

North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement July 2025

Requirement for a Consultation Statement: When submitting the draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan to the Royal Borough, the North Kingston Forum must also submit a 'consultation statement'. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 define this as a document which:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b) explain how they were consulted;
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

Introduction

This Consultation Statements documents the consultation undertaken by the North Kingston Forum with residents, businesses, local groups and organisations in the designated area together with relevant statutory bodies and authorities as required by the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012.s14 and 15 and Schedule 1 paragraph1.

Consultation was undertaken in 3 phases:

Phase I: 2015 - September 2017

Launch and designation of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum. A consultant-led vision workshop with public meetings and drop-in events to scope local issues and concerns.

Phase II: 2018 - 2019

Two Public consultations on issues identified in the earlier Vision workshop and drop-in events. Discussions with the council's Strategic Planning officers indicated an Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Opinion would be needed with a possible downstream Habitats Regulation Assessment.

Phase III: April - June 2021

Pre-submission Regulation 14 consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

North Kingston has an active number of residents' groups in the area and news of the Direction of Travel for Kingston's new Local Plan "City in the West" had begun to surface in 2015, prompting the residents of North Kingston to consider managing the expected long term change in our neighbourhood.

Membership of the Forum is open to anyone who lives, works or studies in the neighbourhood and a committee is elected at each AGM. Quorum for the committee will be half of the current membership. So far, the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum is the only Forum in the Royal Borough with an emerging Neighbourhood Plan. We have been actively participating with Neighbourhood Planners in London since inception and have benefitted from the help of a highly experienced consultant since 2017.

Consultation Methods and Approach.

The Forum Committee has been keen to ensure residents have every opportunity to engage and participate in the preparation of the draft Plan to ensure it reflects the priorities and concerns of local people, and to keep them informed of emerging issues and policy developments at National, Regional, Local and Neighbourhood levels. These have included:

- i. **Regular Mailchimp newsletters:** to our membership base of ~400+. To become a member, all anyone must do is register via our secure website. The [newsletter](#) keeps our membership informed about the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, local planning issues, major developments in the neighbourhood and in Kingston Town Centre (adjacent to our Neighbourhood Area).
- ii. **The North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum [website](#)** (northkingstonforum.org) which includes information on events, AGMs, minutes of past meetings, newsletter archive, information on Neighbourhood Planning and ways to get in touch or join our membership.
- iii. **Open Public Meetings:** advertised by newsletter, via local residents' groups newsletters, social media and posters placed in council community notice boards by our neighbourhood rangers.
- iv. **Social media:** We have a very active Facebook community currently 1100+ where we advertise our regular newsletters, emerging major developments in our neighbourhood and Kingston Town Centre, AGMs, Neighbourhood Plan consultations. Since 2019 and the Covid era, we set up local WhatsApp groups as an efficient vehicle to disseminate information to many local roads. Our newsletters are directed to local WhatsApp hubs and distributed to a growing number of local streets.
- v. **Public consultations:** have been advertised via our newsletter, website, social media and local posters distributed around the neighbourhood. Posters and the draft Neighbourhood Plan Policy Summary pamphlet have been placed in Tudor library. These have included drop-in sessions at Supermarkets, Pubs, Tudor library and Sport Centres.
- vi. **Event Stalls:** Have been held over the years at Ham Parade Market, Latchmere Recreation Ground and at Canbury Garden Dragon Boats events, the most recent in 2024. The Forum has run stalls at these events to engage with residents, members of the Steering Committee have been available to answer questions.

- vii. **Magazine Articles:** The Plan has an important role to play in the future of North Kingston, and we felt it important to inform and encourage other areas in the borough and London about our journey. The local Surrey Comet published an article about the Plan in 2018 (<https://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/15828309.north-kingston-forum-set-give-residents-say-planning/>). An article in The Darling magazine illustrated the importance of neighbourhood planning in London when we published our story jointly with the Ham and Petersham Forum and Plan Wimbledon in 2022. (<https://darlingmagazine.co.uk/home-leisure/neighbourhood-planning-have-a-say-in-the-future-of-your-town/>)

Phase I

Record of Events, Consultations and outcomes:

Supporting material can be found in **Appendix 1** including records of comments made at consultation events.

May 2015 - September 2017:

The inaugural meeting to establish a neighbourhood forum were held in the Queens Head PH, attended by 25+ people. We asked attendees:

September 2015: We invited the then leader of Kingston Council and head of Planning to a public meeting attended by ~50+ people to discuss establishing a Forum in North Kingston at St.Lukes Church.

