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**Ward Action Plan
2022 to 2026**

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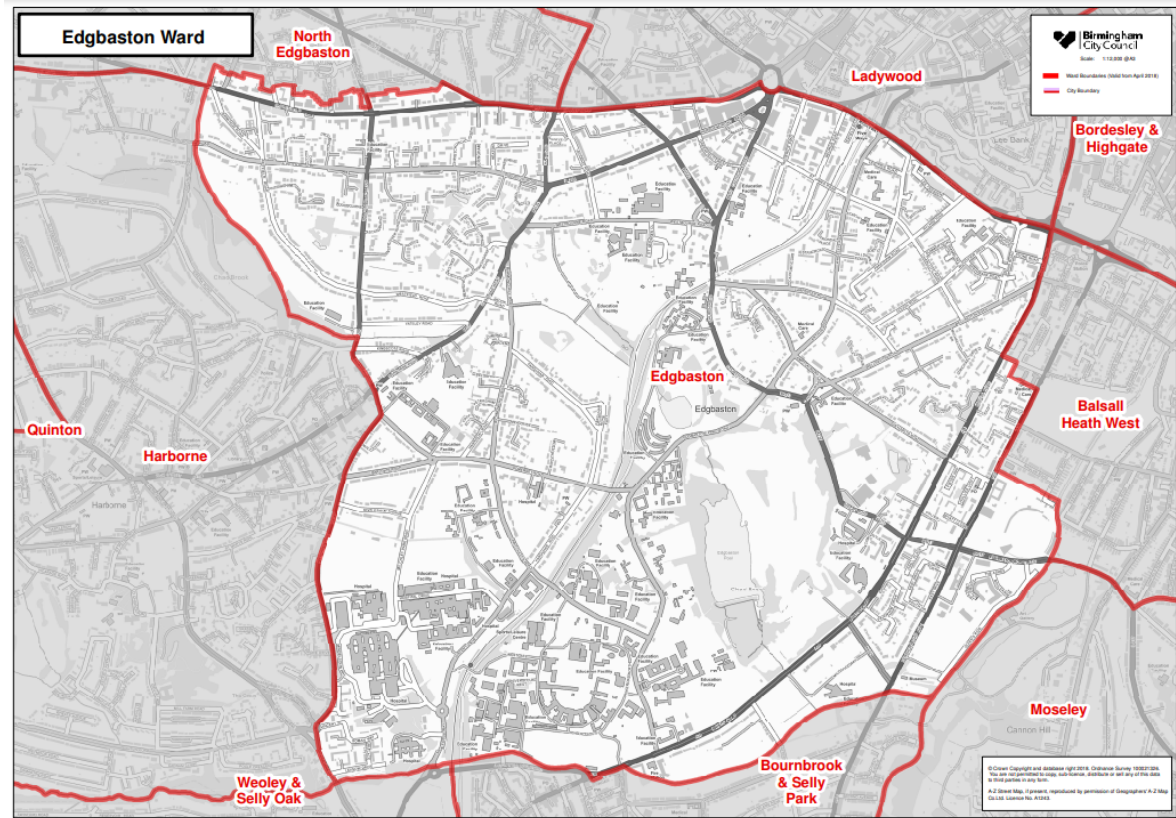
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Edgbaston Ward – Where the Trees Begin

Dear Edgbaston Ward Residents,

This ward plan builds on the previous ward plans developed in 2018 and 2022. Our key concerns and priorities have always been and continue to be: -

- Ensuring parked cars do not prevent Edgbaston residents from going about their daily lives and business.
- Keeping Edgbaston Clean and Green – including Environmental Improvements and Enhancements
- Protecting our Conservation areas and making sure any new development is sympathetic to the area.
- Community Engagement and Cohesion
- Crime and Community Safety

It is intended to be a realistic living document that reflects the hopes and aspirations of residents. Its success will depend on joint working by residents, community groups partner organisations, City Council Departments, and us your local Ward Councillors.

We have tried to keep it simple and prioritise what has always been important to us all as residents that can be delivered if we work together, rather than have an endless wish list of ideas that gathers dust on a shelf in the Council House.

The Ward Action Plan is a working document up to 2026 and reviewed as matters and concerns change within the ward. If you think something needs adding or removing from the Ward Action Plan, let us know.

It can be updated at the various community meetings that we attend throughout Edgbaston Ward.

With Thanks and Best Wishes,

CLlrs Deirdre Alden and Matt Bennett

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Ward Background Information and a Few Interesting Facts about Edgbaston Ward – “Where the Trees Begin”.

Edgbaston is an affluent suburban area of central Birmingham, England, around the southwest of the city centre, and borders Balsall Heath West, Moseley, Selly Oak, Harborne, Ladywood and North Edgbaston Wards.

In the 19th century, the area was under the control of the Gough-Calthorpe family and the Gillott family who refused to allow factories or warehouses to be built in Edgbaston, thus making it attractive for the wealthier residents of the city. Thus, it was known as "Where the Trees Begin".

