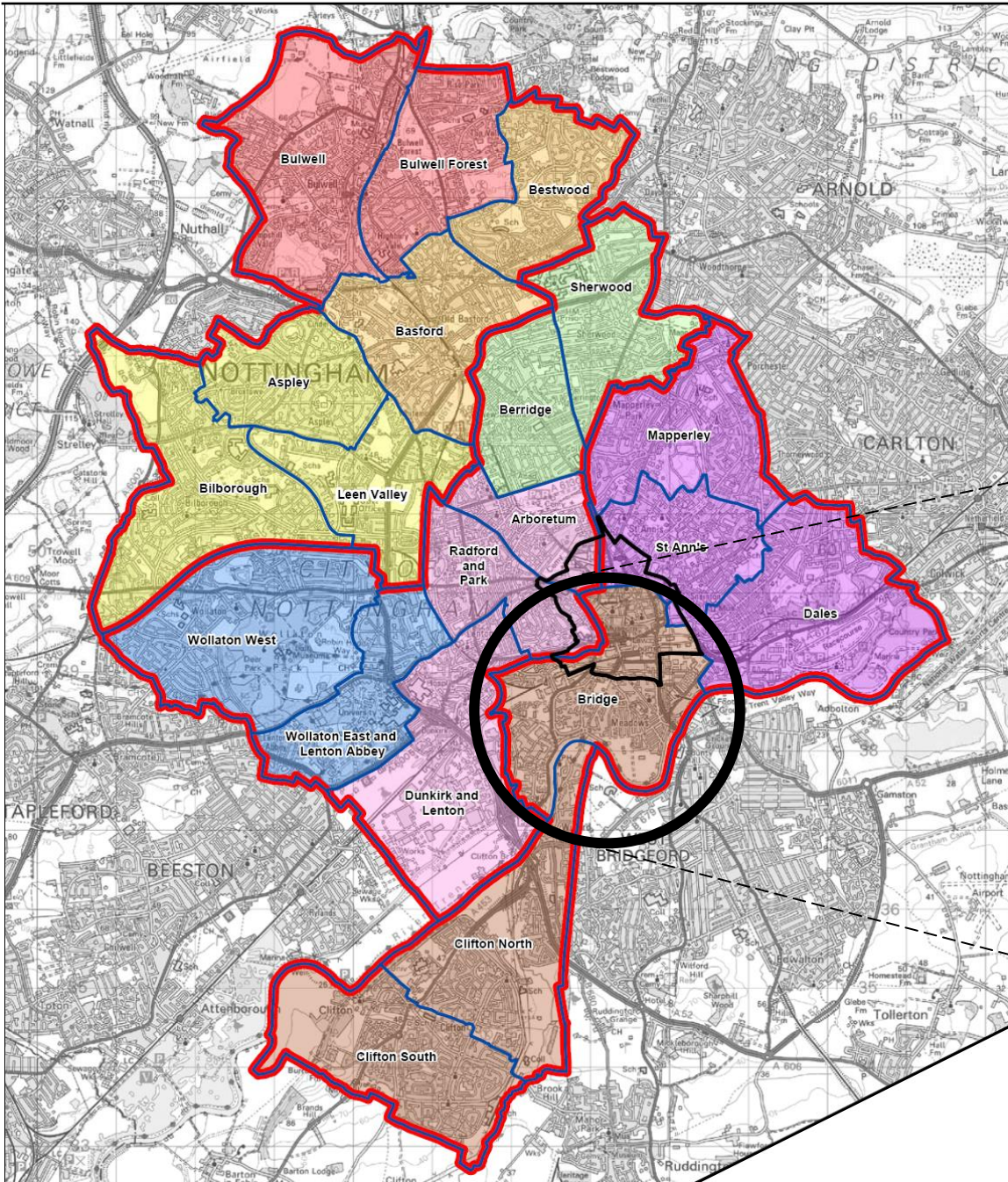


Bridge

Area Committee Report



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February 2016

INTRODUCTION

The Bridge Ward is situated on the south side of the city and covers the area of Meadows and part of the City Centre including Maid Marian Way, Castle Marina, London Road, Meadow Lane, Canal Street, the Broadmarsh, Market Square, Hockley and goes as far as Parliament Street.