November 2015: BRaG RA groups Winter Warm Up stall 'My wish for Christmas' saw broad responses such as:

- Traffic/congestion
- More environmental solutions such as Green Spaces
- Better sustainable travel options
- schools
- Swimming pools
- Better communications

January 2016: Drop-in session at the Hawker Centre 'If you had one wish for a better North Kingston it would be.....'

- Sustainable travel options
- Retain Green Spaces
- Affordable Housing
- Social Infrastructure (schools, swimming pools)
- A caring community

July 2016: The second public meeting was held at St Luke's Church attended by 50+ residents where we listened to a presentation about the Borough's Direction of Travel, and elected an interim Forum Committee, officers and Constitution.

August 2016: The application for Designation of the prospective North Kingston Forum and proposed Neighbourhood Area was submitted for council-led general consultation. Designation was confirmed in August 2017, followed by redesignation in August 2022.

December 2016: Our final on-line survey prior to full designation and visioning asked residents:

- **What 3 things do you like about North Kingston?** Responses included: parks and open spaces, The river Thames, Town Centre Access and shops.
- **What 3 things could be improved?** Responses included: Reduce Traffic, support local business, Improve Public Transport/pedestrian pavements.

March 2017: To assist us through the quagmire of neighbourhood planning, we commissioned a neighbourhood planning consultant, O'Neill Homer (formerly RCOH), to work with us.

A public meeting was held to introduce our prospective Consultant who explained the benefits of Neighbourhood Planning to our membership and attended by 50+ residents.

June 2017: A consultant-led vision workshop followed in July 2017 attended by 19 residents to discuss the area and issues were raised. The outcome of the vision workshop was a document which articulates the group's thinking on the vision, objectives, spatial strategy and key policies, and crucially, the options there may be for each of them. Our consultant's approach has been to set a framework in place so that we know that our NPlan can address the ideas raised and help manage expectations.

July 2017: The Forum hosted a stall at the Dragon Boat Challenge in Canbury Gardens to notify about the Neighbourhood Plan and gain members. A bright red Jaguar was a definite attraction.



September 2017:

Kingston Council [designated](#) the North Kingston Forum as the qualifying body in August 2017, and the Inaugural General Meeting ([IGM](#)) of the Forum followed a few weeks later where we adopted our Constitution, Steering committee and officers and charted a way forward to produce the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan.

We confirmed that we had been successful in securing funding from Government through Locality and were exceedingly grateful to Kingston Voluntary Action who kindly agreed to hold the Government funding on our behalf.

We also explained The outcome of the successful workshop to identify Possible Key Objectives which include the following areas:

- Managing the transition between the growing town centre and the surrounding North Kingston area.
- Maintain the number and variety of uses in the area
- Anticipate and plan for change at key sites
- Keep the essential character and appearance of the area
- Protect and enhance community facilities and services that are important assets to our community
- Protect our green and open spaces from inappropriate development, whilst encouraging biodiversity
- Encourage local businesses to thrive



Phase II: 2018 - 2019

Community Engagement

See Appendix II for more details

It was very clear from our earlier engagements that our community was concerned about future changes to our neighbourhood, especially as the southernmost part of our neighbourhood would possibly become absorbed into a proposed Opportunity Area.

Our 2018 survey (anonymous) held over 8 weeks June - August, therefore asked our community what their priorities were, and how should we manage sustainable development. We asked them about:

- How should we manage change in our area
- What aspects of the built environment are important for sustainable development
- Should we guide redevelopment in the identified key sites
- The Environment: energy, sustainable Transport, Flood risk, Green Infrastructure
- Protecting our Heritage - Conservation Areas
- Social Infrastructure - schools, GPs, other amenities
- Key Sites - Including Locally Significant Industrial Sites, Sainsburys Supermarket, and The Keep (a military residential base)

Of the 410 respondents via our Survey Monkey platform, their top priorities for sustainable development were:

- Fitting in with local character
- predominantly in key locations
- Adequate public facilities
- Sufficient school places
- Housing for communities, not investment
- medical provision

Development sites: Of the possible development sites identified through earlier engagement, the overwhelming majority said that we should guide the redevelopment of the following sites if proposed during the lifetime of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan:

- Sainsburys, Sury Basin
- The Keep (low density military accommodation)
- St Georges Industrial Estate whilst retaining its Locally Significant Industrial Site status
- Canbury Business Park whilst retaining its Locally Significant Industrial Site status

Local Facilities and amenities: It was made very clear that local facilities are very important to the community, especially our parks and green spaces. Many feel that there are insufficient Secondary school places available, and the loss of the Kingfisher public swimming pool has taken a great toll on our families. There was strong support to retain and protect our local parades and Public Houses.

A Healthy Environment: There was overwhelming support for all aspects of a healthy environment.