Edgbaston is home to Warwickshire County Cricket Ground (also known as Edgbaston Cricket Ground) a Test match venue, the University of Birmingham, established as Birmingham Medical School in 1825; Birmingham City University, which has its campus in Westbourne Rd; nine independent schools within the ward, Edgbaston Golf Club, one of the most exclusive private members clubs in the Midlands, as well as the Priory Club, which boasts world class sporting facilities.

In addition, the area also boasts the Birmingham Botanical Gardens as well as the Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society, which is the oldest lawn tennis club in the world that is still in use today.

The first game of lawn tennis was incidentally also played in Edgbaston, in a garden of a house known as "Fairlawn".

The area is also home to a Michelin star restaurant, Simpsons, as well as a host of renowned pubs such as The Highfield and The Physician.

Priorities

Keeping Edgbaston Clean and Green

Priority 1:	Keeping Edgbaston Clean and Tidy
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	<p>Edgbaston is blessed with green space, and is home to several prestigious establishments, including Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Winterbourne House & Gardens, Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society, the Priory Club as well as Edgbaston Cricket Ground – home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club.</p> <p>The Ward is a gateway from the city centre leading to neighbouring suburban wards of Harborne, Moseley and Selly Oak.</p> <p>Keeping the streets clean, tidy, and well maintained has always been one of the key priorities for residents – regular litter-picks and reporting of fly-tipping and/or missed bin collections.</p>
Who will own this priority?	Residents, Community & Voluntary Groups, Ward Cllrs, Street Cleaning and Waste Collection Services
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	All listed above and other agencies working in the ward, businesses, and other organisations with a vested interest in the ward.
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Continued clean and tidy streets, open spaces, and environment.

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Continue regular litter picks across the ward	Community/Voluntary Groups – including CRS (Calthorpe Residents Society) individual residents and Ward Cllrs, with support from Lifford Lane Depot/Street Scene in collecting the bags on completion	Ongoing activity. Equipment already in place as litter picks are regularly carried out and bags collected on completion by Street Scene staff

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Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
b) Ensuring BCC Waste Services Teams collect rubbish and recycling regularly and on time and street litter bins are emptied, and that spillage is collected.	Waste Collection Services and Street Cleaning Teams	Ongoing and achievable if depot staff continue to respond to missed collections, clearing up spillage and/or reports of unemptied street litter bins
c) Community Engagement – regular litter picks organised by Calthorpe Residents Society in Arthur Road, Templefield and Chad Square areas. Residents very active and involved with activities and in reporting any missed collections across the ward.	Councillors/ residents/Lifford Lane Depot	Community engagement and involvement ongoing – very proactive in carrying out activities and reporting missed collections within the ward.

Building on work already done to control parking in residential areas – particularly displacement of parked cars caused by the Clean Air Zone (CAZ)

Priority 2:	Controlled parking in residential areas following the introduction of the Clean Air Zone
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Many residents have real concerns about the increased parking in residential areas and the knock-on effect on their daily lives
Who will own this priority?	Birmingham City Council
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	City Council Highway Engineers/Transportation Officers, Brum Breathes Team, Residents, Ward Cllrs
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Long term parking of cars owned by drivers who live inside the Clean Air Zone does not take place in Edgbaston ward.

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
Residents Parking Scheme in Yew Tree Road and Elvetham Road (part)	Brum Breathes Team/Highways and Transportation Engineers	Officers to work with residents and community/voluntary groups develop scheme; funding application to be submitted to Brum Breathes Team

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Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
Other measures and restrictions to be considered including additional double yellow lines and enforced by Traffic Enforcement Officers	Brum Breathes Team/Highways & Transportation Engineers/Traffic Enforcement Officers	As above
c) Ongoing discussions with residents and review of Residents Parking Schemes and other parking restriction measures	Brum Breathes Team/Highways & Transportation Engineers/Cllrs and residents	As above –once implemented, regular reviews of measures with residents and Cllrs

Crime and Community Safety

Priority 3:	Crime and Community Safety
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Increase in crime, acts of criminality, home burglaries, vehicle break-ins/thefts and community safety issues including excessive speeding/dangerous driving on the main roads and general anti-social behaviour
Who will own this priority?	Local police team and partner agencies, local highways officers, Ward Cllrs, Street-Watch and Speed-Watch Community Groups
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	All of the above, and any businesses with an interest in keeping the ward safe
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Reduction in the fear of crime/being a victim of crime, safer speeds and driving

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
Regular meetings with the local police teams, residents/wider community, and Cllrs to share information and build trust and good working relationships	Neighbourhood Police Team, Cllrs, residents and community groups and BCC local staff/CSP	Ongoing – time and commitment from all parties would be needed
Tackle dangerous / illegal parking across the Ward prioritising schools and busy junctions.	Neighbourhood Police Team/ BCC Traffic Enforcement Officers/Highway Engineers	As resources allow. Encouraging and supporting Speed Watch and Street Watch initiatives

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Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
Tackle speeding and dangerous driving by installing Average Speed Cameras on our main roads and regular visual speed check operations	West Midlands Police/BCC Highways	Trial of enforcement cameras in some parts of the city already underway