



A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kingston

Kingston must maintain its character as a living village in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

What will the Parish of Kingston look like in 20 years?

How many homes will there be and where will they be? What size and type of homes will they be? Should they be open market or rented properties? Do you want any new Housing Association properties to come under the Local Lettings Plan, that is local people to have priority?

We are now aware of 10 potential building sites in the parish, some for a single property and others for 12-17 new homes, totalling 80+ new homes and potentially doubling the size of the village. The emerging South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth Joint Local Plan includes Kingston as one of those villages where around 10 new dwellings would be an appropriate level of growth over the plan period. The JLP considers this to be a realistic assessment of the scope for change and development in the parish, but what do you think? Through the Neighbourhood Plan your views on housing will be part of future planning policy.

What is it about Kingston that makes it so special and unique? Our vision statement at the beginning of this article comes from what you told us, at the Village Drop-In Day last November.

Do you value the beautiful area we live in, the historic buildings and special characteristics of Kingston? How important are the open spaces in our village to you? Many of us perhaps take all this for granted, but now is the time to say what you think and get your views reflected in future planning policies. Perhaps these things are not special to you, then have your say now.

Everyday living in Kingston. How much do you use our community facilities? Have your say about traffic, parking and the future of the public bus services. Bigbury Neighbourhood Planning group have asked a similar question to ours regarding bus services. A joint parish view can be much stronger.

The dog poo question. Please note that we have tried not to ask any questions where we cannot use your answers to support planning actions and policies. For example, we know many of you are really fed up with dog poo left around the village. We do not need to ask this question as the Parish Council are only too aware of your views. The Neighbourhood Plan Development Group is a Parish Council, PC, task group and all the information we collect on your views is directly available to the PC.

The questionnaire is confidential and anonymous. Each questionnaire is numbered to ensure we do not get back duplicate copies, but they will be given out in random order so no one will know which was yours!

Who should respond to the questionnaire? Every resident in the Parish of Kingston of 11yrs and over and second home owners. Please think about responding to the questionnaire as a family, encouraging younger people to give their views. The future is theirs.

A very special questionnaire is included, for 4-11yrs olds to complete. We hope you will also encourage any 4-11yrs olds in your household to respond to this and drawings are very much welcomed.

Kingston Neighbourhood Plan will cover the whole Parish not just the village itself. Bigbury, Ringmore and Modbury are also developing Neighbourhood Plans and using questionnaires as an important way to find out residents views.

Your views matter, but we do need to know what they are.

You have questions too?

Come and talk to us in the Reading Room at the following times:

Tuesday Morning Markets 10-12noon:

26th September 3rd October 10th October 17th October

Wednesday 27th Sept. 6.30-8.30pm & Thursday 5th Oct. 6.30-8.30pm

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