Heritage by Design: There was reasonable support for character areas, heritage buildings alongside the principles for new Locally Listed Buildings with some suggestions.



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Take our online survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMY5PP2>
Survey deadline: Friday 20th July



If you have a smart phone our Quick Response code will take you straight to the survey!

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Please come to one of our Public Consultations

Sat 26 th May	10-1pm Tudor Library Annexe
Sat 2 nd June	12-2pm Wych Elm Public House
Sat 23 rd June	10-12 noon Co-op, Kings Road
Sun 24 th June	12-4pm Canbury Gardens/Canbury Secrets café

And put your views on the map!

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At this stage, and although we felt confident we were on the right track, but there were not sufficient responses to be confident of future Plan policy content, especially with the responses to the question, "Do we have sufficient facilities for the disabled, elderly and youth provision", where the majority of respondents said 'Don't Know'. Given the spread of routes taken to inform, including asking schools to include our flyer in their parent mail, we were disappointed with the number of responses received.

The Steering Committee in conversation with our consultant felt that a more targeted engagement should be considered, 410 responses was a

disappointingly low number. On that basis we started work on a further round of more focussed engagement where we could also ask our community on the development site opportunities that would be identified through the council's 2017 'Call for Sites'.

2019 Community Engagement Survey

The pressure for housing is so great, Central Government's emphasis is now on the number of homes delivered, not just that number in the pipeline.

The Mayor's draft London Plan in 2019 required Kingston to deliver 1,364 new homes p.a., double the previous number. Kingston had (and still has) a significant deficit on housing completions, it is therefore essential Kingston identifies a number of deliverable sites otherwise they will become vulnerable to speculative development.

In 2017 Kingston Council held a 'Call for Sites' exercise encouraging the community, landowners and developers to nominate sites which could possibly be deliverable for new housing. A list of Site Assessments was published in 2018; a number of sites had been nominated in North Kingston.

We wanted to ask our community's thoughts about the nominated sites so that we could incorporate in the Neighbourhood Plan as Site Policies with the aim to guide their redevelopment subject to our emerging design principles.

Our engagement asked just 11 questions this time and was successful in generating more responses (619) than our 2018 engagement survey. The online survey ran for ~12 weeks and paper replies from Tudor library were collected after that closure. The extended consultation period was thought necessary to capture as much opinion as possible. The Forum also produced a questionnaire pamphlet allowing people to complete either at a consultation event, at Tudor library or deliver to a contact address.

The Forum held four consultation events, boosted the survey electronically via social media and the Forum website. Community notice boards were invaluable and we thank the Neighbourhood Rangers for their help with this. We also informed local resident groups and schools to cascade the information to their memberships. 90% of the responses were returned electronically, and the remainder collected and uploaded onto Survey Monkey by hand. The majority of respondents were between the ages of 45 to 54, with a similar number for respondents between the ages of 35 to 44, 55 to 64, and 65 to 74. The age category between 18 to 24 makes up the least of all the responses.

It was good to see more people completing the survey and postcode analysis indicates that there is a good spread of residents that have responded from most geographical areas of the neighbourhood area (and a

few beyond). There appears to be some gaps at The Keep and around Canbury Business Park. As The Keep had formed a new Residents Association, they were contacted for their views on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Summary responses from the 2019 Community engagement

Q1 The Council's sites: Although there was some acceptance of further development (44.82% agreed) many were opposed to any more development in North Kingston, especially outside of the town centre.

Q2 Additional Sites identified: General agreement (60.03% support) on spreading the load more widely across North Kingston. Concern about "loss" of some sites with existing social and public services. Keep Sainsbury's (even if site is redeveloped)

Q3 Other development sites: tight controls essential to protect residential character supported (91.91% agreed)

Q4 Redevelopment Council owned sites: Strategy generally supported (86.73% agreed) but "we" want a diverse inclusive community (community mentioned more than once) With development "in keeping" with the area.

Q5 Conservation Areas; protection of other areas: Most agreed that more parts of the area should be protected (more than 80% said yes) "anything to enhance the residential/village atmosphere of the area."

Q6 Parks and Open Spaces: 87.22% agreed that "many could benefit from improvement and protection."

Q7 Safer travel: support for "active" travel in North Kingston (78.89% agreed).

Q8 Support for local shops: flexible planning for local centres perhaps. 76.21% support.

Q9 Business Premises and Permitted Development: Just 71.20% supported greater planning control.

Q10 Householder applications: Additional safeguards proposed to protect local character and amenity, 57.93% in favour but 29.29% against.

Q11 Community Amenities: new development should contribute to additional amenities: more than 90.45% agreed.

Additional comments of a general nature were also captured and, where relevant, are summarised in the accompanying **Appendix II**.

