



# Forum Newsletter

## What a Winter!

**Normal  
service  
will  
resume  
shortly!**

Just a brief note to let you know that we're still here, and to apologise for the recent radio silence.

A number of the KDBH team, including our Chair and webmaster, have been struck down over the past few weeks by this awful flu virus that's doing the rounds in our community.

Thankfully, all are now on the road to recovery and trying to pick up on everything that's been happening (and a lot has) as quickly as possible.

Thank you for bearing with us....

**The most important thing we wanted to let you know now is that our next Forum meeting is planned for  
Wednesday 7 March, 7pm at Arden Academy**

With it being half term this week, we await confirmation that the school hall is available. However, we will confirm this in a follow up newsletter next week.

# Headlines

Below is a quick summary of the major areas of current activity to give you a sense of what will be on the Agenda for our next Forum meeting.

Our main area of focus has been to document and review / respond to all the feedback (and there was a lot of it, thank you!) received over the consultation period for our Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This in turn identified a relatively small number of areas for us to consider changes to the Plan. We're pleased to say that both of these activities are now well advanced.

Following up on your feedback, we have undertaken more detailed analysis on Local Green Spaces and will be seeking your views on this.

We have completed the 'Basic Conditions Statement', one of the more 'legalistic' documents that we are required to submit to SMBC demonstrating how our Neighbourhood Plan meets Planning Requirements.

We have continued discussions with Solihull Council, including a meeting to discuss progress and emerging findings on the Transport Study and covering pinch points for investigation in KDBH that we highlighted from your feedback.

Now we have a clearer picture on the Transport Study, we are in a position to finalise the scope of work for the Landscape Assessment within the budget available, focusing on the Hampton Road and Arden Triangle sites that SMBC proposes to allocate for new development in KDBH. We are in the process of commissioning this.

The major outstanding consideration is to finalise with SMBC forward dates for the next stages of formal consultation and Independent Examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We very much look forward to seeing you on 7 March.

