

DRUIDS HEATH & MONYHULL WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Druids Heath & Monyhull	DATE: 20 th February 2024
VENUE: Monyhull Church, St Francis Drive B30 3PS	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.05pm
COUNCILLOR Julien Pritchard	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 15
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Martin Vine, Heidi Murphy & Azimuddin Sheik, Transport for West Midlands Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

1. A Bold Prosperous Druids Heath & Monyhull
2. A Bold Inclusive Druids Heath & Monyhull
3. A Bold Safe Druids Heath & Monyhull
4. A Bold Healthy Druids Heath & Monyhull
5. A Bold Green Druids Heath & Monyhull
6. A Bold Local Druids Heath & Monyhull

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Welcome & Notice of Recording

Councillor Pritchard welcomed all to the meeting & advised that members of the press/public could record the meeting and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2. Alcester Road Bus Priority Measures

Martin Vine, TfWM, made the following main points –

- 5 cross Birmingham Priority Corridors to be delivered, via government funding including the A435, Druids Heath.

- Designed to improve connectivity to city centre & southwest Birmingham
- Number 50 bus service would be affected from Maypole – Warstock Lane – Broad Lane
- Consultation events, letter drops & on-line consultation held in November 2022
- Minor changes made in view of consultation. Broad Lane would be widened to ease turning. Proposal for extension of existing bus lane and prohibition of right/left turns had been strongly opposed so had been taken out of the design
- Detailed maps shown to meeting and discussed.
- Additional consultation would be held in May, especially around Featherstone Road proposals with letter drops to all properties in the road.
- TfWM would attend a future ward meeting to consult further.
- Options for Broad Lane were shared, including plans consulted on originally and the revised plans following consultation. This was a pre-consultation on the revised plans that would be consulted on officially in May.

Residents asked the following questions –

- Alcester Road/Broad Lane junction was extremely busy and traffic flow had increased since the LTN's were introduced in Kings Heath.
- Speed of traffic, drivers jumping red lights, road safety issues were a major concern on Broad Lane, especially given the proximity of St Albans school.
- It was queried whether a traffic impact analysis had been undertaken.
- Concern regarding bus use in respect of ASB, smoking, etc especially for older people.

The meeting broke for residents to study plans and new proposals, prior to official consultation in May, and to ask questions and make comments directly to Martin, Heidi and Azimuddin.

Councillor Pritchard commented that the letter drop in May should include all roads off Broad Lane as they would be affected and urged residents to sign up with TfWM to receive notifications/information etc.

In response to questions, Martin responded that a Traffic Impact Assessment had been undertaken on the original plans and a further assessment on the revised plans. He undertook to attend a future ward meeting in May to consult further.

Residents expressed their concern about the plans making it difficult to turn right out of Broad Lane onto Alcester Road South and the potential increased traffic on Broad Lane, travelling in the opposite direction. There were still concerns about the impact of the plans on Broad Lane.

3. AOB/Other Events/Issues

Councillor Pritchard reported –

- Next ward meeting 6th March 7pm Monyhull Church to discuss school parking.
- City Council budget published today.
- Post Office Lindsworth Road – no-one taken it on but petition for its re-opening available and Post Office still seeking an appropriate person to run a post office from the building.
- Druids Heath Regeneration – still awaiting information.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Further meeting to discuss Bus Priority Measures	1. Cllr/TfWM	1. May