

# Kingston Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Questionnaire comments

This document lists the answers given to the textual questions posed in the Questionnaire that was delivered to each house in the Parish of Kingston in late September 2017.

The answers have been transcribed verbatim with only minor changes made to spellings, complete abbreviated words and remove references that would allow identification of the writer.

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15: What priority should be given to each of the following types of accommodation? (Other please describe below)

- (Ref to sheltered accommodation for older/disabled people). Provided this was with suitable support services.
- Eco- sustainable Housing Assoc Rental should be the main aim.
- No more buy-to- let properties, no more second homes etc.
- All of us agree that a priority should be given to prospective purchasers is a long enduring link to locality i.e.. family employment and benefit to the community, this should NOT be solely attributed to Social Housing Associations.
- Anything but 2nd homes is a good priority.
- Affordable houses to buy for first time buyers.
- No weighting given to following: Holiday homes/2nd house.
- I feel this depends on the individual circumstances and the individual applications which may be proposed.
- Rent plus.
- Affordable homes.....
- Perhaps new builds should have owner occupier with Devon residency class - live and work in Devon for past 3 years - not to be sold as a second home.
- How about affordable homes? Whatever that means.
- New housing should have a ban on use for second homes.
- We need a mix of the above types with a proportion of genuinely affordable, good quality houses.
- Some affordable housing should be built for younger people to stay in the village.
- Need to understand more about local demographic.
- Affordable homes/starter homes.
- With reference to the 2007 and 2016 Needs Survey any new developments should accommodate the requirements for affordable housing. The village, at a 60% occupancy of over 60 + years households needs to provide affordable accommodation for young families.
- Would like units/premises built which are suitable to support businesses from for employment.
- No more holiday lets
- Very low priority to be given to any more holiday homes that are left empty a lot of the time! Priority for housing for local people.
- No speculative development.

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### 18: Other natural features and greenspaces that you value?

- Coastal path between Westcombe and Wonwell beaches.
- Fields with all the sheep and cows in. Also fields with corn etc.
- Wonwell and Westcombe beaches. The coastal paths and public footpaths in the area.
- The ancient well of Gaberwell could be a valued natural feature but is overgrown and unrecognisable.
- The peaceful nature of the lanes surrounding Kingston (It is possible to enjoy complete silence in this village)
- Farm fields
- Wonwell.
- Lonesome Pine. All our footpaths and access paths. Wonwell Beach.
- Paths to Westcombe and Scobbiscombe. The Erme estuary and Wonwell beach.
- The recreation ground and Sanderson's Field, both of these are used on a regular basis to provide the whole community with a space to hold social events. I've often wondered if Sanderson's Field could be purchased by the Parish so present and future generations can enjoy the activities.
- The meadow that backs onto Westentown and the 'green' in Westentown.
- Bridlepaths. We value the drive into Kingston - fields, small lanes and little traffic.
- Ancient road side hedges and field boundaries.
- The green at Westentown, important social/community space & important to be conscious of in future developments.
- The estuary and remoteness of Wonwell beach and local footpaths. Coastal path.
- The hedges, banks and lanes generally. I would like to think they would be preserved without any changes.
- The footpaths and walks, the views, the open spaces, the farm land, animals, wildlife and wild plants and flowers.
- I value all spaces and peace and quiet together with natural noise from working farms. I chose to live in a small community and do not want to see it expanded into a large one. The most important open space to me is the field in front of my house.
- The grass area opposite Springfield has become an attractive natural feature. The grass area beside the Reading Room is of particular value..
- Fields on right and left hand sides of the road leading down to the beach.
- No comments.
- Westcombe beach - coastal footpaths and access paths to the coast.
- Playing Field. Beach. Footpaths.
- The Devon banks and hedgerows.
- Cricket ground plus reserve parking for church/village functions on site 5.
- The path down to Westcombe and Wonwell and all paths and permitted ways in area.
- Access to Wonwell and Westcombe beaches.
- The area around the Dolphin. Reading Room.
- Wonwell Tree. Torr and associated view. Long lane. Orcheton Lane.
- Large oak tree and vista /footpath in Vicarage Farm (sic) Building plot 7.

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- I would like to mention that I've seen on a number of occasions large grasshoppers and also greater spotted woodpeckers, also smaller spotted ones, also rare dragonfly also owls and bats regularly.
- Wildlife, Butterflies etc. Birds, both coast and countryside.
- Kingston Plain.
- The landscape in its entirety. The unique appearance of the Devon countryside is a result of the network of hedgerows and hedgerow trees. These should be valued more. If roads are widened, or developments built, without consideration of the environment then the landscape will never be the same. Furzedown and Wrinkle Wood. Wonwell beach.
- The character of the village - small mixed housing of differing styles. Very well xxx boundaries and to approach along narrow steep sided lanes.
- Lane up to Scobbiscombe Farm, footpath and immediate land adjacent from Vicarage Farm thru to Trebles Cottage. The estuary and access thereto.
- The "muddy lane" past the treatment works down to Westcombe beach - fabulous that it's basically only people and horses that can use it.
- With the increase in activity for the Pub/Reading Room and Church what is being done about overflow parking.
- The cricket pitch field. The fields to the northwest of the church.
- Like feeling of space generated by working farmland.
- The field numbered 7 on the map (Q11)
- The beaches.
- The beach.
- Bluebell woods
- All of it. The beaches, the coast, the dog walking fields.
- We value the footpaths and bridleways.
- The tree and the green at Westentown. Also the bank opposite Springfield.
- Vicarage Park Field as a natural greenspace for walking and wildlife.
- The Recreation Ground. Woodland and Coastal walks. Devon banks and hedgerows. The Kingston Tree. Estuary and beaches - Wonwell and Westcombe.
- Big oak tree (behind Westentown). The lonesome pine.

