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TALKING DRUIDS HEATH

Regeneration Newsletter

HELLO AND WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Talking Druids Heath. We've updated the name of our newsletter because we want to keep the conversation going. This means listening, sharing regular updates and keeping you informed about regeneration and what's happening in the area.

Read on for news, resources and ways to get involved in regeneration.



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REGENERATION UPDATES

BUILDING MOMENTUM WITH A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

As you may have seen, the partnership agreement between Birmingham City Council and Lovell has now been signed. This means we're now formally working together to deliver regeneration and fulfil our promise of up to 3,500 new homes; 51% of these will be affordable.

More than new homes, we're committed to working with local people and organisations from the very start. Together, we're listening to your priorities and starting to deliver genuine benefits across the estate, including:



LOCAL
APPRENTICESHIPS /
JOBS



LOCAL
TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES



EXPLORING
IMPROVEMENTS TO
SHARED SPACES



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND
EVENTS

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CONSULTATION TO RE OPEN ON OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

On Monday 7th September, the Local Planning Authority at Birmingham City Council will reopen a public consultation on the outline planning application for Druids Heath.

As you may be aware, a legal challenge was made to the application after it was originally approved in October 2025. We therefore agreed to cancel the approval and will return to Planning Committee later this year. Before a new decision can be made, you will be invited to share your thoughts as part of the public consultation.

All comments we received through the original consultation are still valid, but you can update or add to them if you want to.

To view the application, search the following reference number on the planning portal: 2025/01204/PA

the future of Druids Heath



VIEW OUR ANIMATION

Residents told us they'd like to see more project updates using videos and images. So, we've created the first of many animations, to help explain the consultation process and how to get involved. Take a look by visiting: www.druidsheathtogether.co.uk

PROGRESS AT BROCKWORTH ROAD AND NEARBY SITES



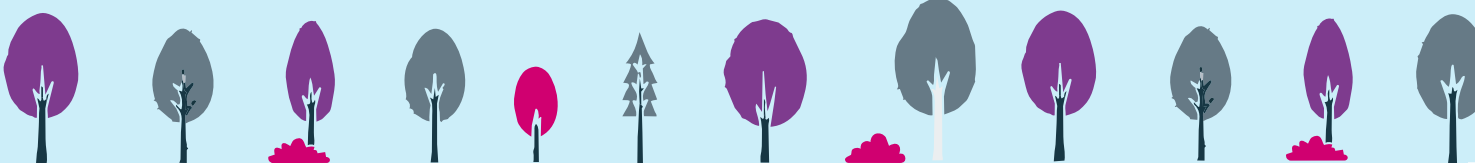
Earlier this year, we shared our ambition to deliver 62 much-needed homes for social rent in Druids Heath, before wider regeneration begins. The homes will be located on three small sites and give priority for those who have been temporarily relocated from the area.

The first 12 homes are already taking shape on Brockworth Road, with a range of high-quality apartments expected to be ready by 2027. Foundations for the lower ground floors were recently completed, and scaffold is in place to kickstart work to the upper floors too. This will take place alongside work to the car park area in the coming weeks.

Subject to planning approval in September 2026, the remaining homes will be delivered on two other sites nearby:

- Bells Lane (former British Legion site): 26 homes for social rent, comprising maisonettes, 2-bedroom flats and houses. Planning Ref: 2026/00028/PA
- Sherstone Covert: 24 homes for social rent, including 1-to-3-bedroom apartments, maisonettes and 3-bedroom houses: Planning Ref: 2026/00027/PA

You can view the plans and supporting documents on the Planning Portal: <https://planning.birmingham.gov.uk/NECSWS/ES/Presentation/Planning/OnlinePlanning/OnlinePlanningSearch/> Simply add the planning reference and click search.



NEWS

DRUIDS HEATH TOGETHER WEBSITE REFRESH

We've done a major refresh of the Druids Heath website, making it easier for you to find the information you need. This is where we will be sharing the latest regeneration plans, good news stories from across the estate and accurate answers to our most asked questions.

Support and resources will also be available on the website, as well as opportunities to meet the team at community events and drop-in sessions.

Take a look by searching
www.druidsheathtogether.co.uk



BELLS FARM KITCHEN RECEIVES HELPING HAND

Bells Farm recently benefited from essential repairs thanks to shared efforts between The Spearhead Trust and Lovell. Plaster falling from the kitchen ceiling was made safe following a genuine team effort over several days, which involved isolating electrics and reskimming the surface during a heatwave!

"Thank you to Lovell and the efforts of their team, who have shown great cooperation and a willingness to support from the moment we reached out."

