

QUINTON WARD PLAN

**Ward Action Plan
2024 to 2026**

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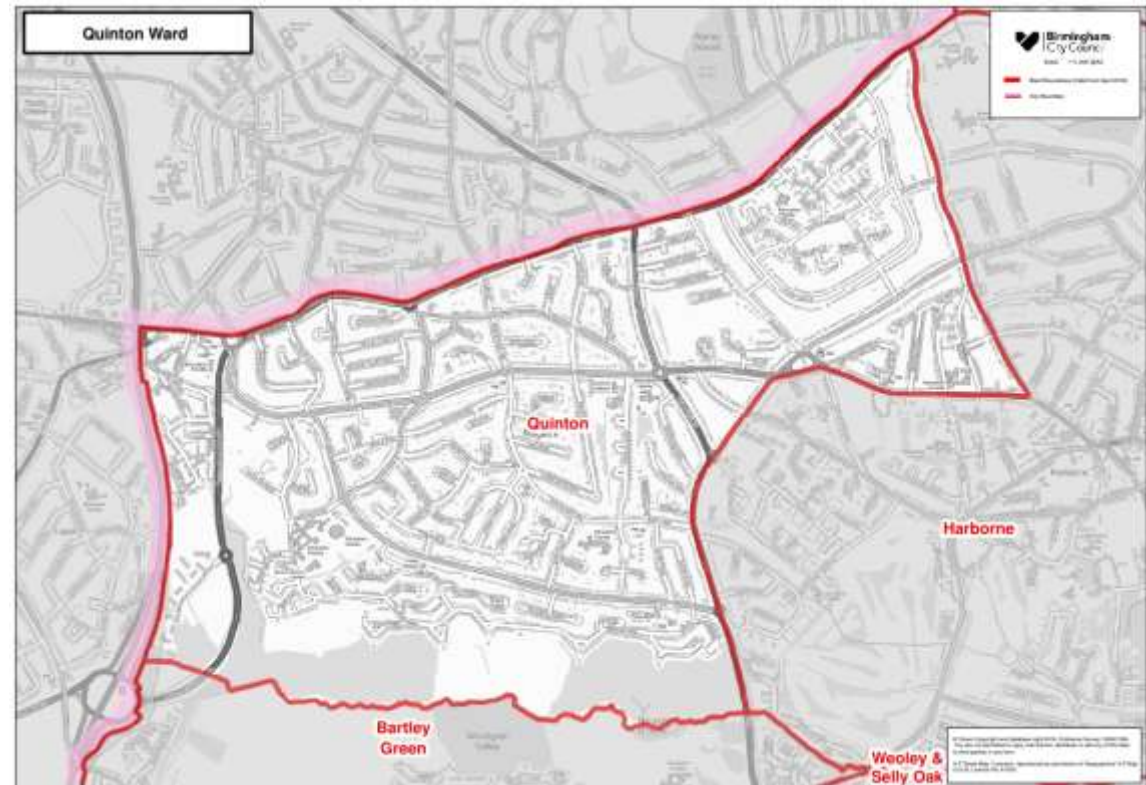


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Dear Quinton Ward Residents,

This Ward Action Plan is based on key priorities and concerns identified and discussed over time during our Ward Forum Meetings that have place over the last 12 months or so.

Through discussion, we agreed our key themes would be:

Crime, Disorder and Community Safety – Effective Measures for Tackling them

Road Safety and Speed Reduction

Cleaner, Greener Quinton

The Ward Action Plan is intended to be a realistic, living document that reflects the views, hopes and aspirations of local people.

Its success will depend on joint working with you as residents, our many wonderful community and voluntary groups, other partner agencies, City Council Services and us, as your locally Elected Members.

We have tried to simple and achievable, with outcomes that can be delivered if we all work together.

This is a working document, so if you think something needs to be included or removed from the Plan, please let us know – we can review/update the Plan at our Ward Forum Meetings.

We thank every one of you for your ongoing commitment to making Quinton Ward a safer, cleaner and greener place to live.

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1. A Safer Quinton

Priority 1:	Crime, Disorder and Community Safety – Effective Measures for Tackling them
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Increase in crime, acts of criminality and community safety issues following the Covid-19 pandemic and the current cost of living crisis. Increase in thefts/burglaries verbal abuse/threats; and general anti-social behaviour.
Who will own this priority?	Local police team, Ward Cllrs, partner agencies working in the ward including Street-Watch groups, residents.
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	All of the above
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Reduction in fear of crime/being a victim of crime; increase in visible police patrols

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

	Specific: Clear and well defined	Measurable: With criteria for how progress will be measured	Achievable: Attainable and not impossible to achieve	Realistic: Within reach and relevant to your means and resources	Timely: With a clear timeline, including a target date
1	Crime, burglaries and thefts data must be regularly shared with the community either as part of the Police-owned PACT meetings or fed in through Council Ward Forums.	This relies on Police data which should be provided on a quarterly basis.	This will rely on the Police proactively sharing their data with the community.	This does not require additional resources.	Councillors have requested regular reporting of crime statistics from the Police and will continue to chase. This has been requested on a quarterly basis.

