Acocks Green
Ward Development Plan

Acocks Green Ward Profile

Acocks Green is approximately three miles South East of the City Centre and forms part of the Yardley Constituency. Based upon the 1991 Census (the latest), it has a population of 26,087, a decline of 6.7% from 1981. Just over 64% of households own their own house with 24% renting from the City Council; these are very similar for the City as a whole.

Unemployment in the Ward stands at approximately 7.8% which is below the City as a whole. Approximately 55% of all households in the Ward own a car with over 13% owning two or more cars.

Over-riding this general picture are concerns from within the local communities, many of which have been raised at Ward Sub-Committees, relating to crime or the fear of crime, the impact of proposed development on existing shopping/small businesses and the general decline of the commercial centres. Issues relating to Transport, Environmental impact and the decline of public open space all feature prominently.

The Vision for Acocks Green

The communities which make up the Ward are caring and responsible and through the range of residents groups, associations, the Ward Advisory Board and the Ward Sub-Committee working in partnership with other agencies have a vision to reverse the decline in the Ward, both socially and economically.

The Ward Development Plan will encapsulate the priorities for the Ward and address the needs of the young and elderly, improving community safety and the environment for all.

By working together we can focus on the specific needs of the Ward and target resources appropriately.

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Developing a Voice
Addressing your Priorities
in
Acocks Green

Through the Local Involvement Local Action initiative the City Council wants the communities within Acocks Green to have a voice and develop a plan indicating your main priorities for the Ward and how we can address them.

- Acocks Green Ward Sub-Committee is a well attended forum for local views and debate. Your Local Councillors are in attendance and receive reports from Council Officers, monitor progress on outstanding issues and involve other agencies, such as the Police, residents groups, health representatives, etc.

Come along to your Ward Meeting and have your say!

If you have any ideas or comments about this Ward Development Plan contact your local Councillor or Ward Lead Officer/Ward Back-Up Officer.

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LILA - Acocks Green Ward Priorities

What are the Main Priorities for the Ward? (not in rank order)	What can be done about them?
Improving the Environment and Reducing Traffic Impact	➪ Provision of on and off street parking to prevent damage to grass verges and trees. ➪ Provision of residents only parking schemes. ➪ Improve street cleaning and provision of litter bins. ➪ Creation of 20mph speed limits on 'rat runs'. ➪ Provision of benches in parks and shopping areas. ➪ Improve road maintenance. ➪ Improvements to parking around Swan Shopping Centre - particularly for people with disabilities. ➪ Improve and develop the Oaklands Recreation Ground to meet local needs and aspirations.
Encourage Local Businesses and Jobs	➪ Set and enforce standards to reverse decline in local shopping facilities. ➪ Assist new business ventures and retention of existing.
Improving Community Safety and Reducing the Fear of Crime	➪ CCTV for shopping areas. ➪ Provision of gates to rear access of dwellings. ➪ Improve street lighting.
Improve Activities and Facilities for Young People	➪ Improve local parks and open spaces for young people. ➪ Provision of skateboard facility at local park. ➪ Work with local agencies and police to improve youth club provision.
Providing for Integration of the Generations	➪ Community Newsletter

What Resources are Need?	Who Needs to be Involved?
➪ Formalised parking by creation of parking bays. ➪ Development of City Council policy. ➪ Review standards and frequency. ➪ Implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders. ➪ Funding for provision, installation and maintenance. ➪ Review standards and investment. ➪ Feasibility study and development of parking scheme. ➪ Full time on-site presence. Improve security and facilities	➪ City Council/Emergency Services/ Local Community. ➪ City Council/Local Community ➪ City Council/Local Community ➪ City Council/Local Community ➪ City Council/Local Businesses, etc. ➪ City Council/Local Community ➪ City Council/Land Owner/ Businesses ➪ City Council/Local Community/ Businesses/Interest Groups
➪ Develop planning policy, security improvements and maintenance ➪ Intervention by Economic Development Department and other agencies	➪ City Council/Shop Owners/Local Community ➪ Chamber of Commerce/City Council/ Local Businesses
➪ Funding for installation, maintenance and monitoring ➪ Funding and host organisation ➪ Review standards and investment	➪ City Council/Local Business/Police/ Local Community ➪ City Council/Local Residents/Police/ Businesses ➪ City Council/Local Residents/Police/ Victim Support
➪ Additional provision and resources ➪ Feasibility and capital/revenue funding ➪ Additional support and inter-agency working	➪ City Council/Local Youth/Voluntary Sector/Police/Interest Groups ➪ City Council/Local Youth/Voluntary Sector/Police/Interest Groups ➪ City Council/Local Youth/Voluntary Sector/Police/Interest Groups
➪ Funding and host organisation	➪ Local Community/Businesses

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