



Kingston must retain its character as a living country village

## Kingston Neighbourhood Plan

### Analysis of responses made to the “*Very Special Questionnaire for 4-11 years/primary school*”

#### Context

This questionnaire was circulated with the main Kingston Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, which was issued to all residences in the Parish. Where it was known that more than one child lived in a household, an extra copy was provided for each child in the age range. In addition, the ready availability of extra copies was widely publicised. *A copy of the blank questionnaire is attached is reproduced on page 9 of this analysis report.* The questionnaire included 6 questions, the first for responses on a ‘smiley face’ scale numbered 1-5; three with free narrative response options and two with the option to write and/or draw a response on a separate sheet of paper. The answers and supporting narrative for pictures have been reproduced as provided without change (surnames removed). *The second drawing on page 4 is entitled “Glow Worms”.*

#### Respondent data

15 Very Special Questionnaires were completed and 3 of these included pictures (with *one joint picture by two young people; two pictures by one girl; and three pictures by one person (gender not shown)* to illustrate their views on Kingston. Four young people (*3 boys and 2 girls*) identified themselves by name and age; 1 boy by name only; and one young person by age only. *Drawings are reproduced on pages 5 - 7.*

#### Responses

##### **Q1. Smiley numbers (Total responses 15)**

10 respondents circled 5 (*the most smiley face*) and 5 circled 4. (See bar chart on page 8 of this report)

**Summary: Overall upper score positive response.**

## **Q2. The best thing about living in Kingston (Total responses)**

- The Recreation Ground and not being too busy most of the time. I can always play.
- I enjoy looking at all the flowers when riding my bike + scooter around the village, it feels safe.
- The best thing about living in Kingston is that it isn't busy at all.
- Going to the park with my bike.
- Playing Space; Beach; Going to the playground.
- The fair at the park, lots of activities; Playing in Park; Going beach.
- Blackberries.
- Play Park.
- Wherever you go there's always nature.
- No street lights, nature like owls and foxes and hedgehogs and hares.
- Really good park/playing fields.
- You get a lot of pes and quiet. I love the dark.
- The best thing about living in Kingston is that I have friends and I can walk to their house and have sleep overs or play dates.
- We live near to our family and there's a fun park up the hill.
- Everyone knows everyone.

**Summary: sense of an integrated community, with facilities (especially playground and beach); freedom to play outdoors in a safe, calm environment; and activities for this age group; appreciation of the location of the Parish and natural features of a rural village, including wildlife.**

## **Q3. The worst thing about living in Kingston**

- Dog poo and there's no shops.
- Sometimes there's not much to do.
- Nothing.
- I like everything the way it is now.
- There is no shop.
- People and their driving.
- It needs a shop.
- No pathments.
- No swings.
- Dogs running free on the beach especially weeing on our stuff.
- Cold winds. Dogs being free on the beach, running over our toys, weeing over our stuff, taking our balls.
- There's no big girls' swings at the park.
- It doesn't have a small shop so people have to go to Modbury or somewhere.
- The cars driving around the village. My Daddy says there are no speed limit signs when entering the village.
- I can't go and see my friends in Modbury unless Mummy + Daddy take me. My other friends have busses that they can use in other towns and villages.

**Summary: Transport and traffic issues; dog nuisance; lack of shops; no swings for older children (This last will be addressed in the very near future following fund raising in Kingston)**

**Q4. What would make Kingston a better place to live in**

- More things to do like a youth club or sports club.
- A sports room; sports clubs; safer to run.
- A choice of childrens clubs such as bike training, book clubs, craft clubs, youth club, singing and dance classes, music lessons.
- Local clubs like youth club.
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- (no response)
- Sweet shop.
- Shop and bus transportation.
- A shop.
- A shop.
- To have a shop and more buses/bus times.
- At least one corner shop.
- Some grown up swings at the park.
- Stronger internet.
- Shops.

