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BE ERDINGTON

**Ward Action Plan
2022—2026**

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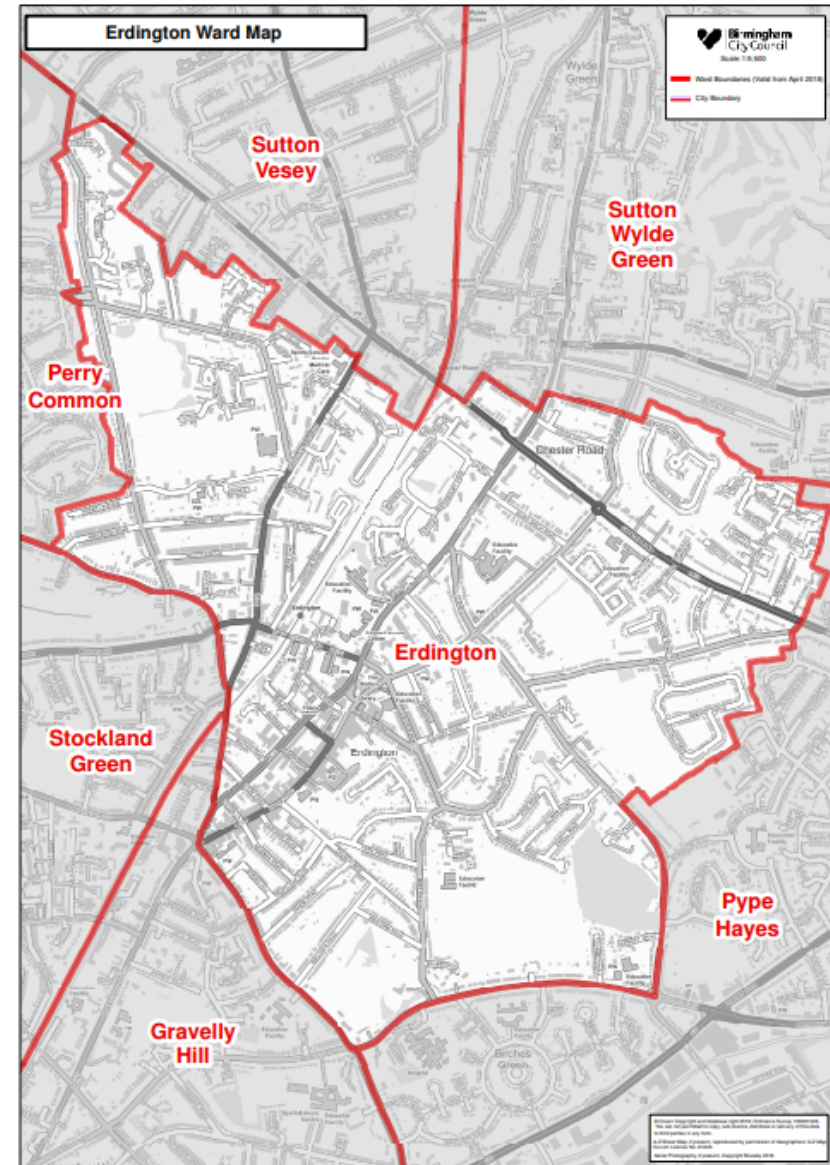
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1. A Thriving & Vibrant ERDINGTON

Priority 1:	For Erdington to be a vibrant and thriving place to live, work and visit.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Regenerating Erdington High Street and the protecting the character of the wider area is frequently raised as a priority by local residents, businesses and community groups.
Who will own this priority?	Everyone
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Combined Authority, Erdington BID, Witton Lodge Community Association, St. Barnabas Church, plus local residents, businesses and other community groups.
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Erdington to be destination of choice for residents and businesses through the regeneration of Erdington High Street and the wider area.

