

CHAPTER 17 - SPARKBROOK AND SMALL HEATH

General Character

17.1 The Sparkbrook and Small Heath Constituency extends south-eastwards from the City Centre to Hall Green and Moseley. Edgbaston lies to the west of the Constituency and Solihull Metropolitan Borough forms the eastern boundary. The Highgate district lies within the Ring Road and is, therefore, dealt with in the City Centre Statement. The Constituency had a population of around ~~[77,000]~~ 107,000 in ~~[1987]~~ 1991, including a large ethnic minority community. Key statistics relating to the Constituency are included in the table at the end of this chapter.

17.2 A number of roads which serve the Constituency fall within the strategic highway network; these are:

- Small Heath ~~[By-Pass,]~~ Highway which forms part of the A45 link between the City Centre and the National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham International Airport.
- Warwick Road (A41) linking the City Centre with Solihull and the M42.
- Moseley Road (A435) which links with Redditch and the M42.
- Stratford Road (A34) which is a major southern entry point to the City.
- The Outer Orbital Route (A4040).

In addition, it is served by the Birmingham to Leamington Spa and North Warwickshire railway lines.

17.3 The major land use in the Constituency is residential and comprises a wide range of housing types. There are areas of pre-1919 terraced housing, which have been the focus of extensive urban renewal activity, ~~[extend on]~~ in Small Heath, Sparkhill and Sparkbrook either side of Stratford Road, with areas of more prosperous housing in Moseley and Acocks Green. There are Council housing estates in ~~[the north of the Constituency (in]~~ Balsall Heath, ~~[and]~~ Sparkbrook, ~~[and in]~~ Tyseley and Fox Hollies ~~[in the south]~~. Larger shopping centres are located at ~~[Sparkbrook,]~~ Sparkhill and Springfield on Stratford Road, also at Small Heath, on Coventry Road, and at Acocks Green and Moseley. Smaller centres are situated at Bordesley Green, Ladypool Road and Stoney Lane. The ~~[East Birmingham]~~ Heartlands Hospital complex occupies a large site on the eastern boundary of the Constituency.

17.4 Industrial development is predominantly situated in the Small Heath, Tyseley and Greet areas, and ~~[Lucas]~~ Yuasa in the Fox Hollies area, is a major employer in the Constituency. A feature of the Small Heath, Sparkhill and Sparkbrook areas is the prevalence of small manufacturing and engineering companies, often located in close proximity to residential uses. Unemployment levels have been consistently above the City

average, especially in Sparkbrook Ward, which has experienced the highest unemployment in the City.

17.5 One of the main assets of the Constituency is its cultural diversity. ~~[, and]~~ Its range of restaurants, specialist shops and cultural centres give it a unique atmosphere. Other assets include: ~~[an]~~ existing Conservation Areas at School Road, Hall Green, Moseley and Bordesley Ideal Village ~~[and a possible future Conservation Area at Farm Park]~~, linear open spaces along the River Cole, the River Rea and the Grand Union Canal, and Small Heath and Sparkhill Parks. A range of recreational and leisure facilities include the Ackers Trust, Tyseley Railway Museum, Birmingham Sports Centre and Fox Hollies Leisure Centre.

17.6 The City Centre adjoins the Constituency and encouraging the spread of wealth-generating initiatives from the Centre will be an important aspect of future policy. A number of major industrial areas lie within ~~[adjoin]~~ the Constituency including Tyseley, Small Heath Business Park and the Armoury Road area. ~~[The Ackers Project and Railway Museum are important leisure facilities adjoining the Constituency.]~~

Policy Statement

Overview

17.7 In comparison with other Constituencies, the supply of land available for future development in Sparkbrook and Small Heath is limited. Most of the sites available are small and are concentrated in Small Heath, Sparkbrook and Sparkhill Wards. Fox Hollies is largely built-up and developed and is unlikely to see significant change over the plan period.

