

Hockley Heath Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Part 2 - Residents' Survey 2025 Individual Responses

This survey is anonymous, whilst trying to understand as much as possible about you and your opinions on a range of subjects relating to the future development of Hockley Heath Parish.

The survey can be completed by anyone living in Hockley Heath who is 17 or over, and additional copies can be downloaded from www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk.

Please try and answer as fully as you feel able. Where a list of options is given, they are not in perceived order of merit.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Q1 The following have been identified as features of Hockley Heath Parish which residents may wish to protect or see in the future. Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree that these community assets should be protected. (Please tick one box per row)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
St. Thomas's Church	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Memorial Hall and Social Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Canal and bridges	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Canal Wharf (located by The Wharf pub)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
War memorial	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Footpaths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The recreation ground and pavilion	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The children's play area at the recreation ground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The bowls club at the recreation ground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The BMX track within the recreation ground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The village school and its amenities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The local shops, including the Post Office	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The local bus services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A Doctor's surgery or pharmacy in the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Street lights in the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
CCTV in the village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Village pubs and restaurants	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q2 Can you think of any historic buildings or features that we've forgotten, that need to be protected?

LANDSCAPE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan will describe what we think gives our village its local character and distinctiveness - including the canals, fields, other green spaces and footpaths. The purpose is to record what we value, whether we own it or not - a place may be important to you simply by knowing that it is 'there' or that it may be viewed occasionally.

Q3 How important are the following features to you? (Please tick one box per row)

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No opinion
The rural character of the Hockley Heath parish	☐	☐	☐	☐
That there remains a sense of remoteness to the village	☐	☐	☐	☐
The fact that Hockley Heath is inset in a defined Green Belt	☐	☐	☐	☐
The fact that Hockley Heath has clearly defined space between itself and Blythe Valley Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
The fact that Hockley Heath has clearly defined space between itself and neighbouring communities, e.g. Dorridge	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q4 The following is a list of some of the features that have been suggested to us as important. Please tick the four most important to you.

- ☐ Living adjacent to green belt land
- ☐ Relative peace and quiet
- ☐ Long rural views across countryside at the boundaries to the village
- ☐ Trees and hedgerows surrounding our settlements (oak trees, horse chestnuts)
- ☐ The canal and bridge network
- ☐ Wilder areas and scrub to walk in or view
- ☐ Gardens - both back and front of homes
- ☐ The community planting / village flowers (maintained by the Gardening Club)
- ☐ Garden walls and strong hedgerows bounding country lanes and the canal network within the settlements
- ☐ Dark night time sky

Q5 Green spaces are any open spaces of land that are accessible to the public. This can include: playing fields and sports pitches, wildlife areas, parks, community gardens, greens, playgrounds and cemeteries. Which of the following are most important to you? (Please tick up to three boxes only).

- ☐ Better day-to-day care of existing open green spaces
- ☐ More open green spaces linked to green corridors
- ☐ A full Green Spaces Plan to manage future needs of existing green spaces and promote more green spaces in new developments
- ☐ More work to protect local wildlife habitats
- ☐ More help for volunteers to manage open green spaces
- ☐ Separate spaces for wildlife and pets
- ☐ Allotments

Please state any other features that are important to you below:

Q6 When considering the local environment, how important to you are the following issues?
Please tick the three most important to you.

- ☐ Conserving the green belt surrounding Hockley Heath
- ☐ Protecting local wildlife and habitats
- ☐ Reducing the risk of flooding
- ☐ Retaining active/well managed farming operations
- ☐ Encouraging appropriate and sustainable house design
- ☐ Improving cycle tracks
- ☐ Keeping the village free from litter

Add any additional comments/suggested improvements in the box below in respect of the local environment.

