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**BE TYSELEY AND HAY MILLS WARD**

**Ward Action Plan  
2022 to 2026**

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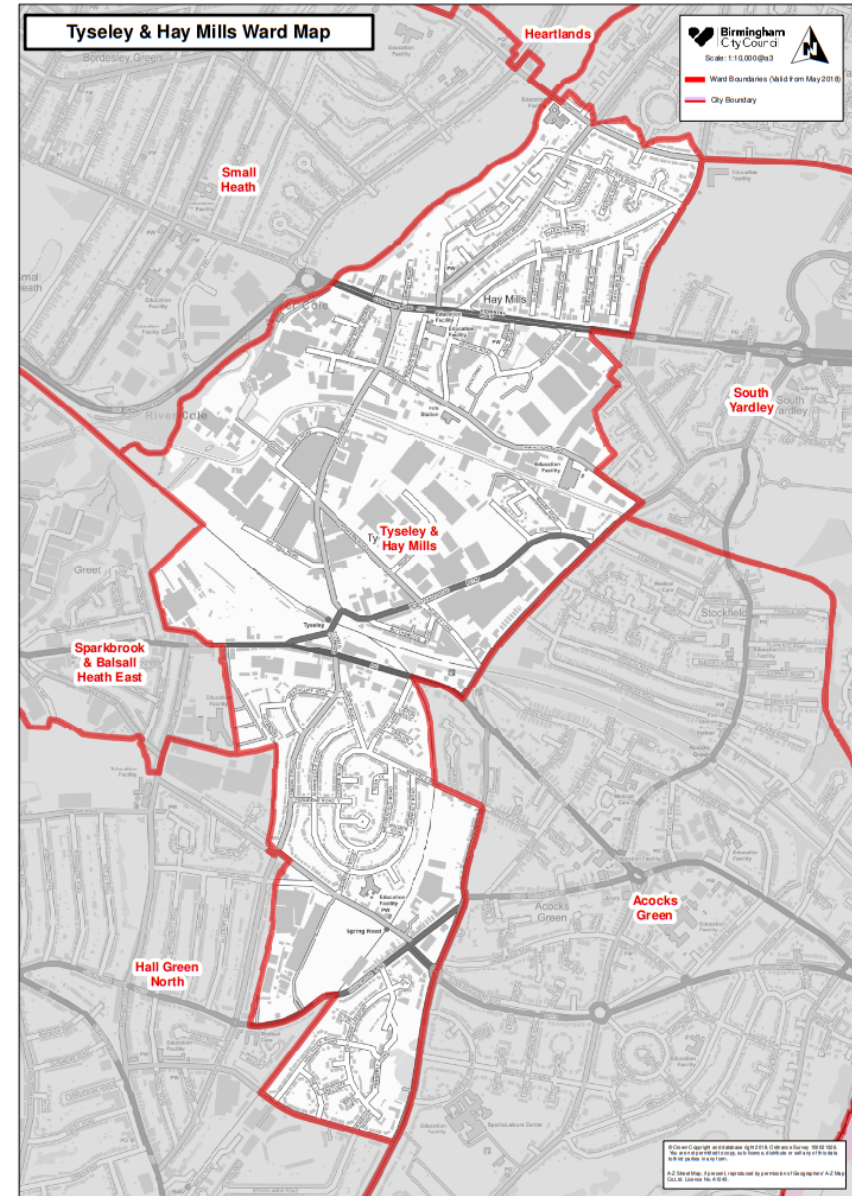
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**Dear Tyseley and Hay Mills Resident,**

I have worked on this plan with a wide range of residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders. It is important to me that this plan reflects the aspirations and ambitions of everyone in Tyseley and Hay Mills. We have tried to keep this simple so that people can see what we are trying to achieve and measure our progress as we move forward.

Many of you will know that I hold weekly advice bureaux so that residents can come and see me face to face to discuss their issues and concerns. I will continue to be accessible to all residents. I am also very active within the community. I support many local groups and have helped set up a number of groups to address issues in the ward like Speedwatch, Streetwatch, Friends Groups and litter picking groups.

I will continue with the community engagement as I have done ever since I was first elected. I will always be accessible, in person or by e-mail or phone.