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- Unsuitable vehicles using single track roads (eg unable to reverse, told by employer must follow SatNav roads). Increasing number of delivery vehicles. (WORSE) Increase in noise pollution - vehicles and other See Q28.
- Better - recreation ground facilities for young families. Worse - Dog's mess in roads and lanes.
- Efforts made by individual householders have maintained a good appearance, but there has been a diminishing of maintenance of roads and drainage grills (leaves, sludge, vegetation) by the relevant civic authorities which is letting down the overall environment of the village.
- The road to the beach so potholed, risk of damaging car.
- One of the most important aspects of this village, is that the fragile balance of the village is maintained. It would be a disaster if this unique place is ruined by unwanted development, purely for financial gain.
- The pub has improved enormously for residents and visitors alike. People being allowed to hold noisy unacceptably lengthy parties at all times during the summer months. There should be a 12.30 'unplug' on such events.
- More cars driving fast. Less buses! Other than that, pretty good.
- The prospect of housing developments driven by profit rather than genuine local need.
- Recreation ground including landscaping has improved.
- Dog Poo!! (picture of dog face) Worse.
- At this present time I feel Kingston has provided us all honestly even more now so now with the fast broadband. Only one negative which is down to the council is the reduction of the Fare Car as this has had a huge impact on these unable of drive. Especially young people and the elderly.
- The Dolphin Inn has improved its outside space, also the recreation ground has improved its maintenance considerably.
- New playground - great. Kingston is a great place, community. We do not need huge developments that change the village. Sewerage gets blocked regularly new/more houses will clog up more sewerage. Houses have been flooded. Pounds Barn site 8.
- Not enough children to carry on traditions.
- The roads are very badly kept and not cleaned. The roads need to be kept in better repair and cleaned.
- Increase in volume of traffic. Fly tipping incidents. Dog poo bags left lying around or hanging from hedges and gates.
- C. Parking in the summer is chaotic & looks unsightly.
- The lack of a village shop means that there is increased traffic flow out of the village and doesn't enhance the community.
- Loss of village shop. Poorly thought out social housing developments. i.e. Westentown.
- Worse, A and B. Increased traffic, with blockages, parking problems and danger/inconvenience to pedestrians - much worsened. Blockages include service vehicle prevented from through passage. Better. A and B. Increased community activity including KEG and Flicks in the Sticks.

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- More traffic speeding through village. Delightful lanes would have difficulty coping with more traffic from lots of new houses.
- Traffic has got worse.
- The size of vehicles i.e. lorries, tractors and machinery has become so large, it impacts on the roads, homes and environment, it needs careful thought and management, as to the amount and frequency it is used at certain times of the year.
- XXXX in car ownership and lack of parking within curtilage.
- I believe rather than promoting a sense of community, individuals are making money from developing their land and, while homes are needed to keep young people in the village I think the term affordable is ambiguous.
- Had Kingston not had new building expansion over the past years, the community of village would be less vibrant as many of the older dwellings are 2nd and holiday homes. Developments such as Yellands Park, Church Park, Arnolds Close and Westentown etc have added to the community and involvement of the inhabitants has contributed to village life and activities. We need to encourage young families into the village to keep a balance between the retired + elderly of which there are many. In our opinion this would be beneficial to the village.
- Kingston environment is difficult to improve upon as it is a magical village! A very active, caring committed community. A balance must be kept - fresh and alive.
- (Re better/worse environment) Seems to have been pretty well managed - up until now.
- No comments.
- There are a lot more cars parked in the main street. More cars around and consequently more congestion in the narrow roads.
- New housing does tend to be tall (as a result of building regs?) Suggest dormer bungalows as possible style of building so that new buildings do not dominate village, if site is elevated or within village envelope or just on very edge of village. Accept that this may be uneconomic for affordable homes so applicable other new homes.
- Village Hall. Church. Pub.
- WORSE. Considerably more traffic. Also vehicles being driven too fast up and down the main drag.
- For the better: the recreation ground with the play area and arboretum ad the vastly improved allotments. For the worse: more road traffic from delivery vans but that's just modern life.
- Increased traffic in past 20 years has made it worse.
- Footpaths are more clearly signed.
- pollution caused by increased traffic especially much large agricultural vehicles and huge lorries eroding the lanes. Given out much increased wet weather much more dirt and mud on the roads. Our narrow lanes are a part of our villages character and our heritage: these need to be protected.
- Poor architecture exemplified in Westontown

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- Too much traffic - travelling too fast in particular on road out of village to Ringmore. Large lorries ignoring sign at South Langston junction and coming down road by Gabberwell and damaging property when they cannot not turn right or left on Ringmore Road - new signage necessary to stop them following sat nav and going down this road.
- Worse - more unsuitable vehicles using the Orcheton Road that are either too big and can't reverse or a problem that the drivers aren't used to driving on roads like these and are unable to reverse.
- Since the late 70's 59 properties have been created. Has Home Farm Close, Arnolds Close, Westentown or Over Lang's ruined or enhanced the Parish?? I think not. Continued small (less than 5) developments may help. Or we could wait for the natural turnover of the aged population or some of the 40 holiday/2nd homes being permanently occupied.
- Traffic and speed of traffic. Parking - blocking main road.
- The Condition of Orcheton Lane - never swept makes passing difficult. X Great Play Park. + A pub which is open. + Mobile phone mast. X Road to Wonwell - pot holes.
- Traffic has increased unfortunately. Road down to Wonwell Beach is in poor condition.
- I've noticed less bees in recent years.
- It has got busier in the lanes which if new houses were built the village would be unable to sustain more cars. With any significant increase in population, the roads would degrade much quicker.
- Increasing traffic having detrimental effect. Will increase with building development. Drainage and sewage system overloaded, resulting in storm water and sewage overflows. "Unusual weather" i.e. very heavy rain storms are now more common so they're no longer unusual and should be taken into account, particularly with ref to building development. Delighted that the village has no light pollution from street lights - so few people enjoy dark skies at night. Long may it last. Ecologically, reduced number of butterflies, bees and other pollinators has been very noticeable over last 10 years or more. Birdlife also reduced, and the number of wild flowers.
- Better, well-kept hedgerows. Well-kept gardens in village.
- The hedgerows and hedgerow trees are being more and more damaged from severe flailing. Kingston should have a plan to conserve its hedgerows and hedgerow trees before it is too late.
- B. Loss of farming community and advent of more second home owners has made maintaining a sense of community more difficult. Kingston has survived in spite of this but I feel efforts should be made to preserve village life. A. Ditto.
- Increase in traffic.
- Hedges are not maintained as well as they used to be which reduces views of surrounding countryside.
- Increase in cars parked on roads and increase in cars/vans generally. There is a "Rat Run" from Orcheton thru to Ringmore which is becoming busier. No. of dogs - their Poo!

