



A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kingston

Our first **Village Consultation Meeting will take place on Saturday 26th November from 10-30-4pm in the Reading Room.** It is a Drop- In session so you can come anytime that suits you. We want your answers to 5 questions in order to start developing a vision for the Kingston of the future.

What is good about Kingston?

What is bad about Kingston?

What makes a village a good place to live and work in?

What pressures affect Kingston now or in the future?

What needs to change?

We welcome children and young people to this event – the younger ones can even draw a picture of what you like best about Kingston or, what you want to happen in the future. You might even get a small prize !

Kingston is your village come and have your say.

Housing Needs Survey. Congratulations Kingston, 138 forms returned at the final count ! That's 68% of households responding, an unusually high result. We used the standard SHDC survey form for comparison with other Neighbourhood Planning areas in the South Hams. The results are now being collated by SHDC and we will let you know what they are as soon as we can.

Facts about Neighbourhood Planning. The Plan will only have in it what you, the residents of Kingston, want it to say. It will NOT be based on the personal opinions of the Neighbourhood Plan Task Group or the Parish Council. Our job is to collect and collate the evidence which informs the Plan. We have asked all of you to tell us your housing needs, not guessed what they are. At the Village Drop –in, we hope you will tell us what is important about Kingston and what you think needs to happen now and in the future. This information will be the basis from which we will build up the main questionnaire to find out what policies and statements you want in your Plan.

How can you tell us what you think? Email or telephone Judy or Flo, (see below), attend village meetings such as the Drop-In day, complete questionnaires, contact

us through Kingston Plan website, which we hope will be in place early next year- -. Finally the draft Plan will be published and you will be able to vote on whether you accept it or not. Only then does it take its place within the Joint Local Planning Framework and become the basis of planning decisions for Kingston. The Plan will however carry some considerable weight when it published in the consultation form. Ugborough Neighbourhood Plan has reached this stage and can be seen at www.ugboroughplan.org.uk . As a 'frontrunner' Ugborough will have the first Neighbourhood Plan approved in the South Hams, if their electorate votes to accept it. Members of Ugborough's NPTG visited Kingston and have given us a lot of very practical advice. We wish them well for their referendum.

We need you NOW

Interested in what we are doing and have some time to spare? Please let us know if you can help us directly and especially if you would like to become involved with the Neighbourhood Planning Task Group itself. In particular we need someone with social media skills; a treasurer (our accounts will be held within the PC account, but we need to keep an eye on our spend) and people interested in the history of the village and willing to extend areas of the Conservation Appraisal currently being drafted by Linda Watson on our behalf. However commitment and enthusiasm are the main criteria! Contact Judy or Flo to find out more.

This is your village. Make sure you have your say in its future.

Please contact Judy allowayjudy1@gmail.com 810692; or Flo flowatts@btinternet.com 810019 if you have any queries about the Plan and/or wish to help.

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