17.8 Economic regeneration is an important strand of future policy ~~[with an opportunity for industrial development on part of the former Burbury Brickworks site providing that contamination problems can be overcome]~~. The Small Heath area in particular has suffered from the closure of a number of major manufacturing firms. However, the Small Heath Business Park and Cole Valley Business Park have recently been developed, providing new employment opportunities within the Constituency. Other aspects of policy will be the encouragement of further commercial development where appropriate along major routes into the City Centre, and the creation of community-based employment initiatives in the Small Heath, Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath areas.

17.8A The strengthening of local centres is to be encouraged. This will be delivered through a programme of physical improvements to the key commercial centres in Sparkbrook and Sparkhill, as part of an Area Regeneration Initiative. Throughout the Sparkbrook and Sparkhill areas, there are concentrations of specialist shops and restaurants in local centres. The area as a whole has potential for development as a tourist attraction.

17.8B Part of Small Heath falls within the area covered by the Saltley/Small Heath Area Regeneration Initiative (ARI) and a sizeable portion of Sparkbrook and Tyseley is

within the area covered by the Sparkbrook/Sparkhill/Tyseley ARI. A number of regeneration projects are proposed in these areas.

17.9 With very little land available for housing, apart from small, ~~[inner city]~~ **brownfield** sites, opportunities are likely to be limited to redevelopment on clearance sites. There will also be a continuing emphasis on the refurbishment of existing properties. Redevelopment and refurbishment ~~[will both be]~~ **are** important aspects of the Sparkhill Renewal Area initiative **and further refurbishment is taking place in the Chapter Housing Strategy Area.** Elsewhere in the Constituency, action ~~[will be]~~ **has been** taken to replace sub-standard Council housing at Gospel Lane in Fox Hollies Ward.

17.10 **Small Heath.** Sparkbrook and Sparkhill have large multi-racial and multi-cultural communities and responding to their needs will be an important element of future policy. Suitable locations will be needed for religious and community facilities, as well as specialised types of housing provision.

17.11 Improving the environmental quality of the Constituency - in order to make the area a better place to live for local residents, and to encourage investment - will be another important strand in future policy. The whole Constituency falls severely below the City Council's standards for both public open space and playing fields provision. Opportunities will therefore be sought to tidy up a number of derelict sites and establish a range of public open space and recreational and leisure amenities, together with areas of nature conservation interest. Existing areas of open space will be protected. **The Grand Union Canal is also a valuable environmental feature and a potential focus for new development.**

~~[13.14]~~ **17.12** In order to cater for a shortage of primary school places across the Constituency ~~a new schools are is~~ **proposed** ~~[at Albert Road in Aston (CF3) (within Perry Barr Constituency) and] [at Green Lane in Small Heath (CF6)]~~ **at St Paul's Road, Balsall Heath. In addition, a new secondary school is proposed at Reddings Lane, Tyseley (CF13) to replace the existing Yardleys School.**

~~[17.12]~~ **17.13** ~~[The opening of the M40 is likely to be a key factor in the future development of the area, leading to increased traffic flows and environmental difficulties on most of the major roads in the Constituency. Consideration needs to be given to the best means of improving conditions on the Warwick Road (A41) corridor, especially at Acocks Green Shopping Centre.]~~ **Opportunities to improve movement routes across the area for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport will be explored. A number of the radial routes in the Constituency have linear shopping centres which are subject to congestion, pedestrian safety and environmental problems. Some measures to manage traffic demand have recently been undertaken. The Camp Hill railway line will be investigated for the possible re-introduction of local passenger services. New park and ride facilities are also proposed at Spring Road and Tyseley railway stations. [Any] Transport proposals - including [a] possible light rail/light rapid transit [corridor] routes to serve the southern sector of the City - will be considered within the context of an integrated framework which also considers and**

makes proposals for the economic, environmental, housing and urban renewal issues in the area.

