

# **BROWNHILLS LOCAL COMMITTEE**

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To Ranjit Kaur, Area Partnership Manager, Brownhills, Pelsall and Rushall.

Dear Ranjit

I write on behalf of the members of Brownhills Local Committee with regard to the advertisement inviting members of the public in Walsall to attend the launch of the Near Neighborhoods Program on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 1-00pm until 4-00 pm. Venue The Crossing at St Pauls Walsall.

Upon making telephone enquires for further information on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 on behalf of the Brownhills Community our committee Vice Chairman Mr Poxon was informed after conversing at length that Brownhills was not included in the funding package and therefore did not qualify for inclusion in the Near Neighborhood Program.

We believe that this is yet another example of unwarranted inequality within the borough.

May I on behalf of our committee and indeed all the Brownhills Community that this inequality be included as an agenda item at the Partnership meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to seek an explanation from officers responsible.

It is likely that other wards in the eastern part of the borough may also be excluded. We would certainly like to know why?

Yours Sincerely

Douglas Birch M.B.E. Chairman.

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**From:** Ruth Burgess [ruth.burgess@tctogether.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2014 15:17  
**To:** Kaur Ranjit  
**Cc:** Holmes Aaron  
**Subject:** RE: Scan from YSoft SafeQ

Dear Ranjit,

I understand the members of Brownhills Local Committee frustrations and hope I can help explain why not all areas of Walsall are included.

Near Neighbours is limited by certain criteria which resulted in hard choices over what areas in the Black Country are funded. We can only cover a certain population size and also had to take into account the diversity and indices of deprivation of each area. The areas were set following this criteria and through local and national consultation.

We would love to cover more areas but have to limit ourselves in some way to ensure that the project has a clear focus and is manageable.

Best wishes,

Ruth Burgess

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kaur Ranjit [<mailto:KaurRanjit@walsall.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2014 10:13  
**To:** Ruth Burgess  
**Cc:** Holmes Aaron  
**Subject:** FW: Scan from YSoft SafeQ

Hi Ruth,

Please see letter attached that I have received from a local group in Brownhills concerning Near Neighbour Funding.