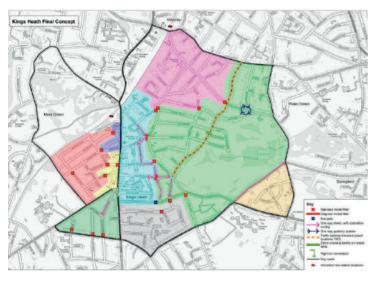
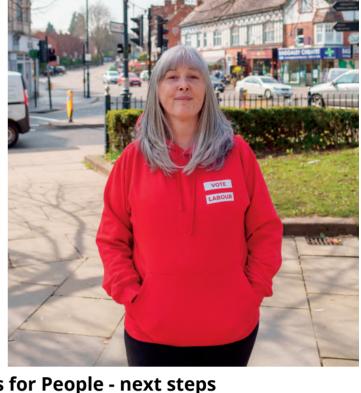
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# UPDATE FROM

## **COUNCILLOR KERRY JENKINS**





#### Places for People - next steps

The Council's Cabinet voted to move forward with the second phase of the LTN which will involve a statutory consultation process. The plan will see the scheme extended to the East side of Kings Heath High Street and will at long last see additional mitigations put in to address issues resulting from the first phase. The detailed designs are currently being worked up and will include traffic calming on Billesley Lane. The ultimate goal of the scheme is to reduce car usage and deter rat running through residential streets. With the Beryl bikes now in Moseley and the new train stations coming later this year, developing alternative modes of travel is a key priority, and I hope this will help continue the vital work of reducing air pollution and making our roads safer across the ward. #greener #safer

### Tackling bad parking and pavement obstruction



I'm working to increase the number and frequency of civil enforcement visits to some of the parking nightmare hotspots along Alcester Rd, Church Rd and Stoney Lane. When cars park along the pavement, pedestrians end up having to walk in the road. This is unsafe and totally unacceptable. This bad parking behaviour is becoming all to common across Moseley and I'm pleased to say that our new Kings Heath & Moseley Neighbourhood Police Sgt Chris Gallon is also keen to work with the council to tackle this problem. Ultimately, the Council has not got the resources to deploy across all roads and we need the government to take action and make this practice illegal. #saferstreets

### **Award winning MHRC**



I know how important cleaner streets are for residents in Moseley and since being reelected in May I have continually pressed the council to take more action on this issue. As a result, we have had regular visits from the Mobile Household Recycling Centre (MHRC) and a number of Love your Streets sessions which have brought together different teams to clear fly-tipping, tackle graffiti and clean footpaths. Resident feedback has been positive and many have found the MHRC's a fantastic way to get rid of their bulky waste for free. Your Labour council is also bringing in a free annual bulky waste collection for residents with a registered assisted collection, recognising that access to the MHRC can be difficult. Funding for this and for the MHRC service has been agreed for another year as well as more investment in deep cleaning crews and and fly-tipping response teams. #cleanerstreets

### **Moseley Ward Plan**



Every four years, the Council asks councillors to tell them what the community wants by completing a ward plan. Information has been collected through formal ward meetings, discussions with local groups, residents and business representatives. I also carried out a survey with Moseley residents that received over a hundred responses. I've taken some key priorities and pulled them together in the plan. I'm working with the other Ward councillor to finalise the plan based on all of the the feedback received which will set out the ward priorities for the next four years. The plan will be submitted to the Council and once approved will be available as a public document.

The Moseley ward plan focuses on six key themes - prosperity, safety, health, localism, inclusion, and the environment. The ward plan is an important tool and will be used to hold the Council to account by pointing to the priorities set out by our community and for pulling down resources when they become available. Some of the ideas included in discussions were about fixing up our local pocket parks, creating community gardens, activities to help with loneliness, and the further development services to offer advice and support. Improving public transport and our cycling infrastructure; ways of keeping our streets cleaner, promoting local business; finding ways to make our public areas feel safer, so they can be more family orientated and be enjoyed by the whole community were raised as priorities.



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### Safer Streets for School



You've told me that the safety of children walking to school is one of your top priorities and I've been pushing for action on this issue. I am delighted that Labour in Birmingham is now investing at least £10m using money from the Clean Air Zone to make our school streets the safest in the city. In Moseley, the council is working with S S John & Monica Catholic Primary School on a scheme to make Chantry Road safer for all children walking to school by putting in restrictions to stop cars from accessing the road during drop off and pick up points. I'll share more information about this soon. #schoolstreets

### **Cost of living**

Your Labour Council has not stood by during the cost of living crisis. It was the first council in the country to declare a cost of living emergency, and has put £5m into a fund to support community groups and provide more help and support to foodbanks. The council have also worked with many community groups and organisations to open over 120 Warm Banks across the city where anyone can visit to get out of the cold as well as get help and advice. There are a number of Warm Spaces in Moseley and Kings Heath and you can find out opening times and more information about other support available here https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/costofliving

#### **Advice surgery**

My advice surgeries are held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Moseley Exchange, between 6 and 7pm. No appointment necessary.

#### **Voter ID and Postal Votes**

Due to changes in the law, from 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in most elections including: Local elections; PCC elections and UK parliamentary by-elections and from October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections. There are no changes to the way you vote if you have a postal vote. It is quick and easy to register to vote by post and takes minutes!

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-ama/voter/apply-vote-post



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