My View...

Birmingham Adult Education Service
I would like to thank all of the learners who contributed to the *My View* project. The idea for the project came about from watching a learner taking a photograph from an unusual angle. This led me to reflect on the fact that everyone’s view is different. I wanted to know more about how other people see the world. The word *view* can mean what we can see, but it also means what we think or our opinions, for this reason I wanted learners to tell us why the image is important.

This book contains a collection of words and images that represent the range of views that our learners see and also hold. The images and descriptions are all different and mirror our diverse student population.

Many thanks to all learners for sharing their view with us in this publication and also every day during lessons.

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My favourite part of the house is the kitchen. I spend most of my time in the kitchen. I cook chicken curry. I make cakes for my children’s birthdays.
This photo is important to me because I go and pray every Saturday and Sunday with the people of my Eritrean Christian Orthodox community. I pray there with my family - my wife and my children.
I like this photo because it is a nice park where my children play in the summer.
I like this photo of Weoley Castle Library because in this place they keep lots of books. You can find books about anything historical.

My children go to the same library and they are happy to pick up books that are about Stone Age history and many more things.
Sunset in Northfield and The Mailbox
by Déborah Diniz

Sunset in Northfield
I like this picture because it’s the way that I walk every afternoon to get my granddaughter from school and I took that photograph because I found the sunset beautiful. We can see the leaves of the trees have fallen. I found the scenery beautiful that afternoon.

The Mailbox
This photo is of my workplace in the Mailbox. I think this building with beautiful architecture and a canal where there are lots of ducks is a beautiful place to walk with the family. It is an interesting place to take beautiful photos.
I made rice, chicken, dhal, potato slices and dry fish curry. I made fish curry with green peppers and tomatoes.
Birmingham City Centre and Mănăstirea dintr-un lemn ‘Monastery made of wood’, Romania by Maria Grigorescu

Birmingham City Centre
This photo is important for me because it is the first day when I started to work as a babysitter. I took the bus alone and for me it was a memorable day. The buildings helped me to recognise the place to go to work.

Mănăstirea dintr-un lemn ‘Monastery made of wood’, Romania
This is a monastery. This monastery is important for me because this is found near my birthplace. When I go to Romania I visit the monastery with my mum and my brother and my sister-in-law. We are happy together.
This photo was taken in the summer in Istanbul. The place was very nice. I wanted to stay for more time. I have happy memories.
Selly Oak Canal by Safia Al-Abdulla

I like this photo because it is a beautiful place to walk.
I took this picture in the park near my house in autumn. There were many trees with yellow leaves. The weather was cold and windy. This picture reminds me of my house in my country when autumn comes. I like it because I have a lot of trees around my house in my country. I miss my house and my country.

Every time when I go outside with my daughter, we take many pictures.
My View by Danait

I took a picture from the garden on the 3rd floor of the Birmingham Library. I took it in front of the Library buildings. I like my view because it's very amazing and beautiful picture. It's important for me because it reminds me of my country. It doesn't look like my country but it's similar. I'm feeling great because I enjoyed myself when I took the pictures. I absolutely love to take pictures of any nice places.
My View by Danial

The last term, I went to the 7th floor of the library with my teacher and I took a photo from the roof.

This view reminds me of how powerful a person can be and where has this powerful creature come from?

Anyway from the top of the roof, Birmingham looks so much prettier than on the ground because I feel relaxed by seeing cloud and sky.
This photo is taken in Birmingham and it is an Ethiopian and Eritrean restaurant in my area. It is important to me because I like my culture and my traditional food. I love this restaurant because I see many Ethiopian and Eritrean people and it makes me feel at home. Though I like to go to this restaurant, I speak only my language. I cannot speak and practise English language there. At the moment this is my favourite view.
My View by Hamid

This photo was taken in Birmingham. I like this view because the colour green means hope for me and peace.

I think green is like life because green appears in spring and symbolises new beginnings. I like hills because they show me I can do anything and life doesn't stop until reach the gold.