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- As an infrequent visitor, one of Kingston's many beauties is the fact that its environment changes so little from one year to the next. This is in stark contrast to the area around my PPR (principle private residence), where large scale development encroaches into green, open spaces. They make the relative status quo of this village, in my view, increasingly appreciated.
- Worse. I moaned about the outside light left on at night. Shop lost.
- Recreation ground has improved.
- The village has too many older families and retired people. The growth of the village will come from attracting young couples and families. The average age in the village has increased dramatically over the past 15/20 years. Young couples and families will enable the village to survive and offer improved demographics.
- Excessive flood lighting at the pub which causes light pollution and is bad for bats. It destroys rhea 'dark night skies' in the centre of the village. Dog fouling.
- Person A. Traffic levels definitely got worse over time leading to increased noise/pollution/hazards. Dog fouling a serious issue, which is getting worse. Person B. Increase in access over footpaths on National Trust land has improved access to the countryside. + improved management of Nat Trust walkways and land management has increased wildlife as well. Removal of old styles detrimental to feeling of countryside.
- Village roads are now more untidy with weeds growing.
- More litter. Dreadful dog mess. Some homeowners/house hedges never/rarely trimmed. Bags of dog poo in hedges and trees. People buying plots of land and not maintaining.
- Negatives. Increased traffic. Inadequate parking. Oversized and speeding farm vehicles/delivery vehicles. Positives. Improved Pub. Recreation Ground management. Village social events
- No opinion.
- Car parking. Dog mess.
- Shop and Post Office closing down. Lack of community policing. Village Road Sweeper gone. Too many second home owners.
- Love Kingston! We should try to keep it as it is. We don't need more un- characterful, quick new build.
- Has been able to avoid large scale developments. Traffic management is poor - needs a 20 mph limit with signage. Dog fouling is still an issue.
- Not residents long enough to see many changes. We value the resurrection of the pub and the continued/redevelopment of the Reading Room.
- Inconsiderate parking on the main street has got worse and small lanes. This is a rural village - people should consider large farm vehicles and emergency services that need to get through.
- Traffic is worse - irresponsible drivers often local.
- Better - more social activities; history society events, garden club. Worse - increase in heavy traffic - i.e. farm vehicles/lorries etc. Unkempt road verges. Dog mess.
- The sewage has had problems.

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19 cont: In what way has the Kingston environment got better, or worse, in your opinion?

- Trees and hedge banks poorly managed and generally overgrown. Increasing dog mess.
- The environment has been impacted negatively in recent years. During times of fetes/festivals, the increase in traffic, litter, dead animals, noise is evident in all the areas I move around. And there may be a shift in balance between the older established country folk who weren't afraid to bend their back to clear a drain and the newer generation of residents. The proliferation of spying devices has and will affect the parish detrimentally. Rural areas especially vulnerable to crime.

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21a: Any other historical buildings/ cultural features in/ around Kingston you value?

- Don't know any others
- The lime kiln on Wonwell beach.
- Former Methodist chapel (on main village street) Red telephone box. Post box.
- The lime kiln (disused) in Erme river. 4/5 years ago I tried to get it restored. Requests to the Kingston History Society were repelled!! I resorted to the owner at the Flete Estate but was told I could not help to repair it. 6 week later it was restored. - I was delighted. I rang owner to say how much I appreciated what he had done. Needless to say I had no answer!! I don't care. The history has been now told. Don't ask who was behind the scenes.!!
- B. The old steps near Vicarage Farm.
- Fire station. The old chapel.
- The dwelling that we live in Weston Park converted from 2 stone outbuildings dating from early 1730s.
- The buildings (listed) within the conservation areas and the Church, the Pub and Reading Room.
- The lonesome Pine!
- We value the dark - no street lighting.
- No opinion.
- Church. Village Hall. Playing field.
- Forge Cottage. Chapel Row.
- The naming of crossroads
- Keep the village as it is in its entirety.
- Single track lanes in and out of the village add to the charm of the village.
- Pub. Church - Reading Room. Main Street. Wonwell beach.
- Gabberwell just below Higher Gabberwell on bend. Also, water holes/troughs (i.e. one in bank on left hand side of road above Gabberwell Cottages. All old hand water pumps.
- Wonwell Tree
- Strong sense of village community - pub, quiz nights, fete, Fun Day etc. Feeling of open space and distant views towards adjacent countryside from the village. Village and countryside together\*.
- I value a lot of old trees in and around Kingston, the one in opposite Westentown particularly.
- The church. Reading Room. Pub.
- The Church, Pub and Reading Room are essential community assets and must be protected.
- Stone walls. Fire Station.
- Person A. Particularly value older properties and buildings such as Wonwell/Okenbury Farms and Walksepool and Old Forge type properties. Person B Area around Pub/church/Reading Room.
- The Old School and the chapel. I also value the thatched cottages.
- Old School House. Old Smithy. Old Bakery. The old chapel.

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- 21a cont: Any other historical buildings/ cultural features in/ around Kingston you value?
- Allotments
- Kings Row.
- Cultural landscape created by historic farm practices across the entire Parish.
- Well-kept thatched properties. Churchyard and its environs. The Dolphin and Reading Room.
- The Lonesome Pine.

## 21b: Any other parts of Kingston that you'd like to have Conservation Area status?

- Our church and church graveyard.
- Around the church and Dolphin Inn and War Memorial Area.
- The whole village.
- Churchyard +church.
- Around the pub, churchyard and Homecroft.
- The Dolphin.
- Sanderson's Field. I believe this could have a dual purpose for the community.
- B. The Reading Rooms and pub.
- Site 2/3/4/5/7/8/ These sites should be conservation areas.
- No.
- The area around the Dolphin Inn, church and churchyard.
- Wonwell Beach (if not already)
- No
- Include more of the village to protect large trees.
- The Pine.
- The Church/ churchyard.
- Kingston Plain.
- The church and pub.
- No opinion.
- Village main street
- The churchyard. The Dolphin Inn.
- The area around the church, pub and Reading Rom.
- Village as a whole.
- From the Recreation Ground down to Westcombe.
- The pub!!!
- No.7 on potential development site
- Yes. See \* above, areas such as development Plot 7 and 5.
- All of it (followed by drawn heart)

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21b cont: Any other parts of Kingston that you'd like to have Conservation Area status?

- Area between Vicarage Farm, west to road leading to Lonesome Pine, also to include churchyard. Extend current CA (Conservation Area) southwards down Lower Road to include Okenbury; extend current CA northward to include Vicarage Farm.
- The church and pub.
- Most of it.
- The immediate vicinity of the church, the Dolphin and possibly Reading Room.
- Area containing pub and church.
- Person B. The field opposite the Vicarage, because we have seen lots and lots of wildlife!! (The field that is numbered 7 on the map/question 11) Person A. Agree strongly with above!
- The High Street. Beaches.
- Playing field
- As much as possible to protect Kingston's green spaced - to stop it becoming bigger and losing charm and green space land.
- Whole of main village street, lane to pub and around church and Reading Room.
- Possibly!
- Church and churchyard; the reading Room.
- Yes, there is usually parking problems making it difficult for agricultural vehicles and emergency vehicles.
- Of course.

