

The Birchfield Gateway Development Proposals

Keeping you up to date



The plans for the 111 mixed units Housing Development on the Birchfield Estate were shown at our Birchfield Neighbourhood Forum's AGM earlier this year, where we were told that the Developers would have started on site in September. They will then build the three floored rented properties on either side of Livingstone Road junction with Birchfield Road. These Gateway Apartments and other rented terraced housing will be available through the Council's Choice Based Letting site. But the Sale properties will not be happening until much later, and the developer will be able to offer assistance through the use of equity products, however, 5% deposit will be needed.



New occupiers will have to sign a Good Neighbour Agreement that expects respect for neighbours, property and the estate as a whole. We are wondering how these brand new properties will look alongside the existing terraced properties.

(These are shown in the off-white colour on the picture left above and bottom row)

We asked about Play Provision, but were told that there is none for children as "it would have to be sited well away from roadways, especially the fast 6-lane Birchfield Road". Again as the Council's own Municipal Housing Trust is building this



estate they do not have to allocate any special funding for such a provision as would a private developer or Housing Association. The council has called for a consultancy to produce a 145 page plan on reducing our reliance



on cars and using more public transport, which should mean more space around houses for play and less for cars. They are even proposing marked cycle routes, which our BEWARE CYCLISTS campaign is supporting

In the Planner's picture on the left, and below you can just work out how much greenery has been allocated to our Brighter Birchfield Patch