**Summary: need for improvements for shopping, public transport and more structured activities for children**

**Q5. Write about, or draw on a separate piece of paper, your favourite place in or around Kingston**

**a) Written**

- i. Pub garden.
- ii. Play Park.
- iii. My favourite place in the village is the Reading Rooms when I go to friends parties + other playing events.
- iv. I like Wonwell beach because it's a very good place to walk our dog.
- v. My favourite place is the Recreation Ground + park.
- vi. The football area in the park.

**b) Drawings**

- i. The playground. (2 drawings.)

**Q6. Write about, or draw on a separate piece of paper, a favourite plant or animal you can find in or around Kingston.**

- i. I love finding blackberry bushes around the village + picking them for my tea. (*written comment*)
- ii. Owl and oak tree (*1 drawing*).
- iii. I like picking blackberries – *illustrated with berries and dog, and with caption, 'rilly wild dog' (1 drawing)*
- iv. Butterflies. (*1 drawing*)

- v. Glow worms. (*1 drawing*)
- vi. Finding butterflies on my walks (*written comment*)

**Summary: these pictures and comments reflect some of the themes in earlier sections, including the importance of recreation and wildlife.**

#### **Overall commentary**

**The responses received clearly reflect genuine appreciation of the special natural features of the area in which Kingston is located; and interest in the future of Kingston in respect of both retention of its positive features and improvements in facilities and safety for young people.**

