinstated to its original state, enhancing the promenade around the reservoir. Supports Promenade Loop proposal. Design should consider wind-shadow to prevent the direction of wind blowing across the lake. Redevelopment of the site needs to take into account the Sea Cadets proposed plans.	<p>Welcome support. The proposals for the site include a walkway in front of the new buildings and have been designed to complement the Sea Cadets proposals. Following discussions with the water users wording has been added as appropriate in the masterplan to require assessment on the impact from development on wind and water sports.</p> <p>It is not considered necessary to include an explicit reference to this at Osler Place due to the proposed heights and set back of the proposed development.</p>	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concern around safety of existing children's facilities at Osler Street Park. Request enhancement of outdoor play.	Concerns noted. The masterplan now includes proposals to enhance the park, this will provide an opportunity to address safety concerns.	The masterplan has been updated to include proposals to enhance the park, this will provide an opportunity to address safety concerns.

Individual	Request a space for young people.	Request noted. The improved public realm will provide opportunities for all the community to come together. There are also opportunities for facilities, services and spaces to meet the needs of young people to be delivered as part of Osler Place, as well as through the Playing Field site.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Support demolition of Tower Ballroom building. But not in favour of redevelopment, suggests the site should be green space/natural habitat instead.	Welcome support and note the request. The site is allocated for mixed used residential-led development to meet housing need in Birmingham. It is also considered that increased activity and facilities at the reservoir will ensure the site meets current and future community needs. The vision for Osler Place includes integrated green spaces and the greening of the existing waterside car park. This will be a significant improvement to the existing built form.	No changes required.
Individual	Support development. Recommends the council keep the legal freehold of the property. Suggested uses are social.	Welcome support and suggestions are noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Supportive of redevelopment but not for water sports.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been amended to remove reference to	The masterplan has been amended to remove reference to the creation of a water sports hub at this site.

		the creation of a water sports hub at this site.	
Individual	Concerns regarding noise issues arising from established activities around the reservoir (TS Vernon marches), which will result in noise complaints from new residents in the proposed residential area.	Concerns noted. The masterplan is clear that any development will be mixed use and as such any development that comes forward will be expected to have due regard to the impact of noise and consider this through the design and layout of buildings.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of development. Would like to see some of the materials from the Tower Ballroom site being incorporated into the new buildings. Strong support for the whole masterplan and concern that too many objections to the Tower Ballroom site proposals will result in no development taking place across the masterplan area.	Welcome support. The demolition requirements of the Tower Ballroom have included a request to consider what materials can be saved and re-used in recognition of the important role the site played in the social history of Birmingham. Other materials will be recycled in line with regulations and the council's existing procedures.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concern around affordability of rent for leisure and recreation spaces. Welcome priority given to the established clubs.	Concerns noted. It is outside the scope of the masterplan to include details around the cost of rent. However, the document does make it clear that facilities need to be accessible to all.	The masterplan has been strengthened to make it clear that facilities need to be accessible to all.
Bearwood and Hagley Road	Issue with the name Thomas Telford as Tolkien link is much stronger in the area. State that residential	Comments noted. The name of the opportunity area has been changed. The masterplan looks to optimise the sites	No changes required.

Business Association	development should be focused on bringing brownfield land back into full use and improving existing residential stock. Residential should be on Osler Street side, not overlooking the reservoir. Tower site should be a MAC-styled venue.	potential as a brownfield site. Views in all direction are considered important for natural surveillance and good design principles.	
4 individuals	State there is a need for more trees to be planted at Tower Ballroom site.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been strengthened to include more references to integrated green infrastructure such as tree planting.	The masterplan has been strengthened to include more references to integrated green infrastructure such as tree planting.
Individual	The document requires more detail about what the site will entail and how it will be delivered. Questions whether the proposed uses are suitable and not conflicting. Does not believe that the sale of the land will fund the development.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to include further details around the uses and design. Some further detail has been included around delivery, but the detailed delivery mechanism has yet to be determined.	The masterplan has been amended to include further details around the uses and design
North Edgbaston Residents Action group	Support removal of 'ballroom' in name as it sounds old fashioned.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Support redevelopment of Tower Ballroom site due to noise disruption and antisocial behaviour. Feels that changing the name will not change the associated issues.	Welcome support.	No changes required.

Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC)	Supports the council's vision to create a landmark development at Thomas Telford Place. Request that the masterplan document recognises and considers the relationship between pedestrians and water users due to health and safety concerns. In support of Promenade Loop subject to the above reservations.	Welcome support and concerns noted. The council has worked with MSSC on their application and the masterplan. Dialogue will continue in order to address any concerns around safety.	No changes required.
33 individuals	<p>Not in support of any development on site. The following reasons have been given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on wildlife / threat to Local Nature Reserve • Existing facilities should be retained • Gentrification • Threat to local identity and history • Affordability • Prefer the Community Consortium Alternative Plan • Accessibility • Reuse existing buildings for community and youth 	<p>Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to strengthen the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy justification for the sites development • Policy approach towards affordable housing • Details on scale, massing and design • How the proposal can strengthen the character of the reservoir • A vision of the site that is accessible for all with a mix of uses that can include community, culture, leisure, commercial and educational. • How the development will protect and enhance the natural environment. 	<p>Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to strengthen the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy justification for the sites development • Policy approach towards affordable housing • Details on scale, massing and design • How the proposal can strengthen the character of the reservoir • A vision of the site that is accessible for all with a mix of uses that can include community, culture, leisure, commercial and educational. • How the development will protect and enhance the natural environment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use alternative brownfield sites • Concerned about overdevelopment, plans should be scaled back • Commercialisation 		
Individual	Not in support of development. Criticism of attempting to demolish existing facilities that have been used for over a century.	Comments noted. The Tower Ballroom has been vacant for some time and the previous uses were unsustainable. The masterplan proposes new uses that will deliver a site that can be used by all the community for future generations.	No changes required.
Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir	Not in support of development. Criticism over use of “well-defined blocks and a high-quality public realm” being planning jargon. Strong opposition to housing on reservoir and Osler Street Park. Complete support for the Community Consortium’s Alternative Plan.	Comments noted. The wording on design has been revised for clarity. The principle of housing on the site is well established and the proposals to build on Osler Street Park have been removed.	The wording on design has been revised for clarity. The proposals to build on Osler Street Park have been removed.
Individual	Supports redevelopment. Concern around disruption to reservoir users during development. Requests that the portion of the building that overhangs the path which has art hanging and local history to be conserved and enhanced.	Welcome support. The council will work with those contracted to demolish the Tower Ballroom site to limit the impact on reservoir users. The masterplan has been amended to include reference to the provision of spaces that could be	The masterplan has been amended to include reference to the provision of spaces that could be used for public art, including murals that celebrate the reservoir.

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Angling Trust	Requests there should be vistas through the development to the reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to show clear vistas through the proposed development blocks.	The masterplan has been amended to show clear vistas through the proposed development blocks.
Individual	Criticism that there is no mention of disabled access to the elevated walkway in front of the sports centre.	Comments noted. The masterplan no longer proposes an elevated walkway.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for demolition of Tower Ballroom site. Requests that new building should be set back from the water's edge.	Welcome support. The masterplan does propose to set the buildings back from the waterfront.	Further details have been added to the masterplan around how the buildings should be set back from the waterfront.
Individual	More information needed, especially around design. Issue with the word "hub". States that existing sports club should be allowed to remain in their own locations. Criticism over the fence at the water's edge to stop people approaching water.	Comments noted. The computer-generated image (CGI) has been removed from the masterplan and replaced with an artist's sketch that better reflects the revised vision for the site. Following discussions with the existing water users the masterplan has been updated to retain and improve their facilities in their existing locations.	The computer-generated image (CGI) has been removed from the masterplan and replaced with an artist's sketch that better reflects the revised vision for the site. Following discussions with the existing water users the masterplan has been updated to retain and improve their facilities in their existing locations.
3 individuals	Concern that the scale of buildings will impact on wind sailing.	Concerns noted. Following discussions with the water users wording has been added as appropriate in the masterplan to require assessment on the impact	No changes required.

		from development on wind and water sports. It is not considered necessary to include an explicit reference to this at Osler Place due to the proposed heights and set back of the proposed development.	
4 individuals	Dislike the name Thomas Telford.	Noted. The name of the opportunity site has been amended.	No changes required.
5 individuals	In support of development. Suggested ecological education / allotments as a use.	Welcome support. The suggested uses would be in line with the vision for this area of the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to include reference to cultural, community and educational uses being supported.
2 individuals	In support of development but has concerns regarding potential gentrification and community access to facilities.	Welcome support and concerns noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone.	No changes required.
Individual	Further clarification on phrase "alongside residential use" requested. States if this implies some land will be sold for housing, it should all be affordable housing.	The ground floor of the proposed development fronting the water is identified for non-residential uses in order to provide facilities that meet communities and visitor needs along with making the best use of the waterside location. Further details have been added on what uses this could include. Additional wording has been added on the policy approach towards affordable housing.	Further details have been added on what uses the non-residential element of the scheme could include. Additional wording has been added on the policy approach towards affordable housing.

5 individuals	Not in support of large development.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added on scale and massing.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over where the existing bike and equipment lockable storage unit will go.	Comments noted. The council will work with the Active Wellbeing Society and others to ensure that the reservoir can continued to be used for their activities.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of development. Suggests wildlife museum as a tourist feature and industrial canal sculpture tribute to Thomas Telford.	Welcome support. These suggestions are in keeping with the vision for Osler Place and in the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' section as set out in the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
4 individuals	Would like to see local history being celebrated.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been revised to include a character section under each opportunity area. This section includes further details on how the history of the reservoir can be celebrated.	The masterplan has been revised to include a character section under each opportunity area. This section includes further details on how the history of the reservoir can be celebrated.
Individual	Concerns over how the design can encourage community cohesion amongst wider community and residents within the scheme.	Concerns noted. The design includes several elements that would encourage community cohesion including a public walkway in front of the buildings, with opportunities for people to sit, meet and partake in activities. The potential for community spaces to be delivered as part of the Tower Ballroom redevelopment or within Reservoir Lodge has been included in the masterplan. The document also	No changes required.

		includes a commitment that the residential uses will provide public spaces and linkages throughout in order to avoid the creation of gated communities.	
Individual	Concern around economic viability of Thomas Telford Place. Questions whether the council has carried out an economic assessment of the market rents that will generate. Concerned existing water sports users will be priced out, resulting in expensive facilities that are not used. States that the current clubs rely on volunteers and that commercial operators will struggle to generate sufficient income.	Concerns noted. High-level viability work has been undertaken to inform the proposals within the masterplan. The masterplan no longer proposes the relocation of existing water users following detailed engagement with the clubs.	No changes required.
4 individuals	Requests that the existing building is retained.	Request noted. The vision for the site is for a mixed-use residential-led scheme that is set back from the water's edge with a wide walkway in front. The retention of the Tower Ballroom building would make delivering this vision unachievable.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that document is unclear about the possibility of residential housing. States if this is the case that	Comments noted. The masterplan states that the housing will be a mix of types and tenures to meet local need. This will	Further details have been added to clarify the policy position around housing.

	it should be affordable family homes not flats.	include family housing and affordable housing.	
Individual	Requests that the Lodge is refurbished for community or commercial premises.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to include further details on how Reservoir Lodge could play a role in the future of the reservoir, including community and commercial uses.	The masterplan has been amended to include further details on how Reservoir Lodge could play a role in the future of the reservoir, including community and commercial uses.
Individual	States that the view of the Lodge from the reservoir should be protected.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to state that the relationship between Reservoir Lodge and the reservoir will be maintained so that the building's distinctive canted frontage will continue to look out over the water.	The masterplan has been amended to state that the relationship between Reservoir Lodge and the reservoir will be maintained so that the building's distinctive canted frontage will continue to look out over the water.
Individual	Questioning if there will be a glass wall replacing the brick wall on the dam.	Comments noted. The computer-generated image (CGI) has been replaced by an artist's sketch that better reflects the revised details within the masterplan. The document has been amended to state that any proposals that impact on the dam wall will need to fully consider the impact on its heritage listing and structure.	The computer-generated image (CGI) has been replaced by an artist's sketch that better reflects the revised details within the masterplan. The document has been amended to state that any proposals that impact on the dam wall will need to fully consider the impact on its heritage listing and structure.
Individual	In support of the development. Requests high-quality family housing, not apartments. Recreational spaces should be linked	Welcome support. The masterplan states that the housing will be a mix of types and tenures to meet local need. This will include family housing and affordable housing. The masterplan is	Further details have been added to clarify the policy position around housing.

	well, not involving busy road navigation.	clear that the environment will not be car-dominated and that all developments will be well-linked.	
4 individuals	Support of redevelopment of Tower Ballroom site is conditional to the water sport clubs being given the choice to relocate or not, with long leases provided and rent levels guaranteed. Also request ability for clubs to continue operating independently. Hub should be non-profit.	The previous version of the masterplan was deliberately flexible regarding the potential for existing clubs to relocate in acknowledgment that the approach should be led by the clubs. Since then officers have worked with all the existing water-users to ensure this version of the masterplan reflects their aspirations for the future, including their preferred locations. This has been reflected in the masterplan, which includes positive proposals for all the club's futures.	The masterplan has been amended to reflect the preferred locations and future plans of the clubs.
Individual	Argues that the hub will not work as each club has different needs. Concerned about buildings being higher than two storeys as this would affect wind quality and commercial organisations resulting in increased costs and loss of members.	See response above about the location of the water users. Following discussions with the water users wording has been added as appropriate in the masterplan to require assessment on the impact from development on wind and water sports. It is not considered necessary to include an explicit reference to this at Osler Place due to the proposed heights and set back of the proposed development.	No changes required.

3 individuals	States that there is a covenant on the Tower Ballroom site which prevents development and says it can only be used for leisure-based activities and services.	Comments noted. This has been investigated by the council's Property Services department and no such covenant has been located.	No changes required.
Individual	Questioning why the Tower Mount site is not included.	Welcome suggestion. The masterplan has been updated to include Tower Mount as part of the 'Osler Park and Osler Place' opportunity.	The masterplan has been updated to include Tower Mount as part of the 'Osler Park and Osler Place' opportunity.
Individual	Strongly opposed to the development over Osler St Park. States it is not defined as part of the development site in the BDP (2017). Edgbaston Reservoir is not a park, criticism that turning the walkway into a 'promenade' is a form of sanitising the natural environment. In support of an unbroken route around the reservoir, without building a waterfront activity centre. Water sports clubs should stay in existing locations.	Comments noted. The proposals to build on Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The promenade proposals have been amended to reference a more natural walkway around the reservoir with increased planting in areas that are currently more hard landscaping. Following discussions with the water users, the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	The proposals to build on Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The promenade proposals have been amended to reference a more natural walkway around the reservoir with increased planting in areas that are currently more hard landscaping. Following discussions with the water users, the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.
Individual	Requests clarification regarding the future of Reservoir Lodge.	Comments noted. Further details have been included around what uses would be suitable at Reservoir Lodge and to include opportunities around its	Further details have been included around what uses would be suitable at Reservoir Lodge and to include opportunities around its extension to provide a building that can better meet potential occupier needs.

		extension to provide a building that can better meet potential occupier needs.	
Individual	Requests future development is set back from the waters' edge and provide green enhancement to the walkway.	Request noted. The masterplan is clear that future development will be set back from the waterfront and that the walkway will have green enhancements.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that future development will be set back from the waterfront and that the walkway will have green enhancements.
Individual	In support of development. Concerned around accessibility issues and suggests the existing car park on Osler Street should remain for residents and underground car parking should be provided for residents and visitors. Not in support of all land being developed, suggests car park adjacent to Tower Ballroom building should be turned into a natural amphitheatre.	Welcome support. The masterplan has been amended to include reference to the changes in ground levels across the Tower Ballroom site creating the opportunity for waterfront buildings to be serviced at basement level and to provide residential parking below buildings in under crofts or basements. The masterplan proposes to green the existing waterside car park.	The masterplan has been amended to include reference to the changes in ground levels across the Tower Ballroom site creating the opportunity for waterfront buildings to be serviced at basement level and to provide residential parking below buildings in under crofts or basements.
9 individuals	Request that the water sport clubs should stay in their current location. Concern that losing the current clubs will result in less activity on the water.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.
Individual	Concern that the clubs won't be able to afford the high rents in the water sports hub which will result in individual clubs losing their identities.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.

Individual	Requests more information about the phrase 'well-defined blocks'. Development needs to be away from water's edge to ensure the walkway is free for public use. Against development on Osler St Park. Questioning the development's benefit to existing community.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added around design and the statement about 'well-defined blocks' has been removed. The masterplans clear that buildings will be set away from the water to allow for public activity. The proposals to develop Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The benefits and opportunities for local communities have been made clearer.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added around design and the statement about 'well-defined blocks' has been removed. The masterplans clear that buildings will be set away from the water to allow for public activity. The proposals to develop Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The benefits and opportunities for local communities have been made clearer.
Individual	<p>The document should be re-written and more usefully presented.</p> <p>Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local residents' current patterns of usage are taken into account - Thomas Telford Place should be low-rise and domestic scale for reservoir-related facilities with a hinterland of social and sustainable housing - Relocate all carparking from the shoreline to the hinterland 	Comments noted. Further detail has been added around the scale of development and the need for uses to meet community needs. Further wording has been included around the policy approach to housing mix and affordable housing. There are no proposals for new waterside car parking and the masterplan proposes to green the existing car park. The masterplan has been strengthened to include more references to increased planting and sustainable design. The impact of construction on the natural environment will be considered as part of individual schemes delivery.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added around the scale of development and the need for uses to meet community needs. Further wording has been included around the policy approach to housing mix and affordable housing. There are no proposals for new waterside car parking and the masterplan proposes to green the existing car park. The masterplan has been strengthened to include more references to increased planting and sustainable design.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scale down the whole development - Extensive tree and shrub planting to complete the currently broken crescent of woodland around the reservoir - Natural path should not be a salmon-coloured racetrack through woodland - All construction work takes place in winter when nature is dormant and birds are not nesting 		
Individual	Not in support of removal of trees at Osler Street Park. States that the mutli-use games are the best easy access child play provision available. Seeks enhancements of play apparatus. Not in support of refreshment shops as concerned it will increase litter and rodents.	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.
Individual	Requests further consideration to be given by the council about how the vision can be delivered whilst allowing Osler Street Park to remain. States:	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan. Many of the suggestions in this response around how the park could play a role in the vision of	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan. Many of the suggestions in this response around the park could play a role in the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Park will help Thomas Telford Place to achieve its mix of uses - a small zip-wire may be well received - Improvements to equipment at the park - Create a pedestrian crossing through the park to create a meeting place - Bike lock ups at one side of the park - Improvements to the path conditions 	the masterplan have been reflected in the revised draft of the document.	vision of the masterplan have been reflected in the revised draft of the document.
Individual	States that the proposed water sports hub, storage and ramps would not provide the necessary access for water users and may impact water levels.	Comments noted. Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.
Individual	Requests further consideration is given to the proposal to replace and replicate the existing water user facilities. States that they each have specific needs which the proposed design does not consider.	Comments noted. Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.
Individual	Not in support of the scale of proposed development at the Tower	Comments noted. Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to

	Ballroom. Requests a realistic appraisal of the economic impacts on the current water sports clubs and conditions of the reservoir. Support for community facilities depends on the scale. Seeks enhancements and protection to the nature reserve.	now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations. The masterplan has been updated to provide further details on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced.	support them remaining in their existing locations. The masterplan has been updated to provide further details on how the natural environment will be protected and enhanced.
Individual	Not in support of development. States that the residents and water sports clubs are also strongly opposed to the new development of Thomas Telford Place and are instead submitting their own bids for funds to develop their current sites.	Comments noted. The council has worked with the community and water clubs to better align the masterplan with their aspirations.	No changes required.
Individual	Overall support for any improvements to encourage increased use. Not in support of the water sports hub proposed on Tower Ballroom site unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed exercise is carried out to scope space requirements for each clubs' equipment • Manoeuvrability space is provided 	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.	Following discussions with the water user clubs the masterplan now proposes to support them remaining in their existing locations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water level is considered properly <p>States that the mixing of the public and boat club is not the issue the council thinks it is as it is currently operating well.</p>		
Individual	Not in support of residential or commercial buildings. Suggests Tower Ballroom site to be converted into better parking.	Comments noted. Parking is not considered the best use of the land and would be contrary to the allocation for a mixed used residential scheme in the Birmingham Development Plan and the approach set out in the Birmingham Transport plan.	No changes required.

Reservoir View

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
Individual	More information is required for a comment on the development of Reservoir View.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more information on plans for this opportunity.
Individual	Conservation issues - buildings are historic.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to state future uses will need to protect and be sensitive to the heritage assets within the opportunity.
Individual	Support redevelopment of Reservoir View in particular the building next to the sailing club and unused building down by the canal described are eyesores.	Comments noted. The masterplan sets out plans for Reservoir House and Reservoir Cottage to be used and improved in the future where appropriate.	No changes required.
Individual	Support redevelopment of Reservoir House. If not effectively used, it should be demolished, and the space used for car parking.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Individual	Support redevelopment of Reservoir House.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggests that soft landscaping and improvement to entrance at Reservoir View should be made. Low rise development.	Comments noted.	Additional guidance has been included to state an increase in green infrastructure should be sought.
Individual	Concerns around sailing club. Believes it should remain in current building and that improvements to car parking facilities are essential.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated and no longer includes the potential option for the Sailing Club to relocate to the Tower Ballroom site. The masterplan includes further details on car parking in this area, including the potential for priority parking for user groups.

Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	Support is conditional to the opening of the Icknield Port Road entrance which creates opportunities for regenerated businesses and cafes.	Comments noted. The masterplan seeks to improve the entrance at Icknield Port Road to provide a welcoming gateway to the reservoir. Future uses in the buildings will be required to contribute to the masterplan vision and could include a café.	No changes required.
Individual	Strong opposition. Concerned about damage to balance of nature and current views. States no justification has been given for housing and no benefit to local people.	<p>Comments noted. The council is committed to protecting and enhancing the reservoir as a green asset for Birmingham's residents and visitors to enjoy. More detailed guidance added.</p> <p>The site is allocated in the Birmingham Development Plan for a mixed-use residential-led scheme. The principle of building new homes on the site is therefore well-established.</p>	<p>The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.</p> <p>More detail has been added including a view plan that sets out the key views should be protected.</p> <p>The masterplan has been amended to include a 'Policy Context' section which sets out the housing allocations in existing adopted local policy.</p>

Individual	Seeks heritage buildings being brought back into use. States that the masterplan has not identified the two existing heritage buildings.	Comments noted. Agree, the reuse of these buildings is a key part of the masterplan vision.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly identify the heritage assets in this opportunity and sets out that they should be used in the future.
Inland Waterway	Requests that reference should be made to the Icknield Port Depot as failure to acknowledge it now may result in future challenges.	Welcome suggestion. The masterplan has been updated to include reference to the Grade II listed Icknield Port Yard.	The masterplan has been amended to include reference to Icknield Port Yard as a working yard and important part of the Birmingham canal network and operations.
Urban Splash	Strong support of the enhancements and interventions to broaden access. Concern around the overlap with the Port Loop area which benefits from an existing outline planning permission. Critical that the SPD provides sufficient flexibility.	Support welcomed. Improving the link between the reservoir and the Port Loop development is a key part of the masterplan vision.	The masterplan has been amended to provide greater detail regarding appropriate uses and density of development on land within the Port Loop boundary. It is considered there is sufficient flexibility in the masterplan for future development and the council are committed to working with Port Loop in the future.
Canal & River Trust	In support of the link that will be created between Port Loop redevelopment and the masterplan area.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
H Suite Owner	Support for plans. Requested conversation with the council to discuss their site.	Support welcomed. The council is committed to working with stakeholders.	No changes required in response to comments. Further details have been added to this site, as with all opportunities in the masterplan.
Individual	Dislikes the name Reservoir View. Suggests a green tree-lined route.	Comments noted. The name 'Reservoir View' has been chosen to reflect the views this location has of the reservoir. Agree with suggestion on green	The masterplan has been updated to include additional guidance that states an increase in green infrastructure should be sought.

		planting and this has been strengthened in the masterplan.	
Individual	Not in support of waterfront development.	Comments noted. The proposals for Reservoir View do not include development on the waterfront. Proposals include the sensitive re-use of existing heritage buildings.	No changes required.
Individual	Conserve existing atmosphere.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected.
Individual	Questioning land use for the land / buildings on Icknield Port that back onto the weir.	Comments noted. Further details have been added on suitable land uses for this opportunity area.	The masterplan has been updated to state that development should deliver a mix of high-quality housing, commercial and community uses to create a hub of activity that animates the canal side and provides facilities for residents and visitors
Individual	Masterplan generally welcomed. Questioning the reason for the sailing club having to move to a water hub. Issue with cost of relocation and direct impact on the club.	Support welcomed. The council aims to support the sailing club and their outreach work.	The masterplan has been updated and no longer includes the potential option for the sailing club to relocate.
Individual	Replacement of sailing club building welcomed. Retention of club at Reservoir was vital.	Comments noted. The council aims to support the sailing club and their outreach work.	The masterplan has been updated and no longer includes the potential option for the sailing club to relocate.