[Coventry Road Area] Small Heath (part of Small Heath Ward and part of Sparkbrook Ward)

~~[17.13] 17.14~~ The ~~[Coventry Road]~~ Small Heath area adjoins the City Centre on the south-eastern side and ~~[lies between]~~ includes the Coventry Road Shopping Centre, ~~[and the railway. The area is largely residential, consisting mainly of new housing, due to extensive redevelopment in recent years.]~~

~~[17.14 Despite its location in Sparkbrook Constituency, this area relates to Coventry Road shopping centre which is dealt with in the Small Heath Constituency Statement.]~~

~~[13.53] 17.15~~ The area is predominantly residential and consists ~~[mainly]~~ of a mixture of older terraced housing and new housing resulting from extensive redevelopment in recent years. In recent years, there has also been a considerable amount of renewal activity, and the area can look forward to a period of greater stability. A number of ~~[-opportunities for]~~ new housing developments ~~[remain]~~ have recently been built. These include a site in Hobmoor Road, which ~~[is]~~ was the result of clearance proposals, and part of the former allotments at Somerville Road ~~[(H20)].~~ If land at Yardley Green ~~[Hospital]~~ campus is declared surplus, it will provide opportunities for further residential development within the Saltley/Small Heath ARI area.

17.15A There have been a number of recent improvements to the facilities at Heartlands Hospital, and others are planned. Further improvements will be encouraged.

~~[17.15] 17.16~~ ~~[The area has experienced upheaval due to major road works. These have included the Small Heath By-Pass]~~ Highway[,] improvement works have been carried out in this area, on the Warwick Road at Greet and [upgrading of] on the Ring Road. Further commercial development will be encouraged in locations on the Ring Road, especially at its junction with Coventry Road and Small Heath [By-Pass] Highway (C4) which has excellent accessibility and prominence. Sites along these routes will have strategic importance and it will be an important strand of future policy to ensure that their development potential is realised. Development proposals will be considered in the light of the guidance and policies set out in the Small Heath Highway (A45) Corridor Framework which has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

~~[13.55] 17.17~~ In the past, Small Heath has suffered from closure of a number of longstanding manufacturing firms, but a number of new industrial ~~[sites are becoming available]~~ developments have recently come forward. The most significant

of these are the recently-completed Small Heath Business Park, with a prominent location on the Small Heath [By-Pass] Highway [(I31)], and the BSA Business Park, Armoury Road (I32).

[13.56] 17.18 The area is served by the Coventry Road Shopping Centre. Local shopping facilities have been improved by the opening of a large foodstore on the corner of Coventry Road and the ~~[by-pass, but the effect of the store on the Coventry Road centre will require careful monitoring]~~ Small Heath Highway. A retail core policy will apply (S15). Completion of the Small Heath [By-Pass] Highway has reduced traffic congestion on Coventry Road and will provide opportunities for pedestrian and environmental improvements. Car parking provision must also be improved. A large site in Cattell Road, previously identified for retail use, ~~[remains to be developed]~~ is allocated for shopping development. ~~[Whilst mixed retail use is still the most favoured option, other uses, such as suitable residential or light industrial, may also be considered]~~ This site is proposed for food and non-food retail development (S14).

[13.57] 17.19 The overall environment in this part of the Constituency is good. Much of the housing in the area is a pleasing mixture of architectural styles which has been enhanced by urban renewal investment. Bordesley Green Ideal Village, built as a model suburb in 1908, ~~[is proposed for designation]~~ has been designated as a conservation area ~~[(E48)]~~.