This photo reminds me of first day I came here. I'm started to walk and I saw that view because first day I didn't have any friends.

This photo reminds me of my city because near my house I see this view and I have a lot of memories there.
I became interested in the name of this college where I study English. I knew that this name is the name of a building. Three days ago I took this photo on my phone near the Library on Broad Street. I chose this building because I like the history of cities and I like old buildings. I am interested the Brasshouse building. I looked on Wikipedia and found that the Brasshouse building was built in 1931. It is a classic and beautiful building. Before, it was an office for the Boat Company. Then there were many different companies. Then there was the language school, where many students studied from different countries. Now there is a restaurant and a pub.

This picture reminds me of the excellence and practicality of old buildings more than modern. I hope that in Birmingham will have more buildings like the Brasshouse.
I took this photo of Symphony Hall from the bridge. It was a sunny morning. I often go to college through this road and I like to go this way because this is quite a beautiful place.

There are many old and new buildings, good restaurants and a long canal... This is very close to the Symphony Hall, which I often visit to listen to the live orchestra because I absolutely love live orchestra.

I also like Birmingham’s sunny days because the UK weather it is not always sunny. Sometimes the weather keeps changing in a day... raining, sunny, high winds and sometimes there is snow in the winter. That is why I specially love sunny days in the UK.
My View by Nagla

I took this photo of a homeless person sleeping near Birmingham Library. I felt it was a winter’s day – I felt he was cold, he was sick, he was hopeless, he was afraid and lonely. Sometimes I think about a lot of people in my country hoping to live in the UK because they are searching for peace and a home.
These properties you see on the pictures are on the roads of Birmingham (Yardley/Small Heath).

I’ve been told by a British citizen that these properties were built decades ago (approx 1960) for the purpose as accommodation for the people that worked in town but were from abroad.

The properties were built in the same size and were very common in way of number of bedrooms, reception rooms, bathrooms and kitchens etc.

After a period of time the properties were slightly changed by adding a second reception room and adding a conservatory room at the back of the property.

It’s very interesting to know that these old buildings are still present on the roads of Birmingham and are still being used and that makes Birmingham in my view special because it has some history in it.
In my country (Greece) we have a very few roundabouts and I was impressed to see here in UK in almost every street one or more roundabouts.

When I remember my first days in Birmingham as a driver I can’t forget that sometimes it wasn’t clear to me when I have to stop my car in the roundabout or when I have to continue with slower speed and 2nd gear. But after some months practice I became experiment and confident and today I don’t have any problem at all.

Benefits of roundabouts
1. Are safer than the traffic light congestions / intersections
2. Are faster. Many times I have been waiting the red light even when in opposite size wasn’t any car
3. Are cost less (especially their maintenance)
4. Are more environment friendly
5. They never break down

Of course the place and the type (small/big) is a difficult decision and it involves many complex factors like traffic, population, accident history etc.

In my opinion, a roundabout force a driver to slow down the car speed and after the break it is impossible to have a fatal accident. Of course I have notice some crashes but only with slight people injuries and car damages.