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1	To secure investment to support regeneration of Erdington High Street	<p>Investment secured through funding streams such as the Levelling Up agenda.</p> <p>Reduction in the number of empty shop units and increase in number of businesses that make a positive contribution</p>	<p>National funding is already available to support the regeneration of high streets and local centres.</p> <p>There is interest from developers to invest in Erdington, which could also lead to Section 106 funding</p> <p>West Midlands Combined Authority have agreed to contribute towards the match funding</p>	<p>A strong business case exists to support regeneration and is supported by a steering group</p>	<p>Announcement for Levelling Up bid is expected by the end of 2022, with potential to explore other funding opportunities beyond.</p> <p>Investment secured through funding streams such as the Levelling Up agenda.</p> <p>Reduction in the number of empty shop units and increase in number of businesses that make a positive contribution</p>
2	To protect the character and heritage of Erdington	<p>The future of heritage buildings will be secured, and new developments will be complimentary to existing character of Erdington</p> <p>Local planning policies specific to Erdington to be secured.</p>	<p>Nationally, planning policies exist to support the protection of heritage assets and planning consultation process gives opportunity to shape local development</p> <p>Other areas in Birmingham have their own local planning policies</p>	<p>Nationally, planning policies exist to support the protection of heritage assets and planning consultation process gives opportunity to shape local development</p> <p>Other areas in Birmingham have their own local planning policies</p>	<p>Will be subject to developments coming forward during 2022/26.</p> <p>Aim for local planning policies specific for Erdington by 2026.</p>

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3	To support and invest in young people for them to obtain skills and future opportunities	<p>Increase in the amount of activity taking place to support young people</p> <p>Long term future of Erdington Library secured through roof repairs being carried out, and so enable service to help with literacy and access to books and digital services</p> <p>Delivery of new facilities for young people to use in the constituency, such as a BMX or Skate Park.</p>	<p>A number of organisations exist in Erdington to support activity with young people, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Devotion - Foundations for the Future - Malachi Trust - St Barnabas Church - Compass Support - YMCA 	<p>A number of organisations exist in Erdington to support activity with young people, who with further funding, could deliver more support.</p>	<p>Ongoing – subject to funding opportunities.</p> <p>Future of Erdington Library to be secured ASAP</p>

Goal 1: To secure investment to support regeneration of Erdington High Street

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1a	Ensure that funding opportunities for regeneration, locally and nationally are explored and bids submitted.	Whole Ward	BCC – potentially other partners subject to funding requirements	Yes	Ongoing Levelling Up bid announcement expected in 2023	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful. Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 - continued to work with partners to secure investment for High Street</p>

1b	Creation of a new business skills hub	Erdington Swimming Baths	Witton Lodge Community Association	Yes – Levelling Up bid submitted	Ongoing	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Project team (on which Cllr Robert Alden sits) continue to meet regularly and pursue alternative funding options. Community Asset Transfer has been agreed.</p> <p>25th July 2023 – match funding proposal to be present to Cabinet</p> <p>Autumn 2023 - continued to work with partners to secure investment for High Street.</p> <p>Provisionally funded secured from BCC and WMCA subject to final agreement by partners. Confirmation expected in early 2024</p>
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	Creation of a new public space/improved public realm on High Street to make St Barnabas Church, its churchyard and Village Green key focal points	Erdington High Street St. Barnabas Church Village Green St. Barnabas Churchyard	BCC, with input from St. Barnabas Church	Yes – Levelling Up bud submitted	Ongoing	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful. Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 - continued to work with partners to secure investment for High Street</p>

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1d	Redevelopment of Central Square	Erdington High Street	BCC/Private Developers	Yes	Ongoing	<p>April 2023 – update from Godwin Developments of investment into site and new tenants secured.</p> <p>June 2023 – site visit with and update from Godwin Developments that part of site to be demolished. Impacts discussed.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 – demolition started and concerns from local residents shared with developer/contractor. Updated plans for site expected in 2024.</p>

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1e	Improve connectivity between Erdington High Street and Train Station	Erdington High Street and Station Road area	BCC	Yes – Levelling Up bud submitted	Ongoing	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid</p> <p>September 2023 – supported creation of a ‘Friends of Erdington Train Station’ group.</p> <p>January 2024 – supporting Friends Group with potential funding options</p>

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1f	Regeneration of Six Ways end of High Street to secure new residential accommodation for older people and a Museum Hub	Erdington High Street	BCC, West Midlands Combined Authority, Birmingham Museums Trust, Private Developers	Yes	Ongoing	Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration.
1g	Explore a Park & Ride option to support Erdington Train Station	Erdington Train Station and Station Road area	BCC, West Midlands Combined Authority, Transport for West Midlands	Yes	Ongoing	Raised again with WMCA Winter 22/23.