The total population of the Bridge Ward is 14,669 (Census 2011), total population for Bridge Ward in 2001 was 9,084; this shows an increase by population of 61.5%.

Total number of dwellings in the Bridge Ward is 7,679 and has some of the following categories:

- Owned; Owned outright – 10.1% (718)
- Owned: Mortgage or loan – 17.1% (1,214)
- Social Rented: – Rented from the Council (LA) – 19.7% (1,402)
- Social Rented: Other – 11.3% (800)
- Private Rented: - 37.4% (2,657)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Population by Ethnic Group – 51.8% (7,597) being White British, the largest minority group is Pakistani with 6.6 % (971), followed by Black African 5.1% (745), Indian 4.9% (713), Black Caribbean 3.2% (470), Mixed/White & Black Caribbean 4.45% (650)

Population by Religion – 37.8% (5,541) Christians – 12.2% (1,787) Muslim - 1.6% (234) Sikh - 2.4% (350) Hindu - 36.3% (5,326) no Religion

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Qualifications:

- No formal qualifications – 19.6% (2,477)
- Level 1: (4 GCSE's or equivalent) 10.3% (1,296)
- Level 2: (5 GCSE's or equivalent) 11.3% (1,427)
- Level 3: (2 or more A levels or equivalent) 17.3% (2,185)
- Level 4: (Bachelors Degree, Higher Education) 32.0% (4,041)
- Apprenticeships – 1.6% (204)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Economically Active:

- Employee: Part-Time 9.7% (1,187)
- Employee: Full-Time 37.2% (4,540)
- Self Employed: 4.55% (545)
- Unemployed: 6.0% (735)
- Full-Time Student: 7.0% (855)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

The Bridge Ward has a mixed population and communities get on well with each another. Recently the area has seen an increase of new and emerging communities mainly from Eastern European countries as well as from Africa.

There are a number of residential areas across the ward including Cliff Road, private estate off Castle Marina, Turneys Quays, flats in the city centre and the Meadows. The largest community residential area is in the Meadows.

There are two distinct areas within the Meadows, the Old Meadows and the New Meadows. Old Meadows has the traditional open street layout with terraced housing in the main, where as the new Meadows was built with the Radburn layout where a frontage of a property can face the rear of another property. This area also has walkways that run under and to the side of properties with many cut through ways and options.

The Meadows has three primary schools Greenfields, Riverside and Welbeck. The expansion of Riverside Primary School has doubled the school's capacity from 210 places to 420 places. Riverside school has now become an academy.

The Meadows has two Police Beat Areas which are covered by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and they are Meadows and Riverside. The Riverside Beat covers part of the new Meadows, the industrial estate off Queens Drive and the retail area at Castle Marina. A decision has been made to close Meadows Police Station, and once a neighbourhood policing base has been established within the Meadows, staff will move across to Riverside.

The area is home to some of the best parks and open spaces across the city with Queens Walk Recreation Ground once again being honoured with the Green Flag status in 2014, and the Victoria Embankment which is used by people from across the city and beyond.

A Master Plan has also been put in place for additional recreational/resources to be introduced on Victoria Embankment, with a series of consultation meetings/events taken place to obtain the views and desires of local people. The Master Plan was presented to the Area Committee in February 2013 where it was approved and progress update reported at February 2015 meeting.

The pavilion for cricket and football will be completed this year echoing the style of the original building. Handover to NCC is planned for January 2016. Official opening of the pavilion will be in May 2016 (date tbc).

Tram Works

The first few months of tram operations have gone well, with over 97% reliability and 95% punctuality, which are similar levels to NET Line One. There have been two main issues which have led to some disruption, involving power issues and vehicle incursions on to the tram only bridge at Lenton Lane. The power issues have reduced following a number of infrastructure and system modifications, and additional signing has been installed at Lenton Lane Bridge, with the Operator working with the Highway Authority to place further signage to deter drivers from entering the tramway.

The operator has introduced a number of offers to encourage usage of the new routes, including a successful '£1 Sunday' offer on selected days and various initiatives in the lead up to Christmas. A leaflet to encourage people to come and use the facilities and shops in Clifton is in production.