[13.58] 17.20 Small Heath Park is well used and has benefited from a major programme of improvements. The Ackers Trust is important both for a range of leisure facilities (including a dry ski slope) and as an area with nature conservation interest. Part of the site has been identified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and will be protected (E50). Opportunities will be taken to develop the facilities available at the Ackers and to create links with heritage attractions. ~~[One possibility may be to link the site with the Railway Museum and Stratford via the North Warwickshire railway line.]~~ The linear walkway along the River Cole is a valuable environmental asset and currently extends for 7 miles from ~~[Coventry Road]~~ Yardley Wood to Chelmsley Wood ~~[-It is intended to provide a link from the Ackers site to Warwick Road and ultimately to Yardley Wood, thus]~~, providing a public walkway along the total length of the River Cole within the City (E51). It is also being developed to provide a cycle route along its length (T42).

Sparkbrook **(part of Sparkbrook Ward)**

[17.16] 17.21 The Sparkbrook area extends on either side of Stratford Road between Highgate Middleway and Walford Road. The Grand Union Canal forms the northern boundary. The area is predominantly residential and includes a large Council estate on the western side of Stratford Road. Areas of privately owned housing on the eastern side have already been the focus for considerable investment by the City Council.

[17.17] **17.22** An area of 1,200 houses in the area north of Walford Road has been identified for a *[comprehensive improvement programme. Local Housing Associations and the City Council have set up an agency service in order to encourage investment by private owners] programme of re-roofing and building repair. Funding for this has been secured from the Single Regeneration Budget and Housing Investment Programme.* The Farm Park area has historical connections with the Lloyds banking family and *[is proposed for designation as a Conservation Area. Its particular character will be protected (E80).] has been refurbished as part of the SRB package.*

[17.18] **17.23** The Sparkbrook shopping centre has seen considerable decline and the physical fabric of some of the shops is very poor. Only a small percentage of shops serve everyday needs as a high proportion are in specialist uses.

[17.19] **17.24** *[Highway improvements are likely to have a major effect on the area over the plan period. Like other southern routes into the City Centre, Stratford Road is already heavily congested and completion of the M40 is expected to increase the pressure. Public transport and highway improvements to address the issues throughout the southern sector will be brought forward within the plan period.] Some measures have been introduced on Stratford Road to manage traffic demand and improve facilities for pedestrians and public transport. Options for making greater use of Highgate Road will also be investigated (T30) [(See also paragraph 17.12)]. Improvements to Highgate Road, including a widening option, are being considered (T30). This would encourage the use of the western-side of the Ring Road rather than the restricted eastern-side. The proposal would have the advantages of providing benefits to the Inner Circle bus route and environmental relief to the Sparkbrook centre.*

[17.20] **17.25** The Grand Union Canal has potential as a leisure/recreational facility for the area and improvement proposals *[are proceeding] have recently been completed.* These include landscaping, towpath works and improving access *[(E49)].*

Balsall Heath **(part of Sparkbrook Ward)**

[17.21] **17.26** The Balsall Heath area extends on either side of Moseley Road. It is bounded by the River Rea on the west side and Ladypool Road forms the eastern boundary. *The area will benefit from a considerable injection of Single Regeneration Budget and European monies over the Plan period.*

[17.22] **17.27** The Ladypool Road shopping centre will continue to perform a useful role catering for the day to day needs of the local community. A retail core (S20) will help to consolidate retail uses into the most prosperous part of the centre, north of Brunswick Road, leaving the remainder to be developed for a mixture of uses. A shop refurbishment scheme has also enhanced the area *and further environmental enhancements to Ladypool Road Shopping Centre are included within a programme*

of improvements as part of the Sparkbrook/Sparkhill/Tyseley ARI. Opportunities to provide improved servicing and additional car parking **[should] will** be taken where appropriate.

