Brandwood Ward Development Plan 2017

Date	Heading	Location & Issue	What needs doing	Department or Organisation
8 th Sept 2017	Community Assets	Resource and Funding Issues: For far too long Brandwood has had problems in obtaining money to tackle some of the key issues affecting daily lives of all our residents	Consider employing a "Bid Writer" who would liaise with the entire voluntary organisation within the area and prepare and submit bidding documents to the various organisations both locally and nationally.	BCC & Ward councillors
8 th Sept 2017	Community Assets	Manningford Tenants Hall Druids Heath: Needs a total refresh and interior redesign. Should be considered as part of DH Master Planning exercise.	The building needs a new roof and building extension to allow more than one activity to take place at a time.	BCC Housing
8 th Sept 2017	Community Assets	Lifford Woodland, Allens Croft Road: Neglect of the once cleared land, orchard and walkways.	Someone to coordinate the project, with a list of volunteers who are prepared to undertake supervised work.	BCC Parks and possibly The Brandwood Centre
8 th Sept 2017	Community Assets	Tunnel Lane near to Lifford Reservoir: The continual dumping of material, both domestic and business along this stretch of road.	Prevent vehicle access to both the reservoir and Tunnel Lane, which has no properties along it.	BCC Parks, Waste Management and Highways
8 th Sept 2017	Community Services	Lack of Funding opportunities: Insufficient funds are coming in to the area, to tackle deprivation, crime and poverty in general.	A co-operative approach by all of the various groups throughout the ward to using a professional "Funding Bid Writer" to secure additional funds for the whole community.	BCC, ward councillors and all known groups in ward.
8 th Sept 2017	Education	Throughout the ward: Are there sufficient local secondary school places available for all year 6 pupils in 2019 and beyond, who reside in Brandwood Ward?	A detailed plan for where Brandwood children could go for local secondary school provision in 2019 and beyond	BCC Education and others

8 th Sept 2017	Environmental	Multi Story Flats throughout the ward: Encourage greater participation in recycling materials by residents.	Carryout a re- education programme in the poorly performing areas of the ward. Roll out a programme informing all residents what are recyclable materials and provide good facilities outside all tower block premises in the ward.	BCC Waste Management
8 th Sept 2017	Environment	Ward wide Street Cleansing Plan: Few residents know who does what, along with how, when and where street cleaning is done.	Have a scheme in place which will enable "Street Captains" to monitor, record and report failings or short comings to councillors on at least monthly basis.	BCC Waste Management and ward councillors
8 th Sept 2017	Environmental	Land at rear of 144 Kings Road and opposite 79 Dawberry Road: Overgrown and derelict looking, which creates dumping. The frontage of the land on Dawberry Road is owned by BCC Housing, the rear was formally garages for Frome Way residents, but was fenced off by BCC in 2008 and includes an electrical sub-station.	Could be considered for housing, but be aware of the large sewer system underneath the land.	BCC Housing & Legal
8 th Sept 2017	Environmental	Land 19 to 37 Kings Road: There is a large track of land which is abandoned and derelict. BCC own the frontage of the land on Kings Road, the rear land ownership is unknown. BCC cleared Japanese knotweed and fenced off the site around 2008 to prevent dumping.	Should be strongly considered for housing, but disregarding any childrens play area facilities.	BCC Housing and Legal
8 th Sept 2017	Environmental	POS land and known dumping areas: Community ownership and support by BCC and others, of known grot-spots throughout the ward.	Local residents with support from BCC and others do an annual clean-up of all known dumping areas and ensure it is removed to Lifford Lane for disposal.	Residents Groups, BCC Parks, Waste Management, Highways and other agencies.

8 th Sept 2017	Environmental	Car parking throughout the ward: The parking of vehicles on grass verges and over narrow pavements is unacceptable.	A pro-active approach to deter bad parking and ensure that parking on verges is seen as antisocial, where grass-crete isn't installed. Help and support resident groups with resources to maintain rear access driveways for parking would be helpful.	BCC Transportation & Highways
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Ward wide. Traffic speeds are too excessive for many narrow roads, along with size of vehicles	Review of existing speeds working towards 20MPH zoned areas throughout ward. Examinations of engineering options, excluding speed bumps in these neighbourhoods are needed and a ban on HGV's using them as short cuts.	BCC Transportation & Highways, along with W.M. Police
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	All schools within the ward: The parking of vehicles around schools is causing serious concerns, with blocked pavements, access to private homes and damaged verges.	Each school encourage walking buses and deter parents from using cars. Enforcement is needed and BCC should look at engineering options.	All schools, BCC Transportation & Highways and W.M. Police
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Inconsiderate Parking by motorists: Too many motorists are not adhering to the Highway code when parking their vehicle such as parking too close to junctions etc.	Explore additional funding for Traffic Regulation Orders where needed throughout the ward	BCC Highways and ward councillors
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Pedestrian Crossing required: Traffic speeds are too fast and with heavy traffic, parents are unable to safely cross Woodthorpe Rd to get too and fro from the primary school.	Review existing speeds, working towards a 20MPH zone and working with the school, look at introducing a pedestrian crossing along Woodthorpe Road.	BCC Highways, ward councillors, School and parents.