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1h	Support new and existing small businesses on the High Street that make a positive contribution to the local area, and resist uses which do not	Erdington High Street	BCC, West Midlands Police, Erdington BID, local businesses, and residents	No	Ongoing	<p>Jan 2023 – appeal submitted by Boyle Sports for 56 High Street.</p> <p>March 2023 – appeal allowed.</p> <p>Summer 2023 – takeaway proposed for Mason Road opposed and Council rejected.</p> <p>December 2023 - takeaway proposed for Mason Road opposed and Council rejected.</p>
1i	Explore options to create a ‘banking hub’ on High Street to maintain access to main banks	Erdington High Street	BCC, Erdington BID, major high street banks	Yes – location will be needed for hub	Ongoing – by 2026	

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1j	Protect and seek investment in car parks that support Erdington High Street to secure improvements	Church Road Car Park Machin Road Car Park Central Reservation – Sutton New Road	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	Winter 2023 – meeting with officers about retention of car parks to support High Street in light of Section 114.
1k	Explore ways to develop access to toilets on High Street	Erdington High Street	BCC, Erdington BID, local businesses	No – aim to make use of existing facilities	Ongoing – by 2026	Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration.
1l	Support community groups that make a positive difference to Erdington e.g., Active Arts, Erdington Litter Busters	Whole Ward	BCC and various community groups across Erdington	Yes	Ongoing	June 2023 – Second round of Celebrating Communities funding announced July 2023 – Celebrating Communities funding allocated

Goal 2: To protect the character and heritage of Erdington

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2a	Secure future of Erdington Swimming Baths through a new use	Erdington Swimming Baths	Witton Lodge Community Association	<p>Yes – Levelling Up bid submitted</p> <p>Part Funding already conditionally secured from West Midlands Combined Authority</p>	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023. Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid</p> <p>Project team (on which Cllr Robert Alden sits) continue to meet regularly and pursue alternative funding options. Community Asset Transfer has been agreed.</p> <p>25th July 2023 – match funding proposal to be presented to Cabinet</p>
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2b	Secure future of Erdington Library through repairs/improvements	Erdington Library	BCC	Yes – Internal	Ongoing	<p>April 2023 – planning application submitted to convert Library into youth centre.</p> <p>Petition opposing Council’s plan launched within 48 hours.</p> <p>Meeting with the Chief Executive of the City Council to raise concerns with the proposal.</p> <p>May 2023 – meeting with Cabinet Member. Planning application withdrawn</p> <p>August 2023 – visit to Library with Cabinet Member to discuss repairs and improvements that are needed.</p> <p>Autumn/winter 2023 – three meetings with officers to</p>
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						<p>protect service and building.</p> <p>January 2024 – BCC includes library closures as part of public consultation on savings. Objected and made clear Erdington Library must be retained.</p>
2c	Secure the future of Erdington Abbey Church and Parish Hall through improvements	Erdington Abbey Church Erdington Abbey Parish Hall	Erdington Abbey Parish	Yes – funding options being explored by Erdington Abbey Parish and fundraising has already begun	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>July 2023 – supported community fair to raise funds.</p> <p>December 2023 - supported community fair to raise funds.</p>

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2d	Secure the future of Holte & Bracebridge almshouses through a potential new use or as residential accommodation	Holte & Bracebridge Almshouses	Sir Josiah Mason Trust/New Owners	Yes – subject to future decision making on ownership of asset	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – site visit between SJMT and BCC to discuss options for site.</p> <p>June 2023 – site no longer for sale. Redevelopment options being considered.</p> <p>December 2023 – planning application expected shortly to redevelop site</p>
2e	Secure local planning policies, such as SPG or Conservation Area	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	
2f	Ensure that non-designated heritage assets are put forward to be listed – either locally or nationally	Whole Ward	BCC/Historic England	No	Ongoing – by 2026	

