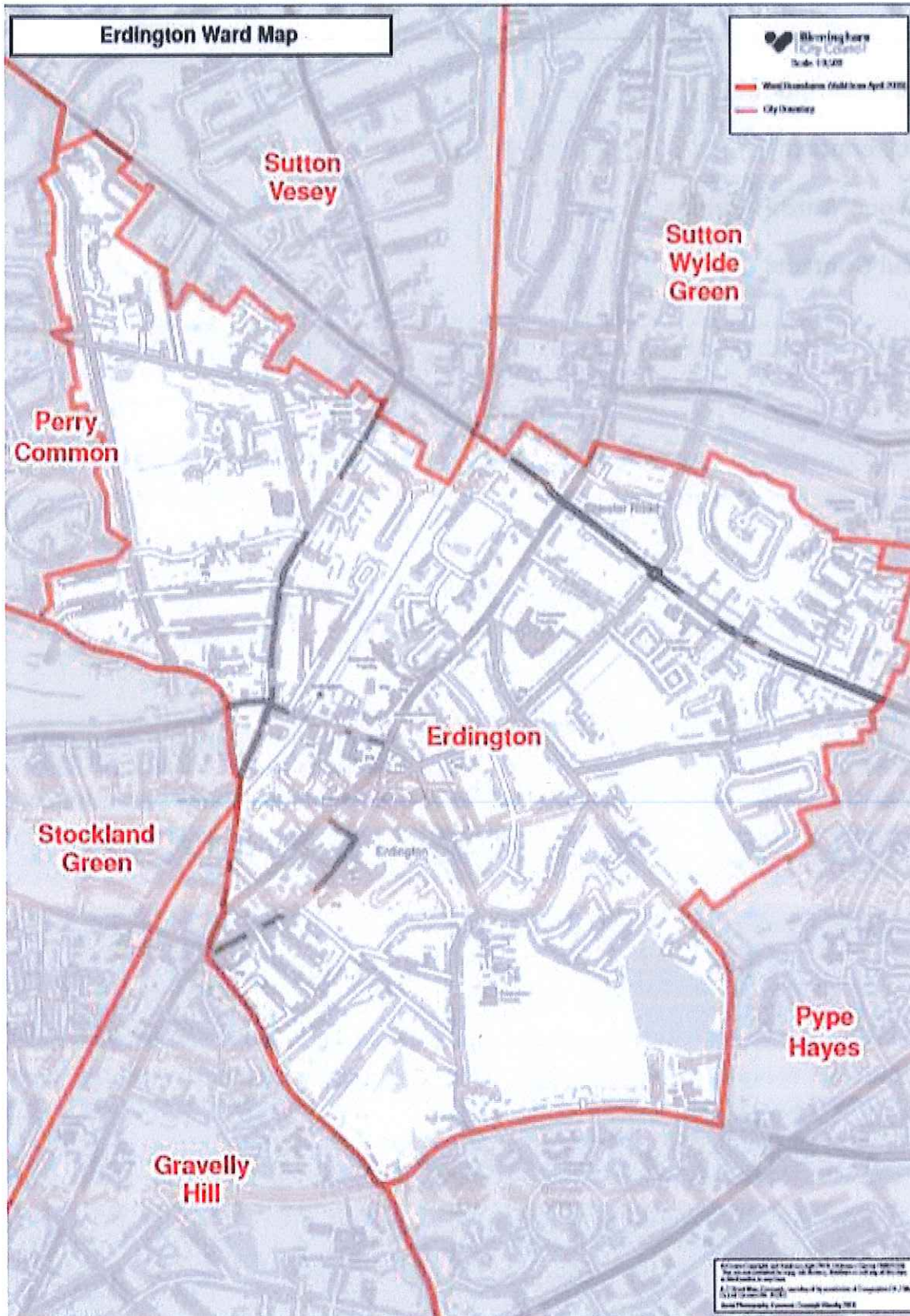


ERDINGTON WARD PLAN 2018 – 2022



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Ward Description

Erdington Ward is made up of several neighbourhoods, including Abbey Fields, Erdington Village, Pitts Farm, Short Heath and Wylde Green.

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The Erdington Ward is within the parliamentary constituency of Birmingham Erdington.

There has been a village in Erdington since before Saxon times. By 1066 Erdington belonged to the estates of Edwin, Earl of Mercia and many of the familiar thoroughfares we know today were in place. Kingsbury Road and Chester Road were part of an important network of routes that were essential for trade and survival to the village Norman inhabitants.

