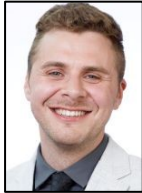


# **BRANDWOOD AND KINGS HEATH**

**Ward Action Plan  
2022 to 2026**

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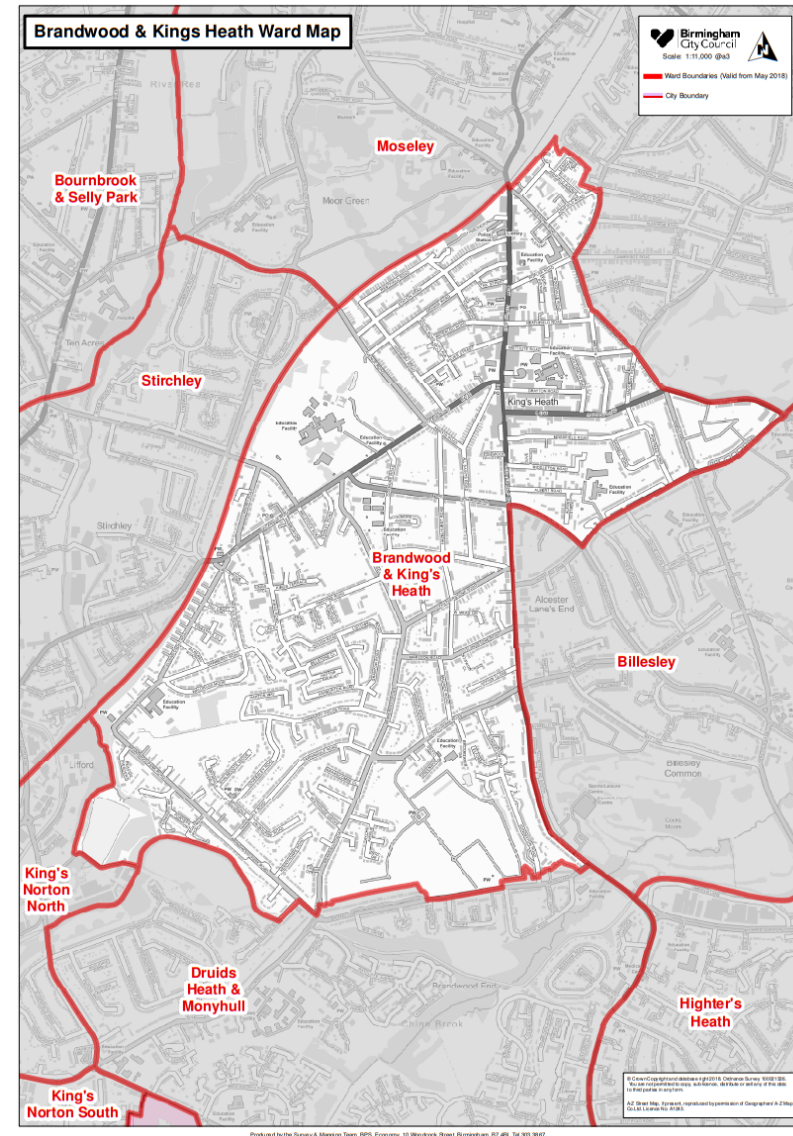
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## 1. A Prosperous Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 1:</b>	Support financial stability and the local economy in the ward
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Residents have praised more local provision, but businesses have reported increased hardship following on from the pandemic and cost of living crisis.
<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	Kings Heath Business Improvement District
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Stable, flourishing local businesses and a High Street catering for residents.

Set up to three clear, realistic goals that we want to achieve locally

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1	Produce a High Street masterplan	Residents feel more able to shop locally.	Incorporate Kings Heath train station as transport for residents first.	Redevelopment of Kingsway for the community.	
2	York Road needs support as a model pedestrianised mixed-residential zone.	Reduced police incidents and increased satisfaction from businesses and residents.	Fully pedestrianize York Road through the LTN.	Section 106 monies deployed to fund Festoon lighting.	Review success criteria annually.
3	Yarningale Road shops supported for investment to revitalise.	Monitored increase in sustainable businesses.	Support pop-up shops and activities.	Invest in regeneration for businesses to move in.	Review success criteria annually.

