



Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

The main objective of the Forum is to bring together people who have an interest in Stirchley Ward to:

- Discuss and influence issues affecting the local community;
- Raise awareness,
- Inform the public of social developments,
- Do such things that encourage people to show an interest in the area

We bring together residents and others on a regular basis in order to address community issues of common concern.

We do this by holding monthly meetings (second Monday in the month) and issuing a Newsletter.

We represent Stirchley to Birmingham City Council and other public bodies and attend regular meetings.

We send out a regular Newsletter (at least monthly)

We also have a website www.stirchleyforum.co.uk

Facebook page @stirchleyforum

Twitter @stirchley_forum



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FORUM MEETINGS

These are held on the second Monday of the month, 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

Since November 2021 meetings have been held in person at Stirchley Community Church, Hazelwell Street, Stirchley B30 2JX and online on Zoom.

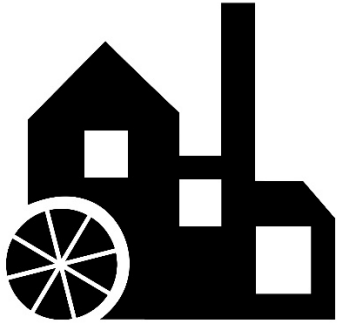
- City Councillor (Cllr Mary Locke) has attended each meeting (when able)
- Community police officers attend meetings when available
- Committee only meetings are held as required

THE FORUM REPRESENTS YOU AT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

- Stirchley Ward Forum
- Pioneer Places (City-wide meetings)
- Ad hoc meetings with developers, traders, etc as required

2021-22 COMMITTEE

- CHAIR: ROBERT MORRIS
- VICE CHAIR & PLANNING OFFICER: SANDRA COOPER
- TREASURER: PAULA AUBREY
- SECRETARY:
 - MARGARET WALKER
 - JULIE SAUNDERS
 - STACEY WITCOMB
 - HEIDI MURPHY
 - SUSAN MACLEAN



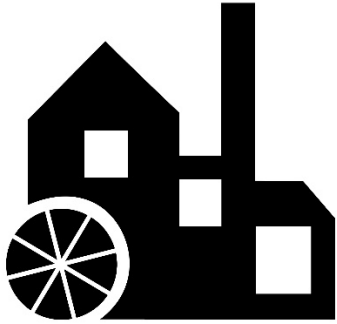
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WE MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, AFTER DISCUSSION AT FORUM PUBLIC MEETINGS, INCLUDING;

- Planning
- Licensing
- Public Safety
- Environmental Issues
- Improvements for Stirchley
- Graffiti Removal
- Highways
- Street Lighting
- Waste Collection

SHOULD YOU HAVE VIEWS ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT US

- By coming along to our regular meetings
- By email: stirchley.forumb30@gmail.com
- Online: www.stirchleyforum.co.uk



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Although the COVID situation made things difficult for representatives to attend Forum meetings members of the Forum Committee held virtual meetings or attended events where they were able to meet with the following organisations;

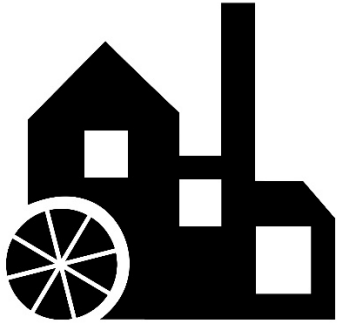
- Aldi
- Great North Run (re Half Marathon)
- Developers of the site at the corner of Dogpool Lane (with Selly Park South Neighbourhood Forum)
- Commonwealth Games organisers re Marathon
- Seven Trent Water (re water main works)
- Various organisations re the development of Pineapple Road Station

A Forum representative was pleased to meet with Deborah Cadman (Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council) when she visited Stirchley.

Members of the Forum Committee attended WM Police Tasking meetings and Ward Forums.

The Forum also publicised consultations such as re Stirchley Library and Housing.

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum regularly attends meetings of Pioneer Places, facilitated by Birmingham City Council.



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ANNUAL REPORT FROM OUR PLANNING OFFICER (Sandra Cooper)

Comments have been submitted on planning applications in line with guidelines previously agreed by Forum members and comments given at the meetings.

My thanks go to Laura Creaven who publicises meetings and puts our Newsletters on our website. Responses and discussions on Twitter are also invaluable (the Forum now has over 1900 followers).

Applications

There have been a slightly reduced number of applications to consider this year. These include;

- Aldi
- Lidl
- Clonmell Road Business Centre (various)

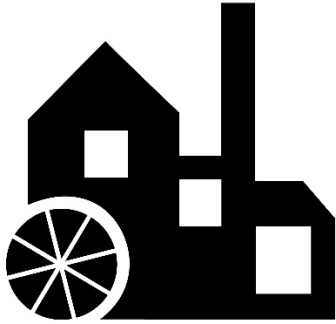
Also further development and construction of Taylor Wimpey site at Hazelwell Lane.

A number of on-site meetings have been held which have been invaluable in furthering understanding of the developments in question and the position of local businesses.

There have been some general discussions at Forum meetings about ‘infill’ and similar house and retail extensions and houses of multiple occupation.

The Forum has continued to bring enforcement matters to the attention of the Planning Dept.

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum will continue to make comments on applications that affect residents of Stirchley Ward.



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Income & Expenditure Summary (August 2021 - July 2022)

Income

Birmingham City Council	£ 880
Pioneer Places - Discovering Stirchley (Restricted)	£1000
	Total <u>£1880</u>
Carried forward from previous year	£3402
Total funds 31 st July 2022	<u>£5282</u>

Expenditure

Room hire	£ 442
Stationery	£ 24
Funding for Aid in Pandemic - Stirchley Together	£ 824
Pioneer Places - Discovering Stirchley*	£ 680
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 1970</u>

Amount carried over £3312 (including £320 restricted funds)

NB *Film has now been produced and premiered at the Forum AGM 2022