

Our Residents' Survey is Launching In May

A Neighbourhood Plan must seek out the views of everyone in the community - and test that responses given represent a fair cross section of opinion.

One of the most important ways to do this is by undertaking a survey(s).



We have chosen to undertake a Residents' Survey, allowing every individual living in the KDBH Neighbourhood Area to express their own views.

To ensure anonymity and remove any risk of bias, the survey will be run by a third party who will independently collect and analyse the responses.

Once the 'results are in', we will hold a special Open Forum meeting to feedback the findings and what they mean for Plan development.

We are planning another survey, for local businesses and their employees, later this year

Look out for a leaflet hand delivered to your door in May with more details about the survey launch and how to complete it.

It is vitally important to have as many responses as possible – your view really does count. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete - please take the time to fill it in and help make a difference to future development of our Area.

More info on our website www.kdbh-np.org

Invitation We're ready to start developing our Neighbourhood Plan!
The first step is to create a Vision for our Area

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KDBH Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath
Neighbourhood Plan

Building a Vision for our Villages

Join us at one of our 'Visioning' events to kick off the debate

20 April 7 - 9:30pm or 24 April 2 - 5pm at Arden Academy

Our Neighbourhood Plan sets out to protect what makes our Area so special, while reflecting community needs and priorities for future development.

What do we most value about our Area and want to protect?

What choices do we have on new development?

What could make it an even better place to live?

What's our priority for future investment?

Make sure we're not missing anything that's important to you!

More info on our website www.kdbh-np.org

Neighbourhood Plans reflect the interests of those who get involved

Don't miss your chance to influence development of where you live and shape the future of our Area

Come and find out:

- **WHY** we now have a much greater say in how our community develops
- **WHAT** options and choices we can make
- **HOW** we go about it
- **WHICH** key themes and priorities are emerging from views expressed to date. Are these right? Are we missing something important to you?
- **WHY** we need to act quickly, with options for new developments in our Area already being considered by Solihull Council

Each event is in two halves – join us for one or both:

1.5 hours of facilitated group discussion and debate on key themes

followed by

Browse displays at leisure, ask follow up questions, add your views, register your interest in further development activities

On our website www.kdbh-np.org please select 'Open Events' and click on 'Vision' to preview some topics for discussion

Can't make these events?

Look out for details of follow-up sessions on our website and village notice boards

Become a member of the Neighbourhood Forum, and we'll keep you up to date on everything for free!

Look out for our Residents' Survey, launching in May, when everyone can have their say

The Power to Choose

1,852*

Why are so many Town and Parish Councils racing to put Neighbourhood Plans in place?

Because they carry **legal force**.

Our Neighbourhood Forum is a Statutory body. We can now *choose* to take more control of our future. The choices we make DO matter for important aspects of our community, such as those below.

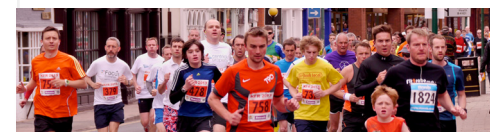
*Source: <http://neighbourhoodplanner.org.uk/map>

HOUSING



- Up to 1,500 new houses in our Area?
- What type of housing do we most need?
- Where would we want them located?
- Fewer larger or more smaller scale developments?

LEISURE, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES



- Protecting open spaces
- Education for all ages
- Sports facilities
- Youth facilities
- Local shops and services

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE



- Increased demand for Dorridge rail services
- Parking
- Public transport
- Cycling safety
- Sustainability

GREEN BELT



- In our Area any significant new development WILL affect Green Belt
- Which part should we fight for?
- Are there any we could let go?
- What's the impact for our Area?