The Forum confirmed that the consultation responses indicated that there was overall support for the Neighbourhood Plan. Specific comments included support for local businesses and concern of loss to residential, particularly if it is out of character with the local area. No major differences had been noticed to the previous engagement in 2018, other than people answering most of the questions this time round.

The Forum collected a lot of data to inform development briefs and area specific design guides, so the next stage was to look at building height and density guidance with reference to the emerging London Plan at that time, alongside discussions with the council on the Local Plan early engagement and Site Assessments publications.

It was noted that a separate Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) may be necessary in due course, and on that basis the Forum requested a formal screening opinion from the council in light of the early draft policies list.

SEA Screening Opinion:

The Borough Council confirmed in its screening opinion of 14th February 2020 that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans & Programmes Regulations 2004. The Borough Council also advised that such an assessment is incorporated into a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) to consider more widely the balance of sustainability objectives and to help ensure the plan meets the basic conditions. The Forum has accessed the government funded technical support package through Locality for the preparation of this evidence and AECOM was appointed to undertake this technical task.

Natural England's Response: *it is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far our strategic environmental interests (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there is potential for significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.*

Historic England's Response: *on the basis of the information that you have provided us with Historic England agrees with the council's conclusion that SEA is likely to be required for this Neighbourhood Plan. This is because it appears that the neighbourhood plan will be allocating sites and developing policies, which may have significant environmental effects.*

The pressure for housing has never been greater, with the draft London Plan requiring Kingston to build 1364 new homes per year for the next 10 years

Who should have a say in the future development of the place we call home?

Why, the people who live here of course!

Please come along to one of our consultation events and tell us what you think of the council plans and possible alternatives

OR

Please complete our survey on line at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y3q9crw4>

Community Consultation events

- Friday 29th March: 12-2pmSainsburys Supermarket
- Saturday 30th March: 12-2:30pmLatchmere Rec at the Folar Springfest
- Friday 5th April: 9:30-11amFratelli Delicatessen, Park Rd.
- Saturday 6th April: 10-12pmHawker Centre, Lower Ham Rd.
- Saturday 27th April: 10-12pm.....Co-op, Kings Rd.



The Neighbourhood Plan: First time in Kingston! Canbury and Tudor ward residents will get to have their say on long term development plans

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Flyer for the NKForum 2019 Engagement survey

Phase III

**Covid and the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Community
Consultation
April - June 2021
More survey details are in Appendix III**

A draft SEA/SA report accompanied the draft NKNPlan during the Reg 14 consultation period. This followed a scoping exercise that involved consultations with the statutory bodies where a framework of relevant sustainability objectives was agreed to measure the attributes of the Plan and of any reasonable alternatives. The final version of the SA/SEA report will be published at the Reg 15 submission stage alongside the NKNPlan document.

The draft Sustainability Appraisal of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan was received and published in March 2021 and incorporated into our Regulation 14 consultation which can still be seen on our [website](#).

March 2020 sadly saw the start of lockdown, and all our priorities changed. Work had already started on preparing the pre-submission version Neighbourhood Plan in preparation for the Regulation 14 consultation, but this was put on hold for 6 months+ whilst we dealt with the drastic changes to everyday life. The Reg 14 consultation was eventually launched in April 2021.

Regulation 14 Consultation

The Forum successfully applied for and were awarded additional Government funding from Locality, for £1000 to help us inform our community. It was clear that it would be very difficult for us to hold drop-in events. Tudor library was open for a few hours during the week but with significant restrictions, neither were many public houses or community hubs fully open. The weather through May - June was appalling for outdoor engagements. The Forum therefore relied on the Locality grant award to purchase 15,000 flyers and enlist the help of the Royal Mail to deliver to every home and business in our neighbourhood ~11,000. The initial benefit of using the Royal Mail was that they could deliver to the many gated developments in our neighbourhood, places where volunteers found it difficult to reach.

However, the Royal Mail was in fact an expensive and unsatisfactory route as not everyone received a flyer through their door. Only half the Steering Committee, who all live in the neighbourhood, received a flyer along with many others. We therefore had to resort to volunteers delivering in those areas we had been informed were bare. We were fortunate that a Duke of Edinburgh award student also volunteered to help. Some 2000 extra flyers were delivered via volunteer routes.



BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH KINGSTON

We are now inviting the residents of North Kingston to read the draft Plan, comment on our proposed policies and prioritise the list of community projects you suggested to us.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
PRE-SUBMISSION (DRAFT) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION



LAST DATE FOR ANY COMMENTS IS CLOSE OF PLAY MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021.