Natural Parkland

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
25 individuals	Concerns around the impact the development will have on existing biodiversity and wildlife.	Comments noted. Agree development within the masterplan boundary will need to mitigate impact on the natural environment.	The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability', which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals are sensitive to the natural environment and mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
3 individuals	Reservoir area should be designated as a nature reserve.	Comments noted. Edgbaston Reservoir and some surrounding land has been designated as a Local Nature Reserve since 2010. The Local Nature Reserve covers most of the masterplan area, it does not include the former Tower Ballroom site, Tower Mount, Edgbaston Waterworks or Reservoir Link opportunity.	The masterplan has been updated to include the Local Nature Reserve boundary in its context and sustainability plan.
2 individuals	Not in support. Does not want any development.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more guidance on this opportunity including where development would be appropriate in this area – for instance, the re use of the Rangers Bungalow and the Rowing Club replacing their facilities. A new chapter

			<p>'Sustainability' has been added to provide clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals are sensitive to the natural environment and mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.</p>
Individual	Importance of protecting natural environment, specifically banning single use plastics.	Comments noted. Agree, protecting and enhancing the natural environment is very important. Banning single use plastics is too much detail for a Supplementary Planning Document, but the plan does not preclude future businesses from taking this approach.	No changes required.
15 individuals	Strengthen enhancement of natural environment.	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability' which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals are sensitive to the natural environment and mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.</p>

3 individuals	Important natural assets such as the reservoir are retained and protected.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail on the importance of the reservoir as a key open space and natural environment for Birmingham's visitors and residents. A new chapter 'Sustainability' has been added and provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals are sensitive to the natural environment and mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
Individual	Birmingham Settlement's playing field area should be marked as separate.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide more information on the Selwyn Playing Field which is owned by Birmingham Settlement. A plan has been included in the Natural Parkland opportunity which shows the site in relation to the reservoir open space.
Individual	Suggests landscape of Natural Parkland should be that of a 'double decker landscape'.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to state the important role the reservoir plays as a green space. Further information has been added to the plan detailing how the Local Nature Reserve and natural environment should be protected and enhanced.
Environment Agency	Established water sports means it's likely any wildlife in the habitats are already used to disturbance. Water-based biodiversity is limited due to the nature of the site. Recommend some quiet areas fenced off from the public for bird nesting.	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability' which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve, this includes habitat creation.</p> <p>The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been</p>

			updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
Canal & River Trust	General support for improved walking routes and the potential biodiversity benefits. Emphasis on importance of mental health and well-being through recreation activities near water. Highlights the Trust's planting strategy for the wider network in Birmingham.	Support welcomed and comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to reference the health and wellbeing benefits activity at the reservoir can provide. The masterplan to state there is the potential to expand fruit tree planting around the reservoir area, linking to a linear orchard along the canal.
Birmingham Settlement	General support. Acknowledges the similarity between the results expected by themselves and the council. States that activities on the field should complement the natural environment.	Support welcomed. The activity at the Playing Field aligns with the masterplan vision and the council is committed to working with Birmingham Settlement in the future.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail on the plans at the Selwyn Playing Field.
Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust	General support of the document. Highlights opportunities to increase leisure and amenity value whilst also improving and protecting biodiversity as the site is a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. Suggests habitat creation and enhancement of existing space through wildflower provision and bankside tree and shrub planting for shelter and nesting material for local bird and hedgehog populace. Also	Support welcomed and comments noted. The council has worked with the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust on the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan and will continue to work with them to deliver and implement the masterplan vision.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability' which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve, this includes habitat creation such as floating islands.</p> <p>The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan for Edgbaston Reservoir has been updated to include a clear set of objectives the council can work towards with stakeholders and partners. The masterplan references the need for the Management Plan to be read in</p>

	<p>including the enhancements to the reservoir through the provision of floating vegetation islands.</p> <p>Recommend that the SPD commits to these improvements and that full plans for these items are included in the site management plan. Draws on the potential impact on wildlife and biodiversity with the increase in visitor numbers and recommends an assessment to be undertaken to access potential impact.</p>		<p>conjunction with the masterplan. The masterplan has been updated to include guidance on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced.</p>
Individual	<p>Not in support of development. Should be kept as a sanctuary for animals.</p>	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to include the Local Nature Reserve boundary in its context and sustainability plan. It has also been updated to provide more detailed guidance on how the natural environment and wildlife should be protected. The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan for Edgbaston Reservoir has been updated to include a clear set of objectives the council can work towards with stakeholders and partners. The masterplan references the need for the Management Plan to be read in conjunction with the masterplan. The masterplan has been updated to include guidance on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced.</p>
4 individuals	<p>Important to maintain a tranquil atmosphere.</p>	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the</p>

			reservoir to be protected this includes protecting key views and the open feeling at the reservoir and ensuring there are areas for quiet reflection at the reservoir.
3 individuals	Importance of reservoir and green heart in the centre of Birmingham	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail about the key role the reservoir plays in the city.</p> <p>The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability' which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve.</p>
Individual	Issue around use of the word 'tidy'. In favour of improvements but maintain wildness.	Comments and support noted. The masterplan does not include the word 'tidy'.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced. Photos of the existing environment at the reservoir have been added to the masterplan to reflect the natural/wild environment that should be protected.
2 individuals	Opposition to housing development. Open space is more important.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to make clear Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities. However, housing is still planned for the former Tower Ballroom site, which is a brownfield (previously developed) site, allocated for housing in the adopted Birmingham Development Plan.
Individual	Wildlife corridor is essential.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to state development should strengthen connections

			to open space and wildlife corridors in the wider area.
Individual	Not in support. Concerns about the impact on biodiversity and existing natural environment. States that tidying up the reservoir will turn it into another city park and remove its status as a Local Nature Reserve. The biodiversity mentioned in the SPD would disappear and cannot be replaced. Wants a more realistic view of nature in the plan.	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Sustainability' which provides clear guidance to ensure projects and proposals are sensitive to the natural environment and mitigate their impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations. the masterplan also states it should be read in conjunction with this updated Management Plan.</p> <p>The masterplan has also been updated to include more existing photos of the natural environment at the reservoir.</p>
2 individuals	Believes that rangers are needed to manage the area.	Comments noted. We understand the community would like to see a Rangers Service at the reservoir but there are no resources to secure this service at present. In line with the approach taken at several other parks and nature reserves across Birmingham, the council is eager to work with the Local Nature Reserve Committee to establish a greater role for the community.	No changes required.

Promenade Loop

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
2 individuals	Not in support of upgrade of paths. Concern around cyclists reducing safety. Is avoiding canal towpaths as the resurfacing has led to increased cycle speed and is concerned about the proposal to upgrade paths having the same impact.	Comments noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	No changes required.
2 individuals	In favour of improved promenade but stress the importance of separating walkers from cyclists whilst also putting measures in place to stop motor/quad bikes and scooters being able to access Reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern around conflict between walkers and cyclists.	Comments noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support. Suggests a running track but should also be kept as it is where biodiversity is rich.	Comments noted. The improvements to the walkway were in keeping with the natural environment and play an important role in protecting the biodiversity by ensuring the pathways are always suitable for use – therefore reducing erosion of the natural landscape caused by people looking for dryer routes around the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Important to create a Promenade Loop which is natural.	Agree – the walkway around the Natural Parkland is designed to be in keeping with the natural landscape and the improvements to the walkway in the	Further details have been added to the text on the walkway around natural landscaping.

		more built up area of the reservoir will include natural landscaping.	
Individual	Not in support of path being redone. Potholes need filling.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of upgrading paths.	Support welcomed	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Path improvements should be a major focus of the vision.	Support welcomed	No changes required.
Individual	In support of path upgrade but opposed to use of tarmac.	Support welcome and comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for principle but not with a promenade on the Tower Ballroom site. Approach has been outlined in the Community Consortium Masterplan that was submitted in response to this consultation.	Support and comments noted. The approach to the pathway in front of the Osler Place (former Tower Ballroom) opportunity has been amended to focus on a more natural approach, with planting, seating and less hard surfaces then originally set out in the first draft masterplan. This is considered to align better with the vision set out in the consortium's aspirations.	The approach to the pathway in front of the Osler Place (former Tower Ballroom) opportunity has been amended to focus on a more natural approach, with planting, seating and less hard surfaces then originally set out in the first draft masterplan. This is considered to align better with the vision set out in the consortium's aspirations.
Midland Mencap	Request that all parts of Promenade Loop and links to other parts of development are fully accessible, with a minimum track width of 2.5m and a barrier gap of 1.5m. Avoid steep gradients, provide passing places and consider signage carefully so that is legible for all users.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes references to ensuring the reservoir is accessible for all. It would not be appropriate to include this level of detail in the masterplan. The council will ensure all disability regulations are met and work with disability groups to deliver schemes that are accessible to all.	No changes required.

Individual	Improvements to safety of joggers/walkers. Suggests solar lighting around entire perimeter of the Promenade Loop and CCTV.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include references to safety and lighting where appropriate.	The masterplan has been updated to include references to safety and lighting where appropriate.
Individual	Seeking a guarantee for retention of existing paths that circle reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan is clear that a walkway around the whole of the reservoir is key to the vision and provides a policy framework for this to be delivered and protected.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over appropriateness of a 'promenade' rather than a 'walkway'.	Comments noted. The name of the opportunity has been changed to Reservoir Loop	The name of the opportunity has been changed to Reservoir Loop
3 individuals	Support for the Promenade Loop walkway.	Welcome support	No changes required.

Tolkien Walk

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
3 individuals	General support. Welcomes the link to and celebration of Tolkien.	Welcome support. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers.	No changes required.
Individual	General support for walk and trail dedicated to Tolkien. Suggests Tolkien-related piece of public art.	Welcome support. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of general development of the reservoir, especially Tolkien	Welcome support. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover	No changes required.

	Walk. Requests renovation of Perrott's Folly as part of development plans.	celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers.	
2 individuals	Criticism about how Tolkien Walk does not include important local sites relating to Tolkien's life.	Comments noted. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers. The specifics of any heritage and culture trail will be developed as part of that individual project's delivery.	No changes required.
Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	Encourage the development of Tolkien Walk. Request for the vision to be bolder in developing Tolkien link and for Monument Road, Icknield Road and Freeth Street crescent to be joined to form a wider walk. Advocate for a culture and arts hub to be included.	Comments noted. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers and the potential for a trail to be developed. The specifics of any heritage and culture trail will be developed as part of that individual project's delivery.	The masterplan has been updated to highlight several opportunities that would be suitable for uses such as a cultural and arts hub.
2 individuals	Support. Suggests a Tolkien/Lord of the Rings Museum and statues.	Welcome support This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers.	No changes required. Proposals for cultural uses and public art would be in keeping with the masterplan vision but this level of detail is not considered appropriate.
Individual	Support. Suggests extension to Sarehole Mill for a 'Tolkien Tour'.	Comments noted. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers and the potential for a trail to be developed. The specifics of any heritage and culture trail will be developed as part of the delivery of the individual project.	No changes required.

Individual	Support. Would like to see the blue plaques dedicated to Tolkien on Hagley Road included in the plan.	Comments noted. Request outside the scope of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Believes Tolkien family will be in disagreement about the use of the name.	Comments noted. This section of the masterplan has been updated to cover celebrating the reservoir more widely but still refers to historic features such as the towers.	The name of this section of the masterplan has been changed to 'Celebrating the Reservoir'.
Individual	Improvements to wider area are needed for Tolkien Walk to be appealing.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests information about the history of the reservoir.	Suggestion welcome.	The 'Celebrating the Reservoir' section highlights the opportunity for information boards that celebrate the social history, people and communities that have shaped the reservoir as well as the built and natural assets.
Individual	Not in support. Recommends cost/benefit to be examined in terms of value to the citizens of Birmingham.	Comments noted. These points will be considered through the delivery of individual projects.	No changes required.
Individual	General support. Criticism that the history of operations of the reservoir is under-represented. Suggests archaeological investigation and that Charles Blondin statue should be revived for public art.	Comments noted.	References to the operational role of the reservoir have been enhanced in the context section. The opportunity to relocate the Blondin statue has been included within the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' section.
Individual	Supports the link to Tolkien. Suggests Perrott's Folly and Edgbaston Waterworks to be open as attractions for visitors. Not in	Comments noted. Any development that impacts on listed buildings will only be supported if it accords with the relevant	No changes required.

	support of culturally significant sites for 'residential-led' private developments. Requests a new strictly public square, over private garden, as it needs to be a welcoming space with the focus on the heritage asset, a new community hub. Acknowledges the difficulty of Perrott's Folly as it falls out of the Masterplan area.	policies and plans that look to protect and enhance historic features.	
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Connectivity

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
36 Individuals	General support for the approach towards connectivity.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
9 Individuals	Agree that the connectivity to and around the reservoir is key.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Supports improvements to connectivity so long as the reservoir remains accessible for free and for all.	Comments noted. The purpose of the masterplan is to improve access and facilities for all.	Additional references have been included to the reservoir belonging to everyone.
3 Individuals	Concerns that the improvements will mean you are no longer able to walk or run all the way around the reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan is clear that the walkway around the reservoir will be maintained and improved. Where the construction of proposals means that access arrangements around the reservoir will be temporary restricted in parts – all effort will be made to ensure this impact is minimised.	No changes required.

5 Individuals	Supports improvements to connectivity so long as the green spaces and biodiversity are protected.	Agree with comments.	The approach towards sustainability and the protection of the natural environment have been strengthened throughout the masterplan – including a new Development Principle on ‘Sustainability’.
18 Individuals	Supports the improvements in the walking route around and to the reservoir	Welcome Support.	No changes required.
30 Individuals	Connectivity is not an issue – no changes are needed.	Comments noted. There are clear access issues that impact the reservoir, including the provision of car parking. In order to ensure the reservoir remains accessible to all and is a facility that can meet everyone’s needs, improvements are needed to the entrances, path in front of the former Tower Ballroom site and wider connectivity to public transport, surrounding residential areas, the city centre and the canal.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Supports improvements to the paths but does not want more visitors.	Comments noted. The reservoir is a unique attraction that offers opportunities to experience nature, water activities and other leisure pursuits. It should be made accessible and welcoming to all.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Does not want tarmac paths as they should be natural.	Comments noted. The treatment of the paths ensures the reservoir is accessible for all and that the paths can be maintained in the future. The previous approach to the paths lead to uneven surfaces, erosions and flooding in places.	No changes required.

3 Individuals	Request the council work with the community to understand how they access and connect with the reservoir.	Comments noted. The council has been working with the community members of the Community Partnership Forum on redrafting the masterplan to ensure that the experiences and views of the local community are better reflected in the masterplan.	The masterplan has been updated to include Community Principles to embed the spirit of community involvement into the document.
6 Individuals	Request that improvements are made to how accessible the site is for those using wheelchairs.	Comments noted. Several of the improvements already being made, such as the pathway improvements will improve accessibility. Further improvements to the access points and the walkway in front of the former Tower Ballroom site will improve accessibility further. The masterplan also looks to address the level changes between the reservoir and Port Loop. Individual proposals will be expected to design schemes that are fully in accordance with the latest accessibility requirements.	The masterplan has been updated to include a reference to being accessible for all.
3 Individuals	Access for parents with prams needs to be considered.	Comments noted. Several of the improvements already being made, such as the pathway improvements will improve accessibility. Further improvements to the access points and the walkway in front of the former Tower Ballroom site will improve accessibility further.	No changes required.

3 Individuals	Concerns about the general safety of walking routes and a suggestion this needs to be addressed in order to make the reservoir accessible.	Comments noted. The council is aware that safety is a key reason why some people are reluctant to walk and cycle, so are eager to address these issues. Through bringing more activity and natural surveillance from residential uses the reservoir will be safer. The introduction of lighting at the reservoir will be supported where it does not impact on the natural environment.	The masterplan includes further references to the need to create a safe and welcoming environment.
21 Individuals, Angling Trust	Measures are needed to control anti-social behaviour and provide safe and secure parking.	Comments noted. The city council is aware of the issues around anti-social behaviour at the existing car park and looks to address these through the proposals for the car park in the masterplan.	The masterplan proposes that this car park is greened and only used for events. The masterplan states that any car parking provided to serve the reservoir will be located away from the water, have natural surveillance and management arrangements in place.
13 individuals	Support for the closure of the current car park as it feels safer.	Welcome support.	The proposal to close the car park has been further highlighted in the masterplan.
3 individuals	Support the greening of the existing car park.	Welcome support.	The proposals to green the car park have been further highlighted in the masterplan.
12 Individuals	Agree that parking should be away from the water.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Current closed car park could be turned into children's play area.	Comments noted. The masterplan does not propose to provide play facilities on the car park – however should proposals for play facilities or other activities come forward that complement the retention of the existing Osler Street Park facilities this would be in keeping with vision and activities supported in the masterplan.	No changes required.

3 individuals	Suggestion that existing car park is reopened.	Comments noted. The masterplan proposes to green the existing car park rather than reopen it. The location of car parking next to the water is not considered to optimise the water setting and enhance the reservoir. The lack of natural surveillance is also a contributing factor to anti-social behaviour.	No changes required.
6 Individuals	Request some parking close to water for those with limited mobility.	Comments noted. It is recognised that appropriate parking will need to be provided to meet the needs of those with limited mobility. The location and amount will be determined through the detailed proposals for each of the opportunity areas.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Request there is parking so people can enjoy the view from their cars.	Comments noted. It is considered that the provision of improved public realm, seating and observations points should be prioritised over the provision of car parking spaces close to the water for this purpose as these would be accessible to all.	No changes required.
7 Individuals	Request that there is sufficient car parking provision at the reservoir for people to be able to visit by car.	Comments noted. The Connectivity section of the masterplan sets out the approach to car parking stating that a balanced approach will be taken to ensure that those who need to access the reservoir via car are able to do so but that sustainable modes of transport are encouraged to ensure the reservoir is not dominated by cars and parking.	Further detail has been added to the Connectivity section and the Planning Policy section to set out the overall approach towards car parking at the reservoir.

6 Individuals	Request that car parking is paved, and entrances improved.	Comments noted. The treatment of car parking will be determined as part of the detailed proposals for individual schemes.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion Reservoir House is demolished and used for car parking.	Comments noted. At present the council does not support this suggestion. Reservoir House adds to the character of the reservoir and could provide an important contribution to activity at the site.	No changes required.
Individual	Question if the council will charge for the parking.	Comments noted. It is not appropriate for the masterplan to set out the details of a car parking regime for the reservoir. However, it is likely that some form of management will be in place to ensure that any car parking is used appropriately and can be maintained.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Parking needs to be charged to discourage people from driving to the reservoir.	Comments noted. It is not appropriate for the masterplan to set out the details of a car parking regime for the reservoir. However, it is likely that some form of management will be in place to ensure that any car parking is used appropriately and can be maintained.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Parking needs to be improved but large numbers of cars should not be encouraged due to the damage to the environment.	Comments noted. Agree, a balanced approach is needed to ensure the natural environment is not impacted upon by the number of cars visiting the site.	No changes required.
Individual	Parking for water clubs should be improved.	Comments noted. The council will continue to work with the water clubs to ensure that the individual schemes and	No changes required.

		improvements to the reservoir provide an appropriate amount of parking to ensure that water clubs can continue to operate from the reservoir.	
5 Individuals	Parking should be affordable.	Comments noted. It is not appropriate for the masterplan to set out the details of a car parking regime for the reservoir. However, it is likely that some form of management will be in place to ensure that any car parking is used appropriately and can be maintained.	No changes required.
11 Individuals	Parking should be free to encourage people to visit.	Comments noted. It is not appropriate for the masterplan to set out the details of a car parking regime for the reservoir. However, it is likely that some form of management will be in place to ensure that any car parking is used appropriately and can be maintained.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Parking should include electric car charging points.	Comments noted. Reference to the inclusion of car changing points has been included in the masterplan.	Reference to the inclusion of car changing points has been included in the masterplan.
2 Individuals	Suggestion of an underground car park.	Comments noted. Where appropriate, reference to underground car parking has been included under individual opportunities.	Where appropriate, reference to underground car parking has been included under individual opportunities.
Individual	Suggests the car park is relocated the away from the Reservoir Road entrance and over to the area of brownfield land off Ickniel Port Road, using the new Tolkien Trail to lead people towards the Promenade	Suggestion noted. At present there are no proposals to use car parking sites away from the reservoir. The masterplan proposes to green the existing car park.	No changes required.

	Loop. This would then allow the old car park to be broken up and redeveloped into a permanent beach area with real sand.		
Crime Commissioner West Midlands Police	Requests that any new car parks, or retro-fitted/redevelopment of car parks are encouraged to achieve the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) 'Park Mark.'	Comments noted. This level of detail would not be appropriate for the masterplan. Any car parking provided will be in accordance with the latest planning policy and guidance.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Suggestion that no parking is provided to encourage walking and cycling.	Comments noted. Agree that there is a need to encourage walking and cycling along with providing car parking for those who require the use of a private car to access the reservoir.	No changes required.
8 Individuals	Suggestion that no vehicles are allowed within the masterplan boundary in order to protect its character.	Comments noted. Agree that the movement of vehicles in and around the reservoir site needs to be managed to ensure it is not car-dominated.	No changes required.
11 Individuals	Request that priority is given to improving routes for pedestrians and public transport over the provision of car parking.	Comments noted. Agree with this approach towards prioritisation.	The masterplan takes this approach and looks to promote sustainable modes of transport above car use. This element has been highlighted further in the 'Connectivity' section of the masterplan.
Individual	Request for a city-wide approach to promoting sustainable modes of transport and reducing car dominance and parking.	Comments noted. The recently adopted Car Parking SPD and Transport Plan provide this city-wide approach and have been reflected in the masterplan.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	The movement of cars needs to be controlled to ensure pedestrians are safe and that cars do not dominate.	Comments noted. Agree that the movement of vehicles in and around the reservoir site needs to be managed to ensure it is not car-dominated.	No changes required.

Individual	The reservoir is not suitable for large numbers of cyclists.	Comments noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	No changes required.
25 Individuals and North Edgbaston Residents Action group	Concerns about the conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. Measures are needed to address this issue.	Comments noted. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	No changes required.
6 Individuals	Cycle and pedestrian paths need to be separate.	Comments noted. The pathways around the reservoir are not wide enough to have separate cycling and pedestrian routes. Where possible throughout the city, the council is working on a programme of delivering segregated cycle paths.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that cycle paths are suitable for adapted bikes.	Comments noted. The path improvements delivered at the reservoir will be suitable for adapted bikes for disabled users and the council is eager to work with any organisations that encourage the use of these bikes at the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to include reference to the use of the loop for adaptive bikes for disabled cycling being welcomed.
3 Individuals	Improvements are needed to the signage to direct people to the reservoir.	Agree that signage improvements are needed.	The masterplan identifies routes that need enhancement and part of their improvements will include signage and wayfinding.
8 Individuals	Request for the provision of cycle parking docks.	Agree that this is important.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to the provision of cycle parking facilities
Individual	Request for electric bike charging points.	Agree that this is important.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to the provision of cycle parking facilities. This could include facilities such as electric bike charging points.

3 Individuals	Request for marked cycle paths.	Comments noted. The pathways around the reservoir are not wide enough to have separate cycling and pedestrian routes. Where possible throughout the city the council is working on a programme of delivering segregated cycle paths.	No changes required.
16 Individuals	Support for linking to the cycle routes and improvements to cycle infrastructure.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Request for cycle route along the canal to the city centre and along Hagley Road.	Comments noted. The Canal & River Trust have invested in the canal pathway and the route from the reservoir to the city centre is cycle friendly. Further work will be undertaken on linkages to the reservoir from main routes and public transport hubs.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggest a green link or shuttle bus from Hagley Road.	Comments noted. Further work will be undertaken on linkages to the reservoir from main routes and public transport hubs.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Concerns about the reservoir being used by mopeds and quadbikes.	Concerns noted. The council will work with concerned parties to overcome any issues should this become a reality.	No changes required.
7 individuals	Question if the reservoir is well linked by public transport.	Comments noted. The reservoir is in an area that is well-served by buses and is within walking distance to the city centre but the council recognises further improvements are needed and this is referenced in the connectivity chapter.	No changes required.

CCWMP	Request to be consulted about any transport or connectivity proposals.	Request noted. Consultation will be undertaken in line with the council's established approach and in accordance with any guidance and regulations.	No changes required.
7 Individuals	Suggestion of a bus service from the city centre and a bus stop near the reservoir.	Comments noted. The reservoir is in an area that is well-served by buses and is within walking distance to the city centre but the council recognises further improvements are needed and this is referenced in the connectivity chapter.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that the bus companies should advertise their services and the links to the reservoir.	Comments noted. This is outside the scope of a masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that improvements are made to the link between the reservoir and the train station.	Comments noted. The link to the train station has been identified as one of the connections in need of enhancement	The link to the train station has been identified as one of the connections in need to enhancement.
West Midlands Trains	<p>Important that access to the site is optimised by public transport, walking and cycling. West Midlands Trains want to work with the council, National Express and other partners around the 'last mile' access issues and how this key amenity/leisure destination can be reached through active and sustainable travel. Specifically, the issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity to Five Ways station as a gateway • Integration with bus and rail – using both central Birmingham and 	Welcome the opportunity to work with West Midlands Trains on improving connectivity.	The Delivery and Management section of the masterplan has been updated to include improvements to wider connectivity and public transport, with West Midlands Trains listed as a partner.