Finishing works such as landscaping and signing are continuing to take place alongside the tram operation and are expected to be complete early in 2016. This will include the installation of street furniture, and the reconnection of real time displays at bus stops in Clifton

Meadows Decommissioning Update

Phase 4 currently underway (Q Blocks on Arkwright Walk (x7),
Riverway Gardens numbers 1-11
Ladysmock Gardens numbers 15 – 38,
Waldron Gardens number's 15 – 28)

There are 4 properties left to empty after which this phase will be complete.

Phases 1, 2(include Tarbert Close, Beardsley Gardens, Cromerty Court, Saffron Gardens and Middle Furlong)
& 3 (Blackstone Walk and Manifold Gardens Q' Blocks)
have been demolished with 1 & 2 already being built on

Hobart & Pitcairn

Construction of the 73-plot mixed tenure housing scheme at Hobart Close & Pitcairn Close is due to complete in January 2016. All market sale properties are now sold, with the exception of the largest unit of the scheme occupying the corner of Hobart Close/Wilford Crescent West.

Arkwright Walk & Blackstone Walk

Following a competitive tender process the council selected Keepmoat Homes Ltd to construct over 100 new family houses and apartments across seven decommissioning sites along Arkwright Walk plus a larger cleared site at Blackstone Walk. Community engagement will begin with a developer presentation to NEMTRA on 14th Jan and a specific consultation event (date not yet fixed) will be held during the planning stage. Construction is expected to commence in early 2017 following a planning period and subsequent planning consent. Demolition of decommissioned property on Arkwright Walk will begin with the most northerly block on Arkwright Walk, numbers 1 to 17, in early 2016.

As part of the council's long standing vision to re-open Arkwright Walk as a through route for pedestrians and cyclists, Thomas Bow Ltd have been engaged to relocate the walled garden, play area & parking area of Crocus Fields Children's Centre to areas adjacent to the centre on Lammas Gardens. This work is being contract managed by Nottingham City Homes, and is expected to be completed by Easter 2016. Following this Nottingham City Council's highways services will implement resurfacing and remediation works to the new section created by the relocated property in order to re-open Arkwright Walk in summer 2016. These works are being funded by the New Homes Bonus and Local Transport Plan respectively.

This report will also highlight a range of projects/activities that have been delivered and planned to be delivered between November 2015 and February 2016.

The Current Bridge Ward priorities were revised at the Your Choice Your Voice event which was held on the 1st December 2015. Lead services consulted with citizens on the five core themes of Nottingham Plan 2020, and the priorities highlighted are those that have been agreed by citizens with partners for targeted action/s.

<p>NEIGHBOURHOODS</p>	<p>Fly Tipping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with relevant partners on legal measures available for rubbish in alleyways • Discussions with relevant landlords/tenants to address issues in relation to their property • Continue with close work with TRA's in highlighting hotspots and raising awareness / educations amongst local residents • Continue with Bulky Waste Collection awareness across the Ward • Ward Walks around hotspots / alleyways • To roll out anti-fly tipping stickers • Increased work on securing prosecutions for fly tipping • Targeted work on problem properties on Beauvale Road • Work closely with Street Cleansing to identify person/s responsible for fly tipping and taking necessary action for investigation and enforcement • Identify owners of waste in alleyways 	<p>Increased Community Protection patrols</p> <p>Leaflet drop and property visits carried out – Removal of bins & clear up of rubbish & litter</p> <p>Improvement seen on reduced bins on street</p> <p>Notice/s issued to landlords for clearing rubbish in property garden</p> <p>Issues identified and action taken</p> <p>Highlighting environmental crime incidences</p> <p>Gather intel for action/ joint work with HMO team, recommendation for refusal of HMO license</p> <p>November 2015 2 – Graffiti 42 – Fly tips 39 – Warning letters 5 – FPN's</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Services Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection / Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p>
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	<p>Dog Fouling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotspots: Queens Walk, Rec, Bathley Street, Felton Road, Woodward Street, Bunbury Street, Green Street, Collygate Road 	<p>Promoting See it Report It campaign via notice boards and other events. Two operations held each month. Letter drops carried out at hot spot areas to encourage residents to report offenders so Operations are more effective and yield results. FIDO carries out weekly clear up of dog mess and hot spots passed to CPO team.</p> <p>To deliver dog fouling operations across the area</p>	<p>waste, but no increase seen in fly tipping in alleyways.</p> <p>No FPNs for dog fouling have resulted from the Dog fouling Operations in this period which are targeted in areas where dog fouling is regularly reported.</p> <p>Remains very little intelligence coming from the public.</p> <p>2 FPN's issued for failing to pick up after their dog on Embankment</p> <p>3 dog fouling operations delivered in October, 2 in November 7 1 in December</p>	<p>Community Protection and Neighbourhood Services</p>
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FAMILIES