In conclusion, I think that in some roundabouts where in specific hours the traffic in one direction is too slow we need to add traffic signals to help the car flow.
As shown in the pictures that I have taken, the place I chose for the best view in Birmingham is Sparkhill Adult Education Centre. The reason I chose this amazing place is because, 1 and half years ago it is the very place that made me into the confident woman I am today. Studying English and being part of a community that accepts me makes me delighted and content. I took picture and they show the tall building with doors and windows that welcome me every Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the two lovely admin staff that also welcome people with bright smiles. Some days I am worn-out from work but I regain my energy at the very sight of my friends and my classroom and my teacher: Anna Bennett. The warmth of the classroom makes me forget all my worries and focus on the moment that I am in. Every time the holidays come, I miss sitting at my seat, looking out the windows. In the very seat where my passion for learning ignited. Some days I come late to lesson due to parking issues. Stratford Road: the bustling road with its crowded shops that never seem to be empty. Everywhere I look there’s people, lights, and cars. Every Tuesday and Thursday I struggle to find a parking space amongst the bustling Stratford Road. This is so far the best view that I have seen in Birmingham. It fascinates me every time and I like it so much. This is Sparkhill Adult Education Centre, the place where I love the most.
The white and jolly winter, with the heart of ice cream, came with white stars on the forehead. Snowflakes play through the sky like a swarm of white butterflies. They fall as sifted flour. They are great and flow like a white river. Their dance is like a beautiful dance of cherry petals. A white cloak dresses the earth. Snow has fallen like a warm warmth. The hills can be seen as a dream, some giants sleeping under the snow. The fields and plains were made white as milk, and the rivers covered with a thin coat, and fell asleep as stories. The roads are like charming mirrors. The houses have put on white tattered hats. Trees are dressed in heavy snow. How beautiful this season is.
I travelled to the capital of Egypt with my cousin and his brother in law, in 2007, only one week. I was really excited to discover the city of Cairo. The weather in Cairo was very hot and dry. Each day, I took advantage of taking a lot of photographs because I wanted to keep many memories of this beautiful and big city.

We took the public transports such as taxis, underground, buses. I visited the city centre of Cairo, Tahrir Square, the different shops and markets and we saw the river Nile. We didn't go to the Museum of Cairo because there were too many people. After that, we decided to visit the Pyramids at Giza. I was really surprised at the height of the largest pyramid when we arrived in Giza. There are 3 big pyramids and their names are Khéops, Khephren, Mykérinos.

My first impression is that I had studied the Egyptian civilization at school and I was in front of these pyramids, I couldn't believe it.

We had needed a guide with horse drawn carriage because we didn't have time to walk between the different pyramids and the Sphinx of Giza. It was at this point where I decided to take this photograph because this view was a prefect symmetry.

Next, we visited the great Sphinx of Giza as well. There were many tourists in this place. This day was so amazing, uncredible to visit the pyramids and the Sphinx.
This photo was taken last summer. Here you can see a simple plant pot and a cat is resting on the chair. It seems to be common pet and simple, inexpensive thing, nothing interesting or awesome but for me they are meaningful. They show me a huge value of feeling to be “at home”. The photo gives me such a feeling. It is captured only one moment, but it displays in whole my peaceful, maybe sometimes lazy like cat, colourful summer attitude.

The photo was taken by person, whose didn’t care about the photo’s composition and right light or photo’s purpose on that moment. It’s possible that picture doesn’t reflect all that I feel when I’m looking into it.

This photo is significant to me because it has two meanings. It is memorizing a beautiful, cosy and sunny summer day and it reflects how in a foreign country and even rented house can became my true home.
A few months ago I went to Amsterdam in Holland with my family. There is a big tulip garden there. There are lots of flowers in it. I took lots of photos and visited the whole garden. There is a big lake. Most of the people enjoyed the lake and tulip flowers. I enjoyed it. This photo was taken about few months ago. I have selected this photo because when I first saw the flowers I was amazed.

There was a big windmill in the tulip garden. The windmills are very important in the Netherlands. We ate traditional Netherland chips. There are many kinds of flowers in Keukenhof for example tulips, roses, daffodils, orchids, lilies and many other flowers. We also visited the tulip fields with the boat.

Tulip garden is a very nice place to visit. I love the tulip garden and I want to go again with my family.
This photo was taken about five months ago when I visited Bangladesh. The picture was taken near my uncle's house. I have selected this photo because the beach is gorgeous and one of the largest beaches around the world. It is situated at the shore of the Bay of Bengal to the most southern part of our country. This sea beach is 120 kilometres long.

Every year thousands of tourists from home and abroad visit this place to enjoy its natural, breath taking beauty. The scene of sunrise and sunset can be viewed from this location and people are amazed by its beauty. People collect sea shells, pearls and any other little things they might find in the water. This is fascinating and a great attraction for all the beauty lovers.