	<p>Five Ways as gateway to reach the reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration between rail the strategic cycle network 		
9 Individuals	Suggestion that there should be a new tram route with a stop linking to the reservoir.	Comments noted. At present there are no proposals to run a tram route closer to the reservoir, but the masterplan highlights the need to improve connectivity between the reservoir and the tram route along Hagley Road.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to improved access and signage on existing bus connections on local roads and via key transport hubs, such as the planned Metro and Sprint stops on Hagley Road.
2 individuals	Suggestion of a new train stop near the Port Loop Development.	Comments noted. At present there are no proposals for a new train station near Port Loop. Should one be proposed links between the new stop and the reservoir will be identified for enhancement.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Request for better signage from public transport to the reservoir.	Suggestion welcomed.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to improved access and signage on existing bus connections on local roads and via key transport hubs, such as the planned Metro and Sprint stops on Hagley Road.
Individual	Request for more entrances around the reservoir.	Comments noted. New entrances have been proposed along the dam wall side of the reservoir and proposals included to improve all other entrances.	New entrances have been proposed along the dam wall side of the reservoir and proposals included to improve all other entrances.
3 Individuals	Suggestion that the reservoir is already congested and there are traffic jams in the area.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to reduce the need to travel to the reservoir via private car through enhanced accessibility via sustainable modes of transport.	No changes required.

Individual	Suggestion that traffic calming measures are needed to reduce rat running around that area.	Comments noted. This is beyond the scope of the masterplan.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Concerns about the impact on the road network from additional housing.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to reduce the need to travel to the reservoir via private car through enhanced accessibility via sustainable modes of transport. The impact of individual schemes and any need for mitigation will be considered at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
14 Individuals	Concerns about the impact of the surrounding road network from additional visitors.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to reduce the need to travel to the reservoir via private car through enhanced accessibility via sustainable modes of transport. The impact of individual schemes and any need for mitigation will be considered at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
11 Individuals and Preet Gill (MP)	Concerns about the impact increased visitors will have on resident parking and congestion.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to reduce the need to travel to the reservoir via private car through enhanced accessibility via sustainable modes of transport. The impact of individual schemes and any need for mitigation will be considered at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Question if access to the reservoir will be impacted upon by the Clean Air Zone.	Comments noted. The Clean Air Zone has been through its own processes of evidence gathering, consultation and decision making.	No changes required.

Shabana Mahmood (MP)	Request that appropriate levels of car parking are maintained for residents and visitors and that the masterplan includes greater detail to address the issue of car parking.	Comments noted. Some further detail has been added around the broad approach to car parking, but details will need to be determined through individual planning applications.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion the council penalises car users.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Request for resident only parking on surrounding streets.	Comments noted. This is beyond the scope of the masterplan.	No changes required.
5 Individuals	Request that the quality of the footpath around the reservoir is improved.	Welcome suggestion. Improvements to the footpath have been undertaken.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the recent improvements to the footpath around the reservoir.
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council - Public Health	Suggestion that the improvements to the footpath and other linkages are delivered before the Clean Air Zone is in place.	Comments noted. The masterplan does not dictate the timings of projects delivery but sets the vision for the reservoir.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Request for lighting on the paths.	Comments noted.	The masterplan includes references to lighting at entrance points on the proviso that they do not cause an adverse impact on wildlife.
Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir	The reservoir offers a green hub which will link existing and new green corridors which have the potential to break through the concrete and tarmac collar choking the inner city, Dudley Road, Hagley Road, Ladywood Middleway and City Road. The green links from the reservoir currently link up to Harborne Walkway, bus routes and canals.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to reflect these linkages and the connectivity over the dam wall.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect these linkages and the connectivity over the dam wall.

	The possibilities are links to the new Metro route, options to cut across the proposed clean air boundaries , a new link was promised as a walkway from the reservoir down the dam with a new bridge over the canal into Port Loop . This would offer connectivity to the canal and reservoir.		
Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir	The Canal & River Trust linear orchard could also connect to the two community orchards already planted on the reservoir.	Suggestion welcome. This has been included within the masterplan.	The masterplan now includes reference to the potential to include fruit trees and connect to the wider network of community orchards
Individual	Request that improvements are made to the access at the South West of the site.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to improve access points throughout the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Support a pedestrian link through to Gillott Road.	Comments noted. A pedestrian link from Gillott Road is already in use and the masterplan supports improvements to this entrance.	No changes required.
Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	<p>Summerfield Park, Reservoir and Harborne Walkway need to be joined up and looked at as one big resource.</p> <p>Link via Reservoir Road to Monument Road and Hagley Road essential to increase business numbers and regenerate a vital future urban centre.</p>	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets.	The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets.

Sport England	Connectivity to Summerfield Park should be strengthened as this is a significant asset for sport and physical activity. Whilst a link is shown on plan 4 via Gillott Road, it is recommended that further consideration is given to the works required in this area to create a safe welcoming route for pedestrians and cyclists, and that this is identified as a priority for delivery. The masterplan should make reference to the Active Parks Initiative and the work by The Active Wellbeing Society to activate Summerfield Park. Connectivity to the new Ladywood Leisure Centre should be referenced.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include references to improving linkages to Summerfield Park and Ladywood Leisure Centre. The activity section includes several possible activities that would support health and wellbeing in line with the aspirations of Sport England.	The masterplan has been updated to include references to improving linkages to Summerfield Park and Ladywood Leisure Centre. The activity section includes several possible activities that would support health and wellbeing in line with the aspirations of Sport England.
Individual	More focus should be given to the entrance point near the sailing club.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added around how this entrance should be enhanced.	Further detail has been added around how this entrance should be enhanced.
3 Individuals	Wider connection, including those to Harborne Walkway should be highlighted and improved.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets.	The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets.
Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	Too much focus is on the Port Loop development – further consideration is needed to linkages to other housing areas.	Comments noted. The connectivity map shows pathways and connection across all areas of the reservoir.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Concerns about the safety of Harborne Walkway and requests for its improvement.	Comments noted. The walkway is outside of the masterplan boundary;	No changes required.

		therefore, no detailed proposals have been included on the walkway.	
3 individuals	Concerns about the loss of the pathways and cycle route through Osler Street Park.	Concerns noted. Osler Street Park – and therefore the pathways and cycle route - is now proposed to be retained and protected.	Osler Street Park is now retained and protected in the masterplan.
Individual	Osler Street Park provides a space for communities to connect.	Concerns noted. Osler Street Park is now proposed to be retained and protected.	Osler Street Park is now retained and protected in the masterplan.
10 Individuals	Support for improved linkages to the Port Loop development from the canal to the reservoir.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests that the links through Port Loop are a generous width and separate from the road.	Comments noted. This will be determined at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
Urban Splash	Welcomes the aspiration to enhance connectivity. We are keen to ensure that the proposed improvements, including walking and cycling routes that connect the Promenade loop, Tolkien Walk, the canal and new development blocks will link into those proposed as part of the Port Loop scheme. The proposed Canal Link is an important connection. It will be important that the SPD is clear that the lines of routes shown on the plan are indicative only and should not be taken as literal lines to be followed as part of any future detailed design work.	Support welcomed and comments around the need for flexibility are noted. The links shown on the plans are indicative to show the areas in which new connectivity will be delivered.	Where appropriate the masterplan has been updated to reflect the most recent planning position for the Port Loop site.

	The proposed Tolkien Walk is supported. However, where this route passes through the Port Loop scheme, it will be important to ensure that there is sufficient flexibility within the SPD to allow for this route to evolve in its alignment as part of any future detailed design work. We would be very keen to work with the council on the development of this route and vital link between the Reservoir, Canal Basin and Port Loop.		
The Scout Association – Birmingham	Support the proposals. Pathways need to be wide enough for the transportation of canoes, kayaks and paddle boards between the water centre.	Comments noted. Access from all the water facilities to the water has been a key consideration when determining their location at the reservoir. Details on path width will be determined at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Support for the use of historical trails to improve connectivity.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	Tolkien Walk needs to extend to key Hagley Road sites and better appeal to the Hagley Road hotel corridor.	Comments noted. The specifics of any heritage and culture trail will be developed as part of the delivery of the individual project.	No changes required.
10 individuals	Improved links to the canal network are needed.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes several references to improving access to the canal network.	No changes required.
5 Individuals	Support for water taxi and narrow boat stops at the reservoir	Support welcomed.	No changes required.

Canal & River Trust	The routes shown in the master plan area need to link to other networks of routes beyond for a greater distance to demonstrate travel to places further away, including particular destinations, can be easily achieved. Quick wins such as an improved pedestrian link to Summerfield Park and links to Port Loop and the wider Ladywood area should be seen as a priority for delivery. The Trust is seeking green flag status for much of its network, with the support of local community engagement and access improvements. It would be appropriate for the reservoir improvements to include an ambition for green flag status and achieving the criteria for this would again prove beneficial to the overall regeneration and promotion of the reservoir and its surroundings and increase its attractiveness to new users.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets. Reference to the Green Flag award has also now been included.	The masterplan has been updated to strengthen references to surrounding assets. Reference to the Green Flag award has also now been included.
Canal & River Trust and Sport England	Request reference to the Roundhouse as this will provide a hub for cycle hire.	Suggestion welcome. Reference to the Roundhouse has been included in the masterplan.	Reference to the Roundhouse has been included in the masterplan.
2 Individuals	Request for distance marking around the loop path for runners.	Suggestion noted. This idea would be in keeping with the vision of the masterplan and the proposals within the activity section, therefore any proposals to	No changes required.

		implement this would be supported in principle. However, it has not been included as it is considered too much detail for the document.	
Individual	Request for shorter walks and seating.	Suggestion noted. The shape of the reservoir makes the introduction of shorter walks a challenge. The masterplan includes seating as part of the proposals for improved public realm.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggest the plan includes buildings/walkways that can deal with the change of levels and provide access to the reservoir from the bottom of the dam to the top in a creative way.	Suggestion welcome. The masterplan has been updated to make reference to development at the canal basin exploring the potential of creating a direct link to the reservoir over the dam wall. This should be a distinctive feature of innovative design and local character that protects the heritage and structural integrity of the dam wall.	The masterplan has been updated to make reference to development at the canal basin exploring the potential of creating a direct link to the reservoir over the dam wall. This should be a distinctive feature of innovative design and local character that protects the heritage and structural integrity of the dam wall.
2 Individuals	Concerns about access for boat users if the club moves.	Concerns noted. The masterplan now looks to retain the sailing club in their current location.	The masterplan now looks to retain the sailing club in their current location.
8 Individuals	Question how the different activities and water users will be managed. Parking needs to be designed with boat users in mind.	Concerns noted. There is a water user agreement to address this issue and any parking arrangements will be discussed with the existing users.	No changes required.
Individual	Consideration needs to be given to access for events.	Comment noted. The greened car park will provide space for events and for additional parking when necessary.	The masterplan has been updated to include a proposal to green the existing car park but have it available for events and for additional parking when necessary.

Individual	Concerns about the conflict between water users and members of the public using the footpath.	Concerns noted. The water users are remaining in their existing locations reducing the potential for conflict.	No changes required.
6 Individuals	Question how it will be delivered and maintained.	Concerns noted. The delivery section has been updated to provide further detail.	The delivery section has been updated to provide further detail.
Individual	Concern that there will be a charge to walk around the reservoir.	Concerns noted. The masterplan is very clear that the vision is to enhance accessibility to the reservoir and that the site belongs to everyone. There are no proposals for an entrance fee to the open space.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that no vehicles are able to drive around the reservoir.	Comment noted. Other than the vehicle used by Parks and emergency vehicles, there is no vehicle access around the loop of the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Concerns that the proposed new development will block connectivity.	Concerns noted. The plans within the document show clearly how connectivity will be delivered throughout the reservoir.	No changes required.
9 Individuals	More detail is required.	Noted.	Further detail has been added to the connectivity section.
Individual	Question why these measures are not already in place.	Noted. Some of these have been implemented already and where appropriate the masterplan makes this clear.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Question what the term high-quality public realm means.	Noted. The masterplan included precedent images to help bring alive the aspirations for high-quality public realm at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Question the economic viability of bike hire.	Noted. This would be for the provider to determine but since the last version of	No changes required.

		the masterplan was published bike hire has been made available throughout the city.	
Individual	Request the council talk to the Active Wellbeing Society about their bike scheme and how successful it was.	Noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Request for a way to better interact with the water for those with mobility issues, such as a ramp.	Noted. The existing water users have been making improvements to their facilities in order to better facilitate access to the water. The potential of a pontoon could also provide an opportunity for improved access.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggests the council explores a hydraulic railway that runs up and down the inclined face of the dam, connecting the reservoir with the Icknield Port Loop housing development.	Suggestion noted. At present there is insufficient detail around such a proposal to include this in the masterplan. The potential impact on the structure and historic character of the dam wall would need to be fully considered. The document does include a reference to innovative design being needed to address the barrier of the dam wall. This would allow any such proposal to be considered in line with the masterplan.	The masterplan has been updated to make reference to development at the canal basin exploring the potential of creating a direct link to the reservoir over the dam wall. This should be a distinctive feature of innovative design and local character that protects the heritage and structural integrity of the dam wall.
Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC)	Concerned about the proposed situation and detailing of this raised walkway and how this will impact on their building and activity. MSSC welcomes the recognition that the provision of boat, trailer and minibus parking facilities will need to be	Comments noted. The raised walkway is no longer proposed, and the city council has been working with MSSC on their planning application to ensure it aligns with the proposals in the masterplan.	The raised walkway is no longer proposed.

	delivered to meet the needs of activity providers. Locally, bus and sustainable transport routes are welcomed.		
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Activity

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
29 individuals 12 out of the 29 individuals	In support of development. Concern over accessibility of resources, including cost/fees. Suggest discount for local residents to prevent impact of gentrification.	Support welcomed and comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
Individual	Request more information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will access be free or low cost for locals - What will be lost and gained - Community facilities proposed for local groups 	Comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity. The masterplan is flexible and supports a wide range of uses as long as they meet the vision and do not have a negative impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The detail of the types and amount of different uses will come forward at the planning application stage.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail on the facilities at the Selwyn Playing Field. It also details the policy in the BDP which states the former Tower Ballroom building and land is allocated to provide residential commercial and community facilities.
Individual	In support of development. Suggests concessions of 20-40% for children	Support welcomed. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir	No changes required.

	from low-income families and those battling childhood obesity.	belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity. It is beyond the remit of the masterplan to determine and control the cost of activities at the reservoir.	
2 individuals	Argue the site is not a suitable location for a regional leisure resource. Concern that increased visitor numbers will drive locals away. General criticism that local views were not sought prior to drawing up of the vision.	Comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity. Extensive frontloading discussions were undertaken with key stakeholders prior to the consultation.	The masterplan has been updated to remove reference to it becoming a regional leisure destination.
Individual	Support for inclusivity and accessibility.	Comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
17 individuals	Not in support of a sports hub due to concern it will price-out existing water sport users and force them to move or relocate.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with existing water users to understand their requirements and fully supports their operation, in	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location.

		particular their community outreach work.	
32 individuals	<p>Request open water swimming provision. The following reasons have been given in support of open water swimming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits for mental health and well-being • Open to all socio-economic backgrounds • Other local authorities have supported it • Growing in popularity <p>Acknowledge supervision may be required.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Following discussion with council's Parks team and the existing water user groups, it has been decided that promoting open water swimming in the masterplan would not be appropriate. The reservoir is deep and very cold in parts. There is also the risk of possible collisions with water sport users. The use of the reservoir by an established swimming group would be in keeping with the vision and principles in the masterplan. Any formal proposals should be discussed with the council's Parks team.</p>	No changes required.
Individual	Request open water swimming, a lido, windsurfing and cycling provision.	<p>Comments noted. See above for response on swimming.</p> <p>The masterplan is flexible to enable a variety of activity to take place at the reservoir as long as it meets the vision.</p>	No changes required.
Individual	Support redevelopment but concerned about the impact activities will have on the Local Nature Reserve.	Support welcomed and comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to

			protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
116 individuals	<p>Support development. Suggested uses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café / restaurant / bar • Toilets • Community space for outreach, projects and classes • Co-working space • Art and music event space • Cultural venue • Visitor centre • Conference facility • Local shops • Museum/ MAC style • Allotments/urban agriculture • Bird watching • Wildlife promotion/educational facilities, including educational signage/trails • Guided walks • Family-friendly activities • Outdoor children's play facilities • Group activity, classes • Picnic space 	<p>Support welcomed. The detail of the types and amount of different uses will come forward at the planning application stage. The Activity section of the masterplan details a broad range of activities will be encouraged to meet the needs of the diverse population.</p>	<p>The masterplan has been updated with an additional chapter 'Celebrating the Reservoir' which encourages a range of uses at the reservoir.</p> <p>The masterplan has been updated to state that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve and deliver the masterplan vision.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased seating, especially for the elderly 		
3 individuals	Not in support of events with music or large crowds due to disruption to tranquillity. Concerned about increased litter and impact on wildlife.	Comments noted. The use of music at events and large crowds cannot be controlled by the masterplan. The masterplan clearly states that any activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected this includes protecting key views and the open feeling at the reservoir and ensuring there are areas for quiet reflection at the reservoir.</p> <p>The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.</p>
13 individuals	In support of development but have strong concerns around the impact on biodiversity and tranquillity. State that a balance is needed between proposed and existing uses.	Support welcomed. Agree that a balance is needed, the masterplan has been amended to strengthen guidance.	<p>The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to</p>

			protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
Individual	In support of development. Suggested use of café and restaurant.	Support welcomed. The Activity section of the masterplan details a broad range of activities will be encouraged to meet the needs of the diverse population. The detail of the types and amount of different uses will come forward at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of development. Suggests the sailing club could be a hub with a restaurant/cafe and community area.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
3 individuals	In support of development but requests the reservoir remains dog friendly.	Support welcomed. The masterplan states that the reservoir is enjoyed by dog walkers.	No changes required.
20 individuals	Not in support of development or additional activities as existing activities and facilities are suitable.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.
2 individuals	This section is too vague. More information required about what activities will be provided.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to provide more information on the types of activities that would be supported and the need for all activity at the reservoir to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve.

Individual	In support of development. Feels increased activity will improve safety.	Support welcomed. The masterplan aims to create a safe, welcoming environment with housing providing activity in the evening and increased natural surveillance.	No changes required.
21 individuals	Not in support. Already plenty of activity and increasing it will disrupt the tranquillity of the reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan looks to encourage a wide range of uses for the diverse community without having a negative impact on the natural environment.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected. It has also been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.
2 individuals	In support. Would like to see a man-made beach.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses. However, it is unlikely a man-made beach would be acceptable as the reservoir is not considered suitable for swimming.	No changes required.
North Edgbaston Residents Action Group	In support of development. Interest in urban beach facility/BBQ space which would encourage more families. Concern over lack of mention of toilets and their maintenance.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses suitable for families. However, it is unlikely a man-made beach would be acceptable as the reservoir is not considered suitable for swimming.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of development. Requests bike hire, lockers, toilets and water fountains.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses and states the need to have appropriate	No changes required.

		facilities such as toilets. Further details will come forward at the planning application stage.	
Individual	Not in support. Concerns about biodiversity and the Local Nature Reserve. Recommends it is kept as a green space.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.
Individual	In support. Would like boat hiring available.	Support welcomed. The masterplan supports the community outreach work of the existing water clubs and is flexible enough for additional water activity to be provide at the reservoir, providing it supports the masterplan vision. Consideration would need to be given to the relationship between any additional water sports provision and the existing water users to ensure that all uses complement each other.	No changes required.
2 individuals	In support of development. Request fishing is kept as a free activity.	Support welcomed. The masterplan does not include plans to make people pay to fish at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. States that activity should encourage wildlife.	Support welcomed and comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to state all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan for Edgbaston Reservoir has been updated to

			include a clear set of objectives the council can work towards with stakeholders and partners. The masterplan references the need for the Management Plan to be read in conjunction with the masterplan. The masterplan has been updated to include guidance on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced.
2 individuals	In support. Request storage for runners and cyclists.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses and states the need to have appropriate facilities for such activities. This could include storage for runners and cyclists. Further details will come forward at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
17 individuals	General support.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Urban Splash	In support for a mix of uses to create a visitor destination, with uses that support and complement planned activity at Port Loop. Keen to ensure that the SPD provides the flexibility for the range of uses to be delivered in the Port Loop area. In support for the mix of land and water uses in order to facilitate the provision of a green leisure destination. Request water taxi stops as a possible consideration.	Support welcomed. The masterplan is flexible and supports a broad range of uses and activities as long as they do not harm the Local Nature reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to provide a water taxi stop shown on the connectivity plan.
2 individuals	In support. Request existing play area is incorporated into plans.	Support welcomed.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities.

			Additional guidance details how the park can be enhanced and protected and outlines the importance of creating visual and physical connections through the development on the former Tower Ballroom site to connect the park to the wider reservoir so it can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.
Sport England	In support. Welcomes the creation of a leisure and recreation hub that could deliver water sports and wider physical activity. Supports the creation of ancillary facilities such as a café and bike repair shop. Suggests considering commercial uses such as a gym. Requests that the masterplan includes a paragraph to explain the importance of enhancing accessibility for all, inclusive provision.	Support welcomed and comments noted. The masterplan is flexible and supports a range of uses. A gym would be an appropriate use and the detail would come forward through a planning application.	The masterplan vision has been updated to state the reservoir should be accessible to everyone.
Individual	In support. Suggests outside BBQ space.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests place for sunbathing.	Comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. The public open space will be protected for people to enjoy.	No changes required.
West Midlands Police	General support. Welcomes the family centred vision and suggests family-friendly activities. State that for a successful evening economy it is important to have a variety facility to ensure a safe, accessible and	Support welcomed. The masterplan aims to create a safe, welcoming environment with housing providing activity in the evening and increased natural surveillance. The installation of CCTV	The masterplan has been updated to provide more detail regarding lighting.

	inclusive environment. Request improved lighting and CCTV coverage where appropriate.	would come forward through a planning application.	
The Active Wellbeing Society	Welcomes the opportunity to work with planning officers. Storage / lockers and toilet facilities are supported.	Support welcomed. The council is committed to working with stakeholders and partners on the delivery and implementation of the plan.	No changes required.
3 individuals	In support. Request free taster activities to encourage new people.	Support welcomed. The provision of free activity taster sessions is beyond the remit of the masterplan.	No changes required.
6 individuals	In support. Requests good quality cycling, walking and running facilities.	Support welcomed. The masterplan includes the aim to improve cycling and walking facilities.	No changes required.
3 individuals	In support. Encouragement and support should be provided to existing groups.	Support welcomed. The council has worked closely with existing users and is committed to supporting their operation, in particular their outreach work with local communities.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Support for improved accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs.	Support welcomed. The pathway improvement works completed since the consultation was undertaken have improved accessibility. The masterplan provides detail on the next stage of the works to complete the loop to make it fully accessible around the perimeter of the water. Details and requirements for individual buildings will come forward at the planning application stage.	The masterplan has been updated to state spaces must be accessible to all with accessible facilities for the local community.
Individual	In support. Requests that the site is added to the marathon route.	Support welcomed. Adding the reservoir to the marathon route is beyond the remit of the masterplan, although it is	No changes required.

		likely the volume of runners would have a negative impact on the Local Nature Reserve and would therefore not be supported.	
4 individuals	In support. Suggests advertising the events and facilities more.	Support welcomed. Advertising events is beyond the remit of the masterplan, although the masterplan does not preclude this from happening.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Leisure facilities should not be large-scale.	Support welcomed.	The masterplan has been updated to remove reference to it becoming a regional leisure destination.
Individual	In support of nature sensitive improvements for walking but disagrees with developing the waterfront.	Support welcomed. The Tower Ballroom is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of this masterplan is to ensure the site is developed for housing, along with other uses that will complement the water setting and provide facilities for all the community while protecting the natural environment.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that future development will be set back from the waterfront.
Individual	In support. Activities and access should be inclusive.	Support welcomed. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.

2 individuals	In support. Requests area for ball games and picnics.	Support welcomed. The masterplan states that open space should be protected and enhanced.	The masterplan has been updated to make clear Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities. Additional guidance details how the park can be enhanced and protected and outlines the importance of creating visual and physical connections through the development on the former Tower Ballroom site to connect the park to the wider reservoir so it can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.
Bearwood and Hagley Road Business Association	In support. Requests the inclusion of a cultural facility and space for business innovation. Suggests modelling the Tower Ballroom site on the MAC. Regarding Severn Trent Site - state that it would be better suited to a business destination or an academic campus/innovation hub that would support the development of the Midland Metropolitan Hospital. The former Tower Ballroom could serve as a cultural hub for arts and theatrical activity. Would also like to see this local offer attracting more tourists. Not in support of housing provision on the edge of the reservoir itself. Concern that partially gated or closed communities will develop a sense of ownership which can create tension with neighbours and visitors	Support welcomed. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity. The masterplan is flexible to enable a variety of uses to be delivered on the Tower Ballroom site alongside housing. Both the Tower Ballroom and Severn Trent Site are allocated for housing in the Birmingham Development Plan. This document underwent extensive public consultation and examination. The detail of types of uses will come forward at the planning application stage.	The masterplan has been updated with a new section: 'Celebrating the Reservoir'. This section provides information on activities such as walking trails that has the potential to attract more tourists. The masterplan has also been updated to provide more information on proposals on the former Tower Ballroom site including urban design guidance, this includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting development back from the waters' edge with a publicly accessible walkway of approximately seventeen to twenty metres • Showing clear publicly-accessible routes through the development

	over time, which has the potential to impact future events and festivals taking place on and around the reservoir.		
Individual	Not in support of noisy water sports.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
Individual	Not in support of powered watercraft except for safety boats.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
5 individuals	Not in support of powered boats.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
3 individuals	Not in support of powered boats or zip lines.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The reference to zip lines has been removed.
Individual	Not in support of swimming or motorised water sports. Council should work with the existing clubs,	Comments noted. The council is committed to working with existing water users to support and encourage	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must

	not in parallel. Concern around litter, dumping of rubbish and unsafe fishing currently occurring within the reservoir. Requests that if the amount of activity does increase, there should be a suitable increase in management alongside it.	their outreach work with local communities. We understand the community would like to see increased management of the reservoir but there are no resources to secure this service at present. In line with the approach taken at several other parks and nature reserves across Birmingham, the council is eager to work with the Local Nature Reserve Committee to establish a greater role for the community.	not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
Individual	Not in support of zip line. Concerned about impact on wildlife area and lack of existing space. Concern over the proposed hub making activities less accessible due to increased cost.	Comments noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity. The council is committed to working with existing water users to support and encourage their outreach work with local communities.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to remove the reference to a zip line and the image. The masterplan has been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.</p> <p>The masterplan has also been updated to state that existing water sports cubs can remain in their existing location.</p>
6 individuals	Not in support of zip line or extreme sports. Concerned about impact on wildlife.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to remove the reference to a zip line and the image. The masterplan has also been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
4 individuals	Not in support of zip line or extreme sports.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to remove the reference to a zip line and the image.