Erdington is sited approximately four miles from Birmingham city centre to the north, bordering Sutton Coldfield. The area is largely residential, with a thriving retail centre at the High Street and very little in the way of industrial development. Erdington's centre is clearly defined by the land use pattern. Houses surrounding the High Street are predominantly from the Victorian and Edwardian era (c.1860-1915). The High Street itself is very profitable for retailers, with it being partially pedestrianised and containing a shopping centre and two market halls. Erdington High Street has over a million visitors every year.

The ward of Erdington is unique in a number of ways, but two historical elements are of national interest. Rookery House was built c. 1727 for local industrialist Abraham Spooner. 70 years later, William Wilberforce – the politician and philanthropist who was leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade – married Abraham's granddaughter Barbara Spooner and took up residence at Rookery House.

50 years ago, Erdington High Street was home to the nightclub Mothers, which was voted the number one rock venue in the world by Billboard Magazine. The list of bands who have played includes a number of rock and roll legends, such as The Who playing their live opera Tommy for the first time and Pink Floyd recording Ummagumma at Mothers.

Key information

Erdington Ward:

- has a population of approximately 18,603 – making it the 29th most populous ward in the City.
- has a slightly older profile than the rest of the City as a whole and a lower BAME population share.
- is mid ranking (36th) amongst the City's 69 wards for deprivation levels and average income.
- has resident employment rates above the City average and claimant count unemployment proportions are similar to the Birmingham average.
- has a tenure profile of mainly owner occupier, with increasing levels of private rented accommodation, particularly Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO)

Further information can be access through the Erdington Ward Profile page at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/bcc.ck#!/vizhome/2018BirminghamWardProfiles/2018BirminghamWardProfiles>

Policy Context

The Paper Localism in Birmingham: A Framework for Future Policy, March 2018 set out objectives for future ward-based working which will focus on: improved service delivery in neighbourhoods, an agenda of “Neighbourly Neighbourhoods” and a commitment to a “Whole Place” and “Whole System” way of working.

The new ward planning process is one of the main mechanisms by which citizens and communities can participate in setting local priorities themselves. The ward plan will be used to develop and enhance local engagement and community governance. The ward plan will highlight local priorities and planned actions.

The ward plan aligns with **Birmingham City Council Vision and Priorities 2017-2020**

BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL VISION –*A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.*

BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL OUTCOMES – *What we want to achieve:*



- Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in
- Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in
- Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in
- Birmingham is a great city to live in
- Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games

Ward Priorities

Ward Priorities for Previous Erdington Ward

- Improving the local environment – cleaner, greener, safer Erdington
- Protecting and preserving Erdington’s community, character and heritage
- Keeping Erdington Tidy
- Reducing Anti-social behaviour
- Improving job opportunities

Funding/Budgets

1. The sum of £48k from the old ward arrangements have been devolved to the organisations within the ward to deliver **Local Innovation Fund (LIF)** Projects.

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status
Erdington Town Centre	Erdington Town Centre partnership	£20,000	Completed
Malcolm Locker	Malachi Trust	£18,000	Completed

2. A share of the **Proceeds of Crime funding** (where/if applicable) may be allocated to the ward [insert exact detail]

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status
Community Integration	Friends of Rookery Park	£300	Completed

3. **Highways Ward Minor Transport Measures budget** [insert exact detail]

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status

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4. **Housing Environmental Works budget - tba**

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

5. **Section 106 funding** (where/if applicable) [insert detail]

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

6. **Neighbourhood Network Scheme** (where/if applicable)

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

7. **Community Infrastructure Levy** (where/if applicable)

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

Useful Links

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/>

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/bcc.ck#!/vizhome/2018BirminghamWardProfiles/2018BirminghamWardProfiles>

Declaration

This plan has been drafted following engagement and discussions with local residents and ward stakeholders. It was been agreed and adopted by those present at the [insert ward name] Ward meeting on: [insert day, date and year], which was held at [insert meeting venue name].

