

Harborne Ward Action Plan 2025 to 2026

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Ward Information



Councillor Martin Brooks OBE

Independent

martin.j.brooks@birmingham.gov.uk

[Read more about Councillor Martin Brooks OBE](#)



Councillor Jayne Francis

Labour

jayne.francis@birmingham.gov.uk

[Read more about Councillor Jayne Francis](#)

MP for Edgbaston Constituency

Preet Kaur Gill

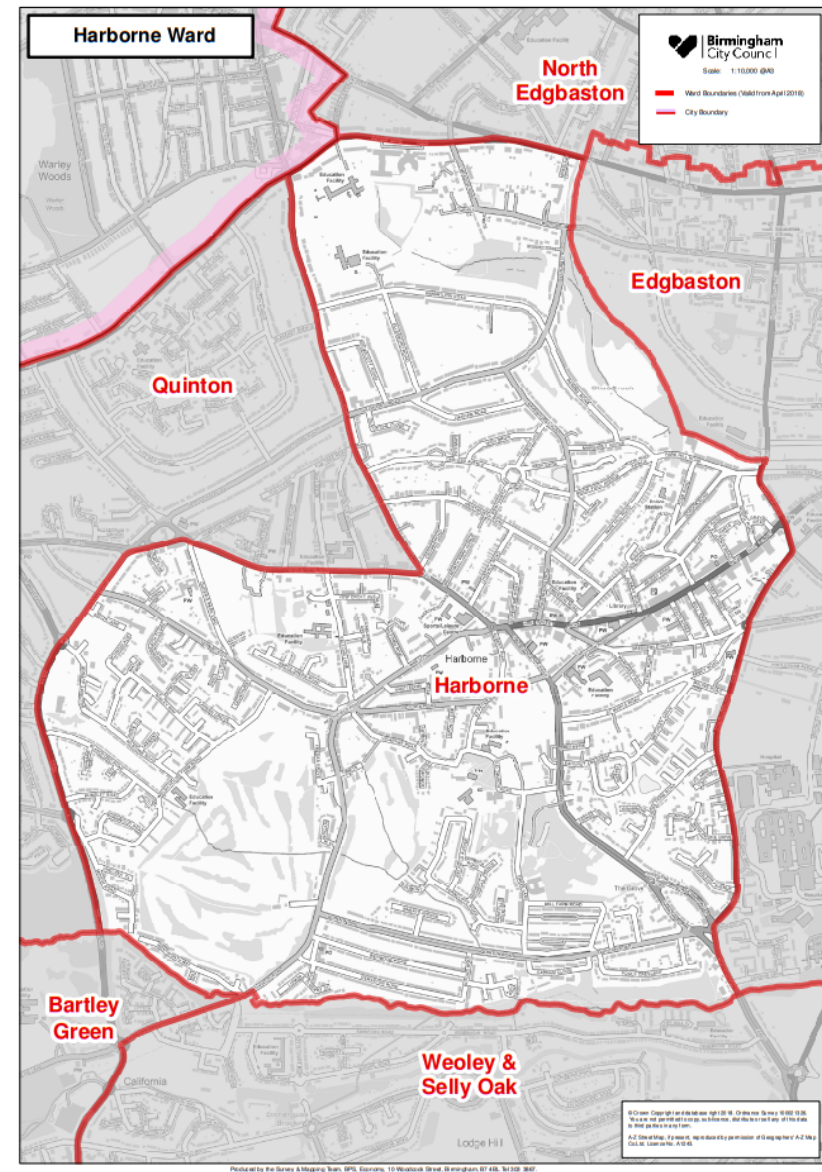
Labour

preet.gill.mp@parliament.uk

[Read more about Preet Kaur Gill MP](#)

Further Ward Information

[View the Ward Profile](#) for more information about Harborne [ward](#)



Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

1) Encouraging, Supporting and Delivering Active Travel and Public Transport for a Safer, Greener Harborne

Priority 1:	To promote and support residents' aspirations of developing a neighbourhood where residents can live, work and travel to schools safely by walking, cycling and public transport.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	To promote healthy living and social inclusion
Who will own this priority?	Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Mayor, West Midlands Combined Authority
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Schools, residents' groups, community organisations including churches and interest groups (e.g. Better Streets for Harborne & Quinton)
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Increase in number of children travelling to school by walking / cycling. Reduction in residents using cars for short local journeys. Improved air quality. ETNF application submitted that has widespread community value

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	In line with BCC Healthy Streets promote proposals for School Streets to improve safety of pedestrians and non-car users, encouraging parents and pupils to choose to use active travel	Increased number of schools in Ward implementing School Streets and/or Mode Stars	All schools have been contacted and given support re implementing School Streets.	School Streets support is given, and schools are working towards this target	Timescales based on funding requirements and consultation arrangements Target date: September 2025 with consultations beforehand starting End of April 2025