			The masterplan has also been updated to clearly state that any activity at the reservoir must not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.
2 individuals	Not in support. Argue that no change is required as the reservoir already provides many activities. Concerned about the detrimental impact the development would have on the Local Nature Reserve.	Comments noted. The council values the existing clubs that deliver activities at the reservoir and is committed to working with them in the future.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
Individual	Not in support of any development. Concerned about impact on Local Nature Reserve.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.

4 individuals	Not in support of residential.	The Tower Ballroom site is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of this masterplan is to ensure the site is developed for housing, along with other uses that will complement the water setting and provide facilities for all the community while protecting the natural environment.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of residential. States that the council should build on unused buildings and brownfield sites, not on green spaces.	Comments noted. The Tower Ballroom site is a brownfield (previously developed) site that is allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan. The purpose of this masterplan is to ensure the site is developed for housing, along with other uses that will complement the water setting and provide facilities for all the community while protecting the natural environment.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support.	Noted.	No changes required.
8 individuals	Not in support of increased activity. Concerns about overdevelopment. States there is not enough water for the amount of activity suggested. Concerns over impact on wildlife.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Edgbaston Reservoir

			Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
2 individuals	Not in support of SPD. Full support for the Alternative Vision of the Community Consortium.	Comments noted. Officers have worked with the Community Consortium who submitted the alternative plan, to better align the council's aspirations with the community.	The masterplan has been amended to include several suggested additions that are a result of working with the community – including a set of Community Principles.
Individual	Concern around sustainability.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.
7 individuals	<p>Opposed to increased water activity. Main concerns are around water safety due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water is deep (40ft at some points) • Not clean • Highly dangerous blue-green algae present • Current activity is supervised • General safety • Temperature is too cold, concern over hypothermia. 	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the existing water users to understand the challenges of undertaking water activity at the reservoir. The masterplan supports the existing club users and their outreach work. Additional water activity on the reservoir would need to adhere to relevant health and safety measures and be supervised.	No changes required.

Individual	Concern over water safety. States that the water is only suitable for trained sailors and rowers.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the existing water users to understand the challenges of undertaking water activity at the reservoir. The masterplan supports the existing club users and their outreach work. Additional water activity on the reservoir would need to adhere to relevant health and safety measures and be supervised.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions if unofficial users such as running / walking groups and dog walkers had been officially contacted for feedback on the proposals.	Comments noted. Extensive public consultation was undertaken including presentations at ward meetings, drop in events at the reservoir, attendance at community events, signs around the reservoir and an online questionnaire.	No changes required.
Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust	Concern over potential increase in boating activity and the effect this will have on the nesting wildfowl. States that the bankside areas of the Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation are home to numerous nests. Requests that areas of the suitable shoreline are fenced off from boating to reduce and avoid disturbance to nesting wildfowl.	Comments noted.	The Local Nature Reserve Management Plan for Edgbaston Reservoir has been updated to include a clear set of objectives the council can work towards with stakeholders and partners. This includes objectives to improve and protect habitat for nesting birds and the potential to create closed-off areas of the reservoir shore. The masterplan references the need for the Management Plan to be read in conjunction with the masterplan. The masterplan has been updated to include guidance on how the natural environment can be protected and enhanced.
Individual	Questions the future of the Sea Cadets. Believes that they had	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the sea cadets to	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the sea cadets planning consent.

	submitted a planning application to demolish existing buildings and replace.	support their outreach work and ensure their scheme meets the masterplan vision.	
3 individuals	In support. States that greater variety of activity is needed.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Welcomes green space for sports and would like to see more volunteering opportunities.	Support welcomed. The masterplan is flexible and promotes a range of activities which could include volunteering opportunities particularly in relation to the natural environment.	No changes required.
3 individuals	General support for the plan and the promotion of a mix of activities.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Requests a link to the anti-obesity strategy. Suggests local schools should be involved.	Support welcomed. It is considered wider references to health and wellbeing are more appropriate for the masterplan as this covers obesity and well as other health issues. The council encourages local schools to use the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly reference the health and wellbeing benefits of visiting the reservoir and partaking in activities there.
5 individuals	More information required about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is already on offer at the reservoir • How much space will be left for quiet enjoyment • How this vision will be achieved • How the existing resources will be maintained 	Comment noted.	The masterplan has been updated and provides further detail on the reservoir context including the activities that currently take place at the reservoir. The masterplan now includes 'Opportunity' chapters which details how each opportunity will meet the masterplan vision and development principles. Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.

2 individuals	General support. Welcomes the principle of water sport clubs co-locating.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has been amended to state the existing water sport clubs can remain in their existing location.	The masterplan has been amended to state the existing water sport clubs can remain in their existing location.
3 individuals	In support. Request a park run.	Support welcomed. The council understands a park run is now operating at the reservoir.	No changes required.
5 individuals	Concern over impact on biodiversity / tranquillity.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting.
North Edgbaston Action Team	In support of activities. Concern over impact on the Local Nature Reserve regarding motorised water sports and wild swimming. Strong support for a peaceful family-orientated space through the building of a self-sustaining and ecological area. Suggest using the existing buildings to create hubs for education, engagement and interaction with nature.	Comments noted and support welcomed. The masterplan vision supports the creation of a family-friendly environment and aims to protect the tranquil setting of the reservoir. The masterplan is flexible and promotes a range of activities which could include education. The reservoir is not considered suitable for swimming.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. Further detail has been added regarding the re—use of existing buildings where appropriate.
Individual	Requests clarification over the word 'dynamic' regarding sports. Not in support of increased activity as the	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to remove the word 'dynamic'. The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will

	currently level is suitable for the Local Nature Reserve.		be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The activity section clearly states that all activity will be required to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve setting. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
Individual	Not in support of too much residential development as it will distract from the tranquillity.	Comments noted. The purpose of the masterplan is to provide uses that will complement the water setting and provide facilities for all the community while protecting the natural environment. The masterplan also needs to ensure sites allocated for housing in the Birmingham Development Plan are delivered to meet housing need.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected.
Individual	Suggests separating wildlife from water activities.	Comments noted. Whilst it is not possible to separate water activity from wildlife the masterplan seeks to ensure the natural environment and biodiversity it protected. As such, the council has updated the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.	No changes required.

Individual	States that Natural England should be consulted as the Local Nature Reserve is complex.	Comments noted. Natural England were consulted as part of the formal consultation.	No changes required.
Individual	States that the reservoir is functional and used to feed the canal system.	Comments noted. The masterplan states this in the context section and works closely with the Canal & River Trust.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concern of the negative impact overdevelopment will have on the sailing club.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state the sailing club can remain in their existing location. It also states the council will support the sailing club and their outreach work.
Individual	Not in support. Criticism that there is no evidence that there will be a future demand from more people wanting to use the reservoir. States the current evidence is very limited from Sport England and the Canal & River Trust. Argues that the citizens of Birmingham are more important as sources of evidence than formal bodies.	Comments noted. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, it is understood footfall at the reservoir has increased. The masterplan seeks to provide a clear sustainable vision for the reservoir to ensure as an important resource it is able to continue to provide for Birmingham residents and visitors for years to come.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of different uses suggested and not in support of moving the existing clubs. Suggests getting trim trail activities and outdoor equipment.	Comments noted. The masterplan is flexible and promotes a range of activities at the reservoir as long as they contribute to the vision and do not have a negative impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location.
Individual	Values the feeling of safety when walking around the reservoir.	Comments noted. The masterplan seeks to improve safety around the reservoir.	No changes required.
2 individuals	In support. Requests that activity on the water is managed and regulated.	Support welcomed. The management of the water is outside the scope of a	No changes required.

		planning masterplan. The existing water sport clubs have a water user agreement and work in collaboration to manage the water with the council's Parks Department.	
Individual	Not in support. States that the proposed big moves are unnecessary as the existing water sports facilities have operated successfully. Concern over higher rent costs which would price the water sports clubs out. Suggests making use of abandoned Reservoir House to improve parking. Argues that the main attraction to the reservoir is its natural beauty and tranquillity and therefore opposed to the promenade loop becoming a cycling route.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with all the existing water-users to ensure the amended version of the masterplan reflects their aspirations for the future, including their preferred locations. The masterplan makes it clear that the walkway around the reservoir is a shared surface.	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location. Further detail has been provided in the 'Reservoir View' chapter which includes reference to Reservoir House being brought back into use. The masterplan also states this area should not be dominated by cars. The masterplan has also been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected.
Individual	In support. Requests that the safety and security of the reservoir is improved through CCTV installation, a kiosk and a panic button station. Suggests that local schools should be encouraged to use the reservoir for outdoor activities. States that women undertaking activity should be supported and encouraged.	Support welcomed. The masterplan aims to create a safe, welcoming environment with housing providing activity in the evening and increased natural surveillance. The installation of CCTV, kiosk and panic buttons are too much detail to be included in the masterplan and where appropriate, would come forward through a planning application. The masterplan is flexible and promotes a range of activities at the reservoir	The masterplan vision has been updated to state the reservoir should be accessible to everyone.

		including outdoor activities and education. Agree, the masterplan seeks to make the reservoir accessible for everyone.	
Individual	In support. States that the existing clubs have the same aims and should be involved in the expansion of water-based leisure and activities.	Support welcomed. The council is committed to working with existing water users to support and encourage their outreach work with local communities.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Requests a cycle repair shop, sailing and kayaking.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve. The uses suggested would be in keeping with the masterplan vision.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. States that design should be more detailed, taking into consideration boat parking, rigging and launching.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the existing water sports clubs can remain in their existing locations. As a result, further detail in boat parking rigging and launching is not required in the masterplan.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state the existing water sports clubs can remain in their existing locations.
Individual	In support. Requests diving facilities including an underwater tunnel.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve. However, it is unlikely diving	No changes required.

		facilities and an underwater tunnel would be able to be delivered as the reservoir is not considered suitable for swimming.	
Individual	In support of increased activities. Requests accessible activities not just sailing.	Support welcomed. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
Individual	Concerns around overdevelopment due to the impact on the Local Nature Reserve. Not in support of saunas and lidos.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations. The reference and images of saunas and lidos have been removed.
Individual	In support. Suggests table tennis facilities.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	No changes required.

10 individuals	Request the protection and preservation of existing non-motorised water sports and clubs.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with all the existing water-users to ensure the amended version of the masterplan reflects their aspirations for the future, including their preferred locations.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment.
Individual	Concern over anti-social behaviour in car park. States that new developments are not going to help this issue and will only put more pressure on the area.	<p>Comments noted. References to creating a safe environment have been included in the masterplan. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.</p> <p>The masterplan seeks to create a balance between delivering development on brownfield (previously developed), sites that are allocated for housing development in the Birmingham Development Plan – former Tower Ballroom site and Edgbaston Waterworks site. Whilst also delivering other facilities for the local community and protecting and enhancing the adjacent Local Nature Reserve.</p>	The masterplan has been updated to include references to creating a safe environment have been included in the masterplan. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.
Individual	In support. Suggests inflatable assault course on the reservoir.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve. However, it is unlikely an inflatable assault course would be	No changes required.

		acceptable as it would impact on the water sports club's ability to operate and the reservoir is not considered suitable for swimming.	
Individual	Requests space is allocated for quieter activities such as painting and poetry writing instead of sport facilities.	Comments noted. The masterplan supports a range of activities as long as they contribute to the vision and do not have a negative impact on the Local Nature reserve.	The masterplan has been updated to include a new chapter 'Celebrating the Reservoir' this encourages art and cultural activities.
4 individuals	Not in support of the relocation of the sailing club.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state that the sailing club can remain in their existing location.
Individual	In support. Requests seating behind car park.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages the provision of seating at appropriate locations to enable people to enjoy the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over lack of space for quiet enjoyment due to the increased activity proposals.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected this includes protecting key views and the open feeling at the reservoir and ensuring there are areas for quiet reflection at the reservoir.
Individual	Concerns over water access and the impact future buildings will have on the wind for activity on the water.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state the existing water users can remain in their existing locations. It has also been updated to state proposals for buildings at the 'Reservoir Link' opportunity that are taller than the dam wall will be required to demonstrate that wind shadowing effects would not have undue adverse impacts on water sport activity.

Individual	Not in support. States that there is not enough support for a water hub for it to be sustainable.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state the existing water users can remain in their existing locations.
2 individuals	Concern over water levels. Request it is carefully maintained.	Comments noted. The previous draft masterplan included a reference to the purpose of the reservoir to provide water for the canal network. This has been expanded to explain the need to retain the function and the impact this has on water levels.	The masterplan has been updated to further explain the need to retain the function of the reservoir to top up the canal network and the impact this has on water levels.
Individual	In support. Requests water skiing.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being as long as it does not have a detrimental impact on the Local Nature Reserve.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Suggests local shops so that residents do not have to drive to get necessities.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support the diverse community. The masterplan states uses at the reservoir should complement and not compete with Dudley Road local centre and carefully consider proposals at Port Loop. The use of some of the ground floor of Osler Place may be appropriate for small scale retail that meets the day to day needs of residents and visitors but this would need to be in keeping with the	The masterplan has been updated to state uses at the reservoir should complement and not compete with Dudley Road local centre and carefully consider proposals at Port Loop.

		character of the reservoir and optimise the waterside location.	
Individual	In support. Requests something for the older generation to enjoy.	Support welcomed. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being and meet the needs of the diverse community.	The masterplan has been updated to include a section: 'Celebrating the Reservoir'. This states that the former Tower Ballroom site and the Playing Field will provide opportunities for communities, local groups and visitors to come together and celebrate the reservoir through culture, art and learning. This could include spaces and facilities that enable neighbouring communities to continue engaging in creative and cultural activities focused on the social significance of the reservoir.
Angling Trust	The document excludes usage for angling.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages a broad range of uses to support physical and mental health and well-being.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state that anglers use the reservoir.
2 individuals	Not in support of proposed location of water sports and recreation facility due to the poor location for launching boats and space available.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with each of the water clubs to understand their individual requirements and will continue to work with the clubs to support their operation and outreach work.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state the existing water users can remain in their existing locations.
Individual	Requests the retention of the outdoor gym equipment.	Comments noted. The masterplan supports the use of outdoor gyms.	No changes required.
Individual	Sea Cadets should be encouraged and supported due to their outreach work.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the Sea Cadets to ensure they are able to continue their outreach work.	No changes required.

Individual	In support. Requests that the emphasis should be on a countryside feel through improvements to walking and outdoor activities instead of restaurants and cafés.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected this includes protecting key views and the open feeling at the reservoir and ensuring there are areas for quiet reflection at the reservoir. It also encourages walking and outdoor activities.
Individual	Concern over the safety of increased water sports posing a threat to the public. Requests that water sports are located away from the public.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the existing water users to understand the challenges of undertaking water activity at the reservoir. The masterplan supports the existing club users and their outreach work. Additional water activity on the reservoir would need to adhere to relevant health and safety measures and be supervised.	No changes required.
The Scout Association – County of Birmingham	In support. Request that the proposals provide space and support for a similar facility to the Edgbaston Water sports Ltd that is AALA registered. Interested in discussing the inclusion of a Scout Headquarters within the development.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has sufficient flexibility to support a wide range of activities as long as they contribute to the vision and protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve. The masterplan supports the existing water users and their community outreach work. The masterplan is also flexible to enable additional water activity on the water where appropriate. Consideration would need to be given to the relationship between any additional water sports provision and the existing water users to ensure that all uses complement each other.	No changes required.

2 individuals	Not in support of a shared facility. Argues that this would destroy the existing water sports communities and the capital costs of moving would shut them down. Request council works closely with existing clubs.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with each of the water clubs to understand their individual requirements and will continue to work with the clubs to support their operation and outreach work.	The masterplan has been updated to clearly state the existing water users can remain in their existing locations.
Individual	Believes that the Vernon Sea Cadets need investment which would benefit local children.	Comments noted. The council supports the work the Sea Cadets undertakes and has worked closely with them to ensure they can continue operating at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern that too much footfall would damage the natural area.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.
Individual	Criticism that fishing has been largely ignored.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to clearly state that anglers use the reservoir.
Individual	In support. Requests opportunity for canoe and kayak hire.	Support welcomed. The masterplan has sufficient flexibility to support a wide range of activities as long as they contribute to the vision and protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve. The masterplan supports the existing water	No changes required.

		users and their community outreach work. The masterplan is also flexible to enable additional water activity on the water where appropriate. Consideration would need to be given to the relationship between any additional water sports provision and the existing water users to ensure that all uses complement each other.	
2 individuals	In support. Requests that car park is kept closed to avoid anti-social behaviour due to safety concerns.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include references to creating a safe environment. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.	The masterplan has been updated to include references to creating a safe environment. A long-term approach to the use of the existing car park that formed a focus for anti-social behaviour has been provided in the masterplan.
Individual	In support. Suggests the creation of an app that links specific things for children to find and photograph as part of a nature quest.	Support welcomed. The creation of an app is beyond the masterplan's remit but the masterplan is flexible enough to support this idea as a range of activities that celebrate the reservoir and natural environment are encouraged.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggests the sailing club building could become part of the visitor centre.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to state the sailing club can remain in their existing location. However, there is potential for the club to broaden their offer to provide a wider variety of facilities that are in keeping with the vision in the masterplan if they wish.	No changes required.

Individual	Support for strong and well-established connections between existing users and the reservoir.	Support welcomed. The council has worked closely with existing users.	No changes required.
Individual	Strong opposition to the relocation of existing water sport clubs. States they have been positioned in their existing location due to wind patterns.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location.
Individual	Not in support. The plan does not work with existing users of the reservoir to increase activity.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with each of the water clubs to understand their individual requirements and will continue to work with the clubs to support their operation and outreach work.	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location. The masterplan also states that the council will continue to work with the clubs and support their ongoing outreach work with local communities.
Individual	Requests woodland cycling track.	Comments noted. The masterplan has sufficient flexibility to support a wide range of activities as long as they do not have a detrimental impact on the natural environment and contribute to the vision.	No changes required.
Individual	The document lacks information about how the existing water users would co-locate. Different clubs have different wind requirements. The image on page 18 only shows storage for sailing boats - not canoes or rowing boats. Access from the Tower Ballroom site to the water for the boats is not visible. Criticism of lack of understanding and	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location. The masterplan also states that the council will continue to work with the clubs and support their ongoing outreach work with local communities.

	consideration of the logistics for the existing water users throughout the document.		
Individual	Request a cycling hub.	Comments noted. The masterplan encourages cycling and is flexible enough to enable the inclusion of a cycle hub.	No changes required.
Midland Sailing Club and Birmingham Rowing Club	<p>Opposed to the relocation of existing clubs to create a multi-use water sports hub and provided reasons why. States the draft masterplan is silent on the issue of the management of the reservoir, other than to say it requires partnership and engagement. Concern over the health and safety risks the water poses. Not in support of extreme sports such as zip lines and cable tows as it does not fit in with the Local Nature Reserve status.</p> <p>Question the logistics of cable tows during the seasons and increased activity. Seek to understand what additional water sports activities the council feels are not provided by the clubs at present or if it's an issue of quantity. States all three lease holders have plans to develop their activities. Stress the difficulty of making commercially operated water sports centres profitable in the UK.</p>	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with existing water users to understand their operational requirements and is committed to supporting their operation, in particular their outreach work with local communities.	<p>The masterplan has been updated to provide further detail on delivery and management including identifying projects and potential delivery partners and funding sources.</p> <p>The reference to cable tows and zip lines has been removed from the masterplan.</p>

Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC)	Support the vision and aspirations for Thomas Telford Place. Redevelopment to provide a variety of uses and attractive public space is welcomed. New activities should not negatively impact on “identified assets”. Request that this text is expanded to include “and water activities”. Would be very supportive if the opportunity could be taken through the redevelopment of the Tower Ballroom site to widen and enhance the area between the buildings to facilitate easier boat and vehicle access to the front of the new boat station. Welcome the support offered to existing water-based users and activities. Would like to see a focus on volunteering and its positive benefits to the future development of the site. Development of the new Midlands Boat Station has an opportunity to boost volunteering hours and skills.	Support welcomed. The council has worked closely with the Sea Cadets to support their outreach work and ensure their scheme meets the masterplan vision. The masterplan is flexible and promotes a range of activities which could include volunteering opportunities.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect the Sea Cadets planning approval. It also includes the ‘Community Principles’ which includes: Support community-based water users to continue to develop high-quality water sports and widen access to these activities.
Canal & River Trust	In support of seeking additional activity on the water space and the encouragement of engagement. Request that meaningful engagement with the existing groups and users is carried out towards adopting the masterplan, in order that their ambitions and operational	Support welcomed. The council has worked closely with the Canal & River Trust through the redraft of the masterplan. The council has also worked closely with existing water users to understand their operational requirements and is committed to supporting their operation, in particular	The masterplan has been updated to provide further detail on delivery and management including identifying projects and potential delivery partners and funding sources.

	<p>constraints are considered. Important to recognise the need for appropriate oversight to manage and promote activities long term, which should be included in the masterplan and provided in the delivery section. Physical space alone is not sufficient for encouraging activities, suggest taster days and increasing awareness. The Trust is willing to work with partners to seek increase in such activities however is keen to ensure any proposed activity does not conflict with the function of the reservoir. Open to early contact to discuss proposals for positive regeneration to occur alongside water management issues.</p>	<p>their outreach work with local communities. The masterplan is also flexible to enable additional water activity on the water where appropriate. Consideration would need to be given to the relationship between any additional water sports provision and the existing water users to ensure that all uses complement each other.</p>	
Royal Yachting Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for developing the site and agree it has potential for growth. Concerned with: • Concept of diversifying the water-based activity due to safety management issues. • Proposed zip-wires will reduce the area of available water and further condense the water users. 	<p>Support welcomed. The council has worked closely with existing water users to understand their operational requirements and is committed to supporting their operation, in particular their outreach work with local communities.</p>	<p>The masterplan has been amended and clearly states that existing water users can remain in their current location. The masterplan also states that the council will continue to work with the clubs and support their ongoing outreach work with local communities. The masterplan has also been updated to remove the reference to zip lines and cable tows.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 24 of the Masterplan states that enhanced facilities will encourage and maximise participation however proposals to reduce the sailable area will reduce the reservoirs potential as a regional water sports destination. • Proposed move to the shared facility and the associated financial implications and reduction of operating space. • Does not agree that the proposal has the best interest for sailing. 		
Individual	Disagreement that activities and tranquillity can be zoned. Concern that increasing entertainment will create more litter which will have a negative impact on the wildlife and habitat creation. The noise associated with extreme sports will also impact wildlife. Increase in activity zones will have a negative impact on tranquil zones. Strong concern over the development and its impact on nature. States that the reservoir is the central cultural asset in the new ward of North Edgbaston.	Comments noted.	<p>The masterplan has been amended to provide detailed guidance on how future proposals at the reservoir will be required to protect and enhance the natural environment including the addition of a new 'Sustainability' chapter. The Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to provide up to date information with clear objectives to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve for future generations.</p> <p>The masterplan has also been updated to clearly state that activity will be required to</p>

	Requests for gradual and sympathetic support of the reservoir as a Local Nature Reserve and states the SPD should be much more modest in ambition and actively build upon what is socially and environmentally in existence.		protect and enhance the Local nature Reserve. The masterplan has been updated to reflect the need for the tranquil atmosphere of the reservoir to be protected
Individual	States mental health is a key issue in Ladywood and therefore it is important to ensure green space is available to reduce the impacts.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that Osler Street Park will be retained as an important open space with play facilities. Further wording has been added around the role of the reservoir in health and wellbeing.
Individual	Concern that there is little understanding of the existing water users and how they operate.	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the existing water users to understand the challenges of undertaking water activity at the reservoir.	The masterplan has ben amended to state the existing water sport clubs could remain in their current location.
Individual	Concern over duplication of facilities at Port Loop resulting in poor support.	Comments noted.	The masterplan has been updated to state uses at the reservoir should complement and not compete with Dudley Road local centre and carefully consider proposals at Port Loop.