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### 23: If you have a parking problem in Kingston please give details

- There is only space for one car on the road at our cottage and no suitable alternatives nearby. To avoid blocking a busy space at the church/Reading Room, our second car 'lives' at the recreation ground car park.
- We need more parking area in Park View.
- Problem for visitors to my property/village to find appropriate parking.
- We are indirectly affected by the holiday - rental visitor parking situation. There are several properties in close proximity to our home with no allocated parking provision, so short term (high turnover) parked cars often impede the passage of refuse lorries, oil delivery, fire engine etc. leading to difficulties and disturbance, including damage to our premises on occasion.
- I don't but around us no parking - so any new housing needs to have lots of parking - not just 1 spot. Most households now have 1 car per person over 17 - so 2,3 or even 4 cars.!!
- Yes, we have a car park but it is normally full of non- residents who use it.
- I am fortunate to have a driveway. However, when travelling through Kingston I am still surprised by the way some cars are parked idiotically leaving little or no room for the fire engine, tractors and ambulances to pass through.
- We have parking issues in Westentown due to the amount of cars vs space. Also, if there is any events on near the pub/church/hall - it is normally a struggle to park.
- There can at times in the summer as we get holiday home owners down and people on holiday/ It gets very busy.
- Due to everyone of driving age having a car which is essential not a luxury - the main street is become more like a car park. Car parking is needed - maybe areas around the village.
- In the summer the main street is chaotic , makes it hard for people to get off drives & access for fire engine.
- Need to have more well thought out signs to prevent parking causing problems for agricultural vehicles within the village.
- Visitor parking often hampers/prevents access to/egress from the drive where we park.
- Very difficult to find a parking space in High St. especially in school holidays. Would like a designated car park if possible.
- Playing fields and Dolphin Inn.
- Communal car park at end of terrace.
- Parking provided in Dolphin PH Car Park with consent of landlord.
- Particularly acute when the holiday makers visiting, works etc and farm traffic.
- In some residential areas, designated parking multiple car households can be a problem.
- I sometimes have to use the car park at the end of Yellands Park - residents only. Sometimes non-residents use this - particularly in the summer months. Frustrating for my family and visitors to our home.
- Other inconsiderate drivers parking cars anywhere, not thinking of others.

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23 cont: If you have a parking problem in Kingston please give details below

- Severe problem when visiting Reading Room and Church from outlying house within the Parish. Not fair that parking needed for residents is taken up by walkers, who contribute little to our community and on rare occasions are thoughtless in their attitude.
- Why does the landlord of the Dolphin and his employees park outside the church? They should use the pub car park. Parking for Reading Room and church is terrible.
- Parking on streets is difficult during holiday seasons.
- Only with other vehicles parked badly by some residents and commercial vehicles.
- Cars being parked on my property without permission usually during big events like 'Fun Day' or weddings etc. Cars can be left here for up to a week on occasions.
- Parking is terrible having no respect for emergency vehicles or large machinery. Better signage is required for Sat Nav users to prevent large vans/lorries getting stuck in narrow lanes.
- Restrictive parking spaces for properties along Vicarage Lane. Could one of the potential development plots be used for a village centre car park and community use area, benches, landscaped seating area?
- Yes. It's a nightmare in Westentown.
- Persons using rented properties have no consideration for residents needing access to their property. In particular it would be impossible for emergency services to obtain access to Church Park on many occasions.
- As a holiday let owner, I often get complaints from guests about the lack of parking facilities, and sometimes from residents about the parking habits of guests. However, the last thing I would want is a large public car park in the village, attracting more vehicles. For myself, I always leave my car 100/200 yards from my house, freeing up space for these who live here.
- Limited parking, although often due to inconsideration of others.
- Parking is becoming an increasing problem, particularly with those homes which have on street parking. The village needs an overflow car park. Holiday houses which are rents must have adequate parking.
- Person A. Indirectly as a result of inconsiderate parking, but more problems are caused by bad parking, restricting access/freeway. Person B. Usually able to manage to park in village/on road but can be a problem at busy times.
- No parking provision for Morgans Row in Vicarage Lane. - parking spaces limited during summer. Pedestrian access only. Increased housing may increase parking problems.
- Very bad - main drag of Kingston often impassable. Church Park.
- Inconsiderate parking in roads. Any more houses would increase problem.
- Would prefer a larger car park at the bottom of Yellands to allow all local people to be able to park cars safely road.
- Obstructing residents access by cars parked in the cul-de-sac of Church Park.
- Poor parking by holiday visitors within conservation area. Yellow lines are needed, current poor parking obstructing farm vehicles and emergency services.
- Cars are a parking problem globally. No more in the Parish, please.

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### 25: Do you have any other ideas on routes for buses or Fare Care schemes?

- Buses to and from Kingston.
- Bus to and return from Ivybridge to coincide library opening with hours. (e.g. closed Saturday pm - nowhere to spend time waiting for return journey)
- But I work full time and have a car -so don't need. Would like to know it was there for those not so lucky.
- Midweek services to Modbury would make more sense than any of the above suggested.
- Not 'able' - blue badge holder for car.
- The bus needs to arrive on time for it to be worthwhile catching to Plymouth. It currently does not give enough time to achieve enough.
- At the moment we are fortunate to drive so don't use public transport but think it is very important to upkeep as many links as possible for anyone who is unable to drive for whatever reason. Probably in the future we would be happy and grateful for transport to Modbury and onward to Plymouth and Kingsbridge.
- An issue for the residents of Kingston working outside the village must be lack of public transport and dependence on private cars. In order to facilitate access to No3 bus, would it be possible in connection with the County Council to consider providing a small free park and ride facility at either Modbury or Harraton Cross.
- No - ill health prevents freedom of movement.
- The frequency of buses is prohibitive to any reasonable use. Unless there is a higher frequency of buses guaranteed (doubtful) I am not motivated to use any.
- No other ideas for routes but if buses are in service they need to be reliable and to keep to their times.
- Bus to Totnes.
- Daily to Modbury and Ivybridge.
- A more frequent bus to Modbury - once a day AT LEAST.
- A regular circular bus route around the villages to Modbury serving commuters, shopper and tourists.
- Link thru to Aveton Gifford for onward journey to Kingsbridge, Totnes or Dartmouth. Tesco bus from Bigbury thru to Kingston to either Kingsbridge or Tesco.
- Kingston needs a daily bus service to Modbury/Plymouth. The Friday service does not give sufficient time for a weekly shop.
- Above routes are good but times need to be suitable for work and college starts etc. Person C. Great ideas for routes would be helpful to have them at commuting times during the week.
- More buses to Plymouth!!!!
- Lack of public transport is of major concern for the village to progress and develop over the years to come. Suggestions: Shuttle service daily to link Kingsbridge and neighbouring villages to Modbury (at least) Kingsbridge etc. If villages around Kingsbridge can run the Coleridge community bus service why cannot a similar service run to and from this area.
- Totnes - Few trains stop at Ivybridge!
- Bus of Fare Car direct to Kingsbridge.

