



Knowle Society

DDRA Dorridge and District Residents Association



A NEW PLAN FOR KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE?

Would you like to have a greater say in what happens in your village?

Are you concerned about our local schools, shops, health facilities, traffic or parking and would like to do something about it?

If you are, you may be interested in a new Plan for Knowle and Dorridge.

A Neighbourhood Plan

The Government has passed legislation that allows local people to come together to prepare a new type of plan for their area. These 'Neighbourhood Plans' allow communities to plan for and guide development in their area.

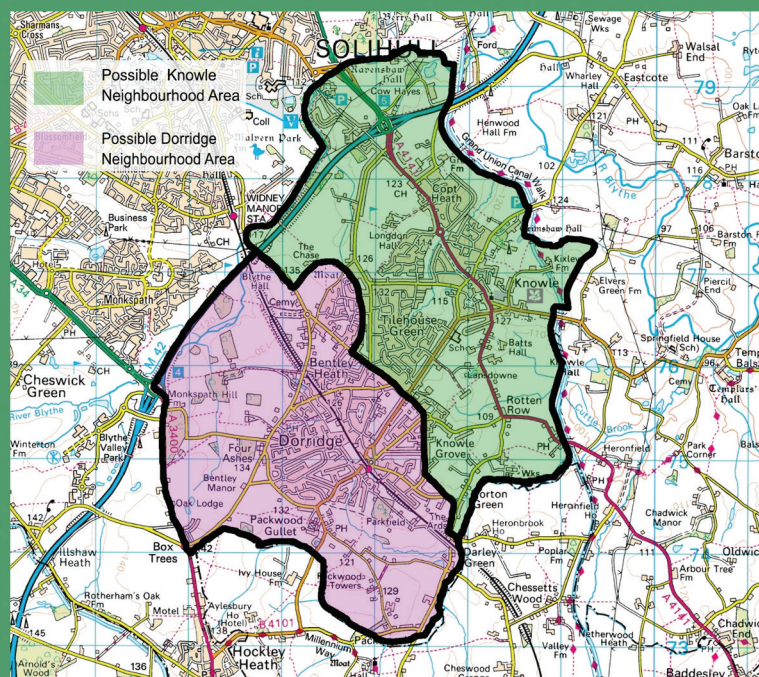
The Knowle Society and DDRA are seeking the views of local residents, businesses and community organizations to see if you support the preparation of a community led plan for Knowle. A Neighbourhood Forum of at least 21 people must be formed to take the Plan forward and Solihull Council must help us to prepare the Plan.

What will the Plan do?

The content of the Plan is up to local people to decide but it would aim to set out a vision for how the village will develop over the next 15 years and set out policies to achieve the vision. It might, for example, allocate sites for schools expansion, new health services or affordable housing for local people.

It could look at road and parking improvements and identify important green spaces for protection. In short, it will help residents see more of what they want in the village.

It will also help to ensure that more of the monies raised from local developments are spent locally for our benefit.



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What do you think?

If you have received this leaflet you are in the area being considered for a Neighbourhood Plan. A plan of the included area is shown overleaf. Copies of this will also be displayed on local Notice Boards and in Knowle Village Hall.

Local Councillors, the Knowle Society and DDRA really want to hear your views on whether we should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Your views are really important as any Plan, once drafted, would have to be approved by a referendum of local residents before it could be adopted.

In particular, we would like to hear from you on questions such as:

Do you think the Plan is a good idea?

Do you agree with the area we have shown as the possible plan boundary?

What do you think are the main issues affecting the Knowle and Dorridge area that need to be addressed over the next few years?

Would you like to be involved in preparing the Plan in some way?

What happens next?

We would like to hear from as many people as possible so we are planning to hold two “drop in” sessions in Knowle Library and the Dorridge Station Waiting Room when you can find out more about what a Neighbourhood Plan involves and let us know your views, particularly on the questions above.

These will be held on Saturday 6th December from 10.00am until 2.00pm in Dorridge and 3.00pm in Knowle.

If you can't make a drop in session, you can email your comments to planning@knowlesociety.org.uk

We will also be holding a public meeting at Arden Academy on Wednesday 7th January at 7.30pm to report back on Knowle and Dorridge residents responses, consider issues raised about the future of the village and discuss a Neighbourhood Plan for Knowle and Dorridge. Further details will be advised on local notice boards nearer the time.

We hope to see you at these meetings.