Design (now called Character)

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
9 individuals	Not in support. Believes it will negatively impact wildlife.	Comments noted. The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment.	The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment.

28 individuals and West Midlands Police	Request that design is sympathetic to nature.	Comments noted. The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment.	The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. This includes a new Development Principle on 'Sustainability', which is then reflected in each of the opportunities within the masterplan.
Individual	Support for building on brownfield site is conditional to the reservoir and nature remaining untouched.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Not in support. Design is not relevant to local identity.	Comments noted. Further details have been added to the opportunities to reflect the local identity of the reservoir and the uniqueness of each opportunity.	Further details have been added to the opportunities to reflect the local identity of the reservoir and the uniqueness of each opportunity.
2 individuals	Design principles should be sympathetic towards the community.	Comments noted. Further details have been added to the opportunities to reflect the local identity of the reservoir and the uniqueness of each opportunity.	Further details have been added to the opportunities to reflect the local identity of the reservoir and the uniqueness of each opportunity.
Individual	Welcomes the creation of jobs in the development.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
14 individuals	General support.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
10 individuals	In support of the enhancement, protection and re-use of historic buildings to strengthen and preserve local character.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
15 individuals	Not in support of any development.	Comments noted. The masterplan is required to be in general accordance with the Local Plan which has allocated sites at the reservoir as being needed to support the growth of the city and meet housing needs.	No changes required.

Individual	Requests that entrance is available for all disabilities. Not in support of the steep entrance.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes proposals to improve the entrances and where the geography of the site allows these will be designed to be accessible for all. It is recognised that some parts of the reservoir, such as the dam wall, act as a physical barrier for some, due to their steep nature. The masterplan therefore proposes several connections to ensure everyone has a choice about where and how they access the reservoir.	No changes required.
4 individuals	In support for biodiversity and tranquillity enhancements.	Welcome support.	The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. This includes a new Development Principle on 'Sustainability', which is then reflected in each of the opportunities within the masterplan.
Individual	In support. Requests focus on low carbon initiatives such as small wind turbines.	Welcome support and note request. The masterplan wording has been updated to include reference to local renewable energy generation.	The masterplan wording has been updated to include reference to local renewable energy generation.
8 individuals	Request that local character and history is retained and conserved.	Request noted. Further details have been added to each of the opportunities in the masterplan to better reflect the local character and history. References have also been added to where such features should be protected and enhanced.	Further details have been added to each of the opportunities in the masterplan to better reflect the local character and history. References have also been added to where such features should be protected and enhanced.

Individual	Not in support. States it should be retained as a heritage area with the history it has.	Comments noted. Designated heritage assets will be protected and enhanced in line with national and local planning policy. Proposals that have the potential to impact on any heritage assets will be fully considered at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Suggests repairing existing heritage buildings and opening them up for community use.	Comments noted. This suggestion is in line with the vision of the masterplan and should proposals come forward; they will be supported in principle.	No changes required.
12 individuals	Support for design that is eco-friendly and sustainable.	Comments noted. The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. This includes a new Development Principle on 'Sustainability', which is then reflected in each of the opportunities within the masterplan.	The masterplan wording has been strengthened to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. This includes a new Development Principle on 'Sustainability', which is then reflected in each of the opportunities within the masterplan.
12 individuals and North Edgbaston Action Team	More information requested. Cannot comment without design plans.	Request noted. The masterplan provides further details and guidance on the policy within the Local Plan. It sets a vision and development principles for the opportunities around the reservoir. It is not appropriate for the masterplan to prescribe detailed plans and design, as these will be determined at the planning application stage	No changes required.
Individual	Suggests Passive Haus standards should be used.	Suggestion noted. The masterplan has been updated to include reference to	The masterplan has been updated to include reference to sustainable design and

		sustainable design and appropriate assessments such as BREEAM and WELL.	appropriate assessments such as BREEAM and WELL.
Individual	Not in support. Criticism that design is outdated.	Comments noted.	The approach to design has progressed from the previous draft masterplan with further details on design, updated precedent images and a revised sketch to illustrate the vision for the Tower Ballroom.
Individual	Questioned if there are different design options available that would be part of the consultation for them to comment on.	Suggestion noted. This is a level of detail beyond what is appropriate for the masterplan and would be more suited to the pre-application process for the opportunities in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over proposed scale.	Concerns noted. More information has been provided on the scale for each opportunity along with details on how schemes should respect the views, character and natural setting of the reservoir.	More information has been provided on the scale for each opportunity along with details on how schemes should respect the views, character and natural setting of the reservoir.
Individual	More information required about what is considered to be an important natural and historical asset.	Requested noted. Further details have been added to the masterplan and the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to ensure an up-to-date evidence base informs the masterplan.	Further details have been added to the masterplan and the Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also been updated to ensure an up-to-date evidence base informs the masterplan.
5 individuals	In support. Design should be modern but sympathetic to nature.	Welcome support. Agreed – this is the approach taken within the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	More information needed. Criticism that the wording is capable of a multitude of interpretations which needs to be	Comments noted. A balance is needed between providing the level of detail needed to deliver the vision and having flexibility in the plan to allow for innovation and changes over time.	Where appropriate, further detail has been added to the masterplan to address this criticism.

	translated into firm proposals so that the public can have their say.		
Individual	Not in support. Development and car parks should be off site to protect the natural habitat.	Comments noted. The masterplan proposed to bring the building line of the Tower Ballroom back from the waterfront and green the existing waterside car park. No new buildings are proposed within the boundary of the Local Nature Reserve.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of development.	Noted.	No changes required.
5 individuals	<p>Not in support of the dam wall being glass/glazed due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is contrary to the maintaining the heritage and historic fabric of the dam • Expensive to construct and maintain • Glazed screen would attract graffiti • Timber supports would be subject to deterioration. 	Comments noted. The masterplan text and images used have been revised to make it clear that any changes to the dam wall will respect the heritage and protect the structure of the wall.	The masterplan text and images used have been revised to make it clear that any changes to the dam wall will respect the heritage and protect the structure of the wall.
Individual	Finds the wall of the reservoir to be an eyesore and requests boats / fountains in front of it.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Does not agree with the proposed picture of 'high-quality public realm'.	Comments noted. The illustrative sketch and precedent images have been updated to better reflect the vision for high-quality public realm.	The illustrative sketch and precedent images have been updated to better reflect the vision for high-quality public realm.

Individual	Does not want many houses visible from the reservoir.	Comments noted. Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.	Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.
5 individuals, Scout Association- County of Birmingham, Angling Trust, Sport England	Concerns about the heights of buildings and the associated impact on wind for water sports.	Concerns noted. References to the need for wind impact studies have been added to the masterplan where appropriate.	References to the need for wind impact studies have been added to the masterplan where appropriate.
Sport England	Seek a more explicit reference to Active Design in respect of the proposed development opportunities.	Suggestion welcomed. The masterplan has been updated to include several references to design that encourages active living that captures the spirit of the Active Design guidance.	The masterplan has been updated to include several references to design that encourages active living that captures the spirit of the Active Design guidance.
5 individuals	In support. Request further lighting provision around the entire reservoir and its pathways.	Request noted. The masterplan includes references to lighting where appropriate and the council will support additional lighting at the reservoir where this does not have an adverse impact on wildlife.	The masterplan includes references to lighting where appropriate and the council will support additional lighting at the reservoir where this does not have an adverse impact on wildlife.
Individual	Requests that the gate keeper cottage is restored for a café and possible caretaker / ranger cottage.	Suggestion welcomed. This suggestion would align with the vision set out in the masterplan and should a proposal come forward this would be supported in principle.	No changes required.
9 individuals	Not in support of buildings next to water.	Comments noted. The masterplan proposes to set the redeveloped Tower Ballroom site away from the water edge.	No changes required.
5 individuals	State that development should be low rise (2-3 storeys).	Comments noted. The guidance around buildings heights in the document are based on the design principles and the	No changes required.

		need to deliver a mix of uses and optimise the site for housing delivery.	
19 individuals	<p>Not in support of any development that will block existing views. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lodge • Reservoir • Trees • Buddhist Temple • City skyline • Church • The Dam 	Comments noted. Further details have been added to the masterplan on views, including recognition of important landmarks.	Further details have been added to the masterplan on views, including recognition of important landmarks.
Individual	Buildings should fit within two towers. Request for new buildings not to use render or cladding, only brick.	Comments noted. This is considered too detailed and restrictive for a masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	In support of new development if a natural look is achieved through using wood and garden roof tops.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to ensure here is reference in the design sections around reflecting the natural environment. References to green roofs has also been added.	The masterplan has been updated to ensure here is reference in the design sections around reflecting the natural environment. References to green roofs has also been added.
4 individuals	In support. Design should be modern but also maintain existing views.	Welcome support. Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.	Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.
2 individuals	Concern around scale of proposed development. State that buildings should not overlook the reservoir.	Concerns noted. The guidance around buildings heights and scale in the document are based on the design principles and the need to deliver a mix of uses and optimise the site for housing delivery. Further details have been added	The guidance around buildings heights and scale in the document are based on the design principles and the need to deliver a mix of uses and optimise the site for housing delivery. Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.

		to how views will be protected and enhanced.	
Individual	In support. Requests fencing.	Support welcome. Request noted. The masterplan looks to ensure that the reservoir is accessible for all and that where fencing is required, it does not detract from the visual amenity of the area.	No changes required.
Individual	General support. States that the proposed wood will require considerable maintenance and cost. Not in support of panoramic windows as it destroys the environment as seen from outside.	Support welcome. The images included in the plan are to help bring the vision alive and any maintenance considerations will form part of the further work undertaken on individual schemes.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of boardwalk as the materials are dangerous in wet weather. Suggests filling the existing potholes instead.	Comments noted. The text no longer refers to boardwalks. Any proposal for their delivery would need to meet safety regulations.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests protection and mention of the Buddhist centre in the masterplan as it is one of Birmingham's striking buildings.	Suggestion welcomed. The masterplan has been updated to refer to the centre including in relation to views.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to the centre including in relation to views.
Individual	Not in support of manicured pathway. Requests a natural pathway instead.	Comments noted. The approach to the walkway in the masterplan has been revised to place more importance on the natural landscape compared to hard landscaping.	The approach to the walkway in the masterplan has been revised to place more importance of the natural landscape compared to hard landscaping.
Individual	In support of redevelopment. Importance of high-quality design is reiterated.	Welcome support, comments noted.	No changes required.

Individual	In support. Requests wooden play equipment.	Welcome support. The Activity and Natural Parkland sections of the masterplan include text that would support the delivery of play equipment that connects people to nature.	No changes required.
4 individuals	In support of high-quality architecture. Seeks an aspirational vision, not standard housing development.	Comments noted and agree.	No changes required.
Individual	States that the wooden bridge would be dangerous when wet and difficult to maintain.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
2 individuals	In support. Requests repair of the house on Rotton Park Road entrance.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include the option for the Rangers Bungalow to be repaired and brought back into life should a deliverable proposal come forward.	The masterplan has been updated to include the option for the Rangers Bungalow to be repaired and brought back into life should a deliverable proposal come forward.
Individual	In support. Requests extension of green area.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes several proposals that will introduce more green areas including the greening of the current closed waterside carpark, integrated green landscaping throughout schemes and the introduction of green roofs.	The masterplan includes several proposals that will introduce more green areas including the greening of the current closed waterside carpark, integrated green landscaping throughout schemes and the introduction of green roofs.
Individual	Concern about natural light being taken away from existing residents.	Concerns noted. Any impact on natural light to existing properties will be assessed at the planning application stage.	No changes required.
Individual	Water users should stay in their current location. The design should cater for their different needs and	Comments noted. Following engagement with the clubs the masterplan proposes to retain the clubs	Following engagement with the clubs the masterplan proposes to retain the clubs at their current locations.

	sufficient storage should be provided.	at their current locations and the council is happy to engage with the clubs around their proposals to improve storage.	
Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC)	Supports the council's aspiration that design should be high-quality and sustainable. States that the proposals need to be viable and deliverable.	Support noted and agree with comments.	No changes required.
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council- Public Health	Welcome support.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of any new development alongside the reservoir apart from the redevelopment of the Tower Ballroom site.	Comments noted. Other than the redevelopment of the Tower Ballroom and small-scale improvements to existing buildings, the masterplan does not propose any new buildings alongside the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support. The proposed scale is not in keeping with the Local Nature Reserve.	Concerns noted. The guidance around building heights and scale in the document are based on the design principles, need to deliver a mix of uses and optimise the site for housing delivery. Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.	The guidance around buildings heights and scale in the document are based on the design principles, need to deliver a mix of uses and optimise the site for housing delivery. Further details have been added to how views will be protected and enhanced.
West Midlands Police	Request that the SPD includes a requirement for applicants to consult at both pre-application and planning applications stage with the centrally based Design Out	Request noted. Other council documents such as the emerging Design Guide will address issues such as Designing out Crime in detail and, as such, there is no need to duplicate this in the masterplan.	No changes required.

	Crime Officers. Suggested wording: 'Measures will be sought to create and maintain environments that design out crime and create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion. The need to design out crime and ensure its continued maintenance in all new developments is a cornerstone to successful sustainable communities.' There is insufficient reference to the need to ensure that residents and visitors feel safe, safe parking and safe movement.	Consultation will be undertaken in line with council's existing policies and procedures.	
4 individuals	In support of improved safety through security measures such as CCTV.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes references to creating a safe environment and natural surveillance.	Further references to safety have been included within the masterplan.
Individual	In support. Seeks harmonisation with the Urban Splash development to lead to a unified sense of place.	Comments noted, further details have been added to the masterplan on how the reservoir and the Urban Splash site will interconnect and work together.	Further details have been added to the masterplan on how the reservoir and the Urban Splash site will interconnect and work together.
Individual	Questions if the impact of more lighting and hard walkways on the natural environment has been considered.	Comments noted. The council's ecology team have been involved in the masterplan and individual proposals throughout to ensure any adverse impacts are highlighted and mitigated.	No changes required.

Individual	Not in support of developing high-quality homes in an area of poor-quality housing stock.	Comments noted. The council is committed to delivering new homes and meeting the affordable housing target on the former Tower Ballroom site. The masterplan does not include proposals for existing housing areas as this is outside the scope of this masterplan, there are however other policies and proposals available that look to address the quality of housing in Birmingham.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions if there is going to be a height restriction in place on building developments.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes guidance on building heights. Each application will need to be assessed on its individual merits against the vision and guidance within the masterplan and other adopted policies.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of the materials proposed for the promenade.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been amended to focus less on hard landscaping in favour of a more natural approach to the walkway.	The masterplan has been amended to focus less on hard landscaping in favour of a more natural approach to the walkway
Individual	Restricting the height of development will allow for Tolkien Towers to stand out.	Comments noted. The masterplan includes guidance on building heights. These are not restrictions as each application will need to be assessed on its individual merits against the vision and guidance within the masterplan and other adopted policies. There is however more detail on the need to protect views, including the identification of landmarks.	The masterplan has been updated to include more detail on the need to protect views, including the identification of landmarks.

Individual	Suggests a smaller building to keep in line with the local environment.	Comments noted. The scale, setting and design principles for the buildings proposed are considered in keeping with the character of reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests sensory areas for those with impairments to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.	Suggestion welcomed. The delivery of sensory areas would be in keeping with the vision in the masterplan and any proposals for such a scheme would be supported in principle. It is therefore not considered necessary to include a direct reference to such a proposal within the masterplan.	No changes required.
5 individuals	Requests careful consideration given to the materials used to ensure local character is maintained.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include references to the design celebrating the character of the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to include references to the design celebrating the character of the reservoir.
2 individuals	Not in support. Disagree that the development is sensitive to the character of the area. Questions where the bore hold pumping building has been incorporated into the plans.	Comments noted. Further work has been done to better reflect the historic assets at the reservoir and how these can be protected and enhanced.	Further work has been done to better reflect the historic assets at the reservoir and how these can be protected and enhanced
4 individuals	Not in support. Design looks intimidating and is not the appropriate aesthetic for the local area.	Comments noted. The computer-generated image (CGI) has been replaced with an illustrative sketch which better reflects the character of the reservoir and the need to enhance the natural setting.	The computer-generated image (CGI) has been replaced with an illustrative sketch which better reflects the character of the reservoir and the need to enhance the natural setting.
Individual	More information required about scale and massing.	Request noted. Further details have been added where appropriate.	Further details have been added where appropriate.

Individual	More information required about the Severn Trent waterworks site.	Request noted. Further details have been added on this opportunity.	Further details have been added on this opportunity.
5 individuals	In support. State the importance of maintenance of materials and infrastructure.	Welcome support and comment noted.	No changes required.
Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust	Seek that the SPD commits to using an appropriate lighting strategy along the edge of the reservoir in accordance with Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK guidance (BCT, 2018).	Request noted. The council will fully engage with the Wildlife Trust on any proposals for lighting.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Importance of design reflecting the immediate area and Port Loop. Regard should be given to future-proofing any design.	Support welcome and comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include reference to future proofing.	The masterplan has been updated to include reference to future proofing.
Individual	In support. Suggests using European cities approach to running distance posts and kilometre measurements.	Suggestion welcome. This proposal would be in keeping with the vision and guidance set out in the Activity section of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Wider improvements are needed to buildings in the area.	Comments noted. The boundary of the masterplan has been drawn to allow for a focussed approach. The surrounding area will be addressed through city-wide plans and strategies and the recently adopted Smethwick to Birmingham Corridor SPD.	No changes required.
Individual	In support. Request public art displays and educational information.	Suggestions welcomed. These ideas have been included within the new 'Celebrating the Reservoir' opportunity in the masterplan.	These ideas have been included within the new 'Celebrating the Reservoir' opportunity in the masterplan.

Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust	Support the design statement that development should take opportunities to deliver biodiversity gains. Seek to strengthen this opportunity with a commitment to deliver biodiversity gains across the protected site. This would be furthered secured with a management plan detailing further infrastructure to be provided along the shoreline for bird watching with the provision of screen bird hides. Provision of bird boxes and additional habitat creation is also sought, alongside new interpretation boards onsite detailing the natural history and biodiversity. We would be keen to assist and consult in this production. Request to soften the manmade element of the reservoir.	Comments welcomed. The Wildlife Trust have supported the council in updating the management plan for the Local Nature Reserve and this document has been used to inform the approach towards the recommended enhancements to the natural environment with the masterplan.	The masterplan has been updated to reflect these points and an updated Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has been produced.
Canal & River Trust	Important that the buildings are not so tall that they raise concerns of overbearing or overshadowing impacts. There is no specific mention in the plan of the need to find a way for people to change levels and this should be considered and addressed as it is essential. Nature protection should be the at the southern end of the	Comments noted. The council has worked closely with the Canal & River Trust to address these comments and include the requested information on heights, nature protection and heritage assets.	The masterplan has been updated to include the requested information on heights, nature protection and heritage assets.

	reservoir with commercial activities to the north east. Further details around principles of heritage protection are requested.		
Bearwood and Hagley Road Business Association	Suggest residential development to be facing out and not into the reservoir so that visitors do not feel alienated by residential 'privilege' and so that events are not threatened by resident complaints.	Comments noted. Some properties will face onto the reservoir in order to maximise natural light, the water setting and to provide natural surveillance.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support. Questions why more than minimal aesthetic improvement for recreational use, re-surfacing and landscaping is being proposed.	Comments noted. Some of the proposals within the masterplan, such as the walkway and Natural Parkland are not suggesting huge amounts of change, but instead look to enhance the existing assets in keeping with the natural environment and character of the reservoir. Areas of greater change, such as the former Tower Ballroom site will enhance the reservoir and provide activity whilst protecting the character of the area.	No changes required.

Delivery (now called Delivery and Management)

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
7 Individuals	General support for the delivery section.	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
13 Individuals	Not in support – nothing should be delivered, and the reservoir should be left as it is.	Comments noted.	No changes required.

7 Individuals	Request that the local community is involved in the delivery of the plans.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to incorporate a set of Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir. The Delivery section of the document also refers to the community under the partnership section of the chapter.	The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.
19 Individuals, Preet Gill (MP) and Shabana Mahmood (MP)	Request that the views of the nearby community are given significant weight.	Request noted. The council has had continued engagement with the community via the Community Partnership Forum. This second round of consultation will also allow local residents to have a say on the revised masterplan.	The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.
2 Individuals	Request that the community is kept informed of the delivery programme.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.	The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.
3 Individual	Criticism that the current plans goes against the spirit of partnership working as the local community and water users are opposed to the plan.	Comment noted. The council has had continued engagement with the community via the Community Partnership Forum, this has included working with the water users to agree the future location of their clubs.	No changes required.
7 Individuals	Concerns that private investment will mean the interest of local communities is not given sufficient weight.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.	The masterplan has been amended to incorporate Community Principles which include a commitment to working with the community at the reservoir.

Individual	Request that the views from Kings Heath, Moseley and other areas are also taken into consideration.	Comments noted. All representations are fully considered and there is no geographical limitation on who can respond to the consultation.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that local representatives are part of a delivery panel.	Suggestion noted. The masterplan does not set out governance around delivery. If a delivery panel is required to support the delivery of the masterplan, the role of the community on this panel will be given full consideration.	No changes required.
Individual	No concerns about the delivery of the masterplan as long as the reservoir remains free for all.	Comments noted. The masterplan is clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for commitment to maintenance and investment.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that the delivery is landscape-led.	Comments noted. Delivering a high-quality environment is key to the masterplan vision.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests the masterplan is delivered with ethical and morally sound ethos.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been developed to ensure the environment, heritage, character and local identity of the reservoir is protected and enhanced.	No changes required.
11 Individuals	Criticism the council is placing too much importance on profit / budget pressures.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been developed to ensure the environment, heritage, character and local identity of the reservoir is protected and enhanced.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Concerns that financial motives of developers will impact on the natural environment.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been developed to ensure the environment, heritage, character and	No changes required. The wording in the masterplan has been strengthened to ensure the environment is given sufficient weight.

		local identity of the reservoir is protected and enhanced. The wording in the masterplan has been strengthened to ensure the environment is given sufficient weight.	
4 individuals	Concerns that private sector investment will mean there is not enough control over what happens at the reservoir.	Concerns noted. The vision in the masterplan will provide the basis for decisions. Consideration will be given to how the long-term maintenance and uses at the reservoir can continued to be influenced by the council.	No changes required.
5 Individuals	Concerns that new facilities will be run by commercial operators when the existing clubs and community are best placed.	Concerns noted. The council has worked continuously with the existing water users to ensure the revised masterplan provides a framework that support their operations and further outreach work with the community. There are also numerous opportunities in the masterplan for the community to occupy space to operate facilities, businesses, enterprises from, should they come forward with deliverable proposals.	No changes required.
Individual	Statement that the local community working with existing water users are willing to take over the management of the reservoir in keeping with the council's localism agenda and as a pioneering ward. This will use an alternative model to S106 and enhance the natural environment.	Suggestion welcome. The council has been working through the Local Nature Reserve Committee to explore ways in which the community can have greater stewardship over the reservoir. Reference to increased stewardship has been included in the revised masterplan.	Reference to increased stewardship has been included in the revised masterplan.

6 Individuals	Concerns that the commercialisation of the site will change its character.	Concerns noted. The masterplan has been developed to ensure the environment, heritage, character and local identity of the reservoir is protected and enhanced.	No changes required.
Individual	Question who will own the flats in the proposed development and concerns that the proposals will result in privatisation.	Comment noted. The delivery mechanism for the new housing has not be determined. The council is committed to delivering a mix of homes at the reservoir, including meeting the target for affordable housing.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Request that no private funding is used or that the delivery should not depend too much on private funding.	Request noted. The council will explore all delivery mechanism to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individuals	Concerns that the interest of the new private residents will outweigh those of wider users.	Concerns noted. The masterplan is clear that the reservoir is for everyone and that new residential developments will be well connected and support the vision for the reservoir as set out in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that funding the proposals in the masterplan will not achieve anything if it is not what people want.	Comments noted. The council has continuously engaged with the community and existing water user groups to look at how we can better align the masterplan with their vision.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concerns that a lack of secured funding will mean the proposals do not go ahead.	Concerns noted. The council is committed to delivering the vision in the masterplan and has identified several opportunities which will have different delivery mechanisms.	No changes required.

Individual	Concerns that there is not enough capacity in surrounding infrastructure to deliver the proposals.	Concerns noted. The masterplan delivers the growth agenda set out in the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) and as part of the BDPs evidence base consideration was given to the infrastructure requirements in this area of the city, further detailed consideration on the impact to infrastructure will be considered through the planning application process.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion the masterplan needs to plan for the younger generation to make sure their needs are met.	Suggestion noted. The views of young people have been incorporated into the masterplan's development.	No changes required.
12 Individuals	Request the proposals are delivered quickly.	Comment noted. Work on some of the opportunities has already been delivered, such as the pathway improvements and the council is working on detailed delivering programmes for other elements of the masterplan.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Development is urgently needed to make the most of the reservoir.	Comment noted. Work on some of the opportunities has already been delivered, such as the pathway improvements and the council is working on detailed delivering programmes for other elements of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that improvements to the loop path is delivered as a priority.	Comment noted. Most of the pathway improvements have now been delivered.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion it should be done in time for the Commonwealth Games to increase interest in the reservoir.	Comment noted. Some improvements, such as the pathway have been delivered in times for the games.	No changes required.