While taking the photo I thought about showing this beautiful beach to all my friends back in UK. This is the first memorable photo I took and I will love to go back at the beach with my children.
This photo was taken last August 2018. This city is in France, it is important for me, because it represents my childhood. Whenever I look at this picture, the memories fill my heart with joy it is for this reason that I am very attached to this picture.

Whenever I go on vacation, it is almost a ritual for me to visit this place. This allows me to show to my children where it is. At this place, there are different schools in which I study, and the family home in which I was educated and I spent all these good times with my brothers and my sisters.

It is for this reason that this photo is very important for me it has sentimental value for me. Look at it, I feel relaxed, peaceful, and calm, it gives me nostalgia.
This photo was taken about few months ago, when I was visiting Bangladesh. This photo is very near my mum’s house in Bangladesh. I have selected this photo, because when I first saw the view I was mesmerized. The surrounding area of this part of Sylhet is traditional tea growing country.

The picturesque Surma Valley is covered with exquisite terraces of tea gardens and lush green tropical forests. Sree mangal is known as the tea capital of Bangladesh, and for miles around one can see the green carpet of tea gardens on the hill slopes. A visit to the tea planation in Sreemangal would be the memorable experience for anyone. Every year many people come to this place and enjoy the natural beauty. I love this tea garden, and I want to go again with my kids.
This photo was taken last month. It is a natural scenery from Italy and is very famous. I like this photo because of the story it tells. I put this in my bedroom. Whenever I see this photo, it reminds me of something. Something I’m missing right now. My past life. It was so different.

Every day I woke up from sleep thinking what I was going to do today, only to realise I would be doing the same thing every day. I would walk past the old church and gates of the old city. Heading towards the half renovated secondary school and take a left turn to the bridge which was over the top of the small waterfall. This is the proper view you would see of Florence. It’s like a land of imagination. You would see the tall gigantic mountains and the hills below it. Water would be flowing from underneath and a strong beautiful aroma came from it. People cheered up and down the road. I would still walk to my work, but I never liked it. The only reason I worked was because this town motivated me... motivated me to do something better, to cheer up and provide the community.

Even though I am away from Florence, I would always remember it as part of me, a part of that left physically but still connected through heart.
This photo was taken five years ago when I was with my family. It’s from Sweden. There is a nice view of nature and the reason. I have selected this memory of my family, a remembrance of when we were together. It was a charming place I hope to go back more times like that.

Also it was a place to do gym and we had a picnic to eat together tranquilly. It was charming summer time I was so cheerful and very pleasant and I enjoyed the experience with my family because they make me happy.

When I was with my family I felt relaxed and I stopped my hectic life because hectic life ruins the quality of life. I obtained my dream that was stress free and relaxed but it’s been ages there is affection between me and my family demonstrated in this photo.
I am writing about a picture of Barry Island's beach. This picture is from the first time I have ever been to Barry Island. I really enjoyed the seaside and was excited to see the location where the television programme Gavin and Stacy was filmed. I really loved the place. It is a pleasure beach. It was a memorable time.

Barry Island beach is lively and has plenty of walks. There are lots of things to do near Barry Island Pleasure Beach. Whitmore Bay beach, Brit Movie Tours, Barry War Museum, Smugglers cove, Adventure Island, The Small Space Theatre etc.

Discover brilliant family day out and fun things to do with kids in Barry Island. The coffee shop we went into had lovely cakes and their coffee was good too.

So I took the photo to remember the place forever.
My View by Nur Nobi

This photo was taken six months ago. It was from my garden. There are lots of plants there. In this photo there are tomato plants, chillies, sunflowers and vegetable paints. I selected this photo because I like the plants in my garden. I like gardening and nature. Fresh air is also very good for me. The sunflower is special to me because my younger daughter grew the seed at school. She brought it home with her and I planted it in garden. Every year, new, large sunflowers grow. When plants grow, I eat some of the seeds. It is healthy because it has vitamins in it. I really love my garden.
I received a bouquet of flowers. I was so excited because this was very beautiful colourful bouquet it had five colour flowers roses. I loved it, I like flowers specially roses.