Q7 What priorities should the Neighbourhood Plan have in protecting the natural environment? (Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Minimise the level of noise and other forms of pollution caused by development and transport infrastructure
- ☐ Protect the views of green belt land and green spaces from inappropriate development
- ☐ Protect trees & hedges
- ☐ Protect hedgehogs, and other wildlife
- ☐ Protect the canal network

Q8 Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the village through the quality and design of housing, by promoting the following? (Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Design that respects the scale of the existing village
- ☐ Minimum standards for living space in dwellings
- ☐ Green space and gardens
- ☐ Signage, advertising and street furniture that respects the locality
- ☐ Traditional styles and scale of shop fronts
- ☐ Other

If other, please write in the box below:

Q9 Indurent Solihull will be seeking outline planning permission for up to 980,000 sq. ft of industrial and logistics space on land north of Kineton Lane, within the Parish of Hockley Heath. The Parish Council is seeking your views on potential measures to mitigate the impact of this proposal on village life.

How important are the following potential measures? (Please tick one box per row)

	Very important	Quite important	Not important	No opinion
To maintain an effective buffer zone between the village of Hockley Heath and the proposal by Indurent Solihull	☐	☐	☐	☐
To safeguard long rural views from the village across open countryside	☐	☐	☐	☐
That the A3400 Stratford Road is not used for the inevitable excessive movement of vehicles to and from the proposed site	☐	☐	☐	☐
Highway changes to J4 of the M42 and the traffic island at the Kineton Lane junction to allow for the inevitable excessive movement of vehicles to and from the proposed site	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q10 Please state how strongly you feel about the following matters which may impact the village in the future. (Please tick one box per row)

	Very strong	Quite strong	Not very strong
Proposed development by Indurent Solihull	☐	☐	☐
HS2 / Arden Hub	☐	☐	☐
Expansion of Birmingham Airport	☐	☐	☐
Potential development of SG24 sites highlighted within the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)	☐	☐	☐

Q11 Please comment here on how you feel nearby developments may impact upon Hockley Heath? (Please use the space below)

Q12 Although not 'land use' within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, please choose whether the following issues have any effect on the village environment. (Please tick one box per row)

	Big effect	No difference	Little effect
Noise of traffic on A3400	☐	☐	☐
Volume of traffic on A3400	☐	☐	☐
Speed of traffic on A3400	☐	☐	☐
Light pollution from nearby settlements such as Solihull, Redditch and Birmingham	☐	☐	☐
Flooding of the main thoroughfares	☐	☐	☐
Inappropriate parking	☐	☐	☐
Parking restrictions such as yellow lines	☐	☐	☐

COMMERCIAL / RETAIL EMPLOYMENT

Businesses form a vital part of the fabric of our community. By providing goods, services and employing people, our businesses ensure that the Parish can thrive and prosper.

Q13 Do you feel there is sufficient employment in the local area (5 mile radius of Hockley Heath)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Q14 Please tick any of the following that would improve your experience of working in Hockley Heath Parish, or would support the growth of your business or service.

☐ Improved Mobile reception

☐ Business meeting rooms

☐ Faster broadband

☐ Cafe

☐ Local skills directory

☐ Other

☐ Better or more frequent bus links

☐ None

☐ Additional parking

If other, please comment in the box below

Q15 Do you consider that there is enough commercial/business accommodation in Hockley Heath?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Q16 Do you consider the protection of existing commercial/retail employment sites within the village is important, e.g. shops, offices etc.?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Q17 Would you support the allocation of land for business use? (Please tick one box per row)

	Support a lot	Support a little	No support
Factory/manufacturing units	☐	☐	☐
Food and restaurants	☐	☐	☐
Light Industrial units	☐	☐	☐
Offices	☐	☐	☐
Shops and retail	☐	☐	☐
Storage/warehouse facilities	☐	☐	☐
Doctor's Surgery or Pharmacy	☐	☐	☐
Marina or other development associated with the canal	☐	☐	☐

Q18 If businesses where to be encouraged in Hockley Heath, where would you like to see them develop? (Please tick all that apply)

☐ Along the existing main A3400 Stratford Road

☐ Local business areas outside of Hockley Heath

☐ Away from the main A3400 Stratford Road

☐ No further business development required

Q19 How do you think we can encourage the development of local businesses? Please add any comments in the box below.