Individual	Request that Local Councillors should be involved in delivery.	Comment noted. The Local Councillors will be kept informed on the delivery of the masterplan.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Support for private sector involvement.	Comment noted. The council will explore all delivery mechanisms to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Request the council work with the right private sector partners who have a track record of delivering in Birmingham.	Request noted. The council will explore all delivery mechanisms to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
2 Individual3	Request that costs and budgets are realistic and manageable.	Comment noted.	No changes required.
3 Individuals, West Midlands Police	Support for partnership working.	Support welcomed. The Delivery section is very clear that partnership working is key to the delivery of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for partnership working that is neutral.	Support welcomed. The Delivery section is very clear that partnership working is key to the masterplan's delivery.	No changes required.
4 Individuals	Request the council work with wildlife and green organisations to ensure positives for the environment.	Support welcomed. The Delivery section is very clear that partnership working is key to the masterplan's delivery – this includes continuing to work with the Wildlife Trust and the Canal & River Trust who have been instrumental in shaping the masterplan.	No changes required.
2 Individual	Suggestion that Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust should be a key partner.	Suggestion noted and agreed. The Wildlife Trust have been involved in the masterplan production.	The Wildlife Trust are listed as a partner in the Delivery section.

Individual	Suggestion that the Woodland Trust is involved.	Suggestion noted, the Woodland Trust will be consulted on the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion the council works with Seven Trent.	Suggestion noted and agreed. As owners of one of the opportunity sites, the council has worked with Severn Trent on the masterplan.	Severn Trent are listed as a partner in the Delivery section.
Individual and Bearwood & Hagley Road Business Association	Request the council work with local businesses, suppliers and workforce to deliver the proposals. Including The new Avery Fields site on Sandon Road.	Requested noted. The procurement of services, suppliers and workforce for any council schemes will be undertaken in line with the policies and procedures in place.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Request for independent businesses and not chains to be located at the reservoir.	Request noted. The masterplan has been developed to ensure the environment, heritage, character and local identity of the reservoir is protected and enhanced.	No changes required.
10 Individuals	Request the council work in partnership with the existing water users.	Request noted. The council has had ongoing positive discussions with the water users which have resulted in the masterplan being amended to better reflect their vision for the future of each club.	The council has had ongoing positive discussions with the water users which have resulted in the masterplan being amended to better reflect their vision for the future of each club
Individual	Request from local artists to be involved in the delivery.	Request noted. Local art groups have been involved via the Community Partnership Forum and there will be opportunities for continued engagement.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that the community own the accommodation and other resources.	Request noted. At present, no details have been submitted to the council that demonstrate the community have a	No changes required.

		deliverable proposal to own resources at the reservoir. The masterplan includes opportunities that could provide appropriate buildings/premises/areas of land for community-led projects, especially Reservoir Lodge and bungalow.	
Individual	Request a reference to Community Asset Transfer.	Request noted. This process sits outside of planning and is therefore not appropriate for the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that the developers of Port loop should commit money to the construction and upkeep of the reservoir as the site provides amenity space for new residents.	Suggestion noted. These are issues that would be addressed at a planning application stage.	No changes required.
Individual	Question if the council could collect a small annual 'maintenance' payment from all new homeowners at Telford Place and Reservoir View and Port Loop etc for the continued investment in the upkeep of the reservoir.	Suggestion noted. Consideration will be given to the role residential developments within the masterplan boundary play in supporting the maintenance of the reservoir as part of the further work undertaken on site delivery and the planning application process.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Suggestion the council works with the universities, schools, cultural intuitions and make connections with the commonwealth Games.	Suggestion noted. The outreach work for the Commonwealth Games is a separate process so has not been reflected in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that if the Osler Park needs to be built on in order to achieve the vision then the masterplan should be reconsidered.	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.

Individual	Request that Osler park is invested in and not developed on.	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.
Individual	Waterside development should not be used to fund the improvements.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been revised to set out the policy position behind the approach to development at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that the masterplan proposed to build on a park that was delivered using S106 and now proposes to use S106 to deliver other improvements.	Comments noted. The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal to build on Osler Street Park has been removed from the masterplan.
2 Individuals	Concerns that areas of the reservoir will be closed for access during the delivery of the proposals.	Concerns noted. The council will work with partners delivering schemes to ensure any impact on pathways during construction is minimised as much as possible.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Request that the walkway around the reservoir remains open throughout any construction.	Concerns noted. The council will work with partners delivering schemes to ensure any impact on pathways during construction is minimised as much as possible.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that the proposals are delivered at the same time as Port Loop to minimise disruption.	Comments noted. The masterplan does not set the timescales for individual schemes as this can only be determined once schemes have progressed to the delivery stage.	No changes required.
Individual	Concerns that the level of detail in the delivery section suggested the proposal in the plan will not get delivered.	Comments noted. Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.	Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.

12 Individuals	Request for more information on delivery.	Request noted. Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.	Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.
4 Individual	Request for more detail on who the council intends to develop the proposals.	Request noted. The council is exploring a range of options for different elements of the masterplan as such, it is not considered appropriate to detail this level of information in the document.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that fundraising and partnerships for delivery and engagement work need to be clearly identified to ensure the delivery of suitable space.	Request noted. Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.	Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.
2 Individuals	Request for details on phasing and timescales of schemes.	Request noted. Where details are known about indicative phasing timescales these have been added, for example for the Edgbaston Waterworks site.	Where details are known about timescales these have been added, for example for the Edgbaston Waterworks site.
5 Individuals	Request for plain language and clear statements on delivery.	Request noted. Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan.	Further details have been added to the Delivery section of the masterplan. The masterplan has also been revised to use plain language.
Individual	Question if there is a sustainability plan.	Comment noted. The masterplan has been amended to further imbed sustainability within the vision and opportunities.	The masterplan has been amended to further imbed sustainability within the vision and opportunities.
10 Individuals	Question where the funding for the proposals will come from.	Comment noted. The masterplan sets the vision for the reservoir. The delivery of individual opportunities will be further developed as part of delivering this vision. There will be multiple funding	No changes required.

		streams used to deliver the opportunities within the masterplan.	
65 individuals	Concerns the council has no money to support the delivery.	Concerns noted. The council is committed to delivering the vision within the masterplan and will explore new ways of working and delivery.	No changes required.
Angling Club	Question if Sport England will fund proposals that do not meet the needs of existing clubs and the angling club.	Comments noted. The council has worked with water users to better align the masterplan with their vision for the future. It is not appropriate for the council to comment on funding decisions made by partners.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Question the economic viability of a single water facility as the current groups rely on volunteers and affordable rents.	Comments noted. The council has worked with water users to better align the masterplan with their vision for the future. The proposal for a single water facility has therefore been removed from the masterplan.	The proposal for a single water facility has therefore been removed from the masterplan
14 Individuals	Question how the ongoing maintenance will be funded.	Comments noted. The council recognises the need for ongoing maintenance and will be looking at a variety of ways to work with partners to manage and fund this in the long-term.	No changes required.
8 Individuals and Midland Sailing Club and Birmingham Rowing Club	Request for more detail on how the site will be managed and ran.	Comments noted. The council recognises the need for ongoing maintenance and will be looking at a variety of ways to manage and fund this in the long-term.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Suggestion of a separate management plan.	Comments noted. The council recognises the need for ongoing maintenance and	No changes required.

		will be looking at a variety of ways to manage and fund this in the long-term.	
4 individuals	The management of the site needs to consider tackling anti-social behaviour.	Comments noted. Increased activity at the reservoir will help address anti-social behaviour and the council will work with partners to address issues that arise.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Concerns the proposals will not be financially accessible to the local community.	Concerns noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that there is as much free space and activity as possible to ensure the local community is not costed out.	Request noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
Individual	Keep facilities public and not commercially ran.	Request noted. The masterplan vision makes it clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. There are numerous opportunities that will be accessible for all the community such as improved public realm, public open space and spaces for community activity.	No changes required.
5 Individuals	Suggest the masterplan is a waste of money.	Comments noted.	No changes required.

Individual	Concerns about the long-term viability of non-residential units and the creation of empty units.	Concerns noted. The council is aware of the need to ensure the long-term sustainable use of any premises for non-residential uses and would expect any proposals to be informed by up-to-date information on need and demands for uses.	No changes required.
Individual	Support for the redevelopment of the area to provide homes which can then provide S106 money to fund improvements in public realm.	Welcome support.	No changes required.
3 Individuals	Question when the S106 money will be received.	Comment noted. S106 money has been received and used to implement the improvements to the walkway around the reservoir.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Request a breakdown of the S106 money.	Comment noted. This level of detail is not appropriate for the masterplan. Any request for data can be made to the council's S106 team.	No changes required.
Individual	Section 106 funding must be apportioned equably and according to need.	Comments noted. The S106 process has its own policies and procedures which will be followed at the reservoir.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Request that S106 contributions from the Icknield Port Loop developments provide the connection down from the reservoir to Icknield Port Loop.	Comments noted. The S106 process has its own policies and procedures which will be followed at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that S106 money was invested in better entrances, additional water supply to keep the	Comment noted. The S106 process has its own policies and procedures which will be followed at the reservoir.	No changes required.

	reservoir full all year round, investing in the existing clubs and providing a ranger service.		
Individual	Delivery of the masterplan should not rely on S106, it's a council-owned site and the council should fund the improvements.	Comments noted. S106 is one of several funding mechanisms that will be considered.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism of the amount of S106 and how it is spent.	Comment noted. The S106 process has its own policies and procedures which will be followed at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggestion that the proposals are funded through CIL.	Comments noted. If appropriate, the use of CIL will be considered as a delivery mechanism.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that the sustainability of the construction and materials used is given consideration.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to refer to the sustainability of materials and the recycling of demolition materials.	The masterplan has been updated to refer to the sustainability of materials and the recycling of demolition materials.
Individual	Request the council consider community-led housing development.	Request noted. The masterplan does not set out the delivery mechanisms. The council will explore all delivery mechanisms to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
2 Individuals	Request the council consider the reservoir site is placed in a trust.	Request noted. The council will explore all delivery mechanisms to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Concerns about the type of housing that will be delivered and how affordability will be ensured.	Concerns noted. All schemes will be assessed against the masterplan and other adopted local plan policies. These include policies on housing mix and	The masterplan has been updated to cross reference these policies to emphasise the council's commitment to delivering affordable housing at the reservoir.

		affordability. The masterplan has been updated to cross reference these policies to emphasise the council's commitment to delivering affordable housing at the reservoir.	
Individual	Concerns about local people being able to afford the housing.	Concerns noted. All schemes will be assessed against the masterplan and other adopted local plan policies. These include policies on housing mix and affordability. The masterplan has been updated to cross reference these policies to emphasise the council's commitment to delivering affordable housing at the reservoir.	The masterplan has been updated to cross reference these policies to emphasise the council's commitment to delivering affordable housing at the reservoir.
8 Individual	Criticism the council should focus on other services such as bins, homelessness, children services.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
The Scout Association - County of Birmingham	Request to be involved in the process.	Request noted. Engagement will be ongoing throughout the delivery of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Request the delivery is high-quality.	Request noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Request the money is spent on leisure and recreation facilities and not housing.	Request noted. The masterplan has several opportunities identified that are not housing schemes.	No changes required.
Individual	Request for affordable regular programmes of activity based on the local needs. Possibly in conjunction with community	Request noted. The Activity section of the masterplan would support the delivery of such programmes.	No changes required.

	service providers and medical practices.		
12 Individuals	Request for a ranger to be provided to maintain and police the site.	Request noted. We understand the community would like to see a Rangers Service at the reservoir but there are no resources to secure this service at present. In line with the approach taken at several other parks and nature reserves across Birmingham, the council is eager to work with the Local Nature Reserve Committee to establish a greater role for the community.	No changes required.
5 Individuals	Suggest the council look at examples elsewhere.	Comments noted. The council has looked at examples from other locations in the UK and internationally. This will continue as the delivery of the opportunities is developed further.	No changes required.
Individual	Request details on how this will support local jobs.	Comments noted. The creation of more uses around the reservoir will provide job opportunities and the council will work with any occupiers as part of its social value procedures.	No changes required.
Individual	Question the long-term maintenance of the materials – especially the wood as show in the images.	Comments noted. The maintenance of building materials will be considered as part of the individual development of schemes and the planning application process.	No changes required.
Individual	Request that consideration is given to local residents during construction.	Request noted. As with any construction scheme, consideration will be given to the impact on surrounding residential	No changes required.

		areas as part of the delivery of a proposal.	
Sport England	Delivery section needs to be developed further. It is recommended that a Business Plan is prepared which would include a costed and timetabled action plan for implementation together with details of management and maintenance to demonstrate sustainable long-term stewardship. The masterplan should have more details in timescales.	Comments noted. The council is keen to continue working with Sport England on delivery, which may include a business plan for council-led proposals.	No changes required.
Sport England	The masterplan should set out what contribution will be expected from the development at Thomas Telford Place to the funding of the project.	Comments noted. This level of detail is not available given the stage the development of the former Tower Ballroom is at.	No changes required.
Individual	Edgbaston Watersports should seek further financial assistance by developing partnerships with all the universities within Birmingham. They could seek further financial support by offering naming rights for the centre to adventurous commercial partners.	Suggestion noted. The water clubs are working on their plans for the future and the council will support these as appropriate.	No changes required.
Canal & River Trust	It is important for the city council to engage with existing user groups to discuss how future use can be accommodated, encouraged and used to promote activities to a	Comments noted. The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust to incorporate and address these comments.	No changes required.

	<p>wider audience and increase local participation. It is also important to ensure that the built environment and public spaces are well maintained and managed in the future. There will therefore need to be emphasis on social, economic and cultural aspects as well as the built and natural environment. Further detailed design principles will need to be agreed and articulated to ensure that the principles are carried through into the details of any developments that are proposed. A programme showing the next stages in the development and delivery of the document should be mapped out as a guide to intended progress.</p>		
Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC)	<p>Welcome the recognition that the long-term success of the site will be dependent upon continuing engagement with stakeholders and the community. MSSC is keen to continue its involvement as a key stakeholder in the development of an updated site-wide management and maintenance plan with long term accountability.</p>	Support welcomed.	No changes required.
West Midlands Police	<p>Want to be part of the partnership working and requests wording is</p>	Comments noted. The approach towards the police receiving developer	No changes required.

	included in the masterplan on developer contributions towards delivering safe communities.	contributions is outside the scope of the masterplan.	
Individual	Management required to sustain reservoir area.	Comments noted. The masterplan recognises the need for management at the reservoir.	No changes required.

Other

Consultee	Representation Summary	Officer Response	Proposed Changes to SPD
7 Individuals	Criticism of the consultation process as notice was not given to residents within the masterplan boundary and the local community have not been involved.	Comments noted. The consultation undertaken met the requirements of planning regulations and the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Since the last consultation, continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community through the Community Partnership Forum and with current water user clubs.	No changes required.
Individual	Request the plan includes plans to renovate Perrott's Folly.	Request noted. Perrott's Folly is outside of the boundary of the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Port Loop 'House' delivery should not be done in working hours as it makes roads dangerous.	Comments noted. The operational hours of construction at Port Loop are outside of the scope of the masterplan.	No changes required.
3 individuals	Concern over too much commercialisation.	Concerns noted. The masterplan provides a clear vision for the reservoir that will deliver improvements for all who enjoy the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Does not believe the council has the ability to organise and deliver this masterplan.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
8 individuals	Not in support.	Comments noted.	No changes required.

14 individuals	<p>More information needed. Request the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides more detail • Removes planning jargon and uses simple language • Includes information about long-term maintenance 	Comments noted. The masterplan has been revised to provide further detail, use plain language and make reference to maintenance as part of the delivery section.	The masterplan has been revised to provide further detail, use plain language and make reference to maintenance as part of the delivery section
5 individuals	Concern over accessibility. Question whether development will result in an increased cost of the current affordable facilities.	Concerns noted. The masterplan no longer proposes to relocate the water users but looks to support the water clubs in their existing locations.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over the proposed apartments becoming private land and therefore restricting public access around the reservoir.	Concerns noted. The masterplan includes several design principles that will ensure residential developments do not create private spaces that restrict access to the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests that following the redevelopment, more access is granted to the city's low-income households. States that charging entry to the average person, including parking, will restrict access to those who can access the space now.	Request noted. There are no proposals to charge for access to the reservoir and the masterplan is clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone. The masterplan does not set out a management regime for car parking.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests that activities remain free and accessible.	Request noted. The masterplan does not set out the details around uses and their operation but rather provides a vision for what uses would be supported. The masterplan does however include proposals that will improve the spaces in	No changes required.

		which free activities could take place such as the walkways, greened car parking event space and enhanced public realm in front of Osler Place.	
Individual	Concern over anti-social behaviour. States that more visitors will intensify the issues.	Concerns noted. Increased visitors, especially over longer hours will provide more natural surveillance and help to address issues around anti-social behaviour.	No changes required.
7 individuals	Concern over anti-social behaviour. Request this issue is seen as a priority and should be addressed and managed.	Concerns noted. Increased visitors, especially over longer hours will provide more natural surveillance and help to address issues around anti-social behaviour.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests 24/7 security.	Concerns noted. Increased visitors, especially over longer hours will provide more natural surveillance and help to address issues around anti-social behaviour.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests a warden presence to prevent anti-social behaviour and maximise the sporting and leisure activities.	Concerns noted. Increased visitors, especially over longer hours will provide more natural surveillance and help to address issues around anti-social behaviour. The council will work with operators at the reservoir to support activity as appropriate.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support. Concerned development will destroy the space as it is currently used and enjoyed by the local area.	Concerns noted. The masterplan strikes the balance between protecting and enhancing the existing assets, protecting the natural environment and providing	No changes required.

		facilities that meet existing and future resident's needs.	
Individual	Requests a mixed-method approach to consultation for those in the area and beyond. States that not everyone is on social media.	Request noted. The consultation did involve a mixed method approach with officers attending events, holding drop-in events and materials being available at local libraries.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions the council's motivations. Criticises the council for not understanding of the community's development needs. Request that local people are a priority. Request more information about how local community will be directly impacted. Criticism of planning jargon being used.	Comments noted. The council has worked with the community via the Community Partnership Forum with the aim of addressing such criticism.	The masterplan has been revised to use plain language.
Individual	States the council has worked against residents and have not addressed residents' concerns.	Comments noted. The council has worked with the community through the Community Partnership Forum with the aim of addressing such criticism.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests to be consulted again before any work takes place.	A second round of consultation is being undertaken on the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	States the consultation was not well advertised and did not provide a chance for a wide range of people to have their say.	Comments noted. The consultation undertaken met the requirements of planning regulations and the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport	No changes required.

		clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	
Individual	Questions whether the public's view will be taken into account.	Comments noted. This table sets out the ways in which the previous consultation has informed the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests that plans are displayed in local churches and schools for people to view before a decision is agreed.	Request noted. The document was placed in the local libraries and is made available on request for any community groups who wish to have hard copies. The consultation undertaken was robust and a second round of consultation is being undertaken on the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that the public consultation was not shaped by local residents.	Comments noted. The consultation undertaken met the requirements of planning regulations and the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	State the questionnaire did not ask if you're a visitor to the reservoir and there was no mention of Tolkien Walk.	Comments noted. The questionnaire is open for anyone to respond to. The questionnaire did not specifically ask a question on 'Tolkien Walk', however there was an opportunity to provide any other comments on the masterplan including Tolkien Walk under the following question: 'Do you have any	No changes required.

		other comments on this Draft Masterplan?’	
Individual	Requests the council listens to the existing users.	Comments noted. This table sets out the ways in which the previous consultation has informed the revised masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests the council take note of the alternative plan that local groups are creating.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation, continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests to be kept informed.	Request noted. Everyone who formally responded to the consultation will be notified of progress with the masterplans production.	No changes required.
Individual	States the planning process used at the council needs to change. Requests more genuine public consultation prior to plans being drafted and increased transparency.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests consultation is restarted with more meaningful engagement.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of any development. Requests the council	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with	No changes required.

	listens to the local people and that the consultation is not a formality.	the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	
Individual	States all existing institutions in the masterplan boundary should be consulted throughout the process for full transparency.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that work from previous consultations have not been taken into account.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
8 individuals	Question the council's motivations. Criticism the council is prioritising profit from housing over conservation and local needs.	Comments noted. The masterplan provides a framework for protecting the natural environment, providing community benefits and delivering homes to meet the city's housing needs.	No changes required.
Individual	States that the development has only short-term goals and questions the council's motivations.	Comments noted. The masterplan provides a framework for protecting the natural environment, providing community benefits and delivering homes to meet the city's housing needs.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions the council's motivations. States that targets are being prioritised over nature.	Comments noted. The masterplan provides a framework for protecting the natural environment, providing community benefits and delivering homes to meet the city's housing needs.	No changes required.
Individual	Consultation process needed to be longer.	Request noted. The consultation period was extended to twelve weeks during the consultation process and a second round	No changes required.

		of consultation will be undertaken on the revised masterplan.	
Individual	States that the site should be taken out of the council's control and made into a reservoir trust.	Request noted. The council will explore all delivery mechanisms to ensure the right route is chosen to deliver the vision in the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Suggests renaming Edgbaston Reservoir to Ladywood Lake.	Suggestion noted. This is outside the scope of the masterplan and a separate process would need to be undertaken to rename the reservoir.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Requests collaboration with all key stakeholders. States that proper engagement is vital at this stage.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions the council's motivations and expresses distrust over the spending of public money.	Comments noted. The masterplan provides a framework for protecting the natural environment, providing community benefits and delivering homes to meet the city's housing needs.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concern over lack of consultation with local residents.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions if key stakeholders have already been consulted.	Comments noted. Since the last formal public consultation continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current	No changes required.

		water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	
Individual	Requests more information about who the stakeholders are.	Comments noted. Further detail has been added to the masterplan to set out who the main stakeholders are.	Further detail has been added to the masterplan to set out who the main stakeholders are.
Individual	Requests more information and continuous public engagement.	Comments noted. Since the last consultation formal public continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum. Further detail has been added to the masterplan.	Further detail has been added to the masterplan.
Individual	Criticism that council officers working on the project have not visited the reservoir.	Comments noted. All officers working on the masterplan have visited the reservoir and attended regular meetings with the community and water users on site at the reservoir.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism council officers do not care about health and wellbeing of reservoir users.	Comments noted. Supporting community health and wellbeing is key and the masterplan has been updated to include stronger references to the role of the reservoir in health and wellbeing.	The masterplan has been updated to include stronger references to the role of the reservoir in health and wellbeing
Individual	Requests more information regarding what impact assessments were done.	Comments noted. The council has the necessary evidence required to inform a Supplementary Planning Document that hangs off an adopted local plan.	No changes required.
Individual	Not in support of housing.	Noted.	No changes required.
Individual	States that the pictures in the masterplan offer an idealistic vision that is not realistic.	Comments noted. The images are precedent images to help bring the vision for the reservoir alive.	No changes required.

2 individuals	Full support of alternative vision of the Community Consortium.	Noted.	No changes required.
2 individuals	Concern around sustainability impacts of development.	Comments noted. The masterplan has been updated to include further details around sustainability, including a new development principle.	No changes required.
Individual	States that the tone of the document is too futuristic which gives the impression that the objective of the plan is to have the reservoir copy Brindley Place.	Comments noted. The masterplan tone has been revised to provide a vision that highlights the role of the natural environment and the community further.	The masterplan tone has been revised to provide a vision that highlights the role of the natural environment and the community further.
Individual	States the area lacks civic pride and expresses concern around the rubbish associated with the houses of multiple occupancy.	Comments noted. The masterplan provides a vision that will enhance the reservoir and surrounding area. This should help raise civic pride and result in less issues such as littering.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests a visual masterplan.	Request noted. The masterplan has been updated to include an artist's impression sketch of the former Tower Ballroom site and indicative site plans for the opportunity areas. Further details will not be available until further work is undertaken on the individual schemes.	No changes required.
Individual	Requests more attention given to protect the existing site.	Request noted. The masterplan has been amended to provide more guidance on how the existing features and assets will be protected and enhanced.	The masterplan has been amended to provide more guidance on how the existing features and assets will be protected and enhanced.
Individual	States that the vision is unrealistic.	Comments noted.	No changes required.

Individual	Request the council listens to the support group for this area and take guidance from them.	Comments noted. It is not clear what the support group is, but since the last formal public consultation, continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.	No changes required.
Individual	States the masterplan makes no reference to how the reservoir is managed. Concern over anti-social behaviour, fishing in dangerous places, BBQs around the shore and people going into the water. States the council is currently unable to manage these issues effectively and increased activity will intensify these issues.	Comments noted. Increased activity at the reservoir will help address anti-social behaviour and the council will work with partners to address issues that arise.	No changes required.
Royal Life Saving Society	Welcome the opportunity to work in collaboration with the council to help make the reservoir a safe and enjoyable place for the residents of Birmingham to enjoy.	Welcome offer.	No changes required.
National Grid	Has identified that it has no electricity and gas transmission apparatus within the masterplan area.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	States the photos in the plan have no relevance to Edgbaston Reservoir.	Comments noted. Some of the images included are precedent images with the purpose of bringing the vision alive. All photos have been reviewed and replaced	All photos have been reviewed and replaced as appropriate in order to better align with the revised masterplan text.

		as appropriate in order to better align with the revised masterplan text.	
3 individuals	Concern over gentrification associated with proposed apartments. State that it will result in exclusion of existing community and prioritising of new residents.	Concerns noted. The masterplan is clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone and improvements proposed in the document will provide spaces and facilities that bring together existing and future residents.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern the masterplan has been written for developers rather than the reservoir users.	Concerns noted. The masterplan has been written for a range of stakeholders. The masterplan has been revised and drafts shared with the community members of the Community Partnership Forum for comments and suggested amendments. This has resulted in the revised masterplan having a stronger community voice.	The masterplan has been revised and drafts shared with the community members of the Community Partnership Forum for comments and suggested amendments. This has resulted in the revised masterplan having a stronger community voice.
Individual	Requests the council looks at examples of other reservoirs.	Request noted. Officers did consider other reservoirs in both the UK and outside of the UK when developing the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern over gentrification of the reservoir and a gated community forming for new residents.	Concerns noted. The masterplan is clear that the reservoir belongs to everyone and that improvements proposed in the document will provide spaces and facilities that bring together existing and future residents.	No changes required.
Individual	Questions the council's priorities. States bin collection should be the focus, not the reservoir.	Comments noted. Bin collections are beyond the remit of the masterplan.	No changes required.