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### 26: Any additional amenities and/or activities you would like to see introduced?

- Would value improvements/good maintenance of access road to Wonwell, which at times has been main disincentive to visit.
- Badminton. Zumba type classes - in Reading Room.
- A community orchard. Friday field between allotments and playground would be suitable site.
- Outdoor gym style playpark, swimming pool. Local football team to use the Rec.
- No more houses built.
- A new hall.
- No longer 'able'
- Mobile bank (Fortnightly visit)
- A shop maybe in the Dolphin.
- No, as we would be unable to use them.
- A shop and Post Office; for basic necessities - those who can't travel or do not drive in particular.
- Sport activities for young (The Reading Room) Youth club, scouts, forest school.
- Youth club
- More bridle paths.
- There is now a severe lack of parking space in Kingston. Reading Room has none. Only 6 spaces outside church, often taken up by trade vehicles and walkers. Four possible sites have been identified to provide more parking. Discussion needs to be had with the landowners involved, which may tie in with house building sites.
- Car parking area for the church and Reading Room only use.
- Tennis court.
- The community is the village's best amenity. Care should be taken not to introduce anything which will alter the balance of the village's character.
- Do not wish to see pylons nor power cables in and around the village
- Shop of a similar nature to one at St Anne's Chapel (and Post Office)
- Children's clubs and lessons being offered. Outdoor fitness equipment in Park (see Kingsbridge) Adult learning courses in evenings.
- Adult exercise equipment so families can play/exercise together if at playing field or more In Village to encourage the older generation to keep up their mobility.
- Vending machine @ the pub out of hours - selling milk! + other basic consumables.
- Small provisions/store/ post Office?
- Village shop (community shop like in Aveton Gifford)
- Re the above question (26 Community amenities) As I am only here for a few weeks in each year, I had to answer '4' to each of the above. However, when I'm here, I use all the above as much as possible, and value all highly, which would make my average 1&2.
- Really value cricket ground as traditional village activity.
- Residents' Directory (as in Holbeton) - names, addresses, e- mails, tel nos. etc. along with trades and skills.

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26 cont: Any additional amenities and/or activities you would like to see introduced?

- Person A. Miss fish and chip van. Not only for the food but it was a good social meet up.  
Person B. Car parking for general users and for National Trust walkers and tea rooms/refreshment provision facilities.
- Buses, maybe a small shop that sold essentials/post office. Singular swings in the park.
- Adult exercise equipment at the Rec.
- Shop and Post Office.
- Pub is great - we should use it more.! Same with the Reading Room. Very lucky to have both.
- We both feel that Kingston is a small village, which needs to expand gradually but not spectacularly. Any new properties need to be available and affordable for young people who live in the village; after all they are our future.
- Change the basketball court at the recreation ground to a tennis court as nobody uses the court as it is and many residents would use a tennis court.

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28: Do any of the following cause you concern within Kingston? Please expand on any of the above where you have said "yes".

- Litter concern, includes dog mess - a continuing problem.
- People don't keep or pick up their rubbish.
- Noise pollution. It's good to know local people are enjoying themselves. However, I believe that for those who want to enjoy themselves differently, there is excessive noise over an excessive amount of time when amplified music with a strong beat is used. I suggest that, on such occasions a) there should be a known cut off time (3 a.m. is much too late) b) there should be a restriction on the number of hours day and night, that such music is allowed. This applies to such noise pollution from the recreation ground, the 'camping' field and anywhere else. Those who are part of the event seem not to realise how far the sound and vibration reach. Probably also for future protection a restriction on the number of days in a season for such music is permitted.
- Litter - includes the continuing problem of dog poo. Fly tipping - occasionally on roadside verges but frequently by the slipway to the estuary. Plastic waste in the estuary is a particular concern.
- Delivery vans often drive too quickly through the village.
- Car broken into at Wonwell beach and culprit found and jailed
- Anti-social behaviour - parties going on until 4 a.m.
- Too fast driving, and parking.
- X unless you count dog poo! - very inconsiderate (+ I have dogs!) (How about a bin at Wonwell Gate X as that stretch is the worst part)
- Dog waste on lane leading to Wonwell direction, Careless parking.
- Dog poo! Have previously been burgled.
- Inconsiderate parking. Dog mess and general litter.
- I have before mentioned main street parking, by the morons that need to go back to driving school. See Q23
- Visitors/deliveries speeding through the village, similar for litter. People drive far too fast through the village although there are signs saying slow down.
- No crime and we want to keep it that way!
- We need 20 mph limit.
- Speed of driving along Orcheton Road.
- More bins around the village could help with litter particularly at Wonwell. Careless drivers who have no idea how to sensibly use our country lanes. Also inconsiderate parking in the village.
- We have experienced both burglary and vandalism at our property. Mainly due to the state of the road to Wonwell we have experienced bad driving. Noise pollution and littering particularly in the summer months.
- Bad parking and inconsiderate parking, causing upset for farming community and associated infrastructure. Also for delivery vehicles plus lorries and HGVs using roads which are too small for them unnecessarily.

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28 cont: Do any of the following cause you concern within Kingston? Please expand on any of the above where you have said "yes".

- A and B. Antisocial parking by visitors, including walkers using pub and church parking but not the pub. Regular speeding inappropriate to a small village with very limited pavements. Lack of courtesy/consideration by some national delivery drivers. B. Inconsiderate parking causes many problems - needs clear road markings to indicate problem ( eg equivalent to double lines) ? speed bumps as speeding a major issue.
- Car scraped down side deliberately when parked in High St.
- Dog mess in the village.
- Traffic speed along the main village street. Dog fouling.
- Inconsiderate/ unsafe driving and parking is a problem particularly on the main street. Any litter in Kingston is very upsetting compared to Kingston's natural beauty and attractive buildings. Dog fouling is definitely a problem.
- Litter dropping on roads/beach
- Too narrow roads + speeding cars = danger with children.
- People do drive through the village sometimes too fast and with no consideration of those slowly edging out of their drive.
- Driving much too fast from 4X (Four Cross) to and through the village.
- A 20 MPH speed limit should be in place.
- Orcheton Lane is a frightening route to drive - I have had x 2 serious crashes and several near misses. I do not drive fast - each episode was the other driver not in control over driving to conditions of (the) road – wet - poor braking - leaves on road - blind bends. My family have also had bad experiences. - Sat Navs - trucks and coaches on lanes - people unable to reverse."
- Many cars travel far too fast through the village. Dog mess is in evidence especially on the edge of the village.
- Fly tipping in lanes. Speeding in the lanes and around blind corners and approaching concealed junctions. Litter after weekends in the lanes.
- Dog poo. Driver awareness to walkers. Dogs left to bark unattended.
- We've tried to emphasise the '20 is plenty' slogan but we do get the occasional boy racer driving too fast. By litter, I include dog mess + people hanging dog poo bags in the hedgerows instead of taking them home, and using grit bins to dispose of excrement. Separate comment:- It's not just boy racers driving too fast.
- Increased speed of traffic - notably on the road from the Bigbury direction through Kingston Plain and thence on to Modbury. Traffic on this route from delivery vans etc. has noticeably increased. South Milton has a clearly designated 20 mph maximum speed limit in the village centre - why can't we?
- Driving: occasional speeding car on narrow roads.
- Condition (very poor condition) of the road/lane surfaces. These are hazardous, especially when it gets dark, I have already fallen down because of pits in the road, as an old lady, it caused me an injury which took a very long time to heal. If I were younger, I would have taken legal action!!
- Install official 30 mph and 20 mph speed limits to reduce excessive and unsafe speed.