Elected member:

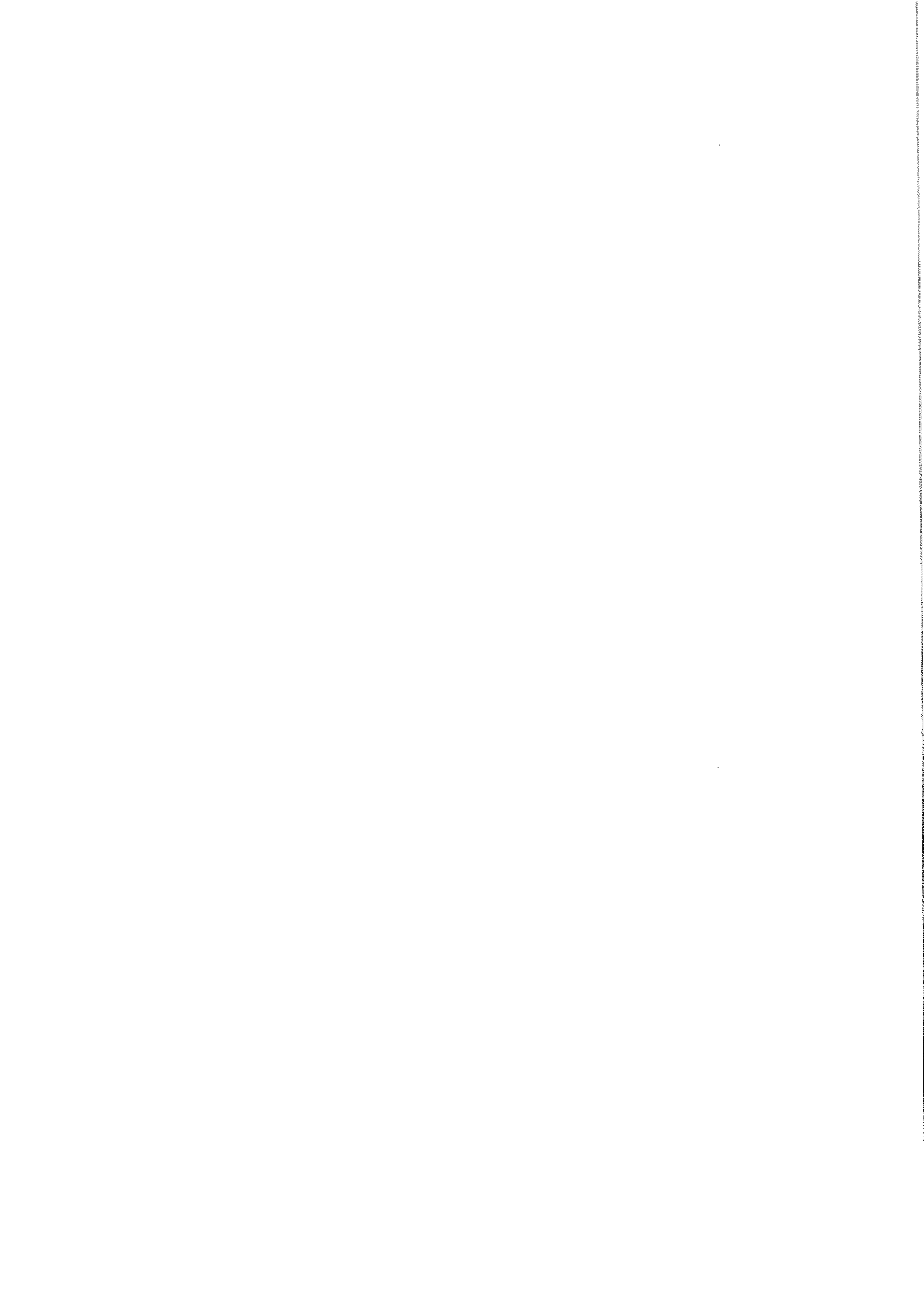
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A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.

Priority 1 Improving and enhancing the local environment – Cleaner, Greener and safer Erdington

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Carry out enforcement action and work with schools to look at innovative solutions to the problem eg second entrances to schools where possible	By schools in the ward	Local Police, Schools and BCC Education Department	On going		
Investigate introduction of a park and ride facility near to Erdington train station	Station Road	BCC and WMCA	2022	Existing budgets for park and ride	
Create an additional car park on the former Honeywell/Colliers site to support Leisure Centre/High Street parking issues.	Former Colliers Site	BCC Planning and Transport departments and Developers	2022	Potential Section 106 agreement or similar process	
Identify solutions to parking issues in central Erdington, following parking consultation previously undertaken	Area covered by previously proposed Erdington CPZ area	BCC Transport	2020	Existing budget for CPZ	Designs currently being drawn up for new possible solutions, consultation on new solutions tbc.
Introduce grass verge protection measures, where resident support, and undertake enforcement	Various locations	BCC	On going	Existing grass Verge Protection budget while it continues	Already put schemes in Grange Road, Cedar Drive, Greenside Road, Beeches Drive, Chestnut Drive, Welwyndale Road, Berwood Farm Road, Barnsbury Avenue, Berkswell Road, Ewell Road, Ayre Road and Allman Road.
Convert a number of the strips of land by traffic junctions into grass verges again. This	eg, Chester Road at	BCC	2024	TBC	