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1a	Kingsway to be regenerated for the community with a green wall and mobility hub installed.					
1b	Kings Heath Train Station to reflect the needs of residents	Kings Heath	Travel for West Midlands (TFWM)			
1c	Reinstate BID or create a credible alternative to support business.	Kings Heath High Street and surrounds	Kings Heath Business Improvement District (BID)		April 2023	
2a	We need a city-wide policy and protocol to differentiate between having drinking establishments in a mixed-residential area and the city centre.	York Road.	Birmingham City Council (BCC) Planning and Licencing departments.			
2b	York Road to be permanently closed to through traffic by the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) and fully pedestrianised.	York Road	BCC Transport Department	Yes	2023	
2c	Encourage pop-up shops and markets in the pedestrianised zone to help small business.	York Road	Kings Heath BID			
3a	Trial street closure.	Southern tip of Yarningale Road.	The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS)			
3b	Offer outdoor seating.	Southern tip of Yarningale Road.	BCC			

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3c	A community café to anchor the shops and serve the Brandwood community.					

## 2. An Inclusive Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 2:</b>	Supporting targeted activities and opportunities for groups at risk, particularly of isolation and mental health issues.
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Residents surveyed were concerned about marginalised, or isolated groups feeling alienated or at risk.
<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	Neighbourhood Network Schemes, OurScene CIC
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Regular community events reaching across all groups.

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1	Supporting activities and opportunities for marginalised groups.			We will also need to consider single, disabled, bame, younger, older people, LGBT, etc.	

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2	Supporting residents with mental health			Targeted measures for those at risk of isolation and loneliness.	
3	Better communications across the ward to keep residents informed				

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1a	Organise / provide activities		All Saints Centre, Circus training, Stage2			
1b	Advertise / signpost activities		Birmingham Youth Service			
1c	Support targeted events at individual groups	Queens Heath	BID			
2a	More events targeted at bringing people together					
2b	More outdoor events involving nature					
2c	More arts / creative activities with a hub					

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3a	Maintain and improve community noticeboards					
3b	Support community newsletter					
3c						

### 3. A Safe Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 3:</b>	Safer streets and roads
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users, and motorists are all concerned about safety when in transit.
<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	Local police forces, Love Your Streets teams
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Residents feeling more comfortable walking around their neighbourhoods, parks, and to schools.

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1	Make alleyways and parks safer for walking and cycling.	Survey residents to see if they feel safer	Install lighting in all alleyways and parks.	Clear every alleyway from overgrowth and debris.	Achieve all goals by the end of 2026
2	Make active travel and public transport safer.	Monitor increase in active travel and decrease in car journeys.	School Streets outside every primary where possible.	Build more pedestrian refuges around the ward.	All schools to adopt School Streets by 2026.
3	Tackle dangerous and illegal driving and parking.	Reduction in complaints of driving and parking offences.	Increase enforcement patrols.	Ban pavement parking on affected roads.	Annual review of accident and complaint data.

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1a	Support parks groups and support staff to improve their greenspaces		'Friends of' groups for all parks, BCC			
1b	Create cycling network with safe cycling routes	Everywhere, but particularly connecting existing cycle routes	BCC TFWM			
1c	Work with police and Council to clear alleyways and monitor causes / displacement of antisocial behaviour		BCC West Midlands Police (WMP)			



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2a	Check schools are receiving Council support and offer them all air quality monitors.	Every school.	Schools have a designated contact in the transport delivery team in BCC.			
2b	Build more bus shelters at bus stops and look into green roofs		TFWM BCC			
2c	Invest in road safety measures.	Problem zones like Featherston/Tenbury, Yarningale/Brandwood Park, Sunderton.	TFWM BCC			
3a	Make reporting traffic issues easier for residents.					
3b	Tackle anti-social behaviour with more enforcement	High Street / adjoining roads. Parks.	WM Police			
3c	Trial local enforcement through BID security	High Street	BCC BID			

#### 4. A Healthy Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 4:</b>	Promote active travel and public transport use
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Residents identified the need to reduce car use in the previous ward plan as well as this one.

