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Your regular update on
what's happening with
the regeneration of
Druids Heath

**DRUIDS
HEATH
TOGETHER**

**CREATING
YOUR VISION**

Over the summer we have been listening to what you have told us about Druids Heath and turned your ideas into concepts and are asking what you think of them. We have started to put these all together into a plan of what Druids Heath could look like, including where new homes might be built and where we could create new facilities.

CREATING YOUR VISION



Members of our community engagement team showing off the latest masterplan on the streets of Druids Heath.



This is our first attempt to turn your ideas and comments into a vision for new homes, improving parks and outdoor spaces, creating jobs and supporting community facilities and organisations.

We are also looking at the viability of improvements to existing homes to make them more energy efficient. We are also looking at what we might need to do to remove alleyways for safety and security and ways to create green spaces. The results will be added in to the next masterplan.

We are really keen to know what you think about our first version of the masterplan and how all these things work together and the changes we might need to make.

You can come and speak to us

at coffee mornings and drop-in sessions as well as by emailing us on talkdruidsheath@birmingham.gov.uk or druidsheathtogether@pioneergroup.org.uk. We will also be holding workshops to look at green and open spaces in 2023 to work together on how to support and improve those.

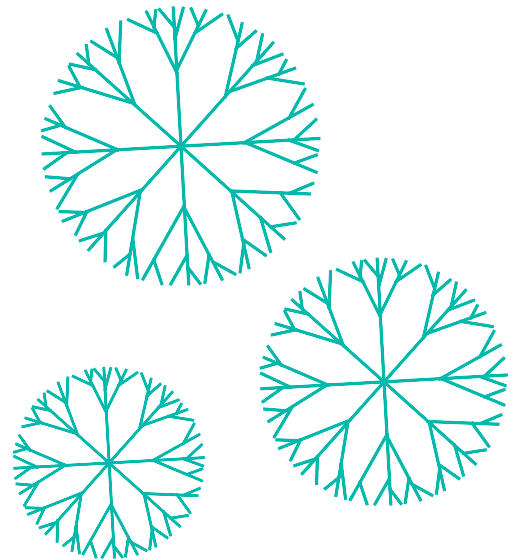
You can also view the masterplan on our website at druidsheathtogether.co.uk.

When we've listened to your views on this first masterplan idea we will come back with an updated version. You will be able to view the updates on our website and on boards around the estate. We will continue to work together to understand if we are creating your vision for your estate.

We are keen to start building new homes to allow those displaced by demolition to start returning, without compromising the masterplan for the wider area.



EARLY SITES



We've now submitted planning applications for three sites in the Pennyacre and Bells Farm areas that will create 51 new social rent homes for some of the people who have already moved out of the tower blocks.

We acquired the site and then demolished the old Royal British Legion building **(1)** and will be building new houses and new apartments. Nearby we plan to build 12 apartments next to the corner shop on Brockworth

Road **(2)**. We also plan to build on some of the land by Sherston Covert **(3)** and will improve the remaining green space including increasing biodiversity.

The Pioneer community engagement team have been popping up across the estate to get your views and feedback on the first version of the masterplan.

We're having some interesting conversations with residents 'on the doorstep', hearing what you like and don't like and whether plans reflect what you want for the estate, all of which will be fed back to the

council and Architect to inform the final vision.

Over the next few months, we'll be continuing to engage with the community, so look out for our team out and about knocking on doors, running drop-ins and coffee mornings, visiting schools and getting your views to develop the vision for your Druids Heath.

To protect your safety the

Pioneer Team will always have their ID on them, please ask to see this if talking to people on your doorstep.



HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THE MASTERPLAN



NEWS UPDATES

Cabinet Report

Last December we asked for Cabinet approval to look at a holistic regeneration, making sure the regeneration looked at more than just housing as you had asked us to. We are now asking permission in a second Cabinet report, to bring Druids Heath South into our master-planning to make sure we look at the whole estate and ensure everyone is involved in creating a vision for your estate and ensuring we maximise all opportunities.

Residents' workshops

In the new year we will be running a series of interactive workshops which will be an opportunity for us to work together on the design of the new estate, starting with code signing the landscaping and green spaces. We will be thinking about creating safer spaces for children to play, places for you to walk, relax and exercise, increasing biodiversity and protecting natural areas for wildlife as well as how different parts of the estate connect together and work for you as a resident. Look out for more information on the workshops coming soon.

Drop-in sessions

We are holding monthly drop-in sessions where you can meet the team from the Council, Pioneer and the Architects at Manningford Hall and at Spearhead Trust at Bells Farm.

Monday's 10 to 11.30am at Manningford Hall

9 January, 6 February, 6 March
and 3 April.

Wednesday's from 6.30pm to 8pm at Spearhead Trust

18 January, 15 February, 15 March
and 19 April.

Also, on the second Friday of the month, from 12.30–13.30pm, pop into Kath's Café, Idmiston Croft, for a friendly chat with the Pioneer team. All residents of Druids Heath are welcome to attend.

Keep in touch

If you want to find out more, ask any questions or let us know what you think you can meet us at the coffee mornings and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter – search for Druids Heath together and our website druidsheathtogether.co.uk