1) Establish Play Session in Meadows by August 16

2) Increase girls attendance by 10% - currently 5/6 attending.

3) Increase offer of Family Support 5-18 - through assessment in family support clinics

4) Delivery 2 themed project under the priority areas. Learning City, Increased Resilience, Healthy Minds

5) Open access session for under 5's increase attendance/reach to 80%

6) Open access session 5-19 to increase attendance/reach by 10% in all static units in the Meadows. on 2015 baseline.

<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>1) Obesity – Need for additional and affordable physical activities across the area, special emphasis on harder to reach groups</p> <p>2) Mental Health – support needed by individuals, families and localised services to access community and Mental Health and Wellbeing Services</p> <p>3) Foods – To encourage greater participation of local people to grow, prepare and consume healthy food supported by Food for Life in schools and Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Action Team to invite presentations from services offering support to people to access physical activity opportunities e.g. Ridewise, Walking for Health.</p> <p>Information about Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens and Food for Life in schools to be circulated to GPs and practice staff to raise awareness of the benefits and opportunities.</p>		
<p>WORKING</p>	<p>1) More Training opportunities for young people and people over 40</p> <p>2/ More Employment opportunities for young people and people over the age of 40</p>	<p><u>Support provided by MPT</u></p> <p>1/ Continuation of the Employment and Skills Partnership Meetings</p> <p>2/ Ongoing promotion of all local Training opportunities such as the SBWA</p> <p>1/ Continuation of meetings with the City Councils Employment and Skills Team in relation to local job creation under section 106 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJF Vacancy's • Section 106 Vacancy's • Promotion of all other DWP Vacancy's 	<p>Next meeting 12th January</p> <p>Support into work available and delivered by MPT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-29 SITW Programme • Area Based Grant work clubs • Meadows OSS (free computer 	<p>MPT</p> <p>Area 8 Employment and Skills Partnership</p> <p>MPT, Futures, DWP and Employment and Skills Hub NCC</p>

		<p><u>Wider Employment Activity</u></p> <p>2/ Talent Match Programme (Young and Successful) Direct 1-1 employment support for Young people 18-24</p> <p>3/ Employment support for people who have faced homelessness / criminal convictions</p> <p>4/ Supporting the employability within schools Agenda</p> <p>5/ Employment support for Priority Families</p> <p><u>Future Planned Jobs Fairs</u></p> <p>2/ Clifton Jobs Fair to take place 22nd January 10am – 2 pm at Clifton Cornerstones</p> <p>3/ Youth Jobs and Apprenticeship fair (18-29) to take place on 27th January 10am – 3pm at Loxley House</p>	<p>internet access and support through UJM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustrans Travel Grants <p>October – December 15 42 people progressed into Employment Through the above programmes.</p> <p>Awaiting Local Data)</p> <p>New Programmes will be available from February 2016</p> <p>Youth Programmes have been delivered in at Welbeck, riverside and Greenfields schools</p> <p>(awaiting local data)</p>	<p>Groundwork Nottingham and Go- Digital</p> <p>Business in the Community</p> <p>Aspire (Futures)</p> <p>Children’s centres</p> <p>DWP, NCC AND City Wide Partners</p> <p>DWP, NCC Nottingham Airport and Skylink</p> <p>MPT, University of Nottingham, NCC AND</p>
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	<p>3/ Financial Inclusion</p>	<p>1/ Benefits and Debt Practitioners event</p> <p>2/ Benefits and Debt Practitioners event follow up meeting</p> <p>3/ A Draft Future local Financial resilience Strategy to be put together by a local partnership</p> <p><u>Current Activity and Local Support</u></p> <p>Support for local people facing benefits and Debt issues</p> <p>Financial inclusion support sessions for people living in NCH Property's</p> <p>Meadows Food Bank support for people in financial crisis</p>	<p>This was held on 18th November at QWCC and was attended by 47 various practitioners to look at Future Area Priorities</p> <p>Has been planned to take place on 5th February 2016</p> <p>Drop in Sessions available at QWCC EVERY Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10am – 1pm</p> <p>Run every other Friday from the Meadows One Stop Shop 10am – 12pm (Drop in and referrals)</p> <p>Available Tuesdays 5.30pm – 6:30 Fridays 10am – 12pm and Saturdays 10am – 12pm</p> <p>(Vouchers issued through MPT, MAG and Meadows Children's centre)</p>	<p>Meadows Advice Group</p> <p>Meadows Advice Group</p> <p>NCH</p> <p>Trussell Trust and the Hope Consortium of Churches</p>
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Community Engagement