Individual	Supports proposals in the masterplan as long as they are not funded by money received from taxes.	Comments noted.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism of the consultation process. States they were unaware of the plans for the site.	Comments noted. The consultation undertaken met the requirements of planning regulations and the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement.	No changes required.
Individual	Concern that the area will be ignored due to its ethnically diverse local community.	Comments noted. The reservoir area is within a priority area in the Birmingham Development Plan and the Council is committed to adopting and delivering the masterplan.	No changes required.
Individual	Asks if the reservoir water is still used to augment the city supply of drinking water.	Question noted. The council is not aware of the water being used for drinking water.	No changes required.
Individual	Criticism that the council was not clear about housing proposals from the start of the consultation. States that there was no consultation with people living near Osler Street about the idea of building on the play area. Questions why the water users' views are not reflected in the masterplan. States that no visitor surveys have been carried out to gather an understanding of reservoir users.	Comments noted. The proposals for residential on the former Tower Ballroom are set out in the Birmingham Development Plan that had its own consultation and approval process. The proposal to develop on Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The council has worked with the water clubs and the masterplan has been amended to reflect their preferences to stay in their current locations.	The proposal to develop on Osler Street Park have been removed from the masterplan. The council has worked with the water clubs and the masterplan has been amended to reflect their preferences to stay in their current locations.
Canal & River Trust	The Trust needs to continue to be able to maintain the operational	Comments noted. The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on	The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on the revised masterplan is

	and reservoir safety aspects of the reservoir. It is important that the water remains sufficient, safe and controlled for the enjoyment of users and the customers of the wider canal network that the reservoir water feeds.	the revised masterplan is ensure that appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.	ensure that appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.
Worcester, Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society and The Lapal Canal Trust	Concern that insufficient emphasis is given to the fact that Edgbaston Reservoir is a canal feeder reservoir. Request the recognition that the Canal & River Trust must continue to be able to draw water from the reservoir.	Comments noted. The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on the revised masterplan to ensure appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.	The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on the revised masterplan to ensure appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.
Individual	Suggests an archaeological investigation of the Engine House. States that the history of the operations of the reservoir is currently under-represented.	Suggestions noted. Further details have been added to the masterplan to celebrate the historic character of the reservoir.	Further details have been added to the masterplan to celebrate the historic character of the reservoir.
Bearwood and Hagley Road Business Association	Suggest encouraging the development of the Monument Road shopping parades and repurposing the Tower Social Club as a small business hub. Would like to see Ladywood Leisure Centre better connected with the reservoir as it has the potential to act as a gateway to the reservoir.	Suggestions noted. Monument Road shopping parade is outside of the masterplan boundary. The Tower Social Club is now included in the masterplan but is proposed for redevelopment as housing. The wording in the masterplan has been updated to include commercial uses being appropriate at Osler Place. Small scale businesses start up would be supported in principle, on the condition that they enhance the waterside experience and activate the site.	The Tower Social Club is now included in the masterplan but is proposed for redevelopment as housing. The wording in the masterplan has been updated to include commercial uses being appropriate at Osler Place. Small scale businesses start up would be supported in principle, on the condition that they enhance the waterside experience and activate the site. Improved connectivity to the Leisure Centre has been included in the revised masterplan.

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Inland Waterways Association	Request it be noted there are ongoing problems with the feeder supplies to the Birmingham Canal, one of which has been unresolved for several years. The plan should be revised to say that the water requirements for safe navigation of the Birmingham Level will continue to take precedence over the water requirements of Edgbaston Reservoir.	Comments noted. The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on the revised masterplan to ensure that appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.	The council has worked with the Canal & River Trust on the revised masterplan to ensure that appropriate wording is included around the function of the reservoir.
Individual	<p>Questions if the plan involves removing materials and fixtures intact to be offered on/or enhanced into the new build. Not for nostalgia but for sustainable purposes. Asks how the council can influence these types of decisions.</p> <p>Criticism that the consultation period was not long enough for more meaningful engagement with the local community before making decisions about the plan.</p>	<p>Suggestion noted. The demolition requirements of the Tower Ballroom have included a request to consider what materials can be saved and re-used in recognition of the important role the site played in the social history of Birmingham. Other materials will be recycled in line with regulations and the council's existing procedures.</p> <p>The consultation period was extended during the process. Since the last consultation, continuous consultation has been undertaken with the local community and with current water sport clubs through the Community Partnership Forum.</p>	No changes required.

Individual	<p>Concerned that the masterplan boundary includes a number of homes that are being lived in at present in the Ladywood area. Questions why they are included in the boundary when at the meeting they were told that the plans had nothing to do with these homes. Requests confirmation that there are no plans to undertake any action on these homes and for the boundary to be removed from these homes.</p>	<p>Concerns noted. The residential areas are included in the boundary simple in order to provide a boundary for the masterplan that is logical. There are no proposals for the residential units and as such it is not necessary to remove them from the boundary.</p>	<p>No changes required.</p>
Severn Trent	<p>Supportive of the vision however cannot commit to the Waterworks Site being a part of it. State that the site is required for ongoing operational activities and therefore cannot be redeveloped. Do not want housing as a short or medium-term aspiration. Welcome the idea of educating the visitors and residents of the area to understand the role their site plays, however, cannot allow access through the site.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The council has engaged with Severn Trent on the revised masterplan and the document has been amended to make it clear the site is still in operation by Severn Trent and the proposals for housing are long-term and would only advance should Severn Trent no longer need the site. Support for the education and visitor information is welcomed and Severn Trent have been listed as a potential partner to deliver the projects in the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' section of the masterplan.</p>	<p>The masterplan has been amended to make it clear that the site is still in operation by Severn Trent and the proposals for housing are long term and would only advance should Severn Trent no longer need the site. Severn Trent have been listed as a potential partner to deliver the projects within the 'Celebrating the Reservoir' section of the masterplan.</p>
Individual	<p>Criticism that the presentation was biased. States that the jargon does not make sense. Feels that the images used are too built and man-made. States that the images of</p>	<p>Comments noted. The wording and images within the masterplan have been amended to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. Reference to the Working</p>	<p>The wording and images within the masterplan have been amended to better reflect the need to protect and enhance the natural environment. Reference to the Working Together with Birmingham's</p>

	the water are misleading and that there is a lack of images showing sensitive design and conservation. The plan should refer to the policies in Developing Community Assets (Section 9.3 under Priority 3) and the Working Together with Birmingham's Neighbourhoods White Paper.	Together with Birmingham's Neighbourhoods White Paper has been included in the policy section of the masterplan.	Neighbourhoods White Paper has been included in the policy section of the masterplan.
Individual	Issue with downloading the document.	Comments noted. The document was emailed to the individual on request and made available in the local libraries.	No changes required.
MAL Explosive Ordnance Disposal LTD	State that there is a possible Unexploded Ordnance risk in some parts of the site.	Comments noted. All necessary regulations and procedures will be followed when sites are delivered.	No changes required.

Appendix C: Alternative Plan submitted by the Community Consortium



EDGBASTON RESERVOIR

A COMMUNITY-LED VISION

Compiled by A Community Consortium
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Foreword

“As Birmingham is England’s only Biophilic City we really need to live up to our commitment to developing a city that not only meets economic and social needs but also ecological needs that promotes well-being. Sustainability and urban resilience are dependent on making decisions that enable alternative futures. We cannot predict what will happen in the future in terms of our economy or society, however, it is a certainty that our blue and green spaces and places will continue play a vital role in enabling alternative futures. We need to protect and cherish them. We therefore support this alternative, community-led plan for the Edgbaston Reservoir.”

- Dr Peter Lee - Reader in Collaborative Planning, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Birmingham

Edgbaston Reservoir is a local nature reserve and a site of historical importance.

This plan has been formulated by a consortium of concerned citizens and stakeholders which takes into account the Council’s considerations over sustainability and affordability whilst at the same time indicating how its present features can be protected and promoted for the benefit of all without resorting to any radical restructuring or commercialised add-ons.

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1. Our Vision

1.1 The Green Jewel of Birmingham's Natural Environment



We see the Edgbaston Reservoir as the ‘Green Jewel of Birmingham’s natural environment’ to be invested in and nurtured through an innovative community consortium for the benefit of the city now and in generations to come.

We believe that the approach outlined in this vision will ensure that Edgbaston Reservoir will:

Evolve over time in line with changing needs of Birmingham’s citizens

Be a focus of green excellence putting Birmingham on the map of ecologically pioneering cities.

Be an example of civic innovation for that harnesses the environmentally conscious spirit of 21st century Britain, enabling citizens to collaboratively steward their natural environment.

Become a world-class destination for others to visit and see how a city can address pressing environmental issues.

1.2 Strengthening the Ecosystem around the Reservoir

Our vision is in line with Birmingham City Council's already declared policies around greening the environment. It also compliments the initiatives already being undertaken by The Canal and River Trust that is currently delivering a number of exciting environmental programmes including developing the canals as wildlife corridors and planting the world's longest orchard between the city centre and Chance Glass Works.

The two community orchards planted on the reservoir have the potential to connect to the Canal and River Trust initiative on canal side, at Port Loop.

Edgbaston reservoir is the central hub at the heart of Birmingham's canal heritage.

It provides the water source designed by Thomas Telford to feed the canal systems. This connection makes a natural link to heritage plans currently being developed at Roundhouse Birmingham and interpretation of the canal's Industrial heritage, based at Canal & River Trust, Cambrian Wharf. Edgbaston Reservoir provides physical connections, to all parts of the city by the green corridors leaving the reservoir and linking to the canals, walkways and parks.

In our vision we offer proposals that are aligned with Birmingham's localism agenda and a possible application for the reservoir to be the subject of a Neighbourhood Charter. Our North Edgbaston Ward 'community of interest' is now designated as a Pioneering Ward, which provide a focus for pioneering experimentation in the area including the reservoir.

We are building long term collaboration between ourselves as a community of interest and appropriate sections of Birmingham City Council in order to develop a new and ground-breaking public amenity adjacent to the City Centre in accordance with the Council's recently published localism agenda.

1.3 Outcomes



A high quality environment:

In essence we want to provide an improved environment that is in tune with citizens wanting cleaner air, quieter spaces, closer contact with wildlife and – most importantly - a healthier, more assured future for our children.

It is not a coincidence that activities in which people currently engage when visiting the Reservoir fit into this pattern.

We see opportunities for walking, sailing, rowing, cycling, running, bird-watching, quietly sitting and thinking, and creative activities, such as photography, being made available to more people.

Smarter, healthier people through heritage + education

In addition, our vision would extend these to include formal and informal study, learning how to live more sustainably, finding out about local history, heightened awareness of green issues and ecological ways of improving our quality of life and reducing the incidence of waste and exploitation.

Our vision actively supports minds as well as bodies.

A scenic view of a city skyline across a body of water. In the foreground, a white swan swims on the water. The background shows a city with various buildings, including a prominent tall tower, under a blue sky with some clouds. The water reflects the city and the sky. On the left side of the image, there are four white, wavy vertical lines.

2. Key Ideas

Overview

We see the following five areas as key features of our vision.



Heritage and Eco-centre



The Natural Environment



Reservoir Walkway



Reservoir View



Leisure, Sport and Play

2.1 Heritage & Eco Centre



We propose that the Tower Ballroom site be repurposed as a forward thinking centre for eco-consciousness in the city.

This mission would be represented in both the form and function of the space.

The whole building should be constructed on ecological principles, for example:

- Limiting waste through recycling and cutting out single-use products
- Optimising systems to decrease the need for new inputs
- Preservation of the natural environment and enhancing the diversity of interactable wildlife
- Growing awareness of future issues

Incorporating these principles into practical ideas could take the form of the following:

- Being self-sufficient in sun and wind generated energy,
- Collecting and recycling rain water to flush toilets;
- Reed bed systems to purify grey water;
- Light sensitive triggers for blinds;
- Totally healthy and responsibly sourced building and interior decoration/furnishing materials.

Heritage & Eco Centre Facilities

The site could serve a strong mixed-use purpose, with spaces to meet, learn and become exposed to new approaches to living. Coexistence with socially and environmentally conscious businesses would provide the financial support needed for the growth

We believe that the following would form a suitable use of the space:

Meeting spaces and event venues

These would provide a platform for knowledge sharing and connecting through community groups and organisations.

Wellbeing and leisure uses could host yoga, meditation and light exercise sessions in the serene setting of the reservoir's natural beauty

Flower gardens and grow sites could provide an element of practical engagement with the site. These could complement the orchard and would be managed through the orchard's existing volunteer base with complementary organic garden principles

Rangers base - Providing a space for reservoir rangers to exist within would allow knowledge exchange relating to environmental best practices. Historically, they operated out of the Reservoir Lodge, which could be rejuvenated for their reintroduction to the site.

Cafe could offer a needed break within the reservoir, which has been particularly requested by local families and older people. It would follow the eco-centre principles by serving vegan and organic options.

Commercial space dedicated to environmental and social sustainability focussed companies. This would provide a springboard for their growth through the positive-exposure of operating within this designated area. Promotion of environmentally conscious products and positive ecological services will provide mutual growth within the eco-centre.

Heritage & Eco Centre Services

This facility would aim to inclusively serve as many of Birmingham's residents as possible, fostering better health and well-being throughout the city through:

- **School-Linked programmes** at the centre could include; Forest schools, outdoor classrooms, healthy eating, cookery, healthy lifestyle choices, environmental care, and gardening. Furthermore, Accredited fee-paying university-sponsored study might cover subjects such as Sustainable Food Supplies, Zero Carbon or Rewilding.
- **Accessible informal adult education** on key topics such as;; saving energy at home, appreciating natural environments, developing healthier eating habits, art and nature, (Learning and Development focus through partnerships)
- **Community forum for meetings** help by local groups and organisations, including co working opportunities for volunteers, charities, coops and social enterprise groups

Precedent Approaches



Glasgow Canal Project

The project has received widespread praise in their development of a long-neglected waterway, notably creating Scotland's first urban nature reserve www.glasgowcanalproject.com.

By their own definition: ' This project is ongoing and aims to place local people and organisations at the heart of the process.' We believe a similar approach is not only best, but essential for the long-term success and sustainability of the Reservoir.



Bishop's Wood Centre, Stourport

The Bishop's Wood is an educational eco-centre in an ecological hotspot which welcomes a range of interests. It facilitates education at all levels, from early school years to University, as well as hosting activities for families throughout the year.

It also provides venues for hosting events and exhibition which allow visitors to connect and be inspired with not just the space, but also each other.

The ideas of nature and the arts fostering creativity set a strong precedent for a community focussed natural space which utilises the wealth of natural diversity in its area.



Centre of the Earth – Winson Green. Wildlife Trust

- Operated by the Wildlife trust
- Facilitates wildlife learning and eco-therapy as well as well being in nature
- Hosts events and school trips



Martineau gardens, Priory Rd Experimental growing site

- Therapeutic community garden
- Hosts family events and open air theatre

2.2 Natural Environment

Any development needs to consider the short and long term impact on the remarkable range of life-forms found in this urban context.



Conservation

Development will need to recognise that this comparatively large collection of trees and plants is integral to the air quality and ensure that none of them are removed but rather that numbers are increased.

The much-missed rangers would provide the type of woodland management representative of the Reservoir's status as a Local Nature Reserve

The reservoir could be a location for sympathetically and carefully examining, testing, monitoring and tracking the impact of human beings on wildlife, and vice versa. This research, perhaps conducted by Birmingham University, could be housed in the Heritage and Eco Centre.

Linear orchard

The reservoir houses a community orchard which has been maintained by several years. Now, there are talks with The Canal and River Trust about developing a linear orchard along the canal routes from the city centre. This is a perfect opportunity to beautify the connection of the Reservoir with the heart of the city as well as connecting the on-going developments at Port Loop and Roundhouse Birmingham.

2.3 Reservoir Walkway



We want to see the whole circular route around the Reservoir restored to a green walkway.

Extending the treeline to both ends of the Dam, providing sheltered walkways around the area

The Heritage Ecological Centre would thus be visible and accessible through a screen of trees and wild planting. The panoramic views over the reservoir are a valuable asset to the city, contributing to a sense wellbeing and need to be carefully considered in all planning decisions.

2.4 Reservoir View



We propose that the entrance to the reservoir is improved through appropriate tree planting and informal landscaping suitable for the status of Local Nature Reserve.

The view of the reservoir would provide visitors following the entry path a glimpse of the the glittering water through trees before seeing the full panorama of the Reservoir as they join the walkway.

A green corridor leading up to the site would provide an signature entrance to the Reservoir which would encourage those in the area to explore the site.

This green corridor would also create a connection to much-loved Osler Street Play Area, providing visitors of the Reservoir a safe and accessible play space.

2.5 Leisure, Sport & Play



Our community of interest includes the Sailing Club, and we share their view that their interests are best served by them not moving.

Winds across the Reservoir come from the West, and thus the rowers need immediate access to calmer sheltered waters at their club in the reservoirs Southern tip, whereas the sailors need exposure to the strong breezes provided by their position at the Eastern end of the water.

We would like to see the various types of exercise frames/trim track reinstated and repaired, following existing ecologically sound principles. They have provided enjoyment throughout the reservoir route

We support the community campaign for the retention of Osler Street play area. It could be improved with greater levels of planting and safety considerations.

Young people and families moving into the Icknield Port Loop area will be looking for the type of informal leisure and recreation facilities that the play area already offers.

2.5.1 Watersports on Edgbaston Reservoir

The three existing water users at the reservoir, TS Vernon Sea Cadets, Birmingham Rowing Club and Midland Sailing Club support a wide range of activities on the water.

Although separate organisations they collaborate together on many occasions, share resources and also support the local community in a wide range of ways.

The Rowing Club and Sailing Club have both been based at the reservoir for over 125 years and are part of the heritage of the area.

The Sailing Club have serious concerns that if they are forced to locate to a commercially run leisure facility, they will cease to be able to operate. It would offer inadequate facilities for their boats and members, they would be unable to afford the high rents that inevitably will be charged, and they would

lose their identity as sports clubs and therefore their members. Without club members who give so much volunteer time helping young people and adults learn to sail and row and promoting their sports.

Water users recommend that Birmingham City Council works with TS Vernon Sea Cadets, Birmingham Rowing Club and Midland Sailing Club in their existing locations to support the work they already do (e.g through B-Row Sail Birmingham) and expand it through modest capital and revenue investment rather than an alternative, expensive new leisure facility that is likely to lead to less Watersports activity not more.

Working with the sports clubs will ensure the volunteer contributions are built on and provides clear pathways for people to try Watersports and encourage those who want to go on and continue to row and sail etc. This is a more sustainable and cost-effective model than having a commercially run activity centre.

The depth of the water in the reservoir (over 12m) makes it unsuitable for casual Watersports that are possible in some city parks, it is very cold and at times has issues with water quality. The existing water users have the skills to manage these challenges and able to cope with the changing water levels during the summer, often the halving the surface area of water available for Watersports.



An aerial photograph of a city landscape. In the center, a large, irregularly shaped lake is surrounded by greenery. To the left of the lake, there is a large industrial or commercial area with several large, flat-roofed buildings and a large, empty lot. To the right of the lake, there is a residential area with rows of houses. The background shows a dense urban area with many buildings and trees. On the left side of the image, there are four white, wavy vertical lines. The text "3. Connectivity" is overlaid in the center of the image.

3. Connectivity

3. Overview



We are keen that the reservoir is recognised as a significant piece of natural infrastructure that serves Birmingham's civic, social and cultural identity.

The consortium wants to see the Edgbaston reservoir developed as a hub utilised to its full potential and raising awareness of the role it plays in the local ecology as well its national links.

This could be achieved through strengthening the connections across the wider green network, including canal tow paths and the Harborne Walkway to link better and more directly link with the Reservoir. This would enable people, including those with mobility issues or buggies, to walk from the city centre to the Reservoir.

We welcome new people coming to live in the surrounding area and look forward to collaborating with them on materialising this vision.

This section outlines our recommendations for development in the connectivity of the reservoir.

3.1 The Reservoir Experience & Stakeholder Relationships



We see an opportunity to strengthen the connectivity between the various stakeholder who own, manage and utilise the various different spaces in and around the reservoir by investing in different ways of convening these groups.

This is of increasing importance because of the significant contribution each of these actors make to the reservoir experience as a whole.

Furthermore, as far as regular visitors are concerned, these groups and spaces are integral to the reservoir experience. For example, the playing fields, currently owned by Birmingham settlement have hosted the hugely popular Eat, Make, Play events and the relocation of Warm Earth, which manages the site's orchards and provides access to its growth sites.



3.2 Pedestrian Routes & Surrounding Spaces

We propose improving pedestrian access via the following routes as a key part of the development.

3.2.1 Harborne Walkway

Current pathway to Harborne Walkway is poorly maintained and inaccessible to those with mobility issues.



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- 41. Needs of the young: feeding, growth, shelter and locomotion ability
- 42. Needs of the adult: sexual, feeding and growth, and social
- 43. Needs of the old: shelter, feeding
- 44. Playing/feeding/sexual/locomotion
- 45. Rest/sleep
- 46. Mating/child care/communication

<u>Help space for green space</u>	<u>Plant researches</u>	<u>Rooms with a view</u>	<u>Leaves disposal</u>	<u>Wastewares</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide space for respondents to make suggestions and give ideas on what services and facilities are needed for the parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting guidelines • Garden manuals • Care and maintenance • Pruning guidelines • Watering guidelines • Fertilizing guidelines • Weeding guidelines • Pest and diseases • Water usage • Removal of plants • Soil treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy booking system with a dedicated line showing what space visitors want, at what time and how long the space is available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy booking system for maintenance personnel and staff to help them to plan the park's waste disposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy booking system that includes an online survey – to monitor responses

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Pedestrian route to be created from Reservoir to Icknield Port Loop and Canal Tow paths.

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3.2.3 Osler Street Play Area & Old Car Park

As mentioned in the key ideas, we see an opportunity to connect Osler Street Play Area as an extension of the reservoir experience by creating a green corridor, leading up to the reservoir entrance.

The Car Park across the road has been identified as a possible site for development to accommodate the needs for both play and housing in connection with the reservoir.



RESERVOIR

Reservoir View: A green corridor connecting Osler Street Play Area to the Reservoir.



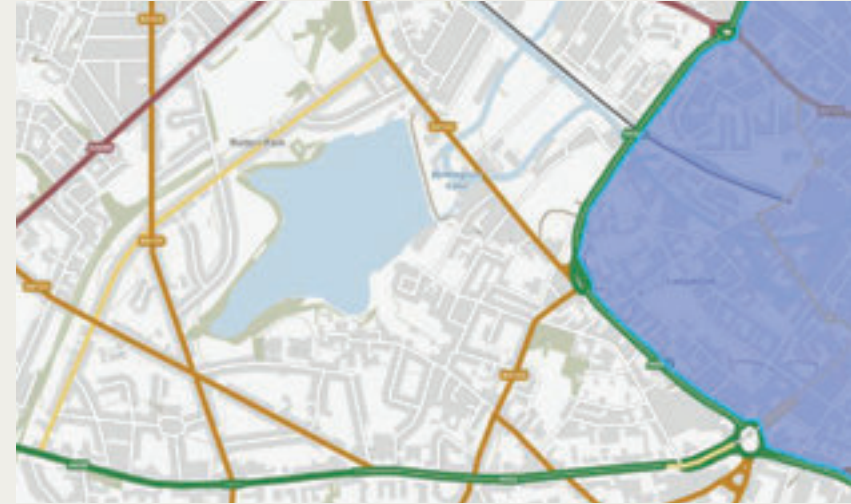
3.3 Transport Strategy Links



3.3.1 Proximity to Midlands Metro

We expect that the Phase two extension of the Midland's Metro into Five Ways and Hagley Road will increase connectivity of the Edgbaston Reservoir and could see it becoming a great landmark for visitors to the city.

This would push our proposed heritage and eco-centre into an increasingly important role within the city's institutions as an influential destination.



3.3.2 Proximity to Birmingham Clean Air Zone

The reservoir's proximity to the edge of the Birmingham Clean Air Zone needs to become an important consideration within the wider context of the city's devotion to improving environmental quality.

The reservoir can contribute to driving the agenda forward beyond the surface-level charges imposed on drivers. Recognising the connectivity which can be unlocked through the space is necessary for re-framing the approaches to transversing Birmingham.