The draft Plan and consultation questionnaire are available on the North Kingston Forum website at:
www.northkingstonforum.org

A small number of hard copies of the draft Plan and questionnaire are also available by request. Please contact us on:
Phone: 020 8287 2163 or write to: 99 Richmond Park Road, KT2 6AF
or email: northkingstonforum@gmail.com

We will try and organise a few outdoor drop-in events should the weather and legislation allow.



RESIDENTS, HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH KINGSTON

The draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan is a positive vision of how our area should develop over the next 20 years in a way that meets identified local need and makes sense.

Following extensive local consultation, the draft Plan:

- Establishes the characteristics that make our neighbourhood such an attractive place to live and work.
- Seeks to ensure that future development is managed to preserve the character of North Kingston and to benefit rather than harm the local community.
- Sets out a range of **POLICIES** and **PROJECTS** to help guide balanced and sustainable change:
 - **POLICIES** to positively help shape how development is brought forward.
 - **PROJECTS** for local improvements prioritised by the community and brought forward with their help.

Following community consent at Referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by Kingston Council to determine all future planning applications in the area.

The neighbourhood will also benefit from 25% of the revenues from the Community Infrastructure Levy arising from development in the area.



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The consultation was initially for 8 weeks starting April 2021, but we agreed to a request from the Ashway Business Park to extend the consultation period by a further 2 weeks to allow everyone the opportunity to respond. The consultation extension was widely notified.

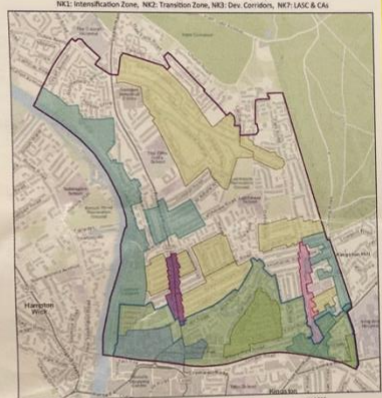
Unfortunately, the consultation coincided with Local Elections and we endured significant and extremely unpleasant social media activism initiated by 2 candidates standing for election, both lost their deposit. A flyer was also prepared by an unknown author and handed out to parents collecting their children at a number of primary schools. Disinformation was rife throughout the survey period and multiplied exponentially on social media, retaining its ugly head to this day.

PROTECT HISTORIC CANBURY

From the Future Development Plans in North Kingston

Are you affected by council funded North Kingston Forum's (NKF) "NPlan" for future development in Canbury?

Will your home be overshadowed by towers of 6 storeys or more?



✗ INTENSIFICATION ZONE 6-12 STOREYS (in dark blue)

✗ TRANSITION ZONE 6 STOREYS
- much of Victorian Canbury near the station (in green)

✗ CONSERVATION & SPECIAL CHARACTER ZONES look to be decimated (pale blue & yellow)

✗ PARK RD & RICHMOND RD KEY DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS - additional heights, pollution and traffic (in pink)

NKF IS A COUNCIL FUNDED GROUP WHO CAN'T EASILY PROCEED WITH THESE PLANS IF RESIDENTS OBJECT VIA THEIR "NPLAN" ONLINE SURVEY: www.northkingstonforum.org

SURVEY DEADLINE MONDAY 14TH JUNE

At this difficult time, and to ensure the opportunity to engage with a member of the Steering Committee the flyer contained contact details should a member of the community wish to find out more over the phone or order a print version of the NKNPlan. We had a number of printed copies of the NKNPlan available to borrow for those who did not have internet access, and paper questionnaire pamphlets to complete by hand.

Reg 14 Consultation Survey and Summary of Responses

The consultation using the Survey Monkey platform gathered 664 responses, representing 1033 individuals. We allowed a group/family respondent to represent their members, hence the increased number of individual respondents.

Every returned questionnaire has been analysed. However, some claimed to represent several people, some even mentioning 25 group members. Those who gave contact details were asked to verify and identify those people their responses represented. There were also respondents who completed the questionnaire without identifying themselves or those they said they represented. These anonymous or non-verified multi-responses have therefore been counted as the opinion of one individual. This validation process has of course made the analysis process much longer than anticipated. We are grateful to the majority of respondents who gave honest and fair responses.

The survey was designed to capture residents' opinions so that the final NPlan document could reflect local opinion. Naturally, there was not full support for every policy. A few policy details were agreed by less than half of those who gave an opinion, but the majority of the policies were given either strong or very strong support.