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2g	Explore potential to create an Erdington Heritage Trail to raise awareness of local history and heritage assets	Whole Ward	BCC, Local residents and/or community groups	Yes – likely to be need initial funding to develop	Ongoing – by 2026	
2h	Renovation of St. Barnabas Churchyard to bring it back into use as public open space and address ASB	St. Barnabas Churchyard	BCC, St Barnabas Church	Yes – St. Barnabas Church Steering Group exploring funding options	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful. Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid.</p>

Goal 3: To support and invest in young people for them to obtain skills and future opportunities

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3a	Support work of existing youth providers and explore options to secure further funding	Whole Ward	BCC, Youth Providers and local community groups	Potential for additional work to be delivered through extra funding	Ongoing	Summer 2023 – meeting with officers to discuss potential options to reopen Malcolm Locker Youth Centre

3b	Secure future of Erdington Library through repairs/improvements	Erdington Library	BCC	Yes – Internal	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>April 2023 – planning application submitted to convert Library into youth centre.</p> <p>Petition opposing Council’s plan launched within 48 hours.</p> <p>Meeting with the Chief Executive of the City Council to raise concerns with the proposal.</p> <p>May 2023 – meeting with Cabinet Member. Planning application withdrawn</p> <p>August 2023 – visit to Library with Cabinet Member to discuss repairs and improvements that are needed.</p> <p>Autumn/winter 2023 – three meetings with officers to</p>
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3c	Seek a BMX and/or Skate Park in Erdington Constituency	Pype Hayes Park	BCC, The Skatepark Initiative	Yes	Ongoing	
3d	Secure use/redevelopment of former Osborne Road School site on Station Road	Former Osborne Road School site	BCC	Yes – subject to future use	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>Work currently underway to convert into a Special School.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 – school opened. Goal completed.</p>

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3e	Support all schools across in their work to support young people with their education, and their work in the local community	Abbey Catholic Primary School Osborne Primary School Penns Primary School St. Barnabas CoE Primary School SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School Yenton Primary School St. Edmund Campion Catholic School Highclare School Schools outside of the ward such as Erdington Academy, where appropriate	BCC, Local Schools	Potential for additional work in local communities to be delivered through extra funding	Ongoing	Ongoing

2. A Cleaner & Greener ERDINGTON

Priority 2:	For Erdington to be a greener and cleaner place to live, work and visit.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Tackling litter, fly-tipping and graffiti, as well as protecting parks and green spaces are frequently raised as a priority by local residents and community groups.
Who will own this priority?	Everyone
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Birmingham City Council, Erdington Litter Busters, Friends of Rookery Park, Short Heath Fields Trust, Erdington Rugby Club, plus local residents and other community groups.
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Erdington to be an area where the community can take pride in their local streets and green spaces through them being cleaner.

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4	Tackle litter, fly-tipping, graffiti and missed collections	Improved satisfaction in the cleanliness of local area Reduced incidents of fly-tipping, graffiti, and missed collections	Resources exist with BCC to improve council services and use enforcement powers	Resources exist with BCC to improve council services and use enforcement powers	Ongoing issue,

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5	Secure investment and protect the future of local parks, playing fields and other green spaces	Future of green spaces at risk to be secured Investment in parks and green spaces to improve existing facilities	Resources exist within BCC to invest in green spaces, plus additional funding can be secured through Friends Groups	Resources exist within BCC to invest in green spaces, plus additional funding can be secured through Friends Groups	Ongoing
6	Explore options to develop new green spaces or make areas greener	New green spaces delivered. Existing spaces made greener through guerrilla gardening or new planting	Potential sites exist to be developed as pocket parks Green work already takes place through Erdington Litter Busters	Potential sites exist to be developed as pocket parks Green work already takes place through Erdington Litter Busters	Ongoing, new sites to be considered as opportunities arise.

