



ICKNIELD PORT LOOP

The creation of a new waterside quarter

The development of Icknield Port Loop has been talked about for several years. A scheme was proposed in 2008 but fell foul of the recession. Following this the site's owners, which include British Waterways, Birmingham City Council and The Homes and Communities Agency decided to bring forward an alternative scheme that reflects current market conditions. This new scheme will be submitted as a planning application later this year with a view to a development partner being appointed in 2012. However before that we want to know what do you think?



The new plan is described in this leaflet. It includes around 1,000 new homes plus a hotel, workspace, shops a pub and a new community centre, all gathered around a new neighbourhood park. The centre pages describe the plan.

The area covered by the plan is shown on the back page of the leaflet. The northern part of the area is mostly vacant industrial land while land to the south includes the Ladywood Arts & Leisure Centre which is scheduled to close next year. The whole area is dominated by canals with the Mainline Canal to the north and the older Loop Canal making an island of the central area.

The scheme differs from the previous proposal in concentrating more on family housing rather than flats and for this reason there are fewer units. The majority of the scheme is made up of family housing and there is also substantially more open space. The aim is to create a lively new neighbourhood linking Ladywood to the South to Soho in the north and providing a focus for both communities.

We now need to know what you think and you will find details of how to respond on the back of this leaflet



MAIN LINE CANAL

The Main Line Canal frontage to be developed as a high quality waterfront including hard and soft landscaping, improving the towing path into the City.



NEW BRIDGES

The plan includes three new canal footbridges and one new road bridge.



CENTRAL PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

At the heart of the scheme is a new park including a play area and providing views of the canal and the dam.



LADYWOOD BOULEVARD

The Middleway will have a tree-lined frontage with a service road allowing housing to face onto it.



SHOP AND HOTEL

The scheme includes a new small supermarket and a budget hotel on the Middleway.



EDGECASTON RESERVOIR

New footpaths will be created on the dam, making additional public space and linking the scheme to the reservoir, which is used for a range of water sports.



URBAN FAMILY HOUSING

The central part of the site will be developed for a range of courtyard housing, with some like these pictured below in Amsterdam.



HOME ZONES

The layout has been designed so that most housing fronts onto traffic calmed home-zone streets.



FAMILY HOUSING

The southern part of the site include a range of family housing.



MIXED USE AREA

The central part of the scheme includes a mix of workspace, leisure uses and apartments.



WATERSIDE USES

The Loop will be a hub of activity with improved moorings, a pub, British Waterways Historic Working Boats and some watersports.



1,000

Number of new homes

400

New Jobs

The equivalent of

4

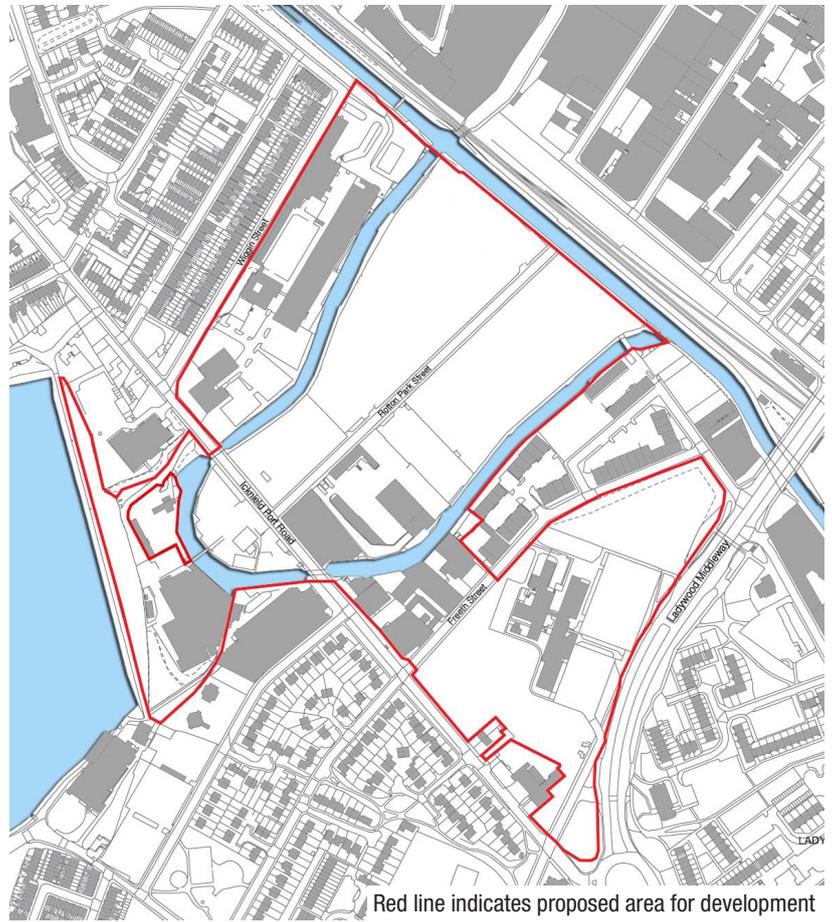
football pitches
of open space

£2M

To be spent on a new
community/sports centre

1.5km

OF CANAL



Red line indicates proposed area for development

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 10.30 - 4.30 AT THE DEAF CULTURAL CENTRE, LADYWOOD ROAD

For your chance to comment on the masterplan proposals please come along to the public consultation day on Saturday 1st October. You will be able to view an exhibition about the masterplan and the consultancy team and members of the council will be available to talk to.

There will be a short presentation given by the consultancy team on the masterplan at 3pm.

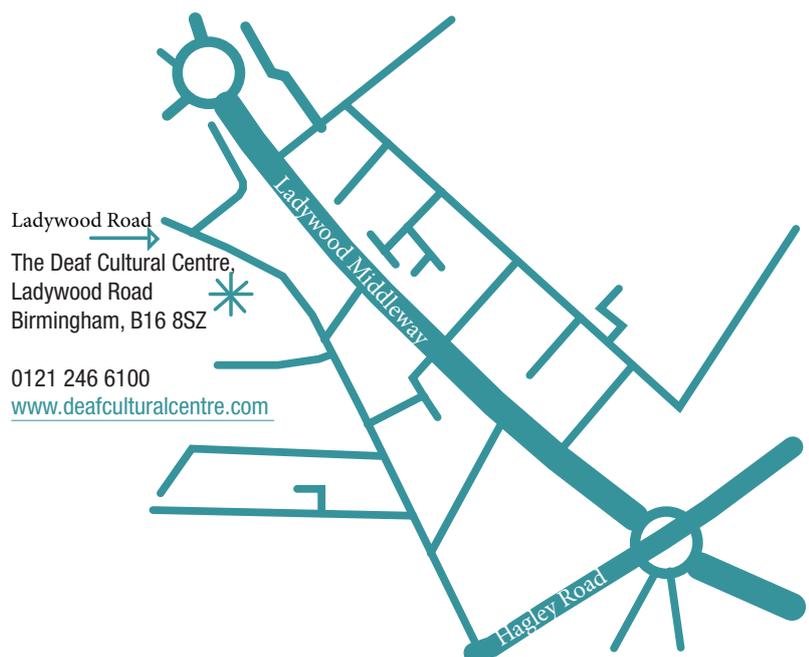
The exhibition and questionnaire is also available to view online at

www.icknielportloop.wordpress.com

For any enquiries please contact Grace at URBED on: 0161 200 5500 or grace@urbed.com

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