



## A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kingston

At an Extraordinary Meeting in August, the Parish Council agreed to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Kingston and to set up a Task Group to start the work immediately. This is much the same procedure as for the Parish Plan. Membership of the Group will include: Cllrs. Flo Watts and Carl Firminger, and three parish residents, Judy Alloway, Richard Dalley and Rae Wallin. Group membership could grow and/or change as the Plan develops and different areas of expertise and skills are needed. There will also be a wider group of parishioners, for both consultation purposes and to join sub groups for focusing on particular policy areas when these begin to emerge.

If you would like to join this wider group please email or telephone Judy Alloway or Flo Watts, see below. It would be very helpful if you could note any skills and expertise you can bring. There will also be co-opted stakeholders with a role to play in the future implementation of the plan at different times.

**What is a Neighbourhood Plan?** Kingston published a strong Parish Plan in November 2007. This Plan helped us agree a radical Local Lettings policy with the District Council and has steered Parish Council decision making for some time, as well as being very helpful to quote in grant applications for the village. However it does not have any legal status.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan, once it has been agreed with the parish electorate, the Parish Council and South Hams District Council, will be a part of the Joint Local Development Plan for the South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth. It will form the basis for determining planning applications for the parish. A Neighbourhood Plan can set policies for development and use of land, identify key local priorities, allocate sites for housing or other development. Most importantly it will be **YOUR PLAN**.

**How can you all be involved?** You will be consulted first about the issues we should be addressing for the future development of Kingston. This will be through village meetings and on line. A questionnaire survey will follow based on this first trawl for information. Finally the draft plan, will be subject to a Community Referendum in which everyone on the Kingston section of the Electoral Roll can vote. Inevitably all this will take some time, but it will be worth it, as in the meantime Kingston is exposed to the plans of those who do not necessarily have Kingston best interests at heart.

This will involve all of us and it will take your time and energy. **Are you prepared to help plan for Kingston's future?**

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