I really like this bouquet, I took the photo, so I can cherish this memory forever.

When I look at this photo, it reminds me of this wonderful birthday surprise.
This is the Masjid-e-Nabawi Al Haram in Medina, Saudi Arabia. I took this photo last year.

This mosque is very important in my life because this mosque was built by our prophet Muhammed, the last prophet sent as a messenger by our god, Allah. It is the third mosque built in the history of Islam and one of the largest mosque in the whole world. I visited this mosque in Medina after my pilgrimage of Hajj last year. It is the second most holy site in the world in Islam, after the Great mosque in Mecca. The prophet built this mosque adjacent to his house after he travelled from Mecca to Medina.

The mosque is unique and known for the huge umbrella outside it, where Muslims can sit under for shade.
My hobby is gardening. I have over twenty plants in my house and garden. I started planting six months ago. I love lots of colourful nice flowers. I am planting many different types. The reason I love the plants is to make the house beautiful and have lots of colour around. I took this photo to build memories of my hobby. By looking at this photo, my family and me, feel wonderful about these plants. They have created happiness around us in my home. I can remember when I am away from my home by looking at the photo.
This photo was taken three months ago when I went to Bangladesh, and it is of a cement factory which is near my husband's house. When I took this photo that time I was in a ferry that was travelling very fast. This was a very fast journey in a ferry. When I was taking this photo that time I thought when I go back to the UK, I will show my photo to all my friends. I have selected this photo, because the cement sector notably plays a critical role in the economic growth of the country. It’s journey towards conclusive growth of cement. Cement is vital to the construction sector, and all infrastructural projects in Bangladesh. When I was taking this photo I thought when my son grows up I will show it to him, because it is my first memorable photo.
Few months ago I went to Brighton pier with my family. We visited lots of new places there. We took a lot of pictures, because this makes memories for a long time and we can enjoy taking photos then remembering them. There we had lots of fun and enjoyed ourselves very much together.

The pier was fun and it was bright with a lot of rides and games. The hotel we stayed at was very close to the pier and we could hear the sound of the ocean. The water was very blue and the sun was shining on it. Whilst the sea breeze was blowing I was enjoying my cold drink. My feet were buried underneath the warm sand. The flora and fauna of the place was very pleasing as well as the people were very helpful. There were several species of birds with beautiful colours.
This photo was taken seven months ago. This photo is from Durdle Door. In this photo there is a sea beach. The beach is recommended by the Marine conservation society for excellent water quality. Bathing is possible in places. Dogs are allowed on the beach all year. However, please be sure to look after them. You can also enjoy the gift shops selling souvenirs, beach equipment and gifts. Toilets are located within the car park area.

This place is an excellent place to spend your time in the summer. I would recommend this place for honeymoons, family trips and many other occasions. The view of the place is beautiful and peaceful. I went with my whole family tagged along with some other friends. I have selected this photo because I love this place and I want to go there again.
My view is that there is a bright blue sea and azure sky. A sailing ship running on the waves. It is white as a white peaceful flag. It is a symbol of tolerance, kindness and love for the whole world. It will soon get to shore, but now the sailing ship is enjoying the voyage. It loves the fresh air, the warm wind and sun. It is a wonderful day in Tenerife.
I took this picture by myself while visiting Cannon Hill Park. I usually go to this park in the summer with my family to relax and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful view of the flowers. There is also a small pond in the middle of the park, where you can hire out swan shaped boats to paddle around. Also there is a small café in the heart of the park; it is a great venue for so many summer events.

I will not forget my park visits. Enjoy the view!
I would like to tell you about my trip to Birmingham Library. On Monday 10th December 2018 I went to Birmingham Library with all my ESOL classmates. It is the largest public library in the UK. It’s designed is very futuristic with circular patterns of metal rings over golden, silver and glass facades. There is a large terrace with small trees that look like a painting. We went to Shakespeare’s room and we saw his library and sculpted Shakespeare figures and other magnificent stone carvings. After that we went to Costa Coffee and had drinks and talked about our lovely trip.

