

Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan Community Update

Putting Our Village's Future in Our Hands

Background In 2016, Hockley Heath Parish Council applied to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to designate Hockley Heath as a Neighbourhood Area under the Localism Act 2011. Solihull Council has confirmed that this designation remains valid today, allowing the Parish Council to lead the creation of an updated Neighbourhood Plan for Hockley Heath.

Why Now? The updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Solihull Council's evolving Local Plan marks a critical time for Hockley Heath. A Neighbourhood Plan offers our community the opportunity to influence site-specific policies — covering housing, infrastructure, environment, green spaces and village character (meeting planning requirements and reflecting resident feedback).

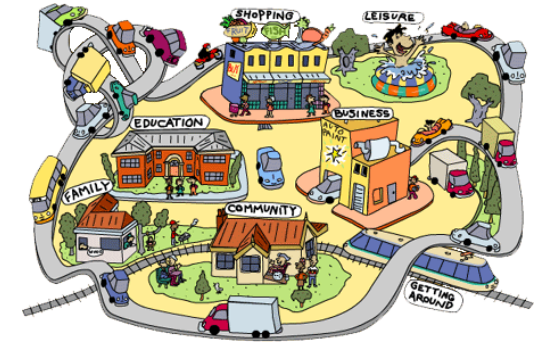
What a Neighbourhood Plan Can Do?

It cannot prevent all development, especially given the housing targets set for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council by Government, however it gives residents a powerful voice in shaping:

- Where new developments should go
- What it should look like
- How it supports the village's long-term vision

Policies within the plan will be shaped by resident and business feedback through surveys. Surveys will be hand-delivered to every household and business in the village soon.

Your Voice Matters Your response to the upcoming survey will directly influence village priorities through policies contained within the Plan. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey - your feedback will help shape a sustainable and thriving future for Hockley Heath. Volunteers will collect responses approximately one week after delivery.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter

Welcome to this special Neighbourhood Plan edition

A digital version of this Newsletter is available on our Facebook page and the Parish Council's website:

www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email: clerk@hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Working Together – The Parish Council, HHAG and Residents

In collaboration with members of the Hockley Heath Action Group and residents, the Parish Council has held three Steering Group meetings to date to coordinate the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan and its policies, influenced directly by the community.

About the Steering Group The Steering Group is responsible for shaping the vision, scope and objectives of the Plan.

Key functions include community engagement, evidence gathering and policy development, whilst ensuring the Plan remains legally compliant and deliverable throughout its development, maintaining momentum and ensuring procedural integrity.

Membership includes councillors, residents and local stakeholders. Joining requires collaboration and commitment over a 12 to 24-month process. To get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Staying Informed The Parish Council will host public information sessions at the Pavilion Hall. Dates and times will be advertised on:

- Village banners
- The Parish Council's website / Facebook page
- Hockley Heath Action Group's social media pages

Coming Soon You can expect to see resident and business surveys hand-delivered by volunteers soon.

Please look out for them and take a few minutes to share your views - your input will shape the future of Hockley Heath.

Your responses will be collected by volunteers approximately two weeks after delivery.

The Parish Council welcomes the support of the Hockley Heath Action Group (HHAG).

Hockley Heath Action Group (HHAG) updates:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/HH.ActionGroup

or email Hockley@HHActionGroup.co.uk

WhatsApp:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fq3T8ipKM2mAddN2v9WnTn>