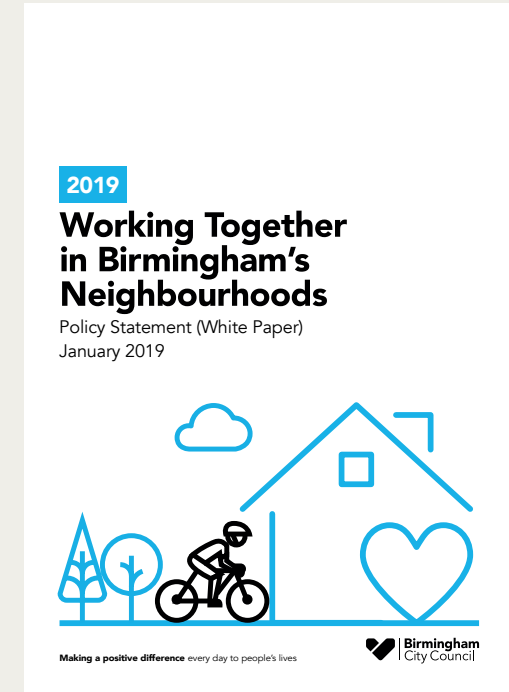
A photograph of a snowy winter landscape. In the foreground, a snow-covered path leads into the distance. To the right of the path, a row of small, dark, cylindrical posts or stumps is visible. The background is filled with snow-laden trees, and a bright light source, likely the sun, is visible through the branches on the left side, creating a warm glow. The title '4. Policy Context' is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

4. Policy Context

4.0 Relevant Policies

We believe that the following policies are supportive of the key ideas and connectivity recommendations which we have outlined.

They outline the wider strategy of the Birmingham Big City Plan, Community engagement initiatives for neighbourhoods, as well as the green initiatives supportive of our proposals.



4.1 Birmingham Development Plan 2031 (2017)

Objectives set out in Section 3.5 of the BDP declare a need “To provide high quality connections throughout the city and with other places including encouraging the increased use of public transport, walking and cycling”.

The BDP’s strategy in Section 3.6 sets out to ensure that the development of new homes needs to be matched by “the provision of accessible local services and a high quality environment.”

Section 5.36 acknowledges Birmingham’s canal network as a major feature running through Greater Icknield as part of Policy GA2. It’s “limited public access and an isolation” result in an under-used resource for both leisure and travel. We believe that they can be brought back into appropriate use through stronger links to the reservoir.

TP1 Reducing Carbon Footprint

The position of the reservoir at the edge of the CAZ and with its close proximity to the metro system will meet this policy’s aims of Reducing Carbon Footprints

TP7 Green Infrastructure networks

This policy sets out that the city’s green infrastructure networks will be prioritised and protected in order to utilise their true value. We believe the Reservoir will act as a connecting hub to the canals and Harborne Walkway which provide safe alternative routes for the areas commuters and leisurely walkers.

TP9 Open Space, Playing fields, allotments

This policy states that playing fields will be protected in areas which lack a surplus of such spaces. With the planned increased use of the Reservoir through local developments, we believe the retention of the Osler Street Play area is essential to providing ample opportunities for local recreation.

TP12 Historic Environment

Connecting our proposal to Birmingham’s canal network, as well as establishing a Heritage and Eco-centre will allow elevate the reservoirs status as a historic asset and encourage interaction with the city’s legacy.

4.2 Community Engagement

Neighbourhood Charters

Our consortium sees possibilities for establishing a neighbourhood to facilitate a strong future collaboration with BCC that is representative of a pioneering ward.

We have a strong range of organisations within our consortium, with various forms as social enterprises, local groups and residents associations. See page 38 for full list of consortium.

Community Cohesion Strategy for Birmingham (BCC 2018)

Targets set out in the document include:

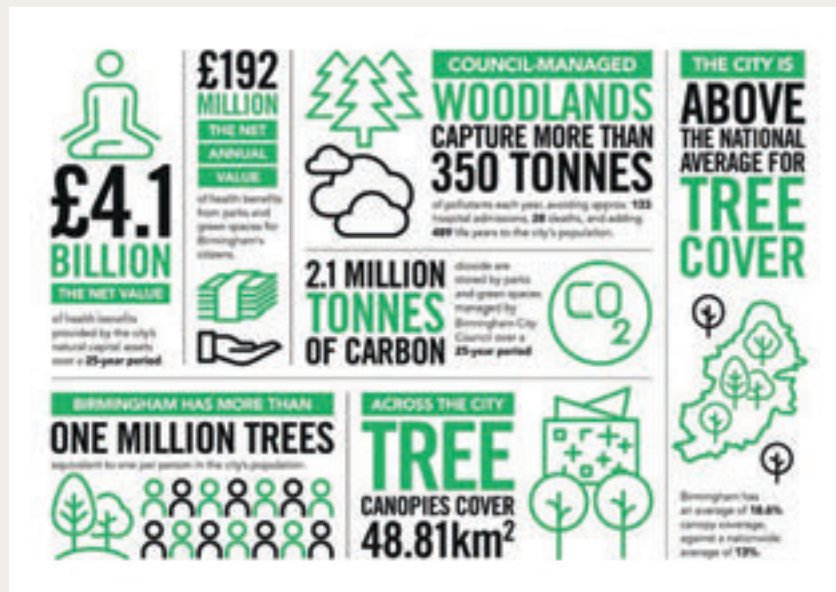
Empowered and engaged neighbourhoods

- Utilising the skills and expertise of local community networks
- The edgbaston reservoir can become a space which can be led by a range of strongly involved groups from within our consortium and beyond
- One such approach is through cultural and sporting engagement - this is already present through events such as the boat races

Strategic partnership approach can be established through closer collaboration with local organisations - we are asking for greater power to be presented to groups within the reservoir

- Community Groups Can host a range events throughout the year.

4.3 Active Green Spaces



Future Parks Accelerator (National Trust, 2018)

We believe that a close collaboration with the National Trust on the reservoir could utilise the £1 million of National Lottery Heritage funding for Future Parks. Investment in the reservoir would compliment the planned Ladywood housing initiatives for which this funding has been allocated.

Active Design (Sport England, 2015)

Connected walking and cycling routes form a key principle of active design, recognising the importance of linked destinations integrated into wider networks which allow an ease of travel across the city. This principle also recognises the contribution of pedestrian routes in accessing public transport nodes. This can be mobilised by improving the areas connections to the Five Ways extension of the Midland Metro.

The Infrastructure Act (2015) provides powers for the Secretary of State to set Cycling and Walking Investment Strategies in England which funds the provision of infrastructure for active travel methods.

Birmingham has been a member of the global Biophillic cities network since 2013.

We believe that this status of recognition needs to be met by an equal level of commitment from the city council in supporting green initiatives. The community's vision for an ecologically focussed reservoir is a perfect implementation of utilising the wealth of Birmingham's natural capital.



5. Design Notes

5.1 Fitness for Purpose

In order to achieve a strong quality of design, the development of the edgbaston reservoir needs to be sensitive to the natural character of the area.

Accessibility - The 'Active Design' principles for appropriate infrastructure highlight key considerations needed to enable an inclusive mixed-use of the site.

These include:

- Managed public toilets
- drinking fountains
- cycle, mobility scooter and pushchair storage,
- changing rooms and showers
- quality of seating
- Wi-Fi access
- shelter



5.2 Ecological Approaches

Everything that takes place around the Reservoir should, in our vision, contribute in as many ways as possible to creating a totally organic green environment and enhancing the potential for citizens of Birmingham to benefit from it in ways that make sense to them.

5.3 Community engagement

We believe that the design of the site should be conducive to fostering community growth.

Early engagement could be established through allowing local artists to design elements within the space and allow local people to sustain their contributions to the reservoir's spaces, such as the community garden. Furthermore, local schools could be involved in adding a personal element to the area and building an early relationship.





6. Delivery

6.1 How We Will Organise

In practical terms, we anticipate that collaboratively developing the Reservoir as the centre of an eco-environment would entail us seeking a substantial grant from a suitable funding body.

Initially, this would be to fund a project manager experienced in the collaboration, but subsequently to fund a similarly experienced co-ordinator to oversee successive stages of development. Throughout, we anticipate providing high levels of voluntary activity.

The long term aim would be to create an eco-environment operating in a largely self –funded way under the management of a local consortium of interest drawn from ourselves and future residents.

We consider that our vision is pioneering in that it entails Birmingham City Council using a standard process (offering regeneration opportunities to commercial companies in order to develop a given site) but adjusting them to collaborate with a community of interest formed by local citizens.

The consortium would seek to become a long-term socially responsible partner with Birmingham City Council.

The following page outlines the key point of action in the delivery of our proposal.



Key Idea	Description	Targets	Action Needed	Stakeholders
Heritage and Eco-centre	Meeting space and event venues Wellbeing and leisure Flower Gardens and Grow sites Rangers base Cafe Commercial Space	Becoming a pioneering development which sets a precedent for sustainable design Consideration of the community's needs Accessible development School linked programmes Adult education opportunities Community engagement	An appropriate rejuvenation of the Tower Ballroom Site. Acquiring commercial investment. Pioneering collaboration with the Birmingham City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Parks Accelerator Funding Residents Associations Birmingham City Council Investment Community Organisations
Natural Environment	Development throughout the reservoir which is sensitive to the ecology, and sustained management of it.	Developing ecological diversity.	Consideration of a dedicated space for park rangers within the development Collaboration with the Canal and River Trust in connecting linear orchard to the site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm Earth Canal and River Trust Local volunteering through the consortium
Reservoir Walkway	Creating a green walkway around the reservoir with the Reservoir acting as a hub for other accessible paths, such as the canals and Harborne Walkway.	Treeline extended to both ends of the dam to create a screen of trees. Appropriate spaces around the reservoir walkway. Connecting the reservoir to local paths.	Planting trees throughout the site. Creating access to canals walkways through the Port Loop site Improving access and connectivity to Harborne Walkway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canal and River trust Port Loop development North Edgbaston Action Team Canal and River Trust
Reservoir View	The flora at the site entrance should create a natural frame for a discreet oasis tucked away in the centre of the city	Improving conditions at reservoir entrance Connection with Osler Street play area.	Strong reconsideration of the entrance at Reservoir Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents Associations 'Save Osler Street Park' group
Leisure, Sport, Play	Creating a space designed for a wide range of activities. This will include improving amenities both in and around the reservoir.	Maintaining the livelihood of existing clubs Retaining Osler Street play area so that it can serve reservoir visitors	Creating an active design plan for the area - with exercise frames included Re-assessment of connection to Osler Street Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Osler Street Play Area group The Active Wellbeing Society
Watersports on the Edgbaston Reservoir	Collective action with all three of the reservoir's watersports groups to ensure they can continue to thrive, as well as participation in watersports	Ensuring watersports groups can retain their livelihoods post-development Getting more people engaged in sports on the Reservoir	Group Consultation together with all local watersports groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T S Vernon Midland Sailing Club Birmingham Rowers Club Nowka Bais

6.2 Consortium Partners

Local Organisations

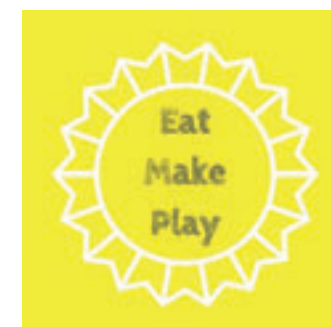
Birmingham Settlement
Midland Sailing Club
Companions for Hope

Community Interest Groups

Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir
NEAT - North Edgbaston Action Team
Save Osler Street Park
North Edgbaston Residents Association
Summerfield Residents Association
North Summerfield Residents Association
Selywn and Wheatstreet residents association
Link Road Neighbourhood Watch / Community
Collective Vernon Road Neighbourhood Watch

Social Enterprise

Art Scoop Central
The Real Junk Food Project Birmingham
Eat, Make, Play
The Active Wellbeing Society
Warm Earth
Nowka Bais CIC





“A portion of the site of Rotton Park is covered by a Reservoir of the Birmingham Canal which in its picturesque beauty can scarcely be surpassed by a natural lake. On Sundays it is liberally thrown open to the public, and, indeed, it is at all times accessible to respectable persons by application to the Lodge.”

From the beginning the Reservoir was regarded not merely as a canal-feeder but also as a haven of natural beauty and a centre for recreation. William Bates' Directory of 1849 reads;

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**Statement of Reasons - SEA screening for the redrafted Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Birmingham City Councils Response
Characteristics of the plan or programme	
(a) The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	<p>The draft SPD will amplify the existing policies of the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP), with particular reference to policy GA2 and provide further guidance for the plan area. It will therefore supplement existing policies rather than set the framework.</p> <p>The BDP has been subject to a detailed Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regulation requirements.</p> <p>Once adopted the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.</p>
(b) The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	<p>The draft SPD will supplement policies contained within the BDP and is required to be in general conformity to the BDP. As such, it is influenced by higher level plans. The SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. However, the BDP will have the most influence. This will limit the influence of the draft SPD on other plans and programmes in the area.</p>
(c) The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	<p>The draft SPD will promote sustainable development at Edgbaston Reservoir, including guidance on how the natural environment should be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>The draft SPD promotes sustainable development in the plan area. It references the need to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve, introduce additional green infrastructure into the built form and increase the level of sustainable travel to the reservoir.</p> <p>The draft SPD is considered to be in general conformity with the BDP, where environmental considerations on the sites were subject to Sustainability Appraisal. It will provide guidance rather than specific policy and will therefore not have a significant effect on environmental considerations which have not already been considered.</p>
(d) Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	None.
(e) The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community (EU) legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	None.
Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected	

<p>(a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.</p>	<p>The guidance set out in the draft SPD will promote sustainable development and be in general conformity with the BDP. It is therefore unlikely that any significant environmental effects will arise from the SPD which have not been considered as part of the production of the BDP, which met the requirements of the SEA.</p> <p>Future major development will be required to go through a separate approval process (i.e. planning applications subject to Environmental Impact Assessments). This will provide an opportunity for any significant environmental impacts to be identified and the effects mitigated.</p>
<p>(b) The cumulative nature of the effects</p>	<p>Significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any cumulative impacts will arise. Where these effects are likely to arise, the City Council will, through the determination of planning applications, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed.</p>
<p>(c) The trans-boundary nature of the effects</p>	<p>Significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any trans-boundary impacts will arise. Where these effects are likely to arise, the City Council will, through the determination of planning applications, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed.</p>
<p>(d) The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)</p>	<p>There are no significant risks of health or the environment arising directly from the SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any risks to human health or the environment impacts will arise. If these effects were likely to arise, the City Council will, through the planning process, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed, including ecology, water quality, and flood risk assessments.</p>
<p>(e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)</p>	<p>The draft SPD applies to the Edgbaston Reservoir, and covers 32 hectares, including 24 hectares of open water. It sits within two wards: Ladywood and North Edgbaston. The reservoir is located within the Greater Icknield Growth Area (GA2), identified in the BDP. It is also adjacent to Port Loop, which will deliver approximately 1,150 houses. This application was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The draft SPD sets out a vision and development principles (activity, connectivity, sustainability and character) for future development of the reservoir. These are in line with policies in the BDP. It is considered that any effects not previously considered as part of the BDP will be limited in magnitude.</p>
<p>(f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <p>i) Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</p> <p>ii) Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values;</p> <p>iii) Intensive land-use.</p>	<p>Given the nature of the document:</p> <p>i) National and locally listed heritage assets;</p> <p>ii) Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation;</p> <p>iii) None</p> <p>These destinations would have been taken into consideration as part of the SEA undertaken for the BDP. The masterplan does not propose development beyond the scale of growth allocated in the</p>

	<p>BDP. Impact on important habitats and locally listed buildings are considered in the SPD, in line with the policies contained within BDP. The draft SPD does not replace other statutory considerations in this regard, such as the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.</p> <p>A Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has been updated alongside the production of the masterplan. This was in order to support the details within the draft SPD that look to protect and enhance the natural environment.</p> <p>The impact of any special characteristics will be assessed through the relevant policies as set out in the NPPF, BDP, and other adopted planning policy.</p>
(g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have recognised national, Community or international protection status.	No significant effects are considered to arise on the adoption of the SPD in line with BDP policies.

Title of proposed EIA	Assessment of equalities issues relating to updated Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft SPD
Reference No	EQUA811
EA is in support of	New Policy
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	01/12/2022
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Planning and Development
Service Area	
Responsible Officer(s)	 Alice X Jones
Quality Control Officer(s)	 Richard Woodland
Accountable Officer(s)	 Simon Delahunty-Forrest
Purpose of proposal	To seek approval for public consultation on the updated Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft SPD
Data sources	
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Age details:	<p>The masterplan includes proposals that will help improve the accessibility of the site, which will ensure the reservoir is accessible for all users including those with mobility issues.</p> <p>A mix of housing including housing suitable for families and young children will be provided in the plan area. The plan does not subscribe the exact mix as this will be determined through the planning application stage, however the mix of housing will be required to be in accordance to BDP policies TP30 and TP31.</p> <p>The masterplan includes opportunities for new community spaces and facilities to support community activities, along with improved public realm. These proposals provide spaces to bring all of the community together and could help tackle social isolation,</p>

which can be an issue amongst the elderly.

Educational uses focusing around nature conservation are encouraged in the SPD, however this is not specific to a particular age group and would be for the provider to determine the service offered.

The proposals to redevelop the play park have been removed from this revised masterplan which means that potential negative impacts on children and young people have been addressed. The masterplan includes a number of proposals that could provide improved opportunities for children and young people including improvements to the park, spaces for community facilities and the support of active community groups such as the Sea Cadets and Birmingham Settlement.

Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

The use of online materials and response surveys may impact on older citizens ability to engage if they are less familiar with online consultations. This will be mitigated through the availability of hard copies of the document and the response form being made available at local libraries and on request.

Protected characteristic: Disability

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Disability details:

Representations received in the first public consultation requested the reservoir to be accessible for all,

especially those with disabilities. The revised plan states that development will be required to be accessible to all and encourages the use of adaptive bikes at the reservoir. Technical guidance matters are addressed in other SPDs including the 'Access for People with Disabilities SPD'.

Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

Protected characteristic: Sex

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Gender details:

No adverse impacts to this protected group have been identified. Improvements to access and public facilities at the reservoir will ensure this public space is accessible to all.

Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Gender reassignment details:

The need for publically accessible toilets has been identified in the masterplan. In regard to gender neutral

toilets, the onus is on the provider to make sure the appropriate provision is made.

Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Not Applicable

Marriage and civil partnership details:

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Pregnancy and maternity details:

No adverse impacts to this protected group have been identified. Improvements to access and public facilities at the reservoir will ensure this public space is accessible to all.

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Protected characteristics: Race

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Race details:

No adverse impacts to this protected group have been identified. The masterplan vision looks to ensure the reservoir is a space that belongs to everyone and includes opportunities for uses and activities that will foster strong community.

	<p>Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.</p>
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Religion or beliefs details:	<p>No adverse impacts to this protected group have been identified. The masterplan vision looks to ensure the reservoir is a space that belongs to everyone and includes opportunities for uses and activities that will foster strong community.</p>
	<p>Consultation on the masterplan draft SPD will be published online and all those on the consultation database were notified. The database includes a wide range of volunteers covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and businesses groups, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.</p>
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	
Socio-economic impacts	<p>The masterplan proposes to bring vacant and underused sites into positive uses that will support the socio-economic sustainability of the area. The masterplan will also have a positive socio-economic impact by delivering affordable housing. A number of the opportunities include the potential for community, leisure</p>

and commercial uses that could provide jobs and opportunities for the local community. The masterplan also supports existing local groups that are active in their community such as the water users and Birmingham settlement. The potential provision of community spaces at the reservoir and the support for existing groups will help provide an environment that supports the local community thrive. The masterplan will also create accessible environments and improve connectivity and accessibility to blue and green infrastructure.

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

No further action is necessary.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

The adopted Birmingham Development Plan and background evidence has been used to inform the masterplan along with other policy documents including the Birmingham Transport Plan and the Greater Icknield Masterplan. The updated Edgbaston Reservoir Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has also informed the assessment.

Consultation analysis

A six week public consultation on the first masterplan Draft SPD was undertaken between May and July 2019. Approximately 400 individual representations were submitted. Each formal representation from the public consultation has been considered during the masterplan revision.

In January 2020, the council established a Community Partnership Forum to engage with representatives from the local community on the masterplan redraft. The Forum represents a wide range of community and user-group interests. The aim of the Forum is to better align the council's aspirations with those of

the community to establish a clear vision for the reservoir. The Forum has ensured local information and experience has fed into the masterplan.

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact? It is not considered the policy required modification.

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

When the Draft SPD becomes adopted it will form part of the local development plan and will be monitored by the City Council through the annual monitoring of the Birmingham Development Plan.

What data is required in the future?

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

The decision of the Cabinet Members at this stage is to approve the public consultation on the draft SPD. This consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, an adopted City Council policy. The approach to public consultation will be informed by the community profile of the two wards the site is located within, (ensuring protected characteristics inform the approach such as Age, Gender and Race). Relevant organisations with an interest in equalities will also be consulted.

An engagement strategy has been developed to set out how the public consultation will be carried out on the draft SPD. This will meet the requirements of the relevant regulations and guidance. The broad range of specific and general stakeholders will be informed about the draft SPD through letters, emails, a press release, and an online presence.

Consultation methods will consider the demographic profile of the area. In particular consideration has been given to consultees with potentially limited or no English language (6.5% of the population live in a household where no one has English as their main language). Consultation materials will be accessible and translated copies of the plan will be made available upon request.

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

A full assessment is not required at the stage, however the results of the public consultation on the draft documents will be used to update the Equalities Analysis and inform the final SPD when it is adopted by the City Council (programmed for summer 2022).

The preparation of the SPD is progressing to the following milestones:

- Public consultation on the draft documents (six weeks) – February to March 2022
- Review comments and prepare final SPD – April to June 2022
- Adoption of final SPD by Cabinet – Summer 2022

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

No

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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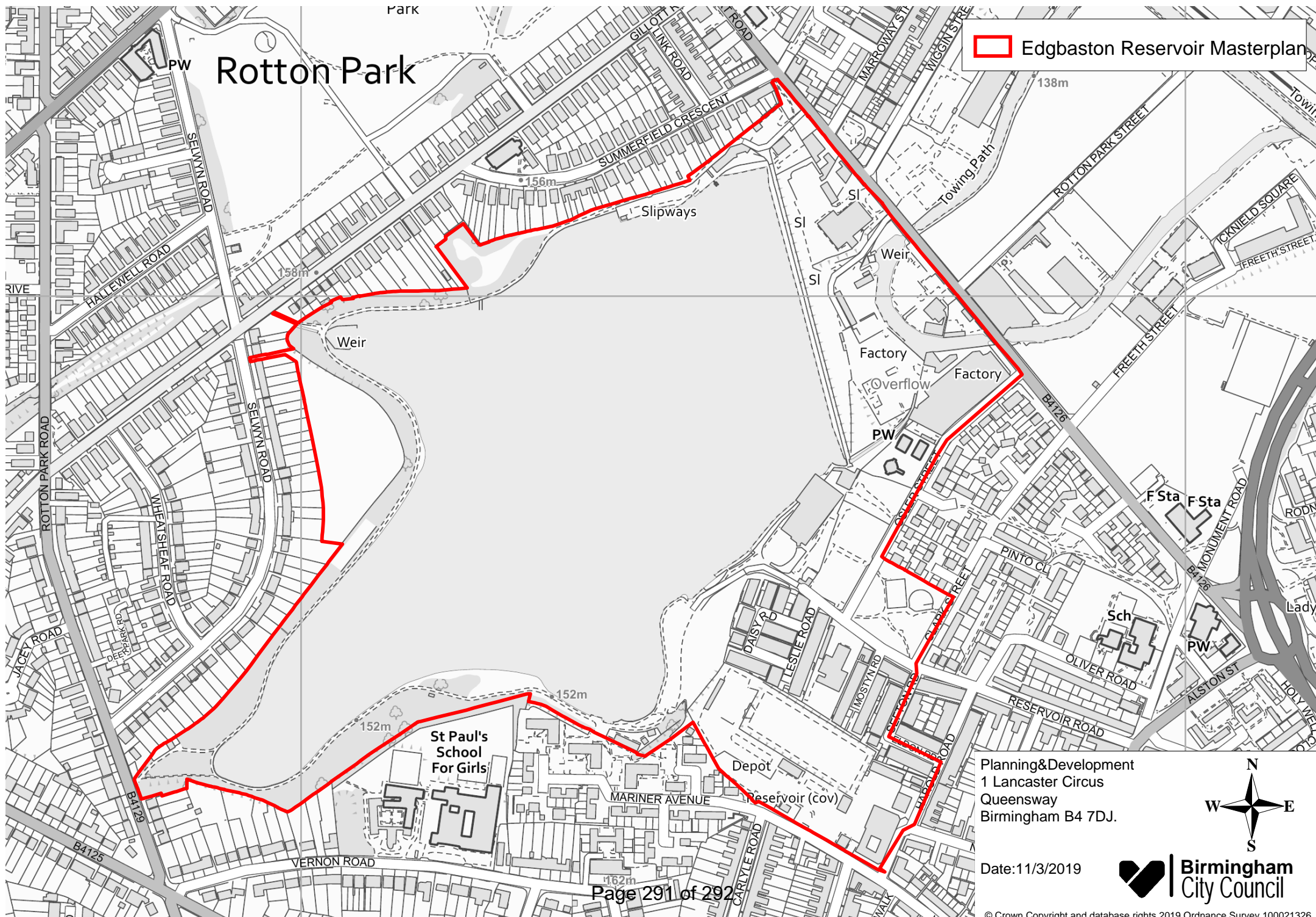
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