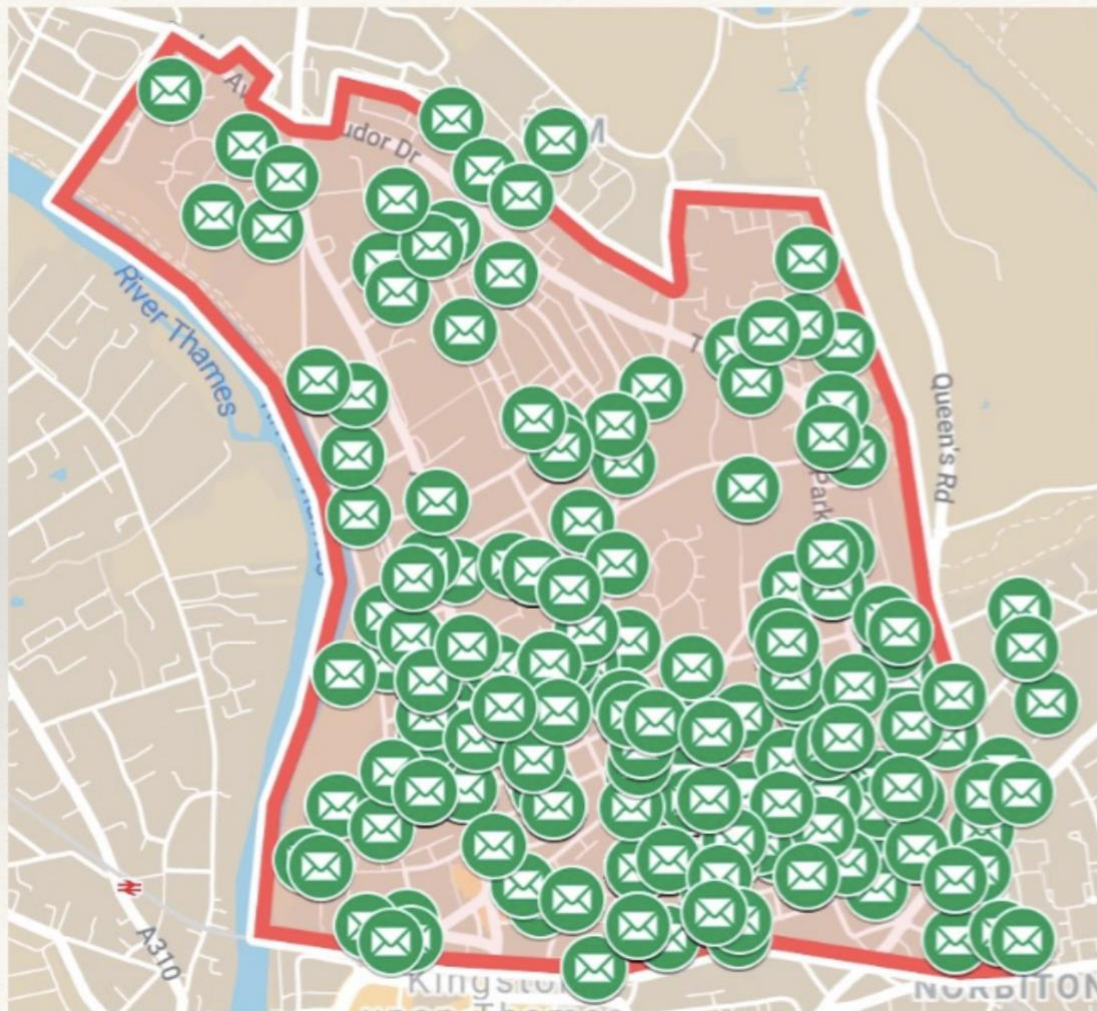
Where disagreement was stated, the Steering Committee wanted to obtain a clear idea of each respondent's depth of disagreement to the general question asked. As each question covered several policy statements the questionnaire sought to identify responses to each of those separate statements this was to inform the extent of any revision needed to the overall policy since an overall negative response had been given. Unsurprisingly, few respondents who generally disagreed to a question disagreed with every detail. Indeed, some details gained quite a lot of agreement amongst this group.

The Steering Committee felt bound to report that there were some unconstructive responses to the consultation that were both ill-informed and appeared political rather than residential. This was of course very disappointing; nonetheless their views have been noted and recorded. Disinformation via unknown local sources provoked over 100 strongly disagree/disagree responses from those who did not want to see our local

environment protected, or businesses and community facilities protected from loss. This is a disservice to the many residents who participated in the consultation process sincerely.

Almost one third of respondents did not leave any contact details or postcode. However, those that did showed a good distribution throughout the Neighbourhood Area as illustrated in the postcode area map.

