Do YOU support major change in the Windmill Eye?

The Neighbourhood Plan Proposals

This is the Council’s vision for the future of the Windmill Eye area:

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**A growing family neighbourhood, confident and secure in its workplaces, playspaces, and homes**

...Rooted in the heritage of its founding industries and diverse people;

...Realising the opportunities of its strategic location;

...Developing its unique assets – its people, the hospital, and the park;

...Looking forward to a shared sustainable future

**“**

**The Eye**

**OVER THE LAST YEAR,** the Council has been working with residents, Urban Living, and other partners to put together proposals for improvement and change in the Windmill Eye area. We want to know what you think!

**What is the Council planning?**

**How will it affect YOU?**

**How can you have YOUR say?**

This leaflet sets out some of the answers to these questions! Some proposals involve more radical change – including rebuilding of some existing estates, change to road layouts, and new public open spaces.

It’s really important you get involved, so that the Council knows whether you agree with the level and speed of change proposed. If you DON’T agree with some proposals, the Council needs to know so that it can consider alternatives. If you DO agree with some proposals, the Council needs your support in order to secure funding and make sure it happens!

For more information, and to have your say, come along to one of the consultation events in November and December 2010. (see the back page for details)

**The Neighbourhood Plan Proposals**

1. Improve existing houses, flats, and estate environment

2. Develop new houses, bungalows, & flats on existing vacant sites

3. Replace existing houses, maisonettes, & flats with new houses & flats

4. Improve existing shops and services and provide new ones to address local needs

5. Improve existing open spaces and play areas, and provide new pocket parks and play areas to serve local needs

6. Support temporary use of vacant spaces in order to support local training and employment and improve the environment
**AROUND CROCKETT’S LANE**

The proposals for the Crockett’s Lane area include managing change on the Sandwell College site to benefit the neighbouring High Street and surrounding residential areas. After the college relocates to West Bromwich in 2011, the Council wants to support continuing education, employment, and community facilities on the site on a temporary basis until the site can be redeveloped for new homes.

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**AROUND CAPE HILL**

The proposals for the Cape Hill area include improving the connection between the shopping centre and the high street so that the range of shops and services complement each other. This will involve close consultation with traders and support of a range of high street initiatives.

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**What will it mean for YOU if you live in an area of major change?**

All of the proposals will require detailed consultation with existing residents and partners before proceeding. No further demolitions are planned in the next few years, however some existing homes will be replaced later. The Council will put together a package for council tenants and homeowners, to compensate them for disturbance, to assist them with moving home, and to enable them to stay in their locality should they so wish. If you would like to know more, please see the back page of this leaflet to find out how to get in touch or attend upcoming events.
The Neighbourhood Plan includes proposals for major changes to the roads and junctions of Soho Way with Windmill Lane and Rabone Lane. This will provide a new street setting for new local shops and services to serve the surrounding area. New housing and public open space is proposed for the vacant sites on Messenger Road and the Windmill Precinct.

**AROUND MESSENGER ROAD**

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**AROUND GROVE LANE**

Services currently provided in the City and Sandwell General Hospitals will be relocating to a new purpose-built Acute Hospital on Grove Lane, which is planned to open in 2016. This will have a major impact on the Grove Lane area, including the regeneration of the canal lands surrounding the hospital. The Neighbourhood Plan includes proposals to ensure the new hospital and residential areas are well-connected to the Windmill Eye so that existing residents can benefit from this important new amenity.

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**CONTINUOUS EXHIBITION**
Continuous exhibition of plans at Cape Hill Neighbourhood Office, Unett Street, B66 3SY.
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10am-1pm
Wed 10am-5pm

**Mon 1st Nov – Fri 10th Dec**
At the Travelling Exhibition of plans (see below), Council officers will be available to explain the plans and answer questions.

**WINDMILL EYE BUS**
Travelling exhibition of plans, in a specially-designed bus. Council officers will be available to explain the plans and answer questions.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**
Exhibition of plans, with discussion event and/or activities. Council officers will be available to explain the plans and answer questions.

**ONLINE CONSULTATION**
You can view and comment on the Windmill Eye Neighbourhood Plan online until Monday 13th December 2010. Select “W” from the A-Z option at:
www.sandwell.gov.uk

**INDEPENDENT ADVICE**
Call your Independent Community Advisor SOLON if you would like to find out more information about the Windmill Eye Neighbourhood Plan!
Freephone 0800 884 0800

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**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Wed 3rd Nov, 11am-7pm
Smethwick Council House, High Street, B66 3HT

**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Fri 5th Nov, 11am-3pm
St. Philip’s Parish Centre / Brushstrokes, Messenger Road, B66 3DU

**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Thu 11th Nov, 11am-1pm
Smethwick Pakistani Muslims Association, Corbett Street, B66 3PU

**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Wed 10th Nov, 10am-5pm
Cape Hill Neighbourhood Office, Unett Street, B66 3SY

**WINDMILL EYE BUS**
Tue 9th Nov, 11am-3pm
New Hope Estate, B66 3TX

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**WINDMILL EYE BUS**
Tue 16th Nov, 3pm-7pm
Raglan Road (near Cape Hill Medical Centre), B66 3NR

**WINDMILL EYE BUS**
Tue 16th Nov, 11am-2pm
Exeter Road (near corner with Kingsbridge Walk), B66 3hW

**BUSINESS FORUM**
Wed 17th Nov, 5pm-8.30pm
CAP Centre, Windmill Lane, B66 3LX
All welcome

**YOUNG PERSON’S EVENT**
Fri 19th Nov, 6.30pm-8.30pm
Windmill Super Youth Centre, Messenger Road, B66 3DX

**FAMILY EVENT**
Thu 25th Nov, 2pm-7pm
CAP Centre, Windmill Lane, B66 3LX
Windmill Eye Bus with Play Bus

**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Sat 4th Dec, 11am-2pm
CAP Centre, Windmill Lane, B66 3LX

**TRAVELLING EXHIBITION**
Tue 7th Dec, 2pm-4pm
Raglan Road Christian Centre, Raglan Road, B66 3ND

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**Week 1**

**Around Crockett’s Lane**

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**Week 6**

**Week 7**