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## **Ward Background Information**

The Tyseley and Hay Mills Ward is within the parliamentary constituency of Yardley Constituency. It is made up of Tyseley, Hay Mills, a small part of Acocks Green and a small part of Hall Green. Jess Phillips is the local Member of Parliament for Yardley Constituency.

## **Interesting Facts about Tyseley and Hay Mills**

Hay Mills is an area in the east of Birmingham, England adjacent to Small Heath and South Yardley. Historically, it was in Worcestershire, part of the parish of Yardley out of which it was created in the 19th century. The area is bisected by the Coventry Road, now the main A45 from Birmingham to Coventry and consists of the area immediately either side of the road once the River Cole has been crossed heading eastwards out of Birmingham until the junction with the A4040 at Yardley Road. Hobmoor Road provides a northern boundary whilst the Birmingham and Warwick Junction Branch of the Grand Union Canal, running behind Amington and Speedwell Roads, provides a boundary to the south.

The district takes its full name from Hay Mill which stood on the River Cole near James Road/ Mill Road. The mill belonged to the occupants of Hay Hall and ground corn from at least 1495. Converted to blade grinding probably during the Civil War, this trade continued until about 1830 when James Horsfall, a wire drawer of Digbeth moved here. There was no settlement at Hay Mills in 1834, but by 1888 the south side of the Coventry Road was being built up from Heybarnes Road to Forest Road. He had the old buildings demolished and rebuilt some 100m north of the old site. Here a larger mill with a larger pool was built for wire drawing. Other industries included Iron founding, brick manufacture, cabinet manufacture, electrical switch making and the embryonic British motorcycle industry in Kings Road. By 1906 there was considerable urbanisation, although Hay Mills was still separated from Small Heath by the undeveloped Cole valley and becoming part of Birmingham in 1911.

The area is also home to Tyseley Energy Park (TEP), on land owned by the Webster and Horsfall Group, which is at the heart of Tyseley & Birmingham's Energy Innovation Zone (EIZ). EIZs have been designated across the West Midlands to provide commercially meaningful geographic areas for deploying integrated smart energy solutions. Webster Horsfall: James Horsfall, a wire drawer from Digbeth invented high tensile steel wire. He moved to Hay Mill, a disused blade and sword factory at a water mill on the River Cole, rebuilding it as a steam-driven mill. The mill originally belonged to Hay Hall in Tyseley. In 1855, his company merged with Joseph Webster's of Penn Mill, Sutton Coldfield. He was a major manufacturer and exporter of the piano wire to Europe in 1824.

In 1853, Horsfall had patented a heat treatment process which strengthened the wire. This led to improved piano wire (giving a near monopoly), wire for making needles in Redditch, fishhooks, and umbrella frames. The firm made the armoured wire for first successful transatlantic telegraph cable in 1866,

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*Figure 1: Hay Mills Wire Factory*

using 30,000 miles of wire (1,600 tons), made by 250 workers over 11 months. The strengthened wire also made possible the construction of aeroplanes and automobiles. The company today also makes springs. The area is also home to Tyseley Energy Park (TEP), on land owned by the Webster and Horsfall Group, which is at the heart of Tyseley & Birmingham's Energy Innovation Zone (EIZ). EIZs have been designated across the West Midlands to provide commercially meaningful geographic areas for deploying integrated smart energy solutions.

The virtual extinction of Britain's core manufacturing industries and mining caused a re-focus the entire manufacturing operation at Hay Mills in the 1980s, and as a result the company now concentrates on manufacturing a variety of specialist mining ropes for the export market as well as stocking, servicing and trading a wide range of high-quality ropes and attachments for numerous applications

Tyseley and Hay Mills was also home to one of Lucas Industries factories. It was in the Shaftmoor Lane and Spring Road area. What started off with a jobless father selling paraffin oil grew to become on the world's leading manufacturers of components for the motor and aerospace industry. Now the site will provide three hundred much needed homes in the area.

The Tyseley Traction Maintenance Depot facility was opened in 1908 at a time when most major express trains ran north and terminated at Snow Hill or Wolverhampton. The site is now home to Vintage Trains, the 21st century's only charitably controlled train operating company.

Since 2011 the Tyseley and Hay Mills Ward has been zoned by Birmingham City Council as the Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District, highlighting the potential for Tyseley to be a significant exemplar initiative (TEED Framework for action 2011).