Postcode spread



NKF Reg 14 Consultation Commentary

After a lengthy analysis of the data the following comments can be made:

- 664 Total Respondents Representing 1033 Individuals
- 101 Respondents took less than 5 minutes to complete the survey
- 35 Respondents took less than 2 minutes to complete the survey
- 191 Respondents provided no identification data at all (Name, Email or post code)
- 4 respondents disagreed with every initial policy group question; follow up specific policy question and every potential CIL project. This includes environmental, business and community facility policies.
- 40 Respondents Strongly Disagreed with every initial policy group question; this number was generated by 25 survey responses but increased by 15 due to household or business multipliers.
- 91 Respondents Strongly disagreed or disagreed with every initial policy group question.
- 58 Respondents disagreed with every specific policy follow up question. This number was inflated by 38 due to business or household multiplier, one response claimed to represent 25 people.
- 31 Respondents disagreed with every CIL project.

Design of the consultation questions.

Each policy theme was split into 2 questions. The first question was to ascertain the degree of strength, agree or disagree, to the general policy theme. Any respondent who answered Strongly Disagree or Disagree was then offered a follow-up question that was designed to help us identify any policies that were not in accordance with the resident's views. This enabled us to refine and optimize the NKNPlan. If a respondent disagreed with the general question, they were asked which specific policy or policies they disagreed with on the following themes:

- Objectives
- NK1 - NK8: Design Policies
- NK9 - NK10: Business Policies
- NK11 - NK12: Community Facilities, Access and Movement Policies
- NK13 - NK18: Environmental Policies
- NK19 - NK25: Site specific Policies (Key Development Sites)
- NK26 - NK28: Windfall Sites
- NK29 - NK34: Public Sector owned Opportunity Sites
- Community Infrastructure Levy Project Priority List

Summary of responses

- Q1 Objectives:** 60% overall in agreement. 28% strongly agree/32% agree.
- Q2 NK1-NK8 Design Policies:** 42% agree, 53% disagree.
- Q3: NK1-NK8 Design Policies Opinion:** Of those who disagreed generally, the majority agreed with all policies overall, but the amount of disagreement was much higher for policies NK1: Intensification Zone, NK2: Transition Zone, NK3: Development Corridors.
- Q4 NK9 - NK10 Business Policies:** 74% overall agreement.
- Q5 NK9 - NK10 Business Policies Opinion:** Of those who disagreed generally, an overwhelming majority agreed with both policies overall.
- Q6 NK11 - NK12 Community Facilities, Access and Movement Policies:** 70% overall agreement
- Q7 NK11 - NK12 Community Facilities, Access and Movement Policy Opinion:** Of those who disagreed generally, the majority agreed with both policies overall.
- Q8 NK13 - NK18 Environmental Policies:** 77% overall agreement.
- Q9 NK13 - NK18 Environment Policies Opinion:** Overall Policy Agreement
- Q10 NK19 - NK25 Key Developments:** 46% agree, 45% disagree
- Q11 NK19 - NK25 Key Developments Opinion:** Overall agreement but significant disagreement with individual sites remained, especially for NK20: Canbury Car Park, NK21: Canbury Business Park, NK24: London Rd/Kingston Hill.
- Q12 NK26 - NK28 "Windfall Sites" Policies:** 48% agree, 41% disagree.
- Q13 NK26 - NK28 "Windfall Sites" Policies Opinion:** Overall agreement but the NK28 Richmond Rd Petrol Station resulted in the highest level of disagreement.
- Q14 NK29 - NK34 Public Sector Opportunity Sites:** 41% agree, 48% disagree
- Q15 NK29 - NK34 Public Sector Opportunity Sites Policies Opinion:** Overall agreement but with significant disagreement with individual sites remained, especially for NK33 St Lukes Primary School, NK34 Kingston Fire Station, NK32 Canbury Court Garages.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) projects:

