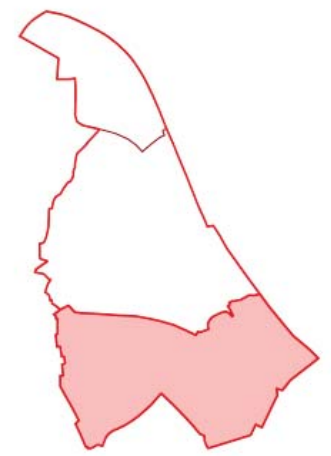


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Town and Village Centres

We asked you:

What our priorities should be for helping people into employment and whether we should help people to start up their own businesses. We also asked whether residents wanted better connections to the major employment areas outside the regeneration zone.

You said:

People wanted to see improved village centres and improvements to Chelmsley Wood Town Centre. Residents were also keen to see improved public transport and cycle links to the NEC and airport.

Our proposal:

We are supporting the redevelopment of Chelmsley Wood Town Centre and will redevelop Craig Croft Village Centre. Longer term we will provide an enhanced centre at Bosworth Drive. Craig Croft Village Centre will have an enterprise focus with opportunities for local business to set up and grow in North Solihull. We are working with Travel West Midlands to improve bus services throughout North Solihull.

Transport

We asked you:

Whether a new link road should be built linking Chelmsley Road at the end of Craig Croft High Street with Bosworth Drive.

You said:

Whilst recognising the advantages of a more direct route residents did not feel that this justified the level of intervention required and preferred option 2 (see below).

Our proposal:

We propose to create the link using Chelmsley Road and Moorend Avenue, improving junctions and improving safety measures on these routes. Buses would continue to use these routes, using Craig Croft High Street when constructed.

Green Space

We asked you:

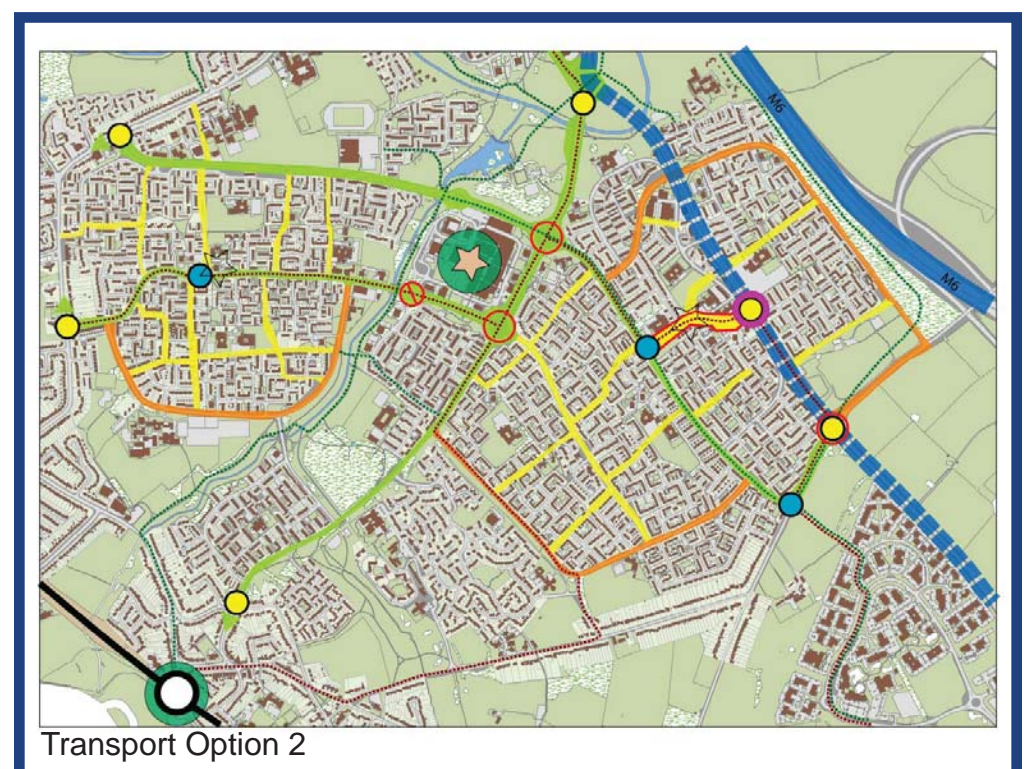
What types of spaces and facilities you wanted to see more of and where we should locate new play facilities.

You said:

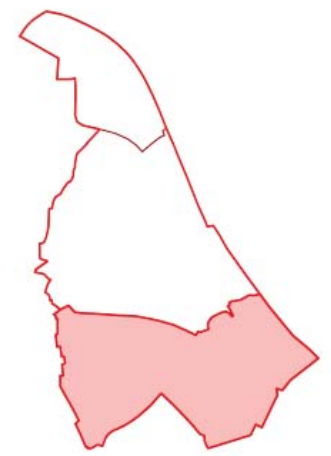
You wanted to see more parks and more sports facilities in the parks. There was also a request for more play areas with play areas located close to primary schools and within sight of residents.

Our proposal:

We will provide three new Local Equipped Areas of Play (LEAPs) for younger children, 2 adjacent to school sites and 1 an upgrade of existing Bickenhill Parish Council facilities. This is in accordance with the Council's Green Space Strategy target to have 11 such new areas across North Solihull.