[17.23] 17.28 Balsall Heath has previously been the focus for extensive redevelopment and urban renewal activity. **~~[Whilst a number of small housing sites remain to be developed,]~~** **The area is now largely settled and likely to remain so over the plan period.**

[17.24] 17.29 A number of economic initiatives are underway:-

- **~~[A section of the Moseley Road has been identified as an Industrial Improvement Area.]~~** A number of measures are being taken **as part of the Sparkbrook/Sparkhill/Tyseley ARI** to encourage economic regeneration, by arresting the decline of traditional manufacturing trades and encouraging further commercial development.
- **Ladypool Road Business Centre (Southside)** is providing a range of enterprise initiatives for small local businesses.
- **A 2.5 hectare site at Belgrave Road/ Moseley Road is proposed for a flagship development for the Sparkbrook area (C34).**

[17.25] 17.30 The Rea Valley Walkway (E79) extends from the Belgrave Road area through parts of Selly Oak and Northfield. It is hoped to extend it to the City Centre and across the City boundary to Waseley Hills Country Park, in the south. The Walkway will be protected and **has been enhanced by measures including the provision of a cycleway which will form part of the Millennium Cycle Route (T29).**

Moseley **(part of Sparkhill Ward)**

[17.26] 17.31 This is an area of predominantly pre-1919 housing, together with the eastern side of the Moseley shopping centre. This centre, which is within the Moseley Conservation Area, is dealt with in more detail in the Selly Oak Constituency Statement (See Chapter Twenty).

[17.27] 17.32 Many of the large Victorian and Edwardian houses in the area between Oxford Road **~~[and]~~** Woodstock Road **Valentine Road/Springfield Road*** (partly within Selly Oak Constituency) have been converted into flats and bedsits, catering for students and single people. Others are in use for institutional purposes, such as hostel accommodation for mentally ill people or as rest homes for the elderly.

*** N.B. This policy relates to Springfield Road, Moseley, not Springfield Road, Sparkhill**

This area is identified as an Area of Restraint, within which planning permission for non-family dwelling uses such as those listed above may be refused on the grounds that further development of such uses would adversely affect the character of the area (Hi4). At the same time there is a continuing demand for the retention of large properties for family use. It will be important to ensure that a balanced housing stock is retained to enable these demands to be met.

~~[17.28 The area around Trafalgar Road has received a considerable amount of urban renewal investment from the City Council. A new housing development incorporating an area of open space on two cleared sites in this location will complement this investment (H26).~~

~~[17.29 The possible closure of Sorrento Maternity Hospital also presents a major opportunity for a mixed use development including commercial or hotel uses along the frontage with residential development at the rear.]~~

[17.30] 17.35 There is some scope for additional office development in the Alcester Road area adjacent to Moseley Shopping Centre, through conversion of existing buildings and small scale redevelopment. Appropriate proposals compatible with the Conservation Area which do not adversely affect the amenity of local residents will be encouraged (C24). Measures have already been introduced on the Alcester Road (A435) to manage traffic demand and improve the situation for public transport users and pedestrians.

Sparkhill **(part of Sparkhill Ward)**

[17.31] 17.36 The Sparkhill area extends on either side of Stratford Road, between Walford Road and Shaftmoor Lane. It includes two shopping centres at Sparkhill and Springfield, together with adjoining residential areas. A local shopping centre (at Stoney Lane) falls within the area~~[, as does the Women's Hospital]~~. Sparkhill Park is an important leisure and recreational facility for the area, which is lacking in open spaces.

[17.32] 17.37 Sparkhill shopping centre is the larger of the two centres. It provides a mix of convenience shops and shops catering for the specialist needs of the Asian community. Recent take-up of vacant units suggests a renewed interest from the Asian business community and future investment should be encouraged. In order to attract additional investment and encourage further commercial development, [the section of Stratford Road between Highgate Road and Showell Green Lane has been identified as a potential Commercial Improvement Area.] a programme of shop improvements, a living over the shop initiative and environmental improvements are proposed as part of the Sparkbrook/Sparkhill/ Tyseley ARI. A retail core policy will apply in Sparkhill (S21).