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2	Local Police engagement should increase with the local community.	Community feedback will be the measure of success.	This is achievable given local Police focus and dedicated Quinton Police team. A first step has already been achieved with Quinton Police Station reopening and teams being based in the ward.	This does not require additional resources.	This will feed back to goal 1 as we can see how proactive Police are with their willingness to share data. As well as feedback from residents at Ward Forums and PACT meetings.

2. A travel-aware community

Priority 2:	Improve road safety: Reduction in speeding, organised racing, off-road vehicles and illegal and inconsiderate parking around schools with a long-term view to increase active travel.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	After several fatalities and accidents across Quinton, the urgency and need for action continues to grow to prevent further loss of life. We also have a long-term ambition to see active travel improved across the ward.
Who will own this priority?	Local police team, Ward Cllrs, BCC's highways department, partner agencies working in the ward; and Speed-Watch community groups, residents.
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	All of the above and schools/parents
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	This supports the council's Project Zero plans to work towards zero fatalities across Birmingham.

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1	Reduce speeding across key roads including Hagley Road West, West Boulevard and Ridgacre Road.	Progress will be measured by the number of accidents, fatalities and volume of speeding discovered. Our goal is for zero fatalities in the ward as a result of dangerous driving/speeding.	This must be an attained goal given Quinton has experienced too many road traffic accidents as a result of dangerous driving.	This will require extra resource from the Council and Police, including the introduction of both average speed cameras and reducing speed limits on key roads.	The public commitment of speed cameras and speed limit reductions by the council and Police should be achieved by 2026.
2	Work with Local Highways Engineers to develop road safety measures. These should prioritise the areas of the ward worst affected by speeding and road safety.	Number of measures installed and the effectiveness of the measures.	Yes, there will be measures that are achievable within the budget available.	We will need identify appropriate measures to address the challenges with the funding available. The Environment, Transport and Neighbourhoods Fund provides £40,000 per year for 2 years.	All works to be designed and funded by March 2026. Installation of measures to be guided by Highways Engineers.

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3	Working with local school to combat illegal and inconsiderate parking.	Working with schools and their headteachers, what are their views on the issue? How many schools in the ward are signed up to the Modeshift Stars programme? How many times have councillors been able to get traffic wardens present during school pickup/drop off times?	It is achievable but will mean a change in driver mindset and innovative thinking by schools and the council. Ward councillors to speak with travel demand team to understand what pilots might be happening across the city and what more can be done in Quinton.	There is extremely limited budget and resource to address this goal which will add to the length of time it will take to achieve.	This goal is about driving behaviour change, predominantly in parents. There is no quick fix for the problem and will likely take a number of years to see change.

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3. Cleaner, Greener Quinton

Priority 3:	Cleaner, Greener Quinton
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Quinton is blessed with green open space – however, fly-tipping and littering continues to be an ongoing problem in some areas of the ward. More proactive action needed to prevent/tackle fly-tipping and littering, and to trace fly-tippers. Sitting alongside making Quinton cleaner is also making Quinton greener. This means taking an active role in playing our part to tackle climate change and improve our local environment.
Who will own this priority?	Residents, Ward Cllrs, Community & Voluntary Groups; Parks Dept, Environmental and Waste Collection Services, highways 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, schools and other organisations with a vested interest in Quinton
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Visibly, cleaner streets, open spaces and environment

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1	Reduce flytipping across the ward	How many flytipping incidents are reported per quarter? How much fly-tipping is cleared? Council officers to provide data to councillors to share on a quarterly basis.	This will require the community to be involved, play their part in reporting any instances of flytipping and helping gather evidence where appropriate.	It will require support from the Street Scene team on an active basis.	An initial reduction in flytipping to be seen by 2026. However, long-term the introduction of mobile cameras to catch those who act illegally is needed.

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2	Support and maintain our green and open spaces	Quarterly updates provided by the parks service and Friends groups to the ward forum will help us to measure success.	This will require community and council support but is achievable.	No additional funding has been requested however, it will require support from the Parks team to provide ongoing and suitable maintenance. For example, in places like Highfield Rec to ensure grass is kept at a manageable level so that activities like football and cricket can take place in the summer months.	This is an ongoing request for support and maintenance and has no end date.
3	Playing our part in tackling climate change in Quinton	Feedback from residents is crucial regarding the changes they are experiencing. We can also request support from external agencies and groups such as Better Streets and Sustrans to help us monitor progress in regards to active travel.	This will require residents to play their part and to work with councillors to deliver results.	This is a longer term aim but bespoke funding pots could be used to cover costs like the community chest or clean air zone funds.	2026 and beyond.