It was a very enjoyable day.
I like this photo from my bedroom window. I think it's really nice. I think this view just need plants and flowers at the edge of the road to make it perfect.
When I look outside from my window I can see grass below the tree and a tall tree between the fence and my window. I see some flowers but I think they are not beautiful so it will be much better if there were more colourful flowers.
My View by Esra Ali

I see five houses, four houses are white colour, one house is brown. There are three cars: grey, black and green. I can see some trees behind the houses. When I look at the house with the green car, I feel sad because my friend used to live there. I like this view because it makes me feel cool. I like to see a lot of people moving there. I would like to see many flowers and small trees. I like also to see a wider road than the narrower one.
This is a photo out of my window, there are many buildings. I think they need a green area for people to rest. Dark roofs would be a good choice, with some beautiful plants on them. This would provide a green environment and it can make the city beautiful for a better living environment for residents.
There is the glimmering sun rising in to the air. There is renewed fences and the big tree is looks healthy. There is an abandoned shed under the green tree. There are birds flying in the distance. There is a tree which has beautiful white flowers.

If the branches at the bottom of the tree is cut a little bit the tree will look nicer. If there was a pond in the corner it would look nicer and beautiful.

If there were colourful and beautiful rose flowers on the fences it would look fancier.
Oh! I took this picture from my hotel window. This picture is really stunning. Even though it was cloudy the sun penetrated the clouds and it was shimmering on the River Thames. There are three bridges over the River Thames, Waterloo Bridge, Westminster Bridge and Lambeth Bridge.

There are some boats sailing on the River Thames. I saw many buildings in the picture. Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, London Eye and a lot more buildings that I don't know. It is amazing.
When I look out of the window, I see a big green area. This is very clean and beautiful, I like that. It would be nice if there were flowers round the trees to add colour to the area. The place gives a peaceful feeling and I like taking walks to relax.
This is a photo from my window. There are many houses, shops and restaurants. It is sunny but the tree is bare. It would look beautiful with red flower plants at the edge. This is a very nice place so I think that it would be better if the road is cleaner.
I took this picture from my first floor bedroom. I could see the whole road. I could see some white houses on both sides of the road.

There are many trees alongside the road. I think the aspect of the road can be improved by planting some flowers on either side of the road. It would be bright and colourful if each house was painted in different colours.
I can see a bare tree, it will be beautiful if it had some leaves and flowers. The fence on the right is dark brown, and in my opinion, it needs a light coating of paint to brighten the area. The garden would be wonderful if they mowed the lawn and planted a small tree in the middle. Solar lights would add more aesthetics at night. I see a rug of grass, but in my opinion, if its covered with slabs on the two sides it will be amazing.
When I look at the picture, I think I want the pavement in front of my house but I don't like too many cars to be parked on both sides of the road. I also want the road to be cleaned every week. There aren't many repair marks on the pavement and the whole community has a unified plan, design and style. I would like to see more green trees with flowers blooming all year round! That would be perfect!
I took this picture of the street from my window. The trees are bare and it would look wonderful if it was full of leaves. Even though it is winter the grass is pretty green. There is a building site opposite my window and I hope it’s not going to spoil the lovely view. It would be wonderful if flowers and shrubs were grown instead of putting up a building.
I love this picture because this moment was captured from my living room window during the severe snowfall in December 2017. I had never witnessed such a wonderful scene in my lifetime. The image brought back pleasant memories from my childhood when, I used to play with my father.
My favorite place is The Science Garden of Birmingham in the town. The Science Garden is an outdoor discovery place packed with surprises and fun activities for the whole family. It offers an adventurous and entertaining day.