removes the maintenance of the tarmac and is as cheap for keeping clean on the Council contracts. It would increase the amount of greenery in the ward as well as help contribute towards cleaner air.	Yenton Junction, Edwards Road by the shops, etc	BCC	On going	BCC/ Section 106 agreements	
Protect local parks and play areas to prevent them being built on and secure investment. Support Friends Group and encourage the creation of new groups where possible.	Rookery Park, Short Heath Park, Erdington Gardens Park, Abbey Fields Park, Pype Hayes Park and Bleak Hill Rec, Grange Road Fields	BCC	ASAP	No revenue impact to Council	
Transfer playing fields to Erdington schools, to improve access to sites and sport provision.	Yenton Playing Fields, Short Heath Playing Fields, Spring Lane Playing Fields	BCC	On going	TBC	
Create new micro parks on pieces of derelict land	Various including Junction Station Road and Summer Lane	BCC/ Developers contributions	On going	AMEY/BCC	Government Highways credit, £1m a year to Birmingham City Council
Highways Maintenance contract:- Upgrade local street lights where needed, Speed up fixing of pavements and roads, Trim trees regularly where needed, and install more street trees, starting with	Across the Ward	AMEY/BCC	On going		



requests Amey have already had. Resolving orphaned/unadopted Highways/street lights								
Install pedestrian crossings as part of our Road Safety Plan at Gravelly Lane/Station Road crossroads, Yenton crossroads.	Gravelly Lane/Station Road crossroads and Yenton crossroads	BCC	When funding can be found	TBC				
Introduce traffic calming measures as part of our Road Safety Plan eg on Court Lane, Goosemoor Lane, Grange Road, Gravelly Lane, Spring Lane and other roads	Various locations including ones listed in action	BCC	On going	TBC				
Encourage the creation of safe off-road cycle routes such as at Pypes Hayes Park to support safer cycling. Support enforcement of Chester Road cycle lane.	Various locations, including local parks and Chester Road	BCC	Ongoing	TBC				
Explore potential for cycling improvements, such as new routes across the Ward and connecting to key areas in Birmingham. Address parking on Chester Road cycle lane.	Across Ward and Chester Road	BCC	Ongoing	TBC				
Explore the creation of new play area and facilities for children and young people of all ages e.g. Skate park or BMX track. These can be provided outside of ward but should be accessible	Across North Birmingham	BCC	Ongoing	TBC				
Explore options to create 'wildlife' corridors within Parks and areas of public open space to support biodiversity – but should not impact on appearance of local parks.	Various Parks and public space within Ward	BCC	Ongoing	Within existing grounds maintenance budget				Discussions have already taken place with Parks to help achieve this. However, there is a tendency for visible and difficult to maintain areas being left, with attracts complaints.

Priority 2 Regeneration – A thriving Erdington

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Regenerate Erdington High Street, through the demolition of various parts of the High Street to allow the construction of:- Cinema, Restaurants, Museum Hub, supermarket and high quality Office spaces Create a business skills hub to encourage entrepreneurs and apprenticeships to enable people into the workplace	Erdington High Street locations within Former Erdington Baths	BCC, Private Sector, Erdington Town Centre Partnership Witton Lodge Community Association, Erdington Town Centre Partnership and BCC	On going 2022	Future High Street Fund BCC Section 106 CAT of building to WLCA Grant funding	Application has been submitted to the Future High Street Fund
New housing schemes or regeneration schemes to provide private family houses, and larger scale houses (to enable local families to be able to stay in the local area rather than having to move out of Erdington when needing a larger house) and bungalows to meet the needs of residents	Across ward	BCC Planning and Developers	On going	n/a	
Toilets on the High Street	High Street	BCC/Shops	On going	Tbc	