8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Grove Road/ Vicarage Road Junction: Chaotic traffic congestion and vehicles crossing on amber and red lights from vicarage Rd in to Grove Road.	Highways engineers to look at what actions can be taken to improve safe traffic flows in this direction that will speed up traffic and reduce queues.	BCC Highways
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Vicarage Road: Parking outside the shops between Cartland Road and Priory Road is causing traffic congestion.	Look at what measure could be introduced to improve matters along this stretch of road.	BCC Highways
8 th Sept 2017	Highways	Broad Lane Pavement: From Chanston Avenue to Kinsey Grove there is pavement on only one side of the road and in places is so narrow that if someone is coming in the opposite direction they have to step out in to the road to pass each other.	Look at what can be done to widen the pavement and look to providing a pavement on the other side of the road as this is a key route to a local primary school	BCC Highways, BCC Parks and ward councillors
8 th Sept 2017	Housing	Druids Heath Master Planning:	Should contain wishes of the Druids Heath community, retention of as much mature green open space as possible. New homes must allow good community engagement along with safe, sufficient car parking provision near to resident's homes.	BCC Housing, Druids Heath HLB and others
8 th Sept 2017	Parks, POS and Cemetery	Off-road Bikes: There are far too many incidents where off-road bikes are either almost in contact or contact with residents, children and pets in our local parks, they create too much noise pollution as well.	Access to Parks and all POS need to be reconfigured to prevent easy access for such vehicles. An area strategy needs to be in place to apprehend and prosecute offenders.	BCC Parks and W.M.Police

8 th Sept 2017	Parks, POS and Cemetery	Travellers encampments: Over the past two years there have been far too many incidents where travellers have gained access, legitimately and through criminal damage to parks and POS in the ward.	A reconfiguration of access ways to all open land, use of bunds to act as deterrent In addition a permanent caravan campsite is needed somewhere in Birmingham.	BCC Parks, Housing and W.M.Police
8 th Sept 2017	Parks, POS and Cemetery	Friends Groups: There is a distinct lack of "Friends groups" for our parks and POS along with poor support by senior professional officers where many groups exist	A complete review of what each group requires and an action plan on how this could be achieved.	BCC Parks and ward councillors
8 th Sept 2017	Policing	Lack of a local Police base: There is no nearby W.M. Police centre, from which Neighbourhood Policing can take place. Nearest is in Moseley Village.	Provision of a secure Policing Base within the ward	All
8 th Sept 2017	Policing	ASB issues: This has been an ongoing ASB issue in hot spot areas throughout the ward and in particular Kings Road for the past few years and the ASB seem to get worse when the temporary CCTV systems are removed, for whatever reasons.	This needs to be tackled by all, in such a manner that residents are kept regularly informed of what is taking place and why. Time is not on our side and various actions need doing quickly, to assure the whole community ASB won't be tolerated and before an attitude of an "Untouchable Gang" mentality develops in this part of the city.	BCC Place and W.M.Police
8 th Sept 2017	Youth	Throughout the ward: Large groups hanging around streets, shops and other locations throughout the ward.	Engagement by street youth workers would be of benefit, rather than wait until they come to the attention of Police (and others) then referring them on to the Maypole Centre.	BCC Place, W.M.Police and others.

8 th Sept 2017	Environment	Empty large buildings throughout the ward: There are several large buildings and land which are closed (or will be soon), boarded up and or fenced off, which gives an appearance of neglect.	 Baverstock School, Buildings need to be demolished ASAP. Old British Legion Club, Bells Lane, what is to happen with it? The Chapels at Brandwood End Cemetery, What is BCC strategy for these buildings? Fortem's site at Partons Rd, What is to happen?
8 th Sept 2017	All	Audit of Council Services	Build a network of "Street Captains who will report quickly to councillors, issues which are/are not happening in their road/neighbourhood Ward Councillors Ward Councillors