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28 cont: Do any of the following cause you concern within Kingston? Please expand on any of the above where you have said "yes".

- Inconsiderate driving near horse riders.
- Inconsiderate levels of noise from the 'party field' in the early hours of the morning. Driving too fast on the roads. Litter on footpaths.
- Unsafe driving - formal 20 mph speed signs on all roads into Kingston is a must. Hard to blame drivers when they are not being officially told. Litter - assumed to be tourists throwing things out of their windows onto the verges. Fly tipping- reduced if Council collected excess black sacks that don't fit into black bins rather than simply leaving them behind, alternatively weekly collections of general waste.
- Village shop would be good.
- Unsafe driving. Education needed for a lot of residents. Fly tipping. When it occurs it is never welcome. Visitors parking without thought of farm vehicles or residents access.
- Some cars screech past our house. There will be an accident due to poor brakes soon!! KFC is picked up around lanes regularly. Dog poo lane still bad! I have contacted SHDC several times re: fly tipping.
- Some people/vehicles using the O Lane "cannot" reverse making for long delays and we have experienced great rudeness from people. Maybe a sign at the top, "If you can't reverse your vehicle - do not use the lane"
- All these subjects would cause concern if they happened to us - so far we have not been involved.
- I've noticed that it's the big cars that drive (badly).
- Due to the village being quiet tractors and cars go too fast - speed limits around the village are needed. There is a lot of dog poo around the area. Fly tipping in and around Orcheton area.
- Litter is a particular problem on Wonwell Beach and the parking area and slipway on that lane. Some people still drive too fast round the lanes and through the village, although 20 mph signs have reduced this slightly. Noise pollution - loud music from the Fun Day i.e. once a year is acceptable but any significant increase in this would not be, should there be more 'music festivals'. We are very lucky to live in an area where burglary, car crime and antisocial behaviour are uncommon - one of the advantages of a small, rural community like Kingston.
- Kingston is usually litter-free and one hopes that it will continue to be so. However, the observation has to be that litter increases with visitors to the area. A few well-placed signs and bins to discourage litter-louts would be welcome.
- People drive too fast through the village. A fly tipping incident on farm land.
- Litter. Dog fouling.
- Litter around bus stop and on verges, from traffic (hopefully thru traffic)
- We are lucky in Kingston to have very low levels of all these subjects. However, it is on the increase since I have lived here, especially driving too fast and ALL these things will increase with more houses. The village should have a deep concern regarding the speed that drivers go down the main street, the safety of children, dog walkers and others is already in jeopardy unless this problem is addressed. A series of speed bumps should be considered as a 20 mph sign will not be observed.

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28 cont: Do any of the following cause you concern within Kingston? Please expand on any of the above where you have said “yes”.

- Parking across property entrance. Speeding.
- Drivers with local knowledge (in as much as their registration numbers are frequently observed) drive recklessly through these lovely lanes, using their vehicle horns to sound their impending presence, expecting those they encountered to take precautionary measures often times resulting in near misses. This driving behaviour is unacceptable even in the countryside and puts all road pedestrians with hearing difficulties at serious and needless risk. Irrespective of any potential development of Kingston village, with the provision of extra homes or employment, adoption of safe driving on the roads must be addressed to prevent a serious accident or fatality - sadly it's only a matter of time. We've not observed any police presence on these roads and indeed would welcome speed limiting signs and perhaps the odd speed camera.
- Dog poo can be a problem
- Parties and events using amplification are disturbingly loud and can spoil quiet of peaceful village.
- I see a lot of litter in drains sometimes, and I think it's a shame to make such a beautiful village look dirty.
- Dog poo. Dog poo bags in hedges. Parking on beach road. Rubbish on road to beach and beside slipway.
- Noise pollution - late night parties at the Reading Room. Loud bands practising weeknights.
- Driving - Too fast through the village, especially farm and delivery vehicles. Noise - Fun Day goes on too late.
- I have great concern over a minority of anti-social dog owners who allow their animals to foul roads, paths and private property and do not remove the excrement. Dogs should be walked on a lead in the main village rather than allowed to roam and poo wherever they fancy. The minority have significant negative impact on Kingston and its villagers.
- Bags of dog poo dropped in road/hung in hedgerows.
- A few more council bins in the village would help. 20mph signs would help to keep the speed down. Delivery drivers are mainly to blame. Fly tipping is down to council charges at the recycling centres, I have no answer with that.
- People driving too fast in narrow lanes.
- Despite attempts in recent years to slow down vehicles on approach and within the village it is still too fast - need more effective traffic calming measures.
- Fly tipping in the fields before Wonwell recently
- Large amounts of traffic (local) going too fast. Loud music late at night from village events. Some anti-social issues from small number of local children (Rare) Some litter issues in surrounding lanes - thrown out of vehicles. Vandalism - limited to damage to plants and garden items.
- Walking dogs on some roads needs vigilance! Dog fouling by a small number of dog walkers. Because we feel safe many potential issues are of no concern. However we mustn't become complacent.

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28 cont: Do any of the following cause you concern within Kingston? Please expand on any of the above where you have said “yes”.

- Driving too fast - several people who live in the village!! Litter mainly dog poo. Both in and not in bags!!
- Noise from hens particularly cocks, and dogs especially those left at home all day alone.
- Many motorists drive too fast through the village especially when they pass pedestrians or try to avoid animals. Litter around the Reading Room and Dolphin after a private party or entertainment. Noise pollution after the Fun Day on the recreation ground or late nights at the Dolphin.
- Dog mess.

34: Is there a need for new employment opportunities in Kingston? What, and if this would require a site or premises, can you suggest where?

