



## A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kingston

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

The Neighbourhood Plan is now awaiting agreement by the Parish Council, after which it will go to SHDC for comments. Following any amendments, the final draft of the plan (which will be known formally as the 'Regulation 14' Plan) will be released to you all for comment during a six week consultation period. Other 'Statutory Consultees' such as South West Water, Natural England etc. will also be asked to comment on the plan at the same time. A summary of the Plan will be circulated to all homes in the parish. Full copies of the Plan will be available to read on the website. Paper copies will be available in the Reading Room and the Church, which is open each day, and possibly in the telephone box. There will be a short response form or you to complete either on paper or via [www.kingstonplan.org](http://www.kingstonplan.org).

The Plan is very much based on what you told us you wanted, firstly through the Village Drop In event which identified the vision statement and the five broad themes of housing, transport and vehicle movement, environment, employment and community wellbeing, on which the questionnaire was based. Secondly through the Community Questionnaire itself, to which 86% of you responded in considerable detail. Both of these activities are fully reported on [www.kingstonplan.org](http://www.kingstonplan.org) which carries information on everything the Neighbourhood Planning Group does.

We collected the evidence which underpins the Plan through:

- The Independent Housing Needs Survey carried out with SHDC.
- The Village Drop-in Open event and further targeted meetings with young people and young children
- A call for landowners/developers with building ideas/plans and meetings to discuss these
- The appointment of a consultant and a Site Assessment report drafted. Lee Bray our consultant has advised us throughout, pulling the Plan together and providing the technical expertise we need.
- A detailed Character Assessment of the Parish which is still on the website for comment
- Meetings/consultation with SHDC officers and members, the AONB and others
- Reading rather a lot of reports, papers etc and kept up with the progress and modifications of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.
- Liaison with other NP groups. Congratulations to Bigbury whose Plan has now been 'made'.

- A Biodiversity Report on Kingston commissioned from Devon Wildlife Trust. Did you know we have 10 species of bats flying around the place? Check out this report!

You might like to also check out the Campaign to Protect Rural England maps of the dark night skies, ([www.nightblight.cpre.org](http://www.nightblight.cpre.org)), over Kingston and see again how exceptional a place this is.

It is all on [www.kingstonplan.org](http://www.kingstonplan.org)

What next: a number of other documents must be submitted with the Plan including a Statement of who and how we consulted and a Monitoring Framework. The Parish Council will monitor the 'made', that is the agreed, Plan and when appropriate consider a review. Inevitably things change including the political context. However a changes involve a new consultation with residents etc., more evidence collection to support the changes and a new vote. We need to get this as right as we can.

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