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The Bassett Neighbourhood Plan

What's it all about?
And why should I get involved?

**The Bassett Neighbourhood Plan
affects everyone who lives in Bassett -
if you care about the area, find out more!**



Residents in Bassett have been coming together to write policies which will guide development in their area. When finalised, these policies will become law and will be used to inform the City Council on planning application decisions.

As part of the statutory process, two things now need to happen:

- 1) The residents working together on this need to be recognised as a "Neighbourhood Forum"
- 2) The policies they have produced need to be recognised as forming the plan for Bassett Ward which will be designated as a "Neighbourhood Area".

To further this process, two applications have been submitted to the Council. Your views are sought and the period of consultation will run until Monday 21st October (5 pm).

View the applications in full at: Burgess Road Library, [Portswold Library](#) and Gateway, One Guildhall Square, next to the Civic Centre. You can also find the same information online by googling: "[bassett neighbourhood plan southampton](#)"

More on the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan



The Localism Act aims to devolve more decision making powers from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. Local communities can now write planning policies for their own neighbourhood, by preparing a neighbourhood plan. When finalised their neighbourhood plan will be used by the city council alongside its own planning documents to take decisions on planning applications in the area, so a well-written plan is potentially a powerful legal tool. For example, a plan could cover where new homes should go, what green spaces should be protected, or design requirements for new development. Local people can decide what will be included in their neighbourhood plan provided they do not undermine the approach in other wider city plans.

The legislation was designed initially to work for Parishes and Parish Councils, but there are no such clearly defined boundaries in a large city such as Southampton - this means that neighbourhood plans have to be adapted to take account of specific areas. Bassett Ward is the first Ward in the whole country to have its own neighbourhood plan. Our thanks go to Cllr Les Harris, who has worked tirelessly with Bassett Residents Association and individuals to put together the plan and to form the Bassett Neighbourhood Forum. As part of the statutory process, the council is now required to consult on the applications to designate Bassett ward as a neighbourhood area, and Bassett Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for that area.

What do I need to do? During the period of consultation (until 5 pm Monday 21st October) your views are welcomed. If you support the plan, you don't have to do anything but if you want to write in, please complete the form below and send to: Planning Policy Team, Planning, Transport & Sustainability Division, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LS. You can also email: city.plan@southampton.gov.uk. We have made every effort to write an appropriate plan based on local knowledge and in consultation with residents so we hope you will support our efforts!

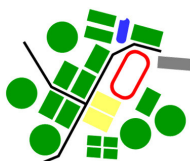
We are hoping to call round on residents to find out views - also, views on whether we should have a **No Cold-Calling Zone**. The Police have said they are happy to support us and will make calls with us. So look out for us!

Sports Centre News

The Sporting View (or "The View") is due to re-open on Friday October 11th. Do pop in and check it out!

The boating lake is due to be emptied by the E.A. who will use the earth as part of their work on the golf course. The boating lake is to be restored to its original state in order to encourage amphibians to return there as a breeding ground next spring. FoSSC are now working with the Council and Active Nation to consider re-development and funding for the whole area surrounding the boating lake. Check out www.fossc.info (also on facebook).

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Join our Committee!

We are keen to expand our committee, having had a few people move out of the area recently. We particularly need a Neighbourhood Watch representative, and new road representatives (to help with delivery of newsletters) are always welcome too. If you'd like to get more involved in local issues, do contact us.



Upcoming Dates:

"Christmas in the Community" - Sunday 15th December, 4-6 pm, All Saints' Hall.

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Date

Dear Sirs,

Reference Bassett Neighbourhood Forum and Bassett Neighbourhood Plan

As a resident living in the OBRA area of Bassett, I fully support the formation of a Bassett neighbourhood forum and the eventual formation of a Bassett Neighbourhood Plan.

Name Address