Priority 3 Protecting, preserving and promoting Erdington's community, character and heritage

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Protect the former Erdington Baths building	Mason Road	BCC and others	On going	Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA)	Plans to protect and convert the building to a business start-up/enterprise hub are currently being drawn up.
Protect and restore Rookery House	Rookery Park	Developers	2022	Funding secured as part of a	Work has started on the restoration of Rookery House

<p>Introduce an article 4 directive to help limit and regulate the creation of unlicensed HMO's in the area</p>	<p>Whole ward</p>	<p>BCC Planning</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>planning/sale process for the old street light depot Tbc</p>	<p>Consultation on the introduction of an Article 4 directive taken place over Summer 2019. Petition supporting consulted to July Full Council meeting.</p>
<p>Introduce a Conservation Zone to protect the built form of the area and also introduce an area of restraint for relevant areas</p>	<p>Various locations in ward</p>	<p>BCC Planning</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Tbc</p>	
<p>Create a Museum Hub to provide educational and cultural opportunities to Erdington residents</p>	<p>Erdington High Street potential location</p>	<p>BCC, Erdington BID, others to be confirmed/identified</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>Future High Street Fund, grant funding,</p>	
<p>Inclusion agenda:- - Ensure continued promotion of British Values within schools - Greater promotion of Birmingham and Erdington's history and heritage and the role played in shaping the modern world. This would bring communities together by being able to have a shared pride in what it means to live in Birmingham and Erdington in particular - Support local groups like Polish Expats, Erdington Churches together etc - Greater co-operation and partnership working from the City Council with the local community</p>	<p>Ward wide</p>	<p>BCC, schools, community groups etc</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Existing budgets</p>	
<p>Support local community groups like the Erdington Arts Forum</p>	<p>Whole Ward</p>	<p>BCC</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Grant funding, existing budgets</p>	

Priority 4 Keeping Erdington Tidy – A cleaner Erdington

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Improved and reliable refuse and recycling collections. Eg purchasing new and more suitable vehicles to replacing failing vehicles	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Clear litter from parks, High Street and Erdington Train Station	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Ward based cleaning crew to keep streets clean and clear fly tipping in the ward	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Cleaning of car parks	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Work with and support community groups like Erdington Litter Busters and Friends of Rookery Park	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	

Priority 5 Tackling Crime and Antisocial behaviour – A safer Erdington

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Secure a Cumulative Impact Policy for Erdington High Street and surrounding area to restrict number of late night licensed premises following increased ASB and Crime. Tackle ASB in parks	High Street and surrounding area. All parks around ward	BCC Police/BCC	ASAP On going	n/a Existing budgets	Achieved, policy has been introduced.
Secure a replacement Public Space Protection Order for the High Street and wider area, following expiring of previous one	Erdington High Street, area around the station and the Yenton area	Police	ASAP	Existing budgets	
Tackle illegal begging and ASB	Ward wide	Police	On going	Existing budgets	
Support existing community groups/neighbourhood watches, Police tasking meetings and the creation of others where	Ward wide	Police/BCC	On going	Existing budgets	

Priority 6 Education, Skills and young people – Developing Erdington’s Future

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	By Who?	By When?	Stakeholders/ Resources	Where/with who?	Update
Retain Erdington Library and opening hours.	BCC	On going	Existing Budgets	Erdington Library	
Create a Business Start up Hub to help local residents start their own business	BCC/Erdington Town Centre Partnership/Witton Lodge Community Association	2023	Funding to be identified	Former Erdington Baths building	Work has begun on plans to create start up hub in Erdington using the former baths.
Support Young people	Malachi, Urban Devotion, Pioneer, YMCA and BCC	On going	Existing budgets and grant funding	Ward wide	
Help young people into work and tackling NEETS	Various	On going	Existing budgets and grant funding	Ward wide	
Create a Museum Hub to provide educational and cultural opportunities to Erdington residents	BCC, Erdington BID, others to be confirmed/identified	2023	Future High Street Fund, grant funding,	Erdington High Street potential location	
Increase the number of schools rated good and excellent across the local area to give people a better start in life	Schools, BCC and academy trusts	On going	Schools funding, Pupil Premium, other funding sources	Erdington Ward and wider North Birmingham area	In Erdington Constituency in 2010 there were 3835 learners in good or outstanding schools. By March 2019 that had increased to 11399. This is an increase of 7564 learners in good and outstanding schools since 2010.