Anne Marie, Spearhead Trust



TEAMWORK AND TLC AT MAYPOLE YOUTH CENTRE

In July, Lovell worked with Maypole Youth Centre to restore their community garden and outdoor areas. It took three days of teamwork to tidy the space and install a brand-new seating area with two new picnic tables. The weeds and ivy are gone, planters replaced, and the playground restored, creating outdoor areas to be proud of and enjoyed.

Simon Wingate, Project Director at Lovell said:

"It's been fantastic to work alongside the Maypole Youth Centre and to help transform their garden for everyone to enjoy. It is a vital hub for young people and we are delighted to deliver improvements to outside spaces which will encourage young people to spend time there, develop friendships and key skills."

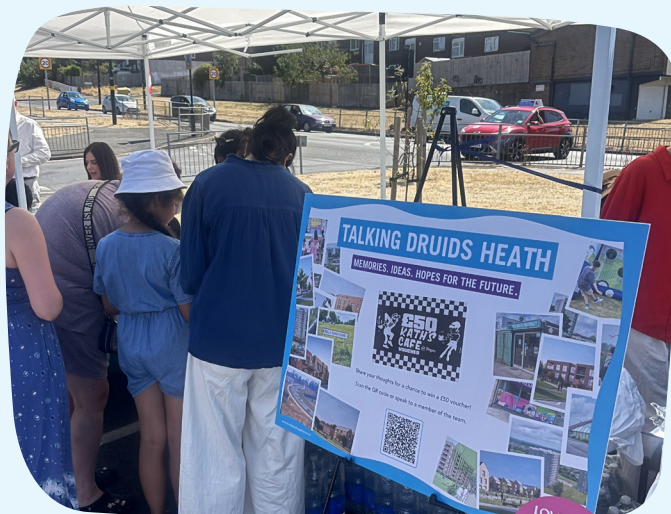


EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DRUIDS HEATH FAMILY FUN DAY

It was fantastic to see so many residents come along to the Family Fun Day recently. Alongside all the brilliant stall holders, you truly made the day a success!

Thank you to everyone that also shared what Druids Heath means to you. The winner of a £50 Kath's Café voucher will be announced in the coming weeks!



POOL FARM DROP-IN EVENT

Lovell are making a difference across the wider area and recently met with residents in Pool Farm, to talk through their plans for regeneration in the area.

The plans continue to be shaped by local feedback, so thank you to everyone that came to say hello and share their ideas!

If you'd like to ask the Lovell team a question about Pool Farm, email: poolfarm@social.co.uk



ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

HELLO FROM LOCONOMY

We're pleased to be offering a free, independent housing advice service for Druids Heath residents throughout regeneration. Whether you have questions on rehousing, your rights, or what the plans mean for you, our friendly advisers are here to help you understand your options and feel more confident about the future.

We will be running drop-in sessions throughout the regeneration at various locations in Druids Heath. In the coming months, we will be hosting independent workshops on key themes related to regeneration. Dates, venues and topics will be shared on the project website: www.druidsheathtogether.co.uk



You can also call our freephone number: **0800 246 5552** (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm). We will either deal with your enquiry straight away or arrange a follow-up call or face-to-face appointment.

Loconomy also support the Druids Heath Resident Steering Group, which helps residents have a stronger voice in shaping the future of the area. If you would like to have your say, you can join the Steering Group. To find out more, please contact: **druidsheathsteeringgroup@loconomy.org.uk**



INTRODUCING PLANNING AID ENGLAND

We're pleased to welcome Planning Aid England (PAE) to Druids Heath.

They will be working alongside the community, providing support to help you understand how planning decisions are made and how you can comment on them at every stage. Look out for Planning Aid England's free training and drop-in sessions across the estate, as well as future opportunities to get involved in ambassador programmes with local schools.



Planning Aid England

RESIDENT STEERING GROUP VISIT TRINITY PARK, WOOLWICH

The Druids Heath Resident Steering Group recently visited Trinity Park, a regeneration scheme in Woolwich. Led by Lovell, the project is delivering a mix of over 1,500 homes including 35% affordable housing. A tour of the site was arranged to showcase what positive regeneration can achieve and to inspire the group with their own ideas for Druids Heath. Here's what stood out to them:

"It's a well-built, well thought out estate."

"It's got lots of potential for us, hopefully."

"Parking, good green spaces and nicely designed."

"I like the approach and the way they're mixing people"

"How they interact with the community, that's an amazing thing that they can do."