~~[17.33] Until now, uncertainties over proposed highway improvements have acted as a disincentive to investment. Any improvement of traffic routes from the M40/M42 to the south will need to take account of the needs of sensitive areas such as Sparkhill and Springfield Shopping Centres where pedestrian improvements and environmental enhancement are required. Highgate Road will be improved as the main access to the Ring Road (T30) 17.21.]~~

[17.34] 17.39 The importance of the local centre at Stoney Lane in providing convenience goods has declined. However, ~~[there has been a growth in the popularity of local Asian restaurants which now attract trade from a wide area. With the concentration of specialist shops and restaurants, the area as a whole has potential for development as a tourist attraction. As a result of this success, there is a need to provide off-street parking facilities – whilst protecting the amenity of local residents.]~~ its local shopping function should be maintained.

[17.35] 17.40 Springfield shopping centre is a fairly buoyant centre serving the day to day needs of the local community and this role should be maintained during the plan period. A retail core policy will apply (S22).

[17.36] 17.41 The Sparkhill Renewal Initiative ~~[will oversee]~~ Area (nearing completion) has facilitated the comprehensive regeneration of an area of poor quality private sector housing to the west of Stratford Road (HR12). A systematic appraisal of renewal and clearance options ~~[will identify]~~ has identified possibilities for improving both housing and environmental conditions in an area of mixed housing. The Chapter Housing Strategy Area (HR26) lies to the east of Stratford Road and is tackling similar issues to those in the Sparkhill Renewal Area.

[17.37] 17.42 ~~[Possible]~~ The closure of the Women's Hospital provides an important opportunity for residential development and associated community uses in an attractive location overlooking Sparkhill Park.

Greet/Tyseley **(part of Small Heath Ward and** **part of Fox Hollies Ward)**

[17.38] 17.43 The Greet area forms a circle around Warwick Road at its junction with Percy Road and Golden Hillock Road. It includes a residential area which has been the focus of considerable City Council urban renewal expenditure. The Tyseley area is further to the east on Warwick Road and includes the Tyseley Railway Museum. ~~[Only the southern part, consisting mainly of council housing, falls within the Sparkbrook Constituency.]~~ The major area for industrial regeneration at Tyseley comes within Yardley ~~[and the Railway Museum is in Small Heath]~~ Constituency.

~~[17.39 Lucas is a major employer in the area, and there is a need to improve access to their site.]~~

[17.40] 17.45 *[Warwick Road has been identified as a major route for highway improvements which will improve local access to the Tyseley Industrial Area (T31). (See also paragraph 17.12)] As part of the enhancement of the Tyseley and Greet industrial areas, improvements to local access are justified, and highway improvement lines will be retained for this purpose. New park and ride facilities are also proposed at Tyseley and Spring Road railway stations.*

[17.41] 17.46 *Part of the site of the former Burbury Brickworks [presents a long term opportunity for industrial development, despite development constraints due to its former use. Only 2.5 hectares (approximately) of the 8 hectare site is now likely to be developed (I41)] has recently been developed as the Cole Valley Business Park. The scheme [will] has also involved improved access and car parking facilities for the adjoining [Lucas] Yuasa factory. There are opportunities for new industrial development within Classes B1 (b) and (c) or B2 (and comprising “clean” industrial processes) on land adjacent to Warwick Road, at Warwick Road Trading Estate and Manor Farm Road (I41A). Redevelopment of these sites should address the need for transport and access improvements, and should also enhance and consolidate the linear open space along the River Cole, including provision of the walkway and cycleway. The design of the development should reflect the “gateway” location, and should address the need to integrate the river within the development area. Further details on the requirements for the development of this land are set out in the Warwick Road Development Framework, which has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.*

17.46A The remainder of the land *at the former Burbury Brickworks [will be] has been* laid out as public open space [(E81)]. There are also proposals to extend the adjoining River Cole Walkway (E51) to Solihull across the City boundary. An additional area of public open space at Bromyard Road *[will be] has been* laid out adjacent to the Walkway [(E82)].