Q20 Would you support the allocation of land for the creation of a business centre providing low cost, flexible workspaces, meeting rooms, managed services to support small businesses and home workers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

DEVELOPMENT DESIGN AND POTENTIAL SITE ALLOCATION

Q21 Do you support the allocation of land within Hockley Heath Parish for Affordable Homes (please see the Appendix for a definition of Affordable Homes)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Q22 Should these areas of the village be protected from development? Please tick your top three only.

☐ Aylesbury Road area

☐ School Road area

☐ Old Warwick Road area

☐ Spring Lane area

☐ Nuthurst Lane area

☐ Area heading north towards Shirley, along or behind the A3400

☐ Area heading south towards Henley-in-Arden, along or behind the A3400

Q23 Can you think of any other areas of the village not listed above in Q22 that should be protected from development? Please write in the box below.

Q24 Should development take place, what should new developments in Hockley Heath look like? (Please tick all that apply)

☐ Eco friendly homes with renewable energy (e.g. solar panels, passive heating, grey water recovery systems)

☐ Homes centred around a cul-de-sac development

☐ Homes in ribbon developments (along a stretch of road)

☐ Mix of house sizes on the same development

☐ Mix of house styles on the same development

☐ Retain village feeling

Q25 **Is there a style of house development that you think is particularly appropriate?**
(Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Homes that have a modern contemporary exterior
- ☐ Homes that have a traditional exterior
- ☐ Homes with gardens
- ☐ Homes without gardens (i.e. apartments)
- ☐ Other

If other, please comment in the box below.

Q26 **What type of property should new developments consist of? (Please tick all that apply)**

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| ☐ Flat | ☐ Developments greater than two storeys |
| ☐ Terraced house | ☐ Bungalow |
| ☐ Semi-detached house | ☐ Specialist accommodation for older persons
(e.g. sheltered housing) |
| ☐ Detached house | |

Q27 **How many bedrooms should any new developments have?**

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| ☐ One | ☐ Four |
| ☐ Two | ☐ More than five |
| ☐ Three | |

Your views are appreciated. Thanks for completing this survey. Please put this questionnaire back in the envelope provided, along with the Part 1 questionnaire.

Appendix - Affordable Housing Definition

Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. From April 2012 affordable housing is defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (prior to this the definitions in Planning Policy Statement 3 apply).

Affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

Affordable rented housing is let by local authorities or private registered providers of social housing to households who are eligible for social rented housing. Affordable rent is subject to rent controls that require a rent of no more than 80 per cent of the local market rent (including service charges, where applicable).

Hockley Heath Parish Council will apply additional criteria as follows:

1. Parish of Hockley Heath

- a. A current resident of the Parish of Hockley Heath who has lived in the Parish for a minimum of 2 years;
- b. Born in the Parish of Hockley Heath and previously resident in the Parish for more than 2 years;
- c. Past resident of the Parish of Hockley Heath having lived there for a minimum of 2 years;
- d. Close relatives currently resident in the Parish of Hockley Heath and have done for a minimum of 2 years. Close relatives are defined as parents, children, brothers or sisters, grand parents or grandchildren;
- e. Currently has permanent employment in the Parish of Hockley Heath which they have held for at least 2 years (employer reference required); and
- f. A need to reside in the Parish either to provide care/support or to be cared for/supported by another member of their family who has lived in the Parish for a minimum of 2 years (medical reference required).

2. Solihull Council Wards of Dorridge and Hockley Heath; Knowle

As above A-F, but for the Council Wards of Dorridge and Hockley Heath; Knowle

3. Anyone on the housing register.