It brings themes of engineering mechanics and transportation to life. There are two big fountains. It is very beautiful, interesting, and noisy. My family and I usually go there every summer time.
My favourite place is Stone Hall Centre in Acocks Green. It is my favourite place because it was here where I had the opportunity to study English in UK. It’s a school for adult education, consisting of a large house, the ground floor and first floor, and an annex where the men’s toilet is. It is an old building and inside there’s a very welcoming environment. From the staff of the office to the teachers that I had opportunity to meet.
I like the Bullring because it's multicultural. You get to see lot of different things, different shops. It's a nice place to meet friends and do shopping. I especially like the bull because a lot of people from different towns and countries come to visit the Bullring in Birmingham. Lots of people take the bull's photo and I also took my family's photo.
I choose this picture because the colours of the nature makes me feel positive and the smell of the flowers makes me breathe deep.

Spring is my favourite season of the year, fills me up with good vibes.
I love this place. It’s call the Edgbaston Reservoir. I moved here around 2 years ago since my son was born. It is a beautiful place and the weather usually has a gentle breeze. I sometimes take my children here. We like walking around here and feeding the ducks. In summer, lots of people picnic here. There are lots of activities, including sailing, windsurfing, rowing and fishing.
My View by Seema

This is my favourite place because it is very calm and the nature is very beautiful, I like to sit on the bench and relax when the sun is out and the air is very fresh as well. There are lots of greenery I feel good when ever I go there. This park is in Hallam Street in Bromwich.
My View by Shamim

This is a picture of my favourite place in Birmingham. It looks very interesting and it's very old. I and my family visit this place in the summer. I love history.
Birmingham City Council House
by Shazia Kausar

I like council house because the building has its own beautiful structure build in 1879 with beautiful bricks. The council house has a big square in front of the building known as Victoria Square. I like the council house because of the structure and the décor it has inside the building. It has authentic look inside and the red carpets enhances the beauty of the building. The tall flag pole has its own beauty which has Birmingham City Council's flag on it. The council house is situated in the centre of Birmingham City Centre. The building is one of the most famous landmarks in the United Kingdom. I personally go there with my family to visit the building on the weekend and the most favourite part of the building is the long staircase which is situated just after the entrance of the building which leads to beautiful and spectacular halls on 1st floor. The beautiful infrastructure attracts me towards the building whenever I pass by The Council House.
There are a lot of interesting places in Birmingham. However, I find Cannon Hill Park very interesting because there are a lot of interesting things about this park. for example the beautiful colourful flowers and the big trees. There are two tennis pitches in the park which are free to use also there is a lake in the park which has boats that you could rent for £3 for 30 minutes. There are ducks swimming around the lake. I really like going to the park in the summer because it’s very relaxing. I usually visit the park every weekend in the summer.
I like the Indoor market of Birmingham in the city centre. It is my favorite place. There are many things and busy people in the market. I always go on Saturday and I enjoy walking in the market and I can see many things.

The interior is perfect for walking and buying many things. It sells clothes, foods and vegetables.
My favourite place in Birmingham is the area of Sparkhill in south Birmingham.

It's my favourite place because there are lots of beautiful places and you can find good shops and restaurants. The people that live in this area of Birmingham are really friendly and diverse.

In Sparkhill, you can go shopping to different stores and there is many Halal shops.
My favourite place in Birmingham is Cadbury World. I like Cadbury World because I like different types of chocolate and especially Cadbury chocolates!

It tells you how Cadbury chocolates were first made and their history. Cadbury used to be a family business run by two brothers, John Cadbury and Benjamin Cadbury in 1847. They used to sell tea and coffee before slowly expanding their business into selling chocolates.

I find this very interesting as I didn't know about this before. You also get to eat a lot of chocolates and write your name using chocolate. I really enjoy visiting Cadbury World and can't wait to visit it next time.
I love this place. It is a restaurant in Ladypool Road. I celebrated my birthday in December. They have lots of delicious food. I like biryani and fish. My children were very excited. There were so many people there. We had a great time and we really enjoyed dinner. It is a big restaurant.
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