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

	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
2	In line with BCC Low traffic neighbourhood vision, submit plans for costings for ETNF by funding 2025 deadline that have widespread community value, and promote active travel.	ETNF funding applied for. Highways works reduce the number of cars for short journeys and safety of pedestrians and non-car users, and have widespread community value	Ward Forum arranged for 17 March 2025 to appraise plans for submitting for costing to BCC Highways dept.	Plans are submitted for costings and works undertaken	Proposals are appraised at ward forum on 17th March 2025 with plans going forward to BCC for costing
3	Seek improvements to public transport – reliability and accessibility	Before and after surveys of public transport users at Welsh House Farm, Harborne High Street, Harborne Market, University and QE Hospital	Feedback to WMCA on residents' survey and issues raised	Pressure by councillors to WMCA to respond to issues raised	End of March 2025 for first Survey with intermediate survey before March 2026 survey
4	Improve cycling infrastructure, including cycle routes between local high usage areas e.g. High Street and University Improve cycle parking / storage facilities	Work with local interested groups such as BSfHQ, university, hospital, BID etc	Possible cycle routes identified Trial of Bike Shelters takes place and is evaluated	2 Bike Shelters are trialled	Target date: End of April for initial consultation and implementation Users' evaluation sought at 6-month intervals

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Set the actions needed to achieve each of our goals

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
1a	Check schools are receiving Council support and offer them all air quality monitors.	Every school in the Ward	Schools have a designated contact in the transport delivery team in BCC.	Internal	April 2025	
1b	Work with all schools to ensure they all have an active travel plan and are making progress with Modeshift stars. Introduce school street at schools across the Ward	All schools where appropriate	Schools have a designated contact in the transport delivery team in BCC.	Internal	July 2025	
2a	Seek ideas and plans for ENTf funding to promote active travel and submit to BCC Highways for costing	All areas	Councillors Community Interested groups e.g. BID, WHF Big Local, BSfHQ etc	No	17th March 2025: Meeting held to appraise all plans for costing submission to BCC	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

2b	Submit plans for ENTF funding by March 2025 deadline	Areas identified in plans	Councillors?	Internal via Environment & Transport Neighbourhood Fund / External BCC Highways Dept	submitted by BCC March 2025 deadline	
3a	Before and after surveys of public transport users at Welsh House Farm, Harborne High Street, Harborne Market, University and QE Hospital	Public transport users Residents Councillor	Councillors Volunteers	No	March for Harborne Market survey End of March	
3b	Feedback to WMCA on residents' survey and issues raised		Councillors	No	End of May	
3c	Pressure by councillors to WMCA to respond to issues raised	All	Councillors	No	End of June	
4a	Set up working party to identify possible secure cycle shelter locations	All	Councillors Residents	No	Mid-April	
4b	Identify and apply for funding for secure cycle parking shelters	All	Working Group	No	End of May	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

4c	Install secure cycle storage	All	BCC Organisation installing shelters	Maybe	As funding becomes available	
----	------------------------------	-----	--------------------------------------	-------	------------------------------	--

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

2) A Prosperous and Diverse Local Centre

Living, leisure	To promote Harborne local centre as a vital centre of the community for shopping, living, leisure and cultural activities.
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	The vitality of Harborne centre is important for residents, shoppers and traders
Who will own this priority?	Birmingham City Council, Harborne Village Business Improvement District (BID)
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Residents' groups, other local groups including churches.
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	A local centre providing a wide range of retail and leisure services for residents. High levels of occupancy. Other services e.g. local library contributing to increased footfall. High quality mixed-use development, including residential.

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	Widening pavements on high street and better signage from the QE/University of Birmingham to Harborne high street to encourage more footfall on the high street				
2					
3					

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Set the actions needed to achieve each of our goals

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
1a						
1b						
1c						
2a						
2b						
2c						
3a						
3b						
3c						

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

3) A Green Ward

Priority 1:	To ensure that all existing public open space, parks and walkways are well-maintained and supporting the needs of the local community. To support the development of additional 'pocket parks'/parklets
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	
Who will own this priority?	Birmingham City Council
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	

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	To ensure that the Council's Waste collection services are regular and missed collections are reported	Less complaints to councillors Data from BCC at 6 month intervals	More residents report missed bin collections online Data shows if missed bin collections are reducing	More missed bin collections are reported online and less to councillors	Data on number of bin collections missed from BCC - asap Qualitative data on approx. number of residents reporting to councillors
2	Less Overgrown paths, for better and safer access for pedestrians, mobility scooters, fewer obstacles for visually impaired	Less complaints to councillors	More residents report overgrown paths online	More residents report overgrown paths online	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