Acocks Green/Fox Hollies **(part of Fox Hollies Ward)**

[17.42] 17.47 Acocks Green consists of a prosperous residential area surrounding a shopping centre on Warwick Road. The Fox Hollies area extends from Fox Hollies Road eastwards to the City boundary and consists mainly of council housing. Some of it is in poor condition.

[17.43] 17.48 Acocks Green is an important and prosperous shopping centre. Its importance is likely to be maintained over the plan period. However, there is a need for environmental improvements, and to reduce congestion. *A scheme to provide an improved junction of the A4040 with Warwick Road is planned for early implementation (T48).* Proposals for additional retail development, particularly a larger foodstore, will be encouraged. Primary retail frontage policies will apply (S23).

[17.44] **17.49** The Fox Hollies area has two major recreational facilities - Fox Hollies Leisure Centre and Fox Hollies Park.

[17.45] **17.50** ~~[Major structural problems have been identified in an area of non-traditional council housing on the Gospel Lane Estate. This will present opportunities for comprehensive redevelopment of the whole area, in consultation with local residents]~~ **Non-traditional housing at Gospel Lane has been comprehensively redeveloped [(HR13)].** ~~Should the Acocks Green Bus Garage become surplus to requirements, this would present an opportunity for new housing and open space development on a brownfield site.~~

List of Proposals

This list provides a brief reference to the proposals indicated on the Proposals Map. It must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Constituency Policy Statement in the context provided by Chapters Two to Eight.

Environment

~~[A Conservation Area will be designated at:-]~~

~~[E48: Bordesley Green Ideal Village - para 3.57]~~

~~[E80: Farm Park area - para. 17.17]~~

The following Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) will be protected:-

E50: "The Ackers" - para ~~[13.58]~~ **17.20**

The following proposals will form a network of Linear Open Spaces across the City:-

E49: Grand Union Canal - para. ~~[17.20]~~ **17.25**

E51: River Cole Walkway - para. ~~[13.58]~~ **17.20** and ~~[17.41]~~ **17.46**

E79: Rea Valley Walkway - para. ~~[17.25]~~ **17.30**

~~[The following sites will be laid out as open space:-]~~

~~E81: Burbury Brickworks (5.5 ha) - para. 17.41~~

~~E82: Bromyard Road (Approx 1 ha) - para. 17.41]~~

Industry

The following sites will be developed for industry:-

~~[131: Small Heath Business Park (5 ha) Best Urban - para 13.55]~~

132: BSA Business Park, Armoury Road (1.9 ha) Good Urban - para ~~[13.55]~~ **17.17 (part completed)**

~~[I40: Belgrave Road/Moseley Road (2 ha) Best Urban]~~

~~[I41: Former Burbury Brickworks (2.5 ha) Good Urban – para. 17.41**]~~

~~I41A: Land at Warwick Road, Greet (2.5ha on 2 sites) Best Urban – para 17.46~~

Commerce

Office development will be encouraged in the following locations:-

C4: Adjacent to the Ring Road – para. ~~[17.15]~~ 17.16 (several developments completed)

C24: Moseley Centre - para. ~~[17.30]~~ 17.35

The following site will be developed for business purposes:

C34: Belgrave Road/Moseley Road (2.5 ha) – para 17.29

Housing Regeneration

Housing Regeneration Initiatives are proposed in the following areas:-

HR12: Sparkhill - para. ~~[17.36]~~ 17.41 (nearing completion)

~~[HR13: Gospel Lane Estate – para. 17.45]~~

HR26: Chapter – para 17.41 (underway)

Housing

~~[The following sites will be developed for housing:-~~

~~H20: Rear of Somerville Road (1.3 ha – 40 dwellings) – para 13.53]~~

~~H25: Herbert Road/Coventry Road (1.1ha)~~

~~H26: Trafalgar Road (2.6 ha) – para. 17.28]~~

The following Area of Restraint is identified:-

Hi4: Between Oxford Road ~~[and]~~ Woodstock Road/Valentine Road/Springfield Road - para. ~~[17.27]~~ 17.32