You can watch the group's visit by going to:
<https://youtu.be/vFXMMhzAgos>



KEEPING IN TOUCH

DRUIDS HEATH TOGETHER WEBSITE

If you have questions or want to know more about regeneration plans, our dedicated project website has you covered. Following a recent update, you can now find answers to frequently asked questions and a range of dedicated support available for residents.

Visit: www.druidsheathtogether.co.uk

EMAIL OR CALL US

You can get in touch with the team by emailing:

TalkDruidsHeath@birmingham.gov.uk

We check emails daily and aim to respond within 5 working days. You can also call our contact centre who will email the team on your behalf: **0121 216 1002**.

VISIT US

Our project officers are available at the Regeneration Room three days per week on a drop-in basis, so you don't need to make an appointment. We'll also use the space for events and workshops, which we will share via the 'Get Involved' page on the website.

**Regeneration Room, 23 Idmiston Croft,
Druids Heath, B14 5NJ**

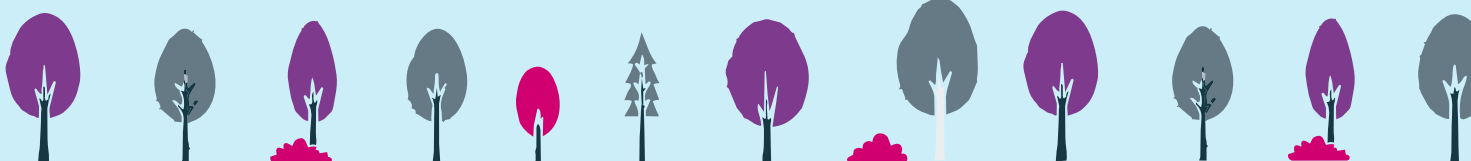


SUPPORTING YOU TO STAY INFORMED

If you need support accessing information, for example in large print or another language, let us know by completing our Online Form. You can also visit us at the Regeneration Room, where our team can access support for translation, British Sign Language (BSL), Brail or other languages.



Scan to complete
online form





TALKING DRUIDS HEATH QUESTIONNAIRE

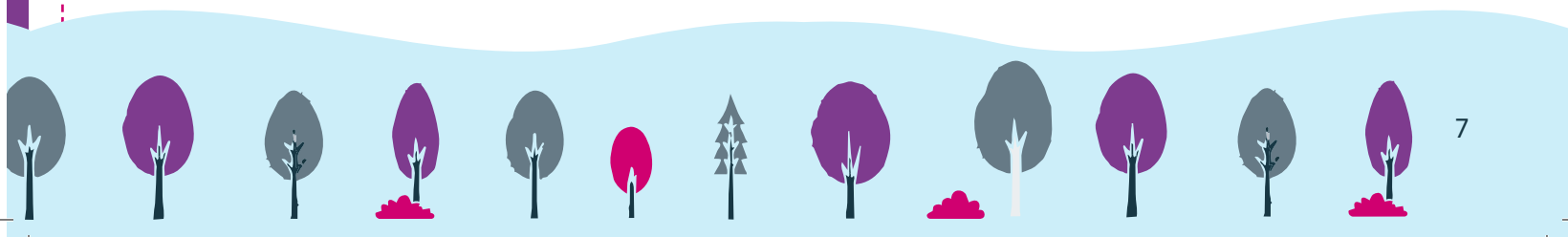
We want to know what Druids Heath means to you, so we can talk about the people, places and stories that make the estate unique. There are no wrong answers, and you don't need to complete all the questions to participate.

1. How long have you lived in Druids Heath?

2. How has Druids Heath changed since you started living here?

3. What makes you proud to live in Druids Heath?

4. Which places or landmarks stand out to you, and why?





5. What words would you use to describe Druids Heath now?

6. How would you like Druids Heath to be described in the future?

7. How would you like to share your ideas in the future?

- ☐ Attending community events
- ☐ Sharing feedback anonymously
- ☐ Being part of a residents panel
- ☐ Prefer not to be involved
- ☐ Participating in surveys or consultations

Community feedback tends to be made anonymously. However, should you wish to discuss any of your answers with us, please add your contact details below:

Name:

Email: Postcode:

Contact number:

- ☐ I confirm my consent to be contacted

We are committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should you provide information by which you can be identified, please be assured that it will only be used in accordance with the Druids Heath Regeneration project, to improve our services and how we communicate with you. Your information will not be shared with third parties without your consent.

Please hand this form to a member of our team at the Regeneration Room on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am - 3pm: 23 Idmiston Croft, Druids Heath, B14 5NJ

If you'd prefer a feedback form in another format, such as large print or audio, please provide your contact details and a member of the team will be in touch. You can access an online version of this questionnaire by visiting: www.druidsheathtogether.co.uk.