	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
3	Suitable areas to be identified as pocket parks	Pocket Parks working group set up from wider community	2 possible areas identified as suitable pocket parks	Identify what criteria need to be met to enable a pocket park to be set up	Mid-April

Set the actions needed to achieve each of our goals

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
1a	online/social media campaign to encourage online reporting and show how to report missed collections	All	Councillors BSHQ Residents	No	Mid-March	
1b	Data of number of missed collections reported is requested and recorded	All	Councillors - possible Freedom of Information enquiry	No	Mid-March	
1c	Social Media campaign volunteers identified at Ward Meetings	All	Councillors at meeting Volunteers	No	At each Ward Meeting - ongoing	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
2a	online/social media campaign to encourage online reporting and show how to report overgrown paths	All	Councillors Residents BSHQ	No	Mid-March	
2b						
2c						
3a	Working Group set up - taken from range of residents - social media campaign to recruit and also at Harborne Market	All	Councillors BID Residents	No	Mid-March	
3b	Pocket Parks Working group meet	All	Residents	No	First week April	
3c	Criteria to enable Pocket Parks to be set up identified	All	Residents (working group)	No	End of May	
3b	Investigate how Bosley Green can be used	Bosley Green	Councillors volunteers	No	End of March	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

4) A Bold Local Harborne

Priority 4:	To build upon Harborne's centre and protect its community assets
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	People make a community. There are many various groups that offer much to our community. This priority builds on this to increase and strengthen the community by initially letting people know how they can be involved and encouraging them to participate.
Who will own this priority?	Councillors Harborne Library Hub Group Welsh House Farm Big Local BSfHQ Other local groups
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	BID, Library Hub Group, Welsh House Farm Big Local, Better Streets for Harborne and Quinton, Friends of Harborne Walkway, and other interested groups in the local community Residents
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Harborne has a large active vibrant community with plenty of known opportunity for participating in enriching local activities. Harborne Library is retained at its existing location A list of all organisations, clubs and volunteering opportunities in Harborne is widely available and known. Support for Harborne Neighbourhood Forum has been investigated.

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

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

	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	To actively secure and develop Harborne Library building (193 High Street) and the library service as the heart of the community.	Building is transferred from BCC to the local community via a legal entity in development.	To work in partnership with BCC, local people, key stakeholders including funders.	Secure continuity of professional library provision at 193 High Street and a range of relevant and appropriate services and activities that meet local need.	October 2026
2	Investigate appetite for setting up a Neighbourhood Forum	XXX% Harborne Residents respond positively or negatively to survey on setting up Forum	Residents' opinion is sought at Harborne Market and online and poster campaign	Investigate opportunity for official poll Else: promote poll with posters and social media campaign	July 2025
3	Develop opportunities for Harborne residents to become more involved in local activities by participation or volunteering	A list of local associations and clubs with contact details are available at the library and online	Work with BID to promote local associations at annual Harborne Carnival	At least one stall at Harborne Carnival promotes all opportunities to Harborne Residents and ability to sign up/volunteer	Ongoing Library list - end of May 2025 Harborne Carnival Stall - June 2025

Set the actions needed to achieve each of our goals

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
1a	Decision by BCC on agreement for community asset transfer.	Harborne ward and environs.	HLHG/community in partnership with BCC.	yes	June 2025	
1b	Establishment and development of community led legal entity.	Harborne ward and environs.	HLHG	yes	June 2025	
1c	Feasibility/Business Plan	Harborne ward and environs.	HLHG	yes	June 2025	
1d	Key partner engagement and onboarding	Harborne ward and environs.	HLHG	no	January 2026	
2a	Investigate what is required to set up a Neighbourhood Forum	All of ward	Residents Volunteers from community	No	End of May 2025	
2b	Investigate opportunity for official poll	All of Ward	Councillors	No	End of February 2025	
2c	Promote Neighbourhood Forum poll	All of Ward	Residents Volunteers from community	No	End of May 2025	

Please refer to 'Guidance for Completing the Ward Action Plan Template' document

Goal	What actions are needed to reach your goal?	Where in the ward do the actions relate to?	Who is responsible for the action?	Does action require additional funding? (Internal/External?)	When does the action need to be completed by?	Six Monthly Update
3a	Develop ongoing list of clubs and associations and volunteering opportunities in Harborne	All Ward	Councillors Residents Volunteers from community	No	Started by mid-February, completed End of May	
3b	Promote local associations at Harborne Carnival	All of Ward	Councillors BID Residents Volunteers from community	BID	Date of Harborne Carnival	