- Given transport difficulties, the ability to provide a small number of (additional) jobs in/around the village would be useful - small, unobtrusive light industrial estate (3-5 units) or office space on outskirts where it would not affect 'feel' of central village.
- Because some young adults want to work but cannot drive.
- I can only see further employment opportunities arising from small scale enterprises run from home.
- Work for youngsters.
- Can't suggest examples, but would support anything that allowed people to live in Kingston without having to commute out/in for work.
- Small workshops - sustainable + sensitive to environment.
- Small scale workshops, offices, home working.
- Unable to comment.
- There is but apart from cottage changeover + the pub there is very little employment.
- C. More options would be great, in Kingston the options are basically working at the pub or cleaning/gardening.
- Replacement of village shop.
- Qualified response - would those of working age (not currently employed) take up such opportunities. Could establish an agency for e.g. cleaning and maintenance currently not in house (i.e. provided now by outsiders) However, issue of legal etc employer liabilities.
- We do need opportunities in the area for those living or wanting to live in Kingston.
- I can't answer this question as I have never tried to work in Kingston but I think for young people it must be hard as there are not many opportunities. I can only see further employment opportunities arising from small scale enterprises run from home.
- Opportunities for local young people who live in the village and surrounding area in particular.

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34 cont: Is there a need for new employment opportunities in Kingston? what/ would require a site or premises, can you suggest where?

- Behind recreation park - standard business park.
- Small discreet industrial units, office and storage. But cannot suggest a suitable situation!
- Rural enterprise - market gardening - studio workshops.
- No idea.
- Better paid local work for local people. Unsure as to what this could be or look like.
- Ideally a village shop and PO would be useful.
- The site would be dependent on the type of commercial activity and noise, traffic due to nature of business. Light industrial; machinery maintenance and agricultural engineering. Tourist related B&B etc. Craft related training/production. But, if involves traffic to site, then important that traffic through the village does not increase too much, so NE edge of the Parish more suitable.
- Child care. Craft.
- Small workshop premises or support for business from home. Better Wi-Fi Broad connectivity
- Employees at shop if we were to have one in the village.
- Industrial units on existing farmland to encourage small business. There is a need for gardeners and cleaners to care for the ageing population. So Torr Farm. Pounds Farm. Langston Farm. Okenbury Farm. Scobbiscombe Farm. Wonwell Farm, Beech Farm.
- It could require a premises, but we believe the village needs a shop.
- At a community based shop.
- Craft workshop facilities possibly with dwellings attached.
- I don't feel particularly qualified to answer this. However, many residents with whom I am acquainted bring their own skills as employment, both within and outside of the village. i.e. builder, caretaker, electrician, gardener, bar worker etc. without necessarily needing an 'establishment' to provide employment.
- Any work, part time or job share, would benefit the residents of Kingston, home based or on the land. The delivery vans from all the courier companies deliver here, no need to increase traffic to a new site.
- General store food etc. sited appropriately.
- Centralised office facilities - mailbox, printing, photocopying etc.
- Person A. Houses with home offices/double garages and small industrial units. Vicarage Park Field good location. Person B. Shop/PO/garage incorporate into any new development.
- This would increase the availability of eligible people available to support the fire station.
- Small home based businesses.
- I hope now that Kingston has superfast broadband it will encourage and assist in new and existing businesses.
- A shop on a new estate with Post Office if built.
- But opportunities for self employment, home working etc with new fast Broadband should be encouraged.

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34 cont: Is there a need for new employment opportunities in Kingston? what/ would require a site or premises, can you suggest where?

- Hard for people without cars to travel to work - so more opportunities in Kingston could help more people. Big businesses would not be appropriate in my opinion. Long term sustainability of village requires good amount of local employment.
- Promote home workers and allow building of combined residential homes/business process.
- Creating such would be an incredibly uncertain and economic experiment, not that that ever stops people motivated by money.
- A shop would be good. I'm sure someone has a spare barn or something!

36: Do you have any other comments?

- Q5. We were not aware that it was possible to upgrade faster Broadband.
- Difficult to answer Q11 responsibly without knowing where the proposed entry/exit point(s) to developments may be, or where the number of proposed homes is not yet known.
- Kingston already has several pockets of inappropriate development which mar the village character. Any new development should harmonise with the traditional appearance of the village.
- Certain parts of the village should be D9'd (Demolished?) and started again (smiley face picture)
- Access to and from the village is already insufficient for safe and smooth travel with agricultural vehicles and domestic vehicles already often at near-dangerous encounters. Roads improvements have to be a priority if housing development is considered at any point in the near or more distant future. Kingston is a beautiful place and need not be another experiment in 'so called' needs analysis driven short-term thinking to gratify those who cannot see the bigger picture in any positive way.
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- Please, please, leave the village alone. Let the village evolve as it has done over the centuries. NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR PROFIT ONLY IS NOT REQUIRED.
- (Re Q35 option re new development welcomed) But limited to a sustainable level and affordable to people who want to work locally.
- Holiday/2nd homes: a few makes for a healthy mix. Over say 10 starts to affect the community. New housing (which should be on a very small scale) should be high quality. Traditional design near conservation areas, contemporary, ecological design elsewhere.

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### 36 cont: Do you have any other comments?

- We welcome the idea of some small developments which are built 'in-keeping' with our beautiful village and which are actually affordable for those on low incomes. Sadly we do not feel that any current proposed plans fit this description and that they will, in the main, be vastly beyond the means of most people and not sympathetic to Kingston's rural surroundings and character.
- There is no mention of updating the sewage system - if not - why not?
- Ensure any development is for the good to the village and not a cash cow for landowners. Concerned over educational needs. Only 1 primary school in area, which is in heavily developing town.
- We don't need new building developments, but we realise that some building may be needed so social housing and maximum of 10 properties.
- Roads should stay small but kept well i.e. pot holes + hedge trimming, resurfacing when necessary. Any larger roads would encourage speed and unwelcome visitors.
- Any housing planned for Kingston should be suitable + for affordable for younger families so the village's future is ensured. However, it does need the infrastructure to support any growth - smaller low-cost dwellings - environment needs to be protected so children can grow up enjoying Kingston's amazing location and natural qualities.
- B. The strong community, which us Kingston is, for me, truly special.
- All of the above questions integrate to assume extent with careful management can lead to a more cohesive answer. For example, some holiday homes can stimulate the local economy but a whole village of such homes would be problematic. Also traditional housing design and contemporary can work together if done in moderation.
- To enable children who were brought up in the village there should be starter homes available for them to buy. NOT an estate, just a few dotted around. Small developments should be supported provided they fit in with the character of the village and support locals first. Planning applications should all be considered in a manner which considers who is the developer, and who will benefit as a resident.
- A. In terms of housing development, the issue is about numbers. 10 should be the maximum. The balance between current population numbers and sustainability is very fragile. B. Any new developments should provide adequate parking.
- Second homes and holiday lets bring outside money to the area, work for local tradesmen and improvement to quaint old properties.
- B. has said 11-20 new houses but means 11-12 so actually 'around 10' and certainly not 'around 20'
- Unfortunately, our own needs are influenced by our age/health issues and have influence or impact on the issues raised.
- Kingston is a unique village and should 'retain its character as a living village'
- High quality individual houses should be welcomed rather than bland modern boxes.
- This is a very comprehensive and well thought out Questionnaire.
- Light pollution - no street lights - we moved to Kingston because of the stars - no light pollution - xxxxxx to street lights on any new development. This village is special to all of us who live here and don't want it to change by getting too big!

