

BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2024

Held at: Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Leicester LE3 1LE

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Halford

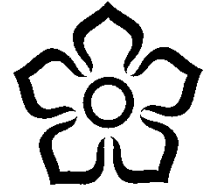
<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	ACTION LOG	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

Minute Item 1

Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields
Community Meeting

Action Log

Wednesday 23rd October 2024



Leicester
City Council

Present

Cllr Dr Susan Barton
Cllr Elaine Halford
Randeep Singh Mattu (WCEO)
Police

Apologies

Cllr Kulwinder Singh Johal

Item	Actions to note	Who
1.	Ward Councillors Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting noted the update from Councillors.	
2.	Adventure Playground Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting noted the update from the Councillors.	
3.	Housing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting noted the update from Housing (See Appendix 1)	
4.	Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting noted the update from Police.	
5.	City Warden Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting Noted the update from City Warden (See Appendix 2)	
6.	Highways Update <p>Meeting Noted the update from Highways (See Appendix 3)</p>	

7.	Ward Community Budget	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting Noted Ward funding update.▪ Opening Balance £19,358▪ Ward Funding Application Received 18▪ Closing Balance £12,691		

Appendix 1 – Housing Update

Tenancy sustainment across the city the past year overall was 96.14%. This equates to Leicester City Council tenancies being sustained for at least 365 days. The tenancy sustainment for tenants in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward was 92.31%.

The total void properties (LCC stock) are currently 391. This consists of the following.

- 31 properties being ready to let and awaiting new tenants to be signed up and of these 31 properties 10 are for Homeless Pathway cases,
- 21 properties selected for projects.
- 11 Supported living properties.
- 24 properties being used as decants by Housing Management.
- 30 acquisition properties (where LCC have purchased them).
- and 274 are categorized as all other voids, 10 of which are Homeless Pathway voids, and 29 properties are priority request.

Current void properties in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward = 49 properties.

Ready to Let properties in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward = 5 properties.

The average relet time this financial year so far has reduced currently it is 193.9 days on average compared previous years it was on average 201.9 days in 2023-2024 and 197.8 days in 2022-2023.

The Tenant Engagement Sessions were conducted in the last two weeks of September 1 session was held at the Brite Centre in Braunstone. 181 people attended the 6 sessions held across the city where this gave the tenants their opportunity to provide their views to the team which will help shape the future of our engagement strategy and improve how we communicate important information to the tenants. This information will be used to improve how tenants access services and improve ongoing engagement.

The consensus following the survey was.

- that people wanted to be updated on service requests,
- a considerable amount wanted to be updated via emails,
- those tenants who use Housing Online are more satisfied than those contacting us via the telephone.
- tenants want more face-to-face contact.

A date is yet to be arranged where the results of the engagement sessions will be presented, this will potentially be in the new year possibly at City Hall, however this is yet to be confirmed.

It is that time of year where Housing Management are looking at areas for improvement and potential projects to be undertaken in the ward to enable the officers to then put forward their proposal for funding from the Environment Budget. If there are any particular areas that the Councilors would like the team to consider then please contact the Team Leader for Braunstone Dragana Jovic.

Appendix 2 – City Warden Update

Over 40 Community protection warning notices for untidy land and deposit on highways have been handed out to occupants, homeowners, and shop owners. I'm starting to notice a difference in how residents are using their bins and leaving waste on the streets compared to August, it has cut down.

Interviews have been carried out and booked for fly tipping where evidence has been found and fixed penalty notices have been issued, two this October within the Braunstone & Rowley Fields ward.

