



Filwood Park, Knowle West

South Bristol

Project details

Project

Enquiry by Design event to prepare a community led masterplan and planning application for new houses, apartments, offices and enhanced park.

Client

Homes and Communities Agency

Team

NEW Masterplanning, GVA, Alan Baxter Associates, Kevin Murray Associates.

Date

April 2011 and ongoing

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Overview

NEW Masterplanning were appointed in August 2011 by the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) to work with the Knowle West community to prepare a masterplan for a redundant employment area and local green space. This followed earlier work with local residents groups to agree design principles for redevelopment and enhancement of the park.

The site includes brownfield land, but also a green space which had been subject to a recent 'Town and Village Green' application by the local community. A key part of our role has been to work with residents to reach a consensus on an appropriate level of development within the green space and a new design for the remaining parkland area.

The central element has been an 'Enquiry by Design' (EbD) event to consider how the site could respond to the aspirations of the existing community, achieve a step change in the perceptions of the area, and attract public and private sector investment to the Knowle West neighbourhood.

The five day EbD was held in November 2011. The EbD masterplan, which was prepared with the community and City Council officers, addresses key issues such as the role and function of public green space, responding to areas of ecological interest, integration with the surrounding area, and the need for new homes, better community facilities and greater employment opportunities. Viability appraisals of options were also undertaken at the event to inform the illustrative masterplan.

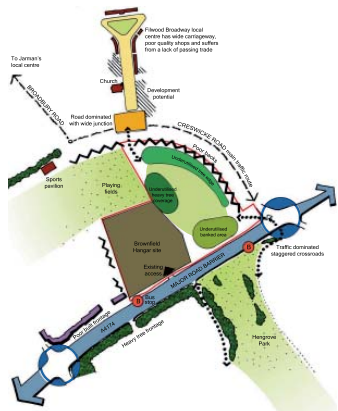
The masterplan will now be refined and a planning application submitted early in 2012. HCA funding is also available to deliver new infrastructure by April 2013.



EbD Masterplan prepared with local residents

Key outputs:

- Design principles
- Masterplan
- Community engagement (Enquiry by Design)
- Viability appraisal
- Planning application



Analysis work and consultation with residents identified a number of key issues for the masterplan to address



Working with local schoolchildren



Walking around site with local residents



Physical model of the proposals prepared at the EbD