Events Delivered

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
YCYV- Dragons Den	NCC	1 st December 2015 – 6.00pm – 9.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
Santa's Grotto	Meadows Library	12 th December 2015 – 11.00am – 1.00pm	Meadows Library
Bridgeway Centre Christmas Event	MPT	12 th December 2015 – 1.00pm – 5.00pm	Bridgeway Centre

Future Events and Activities Planned

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
Launch of Cricket / Football pavilion	NCC / ECB	May 2016 (tbc)	Embankment
AMCG Spring Event	AMCG	May (tbc)	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens

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Ward Walks

Area/Estate	Date/Time	Meeting Point
Collygate, Turney, Felton, Green Street, Woodward, Pyatt, Bunbury	Thursday 28 th January 2016 – 11.00am	Corner of Bathley & Collygate
Ainsworth, Anmer, Royston, Castleton, Hatley, Saffron	Tuesday 23 rd February 2016 – 11.00am	Corner of Ainsworth & Royston
Radcliffe, Lamcote Street, Bunbury Street, Lamcote Grove, Muskham	Thursday 31 st March 2016 – 11.00am	Portland Leisure Centre
Ryland Gardens, Manifold Gardens, Blackstone Walk, Houseman Gardens, Robin Hood Way	Thursday 28 th April 2016 – 11.00am	Meadows Children's Centre

Glapton, Terraces, Holgate, Woolmer, Beauvale, WCW	Thursday 30 th June 2016 – 11.00am	Corner of Glapton/ Bathley Street
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Community Meetings

Group	Date	Venue
Queens Walk Community Association Meeting	Last Monday of every month (except for December) starting at 7.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
NMTRA Public Meeting	14 th January 2016 – 6.00pm -9.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
OMTRA Public Meeting	17 th November 2015 – 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Meadows Library

Finance

- **Ward Councillor Budgets** (as at 13/10/2014)

Budget carried forward -	£ -20 (overspend from 2014/15 allocation):
Ward Councillors allocation for 2015/16 -	£10,000
Total amount available -	£ 9,980 (Minus £20 overspend from 2014/15)
Returned/De-committed at 14/08/2015	£ 4,112
Returned/De-committed at 16/10/2015	£ 317
Total amount allocated as of 29/12/2015	£ 4,547.11
Total unallocated at 29/12/2015	£ 9,861.89
Total amount available 2015/2016	£ 9,861.89

- **Area Capital Fund**

Total amount allocated 2015/2016 £7,453

- ACF LTP Allocation 2015/2016-----£ 66,000
- ACF LTP carryover from 2013/2015-----£ 4,725
- ACF Public Realm Allocation 2015/2016-----£ 39,450
- ACF Public Realm carryover from 2013/2015-----£ 15,012
- Less LTP scheme ----- £ 67,453
- Less Public Realm scheme----- £ 5,000
- Total ACF Available 2015/2016----- £ 52,734
- **Others – Section 106, NCH Environmentals, Other Funding**