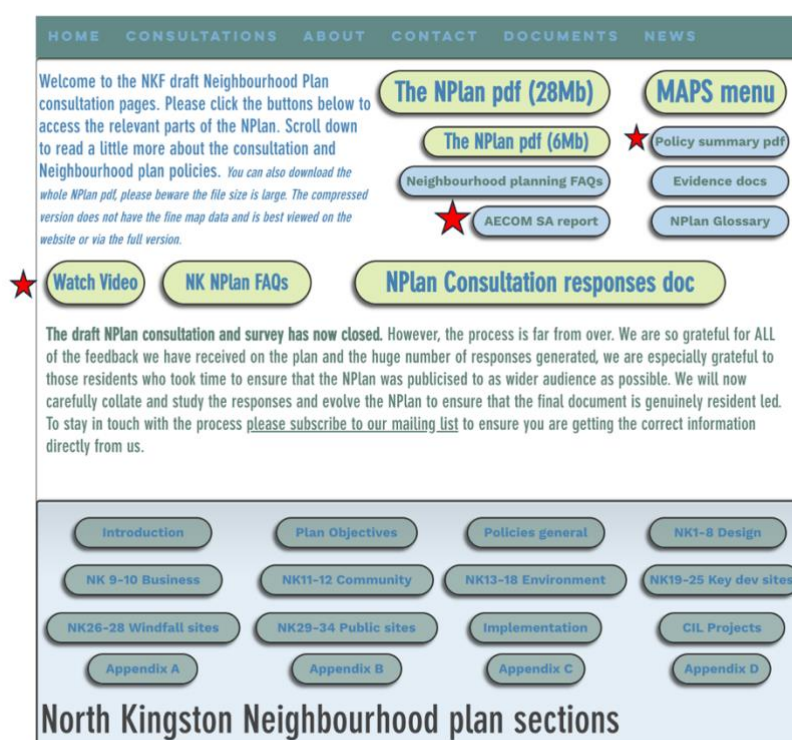
The final set of policy specific questions asked respondents to tell us when they would like the CIL projects to be implemented. The options were 1-2 years, 2-5 years, more than 5 years or not at all. We have ranked these projects by the number of respondents that would like to see the implementation in the shortest timeframe. It is worth noting that these CIL projects have all been suggested by North Kingston residents since 2015 and captured through our 2018 consultation. This information enabled the Steering Committee to prioritise those projects that matter most to the residents and the 26 projects were listed in 7 broad themes.

Commentary:

The NKForum website was the 'go to' place for all information regarding the Reg 14 consultation. <https://www.northkingstonforum.org/copy-of-nplan-consultation>.

A video was available on the front page explaining what the NKForum is and why we think a neighbourhood Plan is needed to manage expected future growth and change. For those with no time to spare to read the whole NKNPlan document, we published a Policy Summary document outlining the broad Planning Policy themes. Residents could also home in on specific policy areas of interest rather than searching through the whole document by just pressing the relevant policy section website buttons.

It became very clear when analysing the consultation results that activist disinformation had played a significant part in the disagreements received. For example; it became clear that a curiously high number of responses suggested that we had neglected to consult on the accompanying Sustainability Assessment, while it is obvious to see on the consultation website that the draft Sustainability Assessment report was available from the launch of the consultation period. All the information required to complete the survey was available at the press of a website button.



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Having previously sought resident's views on key issues in 2018 and 2019, the Forum consulted on the Regulation 14 pre submission draft Plan from 19th April until 27th June 2021, over a 10-week period. The thoughts and

suggestions were collected from a total of 664 responses, representing 1033 individuals.

The Forum were reassured that 60% of those who responded agreed with the Plan's overall objectives while just 38% disagreed. However, opinion was split on the Draft Plan's Design Policies with 53% expressing some opposition and 42% generally agreeing. Specifically, concerns were expressed about the identification of "opportunity sites" and "windfall sites" and the Forum has eliminated these categories.

The responses included a number from some who seemed opposed to a Plan of any sort. However, we know that North Kingston will be expected to accommodate new development in the future and the Neighbourhood Forum is of the opinion that it is better to try to manage that growth rather than rely solely on the council's borough-wide policies. Consequentially opportunities for limited densification have been identified with specific policies introduced to manage development pressures. Key to the Plan's objectives is to protect, and where opportunities arise, to enhance the area's existing character.

The character of North Kingston changes from the mixed commercial, relatively high- density Town Centre Area extending out into the 19th and early 20th century mainly residential development close to the Town Centre and then into the less dense, predominantly inter-war residential development across the north of the Neighbourhood.

The Plan recognises the inevitability of new development within the part of the Town Centre which lies within the Neighbourhood and showed the area as an "Intensification Zone" and identified a "Transition Zone" beyond it to provide a buffer to the more suburban, predominantly residential parts of the Neighbourhood beyond. Some concerns were expressed about both designations and the Forum has sought to further proscribe intrusive development within these areas to protect the amenity of existing properties.

Concerns were also expressed about the introduction of "Key Development Corridors", specifically along the southern sections of Richmond Road and Park Road. Both roads contain a rich mix of residential and commercial uses providing local amenities and employment space which the Forum considers important to protect. However respecting concerns about the dangers of over development the Forum has tightened controls along those corridors particularly regarding building height and land use to avoid any adverse effects on the amenity of existing properties nearby.

Some site-specific policies generated concerns which suggested that the policies in question needed to be clearer. For example, it is not the intention of the Plan to encourage the closure of such local amenities as the Fire Station, St Luke's school or the Scouts' Hut. However, should opportunities arise to improve local amenities the Forum considers that they should be supported subject to specific safeguards which have now been clarified.

Similarly, although there is clearly potential to increase the efficient use of much of North Kingston's land in public ownership for community benefit, further safeguards are now proposed to ensure that any new development is both proportionate and respects the site's context.