Goal 4: Tackle litter, fly-tipping, graffiti and missed collections

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4a	Support the work of community groups like Erdington Litter Busters with initiatives such as 'adopt a street' and 'adopt a shop frontage'	Whole Ward	BCC, Erdington Litter Busters and local residents	Yes – to support ongoing work and new projects	Ongoing	Ongoing
4b	Decrease number of missed collections – household, recycling and garden waste	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	Regular missed collections reported for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Heralds - Dwyer House - Grosvenor House & Orchard Court <p>December 2023/January 2024 – missed collection issues over Christmas period reported.</p>

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4c	Work to improve street cleansing and graffiti clearance	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	November/December 2023 – graffiti on High Street reported for clearing
4d	Demand more mobile CCTV to address fly-tipping.	Fly-tipping hotspots across Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	Requests made for CCTV cameras on Erdington High Street
4e	Review refuse collection arrangements to help tackle advancement of waste/fly-tipping	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	Requests made for: - Gravelly Lane - Osborne Road
4f	Retain Mobile Household Recycling Centres (MHRCs) and campaign for reintroduction of free bulky waste collections	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	Various MHRCs have been held across Erdington Ward

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4g	Push for greater enforcement for littering, fly-tipping, and environmental offences. – including against private landlords and business	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	Enforcement requests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erdington High Street - Coton Lane - Newman Road - Harrison Road
4h	Introduction of new litter bins, where requested	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	

Goal 5: Secure investment and protect the future of local parks, playing fields and other green spaces

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5a	Secure improvements and new play equipment for Rookery Park	Rookery Park	BCC, Friends of Rookery Park	Yes – Section 106 and Celebrating Communities funding secured for new gym and play equipment	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>Dec 2022 – survey on potential options for play area</p> <p>Jan 2023 – Data from survey presented to Council</p> <p>Feb 2023 – initial proposal created; quotes sought.</p> <p>April/May residents consulted on designs and results feedback to Council.</p> <p>June 2023 – design finalised.</p> <p>September 2023 – play equipment installed.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 – discussions with BCC about potential improvements for tennis courts.</p> <p>December 2023 – site visit to discuss damaged wall and railings with Ground Solutions Ltd.</p>
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						<p>December 2023 – funding for improvements to tennis courts secured through Lawn Tennis Association</p> <p>January 2024 – discussions taking place with Community Payback about further improvements to play area</p>
5b	Seek resolution to secure café and community space at Rookery House	Rookery House	BCC, Cameron Homes, Café provider	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2024	<p>March 2023 – escalated to Head of Planning Enforcement</p> <p>April 2023 – discussions still ongoing, Legal Services advice sought for enforcement of Section 106 agreement.</p> <p>June 2023 – Legal Services seeking advice from Counsel about enforcement of Section 106 agreement.</p>

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5c	Identify potential use and restore derelict buildings in Rookery Park	Rookery Park	BCC	Potentially – depending on agreed future use for buildings	Ongoing - 2026	<p>Gate House – Regularly contact with the Council about getting former gatehouse back into use. Building sold again and new owner contacted, and risk of enforcement explained.</p> <p>July 2023 – work has begun on the property.</p> <p>December 2023 – site visit to discuss damaged wall and railings with Ground Solutions Ltd.</p>
5d	Secure the future of Spring Lane Playing Fields to support local sporting activity	Spring Lane Playing Fields	BCC, Erdington Rugby Club, Friends of Spring Lane Playing Fields	Yes – funding options being explored by Erdington Rugby Club	Ongoing	<p>Supporting letters for funding bids made by Erdington Rugby Club supported.</p> <p>January 2024 – supporting Rugby Club following flooding on playing field.</p>