## Tyseley and Hay Mills Ward Action Plan 2022 to 2026

### 1. Litter, clean streets, and environment

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a. Publish information on the dates and frequencies when road sweepers should be coming round each road and shopping centre	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
b. Work with 'Love Your Street' to target fly-tipping hot-spots	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
c. Encourage residents' groups/business/schools to do regular community litter picks & to use these to recruit other residents to join the groups	All	
d. Organise regular litter picks working with Love Your Street and local volunteers and community groups	Cllr Zafar Iqbal/Friends Groups/TEP	
e. Work with local school to monitor air quality	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	

### 2. Parking problems (including schools)

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a. Work with the local PCSOs and the police team	All	
b. Bring primary schools together at a Travel to School Summit – promote 'Mode Shift Stars' scheme, Redhill Primary School and St Bernadette's Primary School and Yarnfield Primary School	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
c. Look what can be done to improve parking at local shopping centres	Cllr Zafar Iqbal/Council Officers	

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**3. Parks and open spaces (management and maintenance)**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
a. Set up Friends of the Parks groups and acquire funding to support park improvement plans	Open Spaces Groups	
b. Agree grounds maintenance / grass cutting / wild space areas designated in parks	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	

**4. Local shopping centres**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
a. Work with the Council to keep local shopping areas clean, tidy and welcoming to local residents and shoppers	Cllr Zafar Iqbal Council Officers Local Businesses	
b. Coventry Road, Hay Mills, Warwick Road, Tyseley, Shaftmoor Lane, Olton Boulevard East, Fox Hollies	Cllr Zafar Iqbal Council Officers Local Businesses	

**5. Keir: Roads, pavements, lights, and trees**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
a. Hold quarterly reviews with the Keir Highways Steward and monitor implementation of repairs requested	Kier	
b. Work with the Local Highways Engineer to prioritise highways improvements and allocate the small works highways budget.	Yardley Engineer	

**6. Neighbourhood policing and community safety**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
a. Set up programme of 'Streetwatch/Speedwatch' exercises involving residents' group and the police	PCSOs	

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<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
b. Regular policing feedback slot at each ward meeting	Local Police Teams	
c. Work with police and Council agencies to address begging/vagrancy on Coventry Road	Trident	
d. Regular meetings with the police Maintain 'Brew with the Crew' sessions	PCSOs	
e. Regular meeting with both of the sergeants in the ward	Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
f. Ensure the vehicle activated speed signs are put up in priority areas	Cllr Zafar Iqbal Highway Engineer	

**7. Housing and private renting**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Actioned by?</b>	<b>Progress</b>
a. Get the Council's Housing Department to enforce tidy-ups for properties where they have power to enforce tenancy conditions	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
b. Hold regular meetings in sheltered accommodation with residents and Council officers.	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
c. Get Council inspections of Private Landlord properties where these are untidy	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
d. Monitor the Selective Licencing Scheme the encourages minimum standards	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
e. Monitor the inspection of exempt properties and actions taken to encourage improved standards. liaise with the local exempt properties support officer.	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	
f. Monitor planning applications exempt/HMO properties	Council Cllr Zafar Iqbal	



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### 8. Community Groups

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a. Work in partnership with local community groups including Arts in the Yard, Active Well-Being Society, Hay Mills Foundation Trust, Friends of Berkeley Road Park, disability Resource Centre Oasis Hobmoor Community Centre, Khawateen Creative Minds, Vintage Trains, 260 <sup>th</sup> Scout Group and the Canals and Rivers Trust, to make encourage partnership working where possible	All	

### 9. Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a. Work in partnership with University of Birmingham and Tyseley Energy Park to establish a Green Energy and Innovation Quarter for Birmingham.	Sandy Robertson David Horsfall Mark Gamble Emily Prestwood	
b. Arrange for reports to brought to the Ward Forum at least twice a year about this activity.	Sandy Robertson David Horsfall Mark Gamble Emily Prestwood	
c. Involve residents and local businesses in the projects and activities at TEED – for example community litter picks and Tyseley River Cole Community Commons project	Sandy Robertson David Horsfall Mark Gamble Emily Prestwood	
d. Ensure that local residents and businesses benefit from opportunities (such as jobs, training and affordable energy) that are created through this work	Sandy Robertson David Horsfall Mark Gamble Emily Prestwood	