Transportation

The following road improvements are proposed:-

T30: Highgate Road - para ~~[17.33]~~ 17.24

~~[T31: Warwick Road and Tyseley Hill Road – para. 17.40]~~

T48: Warwick Road/A4040 Junction - para 17.48

The following cycle routes will be developed:-

T29: Millennium Cycle Route (incorporating Rea Valley Route) – para 17.30

T40: East Birmingham Route

T42: Cole Valley Route – para 17.20

T49: Stratford Road Parallel

The following key highway improvement lines will be protected:

- **Highgate Road – Ring Road to Stratford Road**

In addition, ~~[the Warwick Road (A41) corridor is identified for priority improvement and]~~ the Camp Hill railway line may be reopened for local passenger services and new park and ride facilities are proposed at Spring Road and Tyseley railway stations. ~~[In addition,]~~ The southern sector of the City - which includes Sparkbrook and Small Heath Constituency - will also be investigated for ~~[a]~~ possible light rail/light rapid transit ~~[corridor]~~ routes to the City Centre (para ~~[17.12]~~ 17.13).

Shopping

The following site is proposed for retail development:-

S14: Cattell Road ~~[(2.8)]~~ 4 ha) - para ~~[13.56]~~ 17.18

Retail core policies will apply in the following centres:-

S15: Coventry Road - para ~~[13.56]~~ 17.18 (policy not yet prepared)

S20: Ladypool Road - para. ~~[17.22]~~ 17.27 (policy not yet prepared)

S21: Sparkhill - para. ~~[17.32]~~ 17.37 (policy not yet prepared)

S22: Springfield - para. ~~[17.35]~~ 17.40 (policy not yet prepared)

Primary retail frontage policies will apply in the following centre:-

S23: Acocks Green - para. ~~[17.43]~~ 17.48 (policy not yet prepared)

Community Facilities

~~[A]~~ New schools will be developed at:-

~~[CF6: Green Lane (2.7 ha) para 13.14]~~

~~CF13: Reddings Lane, Tyseley (4ha) - para 17.12~~

~~- St. Paul's Road, Balsall Heath – para 17.12~~

~~[* Existing commitments identified in the Small Heath Local Plan, adopted by the City Council in March 1986.]~~

~~[** In bringing forward development proposals developers will need to take account of former landfill operations in this site.]~~

NB With the exception of some commitments carried forward from adopted Local Plans the UDP only refers to land use proposals on sites of more than one hectare in size and highway improvements costing more than £1 million.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG)*

LOCAL ACTION PLANS, DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS AND STRATEGIES

Balsall Heath Local Action Plan

Birmingham Ring Road Framework (draft)

Moseley Village Action Plan

Saltley/Small Heath ARI Framework**

Small Heath Highway (A45) (Heybarnes Circus to Bordesley Circus) Development Framework

Tyseley Economic Regeneration Strategy

Warwick Road Development Framework

DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS

Former Avery Guidex Site/Buildings, Junction of Camp Hill Middleway and Stratford Road

Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, Showell Green Lane, Sparkhill

Sites at Bordesley Circus

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES

Areas of Restraint in respect of the location of residential care homes, nursing homes, hostels, and non-family dwellinghouse uses in the Moseley area

Policy for Non-Retail uses in Moseley Village

ENVIRONMENTAL, DESIGN AND LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

Bordesley Ideal Village Conservation Area Design Guide

Millstream Project Planning Framework

Moseley Shopfront Design Guide

Moseley Road Industrial Area - Guide to Environmental Improvements

Tyseley Economic Regeneration Area - Guide to Environmental Improvements

*** This list was accurate at the time that the UDP Alterations were prepared early in 2001. An up-to-date listing of SPG currently in use and new Local Development Documents (LDDs) in preparation may be found in the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Birmingham.**

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