



# Community Actions 1

In developing the Neighbourhood Plan, local residents and businesses have raised a range of issues not related to land use. Where these are important local matters, they have been included here as Community Actions.

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Community Actions do not have statutory weight, but are nevertheless matters that the KDBH Forum wishes to pursue in collaboration with our Residents Associations, local businesses, Councillors, Solihull Council, other community groups, and relevant organisations. The latter might variously include GP Practices and other healthcare providers, schools and their Boards of Governors, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth, local ramblers' groups, cycling groups, transport user groups and infrastructure service providers.

The list is ambitious and needs community involvement to prioritise according to preferences and availability of resources.

## Village Character and Natural Environment

- 1 Measures to protect and enhance Knowle Conservation Area:**
  - a. Review of "Article 4 directions" with a view to withdrawing further permitted development rights, where appropriate, in the Conservation Area. Consider whether this should also apply to Dorridge Conservation Areas.
  - b. Prepare development briefs for the opportunity sites identified in the Knowle Conservation Area Appraisal.
  - c. Consider opportunities for enhancement, particularly in the area between High Street and St John's Close.
  - d. Review the list of listed buildings (in partnership with Historic England) to include buildings of local interest.
  - e. Consider further work in the High Street area to include traffic calming, pedestrian priority and environmental enhancement.

- 2 Draw up a Tree Management Plan** to provide a management regime for existing trees and plan ahead for future planting needs.

- 3 Promote a Green Spaces Plan** directed at managing the future needs of existing green spaces, promoting new green spaces in new developments and providing more rigorous policing of littering, dog-fouling and fly tipping in and around green open spaces. Also review maintenance regimes to ensure that existing public sports, leisure and recreation facilities are maintained to their existing standard or, where possible, improved.

- 4 Explore the possibility of measuring air pollution levels** on M42 Junctions 4 – 6. Use results to inform responses to new development proposals. Monitor the effects of new development on the local built and natural environments and on residents' living conditions over the Plan Period.

## Traffic and Transport

- 1 Parking:** press SMBC to review the following:
  - a. On-street parking in selected streets with the overarching objective that major roads (see Policy T8 for definition) and bus routes should be free from on-street parking, with limited exceptions, to facilitate highway safety and free flow of traffic.
  - b. Resident/visitor parking permits in streets where off-street parking is not provided for residents.
  - c. Effective policing by SMBC of off/on-street parking to reduce unauthorised parking.
  - d. The need for Traffic Regulation Orders in key locations where on-street parking or traffic priorities need to be changed, especially at St John's Close and the adjacent car parks.

- 2 Walking:** Review the condition of all footpaths and pavements/footways in KDBH and call for SMBC/landowners (as appropriate) to repair defects.

- 3 Cycling:**
  - a. Review the condition of all cycle paths/lanes/tracks in KDBH and call for SMBC/landowners (as appropriate) to repair defects.
  - b. Lobby for the creation of separate cycle routes in appropriate places, that may include in public parks, to encourage cycling.