

Royal Borough of Kingston

Local Plan



First draft of the Local Plan Consultation
28th November - 28th February



Getting good lives for people
with learning disabilities
in Kingston

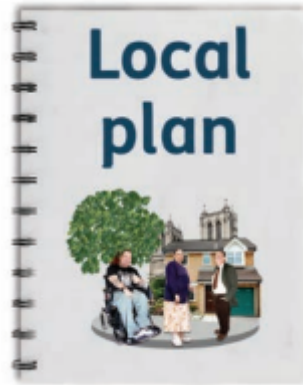
Have your say

We want to know what you think of the first draft of the new Local Plan for Kingston Upon Thames 2019 - 2041?

Tell us what you think



About the Local Plan



- We have a new local plan!
- The **local plan** says what we want Kingston to look like in the future.
- A local plan says how we can make Kingston a good place to live, work and enjoy.



- In 2019 and last summer we asked lots of people what they thought should go in the local plan.



- **Thank you to everyone who gave us their views.**

- We have listened to what people told us and used these ideas to make a local plan for you to look at.



- **We want to know if you agree with what it is about?**

- Is there anything you would like to change or make sure of what it says?

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Tell us your thoughts by 28th February 2023.

1. The council will then **produce a second draft of the document** for you to look at later in 2023.

2. It will then be given to the Government to look at.

3. An inspector will decide if we can publish the new Local Plan or whether any more changes are needed.

The council hopes to have a new local plan in place by the end of 2023.



Why do we need a local plan?



We need to have an up to date local plan to judge planning applications and decide if they are good for Kingston.

We need to do more to look after our environment!

We need to make sure we provide what people need - new homes, jobs and services.

COVID-19 has changed how we live our lives. Where we go and how we use services like the doctors.

Draft Vision



- Look after Kingston's environment
- Protect Kingston's old buildings and spaces
- Create new accessible and affordable homes
- Support shops on high streets and provide new places where people can work
- Provide enough services for everyone in Kingston such as schools and doctors

This next section shows you what people told us when we did our engagement and what we are doing with their ideas.

Making the best use of land



People told us:

Don't build on green spaces in Kingston (called the green belt)

What we're going to do

As more people live in Kingston we have to think about the best ways to use the land we have.

The plan therefore says to build new homes on land that:

- Isn't green
- Is close to tube or railway stations
- Is in or near town centres.



People told us

Protect Kingston's old buildings and spaces

What we're going to do

Make sure our old buildings are protected and keep the character of Kingston.



People told us

Make sure there are enough services, like doctors, for everyone

What we're going to do

Make the best use of land for all the different things we need it for.



People told us

Improve public transport, footpaths and bicycle routes so that everyone can get around more easily.

What we're going to do

Plan for good local walking, cycling and public transport.



Question: What do you think about our plan to make the best use of land?

Our environment



People told us

We need to do more to help our environment and make the air better.

What we're going to do

Make sure new buildings do not make the air worse.



People told us

New buildings need to be kind to the environment - for example use good building materials and include gardens and plants which are good for wildlife.

What we're going to do

Make sure buildings are made from long lasting materials, have gardens, trees and plants and prevent flooding.



People told us

Help people to walk or cycle more to look after the environment.

What we're going to do

Make sure there are changes to make it easier for people to walk or cycle and travel by car less.



People told us

Make changes to deal with the impact of climate change.

What we're going to do

Make sure buildings and other things are designed to deal with a changing climate.

They will:

- Not waste water
- Be ready for flooding and heatwaves



Question: What do you think about our plan to support our local environment?

How buildings will look and fit in with their surroundings



People told us

Some people were concerned about:

- what they will look like
- if they will be accessible for everyone.

What we're going to do

Make sure new buildings are designed properly and made from the best materials, so that they look good and are accessible.



People told us

We should look after our old buildings, bring out the best in old places and create new spaces.

What we're going to do

Look after Kingston's history and culture.



People told us

Some people don't like how tall some new buildings can be.

What we're going to do

Plan the best places where tall buildings could go.



People told us

All new buildings need to look after the environment and local area.

What we're going to do

Make sure all new buildings care for the environment.



Question: What do you think about our plan for how our buildings will look and fit in with their surroundings?

Delivering the homes we need in Kingston



People told us

We need to build more homes suitable for all sorts of different people, including old people and families and people with special needs.

What we're going to do

Make sure different types of homes and affordable homes are built for everyone to have somewhere to live.



People told us

There needs to be more affordable homes for people to rent or buy

What we're going to do

Look at a range of sites, including small sites, to build new housing locally



People told us

Make sure homes are places where people want to live.

What we're going to do

Make sure that new homes:

- have good sized rooms,
- are warm and cheap to heat
- have access to outside space.



Question: What do you think about our plan to deliver the homes we need in Kingston?

Town centres and places where people work



People told us

We want Kingston to have more jobs and places to work.

What we're going to do

Make sure there are spaces for jobs so that there are lots of different opportunities to get a job and earn money.



People told us

Improve the town centres and high streets where there are shops and other places to visit.

What we're going to do

Plan for places where people can meet and spend time in the daytime and at night-time.



People told us

Have spaces where people can hold events and festivals.

What we're going to do

Make Kingston a place where everyone can enjoy many different activities in the day and at night.



People told us

Support small and new businesses.

What we're going to do

Plan for jobs and businesses, whatever their size, in the right places.



Question: What do you think about our plan for the town centre and places where people work?

Community facilities such as doctors, schools, community centres and libraries



Library



People told us

Need enough community facilities such as doctors and schools, for everyone.

What we're going to do

Provide good access to services and things that help people to get involved in their communities and with other people



People told us

Have good green spaces and leisure facilities which are important for people's health and wellbeing

What we're going to do

The plan will make sure that Kingston is still a safe and good place to live and work for many years to come.



Question: What do you think about our plan for our community facilities?

Parks and green spaces



People told us

Too many people are not close enough to green open spaces

What we're going to do

Create more and better ways for people to get to green spaces



People told us

Look after our public green spaces and rivers and create new areas of open space.

What we're going to do

Protect Kingston's parks and green and open spaces and create new spaces.



People told us

Don't allow any development on green space.

What we're going to do

Make the best use of land for all the different things we need it for.



People told us

Plant more trees

What we're going to do

Increase the number of trees and plants to encourage more wildlife



Question: What do you think about our plan for our parks and green spaces?

Transport and how we get around



People told us

There is too much pollution in the air

What we're going to do

Reduce the number of cars on our roads to stop lots of pollution in the air



People told us

Streets could be healthy places. There should be less traffic, more trees and less pollution.

What we're going to do

Have walking routes and pavements and more bicycle lanes and bicycle storage in place so that we don't need to use cars so much and make Kingston a healthier place to live.



What we're going to do

Make sure the streets are planned so that people can move around and spend time in comfort and safety.



What we're going to do

Plan for good local walking, cycling and public transport

What we're going to do

Build healthy streets to improve the mental and physical health of everyone in Kingston



Question: What do you think about our plans for transport within Kingston?

Let us know what you think



The council is talking to communities about the draft version of the local plan to find out what people think.

The council will have conversations with community groups, as well as groups of people who might not usually be involved in writing a Local Plan.

The council will ask for everyone's opinions on the draft version of the Local Plan up until 28 February 2023.





We will then use what you tell us to update the Local Plan so that Kingston changes in the way we want it to.

Let us know what you think.



Here is a link to the website:
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