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5e	Secure the future of Short Heath Playing Fields to support local sporting activity	Short Heath Playing Fields	BCC, Short Heath Fields Trust	Yes – funding options being explored by Short Heath Fields Trust	Ongoing	Currently playing fields future secured. Continue to engage with friends of Fields to remain vigilant.
5f	Explore options for further investment in Short Heath Park, Grange Road Playing Fields, and other existing green spaces	Short Heath Park, Grange Road Playing Fields	BCC	Yes	Ongoing – by 2026	January 2024 – meeting with officers to discuss upcoming Playing Pitches and Outdoor Sports Sites (PPOSS) Strategy

Goal 6: Explore options to develop new green spaces or make areas greener

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6a	Explore options to create new pocket parks on derelict/under-used sites	Whole Ward – sites to be identified	BCC	Yes – especially if land is privately owned	Ongoing – by 2026	

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6b	Explore options to make areas of hardstanding greener through planters or guerrilla/community gardening	Whole Ward – sites to be identified	BCC, Erdington Litter Busters, local residents	Yes – especially if land is privately owned	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>May 2023 – Brum Breathes funding announced.</p> <p>June 2023 – meeting with highways officers to discuss restoring grass at Yenton junction</p> <p>Autumn 2023 – discussions taking place about improvement project for Sutton New Road following request from ELB</p>
6c	Explore areas suitable for grass verge protection schemes, or where verges could be reinstated	Whole Ward – sites to be identified	BCC	Yes – if cannot be delivered through devolved highways budget	Ongoing – by 2026	May 2023 – request for scheme for Spring Lane

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6d	Identify areas that could support increased biodiversity	Whole Ward – sites to be identified	BCC, Erdington Litter Busters, local residents	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	January 2024 – meeting with officers to discuss biodiversity gain as part of the planning process e.g. Hedgehog tunnels
6e	Renovation of St. Barnabas Churchyard to bring it back into use as public open space and address ASB	St. Barnabas Churchyard	BCC, St Barnabas Church	Yes – St. Barnabas Church Steering Group exploring funding options	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful. Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid.</p>

3. A Safer & Welcoming ERDINGTON

Priority 3:	For Erdington to be a safe and welcoming place to live, work and visit.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour around the High Street and wider area is frequently raised as a priority by local residents and community groups.
Who will own this priority?	Everyone
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Birmingham City Council, Erdington BID, West Midlands Police, Street Pastors, plus local residents and other community groups.
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Erdington to be a safer and welcoming place where crime and anti-social behaviour is not a serious concern.

	Specific: Clear and well defined	Measurable: With criteria for how progress will be measured	Achievable: Attainable and not impossible to achieve	Realistic: Within reach and relevant to your means and resources	Timely: With a clear timeline, including a target date
7	Make Erdington and the High Street a safer place	<p>Reduced incidents of crime and ASB</p> <p>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) enforced and renewed</p> <p>Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) secured for High Street</p>	<p>Erdington has its second PSPO and previously had a CIP</p> <p>West Midlands Police are to have a greater focus on neighbourhood policing</p>	<p>Erdington has its second PSPO and previously had a CIP</p> <p>West Midlands Police are to have a greater focus on neighbourhood policing</p>	<p>PSPO is due for renewal in 2025</p> <p>Ongoing issue, but improvement by 2026</p>

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8	Improve road safety	New road safety schemes delivered to address accident hotspots, speeding concerns and parking complaints	Local highways budget exists to deliver small schemes Resources exist with BCC to improve road safety by funding larger schemes	Local highways budget exists to deliver small schemes Resources exist with BCC to improve road safety by funding larger schemes	Ongoing issue, but new schemes to be delivered by 2026
9	Tackle the growth of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs), Exempt Accommodation, and other poor-quality accommodation	Reduction in number of HMOs and Exempt Accommodation Selective and Additional Licensing policies secured BCC properties to be at Decent Homes Standard	Resources exist with BCC to clamp down on badly run HMOs and Exempt Accommodation BCC has introduced Selective Licensing for other wards in Birmingham BCC has Housing Revenue Account to deliver improvements	Resources exist with BCC to clamp down on badly run HMOs and Exempt Accommodation BCC has introduced Selective Licensing for other wards in Birmingham BCC has Housing Revenue Account to deliver improvements	Ongoing issue, but improvement by 2026