I'm actively patrolling the area via foot and bike, showing a presence, handing out bulky leaflets and knocking on doors if certain issues do not require a notices and educating. Please bring any issues you are facing to the Council's attention by using the "Love Clean Streets app – Love Leicester". The app is easy to use, and you can report litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or any other environmental problem. The advantage is that you can take a picture of the problem and upload it, tagging the location and including other details so the appropriate team can fix the issue quickly. More information about the app is available here: [Love Clean Streets \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/love-clean-streets/)

Appendix 3 – Highways Update

Previous Issues Raised:

1. Ellesmere College – Issue with the number of taxi's queuing to pick up at the end of the school day, blocking Braunstone Lane East
The Ellesmere College Park & Stride at Premier Inn is still active, and the schools works closely with parents to promote it for those coming in private cars rather than taxis. The Park & Stride site is ANPR controlled, and families need to apply via the school to get their number plates registered. The school deals with this relationship.

There are up to 35 places available. We will forward uptake data to the ward councilors once received.

We attended a parents evening in March 2024 with pop-up stall and also at pick-up time August 2024 to promote uptake and share information about how to register.
2. Hinckley Road – Footway (near to the Coop) is overgrown and has lots of stinging nettles. I presume that they meant the footpath in the Spinney/Park that runs adjacent to Braunstone Ln
LCC maintains the spinney area, but the co-op side of Braunstone Lane is not LCC to maintain falls under another authority.
Any weeds or grass growing that needed strimming or mowing back, was actioned by the team.
3. Narborough Road – Residents and Cllrs want bollards to stop footway parking. Many areas were mentioned, but specifically from railway bridge – outbound.
This was raised at the recent Highways and Transportation Ward Meetings. We believe that the bollards installed around Hopefield Road are sufficient, but now understand that Haddenham Road is an issue. Mike Pears will be contact ward Cllrs to establish where bollards need installing. These can then be put on our Local Environmental Works list.
4. School Streets – Resident offered up Brownies and Rainbows groups to participate in bike ability training and other initiatives. Said that I would make sure that we advise Cllrs what we could do for groups.
Bike ability training is ONLY carried out via the schools and offered to Years 5 and 6 pupils. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange sessions with organized groups. However, information that parents or groups can use themselves, can be found on the Choose How You Move Website under [Getting to school! < Choose How You Move](#)
If your children's school does not offer Bike ability please ask the school to get in touch with us via cycletraining@leicester.gov.uk
5. Overpark Avenue – Extension of traffic calming requested.
Overpark Avenue forms part of the proposed 20mph zone which covers the part of Braunstone to the east of Braunstone Park. Currently scheduled for 2026/2027 but might be brought forward a little depending on how fast we can get other schemes on the ground.
6. Ellesmere College/Foxcroft footway – Cllr Johal would like us to look at options to improve the permissive path.
Unfortunately, the track is not a public footway, and the land belongs to the school. I have approached to estates team dealing with the school and they do not have any plans to improve the track. Full betterment would cost +£100,000 and is not something that the highways service is able to consider at present.

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 12 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway - 220 orders
- Footway - 73 orders

We completed the carriageway resurfacing works on Narborough Road in August. Total cost of £473,000

We are currently undertaking a refurbishment of the traffic signals at the junction of Hinckley Rd / Cort Crecent. Works are scheduled to be finished by 25th October.

Braunstone Lane East cycle lanes were resurfaced in September.

Road Safety Schemes

The Braunstone Community Primary School 20mph Zone started on site, on 14th July, and will last until the end of August. Most of the work is on Cort Crescent outside the school, but there will be some cushions installed on Woodshawe Rise towards the end of August.

School Streets

Our Parking Enforcement team continues to visit schools in the ward, at drop off and pick up times to enforce parking restrictions. Latest visits are:

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| • Braunstone Community Primary | 08/03/2024 + 19/06/2024 + 03/09/2024 |
| • Queensmead Primary | 31/01/2024 + 12/04/2024 + 18/10/2024 |
| • Caldecote Primary | 13/03/2024 + 24/06/2024 + 05/09/2024 |
| • Folville Junior | 22/03/2024 + 03/07/2024 + 16/09/2024 |
| • Imperial Infant | 09/05/2024 + 12/07/2024 + 26/09/2024 |
| • Fulhurst | 30/04/2024 + 05/07/2024 + 18/09/2024 |