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### 36 cont: Do you have any other comments?

- Since I enjoy a thumping cliché: 'Need, not greed should be our watchword'. As usual with tick boxing exercises some sections are difficult to answer.
- If housing is needed in Kingston, then let it be affordable or at least allow local people to be able to purchase without being priced out of the market.
- Whilst it's not practical to drive fast around the village, there are no speed limit signs on any internal road. This means that technically the national speed limit applies i.e. 60 mph in a car. We should at minimum restrict speed to 30 mph, but better still would be a 20mph limit throughout the whole village, especially as the majority of roads have no pavement.
- As there are more and more vehicles, which keep getting bigger (modern tractors are 9 feet wide) there is an urgent need for one main access road into the village to be widened enough for 2 vehicles to pass.
- Kingston is a special place - let's keep it special by preserving its beauty and not allowing non-essential, inappropriate development by property developers whose only concern is profit and who do not have the interests of Kingston at heart. Once it's spoilt, its unique appeal is spoilt forever. We have a duty to preserve it for the future. Well done to the team who put this questionnaire together - excellent job.
- The question should read 'Some limited and agreed new development etc...' And any new housing should be of good design - that is the key criterion. This design could be contemporary or traditional - or indeed a mix depending on the particular location.
- Holiday cottages provide local employment for more villagers than most people realise. The holiday makers also spend locally. The same cannot be said for second home owners.
- Any housing development should be focused at the north end of the village with easier access from current roads and without creating more traffic in the rest of the village.
- Contemporary design could be interspersed within the village area - subject to being of high merit.
- Please change sign near South Langston to say NO lorries (Road Sign) Fill in pot holes for bike riders. Affordable housing for young people to stay in the village.
- Keep South Hams villages as villages. Why are we trying to turn them into little towns.
- Any new development also consider the lack of transport if persons do not have a car. i.e. is there much point building lots of disabled access/OAP housing if they will then be totally isolated. There are other more suitable places for these houses. Any new development should fund a new primary school, new road access, sewerage improvements, Reading Room redevelopment, church maintenance programme, new road, passing places and parking at Wonwell beach and Westcombe beach, maintenance, cleansing and new passing places on the Orcheton Lane. Development should not be undertaken for the financial betterment of a family or an individual but for the whole community.

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### 36 cont: Do you have any other comments?

- I will move happily if the cheap housing in Modbury comes here. I'd rather live in the woods.
- The community spirit found in small, rural Kingston should be cherished, it's precious. People often comment on how many community activities take place here and how people look after each other when anyone's in trouble and needs help. Our surroundings are stunningly beautiful, the population is friendly and inclusive, and we are privileged to live here. Don't let's endanger the above with ill considered, large developments which would be in danger of destroying what is so highly valued.
- A very good questionnaire - congratulations.
- However many houses are finally built the increase in number of cars has to be taken into consideration. Hopefully the people who come to live in Kingston will not just be retirees. Most families now have a minimum of 2 cars. Even 10 new houses will bring an extra 20 or possibly 30 cars. Any development has to have parking spaces for at least two cars.
- Further development should be within the scope of the village in terms of preserving the character and unique social life. Furthermore, any developments should only be made if the existing infrastructure eg sewage, good access can support them. Or, if non-invasive moderations can be made to enhance them. With measured thoughtful planning Kingston could embrace new developments and maintain its integral charm.
- Eco building should be encouraged.
- Any new development should be restricted to small numbers in order to prevent non-integration of new people to the village. Large developments tend to create "dormitory" populations isolated from village life.
- The signage to the Dolphin Inn should be straight across the X roads directly to the pub car park,(only passing a couple of driveways) instead of left down the village, through the pub and past all the driveways, the pub customers etc.
- Very strong concerns about road safety in particular lack of speed limiting signs between Orcheton Road towards the village the junction at Great Torr is treacherous and there are regularly people driving beyond their own skills as well as the ability of their cars to stop in time.
- The overriding issue is that this plan must deliver the affordable home requirement identified in the 2016 needs survey. The village needs young couples and families to grow. The average age of retired people is far too high in Kingston. It will stagnate.
- A maximum of 10 new dwellings should be provided at Vicarage Park to accord with recommendations of Joint Local Plan because: it would have the least visual and transport impact on the village; it could provide the village with additional open public space and parking; there is plenty of space for tree and shrub planting from a visual barrier; there is plenty of space to accommodate a sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS)
- The wording of the last two statements of Q35 imply mutual exclusivity. We would both welcome a mixture of both traditional and contemporary design.
- Person A. Consideration should be given to additional village parking - 2 suggestions a) demolish Reading Room and rebuild on site 4. b) hardstanding on entrance to Westentown. Person D. As a student internet speeds need to be improved to support studies.
- Morgans Row is 10' below field level of Vicarage Park development.

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### 36 cont: Do you have any other comments?

- How much did it cost to produce this booklet?
- keep Kingston small. We don't need more housing.
- More building/hard surface areas will increase pressure on the hard-pressed sewage and drain systems increasing flooding. More building will increase the number of cars causing much more parking and road congestion.
- 2 homes and holiday homes bring more money to the village. Without visitors and holiday makers we wouldn't have a pub. We lost our shop, post office and the next to go will be the church.
- New houses should be for local people or people with village connections, family etc. and the properties should be affordable.
- Small developments only - if any! Characterful buildings only, no big developments like in Modbury. Developments in small numbers, filling in lost space rather than utilising greenfield sites. Any development should not be done with maximum profit in mind. i.e. no Bloor Homes or others of that sort.
- Some development must be permitted. Good, appropriate contemporary housing design should be allowed. Appropriate development of existing properties should be permitted.
- Do not build. Thank you xx
- Surely sympathetic design should be sympathetic to village!
- Any new developments should be in keeping with the character of the village and we certainly don't need any more second homes in Kingston.
- Kingston is in danger of becoming a retirement village for affluent