Goal 7: Make Erdington and the High Street a safer place

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
7a	Enforcement and renewal of PSPO	High Street and surrounding area	BCC/West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	2025	<p>Feb 2023 – meeting with business and Police</p> <p>March 2023 – draft Action Plan agreed for High Street</p> <p>April 2023 – ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p> <p>June 2023 – Review of Action Plan. Neighbourhood Watch meeting to discuss crime and HMOs.</p> <p>October 2023 - Review of Action Plan. New officer for Erdington & Sutton Coldfield joins Community Safety Team at BCC</p> <p>November 2023 - ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p>

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7b	Re-introduction of CIP	High Street and surrounding area	BCC/West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	
7c	Work with partners to address street drinking and begging	High Street	BCC, West Midlands Police, Street Pastors, support organisations	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing	<p>March 2023 – draft Action Plan agreed for High Street</p> <p>April 2023 – ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p> <p>November 2023 - ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p>
7d	Address ASB in parks and green spaces, especially motorbikes	Parks and green spaces across Ward	BCC/West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing	Issues raised with the police and the Council as raised with Robert and Gareth.

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7e	Support creation of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes where there is interest	Whole Ward – sites to be identified	West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing – by 2026	June 2023 - Neighbourhood Watch meeting to discuss crime and HMOs. New NWS created for Moor End Lane area
7f	Reintroduction of Concierge service for tower blocks	Abbey Fields estate Jarvis Road estate Topcroft estate	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	July 2023 – visit by Cabinet Member to Topcroft estate November 2023 – response to petition issued about CCTV in tower blocks. January 2024 – issue raised at Cabinet about the need for CCTV in tower blocks
7g	Support ‘Get Connected’ initiative for Erdington High Street	High Street	West Midlands Police and invited stakeholders	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing	Spring 2023 – Police have asked to pause the project for the time being.

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7h	Review locations where street drinkers gather or ASB occurs to make improvements to public/realm to deter such activity	High Street St. Barnabas Churchyard	BCC, West Midlands Police, Erdington BID, St. Barnabas Church	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – draft Action Plan agreed for High Street</p> <p>April 2023 – ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p> <p>November 2023 - ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street</p>
7i	Renovation of St. Barnabas Churchyard to bring it back into use as public open space and address ASB	St. Barnabas Churchyard	BCC, St Barnabas Church	Yes – St. Barnabas Church Steering Group exploring funding options	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>March 2023 – LUF bid was unsuccessful. Bid raised with Ministers and raised via the LGA during Spring and Summer of 2023.</p> <p>Amendment to fund High Street works made to Council budget, this was rejected by the administration. Request made for BCC to deliver bid.</p>

Goal 8: Improve road safety

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8a	Campaign for traffic calming measures to tackle speeding	Whole Ward, but specific locations include: - Court Lane - Goosemoor Lane - Gravelly Lane - Grange Road - Spring Lane	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>April 2023 – removal of mini-roundabout at Goosemoor Lane/Sycamore Road</p> <p>June 2023 -updated speed survey for Spring Lane requested.</p> <p>October 2023 – funding allocated for highways projects – TRO and speed surveys</p> <p>January 2024 – speed surveys initiated for Spring Lane, Orchard Road etc.</p>
8b	Secure Average Speed Cameras for Chester Road	Chester Road	BCC, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Combined Authority	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing – by 2026	June 2023 – Letter sent to Chief Constable

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8c	Tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking around schools through enforcement and highway measures	All Schools, but especially St. Barnabas Primary School and Yenton Primary School	BCC, West Midlands Police, Schools	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing	March 2023 – meeting with Police. Continue to raise cases as they raised with us.
8d	Investigate a drop-off facility to support Yenton Primary School	Foundation block next to Yenton Primary School	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	July 2023 – meetings with Education to discuss options for site. January 2024 – BCC decided to include site as part of auction of council assets. Sadly will prevent a drop-off facility being created.
8e	Improve cycling facilities and address pavement parking on Chester Road cycle route	Whole Ward, but especially Chester Road	BCC, West Midlands Combined Authority	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMCA resources	Ongoing – by 2026	Jan 2023 – site visit with WCMA Cycling Champion April 2023 – meeting with Highways to discuss options