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<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	Transport for West Midlands, BCC
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Fewer car journeys, particularly those under 1 mile.

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1	Make cycling viable for more people.	Increased satisfaction from cyclists.	Invest in safe, segregated cycle lanes to connect routes.	Set up a cycling forum to hear from residents.	
2	Encourage active travel to senior schools	Monitor reduction in private car journeys to senior schools.	Have representatives from train and bus companies speak to schools.	Get senior schools to promote active travel to parents and students.	Monitor annual improvements.
3	Reduce pollution through public transport.	Monitor air quality.	Increase quantity and quality of provision.	Create a ward transport plan.	

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1a	Work with ward neighbours to join up routes across the city.	Junction with Highbury Park needs addressing. Also need routes to Brandwood from both stations (Grove / Brandwood Road?)				
1b	Identify space that could be allocated for separate lanes and safe storage.	Either High Street or side roads.				
1c	Continue regular meetings of the MKH cycling forum		Cllr Trickett Cllr Barker Cllr Jenkins			
2a	Work with ward neighbours on boundary schools.	Swanshurst and Queensbridge schools.				
2b	Schools to report their concerns, and also monitor their travel needs.		All local schools			
2c	Work with schools and residents to ensure we have necessary public transport routes.					
3a	Monitor air quality		BCC			

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3b	Recognise the South East of the ward has the poorest connections.					
3c	Ensure the Camp Hill line has a reliable, regular service and is electrified asap					

## 5. A Green Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 1:</b>	Improve air quality and support biodiversity towards net zero
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Kings Heath High Street reported dangerous levels of pollution pre-pandemic. During the pandemic, more residents spoke of the need for improving greenspace.
<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Lower pollution levels across the ward. Increase use and appreciation of Dawberry Fields and Kings Heath Park.

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1	Make Kings Heath Park a better community resource.	Identify a list of issues to fix.	Install lights.	Increase number of people cycling to the park.	
2	Ensure Dawberry Fields remains a community space.	Engage with residents to hear their views.	Ensure we protect the greenspace.	Improve the park's youth provision	
3	Use Clean Air Zone (CAZ) money to improve air quality in the ward.	Carbon footprint audits	Plant trees on residential roads either side of High Street and on extended pavements to reduce extreme heat effects.	Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at every place with a car park.	

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1a	Install bike racks					
1b	Dredge and make the pond safe.					
1c	Install more bins around the park.					
2a	Replace goalposts and add more play / sports equipment					
2b	Conduct a biodiversity survey					

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2c	Support Friends of the Park / litter pickers		BCC			
3a	Install more bike racks and shelters around the ward					
3b	Plant and maintain more trees around the high street and reduce car use and number of parking spaces with planters					
3c	Trial a ban on pesticides in the ward					

## 6. A Local Brandwood and Kings Heath

<b>Priority 6:</b>	Community assets for community use
<b>Why has this been chosen as a priority?</b>	Residents overwhelmingly spoke of their love for community, but also the need for local assets to be run for those who live locally, and for greater provision to help people struggling with debt locally.
<b>Who will own this priority?</b>	
<b>Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?</b>	
<b>What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?</b>	Residents feeling more ownership of their community, and that their community is mutually supportive

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1	Kings Heath Community Centre to be taken over by the community for local initiatives		Community Asset Transfer to complete the process.	Identify groups and organisations to be part of it.	CAT within a year.
2	Make use of the overgrown plot of land on Dawberry Road.	Measure community engagement and usage	Establish a community garden.	Clear out land so it can be used.	
3	Help businesses and residents with debt and money advice.	Number of residents reported to use services for support.	Pull together a working group of support agencies.	Network agencies together.	Have resources identified and signposted by the end of 2023.

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1a	Identify partner groups (e.g., food bank, queens heath, community cafe, advice, Digbeth dining).					
1b	Retain the BID to help manage this		Kings Heath BID			
1c						

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2a	Create a local network to manage the project					
2b	Liaise with other groups for advice and support		Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF)			
2c	Look at gaps in nature provision (wildflowers, bee-friendly, etc)					
3a	Identify exactly what support residents need.					
3b	Identify exactly what support businesses need.					
3c	Identify exact what support agencies exist and where.					