Thomas  
William

aged 9  
aged 7

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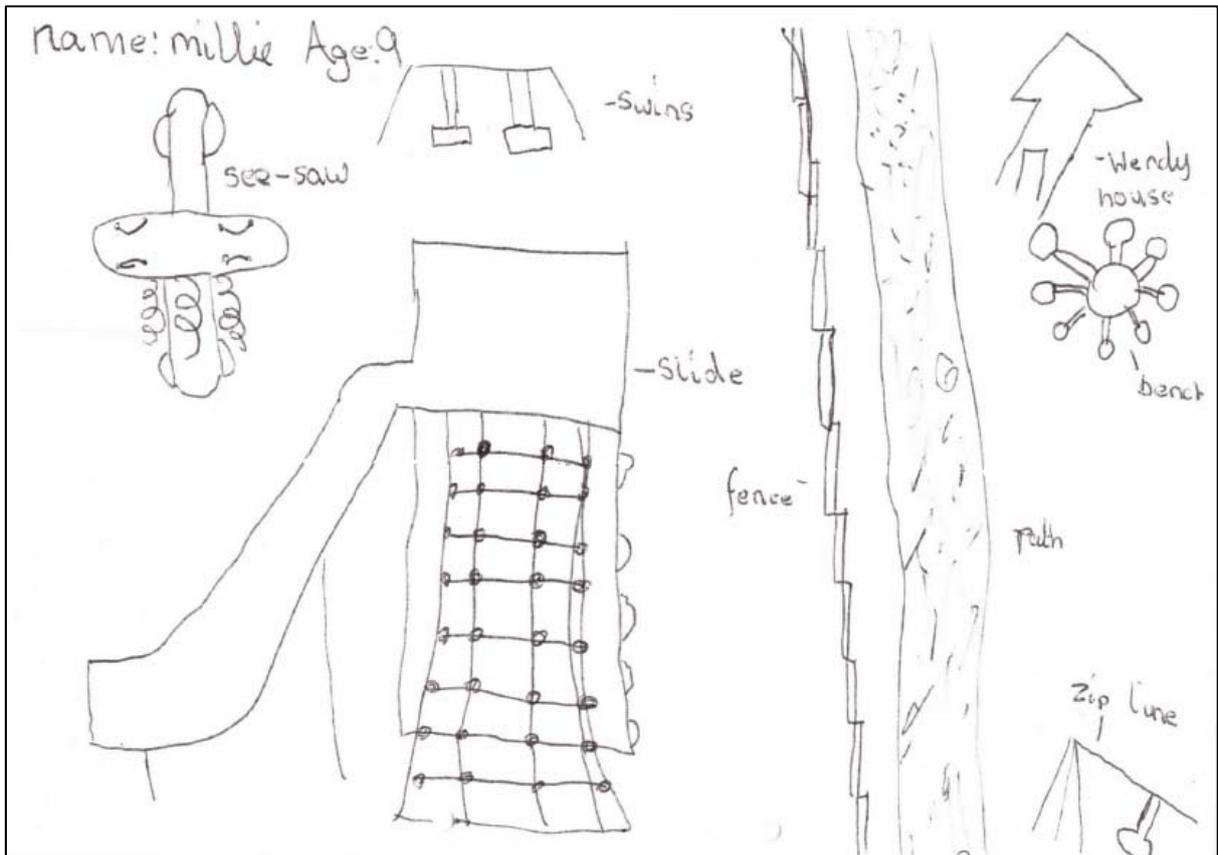
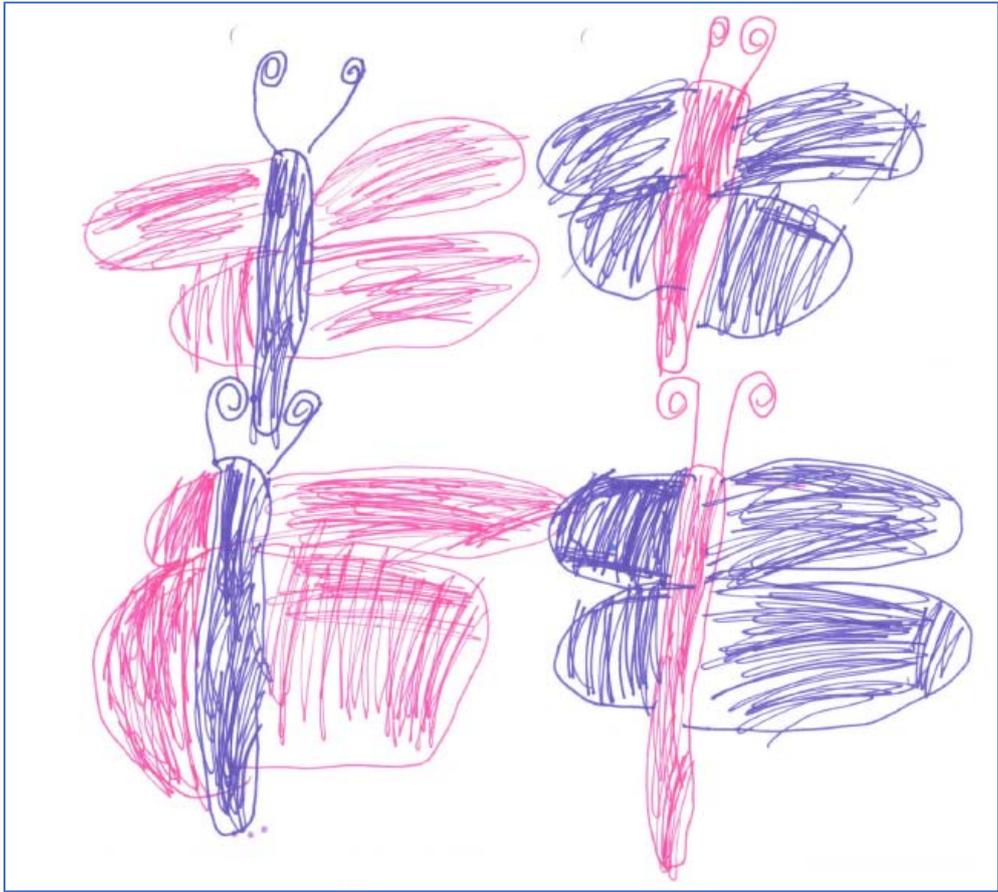
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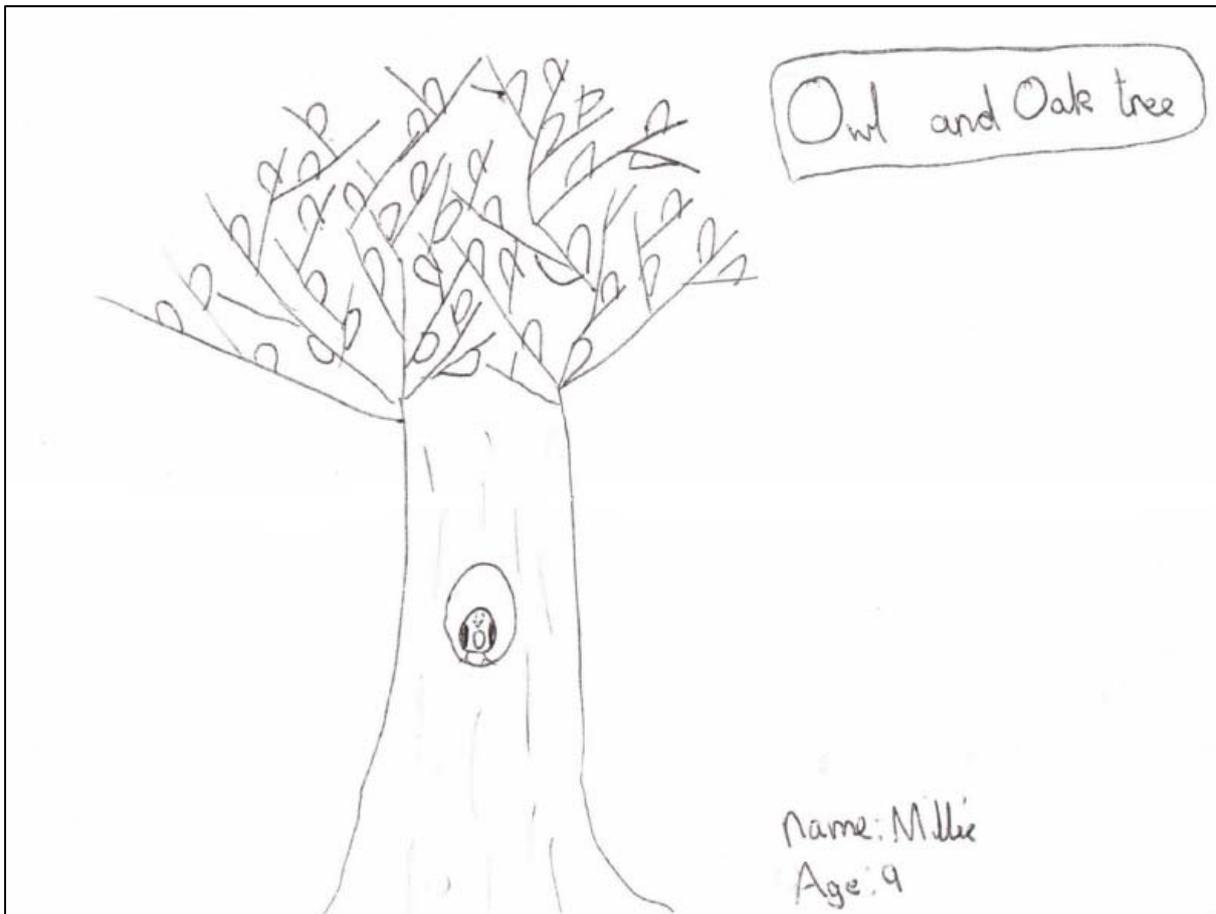
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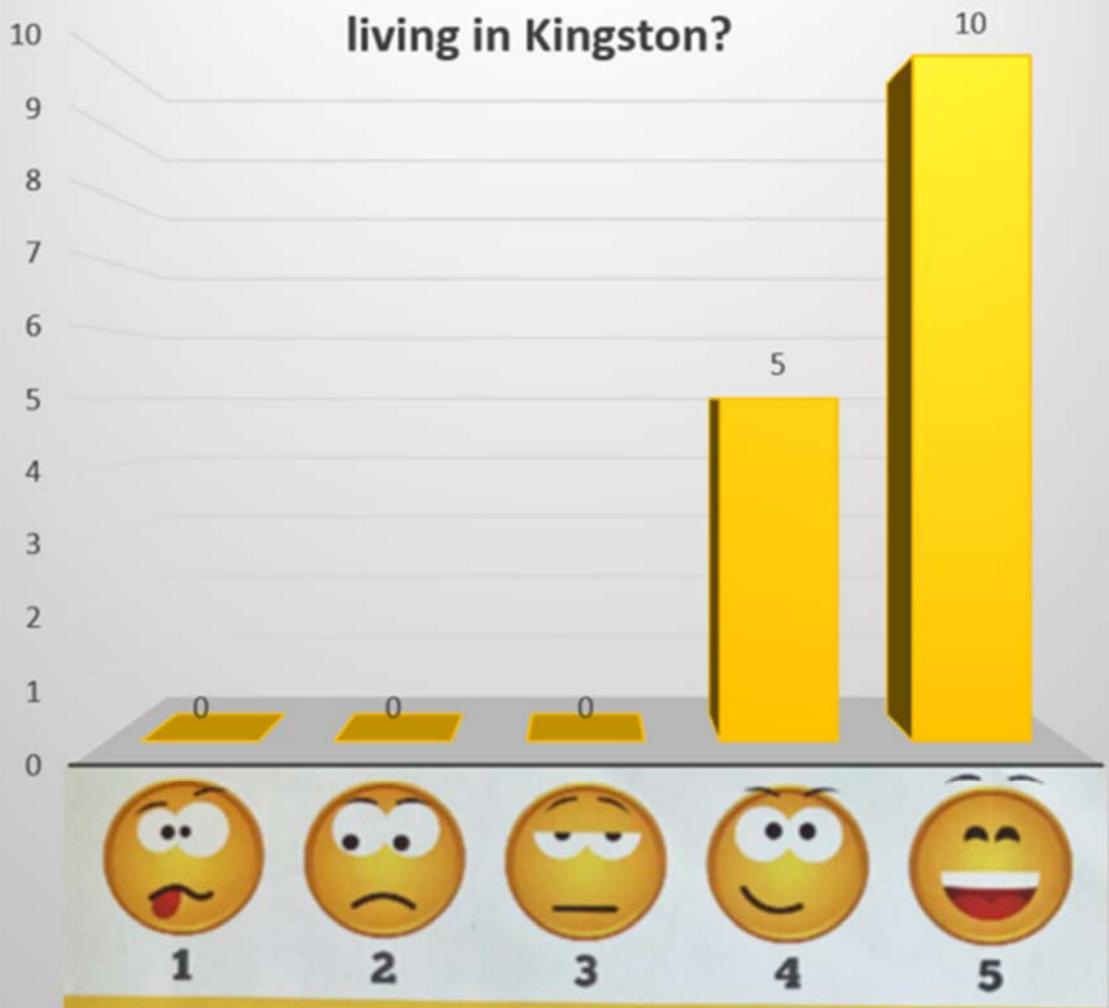
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# 4-11 year olds - what do you think about living in Kingston?



1. Please circle the smiley number that tells us what you think about living in Kingston.

## Very Special Questionnaire for 4-11 years/primary school

More copies can be picked up from the Parish Clerk at 1 Chapel Row



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4



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1. Please circle the smiley number that tells us what you think about living in Kingston.
2. What is the **best thing** about living in Kingston?

3. What is the **worst thing** about living in Kingston?

4. Can you think of anything that would make Kingston a **better place to live**?

5. What do you think about your village and the countryside around it? Write about or draw on a separate sheet of paper, your favourite place in or around Kingston.
6. Write about, or draw on a separate sheet of paper, a favourite plant or animal you can find in or around Kingston.

Please could you put your name and age on your drawings if you would like them to go forward for inclusion on our website and/or in the published Plan.

Feel free to use extra pages if you need more space.

**Thank you for your help**