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8f	Tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking around High Street and other sensitive locations through enforcement and highway measures	Whole Ward, but specific locations include: - High Street - Swan Gardens - Erdington Leisure Centre	BCC/West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing – by 2026	March 2023 – draft Action Plan agreed for High Street April 2023 – ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street November 2023 - ‘All Out’ Day event on High Street
8g	Improved pedestrian safety through new crossing facilities, such as phased traffic lights or pedestrian refuges	Whole Ward, but specific locations include: - Gravelly Lane/Station Road - Chester Road/Sutton Road	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	

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8h	Explore a resolution for unadopted roads for them to be improved and maintained moving forward	Wesley Road Greswolde Drive	BCC, Erdington Methodist Church and residents of Wesley Road, Trident Housing Association and residents of Greswolde Drive	Yes – funding is likely to be needed to bring roads up to adoptable standard	Ongoing – by 2026	
8i	Explore ways to improve public transport facilities, such as bus stops and train stations, for them to be safer.	Whole ward, but specific locations include: Erdington Train Station Chester Road Train Station	BCC, Transport for West Midlands, Public transport operators	No – should be achievable within existing resources	Ongoing – by 2026	September 2023 – supported creation of a ‘Friends of Erdington Train Station’ group. January 2024 – supporting Friends Group with potential funding options

Goal 9: Tackle the growth of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs), Exempt Accommodation, and other poor-quality accommodation

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9a	Campaign to change legislation to bring Exempt Accommodation within planning and licensing regimes	Whole Ward	BCC, Local Government Association, Government	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>June 2023 - Neighbourhood Watch meeting to discuss crime and HMOs.</p> <p>Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023 acquired Royal Assent</p> <p>October 2023 – regulation of exempt accommodation included in LGA manifesto</p>
9b	Secure introduction of Selective and Additional Licensing policies, which include Erdington	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>June 2023 – Additional Licensing Scheme for Birmingham comes into effect</p> <p>Autumn 2023 – properties not compliant with Additional Licensing Scheme reported to BCC</p>

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9c	Campaign to secure enforcement of covenants which require properties to remain family dwellings, where they exist	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	<p>April 2023 – policy being produced for enforcement of covenants.</p> <p>May 2023 – policy agreed by Cabinet.</p> <p>July 2023 – BCC identifying test cases for new policy</p> <p>December 2023 – BCC agreed for covenants to be included on the sale of any BCC assets in Erdington</p>

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9d	Oppose planning applications for new HMOs and other unsuitable uses	Whole Ward	Local residents and community groups	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing	<p>July 2023 – HMO application for Royal Oak pub refused.</p> <p>July 2023 - HMO Planning application submitted for 120 Gravelly Lane</p> <p>August 2023 – HMO application for 120 Gravelly Lane refused. Later application for property to be extended refused in October 2023</p>
9e	Campaign to shut down badly run HMOs and Exempt Accommodation	Whole Ward	BCC, West Midlands Police	No – should be achievable within existing BCC/WMP resources	Ongoing	Ongoing

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9f	Campaign to secure the conversion of HMOs and Exempt Accommodation back into family homes	Whole Ward	BCC, Witton Lodge Community Association	Yes	Ongoing – by 2026	Feb 2023 – raised with Council May 2023 – raised at the Cabinet. July 2023 – raised with officers of the Council.
9g	All BCC owned homes to be improved to Decent Home Standard	Whole Ward	BCC	No – should be achievable within existing BCC resources	Ongoing – by 2026	Motion taken to Council calling on Council to commit to do this by 2026. Was rejected by the ruling administration. Cases raised with Council as raised with Robert and Gareth. January 2024 – concerns raised about announcement by BCC that Decent Homes Standard will only be met by 2032