

Notes from Perry Barr Ward Forum – 22/01/20

1. Cllr Hunt welcomed attendees and invited Cllr Jan to open the meeting.
2. Apologies:
Kay Thomas
3. Petitions:
No petitions presented.
4. Police update:
No police officer present.
5. Clean Air Zone
Gemma Callow and Claire? presented this item.

Clean Air Zone

Gemma provided an overview of the scheme (information was also presented to accompany the overview).

Key points:

- Air pollution is high in Birmingham, especially in the city centre. The decision was taken by cabinet in 2018 and is in response to government environmental emissions targets.
- A government vehicle checker will be launched in the next two to three weeks.
- 2016 petrol, 2
- The zone will take in the area within the A4540 ring road
- Charges - £8 car, £50 buses and HGVs.
- Temporary exemptions will be offered for people who live within the clean air zone – up to 2 years.
- Workers can apply for a temporary one year exemption
- Mobility credit scheme will be launched at the end of Feb/March, applications will then become be available.
- 25% of vehicles only travel one mile within the city centre.
- 80% of pollutants are caused by road traffic.
- Hybrid, electric, mopeds etc. are compliant.

Questions from residents:

- How many vehicles go in and out of the city centre on a daily basis? The resident raising the question suggested over 200k per day. **Gemma didn't have the figure but will check it and provide an update.**
- Will there be more EV charging points? **Gemma updated that the council has funding for 197 rapid charging points**
- Will the revenue will go back into transport related policies? **Yes.**

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- What priority will be given for shops/shop owners because Birmingham is seen as a destination shopping centre currently? **They will be able to apply for temporary exemptions.**
- What is going to encourage the shops to stay within the city centre? **As above and a £10M pot will be available to small and medium enterprises to help to mitigate costs.**
- What is the council doing to encourage people to come to Birmingham?
- **Officers were not able to answer this question but undertook to take the question back.**

Qu. What about park and ride schemes.

6 days to pay, £50, increase to

900 people in Birmingham have died in Birmingham from air pollution related conditions.

Qu. How have bus companies etc. reacted the potential charge of £50.

How many of the 1600 deaths in the West Mids/900 from Birmingham come from Perry Barr Ward?
It was identified that the city centre has the highest level of pollution.

Cllr Hunt updated that he has been highlighting that the council has to:

Blocking traffic going through the A38 tunnels

Problems – money not being put into transport – being diverted other projects such as refurbishments

No park and ride plan

Birmingham Transport Plan has one line on park and ride and no plan to do it.

City Centre area is defined as the inner ring road

Bull Ring

Moor St

Middle ring road will be affected

Not enough money going into charging points.

Dartmouth Circus is not in the zone

Choke zones – by the Perry Barr bus station

Dorrington Road – by the school and outside of other schools. Clean streets around schools agenda.
There needs to be more monitoring around schools.

180k vehicles a day travel within the ward due to junction 7. This is affecting residents and school pupils

Cllr Zaffar to be invited to the next meeting.

A point made by a resident about the impact on council tax.

Programme of informing underway.

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Over 10 million to be invested in Small and Medium Size enterprises to assist them with the change.

Vouchers will be provided for some organisations.

How will the council/police deal with false number plates.

Will any of the data collected by ANPR cameras be passed on to third parties? **Gemma to feed back to ward councillors.**

Is the pollution level in Birmingham comparable to London's ultra-low emissions level.

Perry Hall Park – recreation and pitches plan

Perry Park – being specific about things like exempt from planning consent

Turnberry Park

Brum breaths website has lots of information. Register for updates. There is a clean air zone in-box also.

Ward Forum response to the neighbourhood plan consultation

Interest expressed by Cllr Hunt as chair.

Cllr Hunt distributed a 3B's summary document.

Cllr Hunt requested that attendees complete a questionnaire prior to leaving if they haven't already done so.

He explained that the document is detailed and the policies are also detailed.

1. New detailed planning rules are proposed.
2. Community – how will this be taken forward. Should the community consider becoming a Parish Council? Which is one of the questions for consideration.

If the consultation responses are positive there will be a double referendum.

Ward Forum response

Thornbridge Ave. Issue with the contractor driving on grass verges. Cllr Hunt suggested double kerbing as a temporary measure.

Designated as a local town centre.

Issue with car washes, the chemicals that they are using and where contaminated water is washing away to. **Cllr Hunt undertook to investigate.**

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New Housing will not be included

Is the university definitely moving

Cllr Hunt has submitted a technical objection

Consultation on Friday re the ward plan, St John's Church

February 7th is the deadline.

The forum is happy with the general proposals.

Re Parish Council

There may be an issue with the precept.

Outstanding questions so this may run for longer.

Invitees to speak about Parish Council's to be invited to the next meeting.

A resident knows a former parish councillors who she could ask to attend a future meeting.

Qu. Is there an appetite?

Plans for the
Perry Barr Master Plan

Cllr Hunt commented that he has been excluded from this morning's meeting.

Revised business case to come back next week in regard to the bus station issue.

It will be up to the CWG team to advise of engagement methods. The suggestion is the CWG teams should organise and facilitated the meeting going forward.

Two-monthly meeting.

ND-C to ask Cat and Ceri re the continuation of the CWG liaison group.

Janet x 3 issues:

Lorries in Church Road, x two businesses. Cllr Jan has got the sergeant and traffic involved.

Conversation with BCC planning dept re the planning app.

Businesses burning rubbish. Waste Man .

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Litter on Rocky Lane, a lack of public bins

John – have Highways England's recommendation for the flyover been considered.
Cllr Hunt updated it has been ignored.

Check nhood police team arrangements with the new sergeant.

Sgt Leon

Street watches are active.

NTG needs to be restarted.

Alan – Sgt Liam Butler came to Alan's house. Request to get the police and crime commissioner or a higher officer to attend a future meeting.

Cllr Hunt raised the forthcoming elections for the police and crime commissioner. There is a chance to lobby the candidates.