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Housing

We asked you:
Your opinion on a number of housing sites in the south area. The only new site is what we call Lowbrook 2 which is the land to the north west of the Alcott Grove housing development (site 4 on the plan below).

You said:
There was no specific comments on the housing sites from residents.

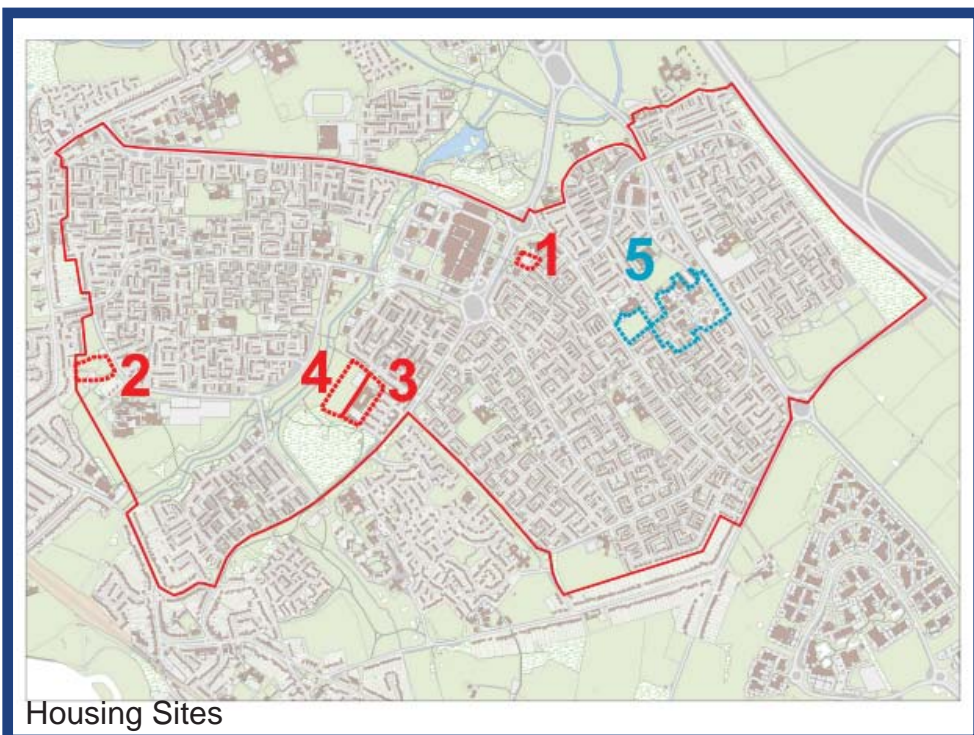
Our proposal:
We will prepare plans for the development of Lowbrook two, whilst also looking at ways in which we can enhance the surrounding green space.

Schools

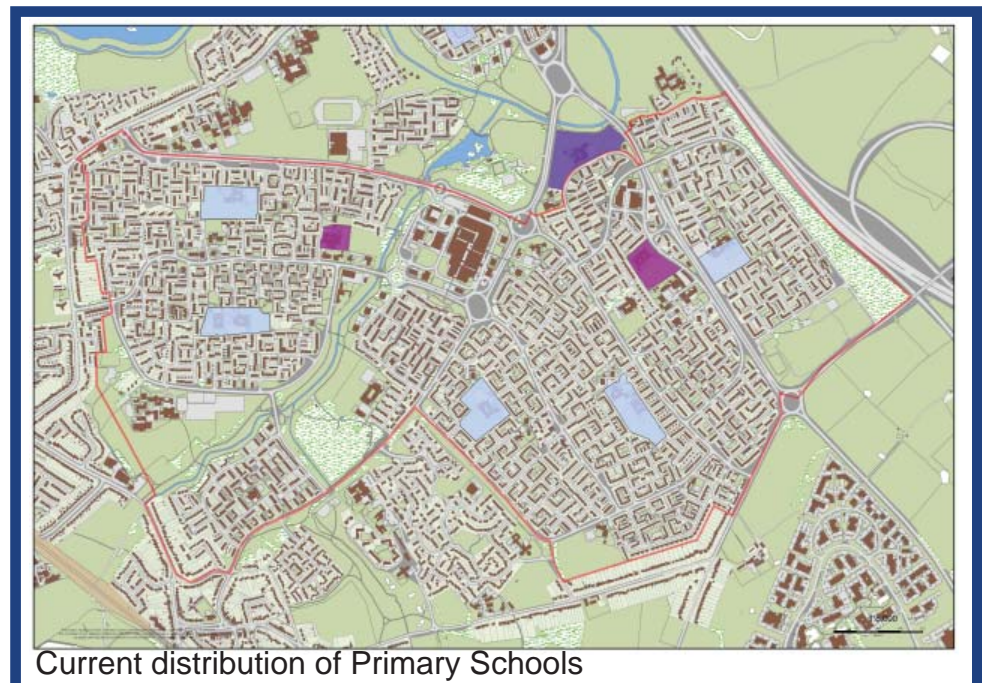
We asked you:
The locations for the following combined schools:
Alcott Hall Junior & Infants School and Coleshill Heath School
Bennett's Well Junior & Infants School and Hatchford Community Primary School.

You said:
There was no overwhelming preference for any of the sites put forward. Residents were keen to see safe routes to the schools and that disruption to children is minimised when work is carried out.

Our proposal:
We can only confirm at this stage that the schools will be built on one of the existing sites with the final decision to be announced in the Autumn.



Housing Sites



Current distribution of Primary Schools