Useful numbers to know . . .

Walsall Road Police Station	0845 113 5000
Perry Beeches Neighbourhood Office	0121-303 0390
Citizens Advice Bureau	0121-683 6883
Job Centre	0121-480 3333
North Birmingham Primary Care Trust	0121-332 1920
Tower Hill Library	0121-464 1948
Alexander Stadium	0121-464 8008
Birmingham City Council General enquiries	0121-303 9944
Beeches Pool and Fitness Centre	0121-464 6296
Job Centre plus direct	0845 6020265
Connections	0121-248 8250
Pensions Hotline	0845 6060265

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PERRY BARR WARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

2004-2005

The purpose of the Ward Development Plan

The Perry Barr Ward Development Plan 2004-2006 has been produced to help inform people of how Local Residents, Councillors, City Officers and other organisations have come together to decide how the local environment they live in can be improved.

Since the last Ward Development Plan was produced, some of the projects that had been identified by the local community to improve the area, have been implemented.

These projects have included, improved traffic calming measures, improved street lighting, the development of a befriending scheme for the elderly, provision of smoke alarms for the vulnerable, improved provision of holiday activities for young people, the appointment of a new environmental warden, additional special street collections and a lot more. . .

This Ward Plan is not intended to resolve all the issues that affect the Ward, but is there to highlight the main priorities that we can look to address with the help of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding during 2004-2006 and the localisation of council services.

The purpose of the Plan is to help develop Perry Barr as a flourishing neighbourhood.

We aim to make Perry Barr a clean and safe neighbourhood, where people can live in harmony, where there is economic prosperity and a thriving community and voluntary activities in places of worship, clubs and meeting places. Flourishing neighbourhoods have well managed services that link together and meet people's needs. They are places where people feel proud to live and feel that they matter.

To help us achieve this the council is changing the way it works, so that we can better understand and relate to the needs of each district and take actions to achieve what they want. This means devolving power to the 11 district committees and taking the first step towards taking the first step towards localising service delivery and decision making. The changes will give local communities the opportunity to make the decisions that affect their neighbourhoods.

WARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004/5

IMPORTANT CHALLENGES IN THE WARD	RESIDENTS' CONCERNS	HOW WILL THESE CONCERNS BE ADDRESSED?	WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?	ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR	EXPECTED OUTCOMES	WHEN BY?
1. Safer, cleaner streets and public open spaces	● To reduce rubbish dumping ● On-street parking ● Illegal parking on pavements and grass verges ● Derelict buildings ● Rubbish in the parks ● Management of trees and shrubs on roadsides and parks ● Lack of recycling facilities	● Appointment of a street warden ● Additional special street collections ● Traffic calming measures ● Review of existing parking provision in local roads ● Provision of appropriate changing facilities for recreation use in parks ● Provision of waste disposal points for dog users and other user in parks and roads ● Improve maintenance of trees and shrubs in all areas	● Local Councillors ● Environmental Services ● Highways ● Transportation ● Park, Sports and Events section ● Ward support team	● Environmental Warden Appointed ● Additional special street collections ● Additional traffic calming measures introduced, i.e. Mildenhall Road	● Improved environment for the local community ● Local input as to where and when environmental issues need to be addressed	2004 / 05
2. Promote healthy lifestyles in the ward	● Provide recreational facilities for all people in the Ward regardless of age ● Health Issues	● 2 kilometre (2K) walks in local neighbourhoods ● Provision and maintenance of sports pitches in parks for community use ● Encourage G.P. referral schemes for exercise on prescription ● Involvement in health promotions for all ages in the Ward e.g. walking school bus	● Parks, Sports and Events section ● Primary Care Trust ● Local schools ● Ward support team	● Bescot Court Gardening project for the elderley ● Baby massage at Tower Hill Health Clinic ● 2K Walks in Calshot Park and Perry Hall Fields ● Booths Farm recreation project established	● A healthy, community spirit within the community ● Improved health of the general population	2004 / 05
3. Encourage caring in the community - especially amongst elderly residents	● Elderly residents living on their own and feeling isolated? ● Less able to look after themselves and their properties ● Fear of crime ● Increase benefit awareness	● Handy person scheme ● Befriending scheme ● Establish working links with partnership organisations including Primary Care Trusts, Age Concern	● Primary Care Trust ● Local Councillors ● Ward support team ● Libraries ● Age Concern ● Youth Service ● Citizen Advice Bureau ● Department of Social Security ● Housing	● Befriending project - Age Concern	● Improved health amongst the elderly ● Increased awareness of available assistance and help with problems and issues	2004 / 05
4. Develop links with the community to encourage their involvement in local decision making	● People want more information about decisions that affect them within the Ward ● Provide facilities for young people's activities within the Ward.	● Improve publicity and information flow to the general populous, neighbourhood groups and voluntary groups across the Ward, i.e. through the Ward Advisory Board and the Ward Committee.	● Local Press ● Local community groups ● Local schools ● Committee section ● G.P's surgeries ● Ward support team	● Encourage regular review of neighbourhood involvement to ensure inclusion and diversity ● Ward Plan updated ● Provide access, involvement and influence for the Ward in the new District Governance Framework	● Improved environment for the local community ● Residents feel more involved in the local decision making process ● Local input as to where and when environmental issues need to be addressed	2004 / 05
5. Improved facilities and activities available for young people	● Provide activities for young people in the Ward especially during holiday periods ● Provide base facilities for young people's activities within the Ward	● Support the work of mainstream and voluntary sector play and activity provision for young people ● Co-ordinate and plan activities for young people across the Ward ● Identify facilities which can be used as a base for young people's activities	● Local schools ● Youth service ● Young people ● Ward support team ● Local Facilities Managers	● Activities for young people ● Support for Detached Projects ● Summer holiday schemes supported ● Production of Summer Activities Leaflet ● Youth POD installed	● Diversionary school holiday provision for local children ● Improved skills, social and educational, providing pathways to employment and citizenship	2004 / 05
6. Reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour	● Poorly lit streets / roads ● Congregations of large groups of young people on street corners ● Fear of crime in certain areas, especially pedestrian subways	● Encouragement of two-way information flow between the community and the police and other local organisations about criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, work with the police and statutory and other voluntary groups to provide diversionary activities for young people ● Improve home security and crime reduction initiatives across the Ward	● Transportation ● Youth service ● Local community groups ● Police ● Highways ● Ward support team	● Community camera operated by West Midland's Police ● Radio security system - Thornbridge Ave. ● Improved lighting projects ● Elderly security project ● Operation wheelspin - Cycling clothing for police ● Smoke alarm programme for the elderly	● The monitoring of anti social behaviour ● Residents feeling safer walking down the streets ● Elderly residents feeling safer in their own homes ● Police more local and clearly visible to the local community they serve	2004 / 05